

Dear reader,

This month we have some good news. Firstly, the Commission's proposal for a regulation on the use of pesticides (SUR) was upheld and partially improved in the Environmental Committee of the EU Parliament. Second, the EU banned 6 dangerous pesticides, of which 5 Endocrine Disruptors. Thirdly, member states did not yet agree on the glyphosate renewal. Fourthly, there were two wins in our fight against pesticides, one in the Belgian court and another one in the Dutch court. And finally, to top the good news, be sure to have a look at our most recent opinion poll on pesticides. This month there will be two very important votes in the EU. On November 16th the EU countries will cast a new vote on glyphosate renewal. And in the week of November 20, there is the plenary vote in the EU Parliament on the pesticide reduction law. So please write to them (again) and show them you support ambitious pesticide reduction.

The PAN Europe Team

## News from the team

### Important next step to reduce pesticides in the EU

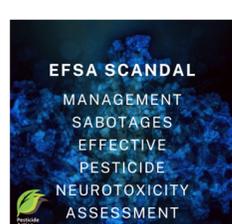
and the environment. [Read more.](#)

### ENVI Committee Vote on Pesticides Regulation SUR

Members of the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) upheld and partially improved the EU Commission's proposal for a regulation to reduce the use of pesticides (SUR). The adopted compromise text includes some improvements but still falls short on key provisions to protect citizens

### EU bans 6 dangerous pesticides: Herbicide S-Metolachlor and 5 Endocrine Disruptors

Glyphosate was not the only topic in the EU SCoPAFF committee last week. Five dangerous chemicals were finally banned and one new one is not allowed. The groundwater polluting herbicide s-metolachlor and 4 endocrine disruptors will disappear from our fields and plates. Finally, after doing their destructive work to health and environment for many years. A fifth one will not be used. [Read more.](#)



### EFSA management sabotages pesticide neurotoxicity assessment

The European Food and Safety Authority EFSA is involved in a scandal of major proportions. Investigation shows EFSA's management rejects solutions to better assess the links between Parkinson's disease and neurotoxic pesticides. Pesticides can indeed cause serious damage to our brain and some are directly linked to the debilitating Parkinson's disease. This is not properly assessed and EFSA neglects urgent expert advice. [Read more.](#)

### Glyphosate-based herbicides linked to leukemia at a young age

A new study published groundbreaking study shows how low levels of glyphosate herbicides - previously assumed to be safe - caused cases of leukaemia in young rats, following early life exposures. NGOs demand an urgent policy rethink and no renewal of glyphosate. [Read more.](#)



### EU Member States do not yet agree on glyphosate renewal

The EU Member States did not reach a qualified majority to reapprove the licence for glyphosate. PAN Europe welcomes the decision. Gergely Simon, Senior Policy Officer at PAN Europe, says: "This is an important signal. It does right to the concerns of a majority of Europeans about the impact of pesticides on health and the environment. The next vote is expected on November 16. [Read more.](#)

### Belgian court bans illegal use of neonicotinoid-treated seeds

In a judgment published on 18 October, the Belgian Council of State overturned Belgium's derogations for the use of neonicotinoid-treated seeds in 4 legal procedures initiated by PAN Europe and its Belgian member, Nature et Progrès Belgique. The judgment follows a ruling from the Court of Justice of the EU that clarified that Member States are not allowed to provide a derogation for the use of a pesticide that has been banned in the EU to protect health or the environment. [Read more in English or Dutch.](#)



### Opinion poll: Europeans opposed to gambling with pesticides and want policy-makers to play safe

European citizens are highly concerned about the use of pesticides and its effect on health and the environment. This is shown in a survey in six member states of the European Union - Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, Romania and Spain. The [survey was conducted](#) by the European Public Affairs team of the market research agency Ipsos and published by the Pesticides Action Network (PAN) Europe. [Read more.](#)

### Water pollution: Updating EU regulations. What happened, what it means and what remains to be done

Our water courses are under serious threat. Among these, chemical pollution stands out as a diverse and far-reaching pressure. In Europe at the moment, only 38% of surface waters are considered to have a healthy chemical status. Recently the European Parliament voted to improve proposals by the European Commission. Now it is up to the Member States in the EU Council to make progress. [Read more.](#)



### Advocate General in EU Court: Pesticide authorisation by Dutch CTGB is wrong

The policy of Dutch pesticide authority Ctgb to use decades-old guidelines and ignore scientific studies that demonstrate endocrine disrupting effects of pesticides contradicts EU law. That is the opinion of Advocate General Medina of the EU Court of Justice. The Advocate General (AG) insists that the most recent guidelines need to be consulted. [Read more.](#)

## Highlights from Members

### Swimming in glyphosate

As Spain is about to vote on whether to confront its population and nature with another 10 years of glyphosate, the official analyses of Spanish water bodies speak clearly: in 2022, 34.6% of Spanish surface waters were contaminated by glyphosate in a concentration that does not comply with the environmental quality standard. This is shown in a report by Ecologistas en Accion. [Read more.](#)



## Please support our work!

Our work to eliminate the use of toxic pesticides is more important than ever before! With your support, we can change policies and practices for the better protection of our health and environment.

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## Interesting further reads & Upcoming events

- **Letter:** Ban endocrine disruptors, glyphosate and more: [PAN Europe's expert letter to SCoPAFF](#)
- **Conference on November 14th, 2023 at 08:00 CET:** Debunking pesticides in Romania - A conference on agriculture is possible. Follow it [here](#) or [here](#).
- **Conference on November 14th, 2023 at 14:00 CET:** SUR - Science calls for protection of children's health from long-term impacts of pesticides. [Register here.](#)

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