

Dear reader,

The fight for a pesticide-free Europe is gearing up. News from the EU level and several countries. Stay tuned for breaking news on our website and social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) & [Instagram](#). Please share our posts and raise awareness in your network. You can also [get involved](#) & [support us!](#)

The PAN Europe Team

## News from the team



### Help us to reveal more facts about glyphosate - please donate

Glyphosate harms our health and kills biodiversity. The EU authorisation expires in December. The producers asked for a permit for another 15 years of destruction. It doesn't look good. Speak out and help us to raise our voices. With the organisations in the Stop Glyphosate campaign, we will build a new website to inform as many Europeans as possible. Help to spread the word, every donation counts!

### Yes, glyphosate is harmful to bees

Herbicides are designed to kill plants. So many people think they are not toxic for bees. This, however, is far from the truth. Our [briefing](#) lists scientific findings that reveal that glyphosate-based herbicides are toxic to bees in many ways. Bees are exposed by direct contact and via food and contaminated water. [Read more](#) and help to spread the news.

## GLYPHOSATE

GLYPHOSATE BASED HERBICIDES  
& THEIR IMPACT ON BEES' HEALTH



### Fact check reveals many falsehoods in EU debate on pesticide reduction

On March 16 the European Parliament held a plenary debate on the successful European Citizen Initiative 'Save Bees and Farmers'. The organisers published a [fact check](#) on several recent political claims concerning pesticide reduction, which the European Commission wants to make legally binding for all member states. [Read more](#).

### No obstacles to ban glyphosate: alternatives exist for all uses

Glyphosate is the most popular and controversial weed killer around the world. Exposure harms human health, biodiversity and the future of agriculture. Our [new report](#) with the European Greens shows that safer non-chemical alternatives exist for all known major uses. Transition to glyphosate-free agriculture is economically feasible. Let's start today! [Read our report](#).



### EU finally bans 2 very toxic pesticides - including one of the Toxic 12

Two very toxic pesticides will be banned in Europe from 2024. EU Member States recently agreed on this. They are both banned because of their high toxicity to human health and the environment. The fungicide Ipconazole - on our Toxic 12 list - was classified as toxic to the development of unborn children back in 2018 and should have been banned right then. [Read more](#).

## Court cases

### PAN Europe challenges secrecy about highly toxic pesticides

Highly toxic pesticides are kept on the market, against scientific advice. European citizens have the right to know why. The EU Commission refuses to respond to Access To Documents requests. We ask them why cypermethrin, a highly hazardous pesticide, was reapproved, despite the negative advice from the European Food Safety Authority. We have decided to bring this transparency issue to the EU Court, again. [Read more](#).



### Belgian minister invited to explain unlawful pesticide derogations

One in 4 pesticide authorisations in Belgium are for products that are potentially carcinogenic, toxic for reproduction, harmful to infants or have endocrine-disrupting effects. With our member Nature & Progrès Belgique we presented the Kingdom of Pesticides [report](#). The Belgian practice is not in line with the European legislation. [Read more](#).

## Highlights from Members

### Spring, or should we say spraying, season is here!

From 20-30 March organisations and local initiatives took part in the [Pesticide Action Week](#) in France, Italy and Switzerland. They organised many events to raise awareness of the health and environmental risks of pesticides. And to show that alternative solutions do exist.



## 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

- Register for our upcoming event "[Alternatives to glyphosate](#)", on 11 April 2023
- Visit the European premiere of the [Into the Weeds](#) movie in Brussels, on 12 April 2023
- Watch the recording of the Conference "[Making EU cities a safe place for children](#)"

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