

Dear reader,

We found TFA contamination in wine across ten wine-producing EU countries. Organisations from across the globe call on Bayer shareholders to end their attempts to undermine laws and regulations that protect the population and the environment. We interviewed Entomologist Theo Zeegers in “A world without bumblebees?”. Europe finally has a Soil Monitoring law, which should have been much better. The dangerous neurotoxic and bee-harming Acetamiprid was found in every second sample of Polish honey. And highly toxic pesticides are on sale for inexperienced users in EU countries.

*The PAN Europe Team*

## News from the team



### Message from the bottle

New data reveal a dramatic rise in levels of the forever chemical TFA (trifluoroacetic acid). We analysed wine from 10 EU countries. The report ‘Message from the Bottle – The Rapid Rise of TFA Contamination Across the EU’ shows that no TFA was found in wines from before 1988; since then, it has risen, and the level has risen sharply since 2015. Why? F-gases and especially the use of PFAS pesticides. [Read more](#)

### Call to Bayer shareholders: Stop the attack on health and environment

Organisations from across the globe call on Bayer to end its attempts to undermine laws and regulations that protect the population and the environment. In Europe, Bayer and its lobby group CropLife EU lobbied hard to take down the pesticide reduction law. In the US, Bayer tries to stop individuals from starting litigation when harm is done to them by a Bayer product. [Read more](#)



### Entomologist Theo Zeegers: A world without bumblebees?

We are in the middle of a mass extinction. The alarming loss of biodiversity jeopardises our joy of life and endangers food production. No bugs, no fertile soil. The current EU pesticide regulation fails to protect non-target organisms. [Read or watch the interview](#)

### A weak deal for Europe's soils

EU institutions reached an agreement on the long-awaited, and first-ever, EU legislative framework for soils: the Soil Monitoring Law. This is very good. However, the deal falls short of what's urgently needed, environmental NGOs warn. [Read more](#)



### ENVI Committee's lukewarm ambition for European Water Resilience

The European Parliament's Environment Committee failed to take a step forward in its ambition to protect Europe's water resources under the EU Water Resilience Strategy. It adopted a report that has been weakened by the conservative and far-right members, cancelling out important additional efforts to make Europe more climate and water resilient. [Read more](#)

## News from our Members and Partners

### Highly toxic pesticides on sale for inexperienced users

Karate, Delete, trade names for highly toxic pesticides sold to individuals online and in garden shops. We looked at gardening products and insect repellents in Belgium. PAN Netherlands did the same in their country. We found highly toxic substances for garden use, like the neurotoxic deltamethrin, the neurotoxic beekeeper, acetamiprid and the PFAS pesticides lambda-cyhalothrin and flupyradifurone. [Read more](#)



### Neurotoxic pesticides in Polish honey exceed safety limits

An investigation of Polish honey reveals a deeply concerning level of contamination. Greenpeace Poland found dangerous pesticides even in some of the honey produced by small, family-run apiaries. More than half of the samples contained acetamiprid, a brain-toxic neonicotinoid that PAN Europe asks to ban immediately. A series of samples exceeded regulatory health safety limits, demonstrating that stronger restrictions must be applied. [Read more](#)

### Administrative court of Toulouse confirms ban on glyphosate products

The French Administrative Court of Appeal in Toulouse confirmed the earlier ruling to cancel the renewal of two glyphosate-based products. In April 2025, the judges concluded that the authorities had failed to properly assess the risk these products pose to the environment, as required by law. [Read more](#)



### 75% of so-called 'insect-friendly' garden plants toxic for insects

Did you know that around 9 out of 10 plants in garden centres still contain toxic residues when purchased? Often so much that insects that eat from them die, a Dutch photographer discovered. PAN Netherlands tested pesticide results on plants this spring: no major improvements compared to tests in previous years. 75% of so-called 'insect-friendly' garden plants are actually toxic to insects. The test received a lot of attention in the Dutch media and was a topic in a much-watched TV consumer program. More information is available in the '[Stop toxic plants](#)' by PAN Netherlands (in Dutch).

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