

Dear reader,

A lot is happening on the pesticide issue. The number of food products with pesticide cocktails went up. The SCoPAFF committee discussed a possible ban on TFA-generating PFAS pesticides. EU Member States approved the renewal of a reprotoxic pesticide. The leaked draft version of the EU Water Resilience Strategy reveals a shockingly low level of ambition. In a new research in the Netherlands, a total of 23 pesticides were found on 6 bouquets of flowers, 8 of which are banned in Europe. Health and Environmental organisations call on the Belgian Minister of Health to raise his voice on pesticides. Please help us to highlight these issues and share our post with your network.

Have a nice day!

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team



Increase in pesticide cocktails in European food

New figures released by the European Food Safety Authority reveal that 42% of European food sold across Europe contains pesticide residues. Fruits such as pears and oranges are at the top of the list. Alarming, over half of these samples contained multiple pesticide residues, revealing that Europeans are exposed to pesticide cocktails. [Read more](#)

Leaked draft of Commission's Water Resilience Strategy

The leaked draft version of the EU Water Resilience Strategy reveals a shockingly low level of ambition behind the Commission's bold promises to promote low-input agriculture and tackle PFAS and pesticide pollution at their source. In fact, it contradicts the EU's own legal obligations and years of work towards achieving sustainable agriculture. [Read more](#)



Alarming Levels of 'Forever Chemical' TFA in cereals

A new study reveals alarmingly high levels of the 'forever chemical' trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in everyday cereals and cereal products. The findings point to widespread contamination from PFAS pesticides, showing TFA levels three times higher than in a comparable study from eight years ago. [Read more](#)

EU Member States approve renewal of reprotoxic pesticide

EU Member States approved the renewal of 8-hydroxyquinoline (quinolin-8-ol), a pesticide classified as toxic for reproduction. The substance is on our Toxic 12 list and is known to be toxic to children's development, so it should have been banned. However, the EU used an exceptional 'negligible exposure' clause to approve its use in permanent greenhouses for 'drip irrigation'. [Read more](#)



Ban neurotoxic acetamiprid at once

Acetamiprid is a neonicotinoid insecticide that is massively used in the EU as an agricultural pesticide and as a biocide. New scientific evidence shows that it presents a risk of developmental neurotoxicity, thus potentially harming fetuses. Générations Futures and PAN Europe sent a letter to DG Sante, presenting 16 new scientific publications pointing to problems, including neurotoxicity to humans. [Read more](#)

EU Member States block urgent ban of PFAS Pesticides

In an urgent call for action, Members of the European Pesticide Action Network (PAN Europe) projected a message onto the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, demanding immediate political action to ban all PFAS pesticides. [Read more](#)





Reprotoxic, Hormone-Disrupting, and Forever Pesticides

The EU pesticide committee SCoPAFF discussed a possible ban on a TFA-generating PFAS pesticide. This should be the start of the urgently necessary action to protect drinking water and health from TFA pollution. On the table were also four hormone-disrupting pesticides. They need to go as soon as possible, according to the Pesticide Law, but no concrete proposal to do so is yet on the agenda. [Read more](#)

News from Members and Partners

Appeal derogations to use banned neonic pesticides in Romania

The Romanian Appeal Court in Cluj held a first round in the appeal case where the Ministry would like to continue allowing extremely harmful neonic-coated seeds. This use was banned by a ruling in March in a case started by our member Romapsis, the beekeeping foundation, and EcoRuralis. The Alliance for Agriculture and Cooperation and the Processors' Forum want to intervene in the appeal. Next, the judge will decide on these requests before proceeding with the case. [Read more on the initial court case](#)



Call on the Belgian Minister of Health

Pesticides have a major health and environmental impact. This makes it essential that health and environmental ministers and policymakers are actively involved in pesticide-related policies. In reality, however, in most countries, solely or mainly agricultural ministers and policy units make decisions on pesticides. Together with a broad coalition of organisations, we asked the Belgian health minister to take his responsibility. [Read more](#)

Bunch of flowers: a cocktail of pesticides

In a new research in the Netherlands, a total of 23 pesticides were found on 6 bouquets of flowers, 8 of which were banned. This research was commissioned by TV consumer program Radar and carried out by Avans University of Applied Sciences, as a follow-up of PAN Netherlands research. [Read more](#)



Toxic Chic - Poisoned Everyday Life

Have a look at this impressive piece of work from Poland. It was presented during the event in Warsaw on alternatives to pesticides that we co-hosted. In this online version of the "Toxic Chic - Poisoned everyday life" exhibition by Agro-Perma Lab, you will see nice expressions combined with very fundamental texts. [Read more](#)

Dutch doctors: "When in doubt, don't spray"

The intensive pesticide use in flower fields in the Netherlands has led to a movement of concerned citizens, scientists and doctors. They see an increase in lily production close to homes and schools in some parts of the country, with a high risk to health. [Read more](#)



French "Duplomb" law attacks health and biodiversity

The French Parliament is discussing a law that attacks the protection of health and biodiversity. This 'Duplomb' draft law would also like to reapprove the use of acetamiprid, a neurotoxic neonicotinoid insecticide that kills bees. Our member, Générations Futures, is actively campaigning to expose this threat. Please support them. [Read more](#)



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