



Rachel Carson's Silent Spring 60 years - Pesticide Action Month



In this newsletter, we bring to you updates from the Rachel Carson pesticide action month. Stay tuned for breaking pesticide 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

Over 1 million Europeans want to Save Bees and Farmers

The European Citizens Initiative (ECI) Save Bees and Farmers has passed the 1 million valid signatures milestone! The certificates of 27 EU member states have been accepted and the European Commission [has declared the ECI successful](#). This success marks a very clear and loud wish by EU citizens to strongly reduce pesticide use. This seventh successful initiative's 1,1 million citizens demand a phase-out of synthetic pesticides and a restoration of nature in agricultural areas. What's next? [Find out here](#).



News from the team

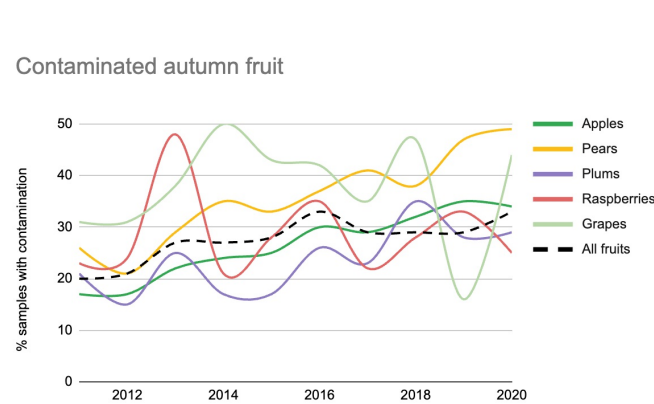
Insects and Wildlife populations hit new lows - how to avoid Silent Spring?



Silent Spring is dangerously close, 60 year after Rachel Carson published her book, That is why we and others organise the [Rachel Carson Pesticide Action month](#). It's urgent: 2 new studies show the terrible decline in animal life in Europe and the world. The International Union for Conservation of Nature reports that over a third of hoverfly species in Europe are threatened with extinction. WWF's Living Planet Report 2022 concludes an average 69% drop in wildlife populations since 1970 – mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish. Let's act to avoid further disasters and a collapse of biodiversity and food production. [Read more](#).

Pesticide Paradise Report, a Toxic 12 follow up

On the 60th anniversary of Rachel Carson's Silent Spring, the book that helped trigger the modern environmental movement, pesticide contamination is higher than ever. This is also due to a failure of EU pesticide policies. A new PAN Europe report reveals a 100% failure rate of an EU law to ban the most harmful pesticides because officials follow rules created by industry. [Read more on how industry and officials protected the most toxic pesticides](#).



Pesticide Atlas 2022: +80% pesticide use worldwide since 1990



The new 2022 Pesticide Atlas shows that pesticide use worldwide has increased by 80% since 1990, harming the health of farmers, consumers and nature. We must drastically reduce NOW! Avoid #SilentSpring. [See the summary and the Atlas](#).

Extend the prolongation of glyphosate?

Last week EU Member States discussed extending the permit to use glyphosate for an extra year. PAN Europe says it should be banned right now. There is a lot of new scientific evidence to expose the unacceptable risk of glyphosate to human health and the environment. This should be enough for EFSA and the responsible Member State Authorities to ban glyphosate right away. [Read more](#).



Conferences - Join live & Online

Spreading pesticides to sensitive areas - consequences and protective measures



Together with MEP Sarah Wiener we organise a conference at the European Parliament on 26 October from 15:00-17.00. If you would like to know why it is important to ban pesticides for use in sensitive areas, this conference is for you. PAN Europe supports the ban of pesticide use in all sensitive areas, leaving, therefore, more space for nature, protecting at the same time people's health, and in particular, that of the most vulnerable. We especially welcome the proposal of banning

pesticides for use in Natura 2000 areas. [More info - register and follow online](#).

Solutions for the ecological transition for Croatia – reducing pesticide use by increasing IPM uptake and biocontrol

We invite you to this online symposium on the 28th of October 2022, from 09:00 - 12:00 CET. We propose solutions for farmers that have been successfully applied for many years, without loss of yield and certainly without loss of income. Solutions that are based on Integrated Pest Management include prevention (crop rotation, intercropping, resistant varieties), monitoring, mechanical and physical control, and biocontrol. This can significantly reduce pesticide use. The event is organised by PAN Europe together with IBMA, IOBC-WPRS and MEP Biljana Borzan. [More info](#).



Highlights from Members

Pesticide drift problem: reduction measures fail to protect vulnerable groups



"Even though the regional government in South-Tyrol during the last few years implemented certain mitigation measures in order to limit drift, we still see that playgrounds are contaminated with pesticides that have the potential to cause harm, posing a risk to residents and vulnerable groups."

- Koen Hertoge
President
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe

A new study from Italy shows that pesticides are detected in playgrounds and schoolyards, despite mandatory 30 meter buffer zones as a measure taken by local authorities in the Italian province of Bolzano-South Tyrol. The study shows this is not enough. The EU Commission only proposes 3 meter buffer zones and this is clearly not enough. The study shows that it is important to impose much more stringent buffer zones. [Read more](#).

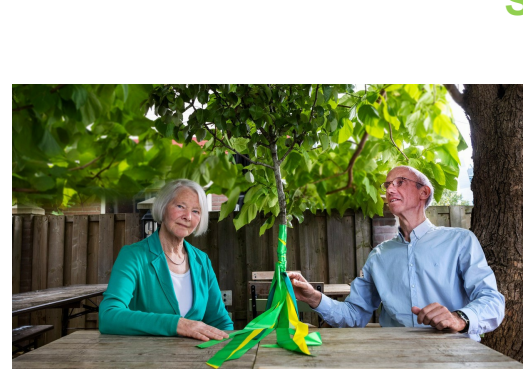


France can do magic with drinking water

Our member Générations Futures hit the news with their report [Pollution of water with pesticide metabolites](#) (French). Toxic chemicals that are created by the decomposition of pesticides are not adequately tested or monitored. Main newspaper Le Monde reported that the drinking water for 20% of the French citizens is contaminated and not always safe to drink. A huge scandal. So the French government reacted immediately. Did they ban the dangerous pesticides? No. They [raised the minimum level for some metabolites ninefold](#). Now the water is safe, according to the new norm...



Sustainable heroes of our times



We congratulate our members PAN Netherlands for the recognition of their work on place 11 in the Dutch sustainability Top 100 with a great [interview in a national paper Trouw](#) (Dutch) and Générations Futures in France for their 'Heroes of our Times' award.

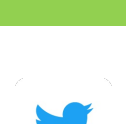
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