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In this seasonal newsletter, we would like to share with you updates from the forefront of pesticide action and news from our members across Europe.

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All the best,

PAN Europe Team  
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## Policy & Campaign Updates



**#BANCHLORPYRIFOS:** On 6 December, Member States representatives in the EU Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCOPAFF) voted to ban the neurotoxic pesticides chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl from the EU market, in a historic move applauded by health and environment groups. [Read here](#)



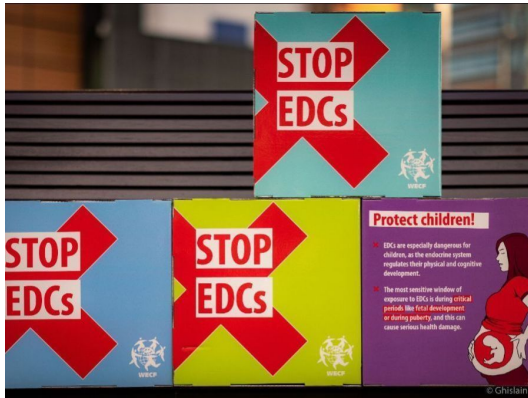
**Save Bees and Farmers ECI gathers 10% of total signatures in just 10 days since launch:**

Since its launch on November 25th, our new European Citizens' Initiative has gathered over 133.000 signatures!! Signed yet? Tell your friends and family! [Read more](#)

**EU Green Deal finally out:** The EU Green Deal's level of ambition is regrettably low regarding turning

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ecosystem collapse and climate change. [Read more](#)

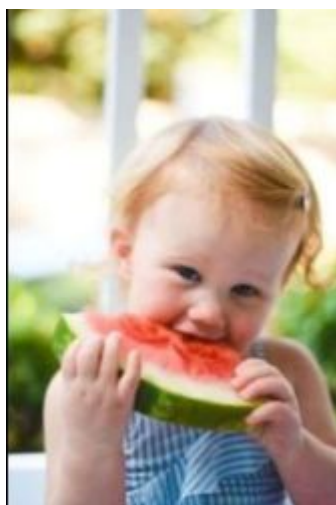


**Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs) - EU broke own rules on chemicals, new report finds:** EU officials have approved the use of over 100 potentially harmful pesticides since 2011, typically giving them 10-year licenses, without testing their impact on the hormonal system of humans, despite a requirement to do so. [Read more](#)



**EU Farm to Fork strategy:** The CAP has failed to drive a transition towards sustainable food systems. To meet citizens' calls for change, the F2F strategy must develop a coherent long-term vision, adopt clear and ambitious targets, and pave the way for an integrated and truly sustainable EU Food Policy. [Read here](#)

## New Publication in Focus



**Pesticide Residue 'Cocktails' in EU food:** Over 1/4 of food consumed in Europe contains residues of two or more pesticides, according to the annual report published by the European Food Safety Authority. The absence of a safety assessment for pesticide mixtures present in our food not only fails to address EU law requirements, but also puts consumer health at risk in a clear violation of human rights. [Read here>>](#)

## Members' news from across Europe

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## Enough to protect human health, wildlife and the environment from pesticides.

In 2019, PAN UK surveyed and ranked the top ten UK supermarkets. It found that they could all be doing more to reduce pesticide-related harms linked to their global supply chains. [Read here](#)

## Study finds 36 different pesticides in blue & great tits' nests:

Shocking results of an extensive joint social citizen project by NGOs Velt and Vogelbescherming Vlaanderen looking into the cause of death of blue and great tits in Belgium. In total, 36 different pesticides were detected in 95 tit nests. This is very alarming, especially as the tits were 2 weeks old at most and had never been outside the nest. [Read more](#)

**Global 2000:** Big victory! Austria's parliament has banned all uses of glyphosate, becoming the first EU country to totally ban glyphosate over concerns that it can cause cancer. [Read more>>](#)

## Have you seen?



**Mexico Refuses 1,000-Ton Shipment of Glyphosate:** Back in November, the Mexican government says it won't allow a 1,000-ton shipment of the pesticide glyphosate into the country, citing health and environmental concerns, according to the Associated Press. [Read here](#)

**EFSA's pilot studies on Cumulative Risk Assessment: a toxic smoothie blend?** 14 years



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pesticide mixtures, EFSA finally launched two pilot studies on food residues for public consultation. Worryingly, they raise major concerns on EFSA's adequacy to assess mixtures' toxicity objectively and independently. [Read more>>](#)



**Thailand wants to ban these three pesticides. The US government says no:** The Trump administration pressured Thailand not to ban three pesticides that scientific research has shown to be particularly dangerous to children and other vulnerable populations. [Read more](#)



**Glyphosate: ANSES refuses 40 marketing authorisation applications:** ANSES (French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety) refused 40 applications for marketing authorizations for glyphosate-based herbicides in France because of the insufficiency or absence of scientific data to rule out any genotoxic risk. [Read more](#) (in FR)

**Would you like to support us?**

**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 a better protection of our health and environment.**

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