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Dear reader,

PFAS Pesticides are contaminating fruit, vegetables and water. Many farmers don't even know they spray them: it's not on the label. We also show how an outdated EU guideline allows to kill most insects. We react to the shortsighted withdrawal of the pesticide reduction law SUR. To do nothing is not an option. Pesticides are harmful to health, the environment, soil, water and food production. And farmers and their families and neighbours are the first victims of pesticides, all around Europe.

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team

PFAS PESTICIDES IN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ALL OVER EUROPE



We're all exposed to more and more PFAS pesticides in fruit and vegetables

A study by PAN Europe and its members reveals a bitter truth: European citizens are increasingly exposed to cocktails of PFAS pesticides through their food. This subgroup of 'forever chemicals' are deliberately sprayed on food crops, making non-organic fresh fruit and vegetables a direct and systematic route of exposure for consumers. The findings raise serious environmental and human health concerns. In response, PAN Europe urgently calls for a ban on all PFAS pesticides. [Read more.](#)

Farmers, the first victims of pesticides

With the current application of the pesticide regulation, we are not protected against the harmful effects on our health. Farmers, their families and neighbours are the first victims. [Read more.](#)



Black Day for Health and Biodiversity EU Commission withdraws proposal for Pesticide Reduction



Black Day for Health and Biodiversity: EU Commission withdraws proposal for Pesticide Reduction

The announcement of President Ursula von der Leyen to withdraw the Pesticide Reduction Law SUR represents the end of an appalling opposition, led by the agrochemical industry. They oppose a healthy, future-proof agriculture for the EU. However, doing nothing to address the pesticide problem is not an option. Soils are depleted, water is polluted and biodiversity is in crisis. [Read more.](#)

The EU guideline that allows to kill most insects

The EFSA is using outdated and very industry-friendly guidelines to assess the effect of pesticides on insects. We have urged the European Commission to revise a very important guideline. It is one of those hidden documents that allow immense damage to biodiversity. Written by a Novartis (now Syngenta) employee, it has been in use for over 20 years. With devastating effects. [Read more.](#)



Highlights from Members



Pesticide pollution is a violation of children's rights. How can we stop this?

We are very happy that Child Rights International Network - CRIN has joined Pesticide Action Network Europe. The network is a creative human rights organisation focused on children's rights. Their recent report links hazardous chemicals and children's rights violations in the European Union. It invites decision-makers to rethink how to better assess, regulate and restrict those chemicals. Children's rights violations have been neglected for too long. Decision-makers now have the opportunity to make things right. [Read more.](#)

Pesticide Atlas 2024 in Polish

Our Polish member PEC Gliwice, in cooperation with the Heinrich Boell Foundation and Coalition Living Earth, has prepared the Polish version of the Pesticide Atlas 2024. It is a comprehensive review of current scientific knowledge and data on pesticides used in agriculture. The Atlas highlights their impact on the environment and human health, and alternative methods of plant protection. [Read more.](#)



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