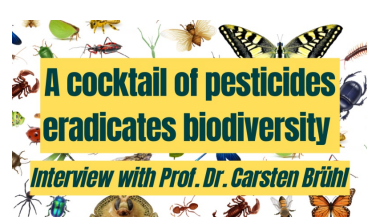


Dear reader,

We have started two major new campaigns. Our pesticide regulations do not protect insects and other arthropods essential for our quality of life and for our food production. Professor Carsten Bruhl explains why. And in the new Save our Brain campaign, we urgently ask for attention to the damage pesticides are inflicting on our brains. We continue full speed with the actions to protect our drinking water, PFAS pesticides like Flufenacet and Fluopyram must be banned. We expose an unscientific industry narrative in the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food. Will we finally stop the export of EU banned pesticides? Read more here. And be sure to follow us on Bluesky!

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A cocktail of pesticides eradicates biodiversity

With a new campaign, we highlight the major role pesticides play in Europe's catastrophic collapse of insect populations. The chemicals decimate the broad family of arthropods - including insects, spiders, centipedes and crustaceans. In some regions, insect biomass has declined by an alarming 75% over 25 years. This is not only about nature and biodiversity. Our food production is at stake. [See our new campaign and help to spread the news.](#) We interviewed German Professor Dr. Carsten Brühl, specialist in ecotoxicology. His University Kaiserslautern-Landau recently published an alarming study in the journal "Scientific Reports". Almost unbelievable but true, this was the first to examine pesticide contamination over the course of a year. [Read and watch](#)

Save our Brain campaign

Pesticides are hardly tested for the damage they can do to our brains. Young children and the unborn are especially vulnerable. To protect their health, we need much more attention for this problem. That is why we have started a new [Save our Brain campaign](#). The first harmful pesticide in this group that needs to go is deltamethrin, widely used in agriculture and household products. A new scientific study show it can damage the brain in quantities far below the dose accepted by the EU. [Read more](#)



EU SCoPAFF meeting: the end of PFAS pesticides?

The future of two PFAS pesticides will be decided in a March 11-12 meeting between the EU Member States and the European Commission. The substances are flufenacet, an endocrine disruptor, and flutolanil. Both emit the very persistent TFA into the environment. [Read more](#). We also advocate for a ban on the widely used fluopyram. Despite clear evidence of its harm, the EU approval has been extended until 2026, putting public health and the environment at risk. [Read more](#)

EU ban on imported food with hazardous pesticides

Stopping the import of US products with residues of pesticides no longer approved in Europe is not an ingredient of a trade war, as presented by the Financial Times. The EU simply has a legal obligation to keep hazardous pesticides out of the food supply in order to protect European consumers' health, especially pregnant women and children. [Read more](#). Recently, the new EU farm chief, Christophe Hansen, recognised that it is unfair to allow food imports with residues of pesticides banned in Europe. We have been warning about this for years. [Read more](#)



Unscientific industry pesticide narrative in EU Vision for Agriculture and Food

The Commission published its Vision for Agriculture and Food. The text includes a worrying unscientific pesticide industry narrative on pesticides. The Commission backtracked on commitments to better protect EU agriculture competitiveness and citizens' health by lowering Maximum Residue Levels in imported food. The vision lacks the teeth and sense of urgency needed in view of the health and environmental crises, which are wrecking a thriving future for farmers, citizens and ecosystems. [Read more](#)

Heavy pesticide exposure poses similar cancer risk as smoking

We all know the link to tobacco, but what about pesticides? A new U.S. study found that living in agricultural areas with heavy pesticide exposure can raise cancer risk just as much as smoking. So why are at least 15 suspected carcinogenic pesticides still approved? And why are pesticides not mentioned in EU anti-cancer plans? [Read more](#)



Valentine's Day: don't poison your loved one, avoid toxic flowers

Thinking of buying a bouquet for Valentine's Day? While celebrating love is beautiful, it is worth considering what is in flowers. Your gift might be more toxic than romantic. Valentine's Day falls in winter, a time when few flowers naturally grow in Europe. Yet, stores are filled with vibrant spring and summer blooms — mostly loaded with pesticides. Avoid them and look for a safe and happy alternative. [Read more](#)

Conferences

- **Warsaw Conference:** Alternative plant protection - benefits for farmers, consumers and environment - [Register here](#)
- **Brussels Conference:** Towards a Just Transition: IPM, biocontrol and the path beyond pesticides - [Watch the recording here](#)

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