

Dear reader,

Those who can listen hear more and more pesticide alarm bells. TFA is a small forever PFAS found all over Europe and the world in drinking water. The main reason? PFAS pesticides. Now the EU chemical agency ECHA has concluded that it is not as harmless as the industry would like us to believe. Instead, it is toxic to reproduction and can harm the developing child. Did you hear loud alarm bells? Did the politician and authorities take urgent action to reduce the damage and ban all PFAS pesticides? No, on the contrary. Some prefer to neglect science and promote the interests of the chemical industry at the cost of health, water and biodiversity. Time to become even more vocal, more soon!

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team



ECHA classifies TFA as highly hazardous to early-life development

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has officially classified trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) as toxic to reproduction (Category 1B), concluding it "may damage the unborn child" and is "suspected of damaging fertility". PAN Europe urges European authorities to act immediately and ban all PFAS pesticides that release TFA into the environment. [Read more.](#)

New science warning raises alarms over EU pesticide Omnibus

An analysis published in Science is intensifying concerns over the European Commission's Food and Feed Safety Omnibus proposal. The analysis adds to growing evidence that the proposed changes would weaken protection of human health and the environment from harmful pesticides, while slowing the transition to safer alternatives. [Read more.](#)



Endocrine disruptor Spirotetramat: Belgium take Belgium to Court

Providing so-called 'emergency authorisations' to keep toxic pesticides on the market is a recurrent practice by EU Member States. Belgium recently provided a derogation to Spirotetramat, a pesticide for which there is strong scientific evidence of endocrine disruption. With our Belgian member, Nature & Progress took the case to court. [Read more.](#)

Unlimited pesticide product authorisations and rushed EU negotiations

A coalition of public health, environmental, and consumer organisations sounded the alarm in an open letter to the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU. The negotiations on the Food and Feed Safety Omnibus proposal are being pushed through at speed, with little scrutiny, no democratic debate, and insufficient expert input. [Read more.](#)



EU allows cancer-linked pesticides, despite known potential risks

The EU Commission defended its Beating Cancer Plan, a strategy to tackle cancer from prevention to early detection. While the EU rightly focuses on tackling causes such as tobacco and pollution, pesticides are not even mentioned in this plan. However, an increasing number of scientific studies are pointing to the link between cancer and pesticides exposure. Moreover, at least 15 suspected carcinogenic pesticides are still approved in the EU. [Read more.](#)

Pesticide sales rise in the EU despite Commission claims of decline

Pesticide sales in the EU rose by 8% in 2024 compared to the previous year, reaching 316.000 tonnes, according to the latest Eurostat data. The new data refute the Commission's claim of a 61% reduction in pesticide use, a figure based on a flawed indicator. The EU is far from the objective of gradually reducing farmers' dependency on pesticides. In addition, with its recent Food and Feed Omnibus proposal, the Commission seeks to



prolong the presence of hazardous pesticides on the market. [Read more.](#)



Ending Europe's toxic pesticide exports: from South Africa to Brussels

Women farm workers and activists from South Africa, representing the Women on Farms Project, came to Brussels and stood face-to-face with EU policy-makers. Invited by PAN Europe under the End Toxic Pesticide Trade Coalition, they shared firsthand testimonies of pesticide exposure and their health impacts - their daily realities on farms. [Read more.](#)

More news from our members and partners

Report 'Poison in Your Coffee' reveals the widespread use of pesticides

An encompassing report released this week by PAN UK exposes a crisis brewing in the heart of the global coffee industry: the widespread use of Highly Hazardous Pesticides across coffee-producing countries. These include pesticides linked to cancer, neurotoxicity, reproductive harm, endocrine disruption, and catastrophic biodiversity loss. [Read more](#)



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