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Dear reader,

The chemical farming system is at a dead end. The EU proposal to allow unlimited approvals and more exceptions for very toxic pesticides adds to the problem. We need better protection of our health, water and biodiversity instead. So, EU and national NGOs launch a new campaign titled "For Health, Bees and Farmers". We also advocate for stopping the export of pesticides banned in Europe. They are too toxic to use anywhere.

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team



Campaign: For Health, Bees and Farmers

EU and national NGOs launched a new campaign entitled "For Health, Bees and Farmers". This allows Europeans to express their voices. EU decision-makers seem paralysed by industry's scaremongering and misleading communication. Join us to change the course of the European Commission proposal for a Food and Feed Safety Omnibus, which would make a big gift to the pesticide industry. [Read more](#).

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EU continues extending permits for some of the most toxic pesticides

A political deadlock persists on banning endocrine disruptors and PFAS pesticides. In the meantime, the extended use of some of the most hazardous pesticides was proposed in the last EU pesticide meeting. [Read more](#).



EU asked to revise insecticide Flupyradifurone

The insecticide Flupyradifurone proves to be much more harmful for bees than previously thought. It also potentially poses a risk to a child's developing brain. Like all neonicotinoids, it can pass the blood-brain barrier. In a request to the European Commission, PAN Europe and Générations Futures ask the EU for an urgent revision, including the latest scientific evidence. [Read more](#).

Watch: Too toxic for European citizens but safe for the rest of the world?

Pesticides are widespread in soils and harm soil life

Soil covers this month's front page of the science journal Nature, headlining with: "Down to Earth - How pesticides reshape soil biodiversity". The cover refers to the recently published extensive research of an international team of researchers: "Pesticide residues alter taxonomic and functional biodiversity in soils". [Read more](#).



Pesticide Action Week 2026: for a pesticide free future

The arrival of spring comes this year alongside troubling news from the European Commission. With a new Pesticide Action Week, initiatives in France and some other countries will show the devastating consequences of pesticides and draw a pesticide-free future. [Read more](#).

Cyprus EU presidency: workshop on Pesticides and their impacts

In the first half of 2026, Cyprus holds the EU presidency. Together with the University of Technology and Cypriot organisations, we organised a seminar to discuss the consequences of the EU Omnibus proposal for health and the



environment. [Watch the presentations here.](#)



What is the future for European Waters?

The European institutions finally reached a long-awaited political agreement to update EU rules on water pollution. The agreed text, however, weakens existing key environmental protection measures and principles, thereby jeopardising the better protection of European waters. [Read more.](#)

News from our members and partners

49 pesticides facing unlimited approval in EU 'omnibus' proposal

If the Commission's omnibus proposal enters into force, 49 synthetic pesticides would receive unlimited approval. The list includes toxic and widely used substances such as glyphosate and acetamiprid. This confirms the NGO's warnings that the Commission's omnibus proposal on Food and Feed Safety will strongly lower the level of protection for citizens and the environment. The analysis was done by Générations Futures, a member of the PAN Europe network. [Read more.](#)



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