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Dear reader,

During the summer, we took the first legal step to urge the EU Commission to act on PFAS pesticides. Denmark made a good first step by banning 23 PFAS pesticide products because they pollute groundwater. We objected to an 18-month EU 'grace' period for Flufenacet. In France, over 2 million citizens asked the French government to stop the "Loi Duplomb", next the French Constitutional Council blocked the reintroduction of the insecticide acetamipid. Our French member, Générations Futures, played a very active role. Together we urge for an EU-wide ban of this dangerous, brain-damaging neonic insecticide. We also participated in an EU Public Consultation on the "Export and import of hazardous chemicals". The Dutch Court of Appeal orders a 250-meter buffer strip between the field where lilies were to be grown and the houses.

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team

EU Commission has to act on PFAS pesticides: first legal steps by PAN Europe

The European Commission is dragging its feet to act on PFAS pesticides. These substances break down into trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), a highly persistent, mobile and toxic degradation. TFA has been detected above legal limits in groundwater across Europe and can also be detected in alarming levels in drinking water. PAN Europe has taken the first legal steps to remind the Commission that they have to meet the legal obligations under EU law to protect groundwater and public health. [Read more](#)



With DUH, we object to an 18-month 'grace' period for Flufenacet

The EU has banned the PFAS pesticide flufenacet because it's harmful to human health and contaminates groundwater with its breakdown PFAS product, trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), a smaller but still toxic "forever chemical". Yet, this dangerous pesticide will continue to be used on Europe's crop fields for up to 18 months, according to the official EU decision. Together with the Deutsche Umwelthilfe DUH we have lodged a legal objection. [Read more](#)

Banning PFAS pesticides and other sources of TFA

TFA is an omnipresent pollutant in water. This small PFAS molecule is a final breakdown product of PFAS pesticides, some F-gases and other chemicals containing a -CF₃ group. It does not degrade, and concentrations are rising irreversibly. The pollution of our water with TFA might be one of Europe's most urgent pollution problems, but authorities hesitate to act. In this position paper, we highlight the problem, the sources and what needs to be done in our opinion. [Read more](#)



Position Paper - banning PFAS pesticides and other sources of TFA

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A crucial dialogue on protecting bees and bugs from pesticides

Imagine a world without bees and bugs, the tiny creatures behind our food production and the very functioning of our ecosystems. This alarming future was at the heart of the "Bees & Bugs" conference, a critical gathering recently held at the European Parliament. [Read more](#)

Reaction to EU Public Consultation on "Export and import of hazardous chemicals"

NGOs and citizens have sent a strong message to the European Commission to stop the double-standard practice on EU-banned pesticides. [Read more](#)



News from our Members and Partners

Denmark bans 23 PFAS pesticide products because they pollute groundwater



We welcome the decision of the Danish Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw the authorisation of 23 PFAS pesticides that can form and leach trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) into groundwater. This very persistent, very mobile and reprotoxic PFAS is a huge threat to our drinking water. The Danish decision should serve as a model for all other EU Member States and should encourage the European Commission to propose a swift ban on all active substances that produce TFA. [Read more](#)

DUH takes legal action in Germany against three TFA-forming pesticide products



The German Environmental Aid (DUH) - supported by PAN Germany - has asked the German authorities to revoke the authorisation of the pesticide products Banjo, Brodal and Luna Experience. The products contain PFAS pesticides that break down to TFA, a small, highly persistent PFAS that is found everywhere in our drinking water and can be toxic to reproduction. [Read more](#)



Historic: 2 million signatures in France against the "Loi Duplomb"

Two million citizens asked the French government to stop the "Loi Duplomb". This law planned to reintroduce the neonicotinoid pesticide acetamiprid. This neurotoxic substance is a major threat to the environment and to human health. As a result, the French Constitutional Council blocked this part of the law, which did not abide by France's environmental charter, which guarantees the "right to live in a balanced and healthy environment". The constitutional authority also raised questions over provisions for water reservoirs in the bill. [Read more](#)

The Dutch court of appeal orders a 250-meter buffer strip between field and houses



In a groundbreaking ruling, the civil Court of Appeal in the south of the Netherlands has ruled that citizens have to be protected against pesticides with a 250-meter buffer strip between houses and fields. This makes lily cultivation – which uses a very large amount of pesticides – in this case, impossible next to the houses until at least 2028. The court concludes that the Dutch authorities have not done enough to protect the most vulnerable. [Read more](#)

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