

Brussels 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

**Subject: Commission’s Communication lacks commitment to eliminate EDCs – we call on you to raise a question with a resolution at the plenary**

Today, two top European scientists present their study at the Petition Committee of the European Parliament “[Endocrine Disruptors: from Scientific Evidence to Human Health Protection](#)”, which highlights that we know enough on the adverse effects of endocrine disruptors (EDs) to start regulating them and monitoring exposure, across all sectors.

On the other hand, the Commission’s Communication in November 2018 “[Towards a comprehensive European Union framework on endocrine disruptors](#)” lacks commitment to eliminate ED chemicals (EDCs) from our daily lives. PAN Europe is deeply disappointed.

In line with the 7<sup>th</sup> Environmental Protection Programme, the civil society was expecting an updated Strategy on EDs, with specific goals to phase out their use and promote non-toxic alternatives. Instead, the Commission launched a plan to do a fitness check on the various ED policies.

A fitness check at this moment, not only will delay further phasing out EDCs but is also totally premature since the EU policies on EDCs have hardly been implemented.

Just last week the horizon2020 [EDC-MixRisk](#) project presented its results in Brussels showing how early life exposure to EDCs while still in the womb (through environmentally exposed mothers) is linked to adverse effects on brain development that lead to learning disabilities and impaired behaviour, among other adverse effects, later in life.

The regulation of such chemicals is urgent and we’re not the only ones concerned about the Commission’s Communication.

The **EU Environment Ministers** at the European Council meeting on [the 5th of March](#) also expressed their concerns about the lack of measures to phase out use of EDCs in Europe by the Commission.

The **Endocrine Society** also [expressed its concerns](#) that the European Commission communication will fall short in protecting the public from EDC exposure. The **European Citizens**, being increasingly concerned on exposure to synthetic chemicals, have also [expressed their disappointment](#) to the Commission’s communication as it lacks specific measures to protect human and the environment from EDCs exposure.

For this reason, we call on you to stand by the Citizens’ side and **raise an oral question to the Commission at the plenary in April, with a resolution**, together with other political

parties and criticize the Communication for lacking commitment and specific targets to phase out EDCs, including pesticides.

We hope for your reaction to this important matter that affects us all.

With kind regards, Angeliki Lysimachou