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In this seasonal newsletter, we would like to share with you updates from the forefront of pesticide action and news from our members across Europe.

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All the best,

PAN Europe Team

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Policy & Campaign Updates



Save Bees & Farmers ECI

updates: Despite the Covid-19 crisis, we don't stop fighting for fundamental change in EU food & farming - and our ECI is gathering momentum for an agroecological Europe! Signed yet? Tell your friends & family! [Find out more](#)



EU Farm To Fork strategy: As the Covid-19 outbreak has delayed publication of the EU Farm To Fork strategy to 20 May, PAN Europe calls on the European Commission to use the F2F roadmap to kick off a new 'EU pesticide logic' of significant use & risk reductions. [Read more](#)

Banning active substances and plant-protection products in Member-States: is EU law a "barrier" to national prohibitions? Some EU Member States sometimes

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action to reduce pesticide use in their own jurisdictions. Our latest blog entry explores why. [Read more](#)



Fraud at GLP-certified laboratories, campaigners reach out to Commissioner:

Concerned campaigners wrote to EU Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakides after a new study revealed fraud in a German laboratory (producing regulatory studies for industry with the Good Laboratory Practice label), casting doubts on the entire EU pesticide safety evaluation procedure.

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EFSA's pilot studies on Cumulative Risk Assessment – A source of concern: EFSA's recently presented (but long overdue) pilot studies seem unfit for purpose to ensure that pesticides mixtures cause no impact to human health and particularly to the most vulnerable groups in our population. [Read more](#)



Business as usual for pesticide cocktails in EU food:

EFSA's latest report confirms there's been no improvement regarding residues of pesticide "cocktails" in European food, yet Regulators remain unfazed despite over a decade of inaction. It's time to stop pretending pesticide mixtures are safe and finally take action.

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New Publication in Focus

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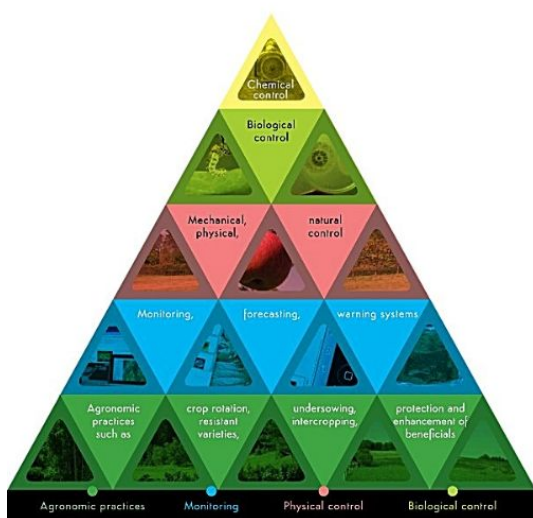
demands healthy & sustainable food system:

New academic paper by experts in law, policy & toxicology slams EU pesticide risk assessment process & proposes agenda for reform, as its failings could seriously undermine ambitions for sustainable agriculture and a “green recovery” from the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read here](#)

Mapping IPM uptake in Europe:

As a contribution to the European Green Deal's objective of significant reduction in pesticide dependency across Europe, PAN Europe and the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA) have issued a **new publication on alternatives to pesticides (Integrated Pest Management, non-chemical alternatives, biocontrol technologies).**

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Members' news from across Europe



Pesticide-free challenge for kids: If you're looking for ways to keep children entertained at home in these challenging times, PAN UK have launched a new page on their website dedicated to kids, to educate them on some of the issues associated with pesticides (without alarming them) and to give them some fun and practical challenges to tackle.

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No Pesticides on My Plate:

In Turkey, the project by **Bugday Association** in collaboration with PAN Europe has been making progress with a new website, a new consumer guide, a non-toxic


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Visions for Transition: Save The Date! On 11 & 12 May, make sure to follow the livestream of Global 2000's online conference "Visions for transition: How Agriculture and Cities of the Future can save Biodiversity". [Read more](#)

Have you seen?



Belgium seizes 778 tonnes of non-compliant phytosanitary products: Around 778 tonnes of non-compliant or suspect phytosanitary products from India and China have been seized in Antwerp by the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC). [Read here](#)



▲ From pesticides to phthalates, flame retardants to bisphenol (BPA) and PFAS, thousands of potentially harmful chemicals are in everyday products. Illustration: Guardian Design/The Guardian

The toxic chemicals in our homes could increase Covid-19 threat: There are common contaminants in our homes that are also likely to be hacking our immune systems, which receive less attention. Everyday hormone-disrupting chemicals could affect our immune system's defenses against infections. [Read more](#)



Radical Changes Urged for Huge E.U. Farm Program:

“Europe’s \$65-billion-a-year farm program needs to change radically if it is to protect the environment and support small farmers, a group of European scientists said in a paper published in the journal ‘People and Nature’”. [Read more](#)

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"The vow follows a New York Times investigation showing how one of the world's largest subsidy programs enriches far-right leaders, bankrolls oligarchs and underwrites Mafia tactics". [Read more](#)

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