Pesticide Action Network

Why join PAN Network





WHO ARE WE?



Pesticide Action Network (PAN) was founded in 1982 and is a network of over 600 nongovernmental organisations, institutions, and individuals in over 60 countries working to minimise the negative effects of hazardous pesticides and to replace their use with ecologically sound and socially just alternatives. Our projects and campaigns are coordinated by five autonomous regional centres. PAN Europe is the regional centre in Europe. It was founded in 1987 and brings together 38 consumer, public health, and environmental organisations, trades unions, women's groups, and farmer associations from across Europe.

"I am very proud to be an individual member of Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe and support their excellent investigation research on the European and national policies/regulations related to the usage of hazardous pesticides. I encourage you to join this network of more than 30 NGOs active in making Europe pesticide-free at many levels: investigation on EU safety clearance process of chemicals, low impact farming campaign, whistleblowing on contamination and ubiquity of pesticides in our everyday life. Producing food should not inevitably result in deleterious effects on the environment!"

Charles-Henri Lafont (individual member)

"As an environmental NGO, the Mouvement Ecologique has been working on pesticide use and regulation for more than 10 years. We are very glad to become a member of PAN Europe and join forces in our aspirations to reduce pesticide use for a healthy agriculture and biodiverse environment."

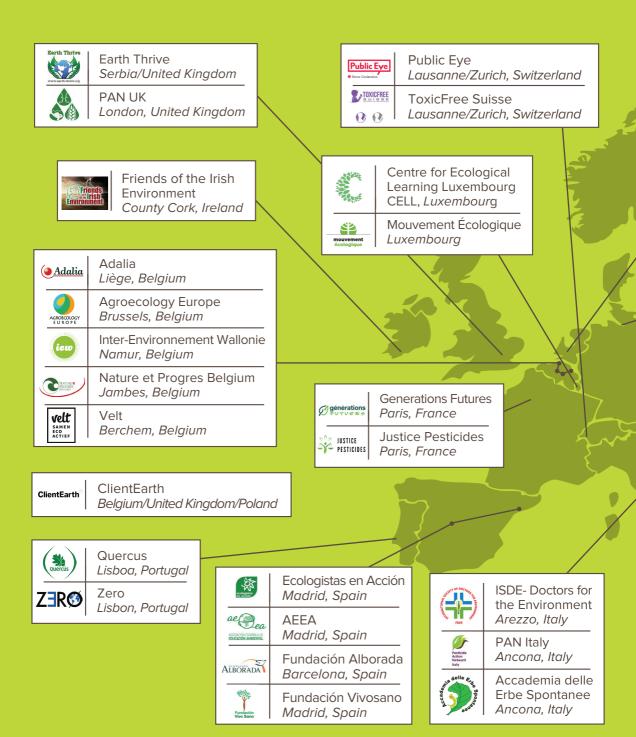
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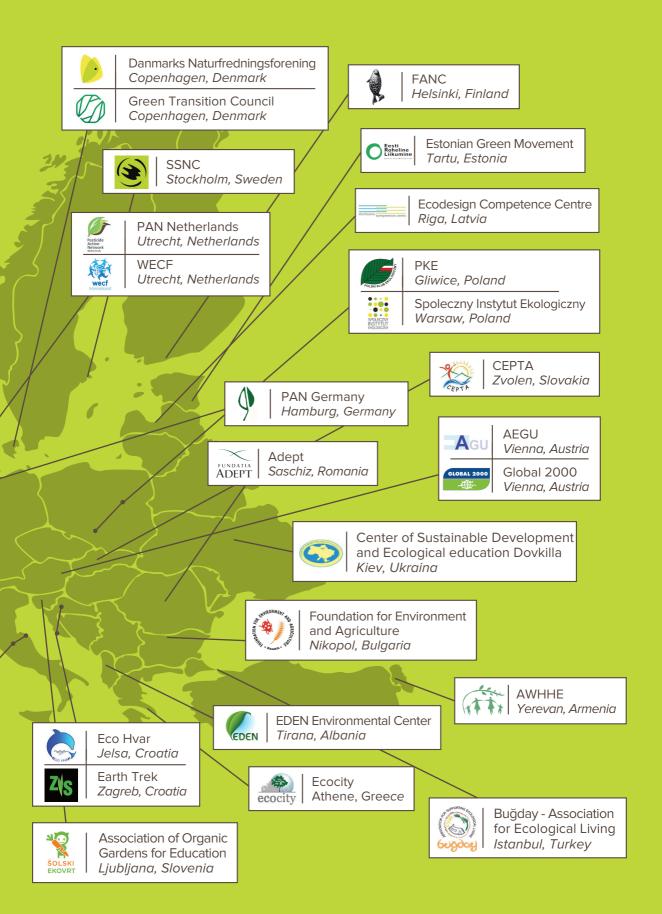
"At ZERO we believe in a non-toxic world and working towards that goal is even more urgent when you are in the agriculture and the food sector. By becoming a member of PAN Europe, we expect to help strengthen its great work towards the common goal of having a non-toxic environment."

Zero Organisation

PAN EUROPE MEMBERS

Our network unites 49 member organisations from 28 countries of which 23 are in the European Union.







OUR MISSION

We envision a world in which high agricultural productivity is achieved by truly sustainable agricultural production systems with minimum agrochemical inputs and environmental, and where local people control local production using local varieties.



WHY THE FIGHT AGAINST PESTICIDES IS IMPORTANT?

Pesticides impact us all in direct and indirect ways. The impact of agrochemicals and toxic pesticides is the most pronounced on farm workers and their families. Pesticides can lead to cancer, changes in the DNA and cause severe damage to the reproductive systems of those regularly exposed. Several pesticides are also known for their endocrine disrupting properties.

The health risks of pesticides to citizens and biodiversity are on the rise. In principle, each pesticide is meant to target a certain pest, however most can have negative side effects on non-target species, including humans. The effects of pesticides on pregnant women and unborn children are also documented. Furthermore, when used in agriculture, they often contaminate the air, water, sediments, wildlife, and beneficial insects (like bees and predators of insect pests), soil micro-organisms and end up in our food too.

This makes the fight against pesticides crucial, and we are committed to bringing about a substantial reduction in pesticide use throughout Europe in the interest of nature, human health, and biodiversity preservation.

"Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation are pleased to fund PAN Europe's essential work - it is clear that a wholesale change towards low impact methods of farming is needed and PAN Europe is facilitating that change through educating policy-makers on viable alternatives to damaging pesticides."

Christine Oliver, Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation.



OUR WORK CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PAN Europe is the focal point for NGO advocacy and public participation in EU pesticide policy. Our actions and campaigns are focused on reminding EU decision-makers about pesticide problems and proposing sustainable solutions.



"PAN Europe is the initiator of the successful Save Bees and Farmers. We have gathered a group of motivated NGOs that led to the collection of 1.2 million signatures for a pesticidefree and bee-friendly agriculture in the EU by 2035."

Dr. Martin Dermine, Policy Officer, PAN Europe



WHAT PAN EUROPE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON

We address a range of health, environmental and agricultural topics in relation to the EU policy agenda, food supply chains and nonagricultural pesticides. We develop proposals, write policy briefs, and are constantly engaged in lobbying for greater transparency and keep pushing for the need to rely on scientific data to inform policy decisions.



Save Bees and Farmers



Pesticide-Free Towns



Glyphosate

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