

10 recommendations to close the gaps in EU pesticide authorisation

Europe could and should be much healthier and biodiverse. Four years ago the PEST Committee in the European Parliament concluded after 9 months of investigations, hearings, missions and commissioning of studies that the current system of pesticides authorisation is failing to achieve its purpose, highlighting the need for urgent change. The Committee report listed 116 recommendations calling for independence, objectivity, transparency and better use of science in the whole procedure, in order to achieve the high level of protection required by the EU pesticides Regulation. The report was endorsed by the European Parliament ([European Parliament resolution, 2019](#)).

According to PAN Europe's analysis, to date:

- 15% of the PEST recommendations have been sufficiently implemented,
- 28% of the PEST recommendations have either been partly or insufficiently implemented, or the work is ongoing (and its outcome remains uncertain),
- 57% of the PEST recommendations have not been implemented or the implementation has not led to the requested improvement. In a few cases, the situation got worse.

We conclude that both health and environment are seriously at risk by the current pesticide use. Our roadmap describes 10 priorities that urgently need to be addressed to meet the level of safety required by EU regulation.

Read our analysis and roadmap [here](#).

Join us:

- Former members of the PEST committee will organise an event Thursday April 27. This can also be followed [online](#).
- Outside the Parliament an [action](#) will take place the same day at 14:00 at Rue de la Roi 175.

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Pesticide Action Network (PAN Europe) is a network of NGOs working to reduce the use of hazardous pesticides and have them replaced with ecologically sound alternatives. We work to eliminate dependency on chemical pesticides and to support safe sustainable pest control methods. Our network brings together over 45 consumer, public health and environmental organisations and women's groups from across Europe.

