

Dear reader,

Busy weeks in the fight for health and biodiversity. In a new report, we expose how the EU guidelines for protecting insects failed to block harmful pesticides. With our partners, we brought the case against glyphosate to the EU General Court. With our members, we found the forever chemical TFA even in once pristine mineral waters. The good news is that the EU Commission now proposes a ban on PFAS pesticide flufenacet. But more action needs to be taken: neurotoxic pesticides affect children's brains and global restrictions are urgently needed. We and 260.000 citizens reminded the EU that pesticide reduction is urgent and met with representatives of the commission.

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team



Glyphosate approval is brought to the European Court of Justice

Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe and its members ClientEarth, Générations Futures, GLOBAL 2000, Pesticide Action Network Germany and Pesticide Action Network Netherlands challenge the European Union's approval of glyphosate before the European Court of Justice.

The organisations presented a robust scientific and legal analysis to the European Court of Justice, highlighting serious shortcomings in the assessment of glyphosate in Europe. [Read more.](#)

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Licence to Kill: EU guideline to protect insects failed

Officials have failed to block a single pesticide under EU laws supposed to protect crashing insect populations. Over more than two decades, officials in Brussels sidestepped the law. Our report exposes how guidelines written with the help of major agrochemical firms help to authorise the use of dangerous pesticides. [Read more.](#)



Forever Chemical TFA Found Even in Pristine Mineral Waters

Over the past few months, more evidence has emerged about the widespread contamination of rivers, tap water, and even mineral water across Europe with the persistent chemical TFA (trifluoroacetic acid). This substance is found to be harmful to reproduction. We have even found it in half of the mineral waters we tested. [Read more.](#)



Neurotoxic pesticides affect children's brain

The EU recently took an important step to lower the permitted levels of the neurotoxic pesticide acetamiprid in our food. A review protocol initiated could lead to a complete ban of this dangerous insecticide. These decisions follow letters from and actions by PAN Europe. We warn that studies show acetamiprid and other neonicotinoids are not only toxic to bees and birds, but also pose serious risks to human health and especially to young children. [Read more.](#)



EU discussion on endocrine disruptors, PFAS pesticides & Toxic 12

The EU pesticide committee SCoPAFF discussed a ban on two PFAS pesticides. Two 'toxic 12' pesticides are also on the table for discussion. For one of these extremely toxic pesticides, a dangerous concept is applied for the first time: negligible exposure. To complete the toxic mix, two active substances recently identified as endocrine disruptors for humans were discussed. [Read more.](#)



EU Commission Proposes Ban of PFAS pesticide Flufenacet

The European Commission is proposing a ban on flufenacet, a widely used PFAS herbicide. This aligns with our call for a swift ban by 49 environmental and health organisations. We and our members urge EU Member States to adopt this proposal without delay to ensure the ban is effective as soon as possible. [Read more.](#)



EU Parliament's Veto Ignored

The European Commission is ignoring an EU Parliament veto. Last September 2024, the Parliament took a strong stand against residues of three toxic EU-banned pesticides in imported food products. Despite this, the Commission now proposes to allow residues of another 'toxic to reproduction' pesticide, isopyrazam. [Read more.](#)



EU Commission meets organisers of pesticide reduction petition

In response to the demand of 260 000 citizens for pesticide reduction a meeting took place with representatives of the European Commission. The pesticide reduction law SUR didn't get the necessary support, but the reduction of pesticide use remains a very important issue to ensure long-term food security, restore the necessary biodiversity and protect health. [Read more.](#)



Highlights from Members



Court victory in France

The French court in Versailles ruled that "Good Neighbor" charters allow too little distance for pesticide spraying near homes. This decision marks a significant victory for environmental organizations and residents of agricultural areas. Our member, Générations Futures and six other NGOs, had filed appeals against these documents, which were drafted by agricultural chambers and unions. [Read more.](#)

More PFAS pesticides also in Italian fruits and vegetables

One third of cucumbers and two thirds of bananas in Italy are contaminated with PFAS pesticides. According to our member ISDE Italy, Italian fruits and vegetables are more and more contaminated with PFAS pesticides. Citizens are increasingly exposed to PFAS pesticide cocktails through their food in Italy and Europe. [Read more.](#)



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