

Dear reader,

Hazardous pesticides banned in Europe are making their way into European consumers' diets, according to our new report. The European Commission is using a dangerous concept to renew the authorisation of a very harmful pesticide that can damage the unborn child. We wrote an expert letter to the EU SCoPAFF pesticide committee. During our conference at the European Parliament, a variety of speakers displayed the ongoing health and environmental threats posed by pesticide use. And our joint conference in Budapest sought to urge the Hungarian EU Presidency to prioritise pesticide reduction.

The PAN Europe Team

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Double standards, double risk: Banned pesticides in Europe's food

Hazardous pesticides banned in Europe are making their way into European consumers' diets, according to our new report. Many of these toxic pesticides are produced by European companies and exported to third countries with weaker safety regulations, only to return as residues in imported food. Some are even detected in EU-grown food, indicating illegal use or that Member States are exploiting 'emergency' exemptions to continue their use after their ban. [Read more.](#)

Some good and many worrying developments in the EU SCoPAFF pesticide meeting

We had no time to write a blog yet, but here are the main points for our newsletter readers:

Good:

- Proposal for non-renewal of herbicide metribuzin, an endocrine disruptor.
- Two PFAS pesticides are proposed for non-approval because the applicants have withdrawn their application (evidently they saw that approval was unlikely).

Not so good:

- The EFSA has identified Flufenacet, a widely used PFAS herbicide as an endocrine disruptor. It does not identify it as an important source of TFA in our drinking water. So far, there is no proposal to ban the use. As a result, the substance continues being sold and pollutes our drinking water across the EU.
- Extended approval periods for dangerous and potentially dangerous pesticides- many of them fungicides.

Very bad:

- See post on 'negligible exposure' above.

You can read our expert letter to the members of the SCoPAFF committee [here](#).



To: members of the PAFF Committee - Section 'Phytopharmaceuticals - Legislation'

Brussels, 24 September 2024

Subject: EU Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF); 2-3 October - meeting of Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe

Dear members of the PAFF committee,

On October 2nd and 3rd, you are invited to the EU Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed to discuss and potentially adopt opinions on several proposals of the European Commission. In absence of the meeting, please find below PAN Europe's position on specific issues related to the protection of human health and the environment, which we kindly request you to give particular attention.

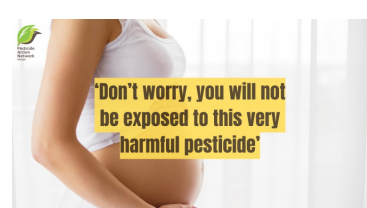


How to Reduce Pesticide Dependency in Europe

Together with Friends of the Earth Hungary, we organised an event in Budapest hosted by the Ombudsman for Future Generations of Hungary. The goal was to urge the Hungarian EU Presidency to prioritise pesticide reduction. Key speakers including two professors, a Hungarian sustainable farmer, a Secretary of State at the Ministry of Agriculture and a representative of the Chamber of Agriculture participated in the well-attended conference. You can find a representation of the key points of the conference and the recording [here](#).

We need better protection of citizens health and biodiversity against pesticides

During our recent conference in the European Parliament, a variety of speakers displayed the ongoing health and environmental threats posed by pesticide use. It called for urgent legislative action, better enforcement of existing regulations, measures to tackle pollution and increased citizen involvement to protect both human health and the environment from the impacts of pesticides. [Read more.](#)



'Don't worry, you will not be exposed to this harmful pesticide'

The European Commission is using a dangerous concept to renew the authorisation of a very harmful pesticide that can damage the unborn child. For the very first time, it plans to use an exceptional clause of the Regulation called 'negligible exposure'. It basically says: "Yes, it's very toxic, but don't worry, nobody will be exposed to it." However, there is no robust scientific evidence for this claim that would allow the continued use of the 'Toxic 12' fungicide 8-hydroxyquinoline. [Read more.](#)

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