

Dear reader,

Use your vote in the EU elections this week if you can. Please vote for health and biodiversity. EU citizens asked for less pesticides in the Save Bees and Farmers ECI, find out which politicians listened. See our director Martin Dermine stressing the importance of a pesticide free Europe. And let's stop the widespread contamination of waters by TFA, a breakdown product of PFAS Pesticides. Make your vote count!

The PAN Europe Team

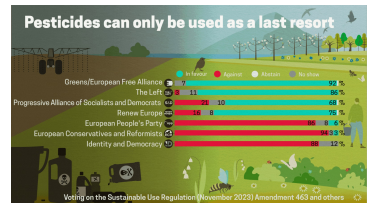
News from the team



“Replace toxic pesticides with alternatives for a healthier environment for the sake of our children and future generations”, says PAN Europe’s Executive Director, Dr Martin Dermine in this short video.

EU citizens asked for less pesticides: find out which politicians listened

EU citizens have repeatedly asked to reduce pesticides. They want to protect their health and biodiversity and ensure a long-term perspective for farmers. Which politicians listened and acted? PAN Europe, Friends of the Earth Europe and Corporate Europe Observatory have made an overview of the voting behaviour of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs). We analysed the results for 6 key votes. See how political groups voted to protect citizens’ health, ecosystems and farmers. [Read more.](#)



Widespread Water Contamination by ‘Forever Breakdown Product’ of PFAS Pesticides

Our latest report reveals widespread water contamination all over Europe. An exploratory joint survey of 23 surface and six groundwater samples from ten EU countries, conducted by member organisations of the European Pesticide Action Network, has revealed alarming levels of the little-known and largely unregulated ‘forever chemical’ TFA (Trifluoroacetic acid). The contamination is not related to industrial hotspots, we found remarkably high concentrations in agricultural areas. [Read more.](#)

EU Pesticide Committee neglects health and environment

The recent pesticide committee meeting (SCoPAFF) showed significant shortcomings in the way the EU Commission and Member States address critical health and environmental risks related to pesticides. Despite clear scientific evidence and legal obligations, the renewal of several harmful pesticides was proposed. One is linked to Parkinson's disease, while other endocrine-disrupting, reprotoxic and PFAS pesticides may continue their destructive work. [Read more.](#)



What if a very toxic pesticide is allowed when the dangers are known ?

Why are very toxic pesticides still in use, many years after the dangers have been demonstrated by an impressive amount of scientific evidence? This information should play a key role in the pesticide assessment by EFSA and national authorities, as the European Court of Justice recently reaffirmed. Governments have a legal duty to watch over people's health. But what if very clear and convincing scientific evidence is not used, or even brushed aside? Couldn't that be classified as gross negligence or even complicity in inflicting grievous bodily harm? [Read more.](#)

Make your vote count in the EU elections! See what candidates think about pesticides

As the European Union elections approach, citizens across Europe should understand the immense impact their votes can have on the future of Europe, and beyond. The decisions made by the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) directly influence a wide range of policies. They relate to topics such as environmental protection, public health, sustainable agriculture and the use of pesticides. To help citizens decide on whom to give their vote, with Friends of the Earth Europe we prepared a Questionnaire for candidates running for the EU Parliament in June 2024 on behalf of the ECI "Save Bees and Farmers!". [Read more.](#)



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