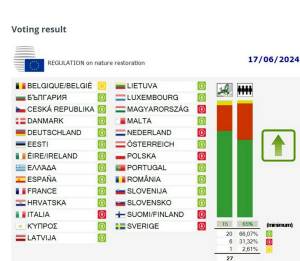


Dear reader,

This month we have good news! The Nature Restoration Law has finally been adopted. A very necessary measure to restore nature. The FAO has also ended its toxic partnership with CropLife International. The Hungarian city of Törökbálint joins the European Pesticide Free Towns Network. We take Belgium to Court on the illegal authorisations of abamectin. And we take the European Commission to court for the re-approval of glyphosate.

*The PAN Europe Team*

## News from the team



### Historical step: EU Nature Restoration Law finally adopted

The EU Nature Restoration Law finally cleared the final hurdle in the EU Council of Environment Ministers. More than 1 million people have called for measures to restore biodiversity with the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) Save bees and farmers. A historic step. [Read more.](#)

### The end of FAO's Toxic Alliance with the pesticide industry

The three-year controversial partnership between the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and pesticide lobby group CropLife International has finally ended. Small farmers and campaigners welcome this as a milestone toward a healthier future for citizens and farm workers all around the world and for the environment. [Read more.](#)



### EU Member States seek to quietly dismantle EU rules protecting water

Member States' ambassadors to the EU have adopted an agreement giving EU countries the right to pollute rather than protect our water for the next decades, and to weaken existing water protection rules. The deal is a huge disappointment that fails to respond to Europe's pressing water and biodiversity crises, environmental NGOs warn. [Read more.](#)

### EU Commission will uphold glyphosate re-approval, NGOs go to court

On 26 June 2024, the European Commission rejected the formal request by PAN Europe and 5 of its members to review the 10-year re-approval of glyphosate. The NGOs will challenge the decision in court and have 2 months to file the documents. [Read more.](#)



### NGOs challenge Belgian pesticide authorisations in court

Three NGOs have sued the Belgian State for reauthorising 3 highly toxic pesticides containing abamectin. The EU regulation clearly states that this dangerous pesticide can only be used in completely closed systems. Instead, Belgium allows use in open air and tunnels until 2039, to the detriment of the environment and citizens' health. [Read more.](#)

### Hungarian city of Törökbálint joins the Pesticide Free Towns Network

The Hungarian city of Törökbálint has joined the European Pesticide Free Towns Network. The initiative reflects the city's commitment to reducing pesticide usage in public spaces, thereby enhancing biodiversity and creating a safer, healthier environment for its residents. [Read more.](#)



## Highlights from Members



### A haze of pesticides over the land

There is a haze of pesticides all over our rural areas. They spread into people's gardens, houses, playgrounds and even nature reserves. This alarming finding is shown by a one-year measurement by the Dutch citizens network Meten = Weten in cooperation with PAN Netherlands. It adds to evidence from other countries. Recently we saw in a combined German - Austrian - Italian research in South Tyrol that the airborne spread of pesticides is seriously underestimated. [Read more.](#)

### Bulgaria restricts the use of glyphosate

The use of glyphosate will partially be banned in Bulgaria. It will no longer be available in areas used by the general public, public parks, gardens, sports and recreation grounds, schools and children's playgrounds, as well as near health and educational facilities. [Read more.](#)



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