

Dear reader,

TFA, a small PFAS, is polluting our drinking water. Main source: PFAS pesticides. We call for an immediate ban. This is necessary under EU law, says a new legal opinion. Good news: the EU Parliament blocked a proposal that would allow residues of EU-banned pesticides in imported food. The EU Ombudsman tells the EU Commission to speed up the substitution of most toxic pesticides. And we fight to disclose hidden pesticide ingredients, the producers try to hide their toxic secrets.

*The PAN Europe Team*

## News from the team

### Legal opinion: TFA emitting PFAS pesticides must be banned now

We found TFA - a small PFAS - in drinking water all over Europe. For many years the authorities neglected this widespread water pollution. At this very moment, PFAS pesticides are still widely sprayed on our food and fields. They are the main source of the small and very persistent, soluble, mobile TFA. It appears to be toxic to reproduction and is polluting our surface, ground and drinking waters at an unprecedented scale. A new legal opinion shows that PFAS pesticides should be banned now. [Read more.](#)



### European Parliament blocks residues of hazardous pesticides in imported food

An overwhelming majority in the European Parliament vetoed the European Commission's decision to allow residues of three EU-banned pesticides in certain imported food and feed products. This vote marks a significant victory for consumers and for EU and non-EU farmers. [Read more.](#)

### Prioritise substitution of most toxic pesticides

The EU Ombudsman urges the European Commission to speed up the substitution of the most hazardous pesticides within the EU. Following a complaint by PAN Europe, she concludes that there was no maladministration in the decision by the European Commission to rely on a standard adopted by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO). However, the EU needs to do what it promised. [Read more.](#)



### Pesticide industry objects to disclosing secret pesticide ingredients

Is the Dutch pesticide authority CTGB allowed to disclose information on secret pesticide co-formulants to PAN Europe? That is the gist of a hearing in the Netherlands as a result of our Access to Document request. The CTGB concluded that the law obliges them to disclose the documents, but the pesticide industry objected. [Read more.](#)

### An end to aerial pesticide spraying of towns in Romania

Timișoara is a famous Romanian town. This is where the 1989 revolution started that ended the Ceaușescu dictatorship. Recently, the town made headlines again, less favourable this time. In a Facebook post, the commune proudly shared a video of a plane spraying a very toxic pesticide on the town to repel mosquitos. Residential areas but especially parks, ponds, river banks and children's playgrounds were the target. With our help, a courageous journalist managed to expose this scandal. It is illegal, says the Romanian National Institute for Public Health. [Read more.](#)



## Highlights from Members



### Let's be like Paris: ban pesticides in towns

During the Olympics, the world saw how the capital city of France still looked nice and clean. It was not overgrown by weeds in the 7 years the city has not used pesticides. The Pesticide Action Network UK, 150 councillors and 15,000 citizens call on the UK government for urban areas to be free of toxic chemicals. Some EU countries and many councils in other countries provide a good example. Other countries and cities could and should act. [Read more.](#)

## Upcoming Conference

We are pleased to invite you to the event at the European Parliament "Protecting farm workers and citizens in rural areas against pesticides", organised by Pesticide Action Network Europe in collaboration with Members of the European Parliament Marie Toussaint and Christophe Clergeau, on 25 September 2024, from 14:00 to 17:00 CET. [Register here.](#)



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