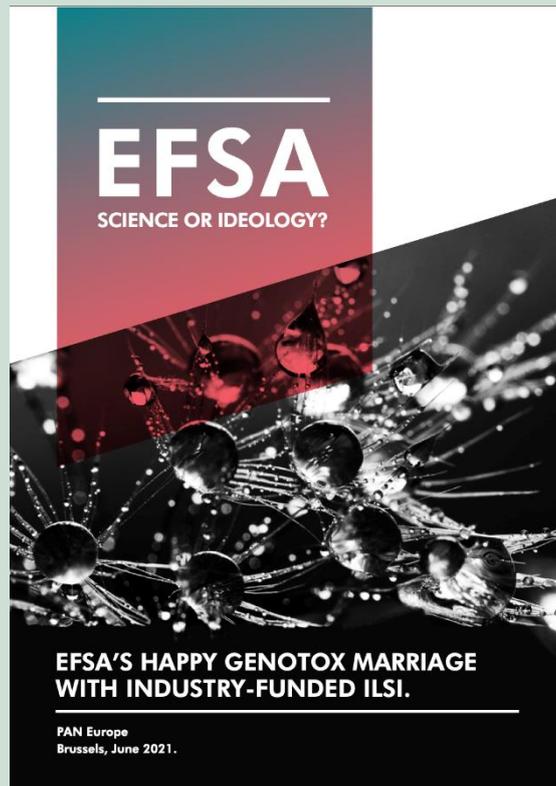




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New damning report from PAN Europe on EFSA's failure to regulate pesticides!

On Food Safety Day (June 7, 2021), our partner [PAN-EU](#) released its latest report [EFSA: Science or Ideology](#). The report examines the [authorization process](#) of 12 allegedly genotoxic pesticides assessed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) since 2006. It reveals that EFSA ignored recognized cancer risks and circumvented the 2009 regulation to give the green light to these 12 pesticides. It shows that the links between EFSA and industry-friendly experts and lobbyists, and their increasing presence in pesticide evaluation committees, are responsible for these dubious authorizations.

According to PAN Europe's investigation, some pesticides that are widely used in Europe and that are known (or suspected) to degrade into metabolites that may be carcinogenic, have received a positive opinion from EFSA, following a flawed assessment influenced by committees in charge of defining how these evaluations should be done. In these key working groups, many experts represent the *International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI)*, an organization financed and controlled by large industrial groups such as BASF, Monsanto and Syngenta.

For Martin Dermine, head of health and environment policies at PAN-EU: *"EFSA is an unreliable organization, driven by commercial interests, which writes its own rules bringing some of the most worrying pesticides on the market and on our plates"*.

For François Veillerette, spokesperson for *Générations Futures* and chair of PAN-EU: *"This new report shows the urgency of an in-depth reform of the pesticide evaluation and approval system in Europe and in France. The total independence of experts, the consideration of all compounds of pesticide products (metabolites, various adjuvants...) and the absolute priority given to the protection of health and the environment must be at the heart of this absolutely necessary reform"*.

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