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EU: Reauthorization of two endocrine disrupting pesticides in defiance of the European Green Deal

The EU Member States voted in November 2021 in favor of the re-authorization of two endocrine disrupting pesticides that are toxic to bees, flumioxazine and cypermethrin. This vote is in total contradiction with the European Green Deal, which aims to strengthen the precautionary principle, the protection of biodiversity and the progressive elimination of endocrine disruptors.

The Commission is giving with one hand and taking away with the other by publishing a strategy for the protection of biodiversity (Green Deal) while proposing the reauthorization of these pesticides, which cause the collapse of insect populations. The scientific literature recognizes the endocrine disrupting properties of these two pesticides as well as their toxicity. [Flumioxazin](#) is classified as reproductive toxicant and highly toxic to aquatic species, with long-term effects. [Cypermethrin](#) is extremely toxic to bees and wildlife in general and EFSA has underlined its concern that the re-authorization of the substance will inevitably lead to an unacceptable risk to pollinators, which is contrary to European legislation.

Our partner [PAN Europe](#) is considering taking the case to the Court of Justice of the European Union to challenge this reauthorization, on the grounds of the [revised Aarhus Regulation](#), which entered into force at the end of October, allowing NGOs in the European Union to challenge the authorization/reauthorization of a pesticide active substance before the Court of Justice of the EU. The European Commission and Member States must follow what science says and what EU law says, not what the agrochemical lobby claims.

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