



## Newsletter about Pesticides

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### Civil society activities

**Glyphosate can be found  
in the food we eat,  
the water we drink and  
the air we breathe.**

It is used for private, public and commercial purposes, meaning a big portion of the population is exposed.



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**#STOPGLYPHOSATE**

### European Union: Stop Glyphosate

In view of the possible renewal of the marketing authorization for glyphosate at the end of 2022, our European partner Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) is mobilizing.

To this end, HEAL has posted on its website a series of [infographics](#) that explain why the European Commission and governments must imperatively ban glyphosate. The alliance also posted [a briefing note](#) in February 2022, presenting HEAL's main responses to the two public consultations from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on the EU's toxicity assessment of glyphosate. HEAL's review of the EU assessment report confirms that this assessment is still mainly based on studies and arguments provided by industry and does not recognize the scientific evidence from published academic literature that glyphosate has adverse health effects.

HEAL therefore calls on all EU institutions and Member States in charge of the next steps of the European assessment of glyphosate toxicity to objectively examine all available scientific evidence and to seriously consider the findings of the independent literature in the assessment, which clearly show that glyphosate can cause cancer and is dangerous to health and the environment.

Since 2015, glyphosate, an active substance found in many herbicides, especially the "famous" Roundup, has been classified as a probable carcinogen by the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). Exposure to glyphosate-based pesticides is also linked to adverse effects on human development, reproduction and hormonal systems.

On May 10, 2022, the two agencies in charge of the re-assessment of glyphosate, EFSA and ECHA, [announced](#) that they were postponing the conclusions of the peer review of the updated Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) by almost a year, to July 2023. In justifying such a postponement, the agencies mention the "unprecedented number of comments" received during the public consultations, which "confirm the high level of public interest in this substance."

This apparent concern for the public actually masks a one-year extension of glyphosate's authorization without a new risk assessment, as pesticide authorizations are automatically extended during the renewal process.

*If you have made it this far, can you make one more small effort to allow us to continue this work of investigation and information to help the victims of pesticides?*

*Justice Pesticides needs you.*

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