After the EP-PEST Committee
The issues around glyphosate remain unresolved

We have the great pleasure to invite you to an online webinar, that will bring you up to date again on the scientific state of affairs on the glyphosate-dossier.

**WHEN:** 31 May from 16:00 - 17:30 (CEST)

**AGENDA & SPEAKERS**

16:00 **Welcome** by the moderator Nina Holland (CEO)

16:05 **Helmut Burtscher-Schaden** (Co-initiator „Stop Glyphosate“) takes stock of the three demands of the successful European Citizens Initiative.

16:10 **Christopher Portier** (Expert in the design, analysis, and interpretation of environmental health data, former Associate Director of NTP): *How can the same studies prove the carcinogenicity of glyphosate for some organisations (IARC, US courts) and its harmlessness for others (ECHA, US-EPA)?*

16:20 **Siegfried Knasmueller** (Genetic Toxicologist, Institute of Cancer Research, Medical University of Vienna): *Do the industry studies, which were kept secret until recently, refute the IARC classification of glyphosate as genotoxic?*

16:30 **Kurt Straif** (MD and Epidemiologist, former head of the WHO’s International Agency for Research on Cancer IARC Monographs Programme): *What happened since IARC’s cancer classification of glyphosate?*

Against the background of the controversy between the conclusion of IARC and that of EFSA and ECHA on the carcinogenicity of glyphosate, the renewal of glyphosate's license had been granted in December 2017 for only 5 years, instead of 15 years as originally proposed by the European Commission. While this controversy remains unresolved to this day, new evidence is mounting about the exposure to glyphosate and the resulting direct and indirect impacts on human health and ecosystems.

In a surprise move, EFSA recently announced that it is unable to meet the timetable for the risk assessment of glyphosate. For the industry this is a gift of another year of authorisation for all its glyphosate-based products in the EU. In January 2019 a large majority of the MEPs voted in favour of the final report of the PEST-committee, a result of the Monsanto Papers and scandals around glyphosate;

This committee did many recommendations to improve “the authorisation procedure for pesticides in the Union, including the methodology used and its scientific quality, the procedure’s independence from industry, and the transparency of the decision-making”; All these recommendations remain highly relevant for the new glyphosate process, but have not been acted upon so far. It is clear that it is high time to put glyphosate back on the political agenda of the EU!
**Violette Geissen** (Agronomist, University of Wageningen, Department of Environmental Sciences): “Glyphosate – environmental presence and overall health impact”.

**16:50** | MEPs comments & questions

**17:05** | Scientists answering

**17:15** | Journalists questions from chat (summarized by the moderator)

**17:20** | Scientists answering

**17:25** | Conclusion

**17:30** | End

**MEPs hosting:**

Jytte Guteland (S&D), Michèle Rivasi, Thomas Waitz (Greens), Anja Hazekamp (the Left)

**NGOs supporting** *(from the ECI Stop Glyphosate)*

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