

Sick of Pesticides



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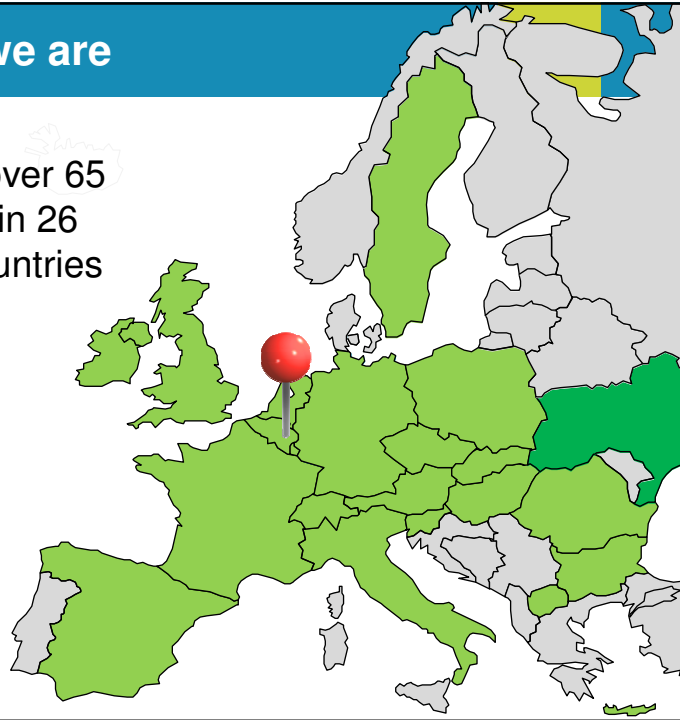
Outline of presentation

1. Introduction to HEAL
2. Sick of pesticides
3. Prevention strategies
4. Key EU policies
5. Getting involved through HEAL



HEAL; who we are

HEAL has over 65
members in 26
different countries



HEAL; Who we are

- **Our members are;**
Doctors, nurses and patient groups, public health and research institutes, environmental and women's NGOs.
- **Platform for groups** to create synergies & advocate stronger policies at EU and international level



Our Mission

- **ADVOCATE** environmental protection policies to improve people's health
- **ENHANCE** public awareness of environment and health links
- **INFORM** the public and encourage participation
- **MOBILISE** stakeholders across all sectors on key environmental health issues.



Sick of Pesticides



Raising awareness of the links between pesticides and ill-health, and mobilising collective action for change.



Our mission

Together with our national partner organisations,
we aim to;

- help citizens rapidly **reduce their use of pesticides**;
- put **pressure on the governments** to encourage them to set up ambitious National Action Plans for Pesticide Reduction.



National campaigns

5 partners, 5 countries

 **Netherlands** – Leefmilieu

 **Belgium** – Interenvironnement Wallonie

 **France** – MDRGF

 **Hungary** – Clean Action Network

 **United Kingdom** – PAN UK



Website

www.pesticidesandcancer.eu

- **What the Netherlands is doing** to reduce exposure to pesticides
- **What you can do** to reduce pesticides in your life.
- **News and science**



Newsletter

Pesticides and health e-news

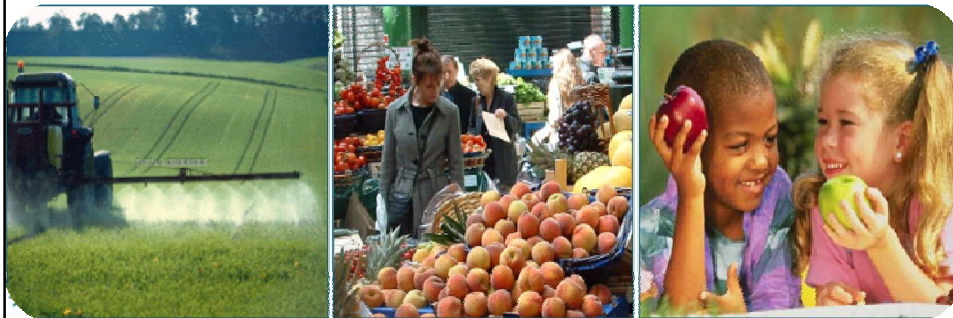
Monthly updates on

- EU policy
- National action
- International news & science
- Events



EU Pesticides Laws

By 2012, the EU requires governments to create a national action plan for pesticides reduction.



Pesticides in NL

Taking a 'precautionary approach' to prevent any further effects on health, we must see:

- A ban on avoidable, cancer-causing pesticides
- TARGETS to reduce the use of pesticides and eliminate or minimise exposure
- PESTICIDE-FREE areas where children are most exposed, such as parks, schools, and sports grounds
- Health care strategies and national cancer plans that include plans to reduce pesticide exposure.



Keep in touch

Thank you for your attention!

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