Sick of Pesticides

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.

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**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.
Thank you for your attention!

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