

LETTER OF SUPPORT
for MEP Sarah Wiener's draft report on the proposal for a regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products

TO: Dear Members of the European Parliament,

We are writing on behalf of **69 organisations across Europe** in view of the next ENVI Committee meeting on 2 March, when MEP Sarah Wiener will present the draft report on the European Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products (SUR) and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

Signatories of this letter closely follow the work on the draft proposal for a Regulation on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products. On multiple occasions and in different ways, we expressed our gravest concerns regarding the actions to water down, delay or retract the proposal.

As environmental, health, farmers and water sector organisations, including the organisers of the European Citizens Initiative (ECI) Save Bees and Farmers¹, we welcome MEP Wiener's analysis that makes important steps forward in **addressing the biodiversity crisis** and the urgent need to act on it to ensure **long-term food security**. **The mandatory implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), as well as setting strong and binding pesticide use and risk reduction targets is a prerequisite to addressing accelerated species extinction and loss of ecosystem services, thus ensuring long-term food security, and to addressing health impacts linked to pesticide use.**

The successful ECI Save Bees and Farmers, representing 1,1 million European citizens, **calls for even stronger measures, including reduction targets of 80% for all pesticides by 2030 and a full phase-out of synthetic pesticides by 2035**. PAN Europe and other environmental and health organisations stress among more **the need for mandatory IPM and a 100% reduction of the more hazardous pesticides by 2030**.

The report takes important steps in responding to guidelines and recommendations of a wide scientific community. FAO² and other UN agencies, IPCC³, IPBES⁴ and other institutions stress that business as usual is not an option if we want to safeguard the future of farmers, biodiversity and clean water, while ensuring a healthy, climate-resilient and profitable food production system⁵. The urgency to move forward with the SUR with binding targets is stressed by 739 scientists in their call for ambitious Sustainable Use of Pesticides Regulation⁶.

SUR is an important element to achieve the European Green Deal goals. Citizens have been calling repeatedly for strong pesticide reductions throughout the EU for many years.

¹ [Save bees and farmers](#)

² [The state of the world's biodiversity for food and agriculture - FAO](#)

³ [Climate change and land - IPCC](#)

⁴ [Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and ESS - IPBES](#)

⁵ [Agriculture at a Crossroads - IAASTD report](#)

⁶ [Scientists call for ambitious SUR](#)

Supporting a strong SUR is important to maintain the trust of European citizens placed in their representatives in the European Parliament.

Therefore, we respectfully ask you to support the MEP Wiener's report and to show high ambition in protecting the health of EU citizens, biodiversity, clean water and food security.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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5	Biodlingsföretagarna	SE	41	Lipu - BirdLife Italia	IT
6	Biom Association	HR	42	Liga para a Protecção da Natureza	PT
7	Birdlife Europe & Central Asia	Internat.	43	Mouvement Ecologique Luxembourg	LU
8	BirdLife Österreich	AT	44	NABU	DE
9	Buglife	UK	45	Natagora	BE
10	Bündnis für eine enkeltaugliche Landwirtschaft e.V.	DE	46	Nature & Progrès Belgique	BE
11	ClientEarth	EU	47	Naturskyddsföreningen	SE
12	Colibri Foundation	BE	48	Natuurpunt	BE
13	Conapi	IT	49	Navdanya International	IT
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17	Dutch Bee Conservation	NL	53	PAN Germany	DE
18	Zemljane staze / Earth Trek	HR	54	PAN Italia	IT
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22	Ekō	Internat.	58	Schweisfurth Foundation	DE
23	Estonian Green Movement / FoE Estonia	EE	59	SEO/BirdLife	ES
24	Eureau	EU	60	Slow Food Europe	EU
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