SO FAR, FOUR EUROPEAN CITIZENS’ INITIATIVES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REACHED THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SUPPORT STATEMENTS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO TAKE ACTION. SOME HAVE RESULTED IN NEW LEGISLATION, WHILE OTHERS HAVE HAD OTHER MEANINGFUL RESULTS. ALL OF THEM HAVE BUILT NETWORKS AROUND ISSUES AND RAISED AWARENESS AMONG BOTH CITIZENS AND POLICY-MAKERS.

ORGANISERS’ GOAL

- Ban glyphosate-based herbicides, reform pesticide approval procedures, and set EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use.
- Organisers’ Goal

ENGGAGEMENT

- 1,070,865 signatories from 22 EU Member States

FOLLOW-UP

- The European Commission:
  - adopted a proposal for a Regulation on transparency and sustainability of EU risk assessment in the food chain. The Regulation was adopted by the European Parliament and the Council in June 2019. The new legislation started applying in March 2021;
  - announced measures to make the process to authorise, restrict or ban the use of pesticides more transparent, focusing on implementing the Directive on Sustainable Use of Pesticides and establishing harmonised risk indicators under Directive 2009/128/EC.

It’s great that well over a million EU citizens have invested their time to engage directly on an issue that matters. The Commission has listened and will now act. We need more transparency about how decisions are made in this area.

FRANS TIMMERMANS
First Vice President of the European Commission – 12 December 2017

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