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PFAS in soil – Time to act together

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Who are we?

The EEB is **Europe's largest network of environmental citizens' organisations** – and the only one to work on such a broad range of issues.

Our 185+ members from 41 countries have more than 30 million individual supporters.

We have 50 years of EU environmental policy expertise.

Our vision

A better future where people and nature thrive together.



Our mission

We advocate for progressive policies to create a better environment in the European Union and beyond.



The PFAS Crisis – A Public Health and Environmental Emergency

- PFAS: the worst environmental and health crisis we face.
- >100,000 emitting industrial sites in Europe; > 20,000 hotspots.
- PFAS contaminate water, air, food, and soil, threatening human health and biodiversity.
- Annual clean-up costs exceed €100 billion, an unfair burden on society.
- ● **The science is clear:** PFAS are linked to cancer, infertility, immune disorders, and more.
- ⚠ **Current regulations are failing**, allowing industry deception and regulatory inertia.







A Legal Roadmap to address PFAS

- 1. Ban PFAS**
- 2. Strengthen Soil Monitoring Laws**
- 3. Adopt a Holistic Soil Health Strategy**
- 4. Make Polluters Pay**
- 5. End Industry Interference**
- 6. Support Affected Communities**
- 7. Promote Safer Alternatives**





The Path Forward – Europe must lead

-  **Decades of inaction must end.** Europe has the tools and knowledge—now it must act.
-  **We must shift from short-term profits to long-term sustainability.**
-  **No more delays. No more excuses.**
-  **The EU must take decisive leadership to protect people, ecosystems, and future generations.**

Together, we can create a toxic-free future!



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THANK YOU!

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