

Towards a resilient EU agriculture How to reduce pesticide dependency?

Conference on the opportunities of the Hungarian EU Presidency

17th September 2024.

Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary – 7th floor Conference room

9.30 - 10.00 Registration

10.00 - 12.00 State of play and next steps in pesticide reduction

Gyula Bándi, Ombudsman for Future Generations – *Opening*

Márton Nobilis, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture – *HU EU Presidency contribution*

Martin Dermine, Executive Director, PAN Europe – *NGO view*

Q&A

Moderated by: Gyula Bándi, Ombudsman for Future Generations

12.00 - 12.45 Lunch Break

12.45 - 14.10 Pesticide reduction – scientific and practical questions

András Székács, The European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility (ENSSER) – *Pesticides and farmers, bystanders health*

Mátyás Bekecs, Farmer – *Pesticide elimination in practice*

László Podmanczky, Economist – *Financial sustainability of reducing pesticide dependency*

Róbert Fidrich, FoE Hungary – *Impacts of EU pesticide policies on the global South*

Moderated by: István Farkas, Co-president, FoE Hungary

14.10 - 14.40 Coffee Break

14.40 - 15.50 Panel Discussion: How to reduce Europe's pesticide dependency?

Viktor Balázs, Vice President, Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture

Judit Háhn, MATE University, Institute of Aquaculture and Environmental Safety,
Department of Environmental Safety

Gergely Simon, PAN Europe

Edit Tóthné Lippai, Vice President, National Food Chain Safety, Hungary

Moderated by: István Farkas, Co-president, FoE Hungary

15.50-16.00 Closing