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Plenary vote object to three new GM soybean authorisations

Last 3rd February, the Parliament voted in plenary against the authorisations of the use of 3 glyphosate-tolerant GM soybeans ¹¹. Glyphosate is the active substance of the most used herbicide in the world: Round up, commercialised by Monsanto.

The vote in plenary echoes the vote of the Environment committee on 21st January.

Thanks to this result, members of the Parliament, rejected the marketing of one product from Bayer and 2

from Monsanto. This way MEPs spoke the voice of the majority of EU citizens against GMOs.

- [Read our press release \(FR\)](#)

Glyphosate health risks ignored as Commission proposes long reapproval for use in EU

The European Commission is proposing the reapproval of the controversial substance glyphosate, for use in the EU for a further 15 years. Glyphosate is used in the most used herbicide in the world commercialised by Monsanto: Round Up. The draft implementing act, published by the European Commission, was made available to the European Parliament on 24 February. It foresees the reapproval of glyphosate until 2031 and will be the subject of a meeting of EU government officials on 7-8 March at which they are expected to give their opinion. Greens MEPs call EU governments to stay out of this perverted logic and oppose the reapproval of glyphosate at their meeting next week.

- [Read our press release here](#)
- Share our 7 reasons to stand up against glyphosate
- Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) throughout the week to call your minister to vote for the ban
- Sign Avaaz Petition to oppose the reapproval on glyphosate
- Sign WeMove.EU Petition on glyphosate
- Sign Food Watch petition against glyphosate

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Health vs. wealth - Why what we eat could be killing us – and why no one cares

This is a strange story, a tale that at first glance appears to be a work of pure fiction, of things that cannot possibly happen in real life. And yet every single word of it is true: from the bullying big corporations to the timid and toothless legislators; from the shocking evidence of widespread use of dangerous ingredients in our food to the staggering display of arrogance and indifference on the part of those in the know. Above all, it is a tale of typical 21st century law-making – where lobbies rule the roost and even public health is of secondary interest to the pursuit of profit.

- [Read More](#)
- More on Endocrine Disruptors here: [When the guardian of the treaties acts as guardian of special favours to big business](#)

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Emmanuel is an active food fighter and blogger. Via his blog he shares about his cooking talents and special recipes made of organic and local ingredients

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WHAT'S ON THE PLATE?

- **02/03:** Greens/EFA [Conference New Breeding Techniques, hidden GMOs](#)
 - **7-8 March:** meeting of the [Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed](#), including exchange of view and possible opinion on the renewal of the license for glyphosate (point B.05 on the agenda).
 - **20-30/03:** [Pesticide Action Week \(PAW\)](#)
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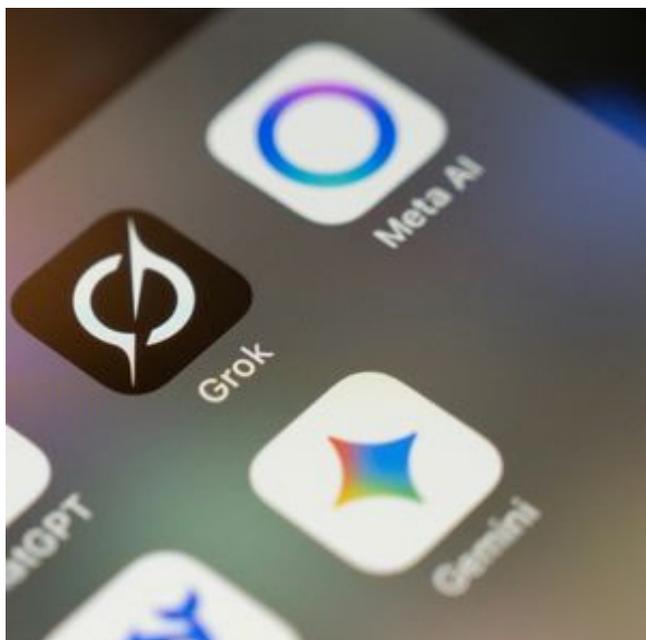


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