

To the attention of Commission President, Ursula Von Der Leyen
The Vice President of the European Green Pact, Frans Timmermans,
The European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection, Stella Kyriakides,
The Commissioner for Agriculture, Janusz Wojciechowski,
Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, Virginijus Sinkevičius
The President of the European Council, Charles Michel,
The President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola,
Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the European Union, Cyril Picquemat,

SUBJECT : The Green Deal chemical package must be included in the legislative priorities of the European institutions.

Dear representatives of the European institutions,

Générations Futures¹ notes with concern that the Green Deal chemicals package is absent from your draft joint declaration on your legislative priorities for 2023/2024.

However, the revision of the REACH and CLP regulations are crucial times awaited by the European civil society. For the record, this review was promised in the Strategy for Sustainability in the field of chemicals in November 2021. For several weeks, an unprecedented mobilization has taken place as evidenced by [the letter co-signed by many European NGOs](#) that you received in October 2022. We call on you once again to keep these essential revisions on the European agenda for the protection of the environment and the health of European citizens. We also take the opportunity of this letter to reaffirm the need to move forward in the framework of constructive and ambitious negotiations concerning the Regulation on pesticides which is also in danger due to the pressure of some Member States wishing for a new impact assessment. [The ECI Bees & Farmers](#) that you received a few days ago demonstrates the strong expectations of European citizens on the subject.

As you know, nearly 40% of Europeans are facing cancers partly caused by exposure to chemical pollutants. [This represents a cost of 157 and 270 billion Euros](#) in terms of health care expenditure and potential loss of income each year for the Member States. It is no longer time to wait and pretend that the revision of the chemical regulation would have negative economic costs for the chemical industry. Putting private economic interests before public health and environmental interests is no longer acceptable. The urgency is there and the postponement of the action in this matter will make you responsible for their harmful consequences.

In France, [88% of citizens](#) are concerned about the impact of chemical pollutants on their environment and health. This notorious concern has just been reinforced by [the tribune](#)

¹ Générations Futures is an environmental protection association approved by the French Ministry of Ecology since 2008 and recognized as being of general interest. It carries out actions to inform people about the risks of various types of pollution (chemical substances in general and pesticides in particular) and to promote alternatives to these products that threaten health and the environment. In addition, the association is an active member of recognized European networks such as the Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe) and the Health Environmental Alliance (HEAL).

[co-signed by more than 200 scientists and doctors](#) calling on France to take a clear position in favor of its European revisions.

The pressure of lobbies on these issues is identified by all stakeholders and has been denounced many times. As a political representative of the European institution, you have the duty to act for the protection of European citizens and to ensure a healthy and respectful future for future generations.

We therefore count on you to make sure that these issues are on the agenda of future European policies and on the 2023 agenda.

Yours sincerely

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