

**Question for written answer E-006452/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Higher level of protection from pesticides

Recently, civil society organisations and institutions have called for a more effective pesticide risk assessment procedure, as large quantities of pesticides are still used in Europe – in increasing numbers – even though scientific evidence from public research shows that they fail to meet criteria for human and animal safety. Moreover, studies reveal an abnormally high rate of diseases in farming families and residents of agricultural areas, high levels of pesticide residues detected in food and the environment, and the decline of biodiversity and wildlife in close proximity to agricultural areas.

Is the Commission considering evaluating the current pesticide risk assessment procedure and risk management system with a view to improving them and thus actively protecting our environment and the health of our workers and citizens?