

**Question for written answer E-003546/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Improving pesticide evaluations by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

At his hearing in the French National Assembly on 8 November 2023, the Head of EFSA's Risk Assessment Production Department acknowledged that there were a number of problems with the Agency's pesticide evaluations:

incomplete evaluation of the effects on biodiversity, insufficient consideration of academic studies and a lack of research on the cocktail effects, i.e. the cumulative impact of several pesticides and other micropollutants on the environment and human health.

The EFSA representative said that he was in favour of amending the regulatory framework in order to address these shortcomings. Will the Commission respond to this?

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