

**Question for written answer E-001870/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Question about farmers' responsibility for water pollution through the use of glyphosate

For years, European farmers have been unfairly singled out and subject to an avalanche of EU directives and regulations on the use of glyphosate. They are thus accused of being primarily responsible for water pollution. A recent study by the University of Tübingen¹ (Germany) indicates that industrial and domestic detergents are what is really causing glyphosate to persist in our rivers, not farming.

These results illustrate how EU policies have not only failed to solve the problem of water pollution – they have also imposed major constraints on farmers without any scientific basis.

1. How does the Commission intend to correct this injustice and revise its environmental policies in order to tackle the real sources of water pollution?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to take to support the search for serious alternatives to glyphosate?
3. More generally, what sustainable measures will be taken to lighten the burden on farmers?

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¹ <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/university/news-and-publications/press-releases/press-releases/article/most-of-the-glyphosate-in-our-rivers-may-not-come-from-farming/>