

As EU glyphosate-cancer debate rages, 4 countries may take over herbicide safety evaluation from Germany

France, Hungary, the Netherlands and Sweden have agreed to take over from Germany as the lead countries responsible for assessing the safety of glyphosate, the world's most widely used pesticide.

The Commission announced [March 15] that the four countries will form part of an entity dubbed the Assessment Group on Glyphosate (AGG) in [an update](#) to its website. National health experts still need to formally endorse the decision with a vote inside the Commission's Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.

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The debate about whether glyphosate causes cancer wages on in Europe, despite a vote in late 2017 to renew the herbicide's license in the EU for another five years. The decision passed thanks to a [last-minute U-turn by Germany](#)....

[Editor's note: For background on Europe's glyphosate debate, read: [Plagiarism allegation likely to spur activist challenges of EU approval of Monsanto's glyphosate-based weed killer Roundup](#)]

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