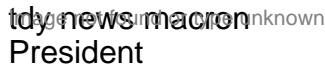


French President Macron pledges glyphosate ban, halving of pesticide use by 2025 as EU election nears

Emmanuel Macron's EU election campaign, dubbed Renaissance, finally [released its manifesto for the European election](#) taking place later [in May 2019]. As befits a nation which remains Europe's top agricultural powerhouse, many sections of the manifesto deal explicitly with food and farming.

A small, low-resolution portrait of Emmanuel Macron, President of France, is positioned to the left of his name. The image is partially obscured by a watermark.
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Emmanuel Macron
of France

Renaissance is pledging an EU ban on glyphosate and to halve the use of all pesticides by 2025 Halving pesticide use in a handful of years is ambitious More problematic is the push to ban glyphosate entirely. Such a decision would be formally taken by national governments, inside the European Commission's secretive standing committee on plants, animals, food and feed. The European Parliament has little say.

Renaissance also wants to create a chemical and pesticide approval system that is “more transparent and independent of lobbies.” Plus, it's suggesting a crack sanitary protection squad to prevent food fraud

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Macron's plans sound much more radical than the Commission's The party's calling for a “massive increase in greening,” with a doubling of the amount of organic farmland and a guarantee that zero animals will be fed with GMOs.

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