



Re: ENVI Committee debate with EU Commission on Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs) – 22 January

Dear Member of European Parliament,

On 22 January, you will have the opportunity to engage in a public debate with the European Commission about its plans to reduce harmful exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs). This is your chance to ask the EU Commission questions about its plans for concrete and urgent action to adequately protect our health and the health of future generations from toxic chemicals.

Last November the EU Commission published its Communication on endocrine disruptors, which lacks concrete measures and timelines on how people and the environment can be better protected from these harmful chemicals. We believe the Communication [fails to lay out proposals](#) to control EDCs across all EU laws. Another example of a missed opportunity is the absence of a specific plan to adapt EU laws in order to address the EDC cocktail effect, to which we are all exposed daily.

Examples of questions you could ask the EU Commission include:

- What are the concrete plans of the EU Commission to reduce actual exposure to EDCs, especially for vulnerable groups?
- When will the Commission come up with an action plan to close legislative loopholes -- like the ones in EU legislation on food contact materials, cosmetics and toys -- that continue to allow EDCs on the European market?
- When and how will the Commission address the EDC cocktail effect?

As an outcome of this first debate, you have a strong tool to **address citizen's concerns about EDCs. A plenary debate and resolution calling for concrete action to reduce exposure would signal that time is up and keep up pressure for action from the Commission.** In this regard, please find the [8 demands](#) from the EDC-Free Europe campaign – representing over 70 civil society groups – for comprehensive future EU action.

We remain at your disposal for any further detail you would like to discuss, and are looking forward to working with you in order to truly protect our health and the environment from harmful EDCs.

On behalf of the over 70 member organisations of Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), I wish you the best for the new year. We are looking forward to continue our fruitful public health and environment work with you and the EU Parliament Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety!

Yours sincerely,

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The [Health and Environment Alliance \(HEAL\)](#) is the leading not-for-profit organisation addressing how the environment affects human health in the European Union (EU) and beyond. HEAL works to shape laws and policies that promote planetary and human health and protect those most affected by pollution, and raise awareness on the benefits of environmental action for health.

HEAL's over 70 member organisations include international, European, national and local groups of health professionals, not-for-profit health insurers, patients, citizens, women, youth, and environmental experts representing over 200 million people across the 53 countries of the WHO European Region.

As an alliance, HEAL brings independent and expert evidence from the health community to EU and global decision-making processes to inspire disease prevention and to promote a toxic-free, low-carbon, fair and healthy future. HEAL's EU Transparency Register Number: 00723343929-96.