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### **Commission likely to postpone vote on glyphosate**

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A crucial vote by national experts on the renewal of the weedkiller glyphosate, initially expected to take place tomorrow, is likely to be postponed, several sources told POLITICO.

This is because “no agreement can be found among countries and also within countries,” one national diplomat said.

If a vote goes ahead France, the Netherlands, Sweden and Italy are expected to vote against the renewal, while Germany is expected to abstain because its environment and agriculture ministries cannot agree on a position, according to one national diplomat.

Even so, it is unlikely that a qualified majority to reject the renewal would be reached, according to the source. For the vote to be binding at least 15 member countries must vote no.

“At this stage, we cannot foresee what will happen. According to the procedure, in order for a decision to be taken, there has to be a vote — something which is not confirmed yet,” a Commission spokesperson said.

This morning NGOs protested in front of the building where the national experts are meeting. They delivered an online petition against glyphosate renewal signed by 186,000 people.

The chemical, used as an active substance in herbicides such as Monsanto’s Roundup, is at

the center of a controversy between a WHO and an EU body about whether it can cause cancer. The Commission has proposed renewing its authorization, since the European Food Safety Authority found no link between it and cancer. Italy asked the Commission for a deeper scientific analysis on whether the chemical is carcinogenic.

*Carmen Paun contributed to this story.*