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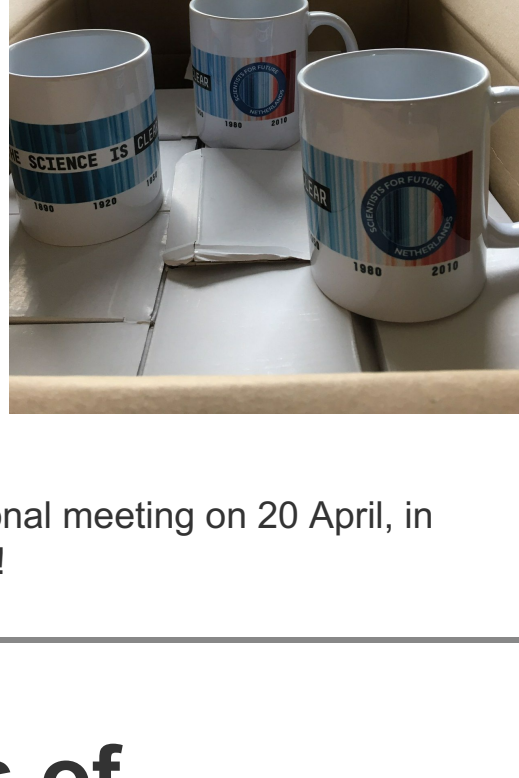
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Editorial

Hello readers!

The spring has officially started and, fittingly, a lot of plans and initiatives are sprouting. One them you see on the photo (by Roos van Oosten) here: from now on, you might see these mugs appear amidst your colleagues at the coffee table! We hope they'll be the start of interesting conversations and inspire more scientists to step forward when climate-related discussions arise! [Contact us](#) if you are interested in buying a mug like this for yourself or with colleagues.



Keep reading for more news! From **politics**, via **fossil ties** all the way to **sports** events, this newsletter covers it all! We want to call your special attention to the next [Zoom](#) meet&greet: join us on 10 April between 12:00 and 13:00 to get to know new and old more experienced S4F'ers!

Last but not least, we also hope to see you at the in-person national meeting on 20 April, in Utrecht! Write it in your agenda and stay tuned for more updates!

Letter to the new Members of Parliament

By Arjen Markus and Jacqueline Hoppenreijns

You probably remember the 2023 elections: their outcome meant yet another shift in the Dutch political landscape, with decimation of some parties and enormous growth of others. The current Parliament (Tweede Kamer) now consists of more inexperienced Members than ever: over 40% of them is brand new and about a third of the remaining group has only a few years of experience ([source](#)). This might shift a bit as soon as a new government is installed, but even four months after the elections it's hard to predict what that government would look like and when that might be.

While we're waiting, the Members of Parliament have started their work. S4F thought it fitting to remind them of the fact that it's not just their years in Parliament that count, but that there's a lot more at stake. There's always been long-term consequences of fixed-term governments and parliaments, but that's the case now than ever: the consequences of the climate crisis will be felt for centuries to come, and we call on the Members of Parliament to recognise their long-term responsibilities and act on them.

Find more information and (in Dutch) the letter on [our website](#).

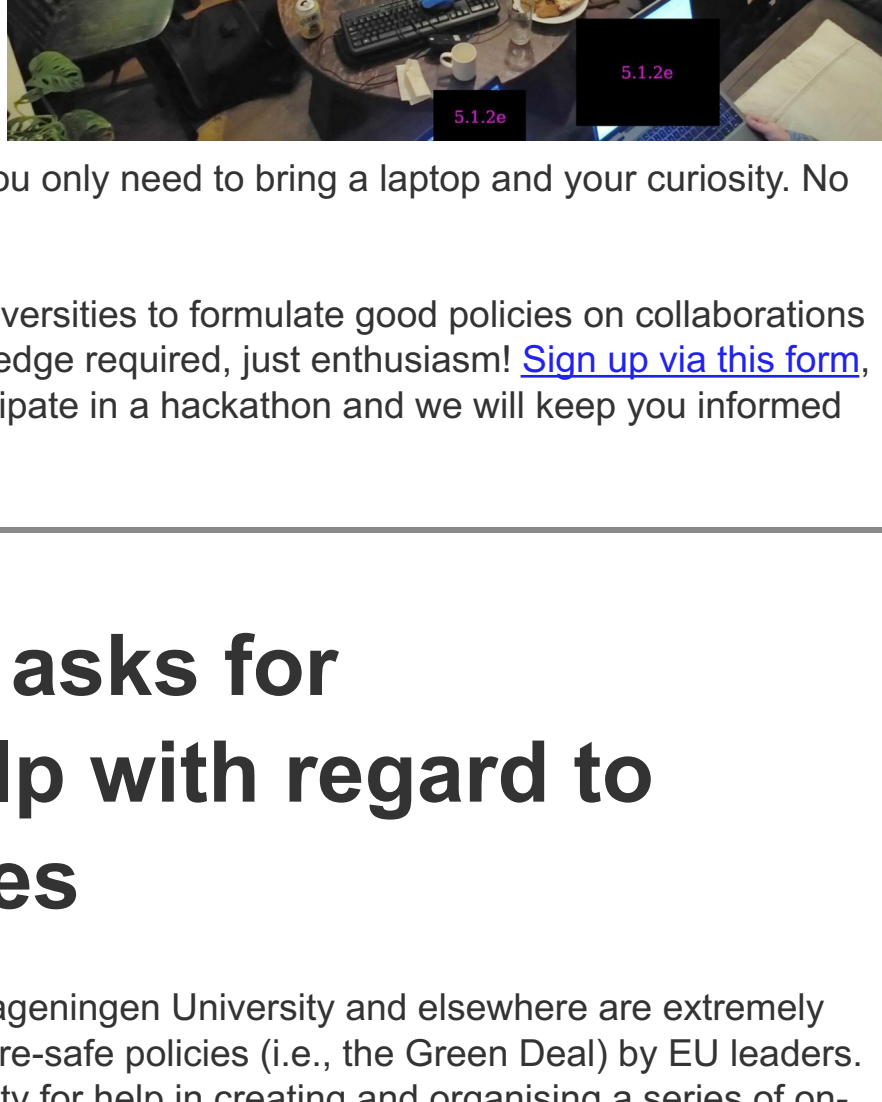


Discover the hidden ties between Dutch universities and the fossil industry!

By Linda Knoester (Solid Sustainability)

The Mapping Fossil Ties Coalition consists of students and staff from universities, local and national action groups and independent researchers mapping the "fossil ties" of Dutch universities: www.mappingfossilities.org.

We use various methods such as web scraping, interviews, Freedom of Information requests ('Wet Open Overheid') and crowdsourcing. During our 'hackathons' (see photo), we will have fun sifting through documents together. We provide snacks and drinks, you only need to bring a laptop and your curiosity. No experience is needed.



Help us provide transparency and urge universities to formulate good policies on collaborations with the fossil industry. No technical knowledge required, just enthusiasm! [Sign up via this form](#), let us know in which city you want to participate in a hackathon and we will keep you informed about the dates!

S4F-Wageningen asks for (inter)national help with regard to future-safe policies

Members of the scientific community at Wageningen University and elsewhere are extremely concerned about the strong erosion of future-safe policies (i.e., the Green Deal) by EU leaders. At WU we are looking at the S4F community for help in creating and organising a series of on- and off-campus events by scientists leading up to the 6-9 June European parliamentary elections. We love to see them happening at national and EU level, involving many universities and institutes. Think of:

- public lectures
- prominent scientists writing opinion pieces in national newspapers
- wearing bright red socks on certain days of the week
- posting pictures of scientists wearing red socks on social media and calling others to follow suit
- writing blog posts
- a S4F webinar (or two)
- making use of 22nd May as Global Biodiversity Day
- ...and more!

At WU we are passionate and can devote time but we lack strong organisational skills to create an awareness-raising campaign. Can S4F-NL be of assistance?

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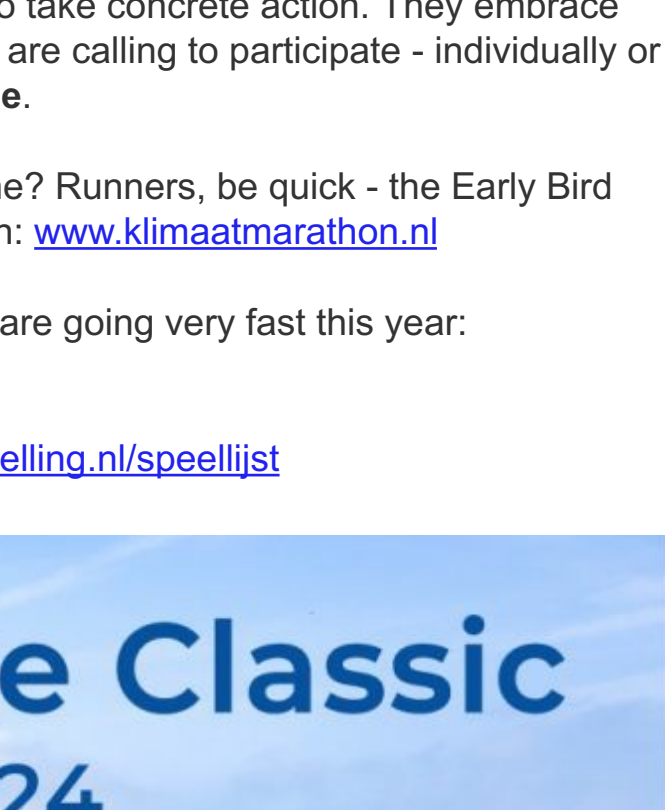
Climate Science on stage + Running 4 Climate & Cycling 4 Climate

"Abundance" A theatre performance where culture and science come together on one stage.

"Overvloed" Een theatervoorstelling waar cultuur en wetenschap samenkomen op één podium.

Physical oceanographer Sjoerd Groeskamp and comedian Patrick Nederkoorn join forces and take the audience into their imagination about the consequences of climate change. Various future scenarios are discussed in a mix of cabaret and science. They are touring the Netherlands with their theatre show and will perform in Delft, Bodegraven, Rotterdam, Ede, Hardenberg, Texel, Ermelo, Apeldoorn, Amsterdam and Heerlen in the coming months.

Marjan Minnesma says of the performance in HP/De Tijd: "The performance left a deep impression on me. In a light-hearted way, they showed what is going on and what we need to do to avoid literally going under."

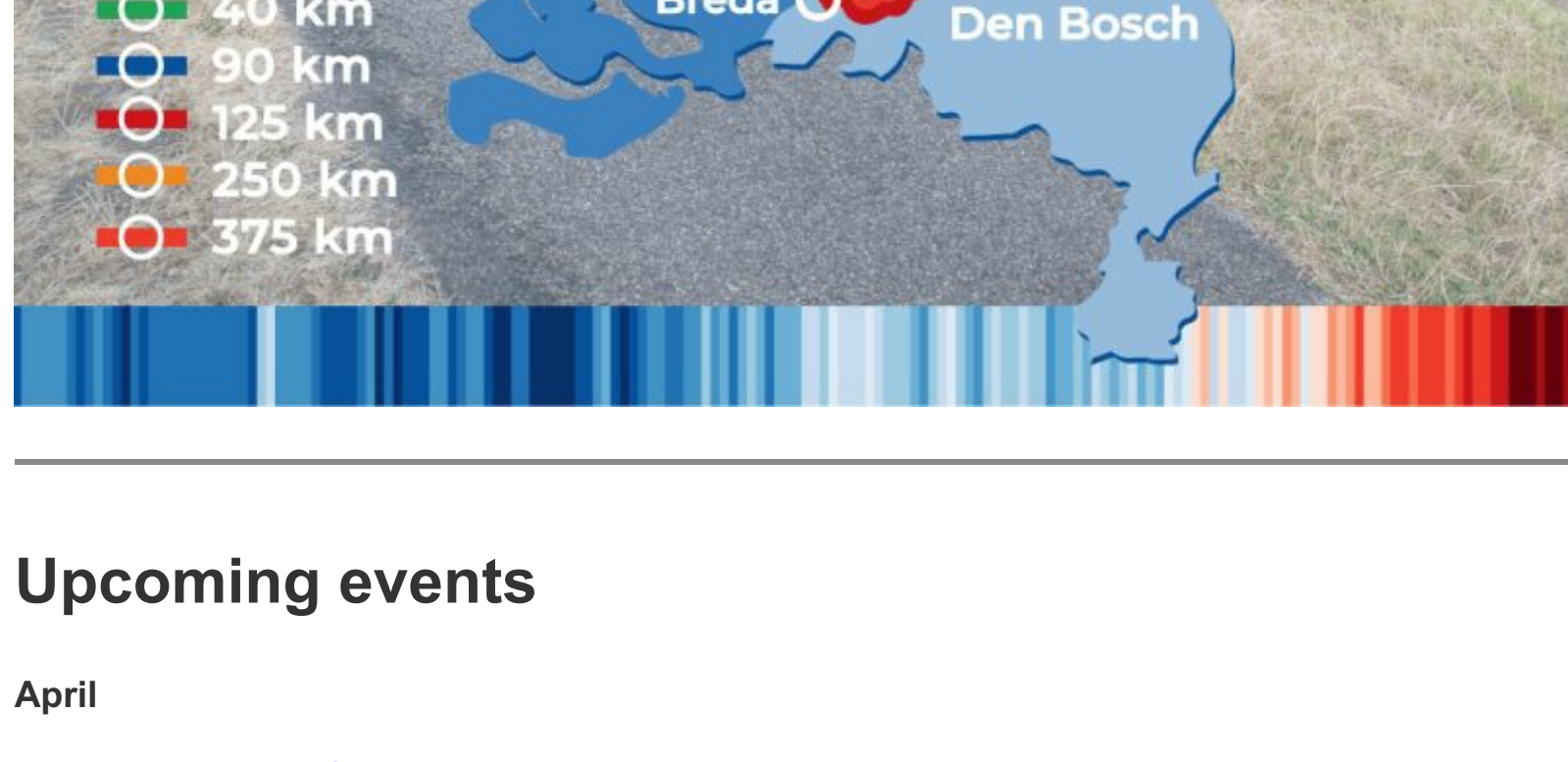


After the end of their theatre show at theatre Ludens in Voorburg on Friday 8 March, Sjoerd Groeskamp and Patrick Nederkoorn gave an encore. Besides being a scientist at the NIOZ Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research, Sjoerd Groeskamp is also a running enthusiast. As this picture shows, Sjoerd and Patrick showed how to take concrete action. They embrace the KlimaatMarathon and Climate Classic initiative. And are calling to participate - individually or with a team - in these sporting events on **Friday 21 June**.

Will you - like Sjoerd and Patrick - join on Friday 21 June? Runners, be quick - the Early Bird registration for the Climate Marathon is only valid until 21 March: www.klimaatmarathon.nl

Cyclists, be quick - registrations for the Climate Classic are going very fast this year: www.climateclassic.nl

To reserve tickets for "Overvloed": www.klimaatvoorstelling.nl/speellijst



Upcoming events

April

- 6 April, 13:00: [Support demonstration A12](#)
- 10 April, 12:00-13:00: drop-in meet&greet on [Zoom](#)
- 18 April, 11:30-19:00: [What do we want \(or not want\) from publishers](#), by Universiteiten van Nederland in Utrecht
- 20 April, 13:00-17:00: in-person national meeting in Utrecht

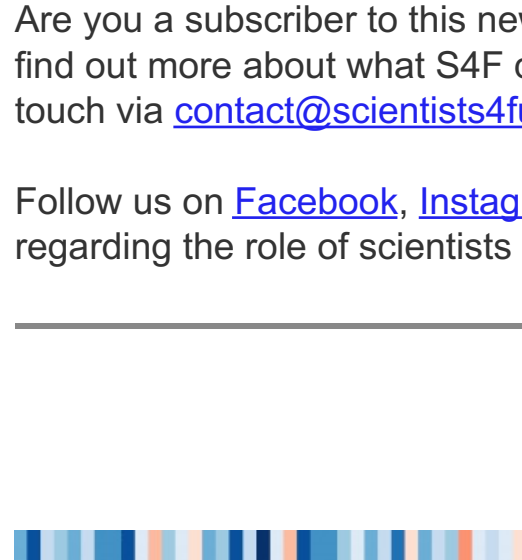
May

- 13 May, 20:00: national meeting Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)

June

- 6-9 June: EU elections
- 18 June, 20:00: national meeting Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)
- 21 June: Running 4 Climate & Cycling 4 Climate

Local groups



- [Amsterdam](#)
- [Delft](#)
- Deventer/Zutphen
- Groningen
- Leiden
- Maastricht
- [Nijmegen](#)
- NIOZ (Texel and Yerseke)
- [Twente](#)
- [Utrecht](#)
- [Wageningen](#)

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