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## Editorial

Another newsletter? Already? That's right! There's a lot of things happening at the moment, with meetings within S4F, actions and letters by S4F and in collaboration with for example Scientist Rebellion and, of course, the [upcoming March for Climate and Justice](#). Read all about it in this extra newsletter!

On behalf of the coordination group,  
Jacqueline



## Sign our letter to the European Union calling for non-renewal of the glyphosate permit.

By Marjan Smeulders

The approval to use the herbicide glyphosate in the EU runs out on 15 December this year. In October, EU countries failed to agree on the proposal by the European Commission to grant a new 10-year permit. The Netherlands abstained in this vote. The proposal is now being considered by the Appeal Committee and a second vote will take place on 16 November. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) [concludes](#) that there are knowledge gaps and outstanding issues in the risk assessment for glyphosate. Scientists throughout Europe are raising their concern that the assessment dossier is selective in that publications by university-affiliated scientists are hardly included and that the assessment framework is seriously deficient to determine the effects on health and biodiversity, and ask for the precautionary principle to be applied:

1. Scientists for Future NL and Scientist Rebellion have written a letter to the European Commission, the Appeal Committee and the Health and Safety commissioner, asking for a ban. We welcome scientists to co-sign our letter [here](#) until 8 November 13:00 CET.
2. NGO Natuur & Milieu, together with professors Bas Bloem, Martina Vijver and Violette Geissen have written a letter to our government calling for the voices of concerned citizens and the insights from independent science to be heavily considered in the decision before us and to conduct additional research. Scientists can co-sign [this letter](#) too by 8 November.
3. The European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility (ENSSER) have called on the EU to respect the precautionary principle and withdraw glyphosate's authorization. Read their statement [here](#).

## Meet & greet 16 November

By Disa Sauter

We are organising a Meet & Greet for people who have recently joined S4F on Thursday 16 November at 20.00 on [Zoom](#). We will tell you about how Scientists for Future works and the kind of work we do, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions and informally meet others. Hope to see you there!

## Recap in-person national meeting 4 November

By Marjan Smeulders

Saturday 4 November we had a national meeting in Utrecht. We shared the progress on our current projects, such as self censorship, sustainable banking and investments by our universities and research institutes, and S4F's social media strategy. We also discussed strategies we can use as S4F to be most effective on the national and the local level and how we can welcome and onboard new members, and brainstormed about potential new projects such as how we can join the [international action](#) demanding Elsevier to cut its extensive ties with the fossil industry. Also coming are plans around climate ambassadors in faculties to speed up sustainability, having the warming stripes painted on university walls as a visible statement to the urgency of the crisis, and a call for research into peat extraction in The Netherlands. The next in-person meeting we will discuss energy transition delay tactics and how we can help make these visible.



It is always very inspiring to meet each other in person! You can find the minutes in the Slack, contact us via [contact@scientists4future.nl](mailto:contact@scientists4future.nl) for the access link!

We hope to see many of you in our next meeting online on 12 December, note that this meeting was on 19 December but has been moved! Join us on the 12th of December, 20:00 CET in [this Zoom room](#).

## Reading and listening tips

By Jacqueline Hoppenreijts

This time it's not a book or a podcast, but a newsletter! Being quite famous already, CarbonBrief develops a tremendous job reporting on climate related developments in science, politics and more. Check out [their website](#), they have daily and (bi)weekly newsletters too!



For a list of other interesting climate related books click [here](#).

## Upcoming events

- 12 November: March for Climate and Justice
- 16 November: meet & greet for people that are (relatively) new to Scientists4Future NL
- 12 December: national meeting Scientists4Future NL

## Local groups

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

## Get involved!

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