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Editorial

The end of the year is approaching and many of us are looking forward to a break over the holidays! The end of November and early December were full of activities and news related to COP28. Many people are enthusiastic over its outcome, given that its outcome for the first time mentions that the goal is to "transition away from fossil fuels". Many others have expressed disappointment about the wording or the fact that other goals, such as those related to climate justice, have not been achieved. Find a summary of COP28 by CarbonBrief [here](#).

What else has been going on? Scientists4Future NL has been busy as ever, and that includes making plans for 2024. We hope that you're going to be a part of it, starting with the meet&greet AND national meeting on 31 January! And why not bring a friend or colleague that is interested in what universities and universities of applied sciences can do to counter the climate crisis? Read more below, and we hope to see you there!

Until then, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and time to rest and recharge!

Meet&greet 31 January

Are you concerned about climate change but not sure what you can do about it? Or are you involved in other groups but curious about Scientists for Future? Or have you recently joined Scientists for Future and do you want to get to know us better?

Please join our Meet & Greet on Wednesday 31 January at 19.00 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.

Join us: we are stronger together!

For questions, please email us at contact@scientists4future.nl



Good news corner

It's not always easy to stay hopeful and positive when engaged in work that is related to the climate crisis. However, on S4F NL's Slack channel we saw a lot of positive news these past days! Here's a selection for you:

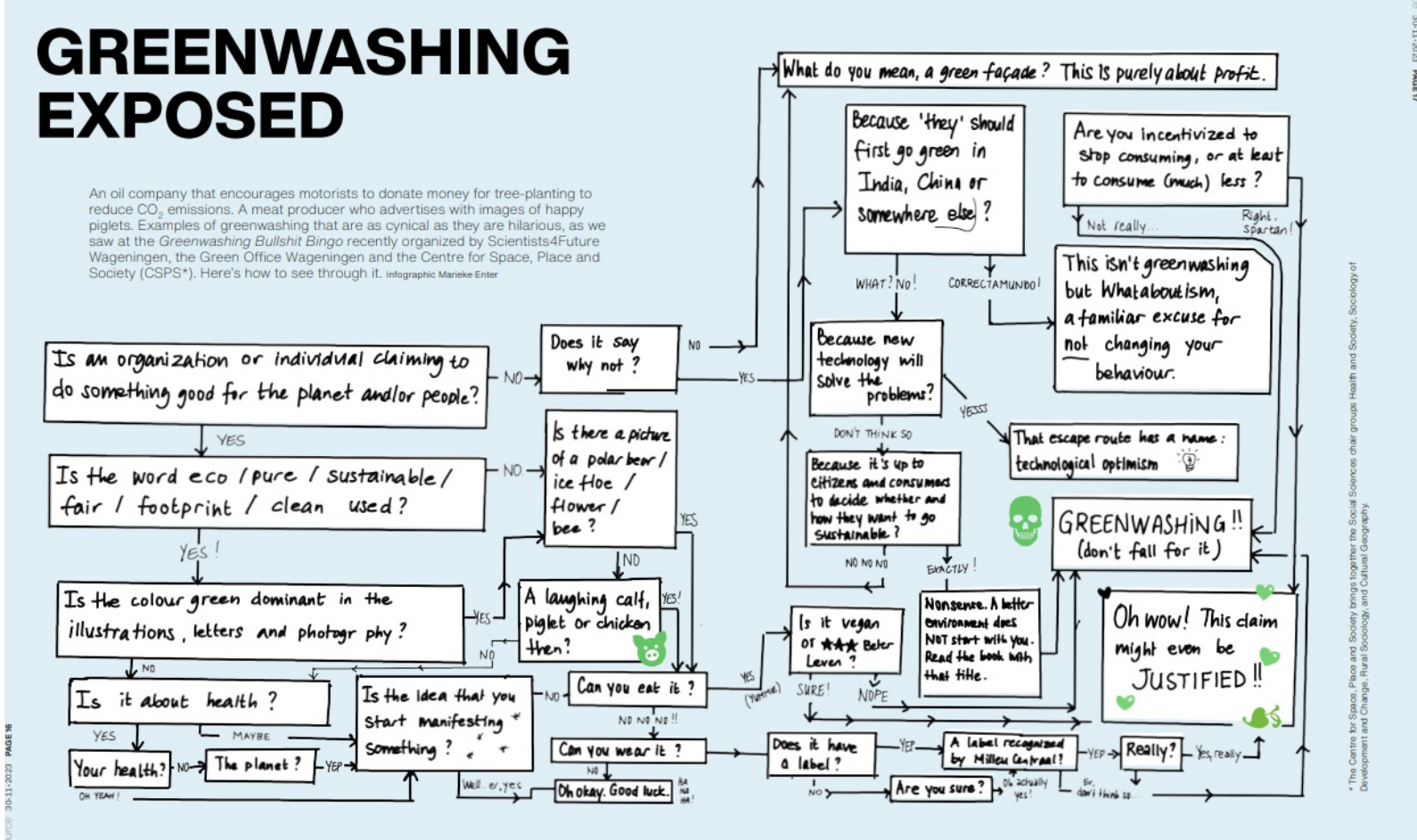
- 85% of newly installed power plants worldwide are renewable by now
- 17% less food waste in Dutch supermarkets in the last 5 years- quite a bit!
- 8.5% less meat consumption in Germany within just a year
- Dutch composting industry will overachieve its past covenant goal to double its production of compost as peat replacement from 300000m³ to 600000m³! The aim was to get there by 2025, but they will reach it this or at latest next year!
- European carbon markets get more and more traction
- 4bn € in Germany for nature-based climate solutions like wetland restoration
- First medium-sized fossil subsidies in the Netherlands out of the door
- Forests in the Netherlands are improving and becoming more diverse, according to the recently published [Florabalans](#)

New Year's resolution: we want to grow!

Do you usually make a list of New Year's resolutions? Here's a tip from S4F NL: forward this newsletter to a colleague! We send out this newsletter to over 1200 academics and professionals and we want to grow. Not just a little bit, but to 2000 readers in 2024! Will you help us make that possible?

Greenwashing Bingo

By Martijn Duineveld



[S4F Wageningen](#), [The Centre for Space, Place and Society](#), and the [Green Office Wageningen](#) organised a Bullshit Bingo Greenwashing Pub Quiz to discuss complex topics in a fun and accessible way. The first edition of the quiz was held on Saturday, November 18, and attracted over 40 participants at a café in downtown Wageningen. The pub quiz and bingo event focused on how corporations use misleading green advertising, unfounded environmental claims, and contradictory climate promises to delay or prevent necessary climate policies and actions. During the evening, we shared hilarious, problematic, and crazy examples of greenwashing. We raised awareness about the issue of climate obstruction, which is how big industry obstructs transitions to a low-emission society and climate justice. We also awarded prizes. Please note that more editions of the Bullshit Bingo Greenwashing Pub Quiz will follow. If you would like to organise one yourself let martijn.duineveld@wur.nl know and he will provide you with assistance, the PowerPoint and script.

Upcoming events

- 31 January, 19:00: meet&greet for people that are (relatively) new to Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)
- 31 January, 20:00: national meeting Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)
- 7th March, 20:00: national meeting Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)
- 20 April: in-person national meeting in Utrecht
- 13 May, 20:00: national meeting Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)
- 18 June, 20:00: national meeting Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)

Local groups

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



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