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Editorial

It's December! The past weeks and months have flown by and a lot of things have happened, climate-wise and otherwise. A lot of S4F'ers have participated in the [National Climate week](#) and at the [Malieveld protests](#) in November. S4F has launched its new website (it's beautiful, check it out [here!](#)) and we'll be meeting for our monthly national meeting on 10 December, 20:00 on Zoom. Shoot us [an e-mail](#) if you want to hear more about our meetings, or simply for the Zoom-link.

This newsletter has a lot more to offer: updates on the Elsevier petition and S4F's e-mail action about municipalities' fossilfree advertising policies, news about the Wadden sea gas drilling plans and a fundraiser for S4F.

For those that have to miss the national meeting: we wish you a nice and warm holiday season, and hope to see you in 2025!

S4F coordination group
Disa, Philipp, Sietse and Jacqueline

Invitation: national meeting 10 December

It's time for the last national meeting of the year! Do we see you 10 December, 20:00 CET on Zoom?

On the agenda: S4F's social media, possibilities for collaboration with Scientist Rebellion NL, and planned actions for 2025 (e.g. university finances and the academic publishing system)! As always there's space for everyone's input, so make sure to join and bring your topics to the table!

Find the link to the meeting on Slack or [e-mail us](#) to receive it.



Update: Climate week Elsevier petition

By Marjan Smeulders

The open letter to Dutch science publisher Elsevier has been signed by 160 academics so far. In the letter, Scientists for Future NL calls **on Elsevier and its parent company RELX to stop facilitating fossil fuel exploration and expansion, by taking responsibility for the content of their journals and database services and thereby acting in accordance with its human rights policy.** You can still support this action by [signing the letter!](#) In January we will send the letter to Elsevier and ask to meet them to discuss our call.

Good news corner

Many of us work with climate change or related issues and it's easy to get lost in the many problems that we are facing as individuals or as a society. But sometimes there's good news too! We're listing a few of our favourites from the past weeks:

- The Netherlands is not the only country struggling with environmental issues. Denmark has established a policy that ensures that [15% of its farmland will be converted to forest and other nature types](#) with higher ecological value to counter its environmental problems.
- Over 20,000 people showed up at the Malieveld protests against the budget cuts that the government is planning for the budget cuts. Read a report [here](#).
- [The Guardian reported](#) on the urban living experiment in Oosterwold, where citizens use at least 50% of their property for food production.
- One of S4F's National Climate week actions was related to The Hague's decision to [only allow fossilfree advertising in the city's public space](#). S4F asked people to e-mail their own municipalities to make the same decision, and over 30 municipalities were contacted! Two of them, Nijmegen and Ede have already debated this issue (with one [positive](#) and one negative result) and the other municipalities are discussing the issue internally at the moment. To be continued!

News: Trouw article on wetlands as a solution for the stikstofcrisis

By Philipp Gramlich

Farming on wetlands means less nitrogen and greenhouse gas emissions and... more farmers!

In a [recent article in Trouw](#), Philipp and Karin describe how rewetting peaty soils for wet agriculture can allow us to lower emissions in contrast to animal grazing, while getting a earning model to farmers. One of the most fascinating crops we could grow is *Sphagnum* moss, the ideal replacement for the fossil peat we use in our gardens and greenhouses, leading to an additional benefit for our climate.

Initiatives to show the economic feasibility are starting up, for example [ZukunftMoor](#), which is just planting *Sphagnum* on 12 hectares in Germany, financed by the sustainable investment platform [Corekees](#).

Fundraiser: support S4F for a Sustainable Future

As the year comes to a close, join us in empowering change for the new year! Scientists4Future can use your support to keep its mission strong: funding vital needs like website maintenance, meeting spaces, and providing merchandise to spread our message.

Every contribution, big or small, single or recurring, helps us advocate for science-driven climate action and strengthen our community.

Donate now via [Open Collective](#). Together, we can make a difference. Thank you for your support!

Update: gas drilling Wadden Sea

By Marjan Smeulders

No permit for gas drilling in the Wadden Sea? This month is a crucial month for the Wadden Sea: the minister for Climate and Green Growth needs to decide whether or not to allow gas drilling below the Wadden Sea from Ternaard in Friesland.

Already two years ago, Scientists for Future sent an [open letter](#) signed by 372 academics to the then ministers of Climate and Nature and Nitrogen and the state secretary of Mining, to urge them not to allow gas drilling in this UNESCO World Heritage site. Since then, [more studies](#) confirm that the Wadden Sea is at high risk of irreversible damage through fossil fuel extraction. On Friday 6 December we sent the 2022 letter to the minister of Climate and Green Growth urging her to decide in favour of the Wadden Sea. That same day we [learned](#) that the cabinet does not want further drilling in the Wadden Sea. The decision is not definite yet, but this is some positive news!

Reading, watching and listening tips

From Anne: Rewatch the Future Scientists webinar by Rens Bod on [YouTube](#). Learn more about the past, present and future of Dutch academia!

Do you want to share something you read, saw or listened to with other newsletter readers? Send us an e-mail at [contact@scientists4future.nl!](#)

Upcoming events

December

- 10 December: national meeting ([Zoom](#))
- 11 December: local protests against the budget cuts (read more on the [WOinActie website](#))

Get involved!



Are you a subscriber to this newsletter who is not yet actively involved in S4F NL? Curious to find out more about what S4F does and how you can contribute? Chances are that there's an active S4F chapter where you are based!

Read about the places and ways in which S4F works for a better climate on [our website](#) and get in touch via [contact@scientists4future.nl!](#)

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