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Editorial

Dear reader,

This brand new newsletter informs you about the latest and coming **S4F actions**, two requests to support S4F with your **knowledge** or **time**, and an update on the upcoming national meetings of May and June.

Please note that, due to a clash with other events, **the in-person national meeting of 18 May is moved to 22 June**. The next national meeting is now on Zoom on 27 May (20:00) and the original, online June meeting, on 17 June, is cancelled.

Update: continued ban on fossil advertising in The Hague!

In late April, you received an extra newsletter that called on your support for the **ban on fossil fuel advertising** that The Hague passed through local legislation, as well to support **national implementation** of such legislation.

Tour operators and travel associations took The Hague to court in that same week, demanding that The Hague repeal the legislation. That would likely have led to increased consumption of fossil fuel-driven products, thereby contributing to climate change and endangering public health, but thankfully the court decided that The Hague continues to have the right to implement this legislation.

The verdict has already helped ban fossil fuel advertising in Utrecht: per the 1st of January, fossil advertising is banned from the entire municipality! Read about the discussion and the plans on the council's website.

Hopefully, more municipalities will follow: a group of researchers from Amsterdam, Groning and Zurich suggests that other governments, local, regional or national, may get inspired: read the article here and keep following the debate in your own municipality!



Call: expert(s) on (association-related) legislation needed

As many other associations and movements, S4F is sometimes represented by individuals. Often, this is some of us that make a conscious choice to do so for a specific action, for example by taking part in physical action, signing a petition, or through writing a letter to the government or political representatives. In other cases, such representation comes with more specific and continuous responsibilities, such as dealing with S4F's finances.

The small and dedicated group of people working with this has been working well, but would like to discuss the limitations of these responsibilities to understand them better. Are you someone with a juridical background, preferably in corporate or association law, and could you spare an hour to discuss these questions with us? Please send us an e-mail, thank you in advance!

S4F participates in demonstration at Rabobank headquarters

Join the large demonstration at Rabobank's shareholders meeting in Utrecht on 22 May!

Why I Because the Rabobank continues to support and fund unsustainable agricultural practices, such as deforestation in Brazil for fodder production for Dutch intensive agriculture. That means that damage is done twice: to the Amazon and to the Veluwe!

Why II Apart from investing in the wrong things, Rabobank fails to support climate-friendly industries, such as those building on the transition to plant-based food production.

Why III Rabobank still does not commit to the Paris Agreement (after 10 years!) and a future with limited climatic change.

<u>Urgenda's Landinzicht</u> shows that sustainable agriculture and food production are possible. Together with other organisations, such as Agro-Ecologie netwerk, Toekomstboeren, Milieudefensie, Extinction Rebellion and Scientist Rebellion we call on Rabobank to shift gears and contribute to a sustainable future.

Join the demonstration!

When? 22 May, 16:00-17:15

What? Speeches, music and a panel discussion

Where? Rabobank HQ, Croeselaan 18 in Utrecht.

How? Contact us via e-mail to receive more information.



Call: join S4F's team e-mail!

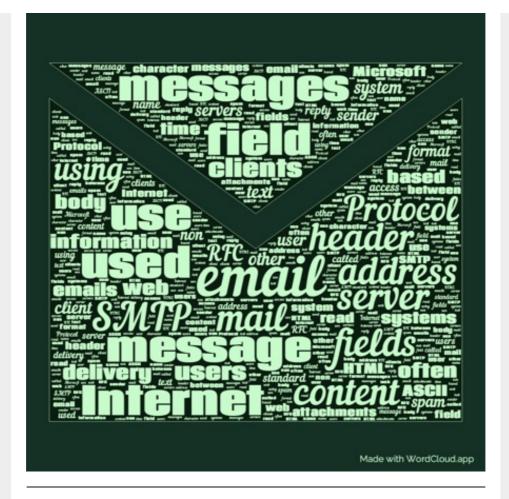
Dear S4F newsletter readers,

We do need your help! S4F is a self-organising group, and one of the things that needs doing is monitoring incoming email and forwarding it to the right people. We have a team of (ideally) 6 - 7 people, each reading and forwarding mail for one week in every 6 weeks. The task is easy, it does not need special knowledge. If you are in doubt about the destination, team-email is available for help.

Currently we are 2 people short in the team, so if you always wanted to do just a bit more than reading the newsletter, this is the moment to act! <u>Send us an email</u> that you are willing to help out.

Many thanks,

-- team email.





Reading and listening tips

Paper of the month: curious about the obstacles that scientists face in acting on their climate crisis knowledge? This article in Nature Ecology & Evolution explores the gap between scientists' deep understanding of the bioclimatic crisis and their limited engagement in environmental actions. It identifies four main barriers: striving for neutrality, over-reliance on knowledge, scientific reductionism, and the socialisation process within academia. These seem to prevent many scientists from turning their awareness into action, and emphasises the need for collective reflection to drive effective change.

Dupont, L., Jacob, S. & Philippe, H. Scientist engagement and the knowledge–action gap. *Nat Ecol Evol* **9**, 23–33 (2025). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-024-02535-0

Upcoming events

May

- 22 May: demonstration Rabobank headquarters Utrecht (<u>e-mail us</u> for info on how to join)
- 27 May: national meeting (20:00, Zoom)
- 28 May and onwards: US Weather & Climate Livestream

June

- 20 June: climate marathon and climate classic
- 22 June: national meeting (in-person in Utrecht, 13:00)

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 <u>our website</u> and get in touch via <u>contact@scientists4future.nl!</u>

Follow us on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> or <u>BlueSky</u> where we share national and international news regarding the role of scientists in times of the climate crisis.













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