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Editorial

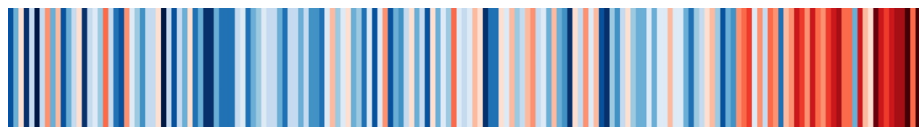
Dear reader,

The past weeks have been eventful and we are, especially with the elections at the back of our minds, gearing up for a very climate-active autumn! Read on for reflections on the October **climate march** and the elections, as well as our plans for **collaborating with the newly elected MPs** and, especially, the **smaller parties**. Do you want to join in on these discussions and plans? Keep reading, and don't forget to mark **17 November** as the date for our next national (Zoom-)meeting in your calendar!

Best wishes,
S4F coordination group

PS we will have an **in-person national meeting** early next year, most likely in Utrecht. Please fill in [this doodle](#) to help us pick a date!

PPS we will meet for an **onboarding event** on 12 November, 19:30. Join us on [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID 858 7994 9888, Passcode 398485, save the link in your calendar!) if you feel like meeting more climate-minded people!



Dutch election 2025: No end to right-wing extremism, but a realistic path to a centrist government

By Philipp and Jacqueline

At first sight, the election result looks like pure good news for the climate and our democracy. The likely winner of the election is not a right-wing extremist but a hopeful and competent centrist politician who prioritises ecological questions in his programme, albeit not in his campaign. We did not hear Rob Jetten (former 'klimaatdrammer' and Minister for Climate and

Energy) talk about the climate or ecological crisis the past months. That was a general trend, however: climate was not a theme during this past campaign, neither for the parties themselves nor during interviews or debates. That was worrying, but may also have been strategy ([link to article in Folia](#), in Dutch). But let's look more closely at the election outcomes.

The extreme right has not lost. Votes have been shifted from Wilders' PVV to other right-wing parties, and the PVV still has gotten its second best election result ever. Both the centre-left and centre-right have lost a considerable number of seats, which have been gobbled up by Rob Jetten's centrist D66. So, is the election result excellent news when the number of seats going to politicians who ignore or reject scientific proof for the climate crisis stays the same?

Still, the result has a massive upside: forming a government will be complicated but should be possible, with Rob Jetten at the political centre of a coalition with CDA and VVD, and hopefully GL-PvdA to strengthen D66's choices on climate and other environment-related issues. This coalition would also enjoy a comfy majority in both chambers of parliament, but the question remains whether the most left-wing (GL-PvdA) and the most right-wing (VVD) could work together.

Keep reading to learn about **our plans to invite the newly elected MPs to meet**, and on how we plan to **form connections with especially the smaller parties**, who can use our support in the form of well-founded information related to the climate crisis and related policy.

Note that these are the reflections of the authors, and don't represent the opinions of S4F as a whole.

Start webinar season

S4F has had multiple series of successful webinars over the past years, aiming to inform scientists and the public about different aspects of the climate crisis. Check out the previous webinars on [our YouTube channel](#)!

Currently, we are preparing for a new season with climate-related webinars! If you have ideas for topics and/or speakers, or are interested in helping us organise, please contact us [via e-mail](#)!



Scientists at the Climate March of 26 October

Frustrated with the limited climate coverage in the run-up to the Dutch parliamentary elections, the [Climate Crisis Coalition](#) (KCC) organized another big climate march on 26 October in The Hague with the motto "Choose future, choose climate!". Of course, we were there; together with [Scientist Rebellion](#), we formed a strong and visible Science Block.

We assembled early at the skatepark on the Koekamplaan, to hand over a petition to the politicians Christine Teunissen (Partij voor de Dieren), Suzanne Kröger (GroenLinks-PvdA), Laurens Dassen (Volt) and Pascale Plusquin (Vrede voor Dieren). You can read more about this petition below. The skatepark was also a very nice backdrop to show off our trusted "Science not Silence"-banner, which later even featured prominently on the [Regio 15](#) and the [AD](#) websites. Meanwhile, we could enjoy the impressive view of thousands of people streaming from the train station onto the Malieveld.



Photo taken by Margreet.

We joined the crowd on the Malieveld eventually, where we showed off our banner some more and caught part of the speeches by Kjell Masoud Kroon (involved with the climate court case for Bonaire) and Michiel Servaes (Oxfam Novib), who both made it clear that climate change is linked to injustices and inequality. After that, a 3 km march through the city center of The Hague, fittingly taking us along the Hofvijver with the oft-photographed exhibition of large election posters.

Perhaps unsurprisingly due to the timing of the march, several political parties were visibly present with flags. We spotted D66, GroenLinks-PvdA, Partij voor de Dieren, Bij1, the Socialistische Partij and even the Haagse Stadspartij. Volt stood out, as they had managed to mobilize many of their young supporters and dress them in distinctive purple garb. A Bij1 supporter caught our attention from above, suspended from a large traffic sign. Somehow, the weather stayed dry during the march, despite fairly heavy rain in the morning.

The KCC estimates that more than 45.000 people had turned up for the march, making this one of the larger climate marches. In our view, this is a sign that many Dutch citizens are (still) very concerned about climate change. Hopefully, our national politicians will take that into account in the coalition negotiations.

Presentation of S4F letter to party leaders

By Marjan

More than 180 scientists and academics from Dutch universities and research institutes so far support our call to party leaders to:

1. prioritize policies against climate change in the upcoming coalition negotiations
2. announce their party will stop new gas extraction and new infrastructure for LNG.
3. fully phase out fossil subsidies in the coming cabinet period.

You can find the letter on our website, via [this link](#)! It was sent to all party leaders one week before the elections. Laurens Dassen from Volt, Christine Teunissen from PvdD, Suzanne Kröger from GL-PvdA and Pascale Plusquin from Vrede voor Dieren met with the large group of scientists present at the national climate march on Sunday 26 October in The Hague and were handed the letter in person. We are still collecting support for the letter, so please [sign it](#) yourself, and feel free to share the letter within your academic network!



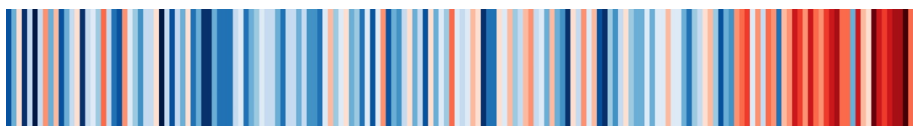
Upcoming action: Letter to newly elected MPs

While the final decision on the election outcome still needs to be taken, we are preparing a letter to send to the newly elected MP's. We did the same after the previous elections (see [the letter on our website](#)) and that resulted in some really **productive meetings** and **lasting collaborations** where **S4F and MPs exchanged information and discussed ongoing issues** that were under debate in Parliament. More news on this will follow!

Upcoming action: Establishing contact with smaller parties

The challenges that small parties face are many and well-described: they are underfunded and understaffed, and often lack expertise on some of the topics that are discussed in Parliament. Being a small team makes it hard to prepare and participate in all the meetings that MPs can attend, and having access to information that a group may lack within its own ranks can increase the impact of the work significantly.

We therefore plan to contact the small parties that were elected into Parliament last month, and offer the tools and information that we, scientists and academics, have to offer. **Are you interested in helping us set up this collaboration?** Let us know!



Reading and listening tips

Paper of the month: Attribution studies in which the probability of extreme events is linked to the changing climate have become more and more common place over the past two decades ([link to review](#)). Their use for socio-economic impacts of the climate crisis is now increasing too.

In the paper ***Health losses attributed to anthropogenic climate change***, researchers explore different aspects of inequality in this field of study such as the geographic bias toward high-income countries, the dominance of Global North researchers in authorship (even in studies focusing on the Global South) and the lack of representation of vulnerable populations within countries. They also provide useful directions for the future, such as expanding research to health impacts such as infectious diseases, mental health and malnutrition, increasing geographic diversity in study sites, and investing in and empowering researchers from the global south to lead studies. Find the article [here](#)!

Podcast tip from Disa: **Carbon Bros** is a 4-part podcast series about the intersection between the manosphere and climate denial. It's written and co-hosted by Amy Westervelt (who made the excellent Drilled podcast). Carbon Bros is engaging, enraging, and entertaining. Highly

recommended, find the podcast [here!](#)

Do you have a reading, listening or watching tip for other S4F newsletter readers? [Let us know!](#)

Upcoming events

November

- 12 November, 19:30-20:30: onboarding meeting (online, via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID 858 7994 9888, pass code 398485).
- 17 November, 20:00: national meeting (online, [e-mail us for the Zoom-link](#))
- 24-26 November: CLlimate change and Fossil Fuel (CLIFF) conference ([website](#))

December

- 11 December: 10-year anniversary of the Paris Agreement with SR (in The Hague)
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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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