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Editorial

Dear reader,

We hope this newsletter finds you well! It's filled to the brim with updates on climate actions by ourselves and our partners, as well as some newly developed ideas and upcoming actions. We've had quite some media coverage in these past weeks, so there is news on that, too: make sure you're seated well and enjoy the read!

We hope to see you on one of our upcoming Zoom meetings on 27 October or 23 November (scroll down to "Upcoming Events" to see the details) or at the Nationale Noodbriefing on 17 November at Hogeschool Windesheim! You're always welcome to join us for a meeting or action, to discuss a topic that you think we should cover, or with any questions that you have about our work! You reach us easily at contact@scientists4future.nl.

Best wishes,
S4F coordination group

Update: DE-NL treaty on North Sea drilling

By Marjan

In our previous newsletters, we have written about the problematic treaty between Germany and the Netherlands, allowing for new gas drilling in fragile ecosystems at very low economic and societal gain. You can read about this on our website, too (here).

Together with Stichting Doggerland, Advocates for the Future and Fossielvrij, we now published opinion pieces in **Volkskrant** (link) and **Nederlands Dagblad** (link), explaining **why this treaty will lead us backwards in the energy transition**.

The opinion pieces were published a day before the deadline for parliamentarians to submit questions about the treaty to Stientje van Veldhoven, minister for Climate and Green Growth. **Both Partij voor de Dieren and PRO submitted critical questions.** You can read the report on the meeting here. Even **Follow the Money** picked up our opinion pieces in their newsletter (link)!

We now wait for the minister to answer the questions before further procedures to ratify the treatment will take place. We will keep you updated!

Join: ABP 5 years Fossil Free, time to celebrate?

By Marjan

S4F is working together with NGO FossilFree on fossil free pension funds. Join us for our joint event!

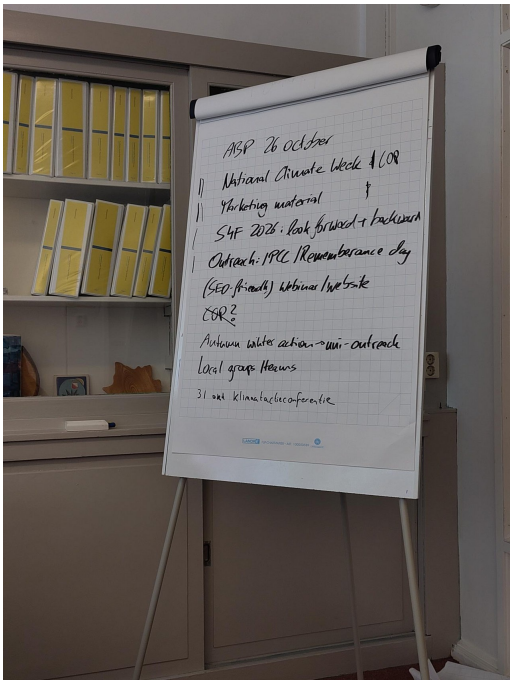
On 26 October 2021, after pressure from its members and climate activists including our colleagues from Scientists for Future, our pension fund ABP decided to divest from fossil industry. **To date, this remains one of climate movement's largest victories.**

Now, exactly 5 years later, it is time to take stock: is it time to celebrate or did ABP not live up to its promises ? **Join us on Monday, October 26, at the ABP office in Amsterdam**. We'll speak with former fellow activists, celebrate our victory, and take a critical look at where ABP stands right now. Because there is room for improvement! Will you be joining us? You can join the Signal group via this link!

Event details:
When: Monday 26 October, 16.00 - 17.00h
Where: Basisweg 10, 1043 AP Amsterdam (close to Sloterdijk Station)

Update: in-person national meeting October

By Jacqueline



On a Saturday in early October, a small group of people involved in S4F met up in Utrecht to discuss past, current and future climate actions. Next to that, there was some time to discuss the inner workings of S4F-NL! Starting with that, there was a **small workshop on website management** so that we can use our still-new website even better for publishing news and opinions, as well as updating the knowledge base.

During the afternoon we shared updates on ongoing actions, such as our **knowledge-sharing with politicians** and upcoming actions with regard to **sustainable pensions** and **fossil extraction**.

Of course, we also developed some new ideas! Among those the **development of the new knowledge base with sustainability strategies and visions** (scroll further to read more!) and the **Remembrance Day for Lost Species**, upcoming on 30 November. If you know or think that you want to participate in the latter, please contact us to discuss ideas by sending an e-mail!

These topics are also on the agenda for the online meeting on 27 October - scroll down to "Upcoming events" for the Zoom link and see you there!



Upcoming action: send us your institution's sustainability strategy

By Jacqueline

One of the roles of Scientists4Future NL is to provide information to fellow scientists, scholars and students, as well as the wider society. We already have an extensive **knowledge base on our website** (link), consisting of webinars on climate science, societal aspects of climate change, and climate activism. **We now want to add a new chapter to this knowledge base.**

With increasing emphasis on sustainability in the operation of our universities, universities of applied sciences and research institutes, we see that more and more organisations develop **sustainability strategy documents**, **vision documents**, et cetera.

Some of us are involved in putting together these documents, others are critical readers, yet others may be completely unaware of whether their organisation has a document like this. **For all of these positions, it may be helpful to have an idea of what such a document look may like!**

At the in-person national meeting in Utrecht, we therefore decided that S4F should collect as many strategy documents as possible, firstly as an addition to the S4F Knowledge base, and potentially later for analysis. **And: we need your help for this!** Can you share the strategy document from your organisation, so that we can add it to our knowledge base? Send it to us via e-mail, so that we can start collecting and inspire others!

Call to participate: survey on climate activism

By Anna Sach

We are interested in how we feel when we engage in climate activism. This can be anything from organising protests or workshops, doing paid advocacy work or being engaged in a local environmental initiative.

We aim to answer these questions: Does activism make us feel **better or worse**? Which emotions make us **engage** more? How do we deal with the **emotions** that we feel in relation to political action? When do people develop **activist burnout**?

You will fill out quick surveys for two weeks. In return, you can get up to 30€ or donate them to a climate movement and receive a personal summary. You can find more information in the video below and on our website (here), and sign up via the website. Please reach out to me if you have any questions by sending an e-mail (here)!

Sign: letter on food and feed safety

By Guy Peer

Dear colleague,

When policymakers act against both science and the interests of society, scientists have the room, and the mandate, to speak up.

Some time ago we spoke for the Nature Restoration Regulation and against the misinformation surrounding it (see Open Letter on SUR and NRL) - and with 6000 signatories we supported the adoption of the NRR by the EU Parliament.

Yet meanwhile the backlash against the Green Deal has worsened, and science is being ignored.

Pesticide over-use has grave impacts on both human health and the environment, yet the Parliament is advancing a Commission proposal to “simplify” (deregulate) pesticide use through an Omnibus proposal. A large group of scientists published a critical paper in Science stating that the EU Omnibus proposal increases pesticide risks, but some member of the EU Parliament have, strikingly, proposed amendments that rather make it even worse.

Scientists from the Netherlands drafted an Open Letter to the European Parliament to request that the debate on the OMNIBUS proposal on Food and Feed Safety is paused until a rigorous and independent assessment of the proposal has been conducted, and calling for science to be taken into account.

If you would like to join as a signatory, you can find the letter here (link). Could you please **sign it and send it around to your colleagues**?

Best regards,
Guy



Reading and listening tips

Reading tip from Arjen: Under the auspices of two renowned Dutch advisory boards, a bundle of essays has been published about the relationship between climate and democracy.

Authors from the *Raad voor het Openbaar Bestuur* and the *Wetenschappelijke Klimaatraad*, as well as many others have put this bundle together to reflect on the many influences that climate change has on the way our society and gouvernment function. Just think about it: effective measures to mitigate and adapt to the consequences requires long-term investments that are simply not catered for by the frequent elections for parliament and local authorities. How can we deal with that without sacrificing our democratic rights?

The bundle *Vuurproef voor democratie, Het klimaatvraagstuk als uitdaging voor democratie, rechtsstaat en bestuur*" is available online (here), as both a paperback and an open-access PDF file.

The essays are easy to read, even if the subject may seem somewhat abstract. They are well worth the effort!

Book tip, from and written by Philipp Gramlich: Careers with Impact - A Practical Guide to Purpose-Driven Work

Do activism and career development go together, or are they in each other's way? What can individuals do when they feel the urge to make a positive impact on the world while also managing their professional development? And what happens to your mental well-being when you expose yourself to these challenges? These and many more questions are answered in this new book, which is based on 17 in-depth interviews with activists and campaigners from the climate and social movements.

The book can be ordered via this link. If you know a magazine, uni newspaper, blog or other

media outlet that might be interested in reviewing the book, please send an email to Philipp via this link, and he can send a book.

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



Upcoming events

October:

- 26 October: expected publication WMO Greenhouse Gas Bulletin (link)
- 27 October, 20:00: national meeting (online, e-mail us for the Zoom-link)
- 31 October: Klimaatactieconferentie in Utrecht (website)

November:

- 2-8 November: National climate week (website)
- 6 November: Geef Tegengas' action Rise Up Against Data Centers (website)
- 15 November: Verenigd Front Kerngezond's action against nuclear energy in Groningen (website)
- 17 November: Nationale Noodbriefing incl. participation from S4F NL (website)
- 23 November, 20:00: national meeting (online, e-mail us for the Zoom-link)
- 24 November: Nacht van de Nacht (website)
- 30 November: Remembrance Day for Lost Species (website)

December:

- 17 December, 20:00: national meeting (online, e-mail us for the Zoom-link)

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!

Follow us on LinkedIn or BlueSky where we share national and international news regarding the role of scientists in times of the climate crisis.



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