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Editorial

Dear reader,

It is soon time for another of our **in-person national meetings**: we meet this Saturday, 3 October, at 12:30 in Utrecht ([e-mail us for the location info](#))! Let us know [here](#) if you're planning to join and what you want to talk about, or just drop in on Saturday - we would be happy to see you!

In this newsletter you read about some of the latest topics we have been working on, such as actions against **gas drilling in the North Sea**, organisation of **webinars** and work with the **ABP pension fund**. Enjoy the read, and remember: 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

Report: Science Block at the 12 September climate march

By Arjen



On September 12, the beautiful, sunny Saturday before Prinsjesdag, some **40,000 people** gathered in Amsterdam to walk, again, a march to encourage the politicians to take climate seriously. The march started at the Dam and finished at the Museumplein where various environmental and societal groups, including political parties, presented at stands.

Scientists for Future NL and Scientist Rebellion had joined forces to represent the scientific point of view.

One recurring item that we talked about

was the [Klimaatwiki](#), a website that is intended for anyone who wants to know more about climate and climate change and the associated problems and opportunities.

Despite the wind which tormented our banners and played mischief with the flyers spread out on the stand's table, we were able to speak to many people, although not all 40,000. We, the volunteers for the stand, saw the crowd gather at the Dam, hurried to the Museumplein and later saw the crowd arrive in full force at the Museumplein. **Was it a success? Yes, I would say so**, even if the reactions from the national politics were, well, lukewarm, if you want to express it optimistically. But that will not discourage us! **Especially since quite a few of the protesters signed up for more information about our groups. We are getting louder all the time!**



Photos by Nicole.

Call: join the ABP verantwoordigingsorgaan (in Dutch)

By Marjan

Call for new representatives for the "verantwoordigingsorgaan" of our pension fund ABP. This body advises the ABP board on policy matters, including investment choices.

ABP has more than 550 billion euro in assets. Five years ago, ABP decided to divest from fossil companies. However, ABP is still indirectly invested in companies involved in fossil fuels. The fraction [Groen & Eerlijk](#) in the accountability body is looking for **working and retired ABP members to advise the ABP board from 2027 onwards**. Deadline to apply is 15 October.

Groen & Eerlijk is organising two information webinars: 29 September (today, 19:30-20:30!) and 8 October (20:00-21:00). You are very welcome to join! For more information, check this LinkedIn post ([link](#)).



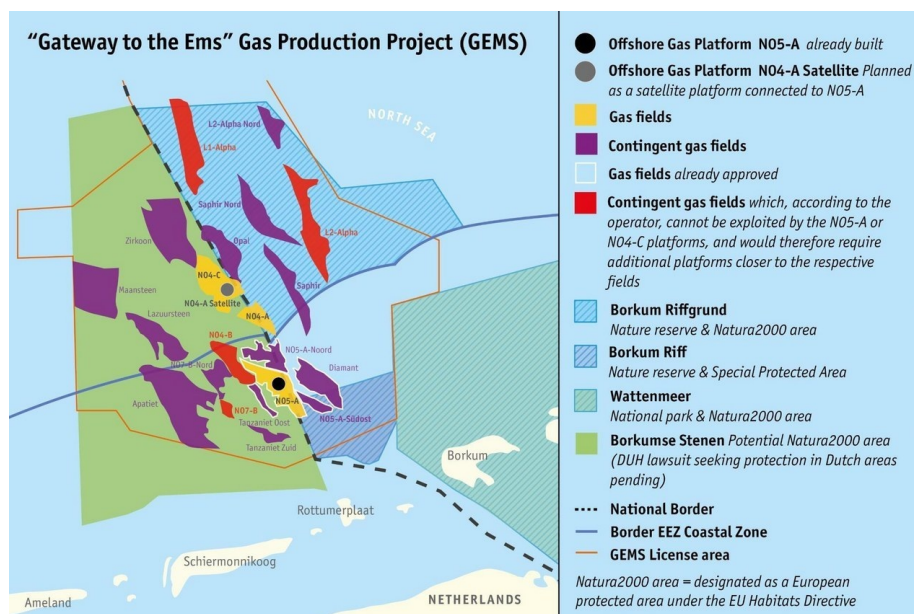
Update: letters to MPs to warn for North Sea drilling

By Arjen & Marjan

In 2022, Scientists for Future NL [objected](#) to a new gas drilling project by Dutch fossil company ONE Dyas in sector N05A north of Schiermonnikoog, in the ecologically important and sensitive reef system the Borkumse Stenen. Borkum Stones even is a Natura2000 area on the German side of the border. Since then, the company unfortunately received the permit and started drilling in 2025. ONE Dyas wants to expand their operations in the area with the Gateway to the Ems project and applied for new permits in 2026.

Since these gasfields cross the borders (see figure below), Germany and The Netherlands drew up a [treaty](#) in August 2025 to make it easier to give out permits. **On 8 October, Dutch parliament will discuss the treaty prior to ratification**. Together with our partners from Stichting Doggerland, Advocates for the Future and Fossielvrij, we have written to political

parties asking them to pose critical questions about the treaty during the debate, about the climate- and ecological effects of new gas extraction in this area, the resulting fossil lock-in by new extraction infrastructure and the possible consequences for the Natura2000 Borkum Stones as well as for the UNESCO world heritage status of the Wadden Sea.



We already [submitted a "zienswijze" on this topic](#) before summer, and now took our next step. **We ask parliamentarians to reject ratification of the treaty.** There is no carbon budget for new gas extraction: the current infrastructure already takes us beyond 1.5C. **New gas extraction will delay the energy transition. Gas from the North Sea will not contribute to energy independence and will not reduce gas prices as the volumes are not large enough to make a dent in the world gas price.**

Rewatch: webinar Leveraging agency for climate change mitigation

By Anne

Climate debates often frame individual behaviour and systems change as distinct pathways to action. In our latest webinar, Charlotte Kukowski and Kristian Nielsen explain how **social change** arises from **individuals' agency** within their roles in societal systems, and that **this agency should be actively leveraged to achieve meaningful climate change mitigation**. Watch it back here:

Example: Inequality in carbon footprints

Carbon footprint (tCO₂e)

0 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00 2.50 5.00 7.50 10.00 25.00 50.00

B'ruckner et al. (2022) in Nature Sustainability

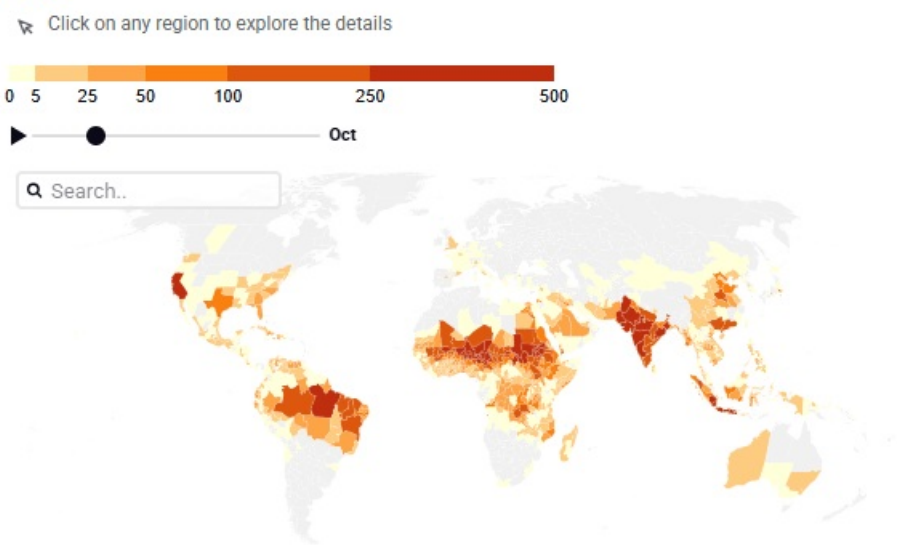
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Reading and listening tips

Reading tip from Jacqueline: the Climate Impact Lab at the University of Chicago has calculated and visualised how many are likely people are likely to suffer and die from the 2026-2027 El Niño. Summarised in [this article on NU.nl](#) (in Dutch) and accessible through the original on [the Climate Impact Lab website](#), we can see that over 400,000 people may suffer from heat-related death. Temperature predictions and information about local adaptive capacity and vulnerability make it possible to predict these numbers even per country and per month (see below): a level of specificity that science could not reach before and should be used to inform adaptation prioritisation.

Forecasted additional heat related deaths Sep 2026-Feb 2027 compared to 1996-2025



Source: Climate Impact Lab • Total estimated additional heat-related deaths for the next 6 months (September 2026-February 2027) of the current El Niño event compared to an average year. Total and monthly (bar charts) additional heat-related deaths over the six-month period are shown for selected locations. Grey indicates areas that are not projected to see an increase in heat-related deaths during the forecast period.

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



Upcoming events

October:

- 3 October, 13:00-17:00: in-person national meeting (in Utrecht, [e-mail us for the location info](#))
- 9-10 October: Terneuzen tot de Kern's action against nuclear energy in Terneuzen ([website](#))
- 19 October: Fossielvrij webinar on data centers and climate (in Dutch, [link](#))
- 26 October: expected publication WMO Greenhouse Gas Bulletin ([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 Kerntegengas's action against nuclear energy in Groningen ([website](#))
- 23 November, 20:00: national meeting (online, [e-mail us for the Zoom-link](#))
- 30 November: Remembrance Day for Lost Species ([website](#))

December:

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

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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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