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The coalition of European progressive parties and movements demands stronger climate action from the EU and its Member States. EU's current climate policies are leading us toward climate catastrophe and a global increase in temperatures of more than 3 degrees in this century.

Europe has a crucial part to play in the global battle to halt climate change, but the EU is not fulfilling its part. Instead, big corporations and conservative governments are blocking progress, while the neoliberal rules of the EU's internal market prevent us from taking the necessary measures.

To reverse this disastrous course led by the EU, we need genuine and committed action, which is what a European green deal must ensure.



NOW, THE PEOPLE PROPOSES:

- 1.** A Climate Law for Europe: A climate protocol to the EU treaties, which ensures that the survival of the planet is always prioritized over competition rules and the economic freedoms of the Internal Market of the European Union.
- 2.** Support for green public investments: Exempt all public investments in the green transition from the EU's economic governance regime. Green investments are imperative to ensure the future of our planet and should therefore not be subjugated to the neoliberal debt and deficit targets of the Stability and Growth Pact and the Fiscal compact.
- 3.** Binding climate targets: Zero emissions by 2040, start by an increase in EU CO₂-reduction target for 2030 from 40% to 65% across all sectors.
- 4.** Green transports: A European rail transport fund, which can ensure affordable, high-speed day- and night trains between all European capitals and major cities. The EU's liberalization of the European railways have made rail transport utterly fragmented, expensive and ineffective. This makes it extremely difficult to compete with air transport services – even though rail transport is far superior in terms of climate impact.
- 5.** Ban on new fossil fuel cars: A complete EU ban on new fossil fuel cars by 2025. The transport sector is one of the big climate polluters and the transition phase to sustainable transport is long. We simply cannot just wait and blindly hope that the market will suddenly change and stop investing in fossil fuels because this may very well never happen by itself.
- 6.** A Green Investment Plan: Launch a massive public investment plan for a 100 percent renewable energy model, to renovate housing, tackle energy poverty and put energy efficiency forward.
- 7.** Stop for EU-subsidies to fossil fuels: An end to EU subsidies to fossil fuels, including natural gas and nuclear power. Although renewables are the cheapest energy source today, many countries continue to build and invest in new fossil fuel based power plants, which lock us on to the path of climate catastrophe. We need to take the power away from the pro-coal and gas lobby groups and ensure that from now on, the development is a green one.
- 8.** A new green agricultural model: Invest in a transition of our agriculture and food production from intensive, heavy CO₂-emitting industry to a climate friendly production. Guarantee good quality food and promote local and ecological agriculture; end the use of pesticides; promote short food supply chains.
- 9.** Paying our share of the global climate debt: Instant contribution of climate aid from the EU to the poorest countries in accordance with the commitments under the Paris-climate protocol to ensure that the developing countries can adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. As one of the richest regions in the world, we carry a major responsibility for climate change. We have emitted more per capita than most other regions and we have prospered from polluting our planet. We therefore need to own up to our historical responsibility and our global obligations.

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Now, the People is a European leftwing platform founded towards the European elections of 2019. The six parties that formed the platform have defined common red and green proposals to fight tax havens, to beat social dumping, to stop the militarization of the EU and to create a Europe that joins the fight of stopping climate change.

Now, the People presents an alternative to the neoliberal centralization of the EU and the nationalism of the right. Now, the People is a progressive platform who fights for a red and green Europe.

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