

Political Platform

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From line 739 to 761:

~~Although nuclear energy (see Glossary 111) emits less carbon emissions, it raises high risks and many serious long-term concerns that by far outweigh the benefits and we strongly take a stand against any attempt to frame nuclear energy as a climate change solution. These include issues regarding the extraction of uranium (see Glossary 181), the disposal of nuclear waste, the safety of nuclear installations, the security measures and level of state control required, the huge consequences of potential accidents, the link with nuclear weapons, the long time it takes to build and the significant cost, which could much more efficiently be used to pay for renewable energy sources.~~

~~Potential solutions such as nuclear fusion (see Glossary 112) will be unable to provide a concrete response in time to solve the climate crisis. We therefore believe that the construction of new nuclear plants should be avoided at all cost, and that nuclear energy should be phased out as soon as possible across Europe. The phase-out of nuclear energy should be carried out in a way that does not endanger climate objectives and if fossil fuels are no longer used for~~

Nuclear energy (see Glossary 111) cannot be built in time to use it as a climate crisis solution. Nuclear energy, just like any energy source, has drawbacks, including but not limited to the exploitation of workers in the extraction of uranium (see Glossary 181), the long-term disposal of nuclear waste, huge consequences of potential accidents, the long time it takes to build and the increasingly expensive costs to build nuclear power plants.

~~electricity production on the same network. The phase-out of nuclear energy should be~~

~~carried out in a way that does not endanger climate objectives and if fossil fuels are no longer used for electricity production on the same network. Thus, FYEG strongly supports the development of renewable solutions to replace the output from nuclear power plants. This helps to limit dependence on fossil fuels from Russia and other authoritarian states. A nuclear phaseout must be reliant on renewables instead of fossil fuels. European countries should not export their nuclear technology or build nuclear plants outside of Europe.~~

FYEG prioritizes renewable energy sources over nuclear and fossil fuels. FYEG demands that renewable energy development must not endanger biodiversity and must reduce reliance on rare earth minerals that often are mined in exploitative practices. Phaseout of nuclear power plants must be reliant on renewable energy and must not increase the reliance on fossil fuels even in the short run. The development of renewable energy limits the dependence on fossil fuels and uranium from Russia and other authoritarian states. The end goal of the FYEG energy policy is a decentralized, community-owned and operated renewable energy system.

Reason

During the last GA, the EC promised to have a bigger discussion on energy, particularly on nuclear energy. The EC proposes a compromise wording on nuclear that simplifies the text and gets closer toward a consensus position between all member organizations. In addition, the text adds a brief sentence about the drawbacks of renewable energy.