

## STOP FOSSIL SUBSIDIES!!

\* Article 2.1: Society, the paragraph on justice (page 16)

Reaction: Two thirds of gas consumption by Dutch companies and institutions is exempt from energy tax. For large consumers who are still taxed, a much lower rate applies than for other companies. If these tax benefits are abolished, the money that is released can be used to help people with low incomes to insulate and improve their homes.

\* Article 2.4: Global, European and National policy): about the International Climate Strategy (ICS) in which investments are made worldwide in emission reduction such as energy, transport, agriculture and circular. (page 19)

Reaction: The Dutch state supports projects of Dutch companies in countries where risky situations prevail that threaten the success of their project with export credit insurance (via Atradius DSB). Most of that support goes to polluting companies in the fossil fuel industry. If the politicians therefore decide not to provide oil and gas-related support, this will help Atradius enormously to promote the energy transition in foreign trade/investments.

\* Article 3.3: The Transition in Sectors - International aviation and shipping (page 44)

Reaction: Kerosene, a fossil fuel for air traffic, is still exempt from VAT. This can no longer be the case. VAT is levied on electricity for trains and petrol and LPG for cars. Also, no tax is levied on airline tickets (both for domestic and foreign flights); VAT must also be levied on this. Given the volume of air traffic in the Netherlands, this will generate a huge new source of income, which can be used to develop sustainable mobility solutions (such as better and cheaper public transport).

\* Article 3.3: The Transition in Sectors: Industry must become more sustainable (page 37)

Reaction: The Dutch state-owned company Energiebeheer Nederland (EBN), 100% owned by the state, participates in the exploration and production of gas and oil in the Netherlands and the Dutch part of the Continental Shelf. This is an example of old-economy thinking, we have to say goodbye to this. If EBN were to co-invest in research and development of renewable energy sources, industrial companies in the Netherlands could flourish again without further pollution.

\* Article 3.5: Building a circular economy - better financial incentives are needed (page 52)

Reaction: The Dutch government still holds a 40% stake in ABN AMRO, and could therefore steer the financing policy of this bank more, so that it invests more in companies with plans for building a circular economy. ABN AMRO has invested less in fossil projects in recent years, but this has not led to more financing of renewable energy.

\* Article 5.1: Cooperation with others: Citizens' Assembly (page 71)

Reaction: It is good that the Citizens' Assembly is now really going to happen, but I hereby argue for an annual citizens' assembly. That is a much more inclusive consultation method. This internet consultation has hardly been made public, is opaque in its decision-making, can easily be influenced by the lobbying of large companies and is therefore not very democratic or inclusive.