# Our Ecofeminist Demands

## A Gender-Just Energy Transition
The transition away from fossil fuels needs to happen fast. It’s not only about eliminating polluting industries but also about addressing inequality and insecurity. This requires ensuring that the transition is fair for all, acknowledging the value of often overlooked work, such as care work mainly done by women at home. A just transition also means prioritizing those most affected by the changes, such as workers in the fossil fuel industry and women in low-paying or informal jobs.

## Make Polluters Pay!
Those who have contributed the least to the climate crisis are suffering the most. The fossil fuel and high living costs crises in Europe have put a lot of pressure on women, girls, and marginalized communities. These groups have been hit the hardest by pollution worldwide. It’s time for polluters to pay for what they’ve done. It’s long overdue for those who caused the pollution to pay their fair share, for example, by compensating for losses and damages.

## Youth at the Decision Making Table!
The policies being discussed today urgently need the input of future generations, as it is our future at stake. EU members should aim to increase this first way of participating for better policies and more diverse perspectives at the decision-making table.

## Say No to Toxic Chemicals
Everywhere we look, in our products, food, and even menstrual products, we come across toxic chemicals. These toxics pose a threat to our health and our environment. Chemicals like PFAS are even called “forever chemicals” as they never leave the environment or our bodies. Some of them can be linked to disruptions in the fertility cycle and hormone-related cancers. Women, in all their diversity, often face higher exposure to these chemicals, such as those found in cosmetics and cleaning products. We urgently need stricter regulations on toxic chemicals!

## Sustainable and Fair Trade
Our actions have a significant impact on people all over the world due to extensive production, consumption, and international trade. For example, fast fashion still plays a significant role because of its production process, high consumption, and the presence of plastics in materials and packaging. Globally, 80% of garment workers are women. They risk exposure to highly toxic dyes and rampant sexual abuse in factories, only to earn an unlivable wage. Industries must be held responsible for fair and sustainable production.

## Nature-Inclusive and Fair Agriculture
The current agricultural system is deeply unfair, harming people and failing to provide fair prices to farmers. The widespread use of pesticides damages biodiversity, while the agribusiness adds to greenhouse gas emissions, exacerbating the climate crisis. Additionally, overproduction of food in the Global North makes the Global South dependent, disrupting local markets and adding to carbon emissions. We call for biodiversity protection by ceasing the use of pesticides and implementing import laws.

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