

Open letter of the "Scientists for Future" (S4F) Salzburg on the coalition negotiations

The "Scientists for Future" (S4F) advocate for global climate and biodiversity protection worldwide based on facts. As the regional group of Salzburg, we take the liberty to formulate the following points, which we see as an absolute bottom line for the coalition negotiations between the ÖVP and FPÖ.

- 1) Unreserved recognition of man-made climate change, its particularly serious effects on the Alpine region, and the resulting great responsibility of the next regional government to take significant steps against climate change and to make Salzburg climate neutral as quickly as possible.
- 2) A strong, competent and responsibly managed climate and energy department that takes the results of climate research seriously and implements Salzburg's contribution to international climate commitments.
- 3) At a minimum, confirmation of the goals and increased practical implementation of the Climate+Energy 2030 Master Plan, in particular: (a) rapid expansion of wind energy to at least 250 GWh and photovoltaics to at least 500 GWh with the least possible loss of biodiversity; (b) use regional competencies to drive the expansion of electromobility; (c) replacement of fossil fuel heating systems; (d) closing the "gap" of 331kt CO₂eq from the last Master Plan.
- 4) Retention of the *Landesumweltanwaltschaft* (Regional Environmental Advocacy Office) to implement the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 swiftly, competently, and on par with climate goals.

We appeal to the incoming regional government to recognize its responsibility also for future generations of Salzburgers and to take climate and biodiversity protection as seriously as possible.

Signed by numerous scientists in Salzburg

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