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## How Progressive are Green promises in Dutch Political Party Programs?

DiEM25 compared these with the [Green New Deal for Europe](#), by far the most progressive and worker friendly proposal for a green and social Europe.

DSC Zuid-Holland, DiEM25's branch based in The Hague, researched the party programs of 10 Dutch political parties to assess them on their green ambition. They compared the programs with DiEM25's own Green New Deal for Europe, an international plan for a rapid, just and democratic transition to a sustainable Europe. The main focus was on whether the programs of the political parties are ambitious enough to link climate goals to social and societal challenges. The results were very disappointing.

The programs of CDA, D66, GroenLinks, PvdA and Volt are relying on the European Union's European Green Deal that has been paralyzed by agriculture and industry lobbies. The SP refers to a Green New Deal, but it is unclear what this is meant by. The VVD is brief with green proposals and does not refer to the European Green Deal either. FvD and PVV deny the climate crisis and reject the EU's plan completely.

DiEM25 has a constructive alternative. DiEM25's Green New Deal for Europe is the only worker friendly solution that will solve the climate and economic crises of our

time. Our Green New Deal for Europe, inspired by the original New Deal, will create jobs in the energy transition that is needed to avert colossal biodiversity loss. And we also promote citizen participation and environmental justice. We do not solve climate change alone in the Netherlands, but precisely by making our voices heard together as citizens of Europe.

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