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### **DON'T PAINT IT GREEN: DiEM25 launches transnational campaign against the EU's destructive energy taxonomy**

DiEM25 has just launched **Don't Paint It Green**, a campaign against the greenwashing of gas and nuclear that will pressure Members of the European Parliament until they commit to stopping an energy taxonomy labelling nuclear energy and gas as 'sustainable'.



On the [campaign's website](#), people can join in by signing a petition, sending direct emails to MEPs or creating tweetstorms, as well as watch videos from prominent supporters such as **Yanis Varoufakis, Sabrina Fernandes and Basav Sen**.

[Nuclear reactors are expensive, dangerous and take decades to build, while gas is a fossil fuel which is unsustainable by definition](#). With this proposal, the EU is attempting to square a circle in order to keep the profits flowing for the corporations whose lobbyists spend so much time mingling with officials in Brussels, at the expense of our future.

Whether the gas flows from Russia or authoritarian regimes elsewhere, it finances war machines that cost incalculable death and suffering through violence, on top of the environmental pollution. Corporations are lobbying the EU for more money and more infrastructure for these energy sources as we speak, and we must act now to prevent decades of setbacks in the fight for a green transition – time we cannot afford to lose.

Experts and people across Europe who oppose this destructive taxonomy all depend on politicians to [stop it in its tracks](#) now.

Quote by **Dušan Pajović**, DiEM25 Campaign Coordinator:

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"I will not waste words explaining why adding a fossil fuel to the "green taxonomy" is bad. It just serves to unmask the corruption of Brussels' career politicians. On the other hand, even if we had the decades required for a meaningful transition to nuclear power, doing so would entail a massive transfer of public funds to the handful of corporations that can build them, the expansion and maintenance of a pervasive military-industrial complex that would be required to guard them, and the permanent risks of accidents and weaponisation of radioactive material. Progressives must unite in fighting this cynical and potentially disastrous attempt at greenwashing by the EU".

Quote by **Yanis Varoufakis**, DiEM25 co-founder and Coordinating Collective member:

"The re-classification of gas and nuclear as 'green' is a sad reminder of the cartel-like architecture of the European Union. Behind the façade of a union of democracies lies a union of Big Business. Behind the myth of a Europe of peoples lies the franco-german axis that pushed for a sordid quid-pro-quo: Paris agreed to green-wash the Russian gas on which German industry runs. And Berlin agreed to green-wash the French nuclear power industry. Hypocrisy thy name is EU green energy policy."

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## About Dušan Pajović



Dušan Pajović is a social psychologist who works as an activist and author. In the past he has collaborated with many different organizations like the Animal Save Movement, Humanity & Inclusion, UNICEF, UN, etc. Now he is a coordinator of DiEM25's campaigns and Ex-Officio member of its Coordinating Collective. His area of interest is post-capitalism and total liberation theory, with the dedication of liberating humans, non-human animals and the Earth of oppression.

## About DiEM25

DiEM25 is a pan-European movement of democrats, united under the conviction that the European



Union will only survive if it is radically transformed. The environmental, economic and coronavirus crisis have shown what real solutions for the majority and not the minority can only come about if we join forces across borders. This is the mission of DiEM25: through a coordinated effort, across Europe, to unite citizens and create enough energy to save the EU from itself. The EU will unite or disappear. We must act quickly, before it is too late: that is why we are the Democracy in Europe 2025 (DiEM25) movement.