

Motions

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| Motion number | To be completed by EFA Secretariat |
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| Title (of the Motion) | Just Ecological Transition |

The EU should be at the forefront of a just ecological transition

- a) Considering the devastating global effects of the climate change,*
- b) Considering the unrelentless global loss of biodiversity,*
- c) Considering its massive health, cultural, social and economic impact on mankind,*
- d) Considering that a just ecological transition entails a sound commitment to achieve a new social and economic model of sustainable development,*
- e) Considering that a change in production and consumption habits is required,*
- f) Considering that our ways of working and living together need to change to confront the major challenges facing us,*
- g) Aware of the rising inequality and poverty, of persisting forms of discrimination based on race, gender, disability, age and other grounds, and of increasing precariousness of work and inadequate working conditions in Europe and the rest of the world,*
- h) Insists on the fact that the EU must prioritise the fight against poverty, including energy poverty, and social justice; supports the inclusion of an energy poverty reduction target and adopt a harmonised definition of energy poverty.*
- i) Convinced that enforcing universal human rights in Europe must be central to transition processes,*
- j) Reiterates the need for a rights-based approach to the just ecological transition and that inequalities and the unequal access to human rights and essential services are to be tackled from an intersectional perspective,*
- k) Reminds that meaningful and equal participation of women in decision making bodies and EU, national and local level climate policy and action is vital for achieving long-term climate goals,*

the European Free Alliance:

- 1. Calls for the EU institutions to guarantee a fair distribution of the European Green Deal Funds and to strengthen its social dimension.*
- 2. Calls for the EU institutions to involve directly local and regional authorities because meaningful participation of all parts of society in the development and implementation of new policies is essential if they are to be effective and inclusive.*
- 3. Urges the EU institutions to reduce territorial inequalities and to plan and act locally to rebuild sustainable and resilient economies, sectors, and communities.*

4. *Urges the EU institutions to include gender perspective, actions and goals in the Green New Deal proposal.*
5. *Urges the European Commission to include gender mainstreaming and gender-responsive climate and environmental action at all levels.*
6. *Calls on the Commission and the Council to also revise existing trade agreements in order to incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals, ambitious environmental and climate provisions as well as social and labour standards in these bilateral agreements.*
7. *Urges the EU Institutions to put sustainability at the heart of the digital sector and insists on improving energy efficiency and circular economy performance of the digital sector itself, from broadband networks to data centres and ICT devices.*
8. *Calls on the Commission to underpin the Just transition Mechanism with solid social policies, especially as regards poverty protection and social security.*
9. *Calls on the Commission to present, as part of a Just transition agenda, a European Framework Directive for a minimum income, as poverty protection empowers people to embrace change.*
10. *Instructs EFA's Bureau to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the national and regional governments and parliaments of the Member States and to the Committee of the Regions.*

Reasoning:

EFA supports a strong and independent EU built on a bottom-up approach actively involving all peoples. The Green Deal is an opportunity to ensure a just ecological transition.