



## **OPEN LETTER TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL (EU) ON ACCELERATING THE GREEN TRANSITION**

On 24 February, Europe and the whole world faced a huge challenge - the war caused by Russia's aggression against Ukraine. Today, all eyes are on the burning cities of Ukraine, while civil society helps the refugees.

Let us not forget, however, that one of the most important wars for the future of the planet is being fought in parallel. The fight against the climate crisis.

On 28 February the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published a new report. The conclusions are clear. Climate change is happening faster than predicted, without decisive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect wildlife, the losses to people and ecosystems will be catastrophic and irreversible.

In 2021, the European Commission adopted the Fit for 55 packages, the instruments of which are intended to lead to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of at least 55% by 2030. Today, we already know that, in the face of the war that is being fueled by fossil fuels and further scientific information, the European Commission, the Council of the EU and the European Parliament must take every political and legislative action to speed up and implement measures that reduce emissions not by 55% but by 65% by 2030.

Vice-President of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans has begun to refer to coal as a transitional fuel. Yesterday we fought against gas and today, because of our dependence on supplies from Russia, the aggressor of the war, the EC decides to return to solutions that pose a risk to the future of us all. EU Commissioner for Agriculture, Janusz Wojciechowski speaks about food security and the need to subject the transformation of the food system to the war in Ukraine.



In view of the threats posed by anthropogenic climate change and the dependence on energy and food security on countries that act against the values of the EU, we call on the European Commission and the Council of the EU to launch a debate and action without delay to revise the Fit for 55 targets and adopt a new package of climate regulations called Fit for 65, and to implement measures to speed up the transition: from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, the transformation of the transport system and the transition to sustainable plant-based food systems.

Only in this way will we succeed in breaking our dependence on supplies of gas, coal and feed for animals raised mainly on factory farms. Only in this way will we manage to break our dependence on supporting the undemocratic actions of other countries and set out a clear path for combating the effects of climate change and saving people and ecosystems.

We do not want a Europe of coal and steel, we want a green Europe, responsible, solidarity-based, and safe! That is why we are calling on you: it is time to Fit for 65!



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