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SHALE GAS IS A MIRAGE, WE WANT ACTUAL ENERGY TRANSITION

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Young Socialists, we fight for an ambitious European energy transition, turning its back on short-sighted thinking.

The choice of shale gas is thus no solution. Leading the energy transition, responding to the issue of global warming cannot be replacing a fossil energy by another. Thus even if scientists found less polluting methods to exploit shale gas than the ones that already exist, these would still emit carbon dioxide. Hence why we as Young Socialists oppose its further exploration and exploitation.

The example of the USA showed that shale gas would not only be a danger for the environment – the method of hydraulic fracturing had disastrous consequences on groundwater and on biodiversity-, but is not a solution either regarding job creation. With an average of 1,2 jobs per well and an essentially short term based job creation, the cost on the local population (relocation, impact on water supply, devaluation of land, etc) would be far higher than the benefit.

We ask our Mother parties, European Governments and European Institutions not to bow to the big industrial lobbies. 20 months away from the Climate Conference in Paris, the European Union has to be at the forefront on environmental questions and.

We need to move away from a total reliance on oil and fossil energies and choose the energy transition through massive investments to create numerous, local and green jobs.