

**The national Green party congress held the 25th of april 2020 adopted the following strategy for a green solutions and measures during the corona crisis:**

**Green politics during the corona crisis**

- In order to take care of people, we must take care of the environment. We must tackle the corona crisis, while dealing with the natural and climate crisis. Crisis measures during the pandemic therefore cannot weaken our efforts to save nature and reach the climate and environmental goals, but must help make society more viable and sustainable in the long term. Economic crisis measures must focus on health, welfare and people.
- Many new viruses and bacteria affecting us have originated from poor animal welfare, mass farming and slaughter, trade in wildlife and animal markets, as well as destruction of animal habitats for the benefit of intensive industrial agriculture, infrastructure and housing, industry and other industries. The Greens will work hard for these conditions that favor epidemics and pandemics to end in Norway and the world.
- No groups should fall through the social safety net during the crisis. Students who are laid off from work must be guaranteed equal compensation for lost income as other employees.
- When society is closed even the weakest groups in society are left without security; refugees, homeless people, migrant workers, undocumented, sex workers and children in violent homes are all extremely vulnerable groups. In a crisis, we must ensure that even the most vulnerable groups have access to vital needs such as food, a place to sleep, a safe everyday life. Both through financial support and emergency solutions such as health-safe places of residence and public food delivery.
- Those who need unemployment insurance or other social arrangements should be able to get this simplified system based on the principle of basic pay of 2G, which can be handled as an advance on tax settlement.
- The government has proposed that the laid-off and unemployed should be able to take education without loss of social security while this situation is ongoing. MDG supports the initiative, and believes people who choose retraining or continuing education after staffing should retain the right to unemployment benefits and other benefits during education even after the corona crisis, as part of a comprehensive green competence reform.

- The crisis can create greater differences in Norway. In order to ensure fair distribution of goods and burdens during the crisis, the Greens will impose a temporary “crisis tax” 5% on the part of the income that is over NOK 700,000.
- The state must provide direct transfers to the municipalities in the same order of magnitude as income loss / expenditure increase here has been to remedy the very challenging economic situation the municipalities are in.
- Norway must have a safety net for people with mental challenges in times of crisis. The Greens will increase the subsidy for low-threshold help phones and chat forums for people with mental health challenges and mental disorders of all ages.
- The state must provide emergency assistance to viable businesses. To ensure legitimacy and prevent misuse of community funds, there should be full transparency about which companies receive assistance, who are the real owners of the companies and what the money goes to. Companies that receive emergency aid from the public sector should not be able to pay dividends unless the proceeds go to socially beneficial purposes, investment in their own company or ordinary salary.
- We need a vibrant and diverse cultural life, even after the corona, to create good communities with lower material consumption. The state must provide crisis assistance to both the commercial and the publicly financed players in the cultural life, and in the future, efforts must be made to create more jobs in the cultural and creative sectors across the country.
- The Norwegian economy must be restarted and restructured. The state must provide large resources to secure safe green jobs and to stimulate new green jobs. The Greens want an active, green business policy with a major focus on offshore wind, electrification of the coast, more Norwegian further processing of natural resources, better maintenance and climate adaptation of infrastructure.
- Loans the state guarantees for should not contribute to new fossil energy investments. In consultation with the parties to the labor market, the state should develop criteria for crisis relief that safeguard the workplaces, while at the same time turning activity in oil-related companies towards sustainable activities.
- Norwegian food security must be strengthened. Grain storage stocks must be re-established. We will stop the centralization of agriculture and ensure increased profitability in the production of fruits, vegetables, cereals and legumes and eggs, milk and meat based on Norwegian feed and pasture resources and good animal welfare. We will facilitate small-scale food production in small farms, cooperative farms and in private households by establishing good support schemes.

- The fight against antibiotic resistance and its spread is an international challenge and must be stepped up. Norway should be a driving force in this work, including striving for more restrictive and correct use of antibiotics for humans and animals - both nationally and internationally.
- The WHO needs to be given more resources to coordinate the fight against pandemics and similar global threats to life and health, including establishing a global emergency preparedness store of health equipment to reduce the risk of conflicts when crises arise.
- The Constitution and human rights should be the basis, even in crises. Our democracy, and our elected bodies, will continue to work through the pandemic. Authorizations and extraordinary measures at the expense of democratic principles should be avoided, and always well-founded, of short duration and of limited scope.
- Privacy and digital rights are especially important during crises, when intervening measures are implemented quickly.

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