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We are extremely worried about the situation in Europe, regarding the controversial method to drill for shale gas – fracking, after having so many studies, testimonies, examples, documentaries, to tell us about the dangers of using this method! From the first steps - preparing the ground - till the last step - leaving the pits, every process involved puts our land, water, air and finally our lives in danger!

There is a lot of pressure from some governments, at EU level, to start shale gas exploration/exploitation, in spite of the significant opposition of the locals where these processes are on the way or are supposed to start. Arguments pro shale gas exploration/exploitation like "energetic independence" and "more jobs", are not covered by reality. Moreover, in each community across Europe where exploration or exploitation for shale gas begins, we see the same scenario: the locals' opposition to fracking and their claim for having clean water, land and air, being totally ignored by the authorities. This leads in the end to violent conflicts between the two parties involved: locals and the riot police, the latest becoming defenders of the companies that want to explore and exploit shale gas and their interests.

How much more destruction is needed before this inappropriate extraction technique is banned?! How to deal with the perspective of massive migration from the areas where the living space will be uninhabitable because of earthquakes, broken houses and polluted water sources? We think that there has been enough destruction done, and time has come to put an end to all this!

To this day, no European country has an appropriate fracking-specific environmental protection, let alone the enforcement capability for it.

We consider today's EC decision to abandon the strict regulation, of an extractive technique as dangerous as fracking, to be at the very least an abandonment of EU citizens and defying their clearly expressed will: 64% against fracking in Europe.

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