

1 **EFGP 3rd Congress, Berlin – Draft Resolution**

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4 5 **Greening the taxes!**

6 **Ecological financial reform, starting with energy tax**

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9 The European Greens advocate extensive ecological financial reform for the long term as a common task
10 of the EU. The different tax codes within the EU should be reformed according to environmental criteria:
11 environmentally friendly activities should be rewarded, environmentally destructive activities should be
12 made more costly. Secondly, it is to promote working in a labour-intensive as opposed to an energy-
13 intensive way. In principle, ecological financial reform is to be revenue-neutral, i.e. the overall financial
14 burden of citizens must not increase, without, however, ruling out the provision of funds for ecological
15 restructuring within Europe as well as transfers to developing 'One World' countries.

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17 Green ecological financial reform also involves introducing taxes and systematically removing subsidies
18 which result in harmful effects on the environment.

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20 As a first step, we are committed to the compulsory introduction of a harmonised EU-tax on fossil-fuel-
21 based and nuclear energy production and the abolition of the tax exemption for aviation fuel.