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OREBRO. At the same time, the programme did not go through without a debate. The speakers who viewed negatively the proposal that the party should transition from a renewable electricity system target by 2040, to a fossil-free energy system goal the same year, were several.

From the programme committee, which agreed on the compromise, the new target is seen as more ambitious. But there were several critics of the opening up to nuclear power.

"Let's let go of the sarge. Let's say the future is bright, not radiant, was one of the statements that came from the pulpit.

### **Maud's line**

But since the party also puts its foot down on all types of power to compete on equal terms, the party leadership believes that the line change is not so extensive.

"Those who believe in nuclear power will have the chance to prove it," argued Christer Jonsson, from the party executive, and was supported by, among others, EU parliamentarian Emma Wiesner.

Wiesner also pointed out that the line to which the party adheres is the same as that taken in the energy agreement in 2009 by former party leader Maud Olofsson.

"Now let Maud's line be the party's line," Wiesner said from the podium.

However, it was not entirely painless as the party leadership line crossed. Malmö district chairman Martin Molin was one of those who tried to screw up a sensitive point in the party's bioenergy policy, namely to introduce a wording about limiting bioenergy extraction further, with an addition to the party's "Tanka svenskt" line.

"The production of biofuel shall be done with great consideration for biodiversity in agricultural and forest soils," the addendum states.

"Forestry has the opportunity to develop," argued the district chairman from the podium.

It was the first item to be put to the vote, but the meeting was negative to the proposal, with an overwhelming majority of up to 80 percent.

### **Addendum on photovoltaic parks**

In practice, there was only one point where the programme management did not get its proposal through in full. The meeting also added that solar farms could also be covered by the local compensation that the program has already proposed for local residents of wind farms. Thus, a certain threshold is also advocated for solar cell establishers.

However, the party's climate and energy policy spokesman Rickard Nordin does not consider that threshold too

discouraging, and points out, among other things, that similar support also exists in neighboring countries such as Denmark.

"When I talk to those who want to build large solar parks, they are very keen to involve the local residents. If it is put in the forest it is not a problem, if it is put close to residential areas you are already talking to them. I believe that good solutions can be found, and there are, of course, such compensations in other countries.

## **Uranium as a by-product gets the green light**

At the same time, a number of additions to the program were adopted, most of which went into the already established policy of the party. But an addition represents a major departure from the previous party line. It should be allowed to "uranium extraction from by-products from other mining", which is seen as a victory for the part of the party that actually wanted to see a greater opening for nuclear power. In practice, this means that the party says yes to the use of Swedish uranium.

"Once you've dug up a lot of ore, you can take care of what's in it. But there should not be a focus on uranium, says Rickard Nordin, who believes that the step can be seen as part of the general circular economy advocate in the party.

"You shouldn't bag things.

### **Addition**

- increasing acceptance of, and potential for, expanded electricity generation, by facilitating the installation of solar cells, ensuring adequate compensation for local residents and local taxes to municipalities for the expansion of wind power and **solar parks**, fully regionalising property taxes on electricity-generating properties and improving opportunities to create local energy communities.
- that the Center Party initiate an investigation into the offshore boundaries for the municipal veto for wind turbines.
- that the Center Party works to ensure that solar cells that follow the roof do not require a building permit.

- that the Center Party works to ensure that solar cells that are integrated into the roof do not require a building permit.
- that the Center Party works to ensure that solar cells can be installed in a minor deviation regarding the angle without requiring a building permit.
- that the Center Party takes a stand to allow uranium extraction from by-products from other mining.
- that revenues from both hydropower and wind power are returned to the municipalities and districts where the facilities are located. For example, via the village fund and municipalised property tax.
- that small and medium-sized hydropower plants are given the opportunity not only to exist, but also to be modernized with increased production as the goal.

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