



MODULE

INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABILITY COMPETENCE

Unit 2 | Activity 2 Social Dimension Self-Assessment



60-120min



• Pen and blank paper

DESCRIPTION

This activity will help you to understand the social dimension of sustainable agriculture and identify opportunities for improvement on your own farm.

THE ACTIVITY

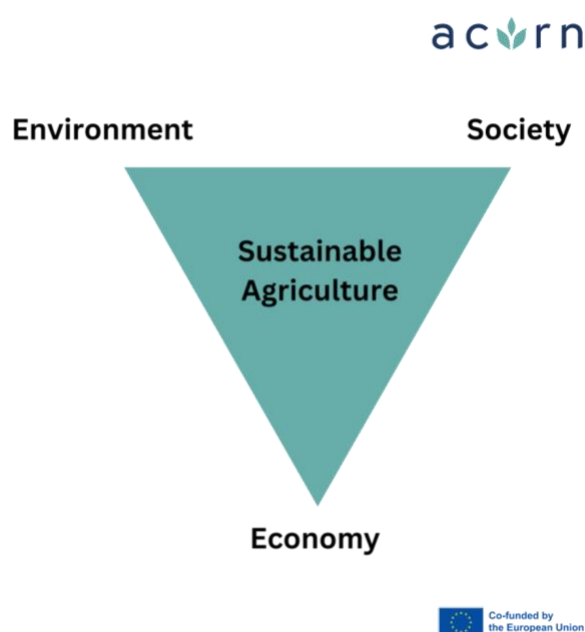
Complete a self-assessment questionnaire that includes questions related to the social dimension of sustainable agriculture:

1. How do you ensure fair and safe working conditions for all employees on your farm?
2. How do you engage and involve the local community in your farm operations?
3. How do you ensure that your farm operations do not negatively impact the local community?
4. How do you ensure that your farm operations are inclusive and equitable for all stakeholders?
5. How do you ensure that your farm operations respect the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities?
6. How do you ensure that your farm operations promote social and economic development in the local community?
7. After answering all the questions think about your answers, take new paper and set goals to improve in areas identified as opportunities for improvement.

Tip: By regularly conducting self-assessments, you will be able to track your progress and make adjustments as needed to improve the social sustainability of your operations over time.

THE THEORY

SOCIAL DIMENSION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



Another dimension of sustainable agriculture is the social impact of farming practices. This includes considering the needs and well-being of farmers and other workers in the agriculture industry, as well as the communities in which farms are located. It also involves promoting fair labour practices and supporting small and medium-sized farms, which can help to strengthen local economies and communities.

One important aspect of the social dimension of sustainable agriculture is **fair and ethical working conditions for farmers and other agriculture workers**. This can involve paying fair wages, providing safe and healthy working conditions, and respecting the rights of workers. Poor working conditions and low wages can contribute to poverty and inequality and have negative impacts on the well-being of workers

and their families.

Another important aspect of the social dimension of sustainable agriculture is the role of farming in **supporting the economic and social development of local communities**. Agriculture can provide economic opportunities and contribute to the social and cultural fabric of rural communities. It can also provide a range of ecosystem services, such as soil conservation and water quality improvement, that benefit the broader community.

Community engagement and involvement is another important aspect of the social dimension of sustainable agriculture. Farmers and other agripreneurs can engage with their communities by participating in local events and organizations, providing educational resources, and supporting local food systems. This can help to build connections and understanding between farmers and the broader community and contribute to the social and economic health.

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