



SDGs Labs  
SDGs Co-Learning Labs  
Overview

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## SDGs Co-Learning Labs

Aim	Our SDGs Co-Learning Labs are designed to use the full potential of diversity of mind-sets, knowledge, skills and competencies to find innovative solutions for common challenges within the agribusiness and food production sector. For doing so, we bring together diverse stakeholders from different fields.
Organisation	Our SDGs Co-Learning Labs will be conducted in all four participating countries (Austria, Germany, Italy and Portugal), aiming to initiate innovation and transformation processes, and facilitating long-term collaboration and knowledge exchange among business, academia and civil society to jointly and effectively tackle common problems and opportunities related to applying the SDGs in the agribusiness and food production sector.
Duration	A SDGs Co-Learning Lab consists of (at least) two half-day workshops. They take place between October 2020 and February 2021 at the latest.
Target groups	Representatives from different higher education institutions (HEIs) and different disciplines as well as participants from the agribusiness and food production sector, together with representatives from civil society as well as the political sphere will be involved.
Facilitators	The number of facilitators will be adjusted to the number of participants: 1 facilitator for up to 8-12 participants; 2 facilitators for up to 20 participants.
Questions to be addressed with the SDGs Co-Learning Labs	<p>Questions about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the status quo of the SDGs in the agribusiness and food production sector</li> <li>- the relevance of the SDGs within the sector</li> <li>- drivers for and barriers to the implementation of the SDGs in the sector</li> <li>- how the SDGs can be implemented in the sector</li> <li>- how to avoid only including the obvious and easy to implement aspects</li> <li>- how different actors can learn from each other.</li> </ul>
Role of the SDGs Labs Team	Besides facilitating the dialogue among different stakeholders, we will support by pointing to lacks of knowledge and research gaps and taking the role as a "critical friend", by asking inspiring questions, moderating ideas and giving feedback to ideas of implementation.
Applied methods	Our team will apply a set of transformative and interactive tools and methods, which will be adapted to the regional context and challenges within the different regions. Our aim is the creation of stimulating learning by facilitating the co-learning process, while at the same time supporting the creation of new networks dedicated to future-oriented activities within the field.
Expected outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Better understanding of the SDGs as well as promotion of exchange and dialogue between HEIs and different stakeholders of the sector.</li> <li>- Acknowledgement of potential advantages for the enterprises, HEIs and other stakeholders to implement the SDGs as well as identification of innovative ways for enterprises (and potentially other participants) to become active in the SDGs implementation.</li> <li>- Lessons learned from innovative approaches implemented by other enterprises and other stakeholders addressing the same SDGs (or the same needs)</li> <li>- Creation of new networks</li> </ul>

Evaluation	The evaluation will be composed of a mix of “formative” (alongside the workshops) and “summative” (focus on outcomes of the labs) evaluation; it comprises the learning journey of the participants as well as the organizers and facilitators of the labs.
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