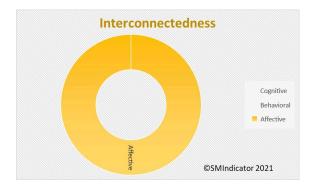
# /WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE: HOW YOU UNDERSTAND AND EXPERIENCE INTERCONNECTEDNESS, VERSUS VALUES LIKE AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE.



### What this tells you:

This graph shows the affective dimension, meaning that you connect emotionally with this aspect, without necessarily engaging into action. We don't have enough data to report on your understanding of this topic.

#### YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE

**THAT** you work well in contexts where you can compete and strive towards being your personal best.

Interestingly, you are also comfortable asking for and appreciating other people's input and support. It may be that a part of you adapts well to competing environments, but your heart would rather collaborate if that would be possible.

We cannot comment on how you think about this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by either of the available options.

# /THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN FURTHER LEVERAGE YOUR STRENGTHS AND MANAGE SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS WHICH MAY BE HOLDING YOU BACK:

The combination of your answers seem to indicate that your perspectives are evolving and changing. This is very appropriate since there is an increasing need for collaborative teamwork, and you will have an advantage adapting to those settings that already feel better for you now.

While certain cultures have a collectivistic framework, most of the western-northern culture - widely exported and globalized - is individualistic and celebrates personal achievement. However, is this realistic and even feasible? Let's pause for a moment: Can you name one achievement that was purely and authentically your own without another person playing any role in it?

As you further develop your empathy and social sensitivity, you may become more conscious of the many ways in which we are interconnected, and the positive impact of paying attention to this in your everyday decisions. You will be able to share your new perspectives with others, and it may expand their thinking horizon.

# /THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:

You may not have given it much thought, but the polarities of independence vs. interconnectedness and competition vs. collaboration are of particular relevance when focusing on sustainability. To begin with, the environmental and social challenges are complex and multidimensional, making it impossible for any one person to solve on their own. It is only through collective thinking, action and the collaboration of multiple stakeholders that we will be able to develop alternatives. (This, by the way, makes

sustainability a great opportunity for contributing personal skills to a larger cause).

## **/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

If you have identified an accomplishment that you consider authentically your merit, make a list of who may have played a role in it. Rank them, in order of relevance or impact on your success. What does this exercise tell you about the polarity of autonomy versus interconnectedness?

We invite you to explore what autonomy means for you. What are the roots of this value for you, perhaps in your upbringing or in your current context? Is this authentically a priority for you, or is it something automatically inherited, or adopted without giving it much thought?

When we see interconnectedness, we understand the importance of diversity, and our decisions and actions become more inclusive, which contributes to the sustainability of the whole.

