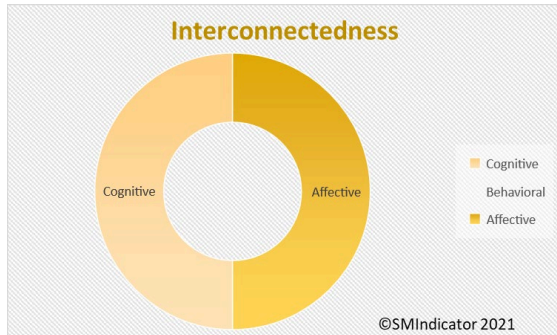


**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:
HOW YOU UNDERSTAND AND
EXPERIENCE INTERCONNECTEDNESS,
VERSUS VALUES LIKE AUTONOMY
AND INDEPENDENCE.**



What this tells you:

This graph shows that your approach to the assessed topic is both cognitive and affective. We don't enough have data to report about your behaviors and whether or how your understanding and feelings are converted into actions.

YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT you have a clear understanding that we are all interconnected, even in non-obvious ways, and that no one is really fully independent.

In addition, **you are comfortable** appreciating other people's input and support, feeling gratitude in your heart even for your personal accomplishments.

We cannot comment further on how your thinking and feelings impact your behaviors, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by either of the available options.

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU
CONSIDER THE SM:**

The polarities of independence vs. interconnectedness and competition vs. collaboration are of particular relevance when focusing on sustainability. The environmental and social challenges are complex and multidimensional, making it impossible for any person to solve on their own. It is only through collective thinking, action and 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).

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

While certain cultures have a collectivistic framework, most of the western-northern culture - widely exported and globalized - is individualistic and celebrates personal achievement. Do you experience this unspoken expectation in your daily life - to be independent, to outperform others, to be self-reliant or perhaps to demonstrate your value in competitive settings? Have you sensed the contradiction between these two paradigms, one valuing competition and self-reliance, the other promoting collaboration and inclusion?

How realistic and even feasible is this idea of autonomy? 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?

/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

The combination of your responses seem to indicate that your heart and your head have embraced collaboration, stakeholder inclusion and participatory solutions. You are on the right track – the old paradigm of competition and individual achievement may be outdated soon, particularly with the planetary sustainability challenges.

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 a priority for you, or is it something automatically inherited, or maybe adopted without giving it much thought?

A question to ponder: Are you in the place that best represents your values and where you can let your skills flourish?

*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.*

