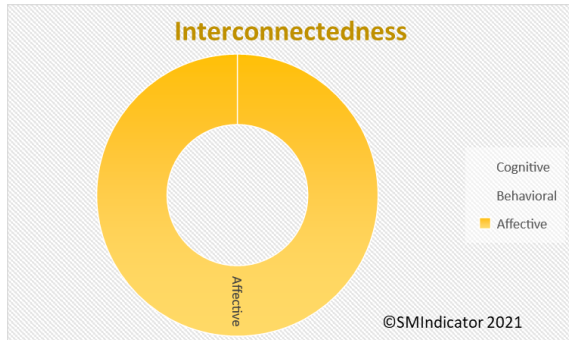


**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU UNDERSTAND AND  
EXPERIENCE INTERCONNECTEDNESS,  
VERSUS VALUES LIKE AUTONOMY  
AND INDEPENDENCE.**



**What this tells you:**

**This graph shows the affective dimension, meaning that you connect emotionally with this aspect. We don't have data to report if or how these feelings relate to your understanding and behaviors.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you are very appreciative about other people's input, feeling gratitude in your heart for their support to your personal accomplishments.

We cannot comment on how your feelings connect with your behaviors or thinking about this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by any of the available options.

How realistic do you think is the widely accepted concept of autonomy and independence? Do you think there are achievements that are purely and authentically individual, without another person playing any role in them?

**/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).

**/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. Do you experience this tacit expectation in your daily life, to be independent, to outperform others, perhaps to demonstrate your value in competitive settings, or to be self-reliant? Have you sensed the contradiction between this paradigm and your personal tendency to feel gratitude and a preference for collaboration?

## /HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

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 our everyday decisions. You will be able to share your new perspectives with others, and it may expand their thinking horizon.

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 perhaps adopted without giving it much thought? How can you bring your collaborative spirit to new contexts, where it might be much needed?

*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.*

