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Our Goals Danish indicators for a sustainable future

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The project Our Goals (<u>Vores Mål</u>) has defined sustainability in a Danish context through 197 indicators for the SDGs and a baseline for monitoring the development towards 2030 and beyond. The project is unique in the sense that the indicators are developed with involvement of stakeholders from all parts of society in a process that has also raised broad awareness of the SDGs and why they are relevant. In June 2021 the Danish Government presented their plan for the SDGs (<u>Handlingsplan</u>). The plan was developed using the results of the project as a significant source of information.

In our presentation we will introduce the project and subsequently describe how the indicators are developed with input from society as a whole and qualified by researchers. We will focus on the methodology and data that form the foundation for the indicators. Especially, we will focus on the environmental indicators.

Based on 2-3 indicators our presentation will provide the audience with an understanding of:

- Why the new Danish indicators for the SDGs are a relevant and (some might argue) necessary supplement to SDGs
- How to operationalise abstract political objectives into specific and measurable goals
 that meet the requirements to valid statistical indicators set by statistical agencies,
 including Statistics Denmark.
- How to prioritise and balance different perspectives in an objective and transparent manner.