

Social Worker Sven

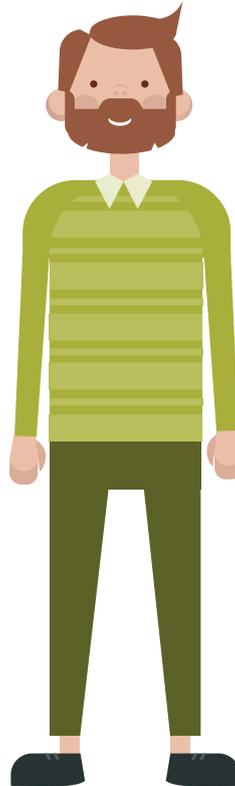
Life, activities, and motivation

Sven studied **social work** and has worked for several years in the social services office of a medium-sized city. There he is entrusted with the mentoring, counseling, and support of the **long-term unemployed** and is confronted with many personal fates every day.

For many years he cared for his sick mother at home and is aware of the great risk of **poverty in old age**.

Sven volunteers several times a week at the local **food bank** in his town. He values the direct contact with the people.

He is always aware that the food banks can only provide emergency aid, which is not enough. He is therefore actively involved in several initiatives promoting a poverty-free, needs-based **minimum income** that covers basic living expenses.



Main focus: Social justice, equality, and human well-being

“Sustainable development requires a social safety net that prevents poverty and covers basic needs. Poverty can only be reduced through successes in areas like education, health, economic and climate policy.”



Expert knowledge



Absolute and relative poverty affect social inequalities (SDG10)



Quality education prevents nutrient deficiencies and thus “hidden hunger” (SDG2)

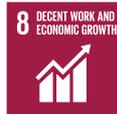
1c Reforms for a poverty-proof pension system



In Germany, there are around 18 million people who are 65 or older. Around 15% are affected by poverty in old age. Various measures are being implemented to counteract poverty in old age. Firstly, a solidarity pension for those insured for many years and an allowance for occupational and private pension provision will be introduced. Secondly, the conditions for entitlement to basic benefits for older people will be relaxed to ensure that at-risk groups such as part-time workers, single mothers, the long-term unemployed or people who have been employed in low-wage jobs are not threatened by old-age poverty.



+ 6%



- 2%

Cost: 5 budget points

Frequency: maximum 2x playable

1b Support for low-income families



Despite child benefit and child allowance for families, 2.7 million children in Germany live in poverty. A permanent child benefit supplement of €80-150 is therefore to be introduced for low-income families. The exact amount is to depend on income and be calculated individually.



+ 6%



- 2%

Cost: 5 budget points

Frequency: maximum 2x playable

5d Reducing the gender pay gap



The gender pay gap is the wage gap between men and women. According to the Federal Statistical Office, women working full-time in Germany earn on average 20% less than their male colleagues. A major cause is that women, for example, more often work in lower-paid professions in the care sector (>80%). To compensate for this, the collectively agreed pay for the occupations concerned is to be raised step by step.



+ 5%

Cost: 5 budget points



+ 3%

Frequency: maximum 3x playable



+ 3%

10c Foreign school graduates



The integration of foreigners living in Germany is an important prerequisite for the social cohesion of our society. The basic prerequisite for successful integration is adequate school qualifications that open up vocational training and employment opportunities. The German government's goal is therefore to increase the proportion of foreign school graduates who achieve at least a secondary school leaving certificate by 2030 and to bring this proportion into line with the proportion of German school graduates.



+ 4%

Cost: 3 budget points



+ 3%

Frequency: maximum 2x playable

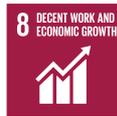
4b Platform for free advanced training



Employees are changing jobs more and more frequently, or are even learning new professions. Inspired by talks between the government and business associations, various companies and committed employees then set up a Germany-wide platform where further training courses can be offered and taken up free of charge. Employees should thus be able to continue their education immediately and prepare themselves for future challenges. Companies then have an easier time finding qualified and motivated skilled workers.



+ 2%



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Cost: 5 budget points

Frequency: maximum 1x playable

Condition: SDG8 > 80%

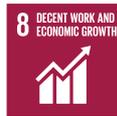
4c Free advanced trainings



Since a platform for continuing education offerings was provided on the initiative of the government and companies, many groupings are developing their own offerings and making them available on the platform. Attractive funding programs provide additional incentives for innovative educational formats. Employees can thus continue their education comprehensively and prepare themselves for future challenges. Companies have the opportunity to find qualified and motivated specialists more easily.



+ 3%



+ 2%

Cost: 2 budget points

Frequency: playable as often as desired

Condition: Action 4b was played

2c Integrated food security



The primary goal of the LANN+ training program is to ensure food security in remote regions of the world. Here, people mostly live off the land, often putting their livelihoods at risk. LANN+ focuses on the most vulnerable families and motivates them to gear their entire behavior and economies toward healthy nutrition. Children, pregnant women and nursing mothers come into focus because they suffer particularly badly from malnutrition.



+ 3%

Cost: 2 budget points



+ 2%

Frequency: playable as often as desired

10a Investment in rural areas



To counteract the migration to the cities and improve purchasing power in structurally weak regions, companies are joining forces and promoting the development of smaller towns and communities in more rural areas. For example, they create additional cultural offerings, establish (sports) clubs and make sustainable improvements to the infrastructure. They are supported by the German government.



+ 4%

Cost: 4 budget points



+ 3%

Frequency: playable as often as desired

10b Tax reform for top earners



Taxes are the basis for financing our community. In view of the challenges ahead, the public budget situation will be very tight in the coming years. Reforms in tax policy are intended to help redress the social inequalities between rich and poor and promote the middle class. While top earners and corporations will have to pay higher taxes, the socially disadvantaged will be supported through educational opportunities and an appropriate minimum wage.



+ 6%



+ 3%



+ 3%



- 1%

Cost: 1 budget point

Frequency: maximum 1x playable

16b Reduction of extremist crimes



Every form of politically motivated violence endangers our constitutional state. In particular, terrorism by violent right-wing extremists and islamists threatens Germany's internal security.

A nationwide networked prevention strategy is to be used to massively expand prevention work and implement the necessary measures.



+ 7%



+ 2%

Cost: 6 budget points

Frequency: playable as often as desired

Additional budget for investments



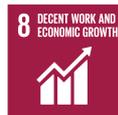
The “debt brake“ regulates that the federal government may only take out new loans to a very limited extent, namely a maximum of 0.35 percent of economic output. This rule has been anchored in the Basic Law since 2009 and can only be temporarily lifted in emergency situations. The Bundestag used this in 2020 to allow high borrowing to deal with the Corona crisis.

Based on the positive experience and the urgent investments to address the climate crisis, the law will be fundamentally reformed in 2022. This will make it possible to raise debt to address the climate crisis and its consequences.



+ 30 BP

Cost: 0 budget points (BP)



- 7%

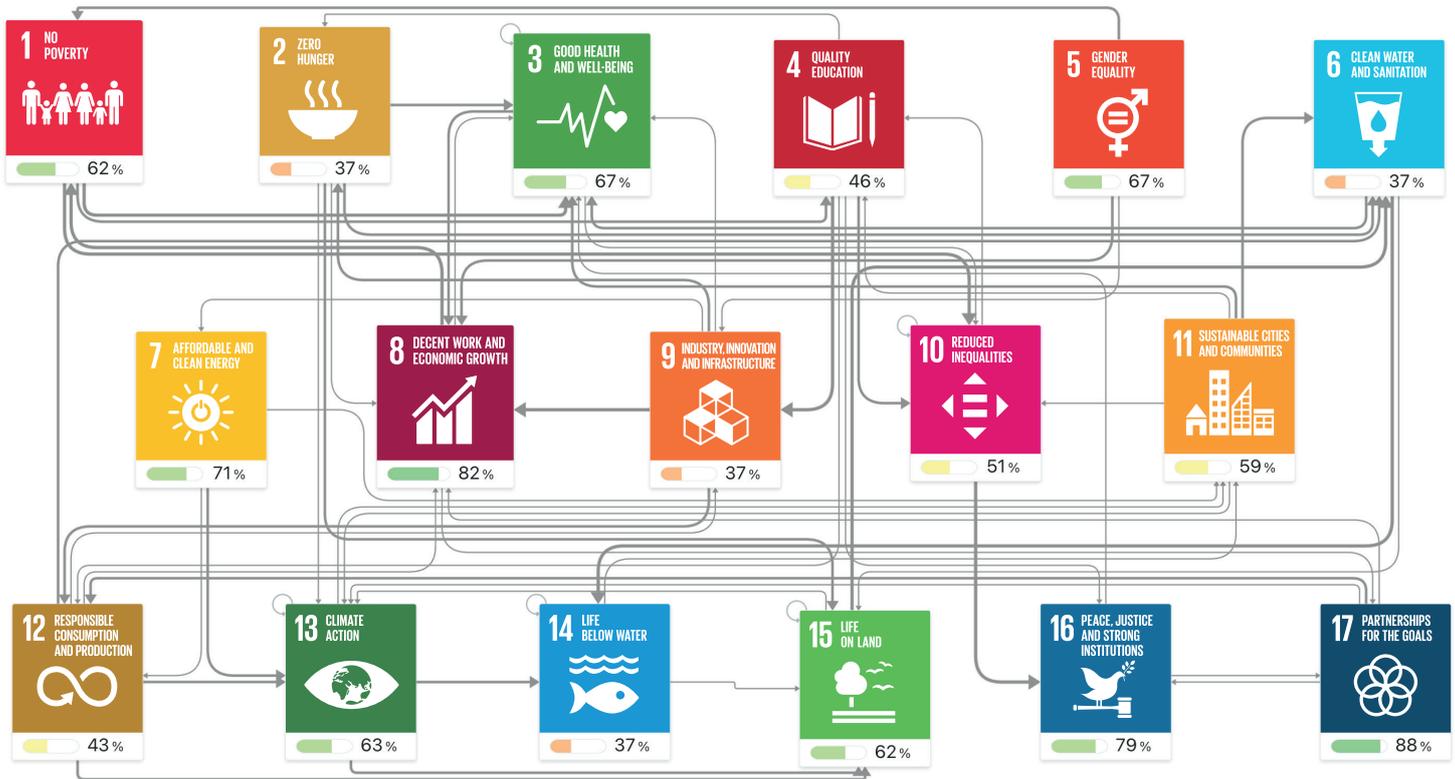
Frequency: maximum 4x playable

Condition: SDG8 > 50%
available from round 3



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

with their interactions and initial states 2021



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

and their relevance in the national context



End **financial poverty** and reduce the risk of poverty through secure material, **social, and cultural participation**.



Ensure safe, **healthy, and balanced nutrition** for all, based on sustainable, resilient, and regenerative **agriculture**.



Ensure easily accessible, high-quality **medical and nursing care** as well as prevention through digitalization and innovation.



Ensure equal opportunities at all levels of education and structurally embed **education for sustainable development (ESD)** across all areas of learning.



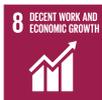
Ensure **equal participation** of women in the labour market, prevent gender-based violence, and support women affected by violence.



Improve **water and aquatic ecosystem quality** (e.g., by reducing nitrate and phosphate inputs) and support global water security.



Advance the **energy transition** through efficient energy use, reduced energy consumption, and the further expansion of renewable energy generation.



Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, ensure **decent work** and high levels of employment, and support **sustainable supply chains**.



Strengthen **technical and social infrastructure**, maintain industrial competitiveness, and promote an open **culture of innovation**.



Ensure the **economic and social participation** of all citizens and promote inclusion, **equal opportunities**, and freedom from discrimination.



Ensure resource-efficient and **inclusive infrastructure** (mobility, housing, waste management) through **resilient urban development** with a focus on the common good.



Decouple **resource consumption** from economic growth, advance the **circular economy**, and take responsibility along global supply chains.



Achieve the goals of the **Paris Agreement** and reach greenhouse gas neutrality, while strengthening research on climate, **climate action, and climate adaptation**.



Ensure the **protection of oceans and coasts**, reduce nutrient inputs, and tackle illegal fishing, environmental damage, and marine litter.



Ensure the **protection and restoration of ecosystems**, promote sustainable forestry, and halt the accelerating loss of **biodiversity**.



Strengthen multilateral cooperation and promote **peace and the rule of law** for crisis prevention and conflict resolution.



Strengthen the **technology and innovation transfer**, support value-based trade policies, and promote international and civil society **partnerships**.