

# WP1 – D1.3

## An assessment of the role of sustainability goals in trade rules

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# Aim and background

- **Examine how sustainability goals are currently included in trade rules (EU bilateral and regional trade agreements; Voluntary Sustainability Standards; NTM's) → setting the scene for the project**
- **Scope: EU <- -> developing countries / SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 13 and 15**
- **Direct impact of agricultural trade on development → welfare, food security etc.**
- **Impact highly depends on the “rules of the game” → negative / positive (SIA)**
- **Globalisation → unsustainable production and consumption patterns**
- **Increasing social / environmental sustainability concerns → embedded in trade regulations and standards for production / products**
- **Acceptance of sustainability standards: domestic vs. international trade → barrier**
- **Striking the balance**

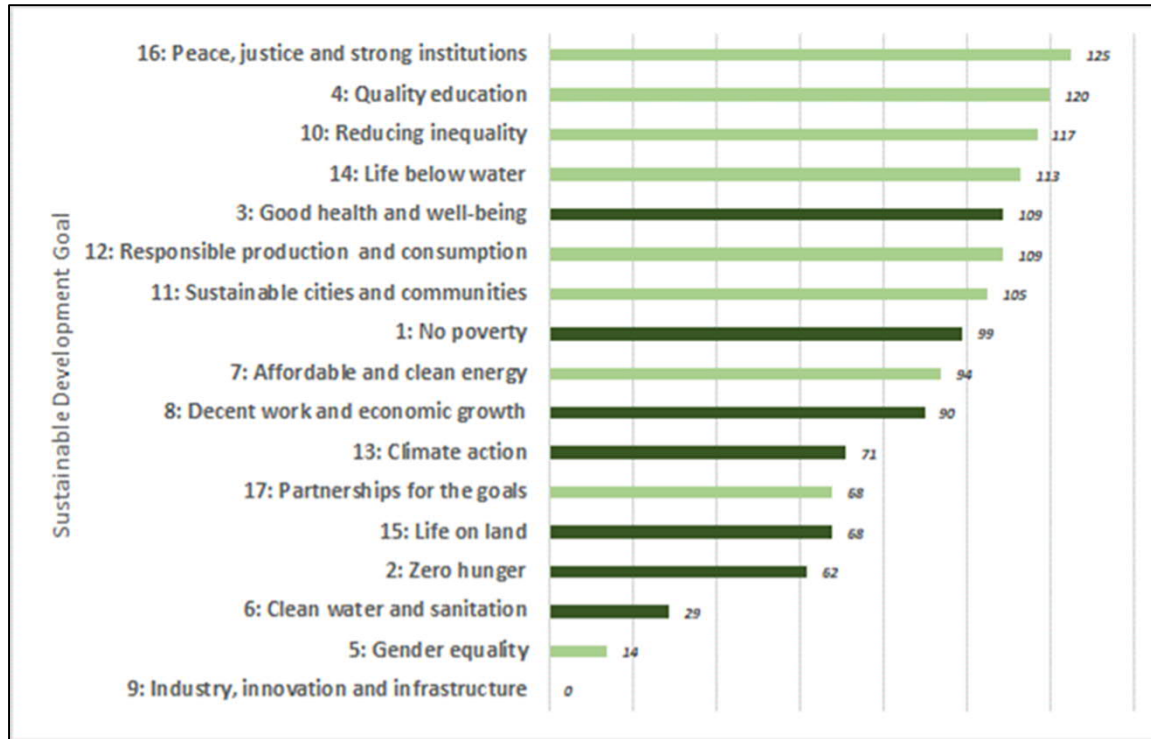
# Selected EU trade agreements and SDG's

	SDG 1: End poverty	SDG 2: Zero hunger	SDG 3: Health and well-being	SDG 6: Clean water and sanitation	SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth	SDG 13: Climate change	SDG 15: Life on land	SDG: main goal	Totals
EPA - Central Africa	4	2	3	0	19	1	4	9	42
EPA - Eastern & Southern Africa	5	1	4	9	61	6	16	10	112
EPA - Eastern African Community	9	20	4	6	53	3	15	11	121
EPA - SADC	2	6	4	1	23	0	2	17	55
EPA - West Africa 1	7	14	5	1	20	0	4	16	67
EPA - West Africa 2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
EPA W Africa - Ghana	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
EPA W Africa - Ivory Coast	2	1	4	0	6	2	1	2	18
Mediterranean Agreement - Algeria	3	1	4	1	23	3	2	1	38
Mediterranean Agreement - Egypt	2	2	6	1	24	1	70	3	109
Mediterranean Agreement - Morocco 1	2	0	1	1	21	3	0	1	29
Mediterranean Agreement - Morocco 2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mediterranean Agreement - Tunisia 1	2	0	1	1	20	3	0	1	28
Mediterranean Agreement - Tunisia 2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
EPA - Pacific	2	3	0	0	10	0	3	3	21
FTA - Indonesia - Proposal SD	2	0	0	0	19	5	9	12	47
FTA - Indonesia - Proposal SFS	0	1	2	0	7	4	1	1	16
PCA - Indonesia	2	2	4	0	2	3	2	7	22
PCA - Philippines	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
TIA - Vietnam	29	5	47	10	80	13	23	39	246
AA - Central America	39	3	36	16	88	11	20	45	258
EPA - CARIFORUM	31	6	33	6	110	3	10	17	216
EU GSP	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	17	25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1481</b>

Source: own analysis

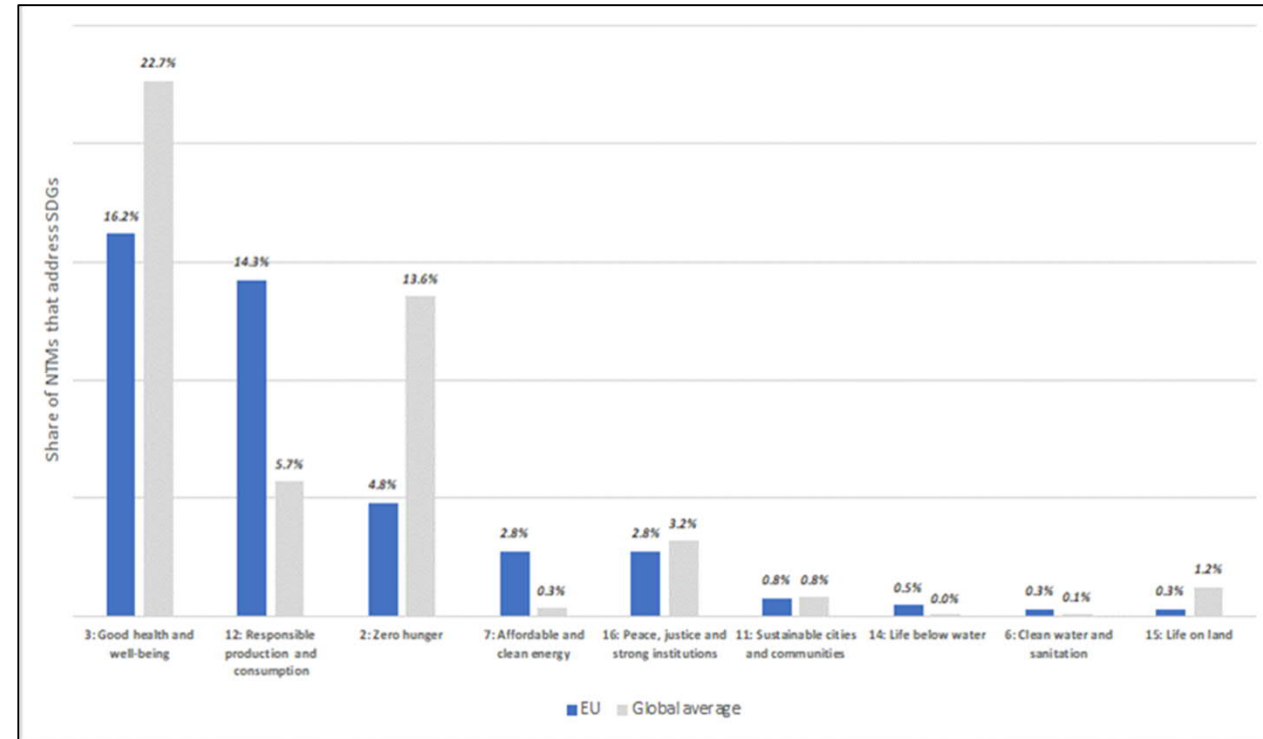
# Linkages VSS / NTMS and SDG's

## Agricultural Voluntary Sustainability Standards



Source: ITC Standards Map / Bissinger et al. (2020)

## EU Non-Tariff Measures



Source: UNCTAD - TRAINS

# Conclusion

- Agricultural VSS → SDG 16?
- SDG 13 → Climate action?
- Coverage:

	EU NTMs	EU Trade Agreements	Agricultural VSS
Highest SDG coverage	SDG 3 Health and wellbeing	SDG 8 Decent work and economic growth	SDG 16 Peace, justice, and strong institutions
	SDG 12 Responsible production and consumption	SDG 15 Life on land	SDG 4 Quality education
	SDG 2 Zero hunger	SDG 3 Health and wellbeing	SDG 10 Reducing inequality
Lowest SDG coverage	SDG 15 Life on land	SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation	SDG 9 Industry and infrastructure
	SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation	SDG 13 Climate action	SDG 5 Gender equality
	SDG 14 Life below water	SDG 2 Zero hunger	SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation
SDGs with an above average coverage (sample)	3(17)	2(7)	10(17)

# Links with other WPs

- **WP2 – Frameworks, indicators, and tools → relevant literature on the relationship between trade and sustainability.**
- **WP3 – Assessing linkages → providing context for the case studies from a trade rules perspective.**
- **WP4 - Institutional, regulatory, and legal frameworks → providing context / relevant literature on trade agreements and sustainable development.**
- **WP5 - Transition pathways and policy recommendations → providing context**