

Socio-Ecological-Cultural Development-Funding & “SDG - Leveraging Solutions” Meaningful solutions that matter across scales, sectors and cultures/times.

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Youth, Citizens, but also policy-makers, are now focussing on the UN 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Agreeing on some general goals – like where we should go as individuals, societies, and cultures – is already a possibly great step – if you compare with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) where not everybody was at the table.... Intuitively we feel that there are dilemmas: Everybody knows that you can not go in many directions towards many goals in the same space/time. It makes quite a difference on which level, in which sector, which frames of references, and which time-frames you have in mind. Check the history of the term: [GLocal](#).

In the environment of the Global Agoras for example with the Future Worlds Center (FWC) in Nikosia we did East European projects to negotiate with youth searching Priorities and Root-Causes on the basis of the MDGs. It is as simple as that. Such methods can be also applied to the “Challenges to Humanity” UN Future Studies / Millennium Project) or the SDGs. This links directly to the abstract on Deliberation and Ecopolicy in this event called “WISDOM OF THE PEOPLE”. See abstract #2.

So where to put the monies?

Recommendations for the [BLUE-GREEN \(& YELLOW-RED\)](#) Issues around the [implementation of the SDGs and respective funding strategies](#) have been published by the UN ECOSOC

Global Commons Caucus All-Win Network  Commons Cluster of the UN NGO Major Group to UN Heads of States and will be reviewed in a synopsis and by focussing on [Leverage Solutions / Projects](#). See various Global Commons recommendations and [Paradise Creation and Design](#).

*Viewing Trees and Woods:
Connecting Dots, Links, Sectors, and Frames*

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Highlighted will be an integrated project called “Vertical Mussel Reef Farming” by SeaHarmony and the ReefFormers. It presents where and how integrated, systemic, holistic solutions which help the people and the regions across scales also get focussed on Work, Education, Economy, Ecology,... and not in typical piecemeal fashion.

The Project won prizes in Norway recently and the OCEAN FUTURES poster award, has been presented to industry and policy-leaders, and to eminent thought and action leaders like [Gunter Pauli](#), (Blue-Green Technologies, ZERI), [Gunter Faltin](#) (Entrepreneurship Summit), [Jakob von Uexkuell](#) (Alternative Futures Award and World Future Council), [Michael Braungart](#) (Cradle2Cradle, C2C). It is thought youth and NGOs in the field of environmental education and development should be involved as well.

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