



What is the ACT?

The Agroecology Criteria Tool enables you to assess a project or a policy through the lens of Agroecology: it visualizes to what extent a project, a program or a policy is aligned with the various dimensions of Agroecology. The ACT provides a structured and graphically intuitive way to identify the focus and agroecological character of a project or policy.

Who does benefit from it?

The ACT is useful in two ways:

- 1) for stakeholders designing a project/policy with the goal to embed key transformative elements of agroecology
- 2) for stakeholders analysing an existing project/policy with the goal to identify its agroecological character

How does it work?

The assessment takes you through a set of Agroecological dimensions. For each of them, you have to indicate if certain criteria are present in your project/policy or not.

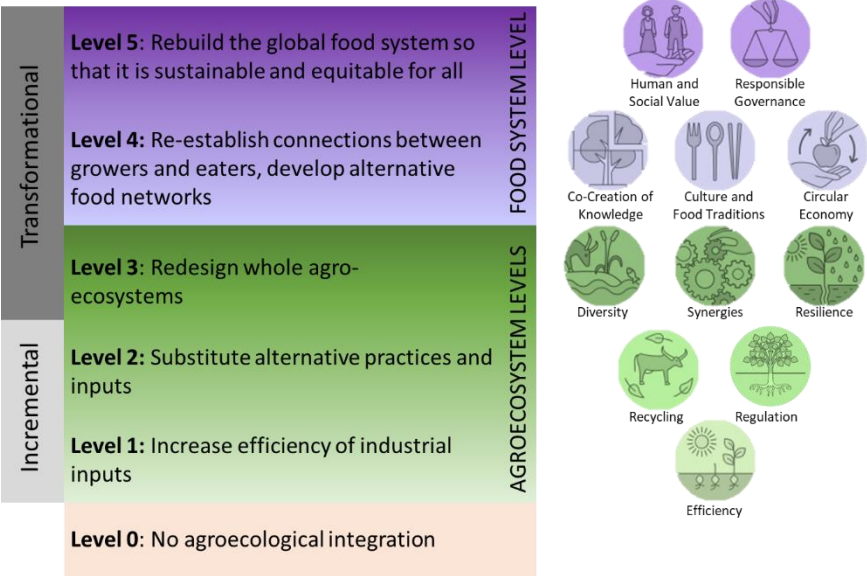
You can either use the online ACT tool on the website www.agroecology-pool.org or download an excel file to analyse and compare multiple projects/policies.

What is it based on?

The ACT methodology is based on the analytical framework by Gliessman on the 5 levels of food system change and is embedded within the 10 Elements of Agroecology by FAO. Each element of the transition includes a list of relevant topics (inclusion criteria).

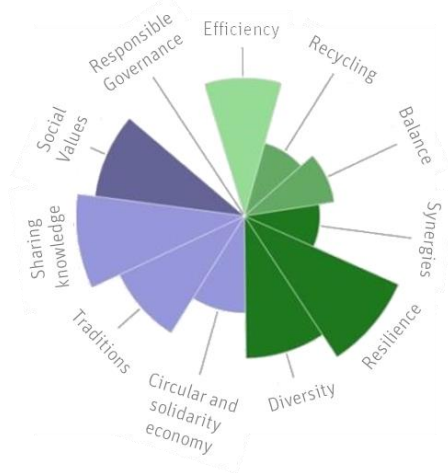
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The methodology analyses a continuum of a transition toward sustainable food system rather than a binary analysis. According to Gliessman's 5 levels, a system is in line with basic agroecological principles if Level 3 has been reached. Level 4 and 5 are going beyond production and focus on socio-economic aspects such as re-establishing connections between growers and eaters, or responsible governance.



Overview of the different levels of agroecology and corresponding principles

What is the output?



The interactive online tool provides a visual representation of the agroecological character of the analysed project or policy.

The data can be exported in an excel file for further analysis or comparison.

- Level 1 = Increase Efficiency
- Level 2 = Alternative Practices
- Level 3 = Redesign the Agrosystem
- Level 4 = Producer-Consumer Link
- Level 5 = New Global Food System

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