

A photograph of a person in a small boat on a river, with a bridge and a fire in the background. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with palm trees and dense vegetation. The water is murky brown. A bridge with a black and yellow striped railing runs along the right side of the river. In the distance, a fire is visible through the trees. The overall atmosphere is one of a natural, somewhat hazardous environment.

# Relevant audits in a bounded world

Sustainability Reporting Forum, European Court of Auditors

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Wim Bartels  
17 June 2019

The Future

NEXT EXIT



# Financial information does not tell the full value story

## COMPONENTS of S&P 500 MARKET VALUE



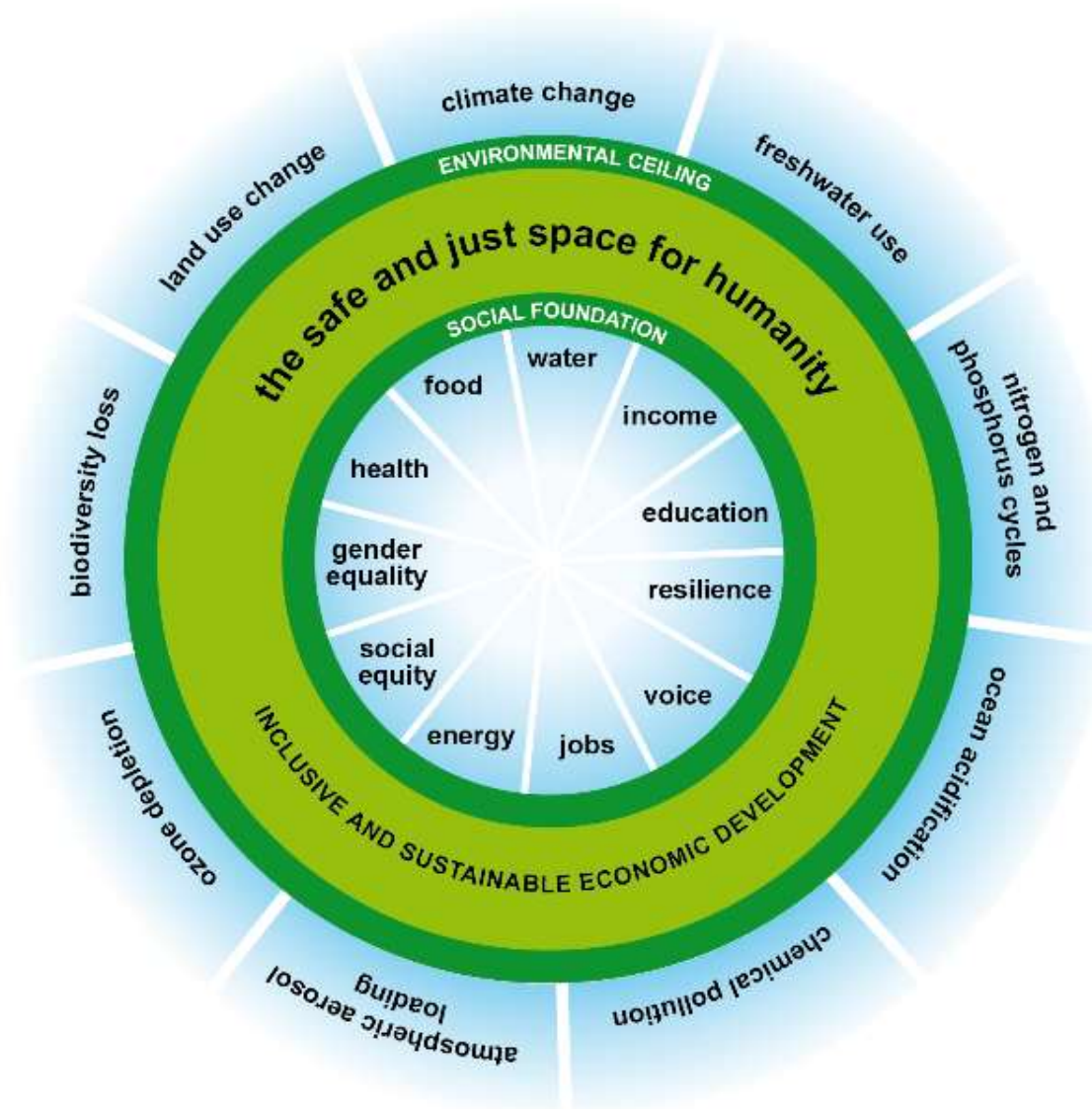
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# We have 17 big problems to solve ...



<b>1</b> NO POVERTY 	<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER 	<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION 	<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 	<b>6</b> CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
<b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	<b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	<b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	<b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	<b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION 	<b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER 	<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND 	<b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

# ... for which the planet will accept no excuse ...



# ... whilst financial reporting is still leading



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**What do we need?**

- Performance within or against the planetary boundaries
- Focused on the key areas of value creation and destruction
- In a comparable manner across organisations and countries
- In an efficient way
- Linked to the current world of financial focus
- Urgently ..



**What about audit?**

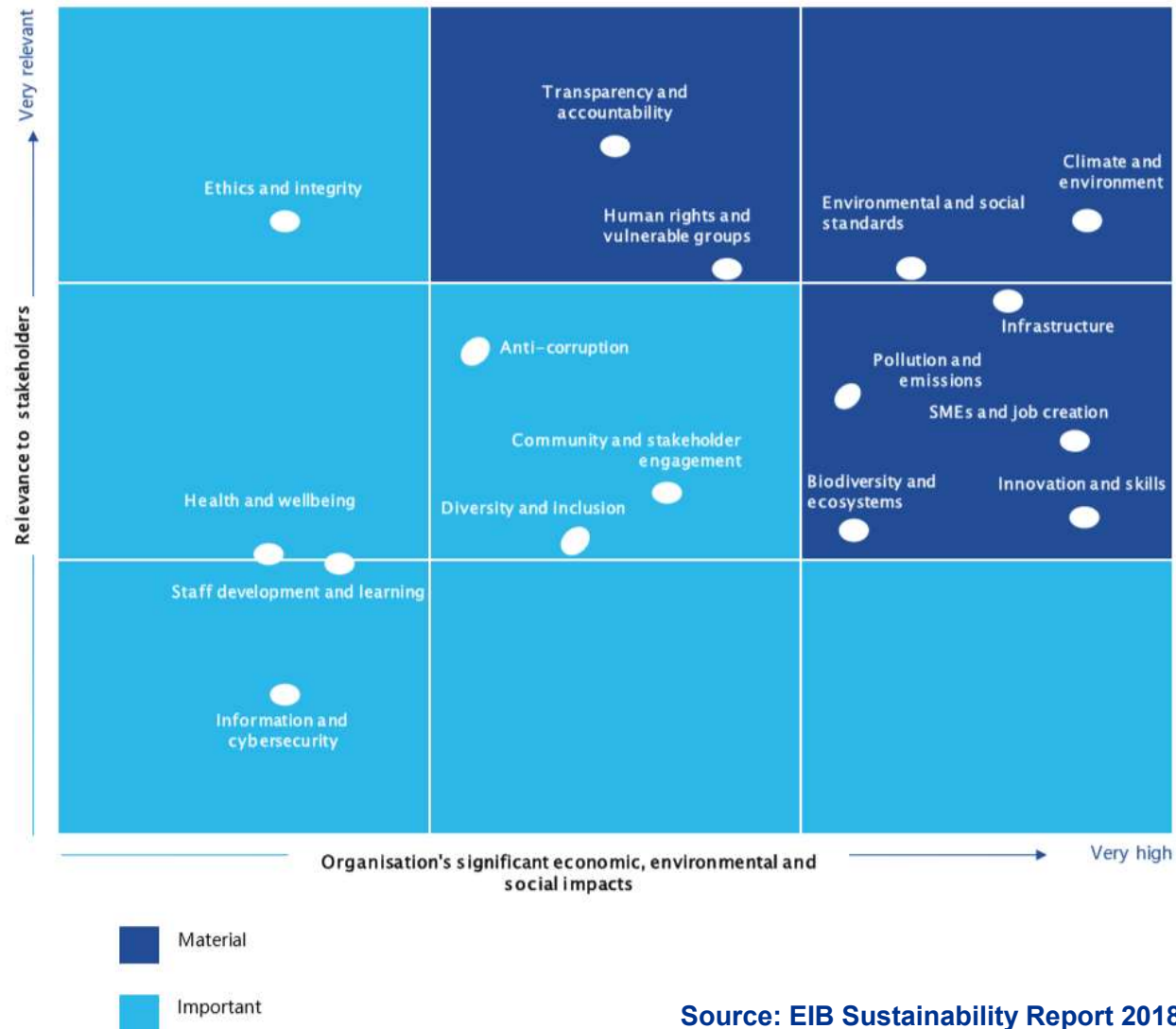
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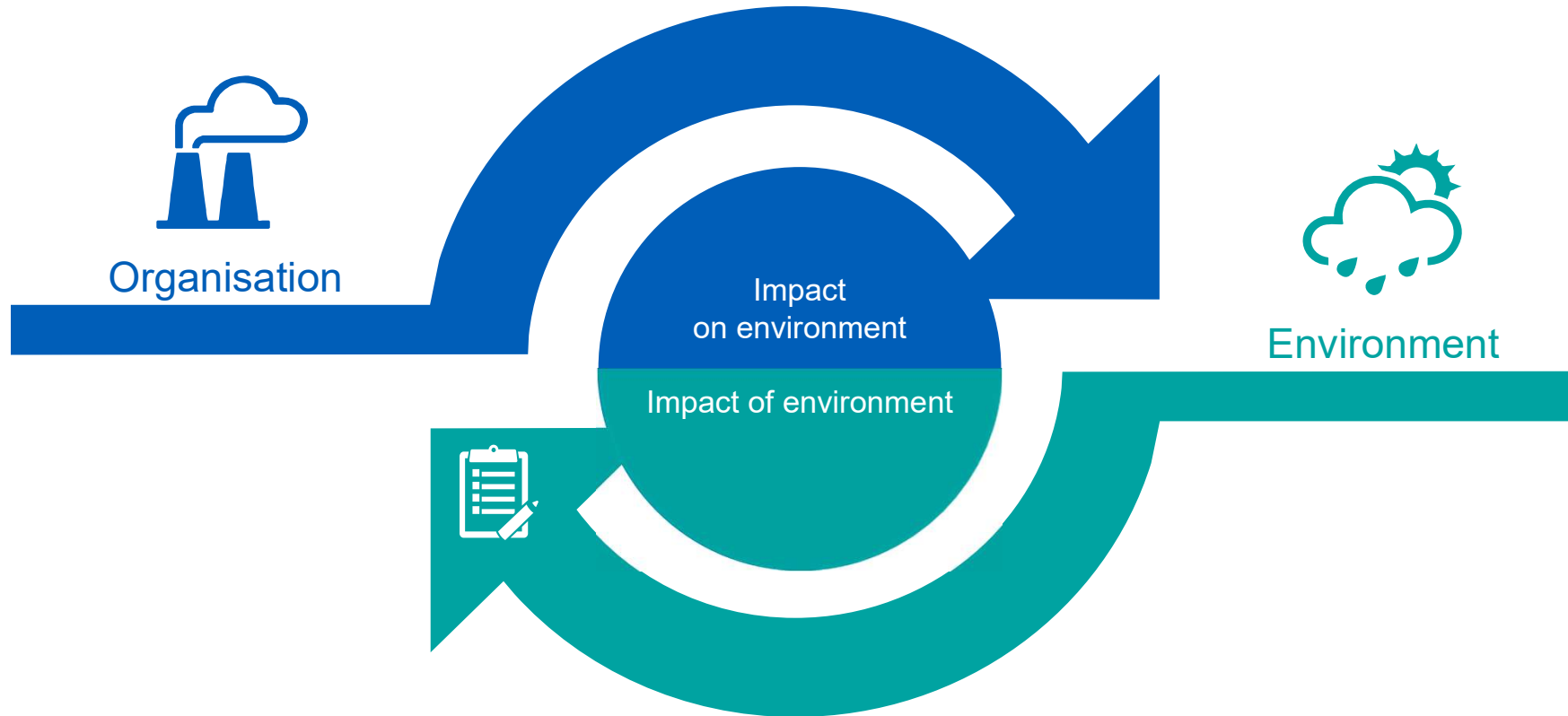
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# Ensuring appropriate materiality assessments

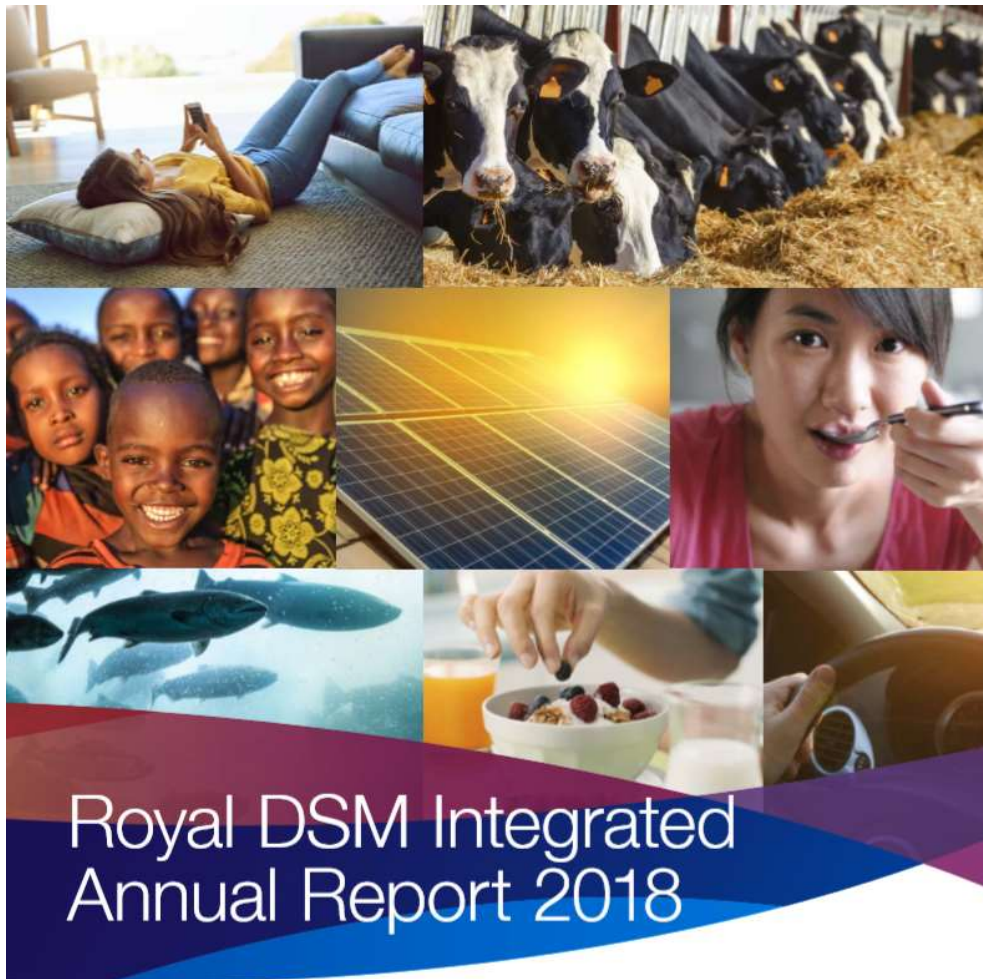


Source: EIB Sustainability Report 2018

# Connecting impact to dependencies



# Get prepared for new auditing areas



## Assurance report of the independent auditor

To: the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and the Supervisory Board of Koninklijke DSM N.V.

We have audited the sustainability information in the sections 'Letter from the CEO', 'DSM and the Sustainable Development Goals', 'Report by the Managing Board, consisting of Strategy 2018, Purpose, Strategy 2021, How we create value for our stakeholders, Stakeholders, People, Planet and the 'Sustainability Statements', as included in the Integrated Annual Report for the year 2018 (hereafter: the Sustainability Information) of Koninklijke DSM N.V. (hereafter: Royal DSM), based in Heerlen, the Netherlands. An audit engagement is aimed at obtaining reasonable assurance.

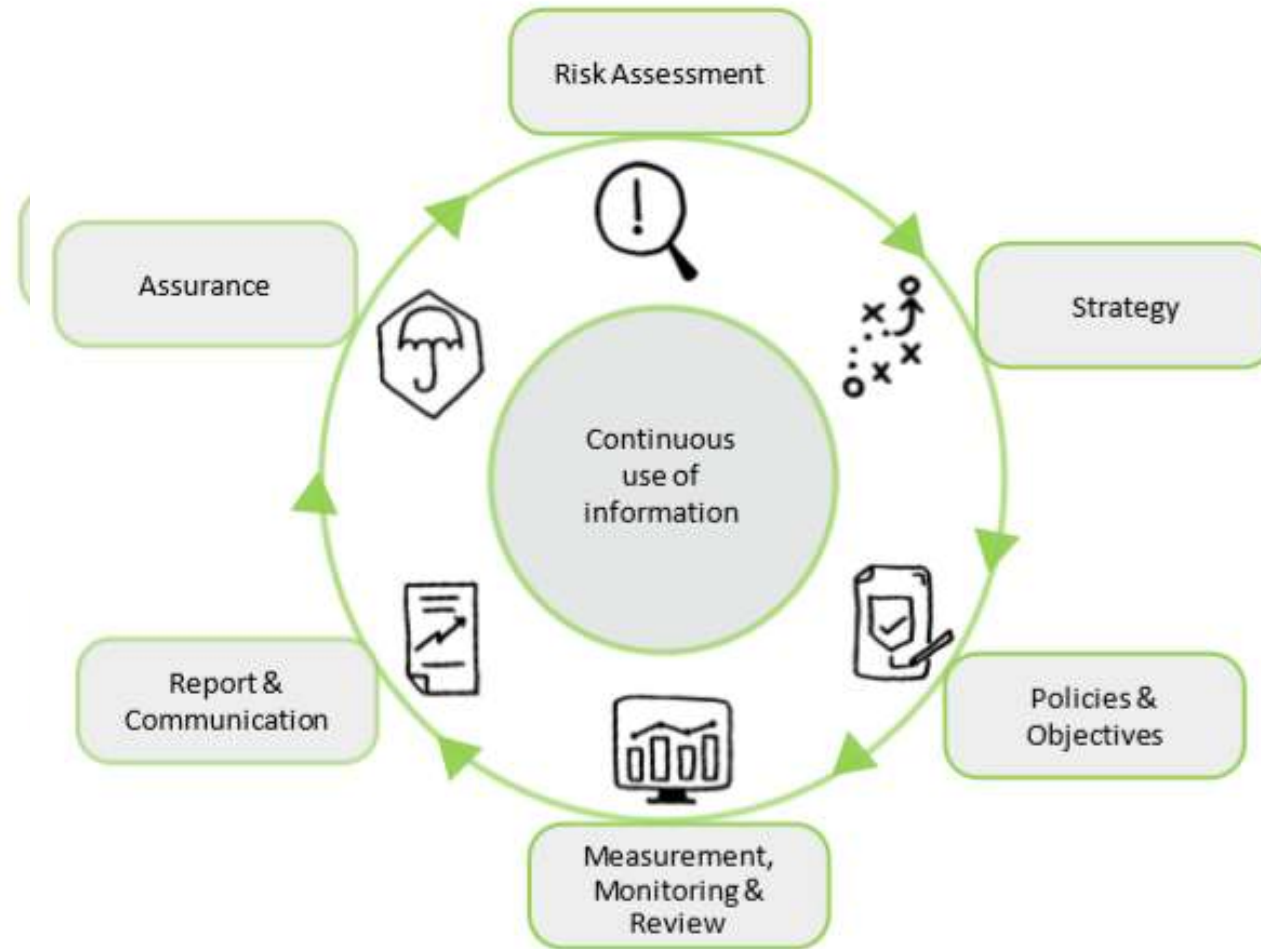
In our opinion, the Sustainability Information is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards and Royal DSM's internally developed supplemental reporting criteria as disclosed in the section 'Non-financial reporting policy' on page 106 of the Integrated Annual Report.

Source: DSM Annual Report 2018

# Contribute to reporting frameworks and indicators



# Assist in setting up processes and internal controls



Source: Rapid Case Review Reporting on Sustainability: A stocktake of EU Institutions and Agencies, European Court of Auditors, June 2019



# Key challenges for the audit profession

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Relevance of  
the profession

Areas of  
expertise

Skill sets

Uncertainty & future  
orientation



# Questions and remarks ...



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