Assessment of three sustainability dimensions

SEEbalance® was developed as a quantitative evaluation method of SocioEcoEfficiency by BASF in 2005.

SEEbalance® is BASF’s comprehensive approach to assess the social, environmental and economic aspects of products or processes covering the entire life cycle. Depending on the question, the four modules1 of the SEEbalance® can be applied individually or in combination.

Social Life Cycle Assessment
- Identify social risk (based on credible commercial data providers)
- Important impact categories considered include fair wages, forced labor, health and safety
- Focus on stakeholder groups like workers, communities and consumers

Social Hot Spot Assessment
- Evaluation of hot spots
- Linkage of relevant risks or benefits to the UN SDGs2
- Recommendations for concrete improvements

Eco-Efficiency Analysis
- Assess sustainability performance of different products and processes following ISO 14045
- Combine environmental impacts according to ISO 14040/44 and costs in a life cycle approach
- Reduce complex information to decision-oriented charts and graphs

1 Social Life Cycle Assessment, Social Hot Spot Assessment, Life Cycle Costing, Life Cycle Assessment
2 SDGs: UN Sustainable Development Goals
In 2017, SEEbalance® was updated for an improved assessment of social aspects. The new Social Analysis uses assessment approaches in line with the latest developments for social life cycle assessment.

SEEbalance® supports decision makers in identifying the sustainability benefits and trade-offs along the value chain of products or processes.

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3 The Roundtable for Product Social Metrics, WBCSD Social Life Cycle Metrics for Chemical Products and UNEP/SETAC