



ENVISIO PROJECT

Empowering New Ventures in Sustainable Initiatives, Opportunities, and Networking for the Development of Deaf Entrepreneurs

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Training Programme 5: Self-Assessment: Mapping your Sustainable Supply Chain

Are you ready to start shaping your entrepreneurial journey? This self-assessment is designed to guide you reflect on the sustainability of your business idea's supply chain by identifying each stage, the stakeholders involved, and opportunities for environmental or social improvements.

You can choose to:

- Submit your answers to your mentor to receive real-time feedback and support.
- Download the activity sheet if you would like more time to reflect and develop your ideas at your own pace.

Exercises

Exercise 1: Draw or Use ENVISIO's Template

Create a simple supply chain map with the following stages:

- Planning
- Sourcing (Materials/Suppliers)
- Production/Operations
- Distribution & Logistics
- Returns / End-of-Life

Exercise 2: For Each Stage, Answer the Following

a) Who is involved?

(e.g., local farmer, packaging supplier, delivery service, customer, etc.)



- b) What sustainability actions can you take?
(e.g., eco-materials, local suppliers, reusable packaging, green transport, repair system)
- c) What challenges might you face?
(e.g., high cost, lack of local options, legal compliance, low visibility)
- d) What data would help you make better decisions?
(e.g., carbon footprint per product, supplier certifications, delivery emissions)

Key Points:

- Focus on realistic actions for a small/startup venture.
- Highlight how your choices reduce environmental impact.
- Show how your supply chain supports social inclusion or ethical practices.
- Think of local collaborations that support green logistics or ethical sourcing.
- Don't worry about being perfect—this is to help you think critically and creatively!

Additional Tips

- **Stay curious! You can research industries, trends, and success stories that inspire you.**
- **Build a support network. How? Connect with mentors, peers, and community organizations that can offer guidance.**
- **Always celebrate the small wins! Every step forward is progress so acknowledge your growth as you go!**

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your entrepreneurial journey through this self-assessment. By stepping into the world of problem-solving, innovation, and sustainability, you are already making an incredible commitment to shaping a better future;
for yourself, your community, and the planet.

Remember, every great idea starts with a spark of imagination and the courage to act on it. Challenges may arise, but resilience and creativity will see you through. Keep believing in your vision, stay curious, and trust that your efforts will make a meaningful impact. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Let this be yours!

You've got this!