

SABANA PROJECT

GUIDELINES for the survey on the Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

Introduction

The goal of the SABANA project is to develop the production of sustainable bioproducts for aquaculture and agriculture, like biofertilizers or aquafeed additives, from a large-scale integrated microalgae-based biorefinery.

In order to reach the WP2 target of this project proposal – entitled “Sustainability” – it is important to evaluate the potential environmental and social impacts of all the production and processing steps of the SABANA project.

Especially for what concerns the social impacts, the instrument of SIA (“Social impact assessment”) has been chosen by WP2 members to assess the SABANA project implications at social, economic and biophysical level. SIA involves participatory processes in order to evaluate the concerns of the interested stakeholders, thus considering their experiences and opinions in the analysis and monitoring activities of the project itself.

Therefore, the Italian Biogas Consortium (CIB) has developed a survey to be submitted to different types of users, in order to evaluate the substantial principles, criteria and indicators of social sustainability, identified during the SIA preparation steps.

The link of the survey, <http://sabanasurvey.eu> , is available on the SABANA project or CIB websites:

<http://www.eu-sabana.eu/>;

<https://www.consorziobiogas.it/>.

Description

In order to ensure the full comprehensibility of the questions, it is possible to choose the language between those of the SABANA partners: English, Italian, German, Hungarian, Spanish and Czech.

The survey is addressed to different types of users:

- Citizens
- Farmers
- Aquaculture companies
- Microalgae facilities

- University representatives and Professors.

Such a categorization is fundamental in order to guarantee a more specific and detailed SIA. Each specific question has been balanced with the estimated experiences and knowledge of the users.

Furthermore, there will be a different order of the questions. This order has been elaborated on the basis of the distinct interests and needs of every category.

Users Types

1. Citizens

This category represents: private citizens and the rest of people not included in the other categories.

2. Farmers

This category represents: farmers, from the smallholders to the large-scale-farmers.

3. Aquaculture companies

This category represents companies involved in the aquaculture supply chain.

4. Microalgae facilities

This category represents people that work in a company whose main interest is in the cultivation of Microalgae.

N.B. if you work in a company involved in the Microalgae supply chain but in other steps (like harvesting/drying etc...) of the process, select the category "citizens"

5. University representatives and Professors

This category represents people that work as Professors and/or researchers and/or headmasters of Academic Institutions.

N.B.: If the user is not able to answer a question, he has to select the "I DON'T KNOW", in order to avoid misunderstandings and not to distort the survey results.

N.B: if you don't know which category select, choose "Citizens"

How to spread the survey

As mentioned above, it is crucial to ensure the maximal circulation of the survey, in order to reach the target of the WP2 of SABANA project.

Below, the suggested modalities for spreading the survey:

Once you completed the survey, please click on the button "SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS" in order to spread the questions for this important Social Impact Assessment among your contacts. The survey will be automatically shared in your Facebook/Linkedin/Email homepage: if you want, before sharing it, you can choose to add a heading sentence that makes others understand the importance of this project and how little it takes to complete the survey.

You can also talk about this project with your parents, relatives, colleagues, research partners and friends and convince them to answer the questions.

In addition, you can for sure explain this project to your students and make it fill out to your students during the lesson or as homework.

Furthermore, if you don't want to send a personal mail to some contact that you consider hypothetically relevant/interested to this topic, you can send us an e-mail with the most important contacts so we could reach them.

You can contact us at gassificazione@consorziobiogas.it