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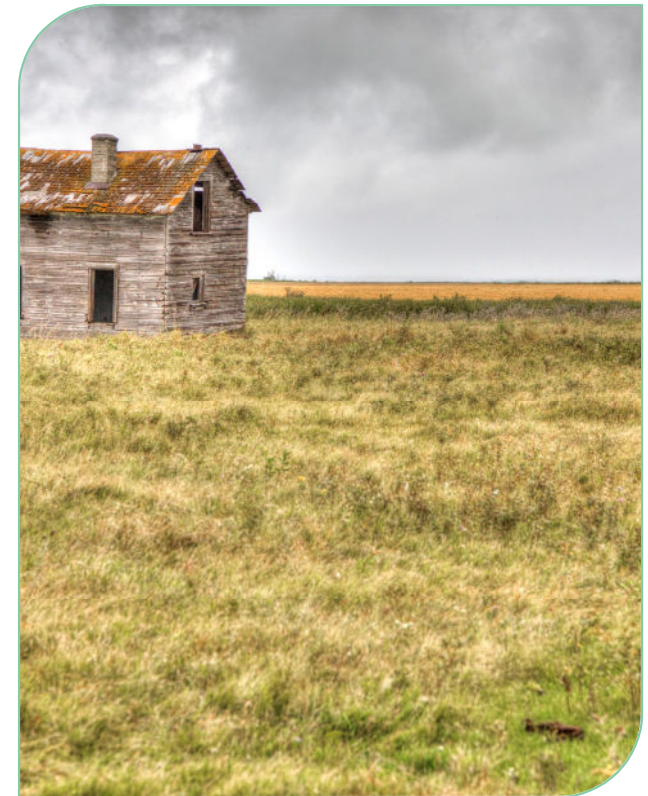
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- 5' Welcome
- 5' Why these sessions
- 10' Presentation
- 40' Discussion/ panel incl. Q&A
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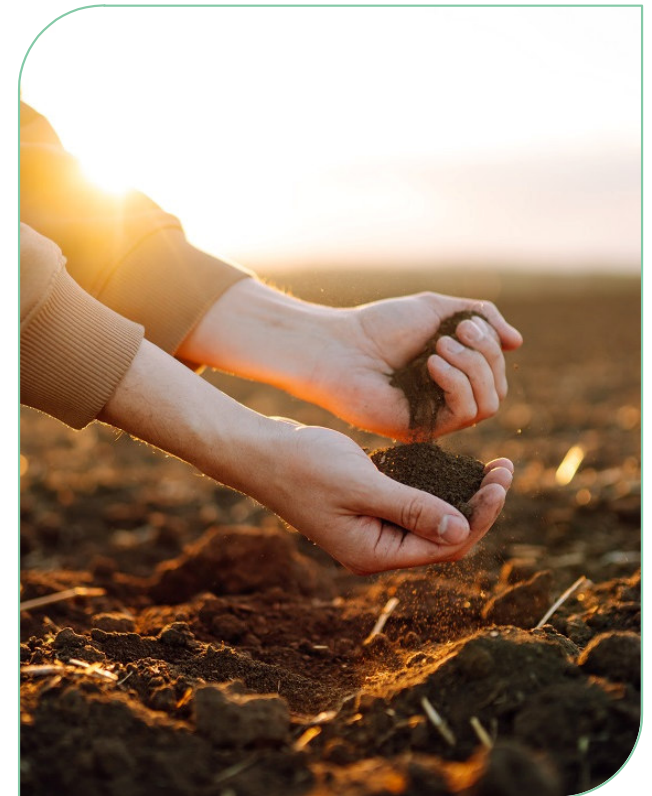
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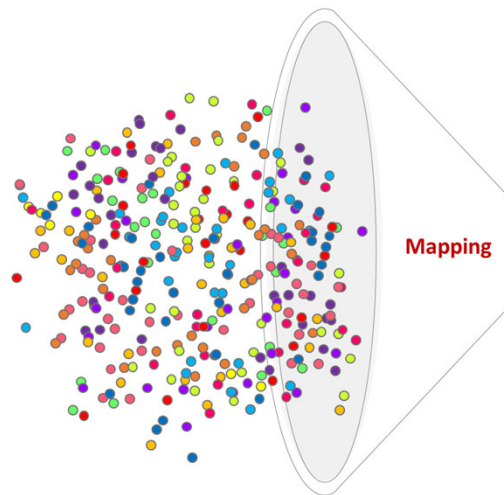
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Why these sessions?



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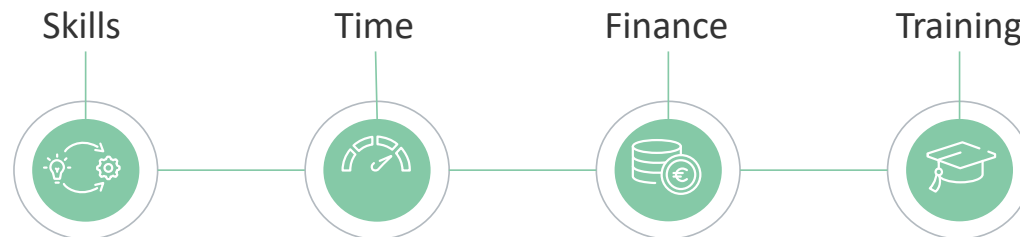
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Ambitious emission reduction targets for the agricultural sector set by the government



Requires action by farmers



Justice

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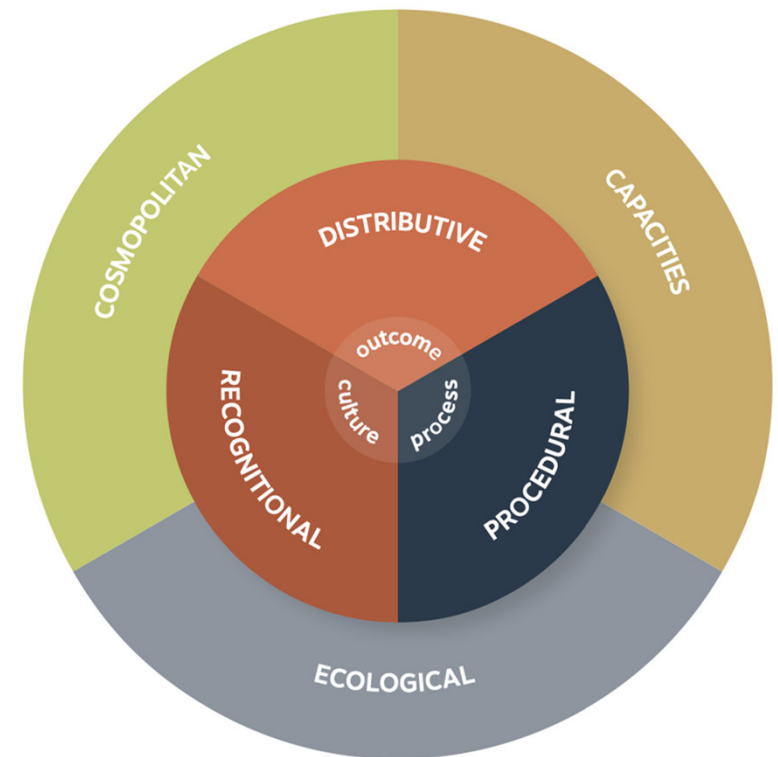
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Justice is **complex** and **multidimensional**

6 dimensions of justice

All must be met to address **systemic causes** of injustice



Injustice in the transition

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- Lack of comprehensive vision from Government

- ✦ Inconsistent policies and support

Capacities and Distributive

- Farmers labelled as “the problem”

- ✦ Cultural exclusion

Recognitional and
Cosmopolitan

- Ambition in targets exceed political will

- ✦ Resulting action insufficient

Procedural and Ecological



Just transition in the Agrifood sector

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How Agrifood is different:

- Transitioning relies upon primary producers implementation
- Many small and micro family businesses which will be required to change their business models
- Sector will continue to rely upon these actors
- More direct reliance upon ecosystem services

Definition: The transition refers to the process of Ireland's current economy and society transforming in such a way that climate targets set by the Irish government are met. **This process can only be deemed 'just' if the changes undertaken to transition to a carbon neutral economy do not replicate the structures of inequality that currently exist.** In order to achieve this, the above six dimensions of justice must be met.

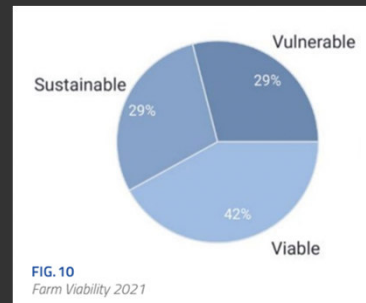


Sustainability without **justice is
merely sustained injustice**

-Maria Whittaker

The Irish Agrifood Sector

- 7% employment, 6% GNI
- 37.5% of national GHG emissions; Air and water pollution
- Livestock covers 60% of total land surface and 90% of agricultural land
- Up to 90% of food produced is exported
- 29% of farmers are economically vulnerable



Framework for Interventions

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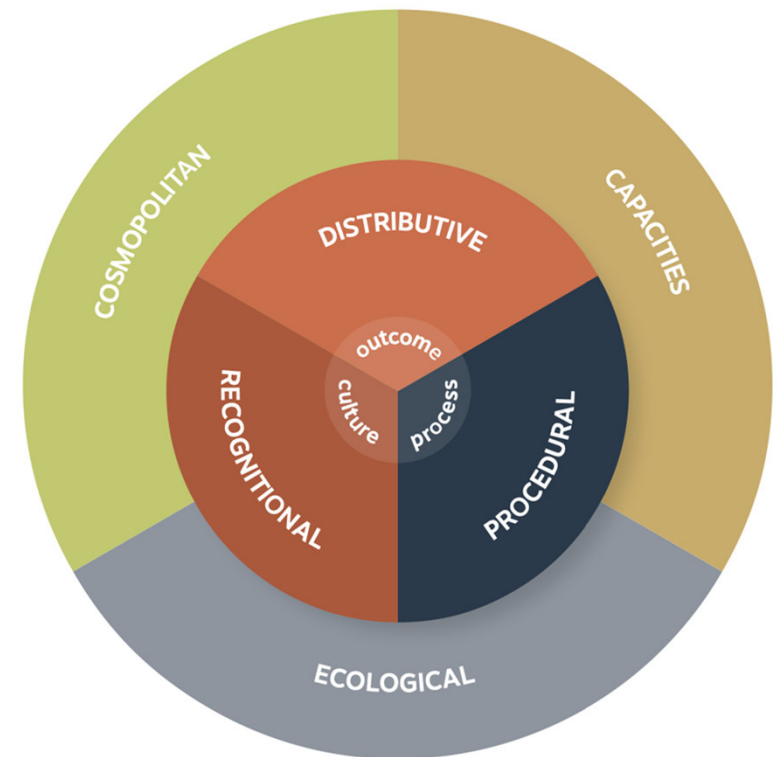
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Recommendations are designed to address the system from multiple angles / leverage areas

From trending challenges → opportunities to re-establish the six dimensions of justice

Result: 3 systemic intervention areas



Recommendations

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Justice within carbon-neutral transition processes

Primary producers are present at the start of processes and feel agency in the process

Region-specific plans for the transition's implementation through local representation

Citizen assemblies or local Food Councils provide **fora for social dialogue across sections of society**

Support is given especially to women farmers who are underrepresented



Recommendations

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Local food networks connecting consumers and producers

Consumers need access to healthy produce and producers need markets for **diversified crops** (those not for export)

Community Supported Agriculture has multiple co-benefits: building consumer/producer relationships, mutual trust and understanding; improving social sustainability within agriculture and contributing to rural communities

Promoting local food networks can be part of a broader strategy for **Rural Development** in Ireland, aimed at **regenerating rural communities**



Recommendations

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Empowering farmers through regenerative practice

Farmers can build knowledge-sharing platforms to exchange learnings

Governments to support farmer groups and collectives in negotiating **better price guarantees from off-takers and supermarkets**

Private actors to transition to production management contracts which **reward producers based on their practices rather than yields**

Financial security debt for nature schemes, and **training on sustainable practices**

Support for farmers to **diversify their on-farm income** through crop rotation and intercropping, and **off-farm through new ventures** such as agro-tourism etc

Reposition farming as a forward looking, environmentally sustainable and economically viable profession, inspiring the next generation and **promoting a culture of learning and innovation.**



Into the discussion



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A woman in a plaid shirt and apron carries a wooden crate filled with fresh vegetables on her shoulder. She stands in a field of green plants, looking towards a bright sunset over a horizon with power lines. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of late afternoon.

Close and thank you

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