

# The Recoupling Dashboard

A “SAGE” approach to assessing human wellbeing

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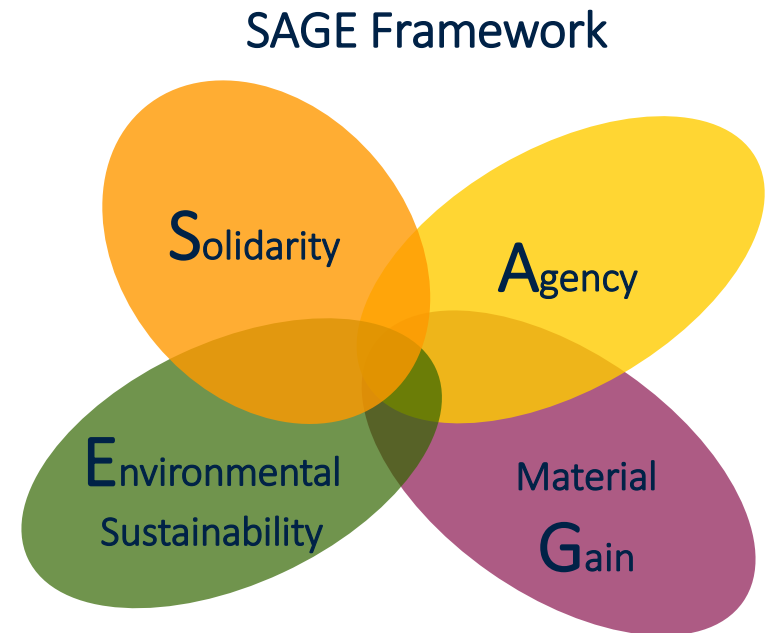
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## “SAGE” approach to assessing human wellbeing

- **S** - Solidarity covers social cohesion within countries (Inward Solidarity) and cohesion across national and cultural borders (Outward Solidarity)
- **A** - Agency involves empowerment; it covers people's need to influence their fate through their own efforts.
- **G** - Material gain: GDP per capita
- **E** - Environmental sustainability: Environmental Performance Index



# Inward vs Outward

## Solidarity

- Solidarity may be directed "inwardly" to one's national, religious, ethnic, racial, or class groups, or "outwardly" to groups with regard to which one does not define one's social identity.
- Inward and outward solidarity may be substitutes or complements.

## Agency

- Inward agency may manifest itself as the exercise of power that limits the opportunities of others. Examples:
  - Predatory monopolies and military confrontations
- Outward agency occurs when people become empowered by helping others achieve their goals.

# The Recoupling Dashboard: Measurement

**S - Solidarity** comprises Inward and Outward Solidarity (Source: Gallup World Poll)

- Inward Solidarity reflects social support received by friends and family
- Outward Solidarity is composed of
  - giving behavior (Helping a stranger, Donating money, Volunteering time)
  - satisfaction with efforts to deal with the poor
  - minority rights (racial minorities, gay or lesbian people, and immigrants)

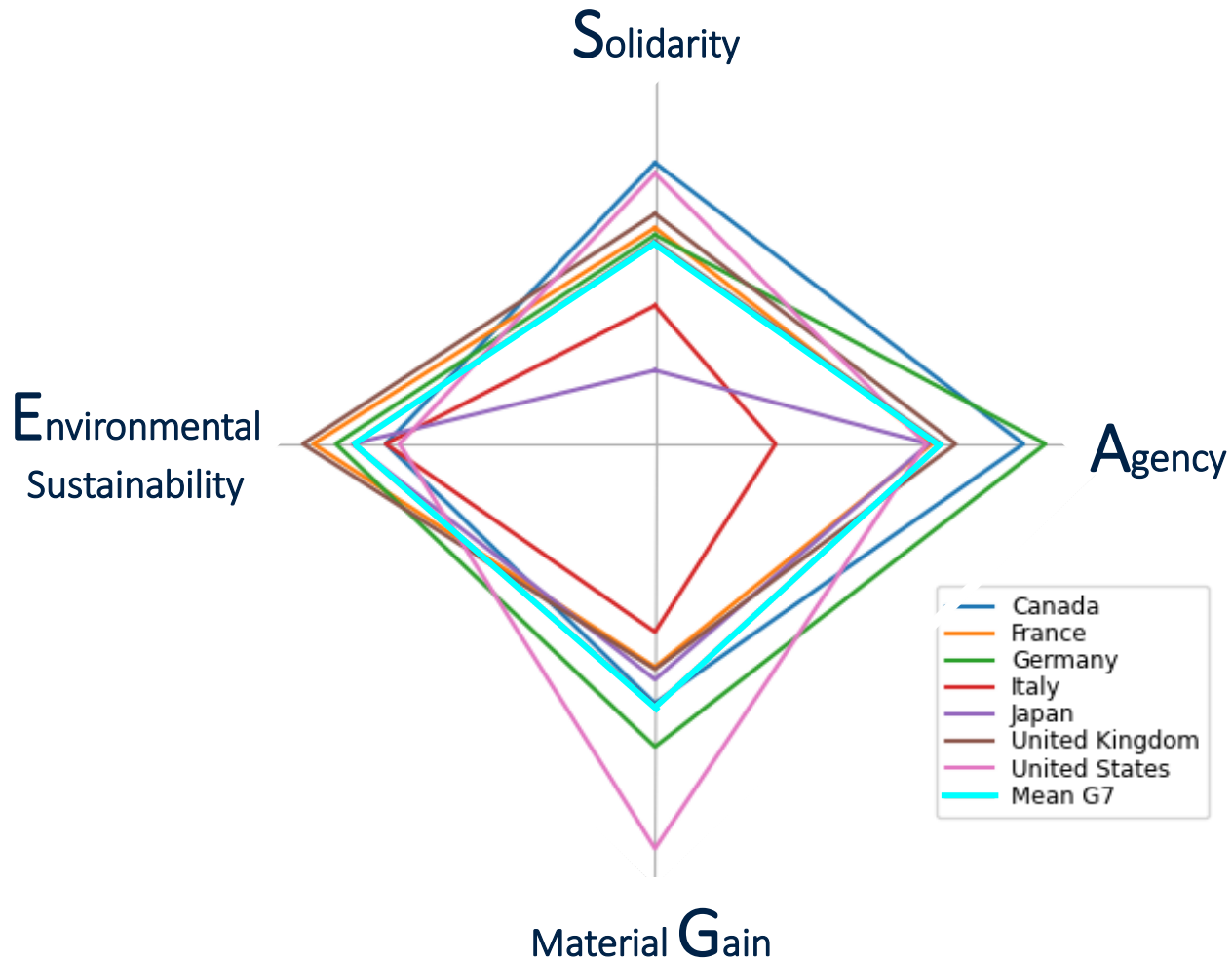
**A - Agency** measured across four key components

- Confidence in empowering institutions (confidence in judicial systems, confidence in national government, spread of corruption; Source: Gallup World Poll)
- Freedom of life choice (Source: Gallup World Poll)
- Vulnerable employment (Source: World Bank)
- Life expectancy (Source: World Bank)

**G - Material gain** represented by GDP per capita (Source: World Bank, OECD, IMF)

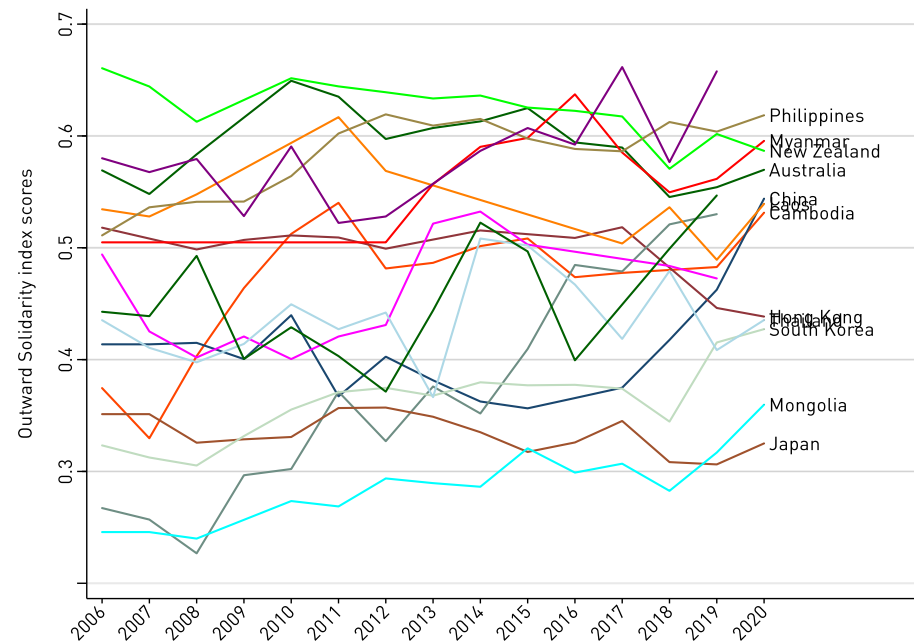
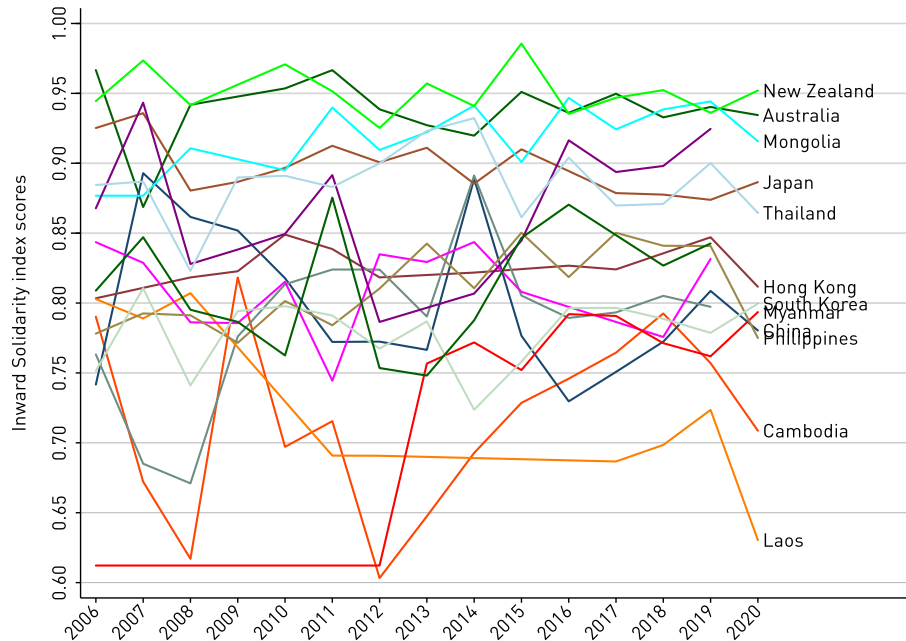
**E - Environmental sustainability** in terms of the Environmental Performance Index (Yale), CO<sup>2</sup> (Source: Carbon Monitor) or Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Source: Climate Action Tracker)

# SAGE – Scores of the G7 countries in 2020



# Inward and Outward Solidarity Index

## over the past 15 years in East Asia & Pacific

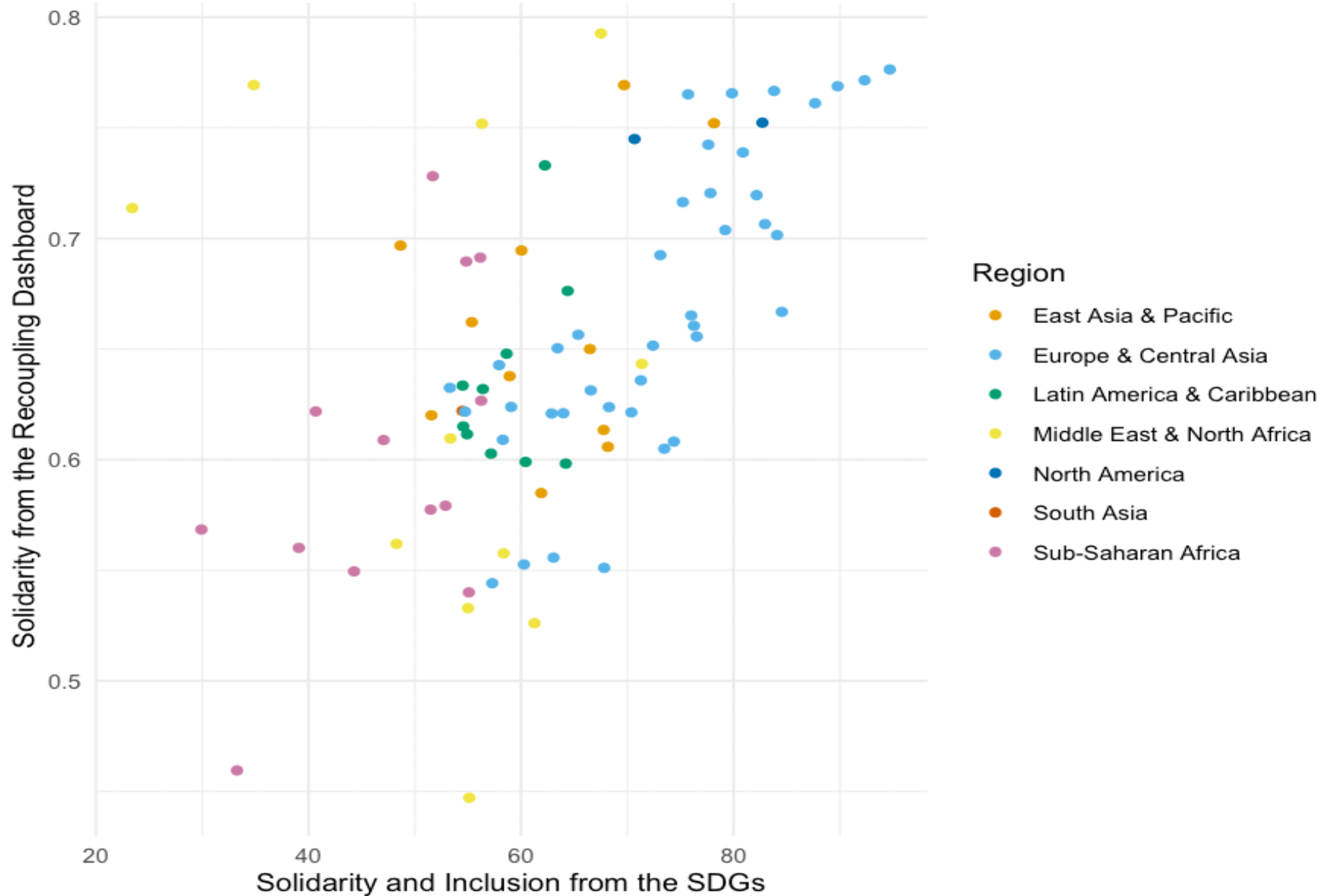


Note: The Solidarity Index is composed of Inward Solidarity and Outward Solidarity and is calculated using data from the Gallup World Poll. Inward Solidarity reflects social support received by friends and family. Outward Solidarity is composed of 1) a Giving behavior Index, 2) satisfaction with efforts to deal with the poor, and 3) a Minority rights index.

# Mapping the SDGs into the four dimensions

Solidarity and Inclusion	Agency	Material Gain	Environment
5. Gender equality	2. No Hunger	1. No Poverty	13. Climate action
10. Reduced Inequalities	3. Good Health & Well-being	7. Affordable, clean energy	14. Life below water
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	4. Quality education	8. Decent work and economic growth	15. Life on land
17. Partnerships for the Goals	6. Clean water and sanitation	9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure	
	16. Peace, justice and strong institutions	12. Responsible consumption and production	

# Solidarity and the SDGs





# Recoupling Dashboard

- Provides a new framework for assessing economic, social and environmental wellbeing
- Rooted in an empirical, interdisciplinary understanding of human needs and purposes and a multi-level approach to societal wellbeing
- Extends the traditional conception of human wellbeing in economics through the incorporation of solidarity and agency
- Proposes a new empirical measure of wellbeing along four dimensions

Further information: [www.global-solutions-initiative.org/recoupling-dashboard-homepage/](http://www.global-solutions-initiative.org/recoupling-dashboard-homepage/)

