



# GERMAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION — DEUTSCHE LANDWIRTSCHAFTS-GESELLSCHAFT (DLG) GERMANY



## 01. SHORT PRESENTATION OF THE LINSNA

- A. Aim:** Support of the German agricultural and nutrition sectors. Main tasks are the collection, discussion and dissemination of knowledge and experiences.
- B. Membership:** >25.000 members all over Germany, mostly (large-scale conventional) farmers or people with agricultural background (e.g. scientists, agribusiness). Farmers represent different types of production (e.g. cattle, pig, chicken production, dairy, or farming). Member farmers are normally well-linked to their local environment.
- C. Organisation:** President, Managing Director, Executive Board, General Board, Strategic Council, Meeting of the Members, Expert Committees (honorary) and full-time employees (executive tasks).

## 02. INTERACTIONS WITH THE SOLINSA PROJECT TEAM OVER THREE YEARS



## 03. THE DLG SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD

- Developed 2005-2008 as a co-operation between the DLG and public research institutions. Funded by the German Federal Foundation for the Environment (DBU).
- Aim: To provide a uniform method to farmers for the assessment of sustainability in agriculture (innovation).
- Content: Assessment of the ecological, economic and social pillar of sustainability with 22 indicators
- Measurement is cost and time intensive but works well for the ecological and economic indicators. Evaluation of the social pillar is mainly based on self-declaration of farmers and thus, includes the risk of impreciseness in measurement.
- Main farmers' motivation to apply the standard is its usefulness as management tool for farm improvement.
- The standard has to be further developed, also in an international context, to increase its dissemination.

## 04. HOW TO SUPPORT A LINSNA?

- Funding of special projects
- Assistance in networking activities (e.g. funding, organisation)
- Support of honorary committed members (compensation of travel expenses and payment of expense allowances)