Preface

After four years promotion of the 17 SDGs the 193 countries agreed on in 2015 in Addis Ababa, five reports on the progress of the SDGs appeared in summer 2019.
This synopsis shows which of the 17 Goals were addressed in priority and which ones were left behind.
The results are featured here in order to consider the interlinkages between the Goals. E.g. the five major Goals Health, Energy, Climate, Water and Education in regions of conflict entirely depend on Goal 16 which is Peace. As well Poverty cannot being reduced without reducing inequalities and creating social cohesion. Same with Gender Equality. And, of course, improving Energy supply needs Technology and as a result leads to SDG Goal Clean Energy. But the saddest finding is the last rank for maintaining our biodiversity on Land and below Water.

Table 1

Leaving Biodiversity, Peace and Social Inclusion behind
SDG preferences in the World's five major SDG reports 2019

SDG Topic	Rank	Average Rank
Health	**1**	**3,2**
Energy	**2**	**4,0**
Climate		
Water		
Education	**3**	**4,6**
Poverty	**4**	**6,2**
Food	**5**	**7,6**
Economic Growth	6	8,6
Technology	7	8,8
Inequality	8	9,2
Gender Equality	9	10,0
Hunger	10	10,6
Justice	11	10,8
Governance	12	11,6
Decent Work	**13**	**12,2**
Peace	**14**	**12,4**
Clean Energy	**15**	**12,6**
Life on Land	**16**	**14,4**
Life below Water	**17**	**15,0**
Social Inclusion	**18**	**16,4**

Methodology: The number of mentions of 20 SDG issues and topics (see table 2) were translated in a ranking and divided by five (five SDG reports).

Table 2

A Synopsis of the allocation of the 17 UN Goals in five Global SDG reports 2019
By number of mentions. SDG topics highlighted in **green,** topics left behind in **red**

SD Goal – Issue	GSDR 2019	FSDR 2019	SDSN 2019	UN SDGR 2019	SDEU 2019
Science (only GSDR)	435	47	130	3	46
Energy	**380**	56	**560**	**49**	**624**
Climate	**361**	**216**	445	**61**	**245**
Food	**357**	**13**	**223***	32	68
Health	**286**	**63**	**1095**	**64**	**306**
Water	**219**	32	**1083**	**84**	**366**
Technology	**208**	**221**	396	**5**	**25**
Poverty	164	40	**561**	**55**	**275**
Education	147	**126**	**721**	**55**	**302**
Governance	138	**57**	**12**	**0**	**25**
Inequality	108	**135**	**7**	13	**33**
Economic Growth	42	44	**213***	14	74
Gender Equality	23	31	**212***	14	58
Justice	21	**6**	**220***	**7**	74
Hunger	19	**5**	**600**	16	**30**
Peace	**14**	**5**	**218***	**10**	**35**
Clean Energy	**9**	**5**	**214***	**3**	**41**
Decent Work	**7**	**13**	**211***	**6**	**40**
Life on Land	**5**	**2**	**213***	**3**	**27**
Social Inclusion	**2**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**16**
Life below Water	**1**	**3**	**216***	**2**	**26**

*These minimal scores result on the multiple quotation of the 17 UN Goals in the data section.

Sources:

UN SDGR: UN Sustainable Development Goals Report 2019, UNDESA, 64 pages
GSDR: Global Sustainable Development Report 2019, Independent Group of Scientists, UNDESA, 250 pages
FSDR: Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2019, UNDESA, IATF on FfD, 208 pages
SDSN: Sustainable Development Report 2019, Bertelsmann Stiftung, 478 pages (including dashboards)
SDEU: Sustainable development in the European Union, Monitoring report on the progress towards the SDGs in an EU context, 2019 Edition, 372 pages