

The 26k-issue-tool

What is the 26k-issue-tool in principle?

It is an Excel sheet that shows in the very left column the ISO 26000 core subjects and issues and offers per issue six crucial questions in the other columns:

Relevance: is the core subject and its issues judged relevant for my organisation?

Leverage: what leverage does my organisation have on this particular issue?

Activities: what kind of activities can my organisation undertake on this issue?

Not in conflict with the law: can I be sure that the planned activities are not in conflict with applicable law?

Impact: what impact will my activities have?

Stakeholder: which stakeholder should I involve on this issue?

If all six questions in a row can be answered positively, an issue has been identified where the organisation can really undertake something to contribute to society.

The questions should be answered from left to right, that means from question 1 to question 6, and as soon as one of the questions did not find a positive answer, the related issue can be considered as not well suited for action.

The 26k-issue-tool's basic logic

	Relevance?	Effectiveness?	Activities?	Impact?	Law?	Stakeholder?
Core Subject A	YES	continue with <i>issues</i> of Core Subject A				
Issue A1	yes	yes	no	Go to <i>issue A2</i>		
Issue A2	no	Go to <i>issue A3</i>				
Issue A3	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Issue A...	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Core Subject B	no	continue with <i>Core Subject C</i>				
Issue B...	yes	yes	yes	no		

In this shortened and abstract example **YES** signals a positive answer to the question, **NO** a negative one. So, among these issues **Issue A3** has been identified as one where the organisation could/should contribute to societal development, just to show how easy the 26k-issue-tool works.

The completed tool is a perfect document for demonstrating your thoughts on how to contribute to society and may be particularly useful for your stakeholder dialogue or for any kind of reporting and external communication. See also the 26k-user-guide.

What is the purpose of the copyright clause?

The 26k-issue-tool is devoted to individual and voluntary application, as a self-assessment tool (see also the [site on self-assessment](#)). Therefore, it is copyright protected simply to avoid its non-permitted commercial use or misuse.

The detailed text of the clause is available on the excel sheet itself, in the relevant language.

Key is:

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