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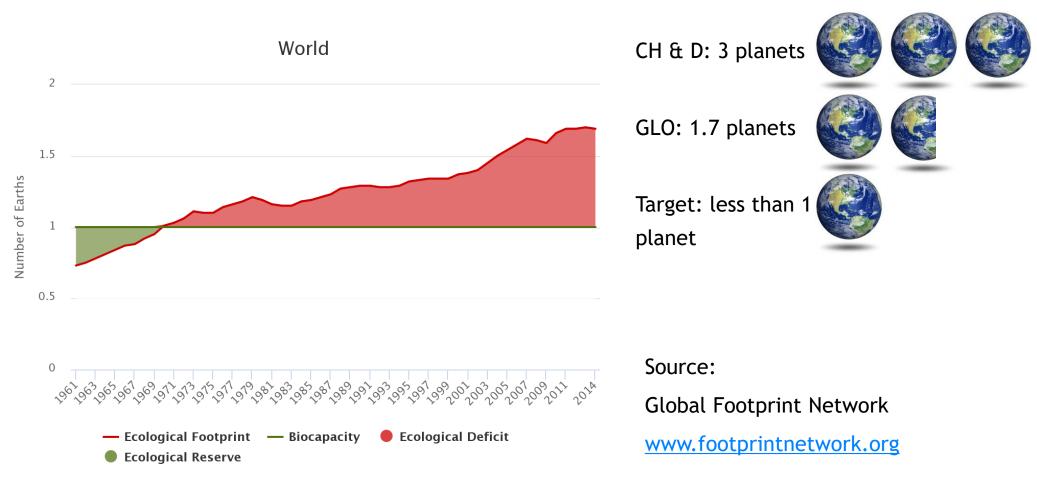
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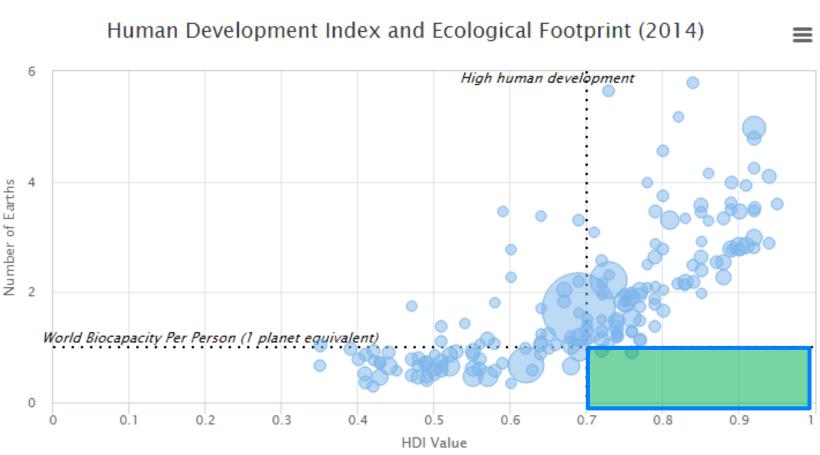
Ecological Footprint (1)



➤ The global ecological footprint has increased continously over the last decades.



Ecological Footprint (2)



Global Footprint Network. 2018 National Footprint Accounts

Additional effort needed from governments, companies and individuals to get to the green spot.



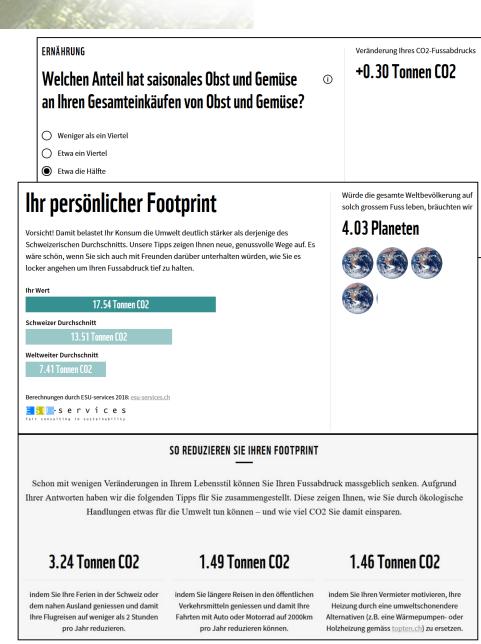
The calculator

 Update of existing footprint calculator on <u>footprint.ch</u> for Switzerland and adaptation for Germany on

www.wwf.de/wwf-

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 Instant and individual feedback in planets and tons of CO₂-eq



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Indicator

- For communication: ecological footprint in "planets" (Global Footprint Network)
- For calculation: global warming potential
 (IPCC 2013, with corrected RFI for aviation)
 - → Presentation on Friday
- Average budget for conversion (Jungbluth et al. 2017)

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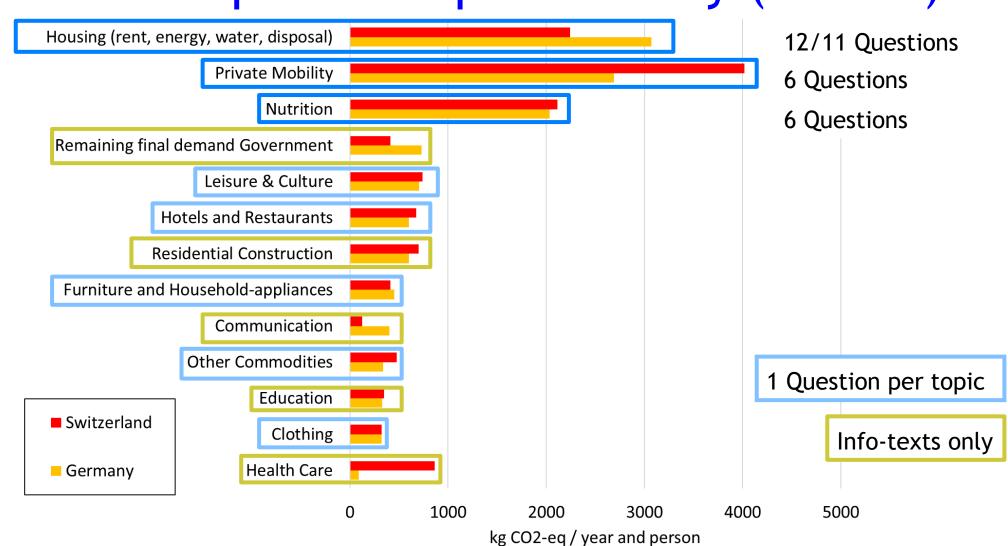
Data base

- Swiss latest statistics
- Jungbluth et al. (2012) Environmental impacts of private consumption and reduction potentials
- http://www.esu-services.ch/projects/lifestyle/
- Global Footprint Network (<u>www.footprintnetwork.com</u>)
- ESU-database (2018) based on
 - ecoinvent Centre (2010). ecoinvent data v2.2,
 Duebendorf, Switzerland, Swiss Centre for LCI
 - LC-inventories (2018). Corrections, updates and extensions of ecoinvent data v2.2, <u>www.lc-</u> inventories.ch.

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Set of questions per country (CH/DE)



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Calculations, e.g. heating

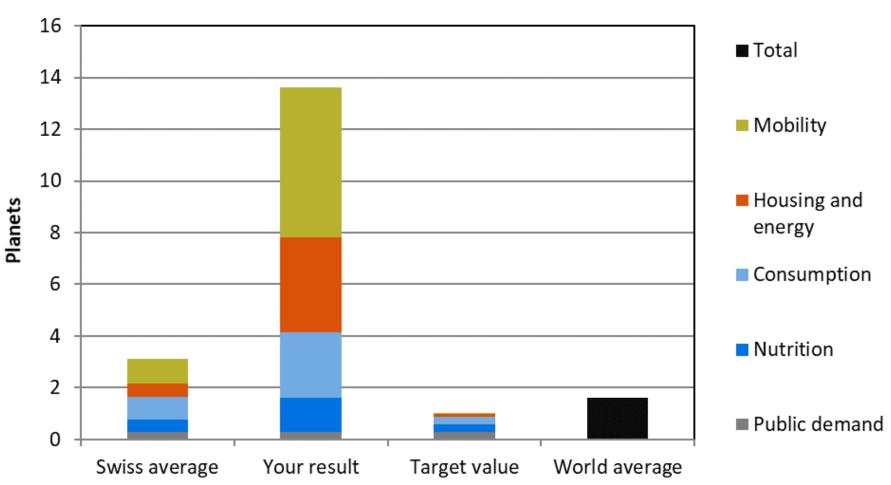
GWP based on LCA results relative to German and Swiss average

	Germany		Switzerland	
	kgCO ₂ -eq/MJ	%	kgCO ₂ -eq/MJ	%
Electric heating	0.189	298%	0.030	44%
Hard coal coke	0.118	186%	-	-
Light fuel oil heating	0.087	137%	0.090	130%
Natural gas heating	0.071	112%	0.069	100%
Wood (pellets, chips, logs)	0.008	13%	0.009	12%
Combined gas and solar (28%)	0.054	85%	0.052	76%
Combined light fuel oil and solar (28%)	0.065	103%	0.068	97%
Combined wood and solar (28%)	0.009	14%	0.009	13%
Combined wood and solar (80%)	0.009	14%	0.006	8%
District heat	0.044	70%	0.045	64%
Heat pump	0.053	84%	0.013	18%
Heat pump, certified electricity	0.007	11%	0.007	10%
National average	0.064	100%	0.069	100%

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Range of results (CH)



In this calculation, 1 Planet is set equal to 4.5tons of CO₂-eq per capita and year

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Limitations of the calculator

- Public demand is not affected by answers
- Uncertainty due to conversion of kgCO₂-eq into ecological footprint planets
- Linear scaling of the impacts assumed
- Improvements in the production and supply chains are not modelled

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Conclusions

- All consumption areas covered
- Other options to reduce the ecological footprint not covered by the calculator: e.g. more efficient production, reuse and sharing, reduced public demand
- Easy to reduce the footprint below average
- Big potential to reduce individual footprints

Aid desirable from economy and politics

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Thank you very much for your attention!

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