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*Sustainability after COVID pandemic  
Lessons learnt; what to change?*

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Evidence suggests that COVID-19 is a **zoonotic disease** - that is, one that has spread from animals to humans.

The appearance of such animal pathogens is related to the **degradation of the natural environment** and human intervention in the living conditions of animals in food systems.

- 60% of human infectious diseases are of animal origin (zoonotic).
- 3/4 of new diseases are transmitted from animals to humans.



The fight against plastic waste has become more difficult, as the demand for single-use plastics has increased.

During early efforts to contain the virus, the World Health Organization estimated that 89 million medical masks, 76 million examination gloves and 1.6 million protective gloves were needed worldwide each month.



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If we consider COVID-19 as a common resilience test for humanity, then we can say that humanity has passed well.

It is fundamentally puzzling that a society accustomed to (market) competition, can suddenly unite when conditions suddenly change. New and new forms of helpfulness and creativity emerge.



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One of the great lessons of the Covid crisis is that when people understand the meaning of the planned measures, they are willing to change their daily habits.

It is a challenge for us to make people understand the need for the transition to sustainability and the benefits of the planned measures. We hope to get this message across. Events like this also play a role in this.