

See the Big Picture

 **Step:** One - Get Connected!

 **Time:** 25 min

 **Space and materials:**

- Large room or an open area outdoors;
- Printed pictures depicting images from the environment cut in half;
- A copy of the same pictures intact (for the facilitator).

 **Description of the tool**

1. Divide the participants into small teams of 2 or 3 around the room.
2. Give each team one (or more) pictures that are cut in half. Give them a few minutes to discuss anything that they see in the picture, such as feelings aroused, where could the picture have been taken and what exactly they see. Once the time is up, start asking them to show their picture(s) to the other teams and discuss their feelings towards it.
3. Introduce the original pictures to all the teams. A discussion will follow from there as some of the participants may have observed contradictory images from the fragment.

 **Additional remarks**

Be creative when selecting the photos. For example, one team could be given a fragment of a picture which shows chopped trees. Naturally, participants may discuss the deforestation issues that occur and the impact on the lives of locals, indigenous tribes and animals inhabiting the area. The team may discover in the end that the actual picture depicts a coppice forest with controlled wood-cutting and forestry. Depending on the nature of the photos, the tool can also be used for other themes beyond the environment.

The tool is adapted from <https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/About/Cranfield/Themes/Energy/Environmental-Impacts>.

 Annex: Sample photos⁵

⁵ Photos taken from Pixabay