

## 56<sup>th</sup> LCA Discussion Forum

# ARE ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATIONS OF PRODUCTS AND ORGANISATIONS THE WAY TO HARMONISE LCAS?

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We cordially invite you to the 56<sup>th</sup> **Discussion Forum on Life Cycle Assessment**  
The official language of this event is English

In the last years, several initiatives were taken in order to harmonise the LCA-based methods for products and organisations. A recent example is the EU environmental footprint initiative “Single Market for Green Products” which aims at enabling a comparison of environmental performances between similar products and companies. In this context methodological guidelines are developed such as PEF, PEFCR, OEF, OEFCR and ENVIFOOD protocol. Which other initiatives aiming at harmonisation of LCA-based methods are currently under development? Are the expectations of the stakeholders met? Is harmonisation of LCA-based methods on track? The discussion forum will give the floor to European and Swiss legislators, LCA researchers, LCA practitioners and industries participating in the 3-year pilot phase of the EU-initiative, to discuss the challenges associated with the harmonisation of measuring and communicating life cycle environmental performance of products and organisations.

The following topics will be discussed during the plenary discussion:

- ISO 14040ff, ISO 14025, ISO 14046, ISO 14067 and more specific initiatives, rules such as GHG Product Standard, EPD, ECO platform, PEF/PEFCR, OEF/OEFSR, Life Cycle Initiative Guidance ... A conflict or harmony?
- Where do we need universal harmonisation? Where is for example a sector-, or product group-specific harmonisation sufficient?
- Which LCA topics are harmonised or easily harmonisable ? Which topics resist harmonisation? How to deal with the latter?
- What are the consequences for database and software providers and for LCA practitioners?
- How to harmonise the different programmes publishing Environmental Product Declarations and Product Category Rules? Which level of harmonisation is necessary to meet the principle of comparability?

We look forward to meeting you in Zurich!

Niels Jungbluth (ESU-services Ltd.), Frank Hayer, Geneviève Doublet (FOEN),  
Patrik Mouron, (Agroscope)

Organization committee, 56<sup>th</sup> LCA Discussion Forum

## Final Programme

Time	Title	Speaker [Chair]
8:30	Registration, coffee	
9:00	Welcome and introduction	Frank Hayer
Session 1	Presentation of harmonisation initiatives	[Niels Jungbluth]
9:15	<b>Global standard:</b> ISO 14040ff and ISO/TS 14067. Can ISO support full harmonisation?	Kurt Buxmann (Head of Swiss Delegation ISO/TC)
9:35	<b>EU Initiative:</b> Which harmonisation is achieved with the PEF and OEF guides?	Michele Galatola (DG Environment, EU)
9:55	<b>Scientific initiative:</b> The UNEP-SETAC Life Cycle Initiative and its position among the harmonisation initiatives	Llorenç Mila i Canals (UNEP/SETAC)
10:15	<b>Sector initiative:</b> Implementing EN 15804 in a harmonized way with the ECO platform. International activities in ISO TC 207/59	Eva Schmincke (PE International)
10:35	Discussion	
10:45	Coffee break	
Session 2	Experiences with the application of these initiatives	[Patrik Mouron]
11:15	<b>Global initiative:</b> A corporate perspective on the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Product Life Cycle Accounting and Reporting Standard	Carina Alles (DuPont)
11:35	<b>EU Initiative:</b> The example of A.I.S.E.'s PEFCR pilot project on household liquid laundry detergents	Sascha Nissen (Internat. Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products)
11:55	<b>Sector initiative:</b> Harmonised Environmental Sustainability in the European food & drink chain: Application of the ENVIFOOD protocol to SMEs: what is feasible and realistic?	Regula Keller, Niels Jungbluth (ESU-services)
12:15	Discussion	
12:25	Lunch break	
Session 3	Expectations, observations and objections of stakeholders	[Geneviève Doublet]
13:25	<b>Politik:</b> Role and position of the Swiss Federal Office for the environment regarding harmonisation and Environmental Declaration of Products	Frank Hayer (FOEN)
13:45	<b>Scientific:</b> What are the observation and expectations of the research? Focus on database in the agri-food sector	Patrik Mouron (Agroscope)
14:05	<b>Standardisation:</b> Synergies and conflicts between global, regional and sectorial standards – example PEF and OEF	Matthias Finkbeiner (TU Berlin)
14:25	<b>Practitioner:</b> Dealing with different standards in practical work: examples on biofuels	Niels Jungbluth (ESU-services)
14:45	Discussion	
15:00	Coffee break	
Session 4	Plenary discussion: Controversy about the harmonisation process	
15:25	Round table	Thomas Göttin (FOEN)
16:25	Wrap-up, announcement of DF57 and farewell	Geneviève Doublet (FOEN)
16:45	End of the discussion forum	

## Practical information

### Application form

To register for the 56<sup>th</sup> DF, please fill in the application form (pdf) attached and send it to the LCA Discussion Forum secretariat ([lcaforum@quantis-intl.com](mailto:lcaforum@quantis-intl.com)). Please do not forget to indicate your affiliation and if you are a student, a PhD student or a member of Swiss cleantech (special fees apply, see application form). Programme updates will be available at [www.lcaforum.ch](http://www.lcaforum.ch).

### Invoice

Once the application form is sent to the LCA Discussion Forum secretariat ([lcaforum@quantis-intl.com](mailto:lcaforum@quantis-intl.com)) and the registration is confirmed, an invoice will be sent by email to each participant.

If you cannot pay by transfer payment prior to the DF, you will have the possibility to pay in cash (only) the morning of the DF, at the reception desk, from 8:30 to 9:00 am.

### Lunch

Vouchers for lunch at the ETH restaurant will be provided to all participants. A vegetarian meal option is always on offer.

### Location

The DF will take place in the Alumni (GEP) Pavillon, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, 8001 Zurich.



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