

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

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

September 9<sup>th</sup>, Zurich

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.

We look forward to meeting you in Zurich!

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

## Preliminary Programme (as of May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014)

Time	Title	Speaker [Chair]
8:30	Registration, coffee	
9:00	Welcome and introduction	[?]
Session 1	Presentation of harmonisation initiatives	[?]
9:15	<b>Global standard:</b> ISO Standard 14040ff and ISO/TS 14067. Can ISO support full harmonisation?	Kurt Buxmann (Head of Swiss Delegation ISO 14040, Alcan)
9:35	<b>Governmental 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	UNEP/SETAC presenter (name to be confirmed)
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	[?]
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 (International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products)
11:55	<b>Sector initiative:</b> SENSE TOOL: Application of the ENVIFOOD protocol to SMEs: what is feasible and realistic?	Geneviève Doublet (ESU-services)
12:15	Discussion	
12:25	Lunch break	
Session 3	Expectations, observations and objections of stakeholders	[?]
13:25	<b>Politic:</b> Role and position and the Swiss Federal Office for the environment: Revision EPA, Green economy and Environmental Product Information	Frank Hayer (FOEN)
13:45	<b>Scientific:</b> What are the observation and expectations of the research? Focus on database	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	
14:55	Coffee break	
Session 4	Plenary discussion: Controversy about the harmonisation process	
15:25	Round table: - Is the harmonisation of LCA-based methods on track? - How to deal with the explosion in the number of standards (PAS, ISO, etc.), EPD/PCR rules and guidelines (PEFCR, etc.) that can be followed? - ISO 14040 and more specific standards, initiatives, rules. A conflict or a harmony?	Thomas Göttin (FOEN)
16:25	Wrap-up and farewell	
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.

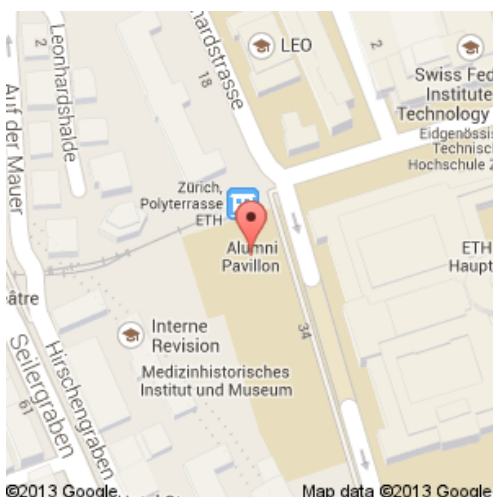
If you cannot pay by transfer payment prior to the DF, you will have the possibility to pay in cash (only) the morning of the DF, at the reception desk, from 8:30 to 9:00 am.

### 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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