

LC Net • Newsletter of the Life Cycle Initiative

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LC Net Focus

Get Involved in the Life Cycle Initiative's Flagship Activities

If you would like to be involved in one of the [Phase III Flagship activities](#) running until 2016, then please submit an expression of interest via the form on the Life Cycle Initiative website by 15 September. Flagship activities include:

- 1) **Methods** (which includes a flagship project group on Environmental life cycle impact assessment indicators)
- 2) **Data** (which includes a flagship project group on data and databases, networking, management and dissemination)
- 3) **Product sustainability information** (which includes flagship project group product environmental meta-guidance and knowledge mining guidance)
- 4) **Capacity Development & implementation** (including the Life Cycle Management Capability Maturity Model (LCM-CMM pilot project))

You can contribute in 3 possible ways:

- 1) as an active expert and participant of any project group,
- 2) as a reviewer of reports drafted by each project group,
- 3) as a provider of local and international high impact case studies.

If you are interested in joining any of the sub-working groups, please [email](#) the [expression of interest form](#) by 15 September. After 15 September, you will be contacted by the co-chairs of each flagship project activity with more details and a proposal on the next steps.

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Our Calendar: Where we'll be in the coming months

For a full calendar of life cycle events, see our [Events page](#) on the website.

1) Life Cycle Initiative Workshop • Mexico • 15-16 August



This workshop is being held in conjunction with the First Seminar on LCA in Mexico.

[Learn more.](#)

- International Workshop on Life Cycle Data in Latin America

2) Life Cycle Initiative Presentation, Consultation and two Workshops • Gothenburg, Sweden • 25-28 August



The presentation, consultation and training events are being held in conjunction with the 6th International Conference on Life Cycle Management (LCM 2013). [Learn more.](#)

- Stakeholder Workshop on Guidance on Environmental Indicators • 25 August
- Presentation on Databases and Capacity Building • 27 August
- Workshop on Practical issues in Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment • 29 August

3) Two Life Cycle Initiative Training Events • Bangalore, India • 24-28 September



The workshops are being held in conjunction with the Indian Life Cycle Assessment and Management Conference 2013. [Learn more.](#)

- Water Footprinting Training
- USEtox Ecotoxicity Model Training

4) Four Life Cycle Initiative events • Lima, Peru • 14-18 October



The four workshops are outlined below. [Learn more.](#)

- LCA (1 day),
- Water Footprinting (2.5 days),

- Carbon Footprinting (1 day), in parallel with Life Cycle Management (1 day)

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Flagship Feedback

2nd LCIA international consultation workshop outcomes

Part of the [Environmental Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators Flagship Project](#)

The 2nd LCIA international consultation workshop was held in Glasgow on 16-17 May 2013 and follows the 1st consultation meeting which took place in Yokohama on 23 November 2012. The experts participated in the identification of key consensus issues and the initial elaboration of a preliminary work plan for the pre-selected impact categories. The [workshop report](#), [presentation slides](#), [next steps and call for participation](#) can be accessed on the [flagship web page](#).

>> [More information on getting involved in flagship activities in the "LC Net Focus" section above.](#)

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Announcements

1) Life Cycle Initiative Consultancy: Baseline Indicators

The Life Cycle Initiative's Phase 3 activities run from 2013 to 2017. Monitoring the success of our work requires the development and monitoring of performance indicators for which a baseline needs to be established. The Life Cycle Initiative is considering engaging a consult to assist with establishing the baseline indicators monitoring system. Watch the [news section of our website](#) for a call for proposals in late August/early September.

2) Life Cycle Management Pilot Project: FAQ Online

Based on questions received from interested coaches and company applicants, there is now a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the pilot project web page, and a word document with the required matrix/supporting tables. An announcement will be made shortly regarding a discount on software. Please note that applications must be in by 15 August 2013, so if you need assistance with the application, contact us [by email](#) as soon as possible to avoid delays.

3) Life Cycle Management Pilot Project: Discount on software

As part of the Life Cycle Management Pilot Project, software providers have made a special offer to any parties interested in using their products as part of the project

proposal. The details of all known providers will be provided on the website shortly. Please note that applicants do not have to include software in their project submission to be successful and UNEP does not provide any recommendations as to whether applicants should use software, but this may be of interest to some applicants.

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A Look Inside: Profiling our sponsors & members

Life Cycle Initiative welcomes Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP) as a Gold Sponsor!



We are pleased to announce that UK-based Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) has joined The UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative and its International Life Cycle Board as gold sponsor. Established as a not-for-profit company in 2000, WRAP is backed by government funding from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. WRAP's vision is a world without waste, where resources are used sustainably. It works in partnership to help businesses, individuals and communities improve resource efficiency. The Life Cycle Initiative is looking forward to successfully implementing its Phase 3 with WRAP supporting especially the flagship activity on 'product sustainability information'. With its long-standing experience in bridging between science and business, WRAP is perfectly fit to join the Initiative's mission to enable the global use of credible life cycle knowledge for more sustainable societies. For more information about WRAP visit the [website](#) or send an [email](#).

>> [Consult the full list of sponsors of the Life Cycle Initiative.](#)

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Flashback: Recent Life Cycle Initiative Events & Activity

1) Session on "*Mainstreaming LCA and LC thinking in Turkey*", Panel discussion and workshop facilitation • Turkey • 4-6 June 2013

Activities were undertaken in conjunction with the 16th Conference of the European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ERSCP) and 7th Conference of the Environmental Management for Sustainable Universities (EMSU). [Learn more.](#)

2) *2nd Product Sustainability Initiatives (PSI) meeting*, co-organiser, host and facilitator • France • 10-12 June 2013

The meeting was held at the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economic in Paris and was co-organized by the Life Cycle Initiative and WRAP (a UK based organization working on SCP topics at international level). [Learn more.](#)

3) *Training on Life Cycle Assessment - Data Collection & Databases, Workshop facilitation* • Israel • 18-19 June 2013

The 2-day training was co-organized by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Israel and the Cleaner Production Regional Activity Center of UNEP/MAP under the framework of the Horizon 2020 Capacity Building Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP - EU funded project). [Learn more.](#)

4) *Water Footprinting Training Workshop, Organiser and sponsor* • Botswana • 23-24 June 2013

ISO-UNEP/SETAC Botswana Water Footprinting Training was held on 23-24 June 2013 at the Botswana Bureau of Standards. The workshop was sponsored/cofunded by UNEP, ISO and the Swedish Institute of Standards (SIS). [Learn more.](#)

5) *Water Footprinting Training Workshop, Co-organiser* • Thailand • 2-3 July 2013

A “Train-the-trainers” workshop on Water Footprint was organized at the Thailand Science Park in Bangkok, Thailand during 2-3 July 2013 by the National Metal and Materials Technology Center (MTEC) under the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) with support from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). [Learn more.](#)

6) *8th Life Cycle Conference, Keynote Presentation and consultation facilitation* • Australia • 14-18 July 2013

The keynote presentation “Looking back on 10 years of achievements of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative and current projects to mainstream Life Cycle Thinking” and a stakeholder consultation session on the Flagship activity “Environmental Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators” were part of the programme of the 8th Life Cycle Conference organized and hosted by ALCAS in Sydney. [Learn more.](#)

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Life Cycle Jobs

Trainee position in European Commission Joint Research Centre

Trainee position in EC’s JRC on “Life Cycle Assessment - Assisting case studies on raw materials classified as critical to the economy”

The European Commission’s Joint Research Centre, based at its Institute for

Environment and Sustainability in Ispra, Italy, has a vacancy for a trainee on “Life Cycle Assessment - Assisting case studies on raw materials classified as critical to the economy”. Deadline: 15 September 2013.

>> For further information, see [the EC recruitment website](#).

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Secretariat of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

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