

# LC Net



Bimonthly newsletter of the  
**Life Cycle Initiative**

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## LC Net Focus

### 2017: Looking back and moving forward

2017 has been particularly exciting and eventful here at the Life Cycle Initiative! We concluded Phase 3 (2012-2017) and launched our new strategy, with the main objective to scale up the Initiative's activities with a more ambitious linkage to global policies and business agendas, under a more transparent and open governance structure.

Phase 3 of the Initiative successfully concluded with the following outputs added in 2017:

- The first e-learning module on Introduction to Life Cycle Thinking, available both in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), has attracted close to 1000 subscribers within 4 months' time;
- After being pilot-tested by 12 organizations worldwide, fresh results of using the [organisational LCA guidance](#) have been [published](#);
- A [series of publications](#) have been produced related to review of LCA datasets and management of databases;
- The overarching methodology framework of [hotspots analysis and communication guidelines](#) have been released.

All these deliverables build on the extraordinary commitment of the many partners of the Life Cycle Initiative, who lend their time and expertise to the common objectives of the Initiative, as project co-chairs, expert contributors to reviews, road-testers in industry and the public sector, disseminators of the work of the Initiative, and providing insights into the strategic direction of the Life Cycle Initiative to deliver on the huge ambition of making life cycle thinking common-place globally... To all of you, a massive thank you as we turn another page; we look forward to continuing on this collaboration, the work is far from over!

A new and exciting phase for the Life Cycle Initiative began over the summer, with a

successful virtual General Assembly in September 2017 where a new Steering Committee was elected. We currently have close to 250 members across 46 countries across business, government and science/civil society constituencies. For more details on our members please click [here](#). Two new projects have been launched applying life cycle thinking for supporting decision making, on national hotspots analysis and marine plastics respectively.

As we begin 2018, the Life Cycle Initiative is going from strength to strength to launch a series of new and impactful projects delivering into our three overarching programmes. We are looking forward to a wide collaboration with all members through such activities, and we also welcome new organisations and individuals to jointly develop life cycle knowledge, capacity, and implementation into global decision making.

## Updates of Life Cycle Initiative activities

### Congratulations to our new implementing project partners!

Congratulations to the consortium of Vienna University of Economics and Business ([WU Vienna](#)), and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation ([CSIRO](#)) for being selected as the implementing partner for the national hotspots analysis project! For more details on the project please contact [Kristina Bowers](#).

Also, Congratulations to the consortium of [EA - Shaping Environmental Action](#), International Union for Conservation of Nature ([IUCN](#)), [Quantis](#) and [Plastic Soup Foundation](#) for being selected as the implementing partner for mapping the national plastics value chain and hotspots on plastics entering the marine environment project! For more information on this project please contact [Sandra Averous](#), and copy [Feng Wang](#). Watch this space for updates on these and other projects as they progress!

We would also like to thank all the partners and experts who took the time to submit proposals within the (usual) short time frame.

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### Life Cycle Initiative contributing to the Strategy development of the 10YFP

In the past 5 years, the Life Cycle Initiative has actively collaborated with various programmes of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns ([10YFP](#)), such as on sustainable tourism (developing a sectoral approach for identifying environment hotspots), consumer information (being a member of their Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and collaborating on many joint projects and training on life cycle indicators, eco-labels, and communication of sustainability information); and also with the Secretariat on developing methodology guidance on national hotspots. In fact, life cycle thinking is a guiding principle of all 10YFP programmes.

Based on the experience of developing our own strategy, and as an engaged partner of the 10YFP, the Life Cycle Initiative has been recently advising the 10YFP Secretariat, together with other partners like the International Resource Panel, on indicators for tracking performance and impacts of the 10YFP, as well as providing input to the 10YFP Strategy Task Force, e.g. on partner engagement. We look forward to an even closer cooperation with the 10YFP in 2018, to contribute to collective impact towards sustainable consumption and production (SDG 12).

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## Register under the Technical Helpdesk for National LCA Databases!

UN Environment recently launched a Technical Helpdesk for National LCA Databases which provides stakeholders wishing to establish and operate LCA databases with both training and support by international experts. A number of experts are already listed and stand ready to answer your questions. Whether you are an expert willing to share your views or a beginner in the field of LCA Data in need of advice, we invite you to register under the Helpdesk and explore its many resources. [Get more details.](#)

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## A look inside: Profiling our members

LC Net uses this space to profile organizations which have become very active in the field of life cycle thinking; organizations which have, naturally, stepped up their engagement with the Life Cycle Initiative as either a member or sponsor.

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## South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)



South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme ([SACEP](#)) is an intergovernmental organization, established in 1982 by the governments of South Asia namely: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (SAARC countries). It is a multilateral organization registered with the UN Secretariat in accordance with article 102 of the charter of the United Nations. Since its inception, SACEP has implemented a number of regional projects and programmes in the areas of environment education, environment legislation, biodiversity, air pollution, and the protection and management of the coastal environment, promoting sustainable consumption and production (SCP), and many more.

Following on the implementation of the 2013 SACEP Governing Council Decision 10.2.2 to promote SCP within policy-making mechanisms of South Asian countries, as well as the

Asia–Pacific Road map of the Rio+20 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns (10YFP), SACEP is undertaking number of activities to promote SCP and life cycle thinking in the region.

Currently, SACEP is a Steering Committee member of the Life Cycle Initiative, within the governments' constituency. SACEP has particular plans to cooperate with the Life Cycle Initiative in the fields of technical and policy advice, capacity development, and knowledge sharing among the SACEP member countries. It also plans to facilitate the knowledge exchange on emerging life cycle based policies at the international level.

[Read more about SACEP.](#)

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## Our Calendar: where we and our partners will be active

### **Closing the Loop: Optimising the Copper Life Cycle for a Sustainable World | 31st January, 2018 | Brussels, Belgium**

Please join two of our Steering Committee members Sonia Valdivia (World Resources Forum) and Michele Galatola (European Commission) on an exciting breakfast discussion, organized by the European Copper Institute. The event aims to bring together policy and industry representatives to discuss the efforts required to move to a more circular and low-carbon economy, as well as how life cycle data and material profiles could accelerate such a transition.

>> [Register for this event](#)

>> [More event details](#)

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### **Contribution of Products to Avoided GHG Emissions: Seminar and Discussions | 9 February 2018 | Tokyo, Japan**

Join Atsushi Inaba of Kogakuin University, Japan, a long-term member of the Life Cycle Initiative, will be moderating the discussions in the seminar on “Contribution of Products to Avoided GHG Emissions”, in Tokyo! Supported by Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), the event seeks to find consensus on methodology for the calculation of greenhouse gas reduction contributions, including the allocation of contribution to the relevant actors.

>> [More event details](#)

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### **SETAC Rome | 13–17 May 2018 | Rome, Italy**

SETAC Rome is a 5-day event featuring a variety of training, networking and learning opportunities. You cannot miss this event if you are interested in emerging research, regulatory developments and the latest methodologies in environmental toxicology and

chemistry, including as usual several sessions on Life Cycle Assessment. Between 2,000 and 2,500 scientists, assessors, regulators and managers from academia, business and government, representing an average of 60 countries, provides a unique networking opportunity and a chance for cross-collaboration long after the closing session. Registration opens 22 January. [Enjoy the early bird fee and register by 20 March.](#)

>> [More info on LCA related sessions](#)

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### **The Gordon Research Conference on Industrial Ecology | May 20–25, 2018 | Les Diablerets, Switzerland**

The theme of the conference is “The role of Industrial Ecology in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals”. The Life Cycle Initiative (represented by UN Environment) and many of its members will be at the conference discussing the role of the Initiative in the specific topics of LCA Data access and interoperability, as well as on the importance of stable and consensus based life cycle impact assessment indicators.

Please join the Life Cycle Initiative to exchange ideas on its engagement with the scientific community and contribute to the global policy agenda.

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### **Brazilian Conference on Life Cycle Management (GCV2018)| June 17–20, 2018 | Brasilia, Brazil**

Life Cycle Initiative sponsors Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology (IBICT) and the Brazilian Life Cycle Association (ABCV), in cooperation with the University of São Carlos (UFSCar), are organizing the sixth Brazilian Conference on Life Cycle Management (GCV2018).

The theme of the conference will be “Management of Technological Information for Sustainability” and in addition to academic discussions, the event will also address the business uses of LCA. It shall promote debates around themes such as ecodesign, circular economy, organizational life cycle management, environmental labeling and life cycle inventories, among others.

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### **II Chilean Conference of LCA | August 8-10, 2018 | Santiago, Chile**

The Chilean Conference of LCA will be organized by the Chilean Network of LCA (RedACV Chile) with the support of the Ibero-American Network of LCA (RICV), and in collaboration with national agencies and international organisms.

New regulations in Chile on extended producer responsibility (the EPR Law) is based on the life cycle approach, towards compliance with commitments and objectives associated with global sustainability initiatives such as the UN SDG, 10YFP and the green growth

strategy, among others. With this regard, the Conference will focus on the Contribution to the Agenda of Sustainable Consumption and Production.

Calls for abstract lasts until the 5 of March 2018.

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### **International Conference on Social Life Cycle Assessment | 10–12 September 2018 | Pescara, Italy**

The University “G. d’Annunzio” of Pescara-Chieti, in collaboration with Ecoinnovazione srl, a spin-off of the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA), is organising the 6th International Conference on Social Life Cycle Assessment (S-LCA). The theme of the conference is “Social LCA: People and Places for Partnership”. S-LCA can help to evaluate the social aspects of products in the framework of sustainability. This can represent a managerial tool for the evaluation of the stakeholders, in order for positive social effects to be created and for synergies to be effectively communicated. Assessing social impacts is significant in business and public policy contexts.

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### **11th International Conference Life Cycle Assessment of FOOD |17-19 October 2018 | Bangkok, Thailand**

The 11th International Conference Life Cycle Assessment of FOOD 2018 is organized by KU-JGSEE-NSTDA-FTI, Thailand in conjunction with 6th LCA AgriFood ASIA and 7th ICGSI: International Conference on Green and Sustainable Innovation from 17-19 October in Bangkok.

>> [More event details](#)

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### **The Indonesian Life Cycle Assessment Network (ILCAN) Conference | 24-25 October 2018 | Jakarta, Indonesia**

Life Cycle Initiative member ILCAN, is hosting the 3rd Conference on Life Cycle Assessment in October 2018. Organized by the University of Indonesia, the conference will be held in collaboration with the Centre of Environment and Forestry Standardization within the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). The theme of this event is “Life Cycle Assessment as a Metric to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”. Like its predecessors, the event provides a forum for academia, government and private sectors to share their research results and meet others who work in the life cycle approach realm.

>> [More event details](#)

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### **6th International Seminar of the Ibero-American Network of LCA | 24-26 October 2018**

## | Tegucigalpa, Honduras

The Ibero-American Life Cycle Network (RICV) 2018 Seminar will be held in the city of Tegucigalpa, from 24 to 26 of October. The Seminar is co-organized by the Honduran Life Cycle Network, the National Council for Sustainable Development of Honduras (CONADES), and the RICV, with the support and collaboration of the Life Cycle Initiative, UN Environment and other international organizations.

The Call for Abstracts will be launched from the 1st of March until the 30th of May 2018. Technical and practical issues associated to the use of life cycle tools in public policies and industry will be the main focus of this Seminar.

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## Jobs

### Vacancy of Programme Officer in UN Environment, Paris office

The Economy Division of UN Environment (Paris office) is recruiting a programme officer on sustainable food systems, food waste prevention and reduction. **Application deadline is 18 February 2018.**

[Get job description and details on how to apply.](#)

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### Two consultant positions to be released on management of hazardous chemicals in Asia

There will be two consultant positions opening to be released soon on management of hazardous chemicals in Asia. The two consultants will be expected to develop a series of reports to guide countries in the South and Central Asia region in the application of a life cycle approach to manage the newly listed chemicals or chemicals recommended under the Rotterdam and/or Stockholm conventions.

For more information please contact the [Basel and Stockholm conventions Regional Centre in China](#).

Please also [check our latest newsletter for details](#) (we will update the links of the job openings once they are online).

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## On-going Call for LCNet Contributions!

Members of the Life Cycle Initiative, please feel free to submit your event, job vacancy, news, capacity development opportunities, topics and stories related to life cycle thinking and LCA, to be shared with the global life cycle community. We are always looking for featured coverage on the experience how life cycle thinking contributes to different policy agendas, sustainable business and decision making, in various countries and regions. You may send your content to [info\(at\)lifecycleinitiative.org](mailto:info@lifecycleinitiative.org) and copy [Feng Wang](#). Note that we cannot accept contributions of a commercial nature.

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**We look forward to your contributions in disseminating life cycle knowledge from global policy and business agendas!**

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