



Learnings of national application of Environmental Footprint in Companies and Organizations

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Background – the Environmental footprint process



Aim of PEF

Improve the environmental performance of products and services in the European market through a combination of market pressure and policy instruments

PEF in Sweden

Swedish Life Cycle Center hosts a national dialogue on PEF

- companies, academia, government agencies and research institutes

- follow, understand and impact the PEF process and its method

Follow, understand and influence

Support Swedish
members in TAB

Share
experiences
between
members

Coordinate Swedish
experts for
methodological
issues

Research and case
studies in
collaboration

Environmental footprint in Sweden

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- Coordinate Sweden's work on PEF
- Engage Swedish actors in PEF
- Give Swedish actors a better understanding of the methodological issues in PEF and the PEF policy development

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- Coordination between TAB members in Sweden
- Arrange forums for dialogue
- Information & communication
- Active in engaging in research and case studies
 - what's in it for me?

Results so far – high interest

Industrial respondents

5% have started to apply PEF

31% are considering changing its current working methods

Barriers:

“The method is not sufficiently developed for the type of environmental impact that is most important to us.” (50%)

“Our industry sector as a whole is not keeping up with the PEF development so we have no external pressure on us.” (30%)

Results so far – high interest

Authorities, academia and other respondents

36% have already decided/started working with PEF

Barriers:

"We do not have external requests for PEF implementation." 40%

"The method is not sufficiently developed to be applicable to policy formulation." 35%

Next phase/steps

Finish two case studies

- Paper product
- Metal product

Communication of results

- Learnings, interpretation and how to do
- PEF vs EPD

What is needed?

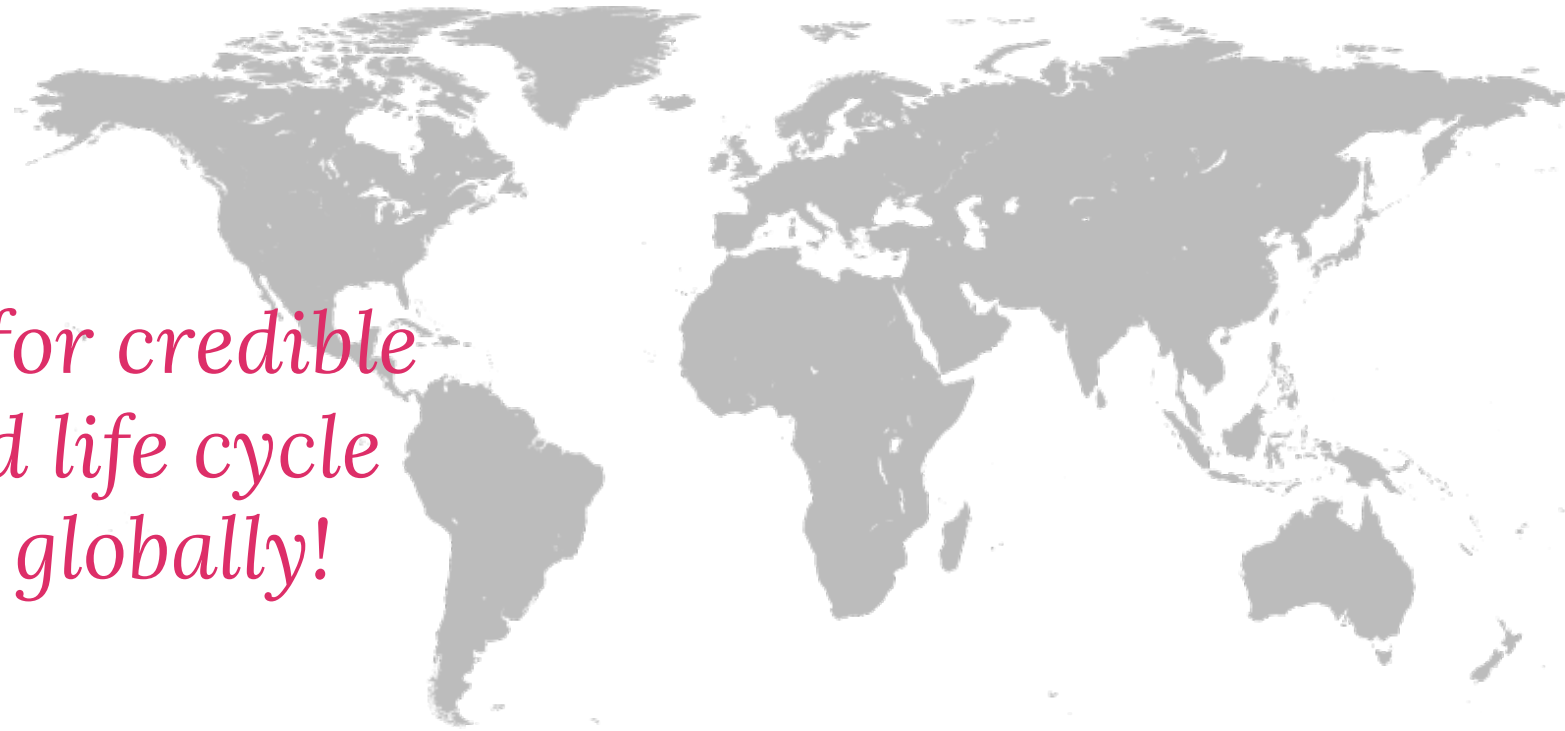
- Hands-on advice & examples of how to make a PEF
- Support and guidance
- Communication & information regularly
- Understand differences in calculations and results for PEF in relation to EPD
- Coordination with other standards





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