

# Public consultation on the sustainable products initiative

On October 26, 11.00-12.00, the Swedish Life Cycle Center Environmental footprint expert group will arrange a meeting to discuss the public consultation on the sustainable products initiative.

The meeting is arranged as an open meeting in collaboration with the project [Innovation cluster for the life cycle perspective](#).

## **Overall aim of meeting:**

This meeting is arranged as an opportunity for interested participants to discuss the public consultation on the sustainable products initiative, based on the potential role of the Environmental footprint methods. The meeting will include:

The roadmap (inception impact assessment) section B – Objectives and Policy options

- The widening of the Ecodesign directive
- The seven action bullet points

## **Preparations:**

- Read:
  - 1) Circular economy action plan: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/pdf/new\\_circular\\_economy\\_action\\_plan.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/pdf/new_circular_economy_action_plan.pdf)
  - 2) Sustainable products initiative: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12567-Sustainable-Products-Initiative>
    - a. Inception impact assessment (attached pdf)
  - 3) Ecodesign directive: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009L0125>
- Look into the following questions and measures:

### ***The widening of the Ecodesign directive***

- The widening (more impact categories and more product groups) of the Ecodesign directive to include other than energy related products is highlighted as one of the most important actions of the CEAP raising important questions:
  - Why has the Ecodesign directive been so successful in achieving the goal of reducing energy consumption?
  - How could that technically be translated to other product categories and considering other environmental impacts?
  - How can a revised directive be included in European legislation?
  - How can the effectiveness of the current directive be maintained in the widening process?

### ***Following measures***

1. Establishing overarching product sustainability principles
2. Establishing EU rules to make producers responsible for providing more circular products and intervening before products can become waste (for example providing repair service/or ensuring spare parts availability)

3. Establishing EU rules for setting requirements on mandatory sustainability labelling and/or disclosure of information to market actors along the value chain in the form of a digital product passport
4. Establishing EU rules for setting mandatory sustainability requirements on public procurement of products
5. Requirements to address social aspects throughout the product lifecycle as part of sustainability requirements, where appropriate and feasible
6. Measures on production processes, for example to facilitate recycled content or remanufacturing and to track the use of hazardous substances in such processes
7. Measures to ban the destruction of unsold durable goods