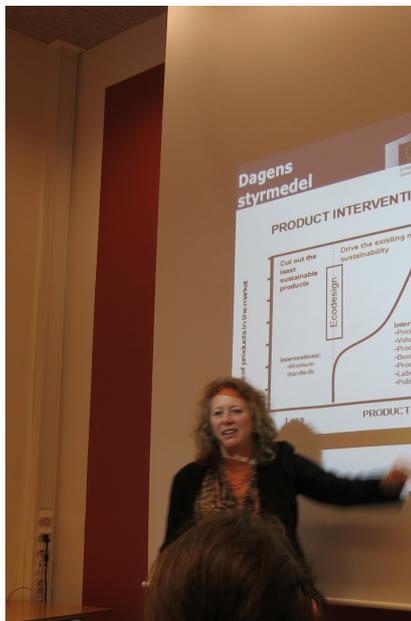


## Summary of morning seminar regarding the European Environmental Footprint process

The interest in the European Environmental Footprint process increases and many organizations are asking how this initiative will affect their own organizations. Therefore Swedish Life Cycle Center, together with GAME and NMC, arranged a seminar to give an introduction and background to clarify the process and the overall aim. We invited Elin Eriksson from IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute to the seminar to give a presentation and to answer questions from the audience. Elin is also the Swedish representative in the Environmental Footprint Technical Advisory Board and chair of the national expert group hosted by Swedish Life Cycle Center. To get an industry perspective on the process, we invited Ellen Riise from SCA to give an insight in the pilot testing process of intermediate paper.



In December 2010 the European Council invited the Commission to "develop a common methodology on quantitative assessment of environmental impacts of products, throughout their life-cycle, in order to support the assessment and labelling of products" and in 2013 the European Commission launched the EU Commission Communication on Single Market for Green Products. The overall aim is to assess the environmental impacts of products, throughout their life-cycle. The methodology is built on existing ISO standards and also on the ILCD Handbook.

This initiative could be used for Certified Environmental Product Declarations – PEF EPD, sustainable procurement, requirements in Ecodesign, environmental labelling and internally for companies for improvements.

A pilot process is up and running, which includes 27 pilots and over 2000 participants. The pilot phase will end in the December 2016. The last year is focusing on the communication



part. The European Commission will now investigate PEF (Product Environmental Footprint) and see how PEF could be used in legislation.

Swedish Life Cycle Center is hosting a national expert group with the aims: 1) follow, learn and influence the pilot phase, 2) give support to the Swedish representatives in the Environmental Footprint Steering Committee and in the Technical Advisory Board, 3) to share knowledge among group members represented from different stakeholder groups.

Ellen gave an overview over the pilot process, which includes:

1. Product category rules –requirements to assess an environmental footprint for a specific product category. (Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules, PEFCR)
2. A screening study report to evaluate the category rules
3. Supporting study to test the PEFCR to decide on the rules
4. Communication, how to communicate results

The process has been of high value for the whole paper pilot. It has been a learning process, but it has also been a great challenge. You are well prepared for this initiative if you are working with life cycle assessment today. A life cycle perspective is giving organizations many important results about your own products, which is of high value for the own company.

Presentations are available for partners in the Swedish Life Cycle Center in the internal web page.

More information:

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