

# Making an impact through joint efforts - Values, outcomes and lessons from 25 years of collaboration

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We aim for credible & applied life cycle thinking globally!



#### **Partners**

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### Government agencies in collaboration





















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### Move the life cycle field forward

Academia

Research Institutes



Industry

Government agencies





#### From 1996

Common language & harmonization processes
Common methods & practices
Data, databases & LCA software
Capacity building



#### 2006-2012

Lack of funding

But . . LCA colleagues & networking still needed

Learnings & outcomes: EU demonstration projects – practical guidelines



#### To 2021

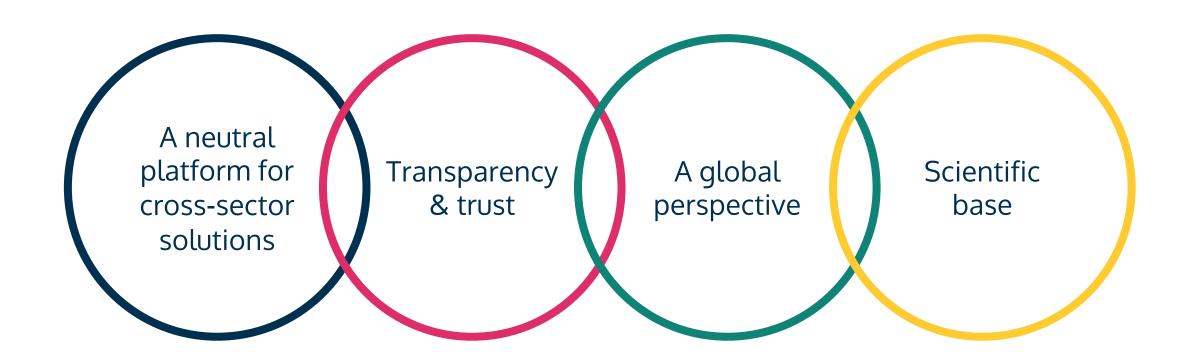
LCM 2013
New partnerships
New ways of working
Network conferences & communication
Trainings & PhD courses



Bigger responsibility in the society – Innovation cluster



#### Core values and principles







#### Added value partnership

- Short take off for new collaborations & projects
- Mutual learning & common practice
- Applied research (methodological issues and practical discussion)
- Facilitation of decision making
- Strategic intelligence & dialogue with funding agencies
- LCA colleagues/network (globally)



#### and for society



- 10 government agencies in collaboration
- Academic collaboration PhD courses & LCA in teaching
- Education for professionals in applied LCT
- Hosts national dialogues on ongoing initiatives
- Facilitatate and coordinate life cycle expertise



#### Challenges!

Diversified interests among partners

Competitive situation

The financial set up

Reach outside the life cycle community



What roles do LCA networks play in society?

## The role of Life Cycle Networks in the society

How to better support the increasing demand for life cycle competence in the society?

Other success factors for life cycle networks?

What actions are needed to reach SMEs, public sectors etc? What actions/activities are out there?



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