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Since the publication of the last version - ecoinvent data v2.1 - several new datasets in the areas of transportation (more data for train transport, data about e-mobility), biofuels, pesticides and tailings of the coal production chain, developed in a variety of projects over the last year, have been added to the existing more than 4'000 datasets. Besides this, partially thanks to the feedbacks from users, a number of errors in the data have been discovered and corrected. Last but not least, the impact assessment methods USEtox and ReCiPe have been integrated into our database; furthermore, new options of impact assessment methods, not taking into account long-term emissions, will be available in this new version of our database. The resulting new version will go online around the end of the month as ecoinvent data v2.2.

All changes and extensions will be documented in an updated version of report No. 16: “Documentation of changes implemented in ecoinvent Data v2.2 and v2.1”. This report will be published in the coming weeks on our website (-> section “files” - accessible for members only). Like for version v2.1, our members will be informed about this publication directly by e-Mail. In the meantime, a summary report about all these changes will be posted on our website (news section) soon.

Enlargement of our team

Two changes in our team take place in these days. Gregor Wernet, former member of the Group of LCI Experts for ETH Zürich, will start on April 1, 2010, as Project Manager for the ecoinvent Centre. His tasks will be the coordination of our internationalization activities, but also an active involvement in the various tasks towards v3. His place in the Group of LCI Experts will be taken over by Carl Vadenbo, PhD student in the group of Prof. S. Hellweg. We welcome both in their new positions, and wish them good luck and plenty of satisfaction with their new responsibilities.

Workshop “ecoEditor for version 3” at upcoming conferences

One day courses for a comprehensive and in-depth experience in handling the ecoEditor for version 3, the new tool for data suppliers to create, edit, review and upload datasets for the database ecoinvent data v3 will be organized at several upcoming conferences. During this course, the participants will learn how to use the various new features of ecoinvent, how to use the structured approach to get all necessary data for a new dataset, or how to make corrections to an existing dataset. For the moment, the following courses are scheduled:

- Montréal, Canada: **May 7, 2010**, in framework of the CYCLE 2010 conference
- Zürich, Switzerland: **May 17, 2010**, in framework of the International Advisory Council meeting
- Sevilla, Spain: **May 27 (afternoon) & 28 (morning), 2010**, in framework of the Annual Meeting of SETAC Europe

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