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Special Issue: Start of Data Submission for next Version of ecoinvent

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Dear reader of this newsletter

an important step on the way towards the release of ecoinvent v3 is achieved; on our website you can now find the official on-line version of the "ecoEditor for ecoinvent version v3"; a freeware that you need for submitting new and/or corrected datasets to the ecoinvent Centre. This newsletter is entirely dedicated to this issue; and we herewith invite all of you to work with us together for a more complete, more up-to-date next version of the ecoinvent database, by submitting your data to ecoinvent!

Why submit data to ecoinvent ?

Thanks to the thorough review procedure and the full transparency and documentation of all datasets, ecoinvent is today the most trusted source of LCA data worldwide. Adding data on your products and supply chain to become part of this unique LCA data source offers you many benefits - including...

- that we provide you an independent & thorough review process of your data for free;
- that with the Quality Guidelines of ecoinvent you have a comprehensive documentation that guides you in developing adequate data of your processes and/or products;
- that providing data to ecoinvent demonstrates in a clear way the environmental commitment of you/your company.

More at www.ecoinvent.org/ecoinvent-v3/why-submit-data/.

How to submit data ?

The new data submission system of the ecoinvent Centre makes submitting data to the ecoinvent database a straightforward procedure - distinguishing three different stages: (1) the creation of the submission file by the author (i.e. by you!); (2) the review process of the editorial board; and (3) the final integration of the datasets into the next version. On our website you can find a detailed instruction for the whole procedure at www.ecoinvent.org/ecoinvent-v3/how-submit-data/.

ecoEditor for ecoinvent version v3 tool

The central tool for the whole submission procedure is the freeware "ecoEditor for ecoinvent version 3"; you can download the ecoEditor at www.ecoinvent.org/ecoinvent-v3/eceditor-for-version3/. The tool contains an interactive help file and an introduction document is installed together with the tool. Moreover, you can find at the same web-address a series of videos that introduce this new tool.

For all those of you that have established data in accordance with the current - ecoinvent v2.2 - structure, a names updater tool (on MS Excel basis) is available that translates the names of all inputs and outputs from the ecoinvent v2.2 nomenclature into the ecoinvent v3 nomenclature. This tool can be found at www.ecoinvent.org/ecoinvent-v3/ecospold-v2/.

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