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### Release date of ecoinvent v3

On its last meeting, the ecoinvent board realized that a thorough preparation of the new content for the next version of ecoinvent needs more time than expected and thus decided, that the release of ecoinvent v3 will be postponed by about half a year ... with a **release of ecoinvent v3 in June 2012**. More details about this next generation of our database (like pricing, presales, etc.) will be announced at the LCM 2011 conference in Berlin (Germany) in August 2011.

### A first overview of new data for ecoinvent v3

Among the new data for ecoinvent v3, we would like to highlight in a first place the 18 additional, non-European electricity mixes (among them Russia, India, Canada or South Korea) that will be added - rising the coverage of country-specific electricity mixes from today 64% to about 90%! Then, there are activities on-going to revise the water (input and output) information in our database, in order to allow with the next version of ecoinvent a consistent and comprehensive calculation of water footprints.

Our on-going international activities will result in new data from India, South Africa and Brazil. On the level of basic materials, an update (and an extension) of the aluminium data; additional organic chemicals, or new concrete data can be mentioned. In the area of agriculture, an update of various biomass chains, as well as additional data for biofuels and for food (with a focus on vegetables and fruits) are on the way ... and several further projects (in various areas) are on-going as well.

### ecoEditor - the data submission tool of 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. For this, the new data submission system of the ecoinvent Centre makes submitting data to the ecoinvent database a straightforward procedure. "Heart" of the whole submission procedure is the freeware "ecoEditor for ecoinvent version 3"! The tool contains an interactive help file that guides you through the various fields necessary for a new/corrected dataset. Four videos, explaining you the use of this new tool, can be found on our website as well.

You can download the ecoEditor tool and find the link to the four above mentioned videos at [www.ecoinvent.org/ecoinvent-v3/ecoeditor-for-version3/](http://www.ecoinvent.org/ecoinvent-v3/ecoeditor-for-version3/).

### Deadline for data submission for ecoinvent v3

All data submitted before **January 1, 2012**, are guaranteed to be included into the new release of the ecoinvent database - i.e. ecoinvent v3; under the condition that these data fulfill the quality requirements of ecoinvent (documented in the quality guidelines that can be found on our website - i.e. at [www.ecoinvent.org/ecoinvent-v3/quality-guidelines/](http://www.ecoinvent.org/ecoinvent-v3/quality-guidelines/)).

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