ecoinvent Meeting for Potential Data Providers

Presentation to ecoinvent Users and
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Why would you become a data provider for ecoinvent? (1/2)

- ecoinvent is **independent** and organized as a **non-profit** organization

- one of the **most trusted** LCI sources

- apply **thorough FREE review process**, high quality is ensured

- ecoinvent is **fully transparent**, every value is documented including uncertainty information

- offer possibility for companies to present data in a way that **confidentiality is respected**, without compromising the transparency

Why would you become a data provider for ecoinvent? (2/2)

- **share your research** with experts all around the world

- datasets are presented with the **name of the data provider** and her/his contact information

- you **invest only your time**, we offer consulting on how to use our tool (ecoEditor) and the FREE review by a panel of experts

- companies can demonstrate their **environmental commitment** by making their data available through ecoinvent…
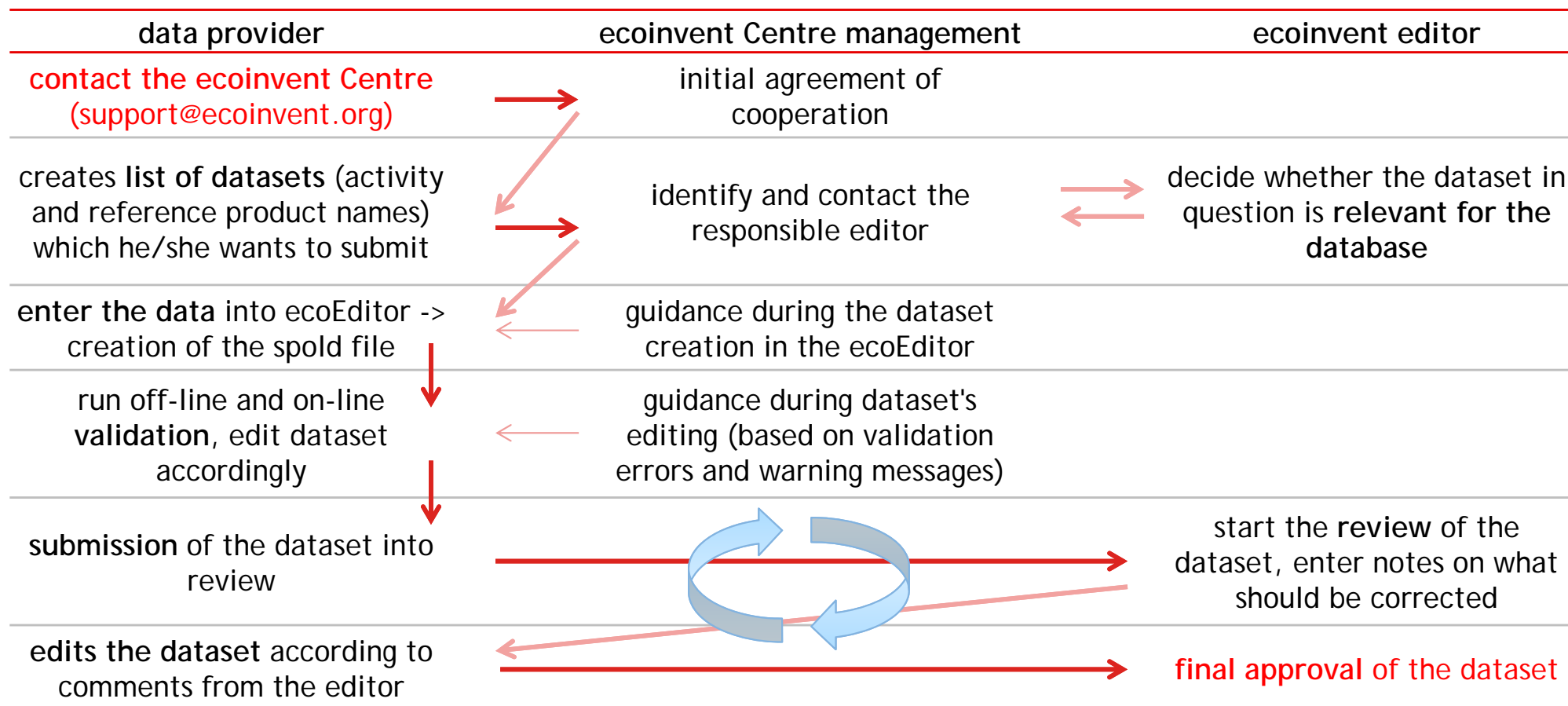
- …and data remain yours**!!**

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Main Steps of Dataset Submission

data provider	ecoinvent Centre management	ecoinvent editor
contact the ecoinvent Centre (support@ecoinvent.org)	initial agreement of cooperation	
creates **list of datasets** (activity and reference product names) which he/she wants to submit	identify and contact the responsible editor	decide whether the dataset in question is **relevant for the database**
enter the data into ecoEditor -> creation of the spold file	guidance during the dataset creation in the ecoEditor	
run off-line and on-line **validation**, edit dataset accordingly	guidance during dataset's editing (based on validation errors and warning messages)	
submission of the dataset into review		start the **review** of the dataset, enter notes on what should be corrected
edits the dataset according to comments from the editor		**final approval** of the dataset

Get Ready for the Submission

- go through the Support section of the ecoinvent.org webpage (http://www.ecoinvent.org/support/); Glossary, FAQ and Documentation and Files

- read the **Data Quality Guidelines** for ecoinvent v3

- get familiar with the ecoinvent v3 database, its structure and datasets
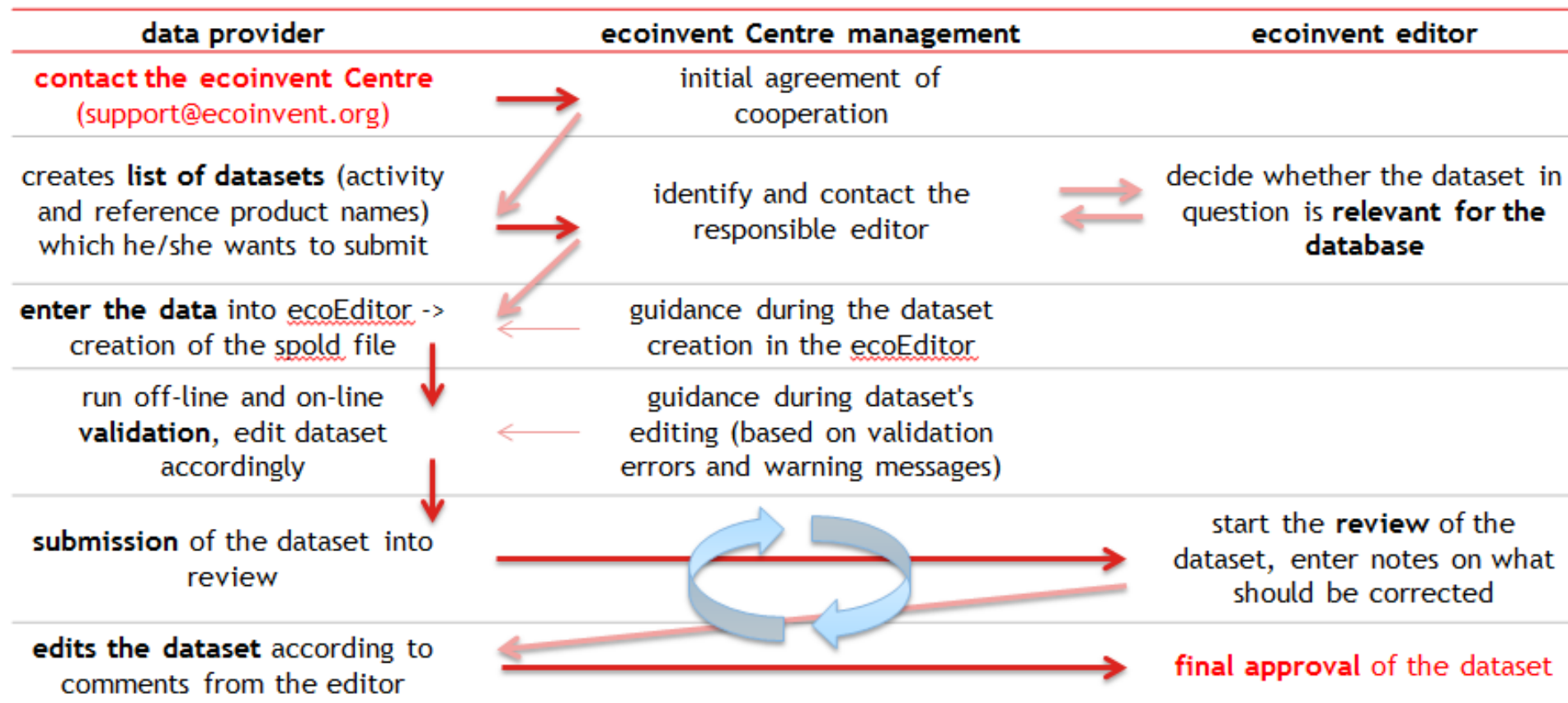
Data Quality and Transparency

- dataset which is being submitted to the ecoinvent database has to have certain **data quality**, if it doesn't it will not be accepted

- it is the editor of the dataset who makes the **final decision** if the dataset will be accepted to the database

- dataset must be thoroughly **documented**

Additional Data Requirements for eiv3

- **production volume** of the reference product produced in given activity and geography

- if new product is submitted it has to be submitted with six **mandatory properties**;

  - dry mass

  - wet mass

  - water in wet mass

  - water content

  - carbon content, fossil

  - carbon content, non-fossil

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Time Requirements - conclusion

- the whole process of dataset creation and review takes several days (hours) within few months

- **steep learning curve**

- we give you our time (expertise and ensure your dataset has ecoinvent quality) and you give us your data and time

Thank you for your attention!

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Trust in Transparency!