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ecoinvent data v2.1 online

Since the release of ecoinvent data v2.01 in November 2007, some data errors have been identified both by ecoinvent users and by the ecoinvent team. Additional datasets have been made available to the ecoinvent Centre as well - and therefore, we decided to publish a corrected and extended version of the ecoinvent v2.01 database. A few days ago this corrected database content went online as the new ecoinvent data v2.1.

All changes are documented in the additional report No. 16: "Documentation of changes implemented in ecoinvent Data v2.1"; as well as in the updated version of several already existing reports. All these reports will be published within the coming weeks on our website (section "files" - accessible for members only). Members will be informed of this publication by e-Mail. In the meantime a summary of these changes can be found at <http://www.ecoinvent.org/publications/changes-v21/>.

ecoinvent appoints members of editorial board and advisory council

In our continuous efforts to further improve the database, we can announce the constitution of the new Editorial Board and the extended International Advisory Council.

The international "Editorial board" will be the new responsible structure for the quality control of data in ecoinvent v3. The "International Advisory Council" is an advisory body, advising us with respect to the further development of the ecoinvent Database. The current members of the Editorial Board and of the International Advisory Council can be found at <http://www.ecoinvent.org/we-about-us/editorial-board/> resp. <http://www.ecoinvent.org/we-about-us/international-advisory-council/>.

Development corner (I): ecoSpold v2 as Beta version released

LCA and LCA software have developed since the release in 2000 of ecoSpold v1 - the most widely used open-source data format in LCA -, and in order to take advantage of all these new developments, a revision of the ecoSpold format has become necessary. An ad hoc expert working group was formed in 2008 to guide such a revision process, and an open hearing has been conducted by them among users of ecoSpold, in order to collect their input and wishes for a new ecoSpold format v2. A Beta version of this new format has been put on our website a few days ago and you are welcome to give us a feedback about the new format.

More (including the download) at <http://www.ecoinvent.org/software/ecospold-v2/>

Development corner (II): Globalisation strategy of ecoinvent v3

As it has been presented at the LCA VIII conference last autumn in Seattle (USA), ecoinvent has a clear globalisation strategy for version v3 of its database. Two central elements for this globalisation are the cooperation with National Database Initiatives (NDI) and a change of the structure of the database to facilitate its maintenance and extension by introducing the principle of parameterisation.

This presentation from Seattle can be found at <http://lcacenter.org/LCA8/presentations/300.pdf>.

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