

**Official Danish Center for Life Cycle Assessments and Life Cycle Approach**

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Denmark is the first country in Europe with an official center for Life Cycle Assessments and the life cycle approach. The Danish EPA supports the start up of this important initiative, the aim of which is to:

1. promote the use of Life Cycle Assessment and other environmental tools in companies,
2. support companies and other in using environmental assessment of products and services,
3. ensure that the effort in the LCA area is based on a solid and scientific basis, and
4. maintain the well-established co-operation between all important actors in the LCA field in Denmark.

Three partners within the LCA area in Denmark manage the center - IPU, COWI and dk-TEKNIK ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT. Together they cover the main areas of LCA, combining experience and knowledge of scientists from universities, authorized research and technological institutes and private consulting companies.

The scope of the center will in many aspects be international. LCA Center Denmark will fulfill its goals by undertaking different activities directed at companies and organizations. Communication about LCA and the life cycle approach is one of the most important activities within the center. This includes for example training courses, newsletters, homepage, and an answering service for LCA-related questions. Other issues within communication are distribution of a software tool and LCA data. Furthermore, the partners of the center will play a natural role in Danish and international LCA method development.

The presentation will introduce the center and the many activities and initiatives the center will support, and how it promotes the use of LCA in companies.