



THE GREEN YARDSTICK **NEWSLETTER #5 2014**

This newsletter offers information about  
**the International EPD® System**  
on current activities related  
to PCR and EPD development.  
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**500 EPDs from the start**

The International EPD System was launched in 1998 as the first environmental declarations programme. Now the 500th EPD since the start has been published. The company getting the honour of issuing EPD number 500 is the Swedish company Gyproc AB.

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**New pilots for food sector announced for EU product environmental footprint**

The European Commission JRC has announced the draft list of the second wave pilots in the EU Product Environmental Footprint initiative. This second wave is related to food & drink products, and similar sectors.

The pilots will develop Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCRs), which are the corresponding documents to Product Category Rules (PCRs) as defined by ISO 14025 for environmental declarations.

Out of the announced 11 pilots, there are already PCRs available for seven in the International EPD System.

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**Case study: Acciona declares the impact of infrastructure**

Acciona proves its commitment to sustainability by becoming the first construction company worldwide to register an EPD for civil infrastructures.

This case study is part of a series demonstrating how different companies have chosen to use EPDs as part of their communication and environmental management activities.

▶ [Read the case study](#)

## New recommendation for PCR moderators

Developing Product Category Rules may be a long process, spanning several months, and involving many stakeholders. To avoid that any work is done for PCRs that in the end are never published, the Secretariat has issued a new recommendation for PCR Moderators to speed up the approval and publication phase.

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## A meeting with a PCR moderator

We met with George Michalopoulos at RodaxAgro, an experienced PCR Moderator in the International EPD® System, to talk about PCRs, EPDs and current EPD activities in Greece.

[Read the interview here](#)

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## Newly registered EPDs



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## Latest PCR activity

<b>Recently published PCRs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Vegetable juices and Other prepared and preserved vegetables...</a> (New)</li><li><a href="#">Nonwovens for clothing, protective clothing and upholstery</a> (Updated)</li><li><a href="#">Oilseed processing services</a> (New)</li><li><a href="#">Crude vegetable oil refining services</a> (New)</li><li><a href="#">Carbon capture and storage (CCS) services</a> (New)</li><li><a href="#">Bakery products</a> (Updated)</li><li><a href="#">Sauces</a> (Updated)</li><li><a href="#">Paints and varnishes and related products</a> (New)</li><li><a href="#">Site remediation and clean-up services, soil and groundwater</a> (Updated)</li><li><a href="#">Frozen vegetables, pulses and potatoes</a> (Updated)</li><li><a href="#">Parts and accessories of computing machines</a> (New)</li><li><a href="#">Anodized aluminium actuator and ferrul for spraying...</a> (New)</li></ul>
<b>PCRs available for open consultation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Rolling stock (being updated, deadline 2014-05-25)</a></li><li><a href="#">Sparkling wine of fresh grapes (deadline 2014-05-25)</a></li><li><a href="#">Air ducts, substantial materials (update, deadline 2014-05-29)</a></li><li><a href="#">Machine-tools for drilling... (update, deadline 2014-05-31)</a></li><li><a href="#">Other furniture, not elsewhere classified (update, deadline 2014-06-02)</a></li><li><a href="#">Detergents and washing preparations (update, deadline 2014-06-15)</a></li><li><a href="#">Lifts (elevators) (deadline 2014-06-30)</a></li><li><a href="#">High Pressure Processing (HPP) equipment... (deadline 2014-08-01)</a></li></ul>
<b>PCRs under development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">List all 23 PCRs currently under development</a></li></ul>

*The International EPD® System offers a voluntary tool for communication of the life cycle environmental impact of any type of goods or services. Based on ISO 14025 and other international standards, its key characteristics are objectivity and transparency. With 15 years of experience, and a library consisting of certified environmental product declarations from more than 20 countries, EPD® serves as a credible choice for business to business and business to consumer communication on the global market.*

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