

European Commission awards Quantis the tender to supply mandatory agro-food datasets for the Product Environmental Footprint initiative

Quantis will lead a consortium to generate Life Cycle Inventory datasets for the European Commission initiative

Geneva, Switzerland, January 16, 2017 – The environmental sustainability consulting group Quantis has been chosen by the European Commission to provide the official and mandatory Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) datasets needed for any Environmental Footprint compliance study. To provide this data, Quantis will lead a consortium of data and software providers including Blonk Consultants, PRé Consultants, and Agroscope. The consortium is supported by ecoinvent, ADEME, and the independent Italian expert Paolo Masoni.

The consortium will provide hundreds of datasets for meat, dairy, crops, fertilizers and pesticides covering several European countries and production systems, as well as EU-28 and global averages. These datasets will comply with the most recent PEF methodology and will enable product footprinting for all environmental impact categories supported by the European Commission.

For this breakthrough European program, Quantis will build upon the best existing databases, including: the World Food LCA Database (WFLDB), Agri-footprint, AGRIBALYSE® and ecoinvent. These databases together represent the most recognized and transparent LCI data available. All data will be delivered to the European Commission in the spring of 2017 and will remain available through 2020. These datasets will have to be used by any company seeking environmental footprint compliance.

A global leader in the sustainability consulting field, Quantis was selected thanks to their top-end methodologies and know-how acquired with the World Food LCA Database initiative as well as within the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) pilot projects where they are involved (dairy, pet food, bottled water, coffee and the OEF (Organisation Environmental Footprint) for the retail sector. Quantis' background and experience in previous LCI programs will ensure success and guarantee high-quality and reliable data.

“At Nestlé we are committed to assessing and optimizing our products’ environmental performance, to provide meaningful and accurate information to consumers and other stakeholders,” Pascal Gréverath, Assistant Vice-President, Head of Environmental Sustainability, Nestlé explains. “We have actively supported the development of the World Food LCA Database so that the food sector at large can benefit from sound and reliable datasets and we very much welcome its inclusion in EU Product Environmental Footprint compliant studies.”

About Quantis

Quantis is a global leader in sustainability and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) expertise, services, consulting and tools. Quantis is specialized in supporting companies as they measure, understand and manage the environmental impacts of their products, services and operations.

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