Rede ACV, the Brazilian Business Life Cycle Network

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Motivations and activities

An introduction to Rede ACV



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Motivations leading to the creation of Rede ACV in 2013







CEBDS

Rede ACV:

Business environment for the discussion and practice of Life Cycle Thinking and LCA in Brazil.

Rede ACV's objectives



- 1. Create an environment for cooperation among companies interested in the use of LCT and LCA in Brazil, aiming to **optimize** the allocation of **resources**.
- 2. Education and capacity building for companies about the concept, its application and the **benefits** of LCA.
- 3. Make available and disseminate information about LCA for diverse stakeholder in Brazil, such as studies, good practices and specialists for several contributions.
- 4. Collaborate and support government in the consolidation of the National Life Cycle Inventories Database.



Institutional Partnerships







Environmental Entity

Signatory







ife Cycle Initiative

Rede ACV's Maintaining and Institutional associates



Rede ACV' activities



Institutional:

- Capacity Building
- Communication

Working Groups:

- National Database
- Labelling
- Circular Economy
- Sustainable Development Goals

Commissions:

- Study of Methodologies
- Social LCA

Segments: Finances, Construction and Agriculture •

Special Topics discussed:

- LCA & Circular Economy
- ISO 20400 & Public Procurement
- Labelling
- Carbon Pricing
- Global Database Integration
- Walmart's LCA-based programme
- Organizational and Social LCA
- Reverse Logistics & Brazilian Public Policies
- RenovaBio & RenovaCalc
 - COP26



National inventories' databases

Rede ACV's Cornerstone Project



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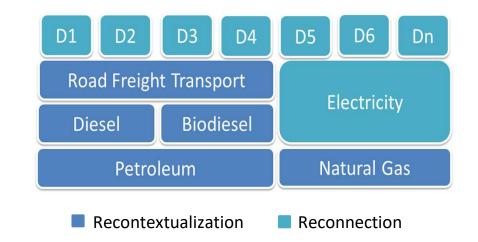
Cornerstone Project



Increase the quantity and quality of the Brazilian datasets in ecoinvent database, through an in-depth recontextualization and reconnection of the ecoinvent datasets.

Ensuring that the "Recontextualized" datasets are compliant with the ecoinvent and SICV data collection guidelines and database demands, they will be made publicly available.





The next phase aims at gathering primary data from strategic segments:

- Steel
- Pulp & Paper
- Fertilizers



Advancing LCT and LCA adoption

Rede ACV's experience in a nutshell



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Key learnings & food for thought



- Rede ACV was idealized by an important LCA player (Braskem), and became an association a few years later
- Diversity of segments, motivations and maturity in LCT and LCA among participants is key to become a truly benchmarking environment
- The issues discussed need to be strategic to the organizations, in order to have the necessary support from leadership
- Explore drivers for adoption, such as access to markets, public policies, certifications based on LCA, to show relevance
- National database, integrated globally, is key
- Acknowledge what has yet to be **improved** in LCA & the organization
- Allow as many colleagues as possible from each organization to participate, in order to "live" LCT and LCA, regularly
- Celebrate **partnerships** they are an important opportunity to move LCT and LCA forward!



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