



## THE GREEN YARDSTICK **NEWSLETTER #4 2012**

This newsletter offers information on current activities relating to PCR and EPD development and is published four times a year by **The International EPD® System**.

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### **General programme instructions 2.0**

The General Programme Instructions for the International EPD® System, which include a framework for publishing environmental declarations, have been updated. The previous version was published in 2008 and developments in the field have pushed for an updated version.

▶ [Learn more about the General Programme Instructions 2.0](#)

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### **Possibility to express interest in PCR product categories**

Last year, 19 PCRs were published in the International EPD® System and another 27 are currently being developed.

Many organizations working with LCA and EPDs are more interested in certain product categories than others, which is why the International EPD® System offers a way to stay up to date on new PCRs being available for open consultation.

Contact the Secretariat at [pcr@environdec.com](mailto:pcr@environdec.com) and express what product categories you are interested in. You will then be added to the e-mail list that receives all invitations for open consultations within that product category. As all assistance provided by the Secretariat in PCR development, this is a completely free service.

▶ [Read more](#)

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**Sustainable platform for EU building sector officially launched**

ECO Platform is a newly launched EU initiative to strengthen sustainability work of eleven member states in the field of construction.

▶ [Read more](#)

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## Call for PCR moderators to update expired PCRs to new Programme Instructions

Following publication of the new General Programme Instructions, existing PCRs will be updated to comply with these new rules as they go through the updating phase.

For PCRs that are about to expire or have already expired, the Secretariat would like to make a call for existing PCR moderators to initiate an update to comply with the new rules. Please contact the Secretariat to announce the update on [www.environdec.com](http://www.environdec.com).

If a PCR does not have an appointed PCR Moderator, any interested party may send a request to the Secretariat to take on this task ([pcr@environdec.com](mailto:pcr@environdec.com)).

▶ [Read more about expired PCRs](#)

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## Summer schedule at the Secretariat

The Secretariat will remain open and accessible during most of summer 2013. For any questions the system, EPDs, PCRs or EPD registrations, please use the following contacts:

Dates Main contact, all topics

June 29 - July 26 [kristian@environdec.com](mailto:kristian@environdec.com)

July 27 - August 4 Secretariat closed

August 5 - August 18 [joakim@environdec.com](mailto:joakim@environdec.com)

The Secretariat wishes you a very pleasant summer!

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## Newly Registered EPDs

▶ [Read about the latest EPDs](#)

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## LATEST PCR ACTIVITIES

### New PCRs

[Prefabricated Buildings](#)

[Concrete](#)

[Man made fibers \(Synthetic\)](#)

[Cement](#)

[Grain mill products](#)

[Arable crops](#)

[Table olives](#)

[Corrugated paper and paperboard](#)

### Under Development

There are currently 28 PCRs under development. These cover processes relating to e.g. food, buildings, infrastructure and energy use.

▶ [See a list of all PCRs under development](#)

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### Contact us

Any organisation interested in joining the International EPD® System is welcome to contact the Secretariat at [info@environdec.com](mailto:info@environdec.com).

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