Transparency Environmental Impact Food Overview private and public initiatives

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Agenda



Impact initiatives: Eco-Score

Public initiatives: EU and Netherlands



Research plan at a glance

State of the Art How to realize harmonized sustainability measurement in Northwest European markets? Market orientation

Content

Comparative analysis of sustainability measurement systems based on analysis of overlap, pros and cons.

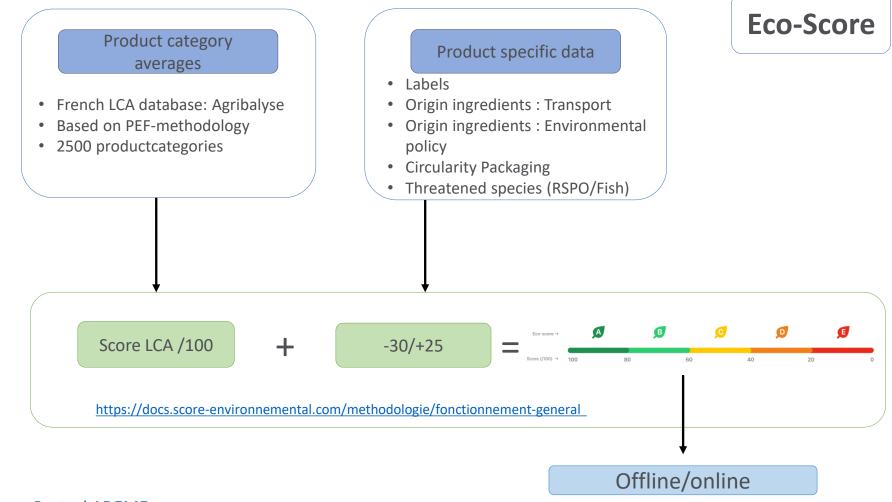
Exploration of interest and conditions for adoption among market parties



Impact (LCA) initiatives

Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)		Plane t-Score	Enviroscore	Eco-Impact	The Sustainability Consortium	Made Green in Italy	Coop Sweden Sustainability declaration	French government proposal
	ECO-SCORE	planet Scott State	BCO	ECO IMPACT A	THE SUSTAINABILITY CONSORTIUM"	MADE CREEN		





<u>Agribalyse - Portaal ADEME</u>

Impact measurement: Potential high impact

- Available for all food
- Broad set of impact categories
- Continuous improvement
- Multi-purpose:
 - B2B & B2C
 - Within & between product categories

- Workload
- Assurance
- Methodological issues
 - Integrate politics
- Incentives Business model

Potential to have high impact on sustainability of food

Critics on use of LCA for consumer communication

"Norwegian Consumer Agency (June 22): [LCA based] Higg Index is misleading and therefore illegal. The index does not document the environmental properties of a particular product but measures the average environmental impact of a particular material, which does not necessarily apply to the exact product".

Letter of group of NGO's to
European Commission (March 22):
"The PEF methodology is not
adequate to assess the
environmental performance of
agri-food products"



Increased interest for Impact Measurement

- Nearly all stakeholder groups see impact systems as the (long term) future
- First traditional labels start to include impact indicators
- Retailers start piloting: consumer communication
- Governments play an initiating, harmonizing and supporting role



European Union

Provision of product environmental footprint (PEF) information

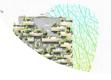
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Circular Economy Action Plan

 Initiative on substantiating **Green Claims**

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Farm to Fork strategy Covers the nutritional, environmental and social aspects of food products.

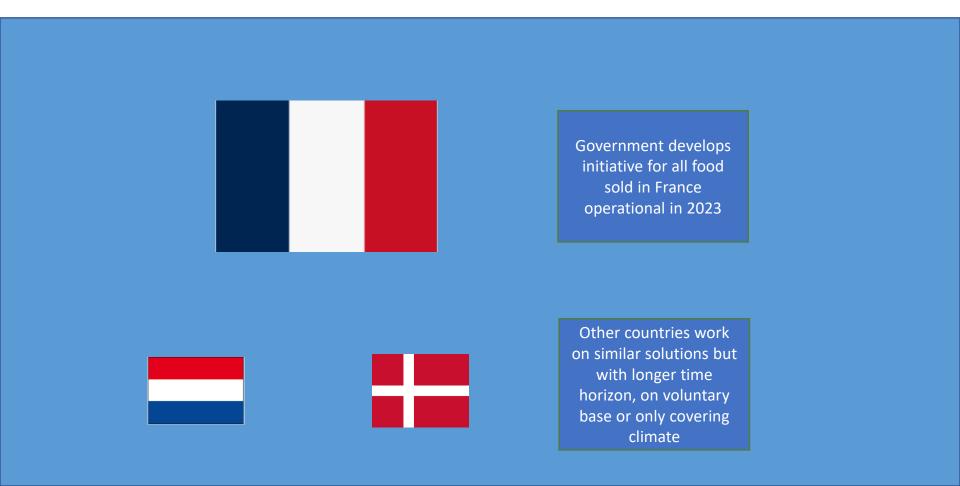
Consultation open

 Sustainable Food Labelling Framework

2023



Initiatives of EU member States



Dutch Climate covenant

Stimulate companies to start measuring footprints, to start PEFCR development & tools and calculate PEF(CR) compliant LCA's

Develop
"Agribalyse-like"
LCA product
averages
database

that makes it easy to translate company data to specific LCAs, that can be communicated in supply chain and to consumer



Comparison of impact systems:









	PEF	Planet score	Eco-score	French government
Impacts	16 Impact indicators	12 impact indicators PEF (adapted weighting and definition)	16 impact indicators PEF	16 impact indicators PEF +?
Lower burden to report		Agribalyse Many company specific bonus/malus on total score	is company specific	Agribalyse Adapt/add LCA impacts?
Operational	Ready for: Beer, dairy, wine, water, pasta, feed, pet food. Fish in development	Piloted by several organizations	Pilots: Lidl Implementation: Colruyt & Carrefour	Need to be operational in 2023



Next steps

- Meet stakeholders (methodologies and support/needs)
- Publish and communicate about results
- Bring public and private partners together to exchange knowledge and create synergy
- Contribute to methodology
- Submit EU co-financed proposal with 4 member states
- Organise a next event at the end of 2022
- With the final goal of a broadly implemented harmonized sustainability tool





Thanks for your attention



Questions?

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