

Criteria Setting Process



The process takes between 2 and 3 years

- The European Union Ecolabelling Board (EUEB) decides to create of a new product group (proposed either by the European Commission or the EUEB)
- The European Commission gives a mandate to a leading Competent Body
- The Competent Body sets up an Ad-Hoc Working Group (AHWG) bringing together all stakeholders: industry, experts, NGOs, public authorities, and other interested parties
- Preparatory work is carried out, including feasibility and market studies, life cycle considerations, environmental studies, and improvement analysis
- As mandated by the European Commission, the AHWG* meets about three times a year in order to draft the criteria according to the results of the preparatory work
- The draft criteria are approved by the EUEB
- Interservice consultation within the European Commission
- A vote is taken by a Regulatory Committee of national authorities
- Conclusion of the adoption procedure by a Commission Decision
- Publication of the Commission Decision in the Official Journal

*All meeting minutes are available on the website.