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**EXPERT STAKEHOLDER MEETING ON THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT  
'ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PRODUCTS (EIPRO)'  
ON**

**13 July 2005 at  
Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB) – Room 3D  
Rue Froissart 36  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium  
(10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

The purpose of the expert stakeholder meeting is to get scientific consensus on the conclusions that can be drawn from the EIPRO study and other related research, ensuring that they are based on appropriate and reasonable interpretations of the results in relation to the general state of research, as well as the methodologies and data used in the study.

Given that the methodology of the EIPRO study has been thoroughly discussed already and decisions have been made in the sense of the widest possible expert consensus, it is not the purpose of the meeting to re-open discussions on the methodological choices as such.

- 1. Welcome by Klaus Kögler, DG ENV (15 minutes)**
- 2. Introduction by DG ENV and DG JRC-IPTS (15 minutes)**
- 3. Presentation of EIPRO (30 minutes)**
- 4. Commentary by peers (review) (120 minutes)**
  - 1. Bo Weidema, 2.-0 LCA Consultants, Denmark**
  - 2. D.S. Nijdam, Milieu- en Natuurplanbureau – RIVM, The Netherlands**
  - 3. Karine Thollier, ICEDD asbl, Belgium**
  - 4. Stefan Moll, the Wuppertal Institute, Germany**
  - 5. Ilmo Mäenpää, University of Oulu, Finland**
- 5. Overview presentation of stakeholder comments (15 minutes) DG ENV**
- 6. Plenary discussion (120 minutes)**
- 7. Wrap-up and proposals for the future (30 minutes)**

## **APPENDIX:**

### **Project background**

The EIPRO study supports the development of an EU Integrated Product Policy by clarifying which products have the greatest environmental impacts from a life-cycle perspective. The work started in January 2004 and will end in 2005.

The study began with a literature review of existing work to identify such products. Then, an operational methodology to identify the products with the greatest environmental impacts was proposed. The Commission asked for comments on the proposed methodology from stakeholders and organised two scientific expert workshops in May and September 2004.

At the first workshop a consensus was achieved on the principle choices of the methodological approach. It was confirmed that the methodology should build on the methods and results of previous research as far as possible and complement this with a new systematic analysis of the environmental impacts of products for the EU-25. A top-down oriented approach based on environmental input/output analysis was identified as most suitable for the new analysis.

At the second workshop the project team discussed with the group of external experts the details of the methodology and how to adapt it best to both the policy needs and the data situation, to ensure it reflects well the state of the art of research in the area.

After this the methodology was applied and the study team has now written a full draft report and annexes of the study presenting the analysis of the life cycle environmental impacts of products related to the final consumption of the EU25. The draft report of the study has now been made public and the Commission has started a public stakeholder consultation on it.

### **Next step**

The second phase of the project will have the objective to focus on some of the products with the greatest environmental impacts and examine the ways in which their environmental impacts can be reduced. This will include examining the socio-economic impacts of each measure. The second phase will start when the first phase has been concluded. Following this, the Commission will seek to address some of the products with the greatest potential for environmental improvement at least socio-economic cost.

### **For more information**

Please find more project information on:

- DG ENV: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/ipp/identifying.htm>
- DG JRC – IPTS: <http://cleantech.jrc.es/pages/r4.htm>