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Referring to the request for comments on the IPP-website the Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment welcomes the EIPRO-report that gives a good overview of existing knowledge in ranking products for their environmental impact.

It is satisfying to see that the global conclusions are consistent with a recent report of D. Nijdam e.a. (RIVM) and some other reports: it is clear that the food chain, housing and transport are the major sources of environmental pressure.

It is a logical step that the second phase will focus on identifying products with the greatest potential for environmental improvement.

Afterwards the big question will be how the EU member states at the end of this second phase will converge to implications for IPP or policies for specific products.

Referring to the two questions on the IPP-website we feel no need to comment the exact results of the product assessment of EIPRO.

As to the second question on further developments of methodologies that point the way I think it demands a lot of efforts to develop a methodology that can be used for political decision making.

We think that several methods could be used to support political decision making.

We propose that a follow-up pilot study will be considered in which several operational methods will be compared on their appropriateness to convert results of EIPRO and comparable studies of high quality to policy proposals.

We think that further data collection at this moment has a lower priority. At the moment of preparing specific policy measures further data collection could be useful.

Regards,

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