

SME Tools December 3rd webinar

Frequently Asked Questions

Free of charge: does it imply that the software will be adapted for each new PEFCR, free of charge?

For this project, free of charge means that the 4 pieces of software and their code will be available free of charge.

Presently the datasets available in the ELCD and ILCD data network are not enough for carrying out a PEF/OEF study: are you planning to connect an already available commercial database to the software? And if yes, are you also planning to work on the interoperability of the different formats, which is still a challenge?

PEFCRs and OEFSRs will contain rules regarding the data to be used: they will define where it is obligatory to gather primary data; where it is recommended to gather specific data default data provided may be used (we call these semi-specific data); and where generic/secondary data shall be used and specify exactly which. Due to the fact that PEFCRs and OEFSRs are meant for use in policy, the data must be freely available. For the pilot phase, this is planned to be covered by a tender with specific calls for data and by data provided by Technical Secretariats. The calls would specify the features of the data that are sought in order to ensure that they are of the best quality available and that they match the closest possible PEF/OEF requirements.

What are the green sections again please?

PEFCR specific information.

What does "ILCD DN" mean?

ILCD Data Network - a network for LCA data, run by the European Commission's JRC; has already some 10 organisations that provide first data sets: addition: It is now possibly being renamed to LCD.

What information is compulsory and what are optional parts in the assessment and in the report?

This will be developed in the framework of the PEFCR / OEFSR.

The software can be used for food products as well or a separate one will be developed?

The software core is foreseen to be used also for food products.

For primary data, you mentioned that they should be based on LCI results. Who will do the LCI if there is no need for LCA expertise mentioned in the first slides. Training, national open days for the software are planned?

The aggregated LCI results from the supplier are to be prepared by the supplier - ideally using a SME tool variant for the supplier's sector: the SME software is calculating the overall results, i.e. the PEF results, which can be exported as LCI results data set as well.

Where is the SME tool available?

The SME Tool is under development. The prototype that was presented during the webinar is available at the address http://91.121.5.44/public_html/. The final version will be made available through the EC website, when ready.

What are the requirements to benchmark different T shirts?

This is still under development in the T-shirt PEFCR project.

What kind of transportation possibilities does the software offer?

The software will contain the transport possibilities defined within the PEFCR (still under development).

You mentioned that the tool will be developed also for 2 food-products: do you know already which products category will be selected?

No, that is not open yet.

Thanks for this presentation - that was tough!

If you have further questions you can contact us at sme-tools@tools4env.com.

I missed where to find the database to import as an example within the zip file

The example database is not included in the zip file.

Why does it say: Sum of paper plastic should equal 100 and, at the same time, numbers between 1 and 3 are required for both components....

Well, I guess was just to figure out dependencies and validation rules among fields. We had to invent some constraints.

Is not sure about it: will the source code be open sourced?

The plan is that the code will be available openly. This would enable market players/associations to easily develop plug-ins covering new PEFCRs.

nw.exe file doesn't work on my computer?

We're aware that under certain circumstances the nw.exe will crash on the first load. We're working on a fix. Please try to restart, the application. If you still have problems, please contact us at sme-tools@tools4env.com.

How do you get to the "import Dataset" page?

You go to database and select *import* from the top menu.

Will these softwares be adapted to all PEF pilot or not?

For now we only have the possibility to adapt it to 4 cases.

What about km from where to where and for what? (packaging, parts of tee-shirt, transport to the shops ?...)

All parameters will have a description which clearly says what their intention is. So far, we have added parameters that are likely to occur in the PEFCR for t-shirts, but that might change. We will add more texts that help the user to fill in the forms.

Are you thinking to expand the impact category selection?

Impact categories will match the requirements in the PEFCR (still under development).

Packaging page about project: not the choice of material, which are the packaging included in the project (sold to the consumer, for transportation, pallet??)

The software is not related to the PEFCR yet. We expect that all forms will change: new parameters, new processes will be added. The life cycle will most likely remain the same.

I assume the result is not connected to the data input yet, right? Of course a "real" test even with mock data would be extremely interesting. Can you already tell, if and when we could do this?

No, the data you import and the data you enter in the forms are not yet connected. This integration will be provided in the next version.

What is the goal of this software: as a test in PEF pilot or a long term software that is regularly updated?

The goal of the project is to prove the concept. No decision has been taken on the future – this will also depend on the future policy, which will only be discussed after the end of the pilot phase.

For how long are you going to maintain the prototype at the link <http://91.121.5.44/public.html/>?

The URL will stay until the next webinar.

What deadline can we indicate for sending comments to sme-tools@tools4env.com on the prototype?

There is no particular deadline for sending questions to sme-tools@tools4env.com, but feedback we'd get until mid-January will be used in the development of the next major release (March 2015).