

## Sustainability assessment methodologies workshop report

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**Time** 10:00 –12:30

**Venue** Construction Products EU, 68 Blv. du Souverain 1170 Brussels

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The workshop brought together a very diverse group of people, from construction products to engineers, architects and contractors representatives. Only two of the 19 expected guests were not able to attend the meeting. Those taking part provided many questions even after the first presentation. The organisers provided background information on both CEN TC 350 and Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) initiatives. The latest developments were explained with real examples of two PEF pilot projects: metals sheets and hot and cold water pipes.

Many questions were addressed and these included:

- Will PEF apply to products or components?
- Will PEF consider end-of-life recycling potential?
- It is feasible that the project(s) demonstrate that PEF methodology does not work for construction?
- The projects are developing PEF CR for many applications inside a products family but will the benchmark apply horizontally?
- How much does such a project cost and who is paying the bill?

Overall, the workshop was seen as well prepared, very useful and informative, and meeting documents were requested for distribution. More specifically, one participant indicated that she had previously seen presentations on PEF and EN 15804 but that this was the first time she had seen presentations comparing both systems that was both well illustrated and easy to understand. As indicators were often mentioned during the discussions, let us note that the participants gave a score of 4.8/5 for both the organisation of workshop and content of presentations in a small survey they filled out at the end of the presentations. Last but not least, ten participants asked to subscribe to our newsletter and four were already registered on our mailing list.