

An Introduction to PCRs

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PCR?

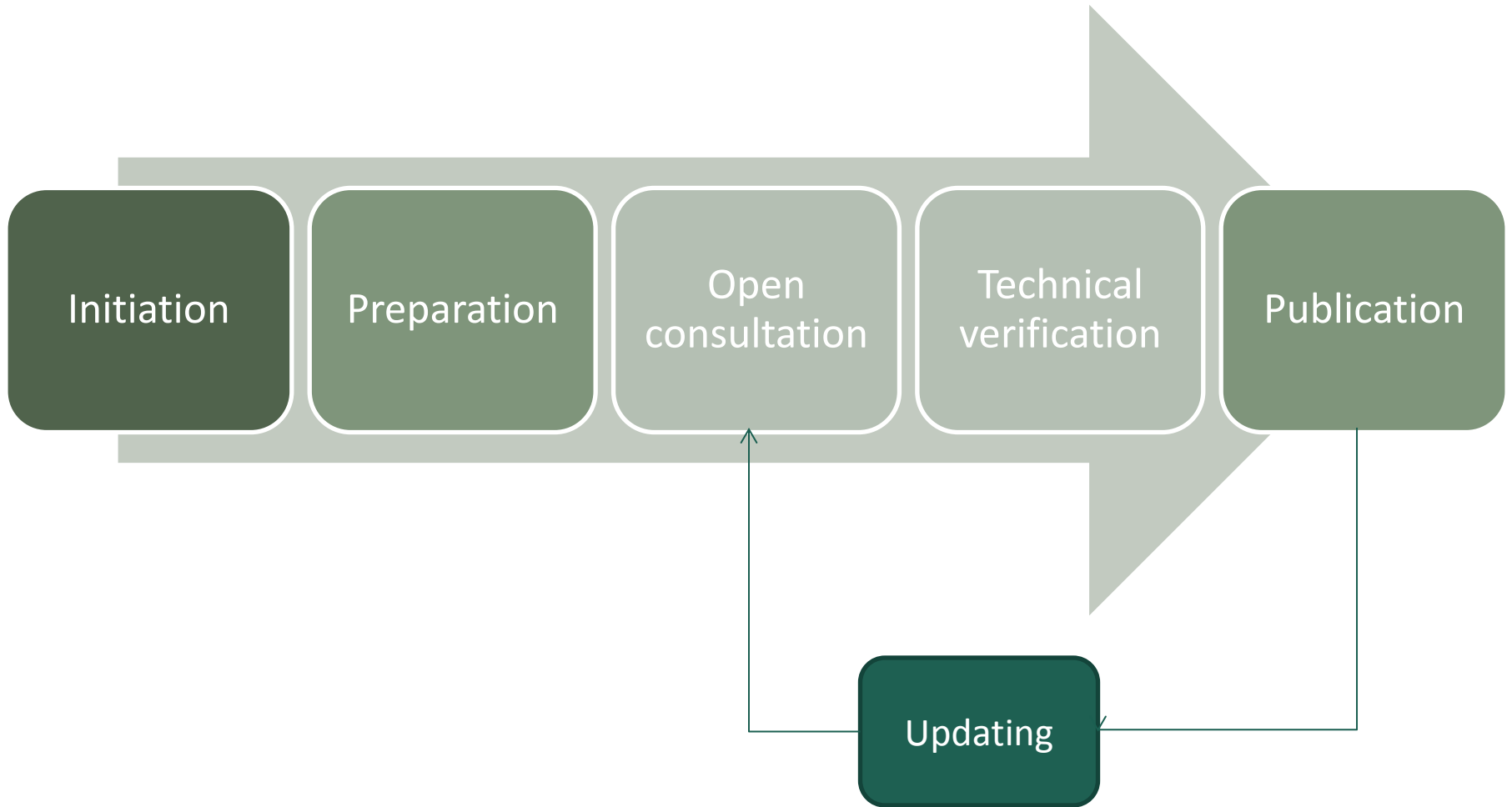
- PCR = Product Category Rules
- Contains calculation rules for LCA and presentation format of EPD (indicators, etc.)
- Covers one product category defined by a code in the “UN CPC” classification scheme
 - E.g. CPC 3214 = *Processed paper and paperboard*
- Valid for a certain time period

Why PCRs?

- Must be used as the basis for EPDs
=> Ensures comparability between EPDs within the same product category
- Developed by industry initiative in an open, transparent process
=> Industry acceptance among a common LCA methodology and indicators

PCRs in the International EPD® System

- Currently about 190 PCRs available on www.environdec.com (incl. PCR Basic Modules)
- 30 PCRs are currently being developed
- Very wide range of products:
 - Passenger aeroplanes
 - Research services
 - Basic organic chemicals
 - Kiwi fruits
 - etc.



EN 15804 (Construction products)

GEDnet PCR Library

Product Environmental Footprint (PEFCRs)

The Sustainability Council

PCR Guidance Initiative (US)



How is the International EPD® System responding to this interest?

- Strengthening of the LCA competence and resources in the Secretariat
- Updated General Programme Instructions
- Alignment with the PCR Guidance Initiative
- Participating in GEDnet initiatives and mutual agreements with other programme operators
- Innovative ideas: “PCR Basic Modules”, “Pre-certified EPDs”, “Net of PCRs”, etc.

Thank you!

- For more information and our library of PCRs:
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