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**Objective**

The present proposal is a concerted action with the following three objectives:   
1. The building of a European Network for Life-Cycle Assessment Research and Development (LCANET). This network will be a platform for discussion on LCA research and development by regular and rapid exchange of information between European universities, research institutes, companies, non governmental organizations and the European Commission.   
2. The identification of the state-of-the-art of LCA methodology and applications and of research needs on core topics of LCA through a broadly-based interactive process.   
3. The publication of an encompassing document, containing the state-of-the-art of present LCA methodology and applications and a coherent strategic LCA research programme, including developments needed to employ LCA effectively as a policy support tool.

**General Information**

The present proposal is a Concerted Action in area 2.2.2 with the following three objectives: (1) the building of a European network for exchange of information between LCA experts in the field of Life-Cycle Assessment (LCANET); (2) identification of the state-of-the-art of LCA methodology and of research needs through a wide interactive process; and (3) publication of a final report about LCA state-of-the-art and a coherent strategic LCA research programme. The rationale for this network is that LCA methodology is not developing in a sufficiently coherent way and that, as a result, the potentially valuable policy applications of LCA may not be realised. The project aim to develop LCA with broad applicability, including industrial and synthetic products   
In line with the objectives the project is divided into three parts. In part 1 a meeting will be organized for the development of the network, and a definition document will be prepared as a basis for part 2. Inpart 2 workshops will be held about four core topics: (1) positioning and applications of LCA; (2) issues related to goal definition and scoping and to inventory analysis; (3) issues related to impact assessment; and (4) issues related to data bases and software. A Theme Report will be published on each topic, as a basis for the final report. In part 3 the final report will be published, containing LCA state-of-the-art and a strategic research programme. The project is planned for the period october 1995 until march 1997.   
LCANET will be able to strengthen and refocus the existing LCA research and development activities in the European Union and to develop a coherent programme for future work. This will have substantial Community Added Value for a number of EU policy fields for which LCA is used as a decision support tool. LCA may also contribute substantially in forming a bridge between the different actors in the social debate about environmental issues. The same proposal has not been submitted earlier or elsewhere. Life-Cycle Assessment, Network, Research Programme

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