

Broadening the scope of sustainability assessment: Social LCA and LCC

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LCA has primarily concerned with biophysical impacts. Sustainability thinking, however, goes beyond the biophysical aspects by including also the impacts on the economic and the social environment. In recent years important work has been done in order to incorporate these issues into the framework of LCA; but much more is needed to bring these concepts and related tools to maturity and to mainstream use. This session focuses both on development of life cycle sustainability assessment, for example through indicator development, as well as on case studies including also the social and/or economic dimension.