



## Verification of Environmental Product Declaration

Do you wish to profile yourself as a sustainable company, distinguish your company from your competitors, and respond to the trend of sustainable entrepreneurship? Vincotte offers you the solution!

### Your tailor-made solution

An Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is an internationally recognised format to communicate the environmental impact of a product. An environmental product declaration is the result of a life-cycle analysis that quantifies the environmental impact, from the extraction of raw materials to waste treatment (in other words, from cradle to grave). If an environmental product declaration is used for external communication, it is recommended that it is verified by an independent third party.

The power of environmental product declarations to drive a sustainable economy is also recognised at the European level. The European Commission has developed uniform methods to make environmental product declarations: the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) at the product level and the Organisation Environmental Footprint (OEF) at the organisational level. The environmental product declaration is growing to become the standard for measuring and communicating the environmental impact of products and organisations.

We can ensure the independent verification of your environmental product declaration, enabling you to publish it in an EPD database or communicate it with your customers.

### Your result

If you have an environmental product declaration:

- You can develop a solid reputation as a sustainable company
- You can distinguish yourself from your competitors in a global economy.
- You can prepare yourself for upcoming laws and the increasingly more stringent requirements relating to environmental performance of products.
- You can identify the available options to improve the CSR performance of your undertaking.
- It will be possible for you to consolidate and strengthen your market position by responding to the trend for sustainable procurement.
- You can communicate about the environmental performance of your products

### Please note

#### Legislations

European recommendation concerning the use of common methods to communicate the life-cycle performance of products and organisations (PEF, OEF).

“Royal Decree “Establishing the conditions for placing environmental messages when offering building products in the market.”

#### Norms and Standards

- ISO 14025 concerning environmental product declarations..
- ISO 14040 and 14044 concerning life-cycle analysis.
- ISO 15804 concerning environmental declarations for building products.

### In which situation?

This service is intended for industrial projects and SMEs (construction, textiles, energy, food, etc.), governments, sector federations, etc., with a focus on the environmental performance of their products and services.