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Environmental services related to products

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Presentation outline

- Basic definitions
- Labeling
- Instruments: the Life Cycle Analysis
- Applications



Basic definitions

- **Ecodesign** means the integration of environmental aspects into product design with the aim of improving the environmental performance of the product throughout its whole life cycle.
- Life cycle means the consecutive and interlinked stages of a product from raw material use to final disposal;
- Environmental labelling a form of <u>sustainability</u> <u>measurement</u> directed at consumers, intended to make it easy to take environmental concerns into account when shopping.
- **Energy labelling:** indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by energy-related products
- Energy related products (ERPs) 'Energy-related product', (a 'product'), means any good that has an impact on energy consumption during use which is placed on the market and/or put into service in the Union







Labels: Type I

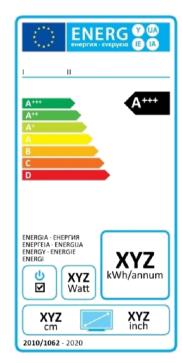






THE GREEN YARDSTICK

Labels: Type III



Energy Label





Environmental labels according to ISO series 14020

- Type I: Environmental labels based on a voluntary multicriteria scheme considering the entire Life Cycle of the products. It employs a third-party certification process to verify product or service compliance with a pre-selected set of criteria. (ECOLABEL). (ISO 14024);
- Type II: Environmental Labels reporting ecological claims by producers, importers or distributors, **without verification** by a third part or independent controller ("Recyclable"). (ISO 14021);
- Type III: Eco-labels that bear statements based on established parameters and contain a quantification of the environmental impacts associated with the Life Cycle of the product. They undergo under independent audit and are presented in a clear and comparable form (EPD) (ISO 14025)



The Life Cycle

- Life Cycle thinking (LCT): Life Cycle Thinking (LCT) seeks to identify possible improvements to goods and services in the form of lower environmental impacts and reduced use of resources across all life cycle stages.
- Life-cycle analysis (LCA): is a method in which energy and raw materials, emissions and other important factors related to a specific product are being measured, analysed and summed over the products entire life cycle from an environmental point of view.



Life Cycle Thinking Resource Use, e.g. Health & Environment Impacts, e.g. Raw Materials Recovery Recycling Transport Energy Climate Change Use Production Materials Eutrophication Transport Transport Storage Retail **Toxic Pressure** Land Use

European Platform on Life Cycle Assessment, 2010