

Working group

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These years, the road sector is facing ambitious environmental and climate requirements. How to ensure optimum competition in a market that imposes ambitious climate requirements will therefore become an important issue.

A working group will therefore be established to, over a twoyear period, address how to reduce the sector's CO2 footprint while ensuring optimum competition via its tender procedures.

The working group should be in contact with the 'Road technology' working group, which also focuses on reducing the CO2 footprint of the road sector and which will apply methodologies in sustainable choice and use of materials.

The group may work with several topics, including:

a) Competition in a market that imposes ambitious climate requirements

The group may benefit from sharing knowledge and obtaining experience about the countries' work to ensure a wellfunctioning, competitive market for construction and maintenance tasks under new, stricter climate requirements. This includes the countries' concrete experience in involving the sector, including market dialogue about the use of LCA calculation tools, environmental product declarations (EPDs), baselines and implementation of climate requirements.

b) Experience with EPDs in the transport sector

It is increasingly required that the process of procuring construction and maintenance tasks should focus on climate, entailing still greater demands to document the CO2 footprint of products and services. Environmental product declarations (EPDs) document the environmental properties of construction materials and play a crucial role in this respect.

The group should therefore share knowledge and obtain experience about the road sector's experience of working with EPDs. The group can also obtain experience from other sectors' work with EPDs if deemed relevant to strengthen the road sector's work with EPDs.

Period

July 2020 to July 2022

Relevant competence profiles

Employees working with climate in contracts, market dialogue, tender coordinators

Knowledge sharing and communication of best practices

Webinars, meetings and seminars
The group may benefit from exchanging ideas with the working group for 'Road technology'.

Relevant sustainable development goals

Goal 13: Climate action

Follow-up on sustainable development goals

The group will make proposals for how to follow up on the relevant sustainable development goals. In this connection, the group can also discuss whether the activities mentioned in the terms of reference align with other sustainable development goals which the group would like to follow-up on.