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#### **Description of the Organisation**

**OUR TEAM** 

>20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

LCA/EPD/CSR analisys and webtool, eco-design, eco-labelling, carbon footprint, environmental communication, environmental law



Developed to support companies sustainable





RICCARDO Environmental Enginee

consulting firm, providing professional solutions and tools for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), Life Cycle Costing (LCC), Social-LCA (S-LCA), ecodesign, environmental communication and regulatory compliance to private companies and business associations.

Life Cycle Engineering (LCE) is an independent

LCE usually participates in institutional projects with the European Commission and some national/regional agencies. In the last years, LCE has been involved in more than 20 H2020, LIFE and service contract projects with the European Commission.

#### Key words:

Life Cycle Thinking and Life Cycle Assessment Eco-Desian WebTool for sustainability assessment Environmental Product Declarations (EPD)





LCE fully owns Zprotocol, an IT company specialized in the development of web based platforms to support data collection and sustainability analyses of products and processes.

LCE designs the web platform while ZP develops and deploys it



Cooperation between sustainability and IT backgrounds, to offer tailored and user-friendly web platforms for the evaluation of environmental performances in EU projects where life-cyclethinking approach is required to assess new technology feasibility.



Various platforms deliverable:

- Excel-based tools
- Web-based tools
- Power-BI dashdoards





#### Your Research Fields: LCE in EU projects

#### What we currently do in EU-funded projects:

- LCA/LCC/S-LCA
- Ecodesign guidelines
- Communication and dissemination
- WebTool for LCA/LCC



# **EU project topics covered:**

- Steel industry waste recycling
- Advanced manufacturing systems
- Ceramic and glass industry energy saving
- Biobased and ecodesigned synthetic fibres, and polymers
- Sustainable biorefinery for protein production
- Carbon Capture Usage and Storage
- Advanced cells for e-mobility
- Defence equipment circularity
- Innovative materials for wind turbines

#### Our various background:

- **Engineers**
- **Economists**
- Chemists
- **Environmental scientists**
- Graphical designers



#### A flourishing experience with EU projects:

- 2020: First activity for the EC
- 2003: First EU LFE project
- 2015: First EU H2020 project
- 2025 on: 8 Horizon and LIFE projects active











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# Projects Idea - EC requirements for funded projects



Sustainability Assessment (LCA/LCC/SLCA) → mandatory task for European projects



Our **added value** as consortium partners is to **offer** a **consolidated background** and expertise to deal with **EC requirements** on sustainability.



EC is pushing on materials criticality projects (according to CRMA¹), to ensure EU access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials, to meet its **2030 climate and digital** objectives → We suggest strong focus on circularity, ecodesign and criticality assessment, topics we offer our knowhow for, to draw successful project proposals.



Projects Idea – Sustainability package for EU projects











# LCA/LCC/SLCA

- Sustainability performances of innovative technology
- Comparison with current state-ofthe-art solutions

### **Ecodesign**

- Focus on product design for reuse and recyclability and impacts minimising
- Ensuring compliance with EU regulations

## **Circularity**

- Technology review on the innovative technology endof-life treatments, focusing on recycling and reuse
- Circularity performances assessment, by tailored KPIs

## Criticality

- Critical raw materials evaluation according to CRMA
- Geopolitical and social considerations for critical materials supply

# **Biodiversity**

 Risk and impact assessment of innovative technologies

¹ Critical Raw Materials Act → https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/sectors/raw-materials/areas-specific-interest/critical-raw-materials/critical-raw-materials-act\_en



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