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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The Ecolabelling project in Latin America where Costa Rica, Mexico and Colombia are involved has been in a constant development in each country depending on their selected products. Following we will present the progress of this project from July to December 2016.

**Performed Activities - Costa Rica**

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<td>1.1 Identify and define the organizations which are interested in developed Environmental Product Declarations and Eco-labeling.</td>
<td>Several meetings</td>
<td>Meetings with industry (Paint Industry), Professional Associations (Association of Engineers, Agronomists School).</td>
<td>Environment Ministry, ICAFE and Accreditation Body</td>
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<td>1.2. ECA established a working group for Life Cycle Analysis</td>
<td>2016/10/03</td>
<td>ECA established a working group from different sectors involved in life cycle assessment in order to generate capabilities in the country.</td>
<td>Technical Experts, Producers, Users, Service providers, Consumers, Accreditation Body, Universities</td>
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<td>1.3 Review of the Standard: Environmental Product Declarations Type III with the 3 participating countries</td>
<td>2016/10/18</td>
<td>INTECO reviewed the public consultation observations that we received from Colombia and Mexico for the standard draft INTE 12-02-02 &quot;General Requirements of the National Type Labeling Program III.&quot;</td>
<td>Technical Experts, Producers, Users, Service providers, Consumers, Accreditation Body Technical staff</td>
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<td>1.4 Development of the standard INTE 12-02-04: 2017 &quot;Environmental Labeling Type I.&quot;</td>
<td>2016/10/28</td>
<td>Development of the standard INTE 12-02-04: 2017 &quot;Environmental Labeling Type I.&quot; Environmental criteria for general purpose cleaning products and cleaning products for kitchens and bathrooms.</td>
<td>Technical Experts, Producers, Users, Service providers, Consumers, Accreditation Body Technical staff</td>
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<td>1.5 Developing of the first life-cycle assessment in coffee in Costa Rica.</td>
<td>In process</td>
<td>Developing the first life-cycle assessment in coffee in Costa Rica.</td>
<td>Environment Ministry, ICAFE and Accreditation Body</td>
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1.6 Life Cycle Analysis Workshop

September 2016

ACV workshop was developed to learn the basic concepts and to be able to develop the necessary documentation.

- Technical Experts
- Producers
- Users
- Service providers
- Consumers
- Accreditation Body Technical staff

México

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| 1.1. To identify and define the organizations which are interested in developed Environmental Product Declarations. | 2016/03/31 | Mexico is working with the following products:  
1. Tequila (Tequila Regulatory Council)  
2. Expanded Polystyrene Vessels (National Association of the Chemical Industry)  
3. High Density Polyethylene Containers (National Association of the Chemical Industry)  
4. Expanded Polystyrene Foam Board Insulation (National Association of the Chemical Industry)  
5. Cement (National Agency for Standardization and Certification of Construction and Building)  
6. Concrete (National Agency for Standardization and Certification of Construction and Building)  
7. Waterproofing (National Agency for Standardization and Certification of Construction and Building)  

It is important to mention that in Mexico has been growing the LEED\(^1\) certification and is for this reason that we are focus in the construction sector (http://sume.org.mx/admin/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Documento-Materiales-NAICM.pdf). | Certification Bodies and Accreditation Body |

\(^1\) Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design
### 1.2. EMA established the working group for Eco-Labelling

**EMA established a working group with the different sectors involved to recognize in an effective way, the necessities that EMA has to develop like accreditation body.**

- Technical Experts
- Producers
- Service providers
- Consumers
- Accreditation Body
- Technical staff

**2016/06/24**

### 1.3 Review for the Standard for Ecolabelling Type I

**Since the first meeting all the people involved reviewed and gave comments about the standard and finally it was sent to the General Directorate of Standards (DGN)**

- Technical Experts
- Producers
- Users
- Service providers
- Consumers
- Accreditation Body
- Technical staff

**2016/09/19**

### 1.4 Accreditation of Third Party Eco-labeling Certification Bodies that Verify/Validate Environmental Product Declarations (EPD’s)


- Program Operator “The International EPD System”
- Accreditation Body

**2016/10/28**

### 1.5 In December 2016, EMA received the first accreditation request in this new scheme.

**The first Certification Body sent a request to be accredited, nowadays is carrying out the Documental Assessment.**

- Certification Body
- Accreditation Body

**2016/12/14**

### Colombia

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<tr>
<td>1.1 Meetings with several Colombian key entities in Life Cycle Assessment</td>
<td>June 2016-January 2017</td>
<td>Colombia, ONAC, have had several meetings with ICONTEC and the Ministry of Environment in which they reviewed the status of implementation of the Decree of the Colombian Environmental Seal for textiles. They found out that <em>the Centro de Producción Más Limpia</em> of Colombia has made a life-cycle assessment for textile.</td>
<td>- Certification Bodies and Accreditation Body - Technical Experts - Producers - Users - Service providers - Consumers - Accreditation Body - Technical staff</td>
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2. IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

The progress of implementation until January 2016 is 40%, compared with the complete schedule of activities, starting with training in October 2015.

3. ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED

The calendar requires adjustments in the activities, this was discussed in the workshop: “Training Workshop in Environmental Labeling, Product Lifecycle Assessment and Carbon Footprint”:

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<th>ACTIVITIES</th>
<th>COSTA RICA</th>
<th>MEXICO</th>
<th>COLOMBIA</th>
<th>DATE</th>
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<td>Compromises</td>
<td>Industry Commitment</td>
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<td>Industry Commitment Government Commitment (they are not sure if construction sector will participate)</td>
<td>DONE</td>
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<td>Government Commitment</td>
<td>Government Commitment</td>
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<td>Alignment of the General standard Type I</td>
<td>Costa Rica provides the standard to be reviewed by each country.</td>
<td>Review of the Costa Rica standard and review of the Colombian environmental seal.</td>
<td>Review of the Costa Rica standard and review of the Colombian environmental seal. Send to the members the Colombian environmental seal.</td>
<td>DONE</td>
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<td>Review the Colombian environmental seal.</td>
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<td>Development of the general standard Type III</td>
<td>Collect information about environmental labeling, type III (taking into consideration the document circulated in the course Brazil)</td>
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<td>DONE</td>
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<td>Standard for environmental labeling Type III is finished and the countries will find the harmonization.</td>
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<td>In process</td>
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### 3.4 Development of the PCR of the selected products for Ecolabelling type III in all countries

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<th>Label Type</th>
<th>Define the type of label per country, per product</th>
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<th>Define the type of label per country, per product</th>
<th>DONE</th>
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<td>3.4</td>
<td>Define the Memorandum of Understanding.</td>
<td>AB</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Country provides the name of the person accompanyin g the committee</td>
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<td>Public consultation with stakeholders</td>
<td>Government entity</td>
<td>Government entity</td>
<td>August 2016- January 2017</td>
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<td>Harmonization of accreditation criteria for verifiers / certifiers Ecolabelling (TIPO I, TIPO III, ACV, HUELLAS)</td>
<td>Mexico confirms if the water footprint document can be shared</td>
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<td>DONE (it was shared)</td>
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<td>Develop regional work plan for development and approval of the document.</td>
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<td>This point remains in standby</td>
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### 4. Next Steps

- All 3 countries will send the comments about the Costa Rican Standard for Ecolabelling type 3.
- Training in Mexico. Do the practice in the Accreditation criteria.
- Development of the web platform and advertising campaign.
- Define PCR for chosen products.
## Mexico

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<th>Who?</th>
<th>When?</th>
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<td>To carry out the workshop training about this new accreditation scheme.</td>
<td>Training workshop with 10 participants from different certification Bodies.</td>
<td>24 - 28 May 2017 Mexico City</td>
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