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A new horizon for the footwear carbon footprint

The Life + CO2Shoe project



Elda, Spain – On the 4th December 2013 took place the kick-off meeting of the Life + project CO2Shoe in Elda, Spain. The project is led by the Spanish Technological centre “Instituto Tecnológico del Calzado y Conexas” (INESCOP), and counts with the participation of the following international partners: the European Confederation of the Footwear Industry (CEC), the Footwear Technological Centre of Portugal (CTCP), the Spanish Federation of Footwear (FICE), the Polish Institute of Leather Industry (IPS) and the Italian CGS Group.

This CO2Shoe project, co-financed by the European Commission under the Environmental Programme LIFE+, aims at developing a unique and most suitable methodology for the calculation of the footwear sector's carbon footprint. There are currently more than 40 different methodologies in Europe delivering different results that cannot be compared. The project's goal is therefore to identify an objective and common tool for the carbon footprint calculation of each pair of shoes manufactured, distinguishing between the different footwear styles i.e. man, woman, sports, etc..

The final tool delivered by this project will be very useful at the footwear design stage, and will help to produce eco-design footwear. At the same time, footwear factories will be able to identify the necessary measures to reduce such footprint, and will consequently contribute to the mitigation of the climate change.

The CO2Shoe project counts with the participation of research centers, national associations, and companies. In the kick-off meeting, the partners agreed on the project logo and on the need to involve all stakeholders of the supply chain in order to produce the most realistic and pragmatic results by the end of the project, which is foreseen on the 31st March 2017. The next coordination meeting, in which the first overview of the most suitable methods available, will be held in Pisa, Italy, in June 2014.

More information will be soon available at www.CO2shoe.eu.
