

EPDs generated by tools

EPD-Norway confirms that EPDs generated by third party verified EPD tools complies with all relevant standards and practices.

We have received questions on the use of tools to create EPDs and see there is unnecessary doubt about EPDs from LCA tools. **We therefore find it necessary to confirm that all EPDs published by EPD-Norway are in accordance with relevant standards and practices.**

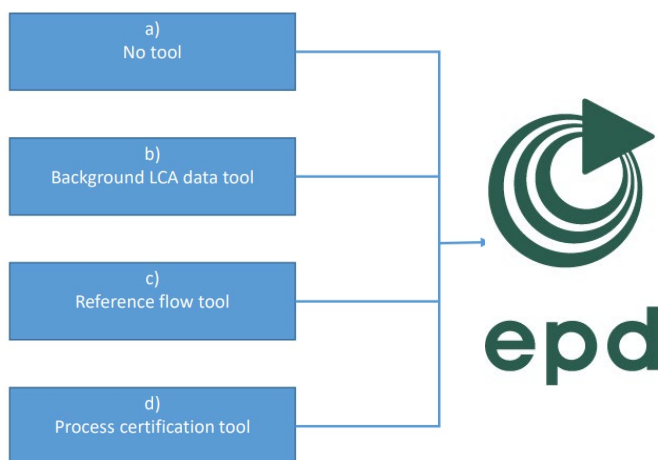


Figure 1: Four options for creating an EPD

In EPD-Norway, there are four paths to creating an EPD, as shown in Figure 1. EPDs that are generated by LCA tools and integrated in electronic and administrative management systems ensure the integrity of input data to a level comparable to that of traditional third-party verification. Common verification guidelines for these types of EPD tools have been developed by ECO Platform, (www.eco-platform.org) the international umbrella organisation for EPD Programme Operators based in Brussels.

Each EPD tool is independently third party verified, including background data and test-EPD, in accordance with EPD-Norway's procedures and guidelines for verification and approval of EPD tools. The EPD tool is then locked, and only pre-defined data can be entered by the user into the tool. Individual verification of the company-specific input and of each EPD is then performed by an independent reviewer. Individual third-party verification of each EPD is not necessary if the following requirements are met: i) the EPD tool is integrated into the environmental management system of the company, ii) the procedures for using the EPD tool are approved by EPD-Norway, and iii) the process is annually third-party reviewed.

EPD-Norway checks and controls that each EPD is in accordance with the above requirements before approval and publication.

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