

Status Report of
the IWG on Automotive Life Cycle Assessment
(A-LCA)

Prepared by
the A-LCA Informal Working Group

1. Establishment of the IWG on Automotive Life Cycle Assessment (A-LCA)

- Proposal to work on the clarification of methodologies for the assessment of life-cycle Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions of automotives by Japan and Korea during the 85th GRPE session (January 2022)
 - GRPE secretariat has taken the tremendous initiatives to move forward
- Workshop was organized during the 86th GRPE session (May 2022)
 - successfully completed with **20** presentations from a variety of organisation (<https://unece.org/info/events/event/365116>)
- GRPE agreed to put the A-LCA methodology on its priority list and to create a new Informal Working Group on A-LCA during the 86th session (June 2022)

2. A-LCA Meetings up to the 87th GRPE

- 1st : 26 ~ 28 October 2022, Hybrid meeting @ Okinawa, Japan

<OUTCOMES>

- ✓ *determine Leading Team*
- ✓ *develop the initial Terms of Reference*

- 2nd : 6 December 2022, Virtual meeting

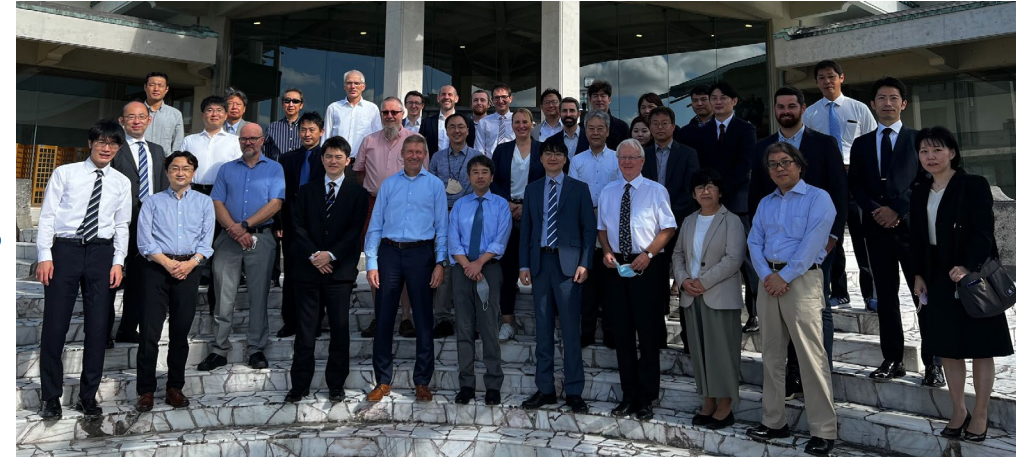
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- ✓ *should discuss on overarching aspects prior to subgroup activities*

- 3rd : 9 January 2023, Hybrid meeting @ Geneva, Switzerland

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- ✓ *intensive discussion on the Terms of Reference*
- ✓ *discussed on efficient working structure*



3. Key Contents of the ToR

- Objective : to develop an internationally-harmonised procedure to determine the carbon footprint of automotive products from production to use and disposal,
as a resolution under the framework of WP.29.
- Applicable to all types of road automotive products
- Working items :
 - Definition of Scope/Inventory Analysis/Life cycle impact assessment
- Timelines :
 - June 2025 : Adoption of the UN Resolution on A-LCA by GRPE***
 - November 2025 : Adoption of the UN Resolution on A-LCA by WP.29***

<still under the development>

4. Next Actions

Overall




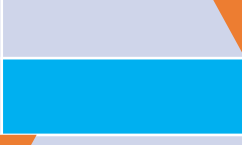
		2023		2024		2025	
GRPE		87 th	88 th	89 th	90 th	91 st	92 nd
		progress report and ask guidance when necessary				Informal Document	Working Document
Working phases							
	Overarching aspects						
	Develop methodologies						
	Drafting						

Meetings until next GRPE (June 2023)

- 4th : 13th February 2023, Virtual meeting <feedbacks from IWG member>
- 5th : tbd April 2023, Hybrid meeting @ tbd* <revise the proposal> * seeking a meeting venue
- 6th : tbd May 2023, Virtual meeting <final feedbacks from IWG member >
- 7th : tbd June 2023, Hybrid meeting @ Geneva, Switzerland
 <1. finalise the ToR, 2. agree on the overarching aspects and the subgroup structure>
request full one day session in conjunction with 88th GRPE session

5. Current Progress

▼ : target level as of January 2023

Progress level (%)	20	40	60	80	100	notes
items						
ToR						▼ slight delay due to contradictory discussion on target parameter
Working Organisation						▼ June 2023 considering the subgroup structure for efficient progress
Overarching aspects						▼ June 2023 under the discussion on the initial proposal provided by leading team
Subgroup structure						▼ June 2023
A-LCA Methodology						▼ January 2025 will be braked down after completion of overarching aspects
Drafting						▼ June 2025

Thank you!

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Appendix

Overall Timeline <detailed “to-do-list” and its timing are under the discussion>

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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3
			Meeting Geneva												Meeting Geneva												Meeting Geneva		
Work Stage			agree on overarching aspects and determine subgroup structure						Develop Methodologies						Finalise Methodologies						Drafting								
to-do list			discussion point # in PCR book	working organisation																									
1	Step-wise goal of A-LCA (balance between accuracy and workload)	1.6	IWG	[Light Blue Bar]																									
2	Applicable automotive product categories	1.2, 3.1	IWG	[Light Blue Bar]																									
3	Scope of greenhouse gas species	1.6	IWG	[Light Blue Bar]																									
	Definition of CO2E	3.3 (5)&(6) 5	IWG	[Dark Blue Bar]																									
4	Result objective	1.1 ?	IWG	[Dark Blue Bar]																									
5	Cross cutting(overarching) methodological topics, data requirements & plausibility checks	1.5 4.1.1.2 4.1.1.4	IWG	[Light Blue Bar]																									
	Components to be covered	1.3	IWG	[Light Blue Bar]																									
	General			[Light Blue Bar]																									
	System boundaries	1.5		[Light Blue Bar]																									
	Cut off criteria	1.5 4.1.2		[Light Blue Bar]																									
	Weighting factors (A) for energy sources	4.1.1.3 (1)	IWG							[Dark Blue Bar]																			
	Weighting factors (B) for energy mix	new	IWG							[Dark Blue Bar]																			
6	Allocation Schemes	4.1.3	?																										
7	Phase activities	1.3																											
	material & bought parts production (Supply chain)									preparation						depend on the progress													
	Material classification																												
	Secondary D/B																												
	Treatment of recycled bio-based materials(circular economy)	4.1.1.3 4.1.1.4	SG							[Light Green Bar]						[Light Green Bar]													
	Logistics and distribution stages	4.1.1.5																											
		4.2																											

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Dismantling Recycling Remanufacturing Transport		4.5	SG								SG activities						Drafting												
Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Special Purpose Vehicle Trailers											depend on resources																		
8 Consideration of unique battery configuration (i.e. swappable, replacing...) Harmonization with other battery regulation & PEFCR- Life time of battery in vehicle life cycle		new?	IWG								depend on IWG decision																		
9 Functional unit Lifetime, Mileage		1.4	IWG																										
10 Verification Methodology transparency and consistency, data qualification and plausibility			IWG																										
Documentation Data Format Data Definition/Qualification (primary, secondary, Data Quality Rating Data Validity/Sharing Verification Procedures			IWG																										
11 Determination of A-LCA		5	IWG																										
12 Drafting		NA	SG																										

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