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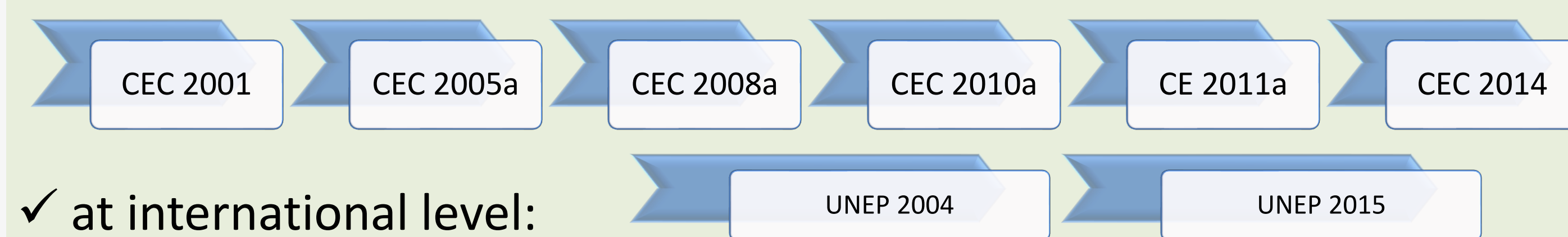
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LIFE CYCLE THINKING (LCT) - LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)

Life cycle thinking

- ✓ the backbone of several EU environmental policies (public & private sector)
- ✓ at national level:

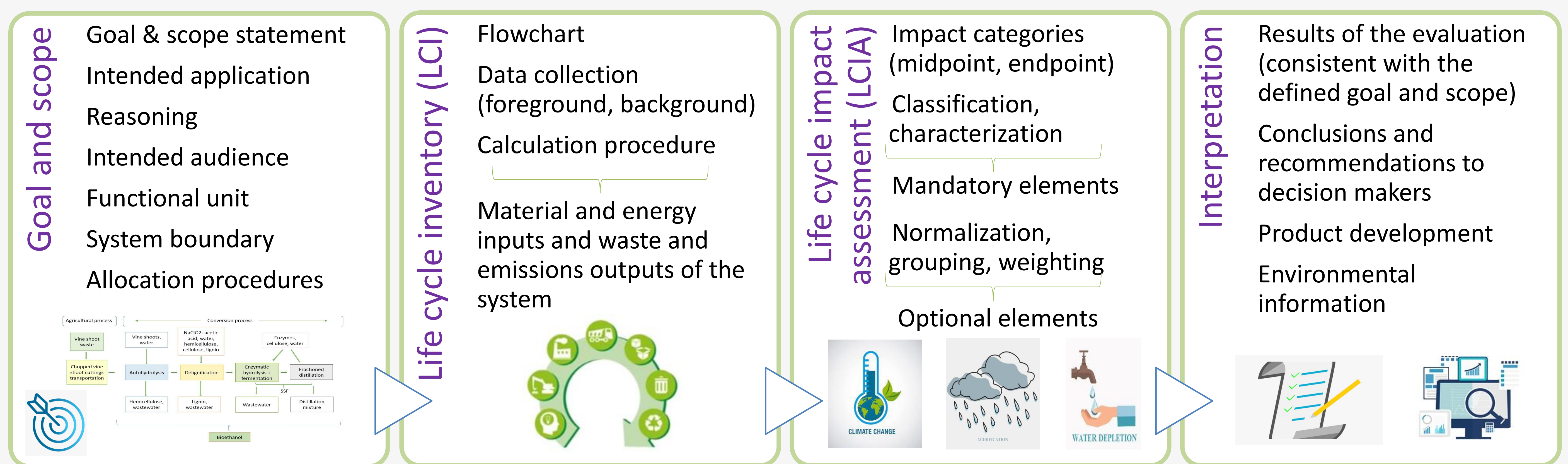


- ✓ at international level:

Life cycle assessment

- ✓ standardized methodology (ISO 14040, 14044) for evaluating potential environmental impacts related to a product, a process or a system, along its life cycle
- ✓ multi-criteria assessment methodology covering a wide variety of pressures and impacts associated with human health, ecosystem health, and resources

LCA METHODOLOGY

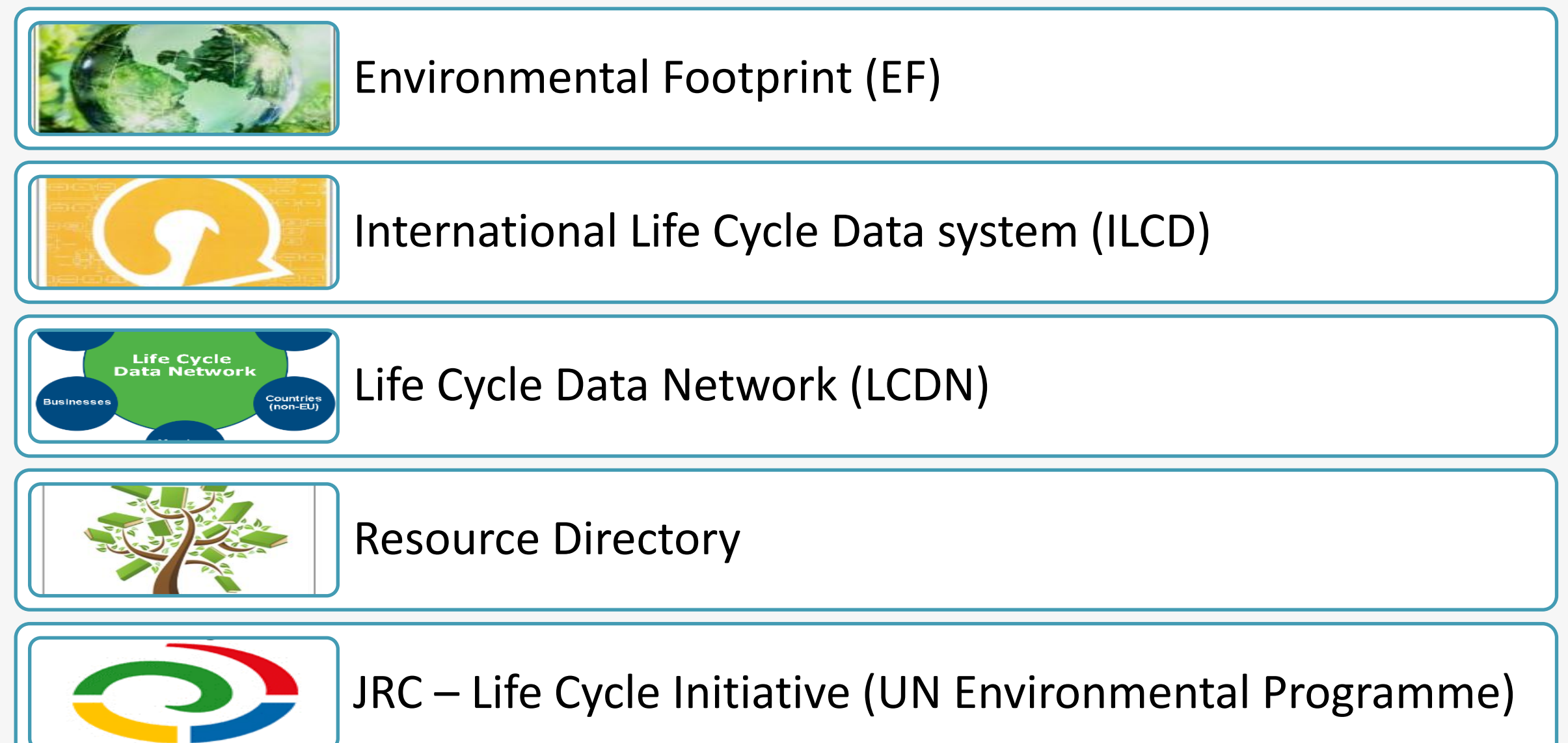


EUROPEAN PLATFORM ON LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (EPLCA)

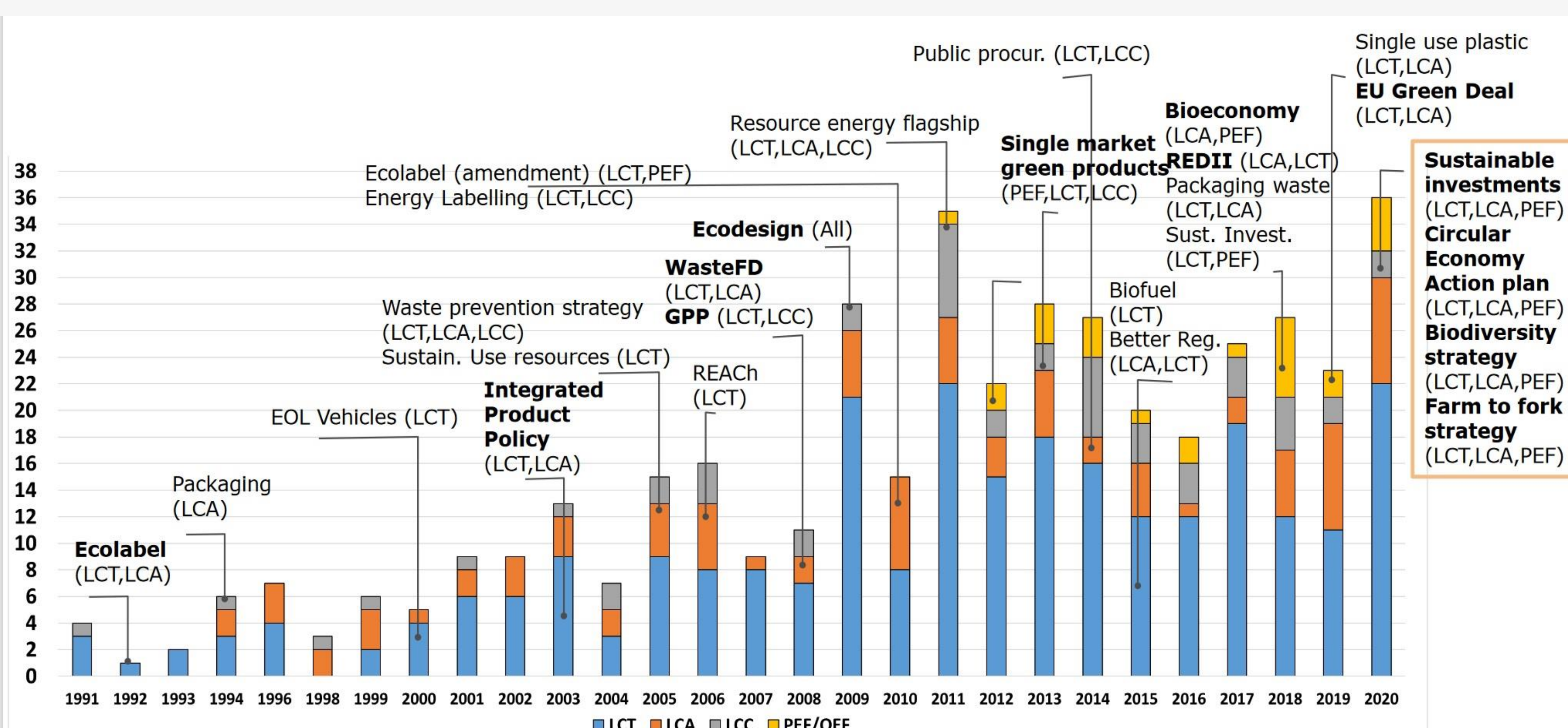


<https://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

- EPLCA - the EU's knowledge base that responds to business and policy needs towards sustainable production and consumption
- supports the methodological development of LCA for the analysis of supply chains and end-of-life waste management



LCT & LCA IN EU POLICIES



The evolution of life cycle thinking/life cycle assessment in EU policies

- ✓ LCT & LCA have been incorporated into the main environmental EU policies since the early 90's
- ✓ LCT & LCA are transitioning from academic to wider societal applications
- ✓ LCT & LCA have been acknowledged as efficient methods supporting impact assessment, implementation measures and monitoring requirements
- ✓ nowadays LCT & LCA are central in the European Green Deal, tackling climate and environmental-related challenges

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