

Delivering more Sustainable Consumption and Production

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WITHIN THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE ACTION PLANS ON SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION AND ON

SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL POLICY

Which part of questionnaire are you interested in responding:

-multiple choices reply-(optional)

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and Sustainable Industrial Policy (SIP) - Green Public Procurement (GPP) - Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and Sustainable Industrial Policy (SIP)

Ensuring better products on the EU market

Ensuring that resource efficiency, and in particular material resource efficiency (e.g. recyclability, reusability, upgradeability and durability) are considered more carefully when setting the requirements of the various EU SCP regulatory instruments **and policy measures***

* The terms included in the question can be defined as follows:

- **Recyclability:** Characteristic of materials that still have useful physical or chemical properties after serving their original purpose and that can, therefore, be reused or remanufactured into additional products.
- **Durability:** The quality of goods of continuing to be useful after an extended period of time and usage.
- **Reusability:** Ability of a good that allows it to be used repeatedly unlike a disposable good.
- **Upgradeability:** Capability of a good to be revised, almost always with the expectation that additional features or capabilities will be included

-single choice reply-(optional)

Introduce mandatory requirements for products in a new legal framework instrument for sustainable products (e.g.: minimum, recyclability, reusability, upgradeability and durability)

-single choice reply-(optional)

Effective

Other (please specify)

-open reply-(optional)

1.2 Please specify for what EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures you recommend to strengthen the requirements on material resource efficiency (e.g. recyclability, reusability, upgradeability, durability) -open reply-(optional)

Use common evidence across all EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures to improve coordination in standard setting, by ensuring that the same preparatory studies (e.g.: on market, technical background for potential improvement, etc.) become a common ground for criteria setting for the different purposes

-single choice reply-(optional)

Effective

<p>Ensure consistent criteria for a given product category and/or product "family" under the various EU instruments addressing the environmental performance of products, notably through closer decision-making processes.</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Align the process of developing and approving the requirements for the same product categories (e.g.: consultation process, etc.) to guarantee synergy and complementarity between EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Align the testing and verification methods used in the existing schemes, by agreeing on common approaches and modalities</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Carry out a joint review of the different EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures to increase synergies and clarify interactions</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Create a new legal framework instrument for sustainable products, i.e.: a new "package" substituting and integrating the existing EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p>Create a new legal framework instrument specifically for sustainable products, in addition and complementary to the existing EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Developing an "horizontal" implementing measure under the "Packaging Essential Requirement" legislation to optimise the resource efficiency of packaging</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Continuing and strengthening the development of common guidelines on how to consider packaging in "criteria setting" for the specific product groups under the EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures -single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Introduce mandatory requirements on packaging optimisation and minimisation by strengthening the existing EU regulatory instruments (e.g.: the EC Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Promote and support private or public initiatives and networks / consortia for the development of technical solutions to improve the recyclability and reusability of packaging waste</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Establish a mandatory durability declaration for the estimated time duration/number of uses for all products (except those intended for a single use)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Establish such declaration for key products groups only</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	

<p>Extend the mandatory warranty period for all consumer goods*(now 2 years)</p> <p>*As defined in directive 1999/44/EC Art 2, par 2, letter b)consumer goods: shall mean any tangible movable item, with the exception of (i) goods sold by way of execution or otherwise by authority of law, (ii) water and gas where they are not put up for sale in a limited volume or set quantity electricity</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Encourage and support the development of industry voluntary agreements and other initiatives to adopt durability declarations for specific product groups</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Strengthen the requirements relating to the producer responsibility in the existing legislation</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Disseminate product design guides to help producers, retailers and designers understand the 'optimum life' of products and identify where the greatest environmental savings can be made</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Encourage and support producers to focus on longer term <u>service</u> relationships, such as leasing or service/product substitution, rather than 'one off' <u>product</u> sales (e.g.: by promoting financial tools and business models, or by granting loan funds to enable exploring this option)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Recommend Member States to incentivize and sustain (e.g. with direct subsidies) repair and maintenance activities and provide incentives for consumers to repair or upgrade products, instead of replacing them</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Recommend to Member States to remove environmentally harmful subsidies</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Recommend to Member States to provide effective incentives for more environmental friendly products</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Develop guidance for Member States on how to provide effective incentive measures, based on good practices with proven results</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Link subsidies and incentives to reduction of the product environmental footprint (PEF) and of the environmental footprint of the organisations (OEF), based on the methodologies set by the European Commission (see the other sections of this questionnaire)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Recommend to Member States the reduction of direct taxation to producers, based on their efforts on the PEF and OEF, based on the methodologies set by the European Commission (see the other sections of this questionnaire)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Review funding programmes (e.g.: Structural and Cohesion funds) to introduce evaluation criteria based on resource efficiency as a conditionality to obtain funds</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Review funding programmes (e.g.: Structural and Cohesion funds) to connect</p>	

<p>evaluation procedures and scoring systems to the efforts made on the PEF and OEF, based on the methodologies set by the European Commission (see the other sections of this questionnaire)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Support “permanent” initiatives to sustain producers in promoting and marketing their sustainable products (e.g.: EC web-enabled databases and e-commerce platforms)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Pursue enhanced market access provisions for environmental goods and services, especially in multilateral and bi-lateral trade negotiations with Non-EU countries, to enable a stronger environmentally sound “sourcing”</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Strengthen the requirements concerning the quality and functionality of products in existing EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures, in order to avoid the misleading perception that products with a better environmental performance are of lower quality.</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p><u>Promoting sustainable consumption</u></p>	
<p>Create a voluntary scheme for product environmental footprint (PEF) declaration, based on a third-party validation</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Create a mandatory scheme for product environmental (PEF) declaration, based on a third-party validation</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p>Introduce an obligation for producers to provide environmental data and information on specific aspects of the product (e.g.: extracts of environmental indicators and data from the PEF Methodology)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p>Consider additional information requirements on the environmental performance of products and develop necessary methods (e.g. ecological profiling of products done by the manufacturer under the Ecodesign Directive)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Promote voluntary agreements with retailers to support information campaigns on environmentally preferable products (e.g.: on the points of sale)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Introduce mandatory requirements for producers to provide access to detailed and in-depth environmental information for interested stakeholders (e.g. by mentioning a dedicated webpage on the packaging or in advertising)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p>Collect, coordinate and disseminate evidence on consumption patterns and their environmental impacts, in order to sensitise consumers and better inform their choices</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Integrate the current EU regulatory framework providing for that some selected words or</p>	

<p>expressions like “green”, “eco”, “natural” will be reserved to products that <u>meet specific requirements in terms of PEF – Product Environmental Footprint</u></p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Integrate the current EU regulatory framework providing for that the use of selected words or expressions like “green”, “eco”, “natural” must be associated to <u>environmental claims verified by third-party</u>.</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Set up (an) EU-harmonised voluntary code(s) of conduct on the use of environmental claims in advertising and support its implementation / verification by joint independent bodies</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p>Recommend Member States to strengthen and develop appropriate control measures in the area of misleading green claims</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p><u>Set up the requirement</u> that a reasonable percentage of products that are on the retailers’ shelves, in selected priority categories, would qualify as meeting pre-determined environmental performance benchmarks</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p><u>Provide incentives</u> to obtain that a reasonable percentage of products that are on the retailers’ shelves, in selected priority categories, would qualify as meeting pre-determined environmental performance benchmarks</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p>Incentivise the use of “green marketing” tools by retailers to promote more environmental friendly products and inform consumers on the environmental features of the products they sell</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Encourage and incentivise retailers to phase out from shelves less environmentally friendly products</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Enhance the role of existing multi-stakeholder platforms, such as the EU Retail Forum for Sustainability, to deliver on sustainable consumption objectives (for example the phasing-out of single-use carrier bags), and promote voluntary agreements or formal covenants to recognize results achieved by actors taking part in the platforms (e.g.: adoption of a Code of Conduct)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Set up a scheme for monetisation of some environmental impacts* identified in the life-cycle assessment</p> <p>* These schemes are based on the internalisation of environmental external costs by way of an appropriate price mechanism, similar to that applied to environmental costs of air emissions in the Clean Vehicle directive 2009/33/EC</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Apply VAT (and/or other product/commodities indirect taxation) on the basis of environmental performance of products, for instance by eliminating reduced rates</p>	Not effective at all

<p>environmental harmful products</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Recommend Member States to incentivize and sustain private consumption “credit schemes” aimed at supporting sustainable purchasing by final consumers</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Create new financing tools at the <u>EU level</u> to fund and sustain environmental friendly purchasing (e.g.: vouchers or “eco-cheques”* for the final consumer to co-fund the purchase of more resource-efficient products)</p> <p>* The ecocheque is a wage premium, under certain conditions with social tax exemptions, focusing on environmentally-friendly and sustainable – so-called ‘green’ – consumer goods</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Promote the creation of new financing tools at <u>Member State level</u> to fund and sustain environmental friendly purchasing (e.g.: vouchers or “eco-cheques” for the final consumer to co-fund the purchase of more resource-efficient products)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Introduce Awards for best products (from sustainability, attractiveness, innovation and cost efficiency points of view) in the framework of an existing EU business/consumer award scheme, e.g. the EU Business Award</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Not effective at all
<p>Provide incentives for consumers and other end-users <u>not to consume</u> (e.g. for using public transport instead of buying a new car)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Promote in cooperation with Member States and other stakeholders, public initiatives and sensitisation campaigns on sustainable lifestyles, notably to increase consciousness of the overall environmental, and social impacts of the current consumption habits</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Support Member State policy makers by coordinating and disseminating evidence on the most effective tools for influencing behaviour change and overcoming barriers / activating drivers to change</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Recommend Member States to introduce in their educational curricula subjects, methods and materials encouraging more sustainable consumption, developing systemic as well as critical thinking and ensuring a better understanding that well-being does not necessarily depend on high consumption of material goods</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Support national, regional and local projects and initiatives to promote sustainable lifestyles, notably through dedicated EU funds, such as the Structural and Cohesion Funds and instruments like Life+ and Interreg funding programmes</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Use web-enabled tools to make training programmes, best practices and educational materials available for interested actors, such as teachers, consumer organisations, etc. (as an evolution of initiatives like Dolceta and the European Diary)*</p> <p>*See www.dolceta.eu and www.europadiary.eu</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	

Develop courses of capacity building for NGOs and consumer organisations to raise the know how and role-related abilities of the key stakeholders to promote sustainable lifestyles -single choice reply-(optional)	
Other (please specify) -open reply-(optional)	
<u>Sustainable Industrial Policy (SIP)</u>	
Support the enforcement of new technologies for detection of illegal waste shipments -single choice reply-(optional)	
New legislation to increase the opportunities of recycling critical materials (e.g.: mandatory hand-back requirements, etc.) -single choice reply-(optional)	
Set up and/or promotion of voluntary agreements with industry to increase recycling of critical materials (e.g.: voluntary hand-back programmes, etc.) -single choice reply-(optional)	
Promote bio-products and bio-waste (end-of-waste criteria), including biological wastes as secondary raw materials allowing for their availability as an input for other sectors -single choice reply-(optional)	
Other (please specify) -open reply-(optional)	
Launch new actions to provide SMEs with targeted information on life-cycle environmental impacts of priority products and production processes and on related opportunities for cost savings -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Support projects and initiatives to promote resource efficiency in SMEs through first-level advisory services (e.g.: company visits) -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Support projects and initiatives to promote resource efficiency in SMEs through second-level advisory services(e.g. in-house training, full diagnostics, etc.) -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Use more frequently the SME networks to consult on key environmental topics -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Establish partnership agreements to help SMEs with technology transfer (e.g.: to adopt more energy efficient systems) and eco-innovative technology providers to increase their market entry -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Reinforcing the initiatives to support the environmental legal compliance and improvement of SMEs by means of ICT and web-enabled instruments (e.g.: continuous update on legal requirements, compliance check up tools, BATs databases, best practices, etc.) -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Transforming the ECAP – Environmental Compliance Assistance Programme, into a permanent co-ordination EC task-force to simplify adoption of SCP product-related regulatory instruments by SMEs, in line with the “think small first” principle of the Small Business Act -single choice reply-(optional)	

<p>Providing funds to SMEs (e.g.: vouchers) to gain access to environmental auditing services at reduced rates or free of charge, technical assistance at very low costs and easily accessible credit schemes</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Ensure that forthcoming environmental legislation will seek wherever possible to alleviate the regulatory burden on SMEs</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Set up a “one-stop-shop” for the provision of information and services on environmental-related issues (e.g.: legislation in force and criteria for applying to subsidies; fulfilment of administrative requirements, list with contact details of environmental advisors and service providers and available training,...)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Introduce regulatory relief and simplification measures for SMEs and micro companies (e.g.: streamlining the environmental permit procedures, simplification of environmental reporting, etc.)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Effective
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Promoting and supporting “experience exchange”, by collecting Member States good practices with green business models and make them available to producers</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Launch new actions and support / fund initiatives to promote resource efficiency locally (e.g. through industrial symbiosis and clustering of producers)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Support the development of eco-industrial parks and clusters aimed at accelerating the innovation process</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Promote development of new business models and industrial symbiosis through structural EU Funds and other funding programmes (e.g.: LIFE+, 7th Framework programme, Interreg...)</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>-open reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>1.15 Do you have any other remark, comment or suggestion concerning the issues related to Sustainable Consumption and Production? -open reply-(optional)</p>	
<h2>Green Public Procurement (GPP)</h2>	
<h3><u>GPP criteria and GPP guidance</u></h3>	
<p>2.1 The Buying Green Handbook gives guidance on GPP to policy makers, public authorities and suppliers (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/pdf/buying_green_handbook_en.pdf</p>	Yes, but it could be improved

<p>).</p> <p>Do you consider the handbook as useful guidance?</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	
<p>2.3 Do you see a need to improve the existing EU GPP criteria? -single choice reply-(optional)</p>	I don't know
<p>2.5 Please indicate what type of respondent you are -single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Supplier
<p>2.13 Do you operate in more than one country?</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	Yes
<p>2.15 Do you offer different products to different contracting authorities on the basis of those criteria? -open reply-(optional)</p>	Yes
<p><u>Barriers to the uptake of GPP</u></p>	
<p>Lack of awareness of the benefits of green products</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	2
<p>Higher cost of green products</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	5 (irrelevant)
<p>Too few products or suppliers complying with the criteria</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	5 (irrelevant)
<p>Perceived low quality of environmentally friendly products</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	2
<p>Legal complexities and lack of legal clarity about what can be done to include green criteria</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	2
<p>Lack of knowledge on how to verify green criteria</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	2
<p>Unavailable or inadequate information and training</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	2
<p>Lack of political support</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	2
<p>Low communication between public procurers in different authorities</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	2
<p>Too high ambition of the EU GPP criteria</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	5 (irrelevant)
<p>Too low ambition of the EU GPP criteria</p> <p>-single choice reply-(optional)</p>	5 (irrelevant)
<p>2.17 Could you suggest other barriers not mentioned above and score their importance? -open reply-(optional)</p>	Fear by public authorities that it will be too burdensome to enlarge the scope of tenders to include GPP criteria.
<p>2.18 Are you a supplier to the public sector? -single choice reply-(optional)</p>	No
<p>Other (please specify and please rank from 1-5)</p>	

-open reply-(optional)	
Potential policy options	
2.22 What would you consider the most appropriate approach at EU level to increase the role of Green Public Procurement in promoting environment friendly consumption -single choice reply-(optional)	Strengthen or modify the current approach
Strengthen the ambition level of common GPP criteria for products and services -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Enlarging the scope of the priority sectors/product groups -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Facilitate more exchanges between public authorities on GPP, including joint procurement, and networks of public procurement officers -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Provide detailed training material in all EU languages to procurers and business associations with a particular focus on SMEs -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Develop easy-to-use Life Cycle Costing (LCC) methodologies for relevant product groups (for example a tool how public authority can calculate Life Cycle Costs based on indications from the supplier e.g. on the energy use of a product) -single choice reply-(optional)	Not effective
Widen the scope of GPP by including social criteria and move to Sustainable Public Procurement -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Make the inclusion of certain environmental criteria mandatory in EU Funding programmes -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Set a new target for the uptake of GPP at EU level -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
Make the inclusion of certain environmental criteria in tendering procedures obligatory in sector specific legislation, like in the Energy Star Regulation or the Clean Vehicles Directive -single choice reply-(optional)	Effective
2.24 Do you have any other remark, comment or suggestion concerning the issues related to Green Public Procurement? -open reply-(optional)	Green Public Procurement can be effective only if there are mandatory targets for its uptake at EU level to be transposed by the Member States. Voluntary measures have not proven effective to date, therefore mandatory approach at EU level should be considered.
Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)	
Improving the EU Ecolabel through simplified environmental criteria (limited to 3-4 most important environmental impact indicators) -single choice reply-(optional)	Disagree
Increase marketing budget and efforts for awareness raising of the EU Ecolabel	Disagree

-single choice reply-(optional)	
Integrating the PEF methodology into the EU SCP regulatory instruments and policy measures -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
Voluntary scheme on communication and benchmarking of product environmental performance based on PEF methodology -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
Voluntary agreement with stakeholders that sets targets on product environmental performance based on PEF methodology -single choice reply-(optional)	
Mandatory measure included in a new legislative framework that sets requirements and targets related to product environmental performance based on PEF methodology -single choice reply-(optional)	Disagree
None of the above -single choice reply-(optional)	
Other (please specify) -open reply-(optional)	
Development of product category rules starting from priority products -single choice reply-(optional)	
Development of products' benchmarks -single choice reply-(optional)	Disagree
Development of alternative communication options (from on-pack labelling to extensive deployment of advanced IT technologies) -single choice reply-(optional)	Disagree
Creating tools that make it easier for companies to apply the PEF methodology (e.g. calculation tool; database development encouraged, coordinated) -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
Defining SME approach and simplification of procedures to support them -single choice reply-(optional)	
International coordination - work towards acceptance and international harmonisation of methodologies for environmental footprint calculation -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
Implementation of financial incentives/mechanism to assist and encourage SMEs in developing green products and for public authorities to oversee activities at local level) -single choice reply-(optional)	
Other (please specify) -open reply-(optional)	
Financial incentives -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
A standard methodology for measurement with appropriate guidance -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
Measures for SMEs to simplify the procedures for measurement -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
The existence of a helpdesk to provide guidance and best-practices	Agree

-single choice reply-(optional)	
Demonstration that it improves the company's image -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
Increased competitiveness of these products on the market -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
It will foster sustainable production and consumption through improving the environmental performance of products. -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
It will provide leverage for innovation by stimulating the development and commercialisation of greener products -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
It will create a dynamic and fair internal market for better environmentally performing product by establishing a common methodological approach -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
It will increase the market share of products with more environmentally performing features -single choice reply-(optional)	
It will create a transparent and robust benchmarking tool for SMEs and other sized companies -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
It will ensure better understanding of consumer behaviour and provide better information on the environmental footprints of products -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
It will be costly to implement -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
There will be technical difficulties related to the use of the methodology -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
There will be difficulties related to monitoring, enforcement, and verification -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
Consumers will not be aware of the pay-off of environmentally better performing products -single choice reply-(optional)	Disagree
Consumers will not understand the environmental information being conveyed -single choice reply-(optional)	Disagree
It will be in competition with other environmental methodologies used within and outside of EU -single choice reply-(optional)	Agree
It will increase the competitiveness of products within the EU -single choice reply-(optional)	
3.9 Do you have any other remark, comment or suggestion concerning the issues related to Product Environmental Performance? -open reply-(optional)	