



Q&A

Please note, several questions have been answered live and can be seen in the recording.

Questions	Answers
Wendy Bishop 13:28 With the example of the Thermafleece EPD, on page 5 it indicates all modules are declared, but there are no figures for A5, B1-7 and C1 - does this indicate these are 0?	This question has been answered live
Wendy Bishop 13:28 I saw Jane's answer flash up - it's stated on page 4: "Nil entries are therefore recorded for modules A5, B1-B7, C1 and they are not included in the tables, although they are declared in this EPD."	Jane Anderson 13:51 The EPD states for A5, B1-B7 and C1, "Assumptions for Module A5 are manual installation with no requirement for utilities. No maintenance is required during the lifetime of the product and the product will have an expected lifetime equal to that of the building. There is no requirement for operational energy or water. Manual removal at end of life is assumed". So this implies there is no impact, but it doesn't say 0 in the boxes. but as Wendy highlights, it says they are nil impact elsewhere in the text.
Jane 14:10 Hi Jane in a comparison would the construction methodology be	Mark Lynn 14:19 I will run this by the consultant that did our EPD. We didn't declare data for installation or

considered (e.g. energy used to install?)	demolition simply because it was impossible to estimate given the number of variables in these two scenarios.
Anonymous Attendee 13:30 Is it possible for the manufacturers to make changes during the 5 years an EPD is valid - e.g. if the place of manufacture changes - compared with the address on the EPD.	This question has been answered live
Adrian Campbell 13:30 I get that GWP is key to embodied carbon assessment and a key focus, but what of the other LCA impacts would you think important to highlight and also track for wider environmental impact improvements?	This question has been answered live
Is there a list of qualified external verification agents in the UK?	Jane Anderson 13:36 https://www.environdec.com/resources/verifiers provides a list of verifiers for the International EPD programme, quite a few are in the UK and you can use Verifiers from outside the uK. The BRE EPD programme (and others like EPD Ireland, IBU etc) appoint the verifier for you from their own lists.
Rozalie Ryclova 13:50 How big is the investment to produce an EPD for a small business? Thanks very much, Mark	Mark Lynn 13:53 It depends on the product. Our four products have a lot of similarities so that reduced the cost per product. Roughly speaking between £10-£20k. Richard Broad (ASBP) (You) 13:54 Rozalie, ASBP hopes to launch partnerships with two major EPD providers early next year which will make the EPD process more cost effective for ASBP members. Watch this space...
Graeme Jones - C-Probe 13:59 approximately how long did it take Thermafleece to achieve their EPDs?	Mark Lynn 13:54 It was about 18 months. I am the main technical person within the business and I have a lot of other hats to wear so the that slowed things down quite a bit. I think you could reduce this to 12 months if you have a dedicated person.

Adrian Campbell 14:12 Given both some of the variability in EPD quality (Type III or on the platforms obviously best) and some limits in current availability, what is NOT acceptable to use and are these criteria listed in any of the usual methodology references eg RICS PS?	This question has been answered live
Elaine Butler 13:32 Is there a way for manufacturers to decide which Eco EPD programme suits their product best? Thanks	This question has been answered live
Elaine Butler 13:34 I didn't quite understand what you meant by the benefit from recycling isn't captured at the end in outputs. Could you re-explain please?	Jane Anderson 13:38 Module D shows the benefits of recovery for the "net output flow". This is the output of recovered material/energy, minus the input of the same recovered material energy. So if a product is made of recycled material, then the net output of that recycled material will be 0, so there will be no benefit shown in Module D, even though recycling it at the end of life brings benefits.
Anonymous Attendee 14:09 If a specifier has a question about a specific EPD - or EPD in general - where is the best place to go for answers?	Jane Anderson 14:29 EPD should have contact details for the company and for the EPD programme. Contact both if you have a query or question.
Elaine Butler 14:22 Assuming a company has all the data, roughly how much does it cost a company to get an EPD? Thanks	This question has been answered live
Elaine Butler 14:23 Also how do you decide which Eco EPD platform is the most appropriate for a company? Thanks	Jane Anderson 14:24 https://asbp.org.uk/webinar-recording/webinar-epd-for-manufacturers-and-suppliers
Graeme Jones - C-Probe 14:31 Has anyone seen any ESG drivers towards EPDs being bought into by owners?	Jane Anderson 14:31 I think organisations like British land have asked for EPD