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# About

ALIGNED will advance LCA and collaborate with industries and representatives from five bio-based sectors:



Aligning Life Cycle Assessment methods and bio-based sectors for improved environmental performance



The models and tools developed in ALIGNED will allow the performance of highquality assessment studies across the bio-based sectors, with industrial relevance and interoperability.

This is made possible by the iterative application and improvement of the new and harmonised models and tools in five specific cases of biobased industrial technologies (TRL 2-6), one for each sector.

# Implementation

WP1: Shared modelling WP2: Bio-based construction (INSAT) - Case study: Insulation Industrial partner: Kingspan (Netherlands) WP3: Woodworking (ANTW) - Case study: Insulation Industrial partner: Kingspan (Netherlands) WP4: Bio-based textiles (BTG) . Improve, harmonize, and align LCA methodology for the assessment of bio-based industries covering environmental and socioeconomic aspects.

Objectives

- 2. Demonstrate the power of the methodology on five specific technology development cases in industries within these sectors, to improve their environmental performance.
- 3. Inform, involve, and empower all relevant stakeholders, enabling an efficient methodological uptake and practice improvement to support a sustainable growth of the bio-based sector in Europe.

## WP1 in detail

### **T1.1 Framework for background life cycle**

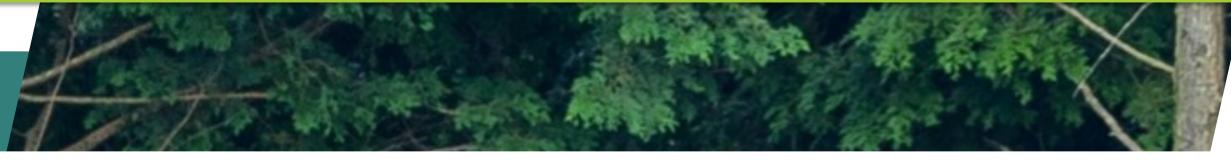
framework and learnings

(AAU)

	- Case study: work clothing. Industrial p. Centexbel and Utexbel (Belgium)
	WP5: Pulp and paper (AAU)
	- Case study: lignin products. Industrial partner: BLOOM (Switzerland)
	WP6: Bio-based chemicals (NTNU)
N.S	- Case study: Oleochemicals Industrial partner: OLEON (France)
	WP9: Microalgae (A4F)
	- Case study: Microalgae cultivation tech. Industrial partner: A4F (Portugal)

WP7: stakeholder involvement, dissemination, communication (SIE)

### WP8: Management (AAU, BTG)



## Framework:

- Scientifically sound, evidence-based
- Ensures consistency across models Approaches:

inventory of bio-based sectors

**T1.2 Framework for foreground life cycle inventory of bio-based sectors** 

T1.3 Framework for Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA)

T1.4 Framework for interpreting uncertainty

T1.5 Framework for socio-economic assessment

T1.6 Learning from life cycle modelling in bio-based sectors: roadmap and policy advice

- Model reality as close as possible
  - Avoid normative choices
- Tools:
  High applicability (simple, work across sectors, open)
- Tested on the case studies, continuous improvement

