



Product Carbon Footprinting and CO₂-Labelling in Europe

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Product Carbon Footprinting (PCF) in Europe

More and more companies are recognising the opportunities and challenges climate change poses to their businesses. They are confronted with rising expectations from stakeholders to act on climate change and increasingly understand that acting on the issue may concurrently lead to efficiency gains, lower risk exposure, and can improve consumer recognition.

The goods and services a company provides have an inherent carbon profile, which is determined by the greenhouse gas emissions that are incurred along the entire supply chain. If measured and quantified, these emissions on a product-by-product basis can potentially provide a significant indicator for the carbon performance of a company. In contrast to the overall emissions of a company, which are difficult to interpret in comparison to other companies, emissions associated with the manufacture and provision of a certain product could become a benchmark criterion and hence allow for credible product differentiation. However, the assessment of these *product carbon footprints* (PCF) is not trivial and further steps are necessary to develop a standardized methodology for this purpose.

On April 15 six major players from various industries (food and drinks, fast moving consumer goods, retail, telecommunications) successfully launched a PCF pilot project in Germany to measure PCF of some of their products. The project will work towards an international standard methodology for PCF measurement and explore the possibilities of enabling consumers to take carbon conscious decisions.

European CO₂-Labelling of products and services

The first initiatives in this area are addressing related questions and gain valuable practical experiences in communicating the carbon footprint of individual products. The British Carbon Trust has started a pilot carbon labelling scheme in March 2007 for the UK with a number of companies successfully adding a carbon label to products, available on the shelves already.

Last year French Casino announced the labelling of 3000 products and just recently Swiss Migros announced the labelling of a washing powder. A central objective of the different initiatives is the emergence of one common standard in the marketplace, as competing standards would lead to confusion, lowered efficiency and eventually weakening of any European carbon label.

Dialogue Forum Low Carbon Society

Dialogue Forum Low Carbon Society (DFLCS) is a platform for stakeholders to share experience and build synergies in the development of low carbon market tools to accelerate the transition to a low carbon society. Presently DFLCS is focussed on identifying suitable instruments to empower the consumer to take carbon conscious decisions. DFLCS #3 is organised by European Climate Forum, The Centre and THEMA1 and kindly supported by WWF and Deloitte.

Product Carbon Footprinting (PCF) and CO₂-Labelling in Europe

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1015h Registration, coffee

1030h Introduction

- Key note: "PCF as key performance indicator for the Low Carbon Society" (Joachim Ganse, Deloitte)
- Key Note: "The need for international harmonisation of PCF and carbon labelling" (Stephan Singer, WWF)

1100h Product Carbon Footprinting in Europe

- "The German Product Carbon Footprint pilot project" (Rasmus Priess, THEMA1, Berlin)
- "Development of PAS 2050 status quo and future outlook" (Euan Murray, Carbon Trust, UK)
- Chaired panel discussion (Jacob Bilabel, THEMA1)
 - o Carbon Trust, UK, Euan Murray
 - \circ climatop/ myclimate, Switzerland, David Wettstein
 - o THEMA1, Germany, Rasmus Priess
 - o University of Manchester Sustainable Consumption Institute, UK, Prof. Adisa Azapagic
 - WWF, Stephan Singer

1245h Lunch

1345h European CO2-Labelling Schemes

- "The Dilemma of the sustainable consumer"
 - (Mattia Pellegrini, European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection)
- "The challenge of foot printing 20.000 products" (Ellen Gladders, Tesco, UK)
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1530h Closing statements

- Does carbon labelling work for Europe?
- How do existing national approaches differ?
- What are the necessary steps towards international harmonisation?

1600h Networking and cocktail reception

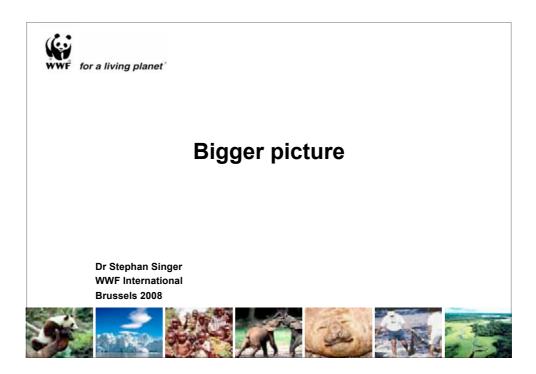
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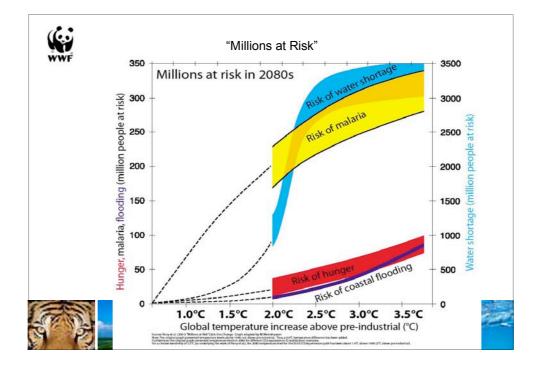


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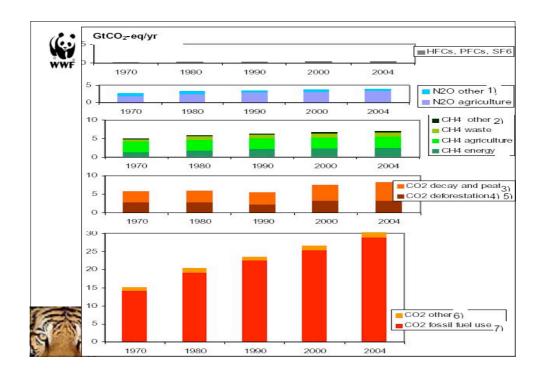
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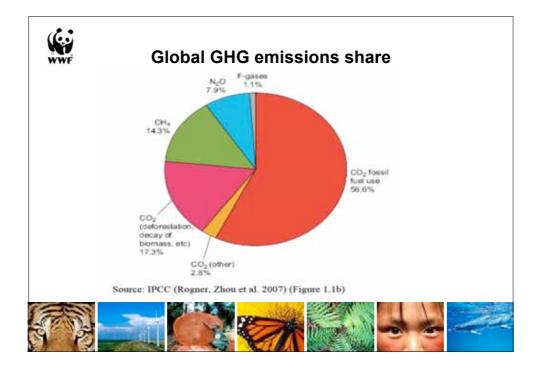




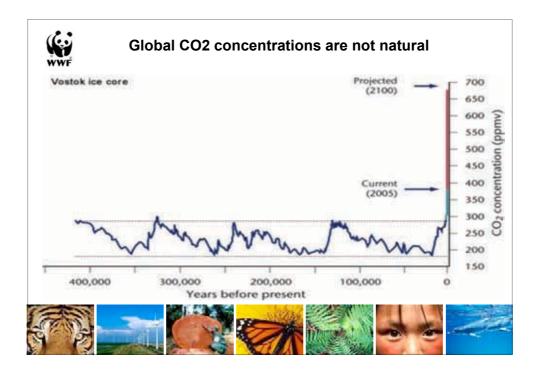


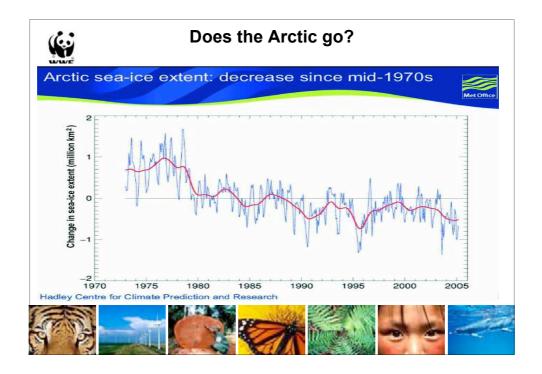




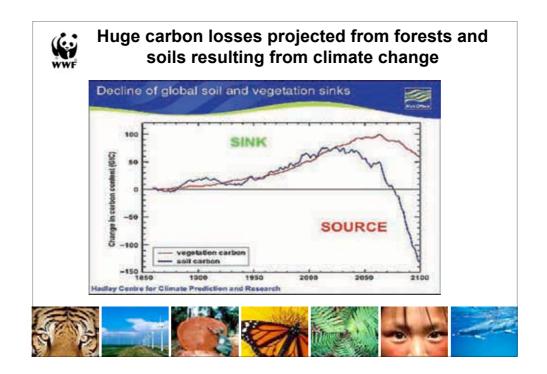


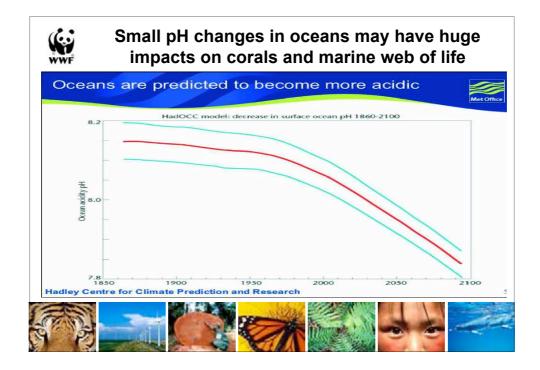




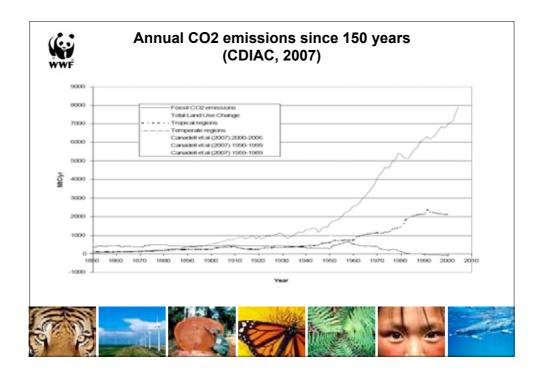


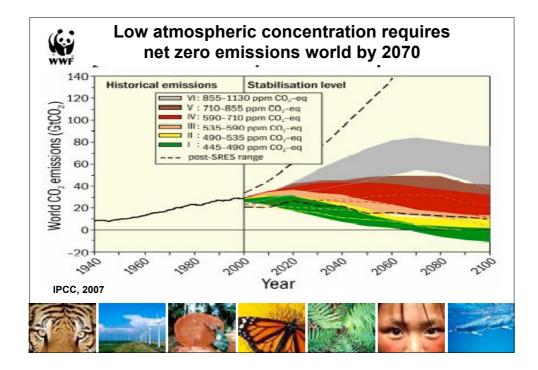




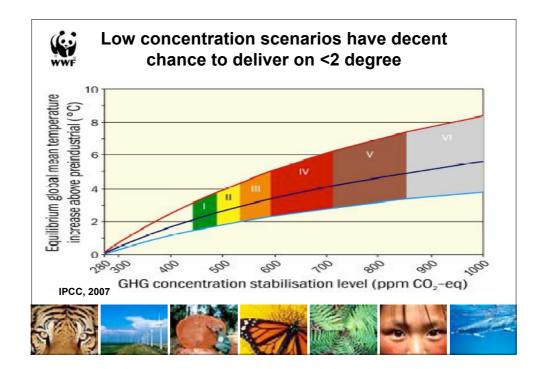






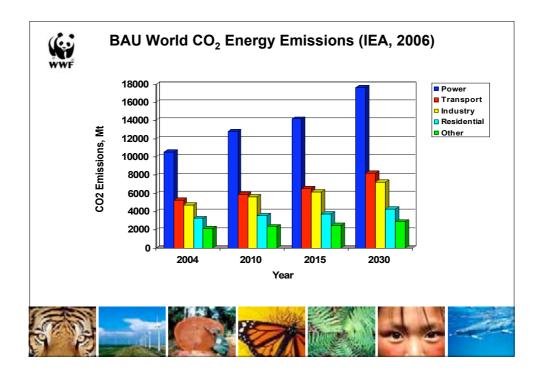


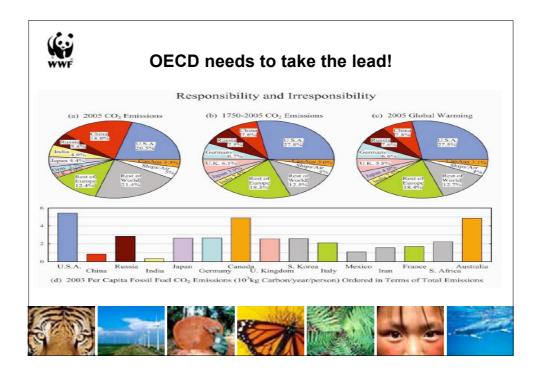




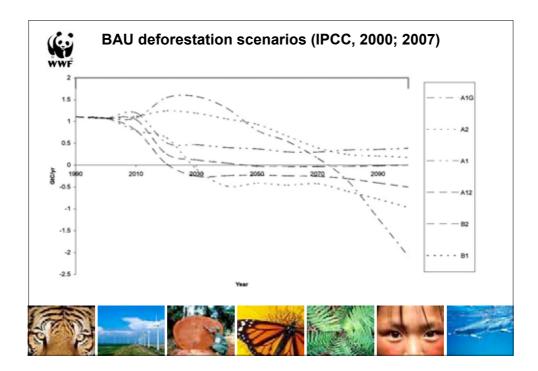
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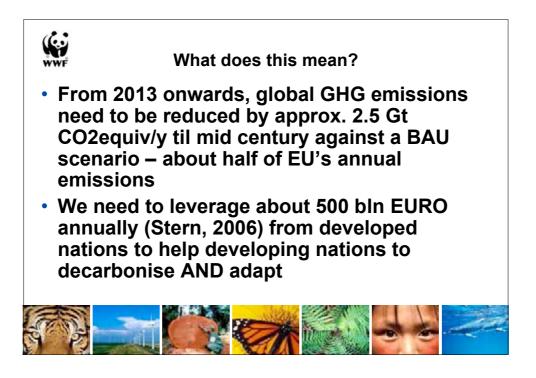


















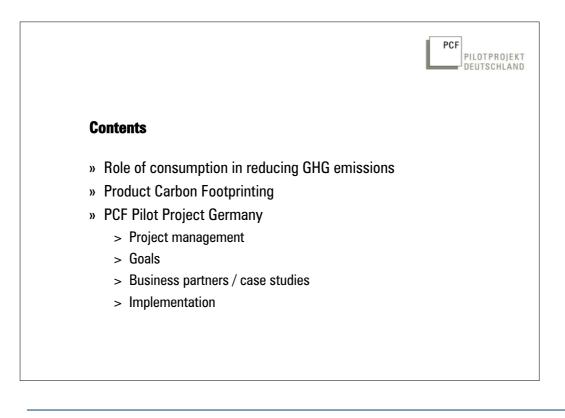


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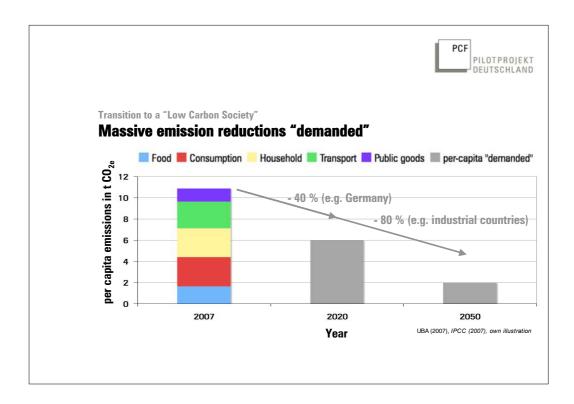
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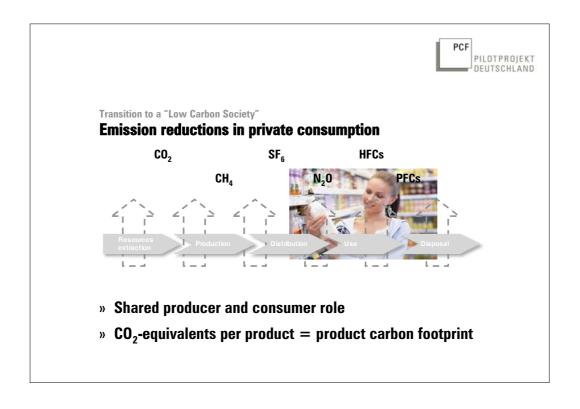






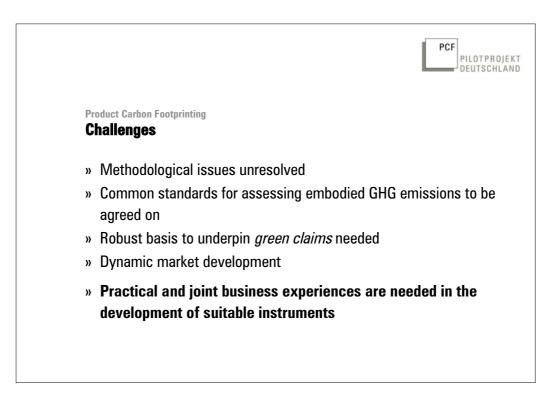






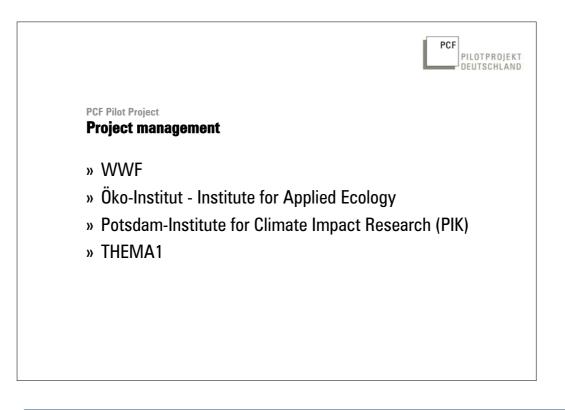










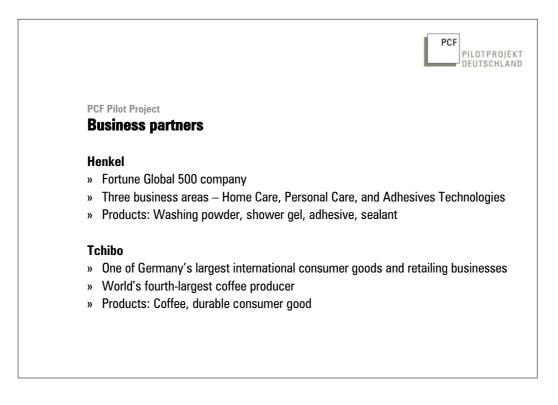






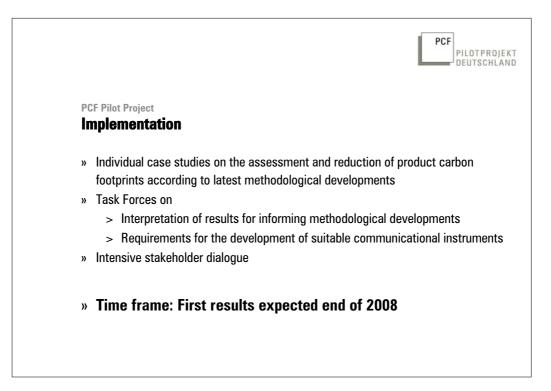


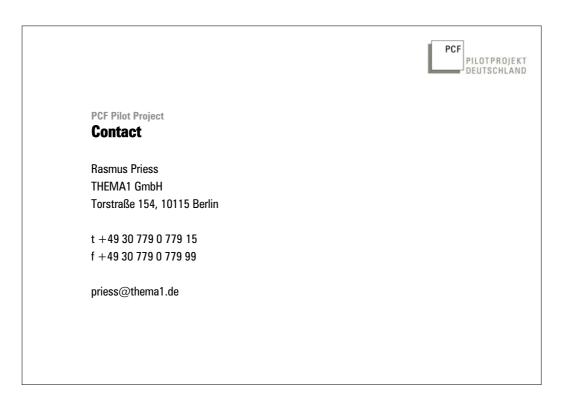










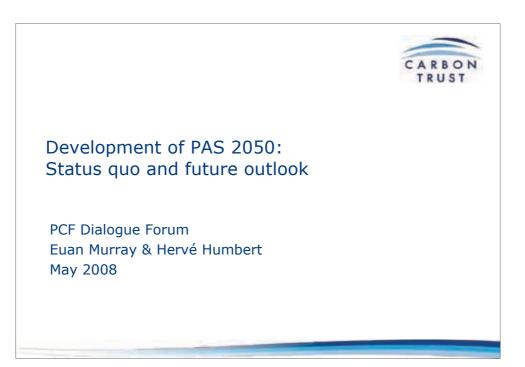


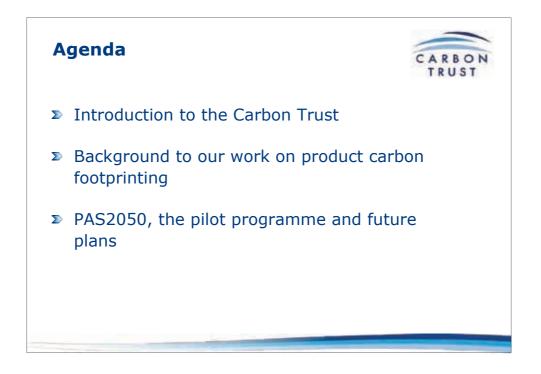


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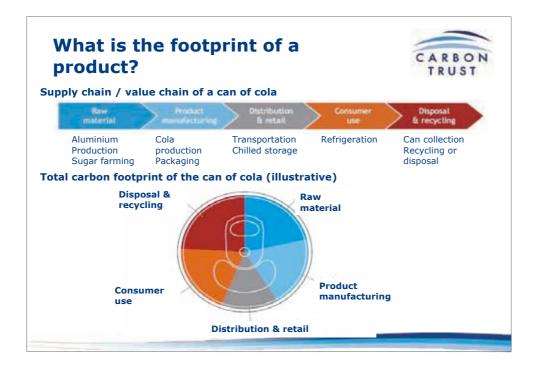




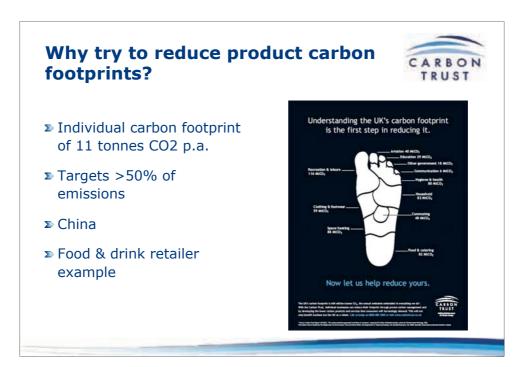


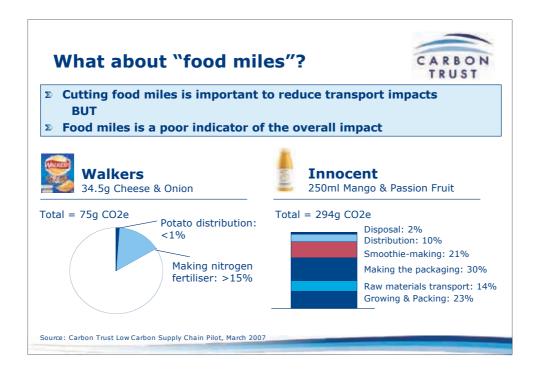








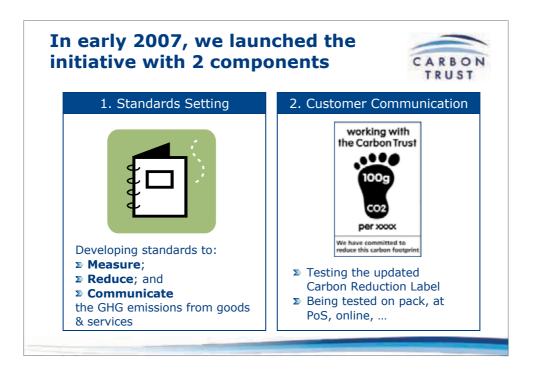




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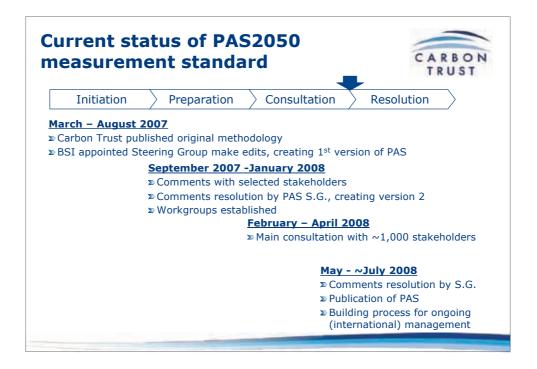


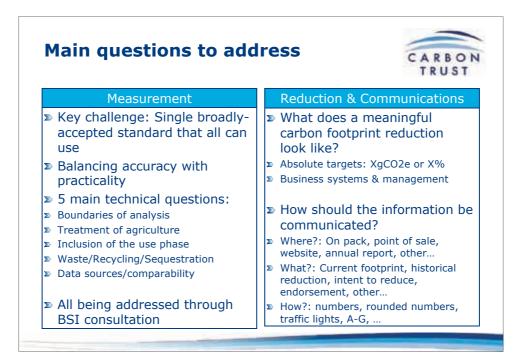






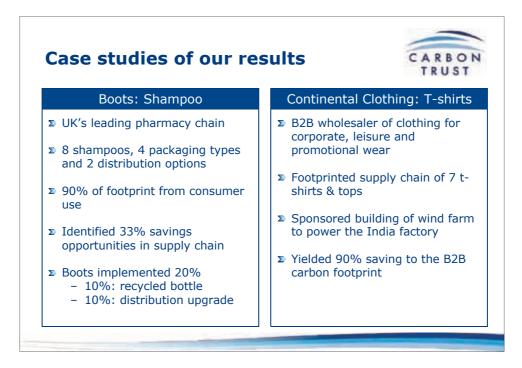














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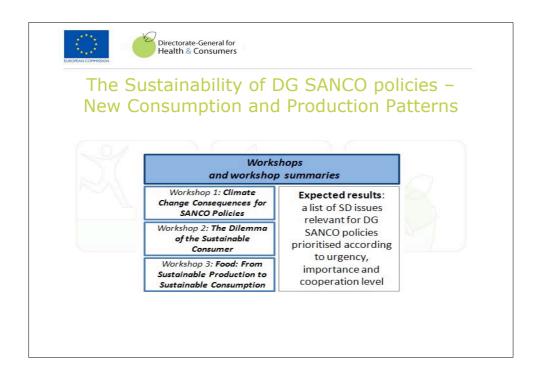




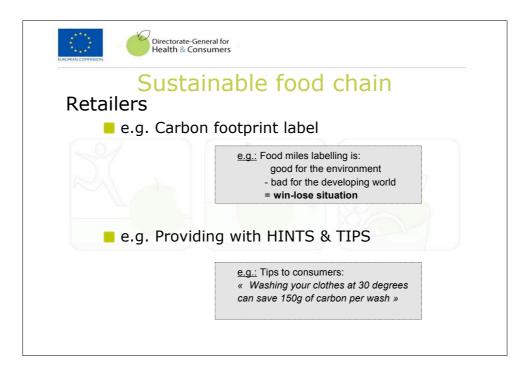


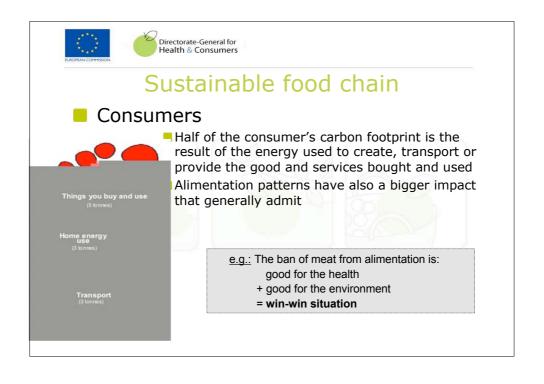
















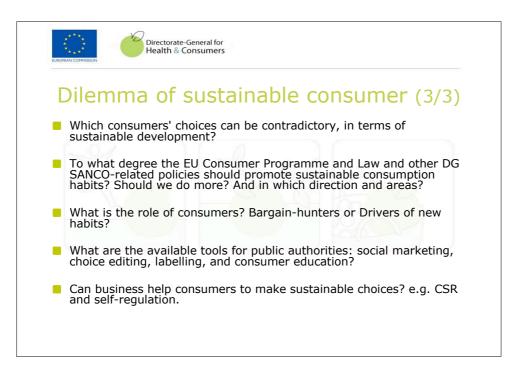












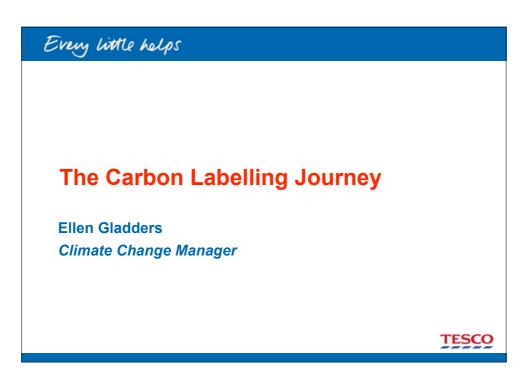


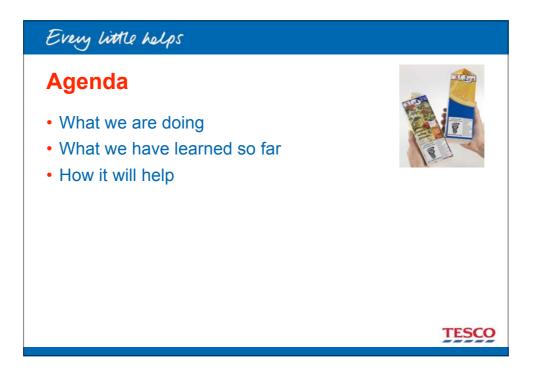


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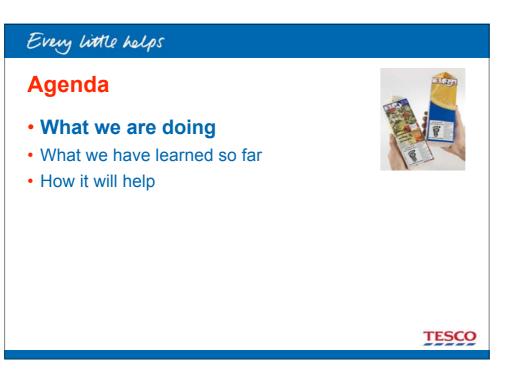
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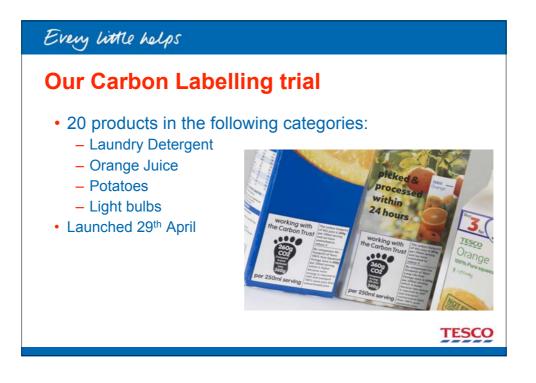










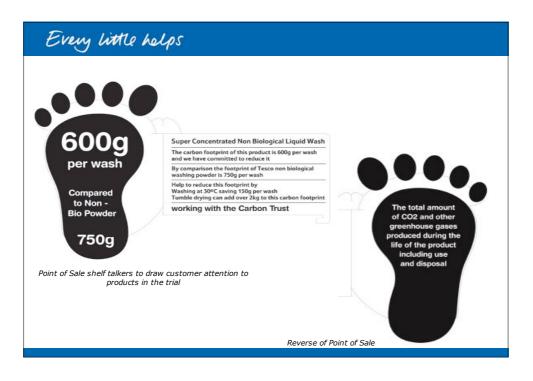


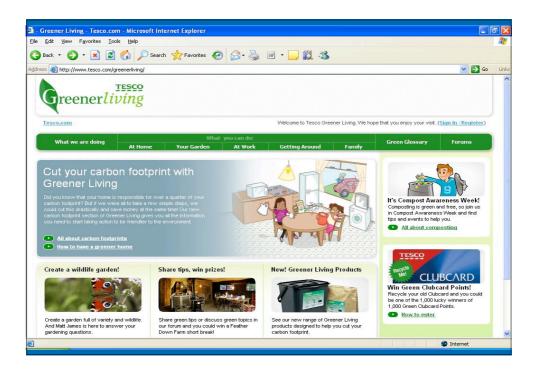












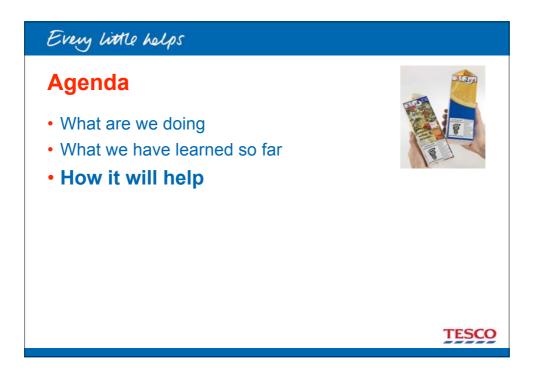




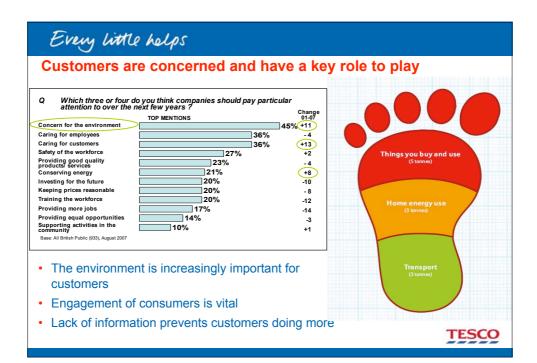


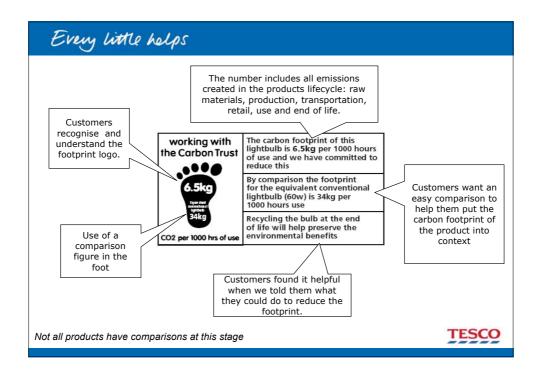






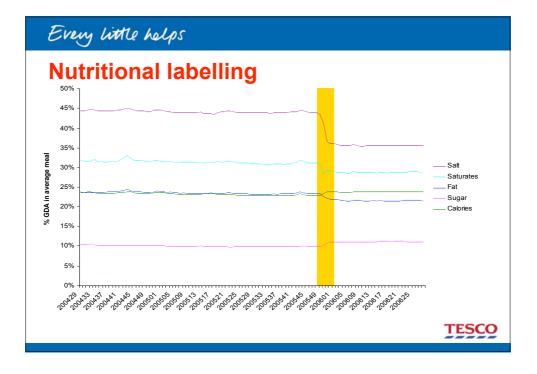








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Cornelia Diethelm, Migros

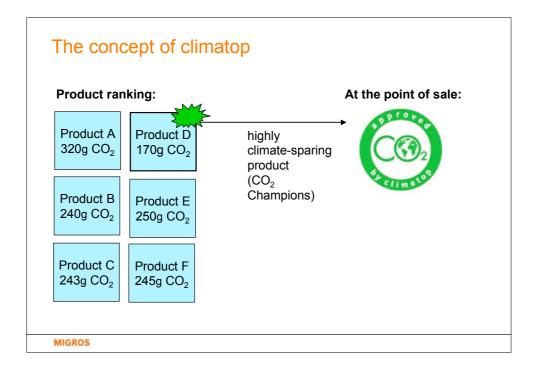
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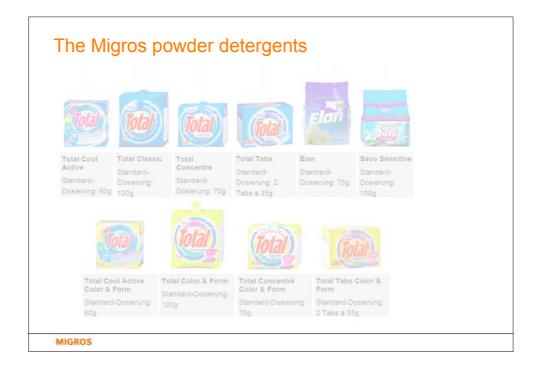
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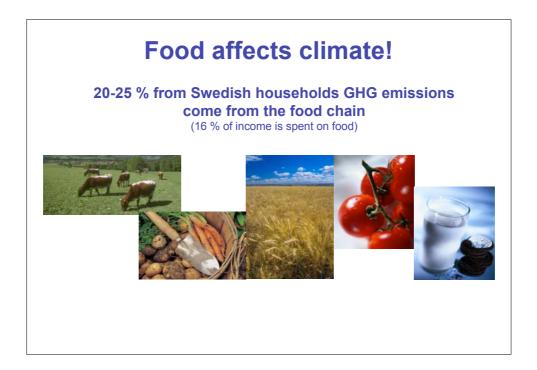
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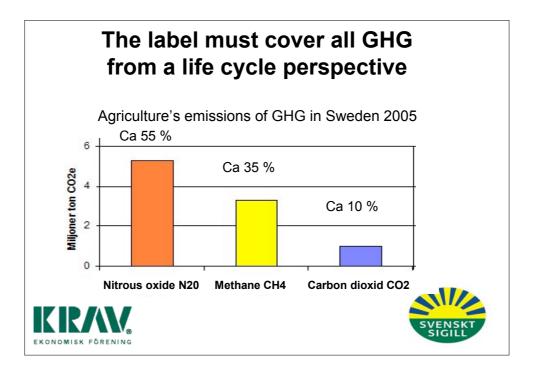


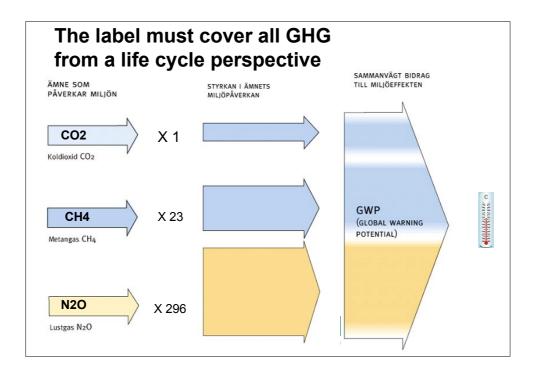




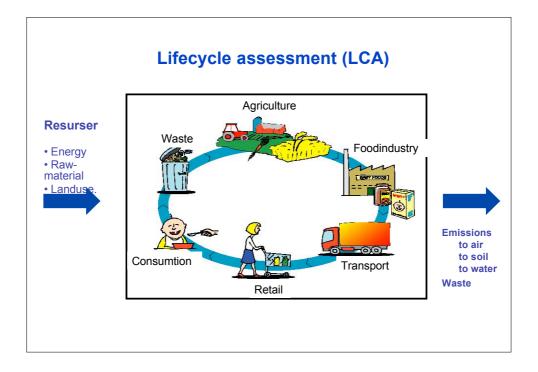


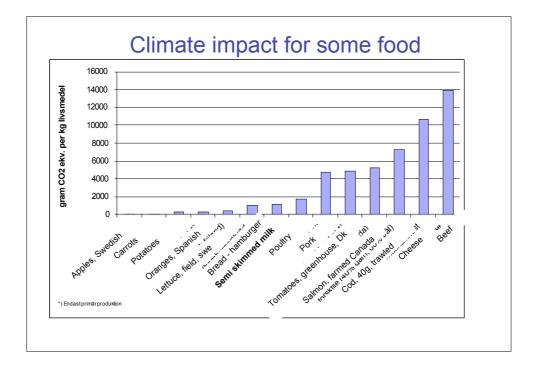








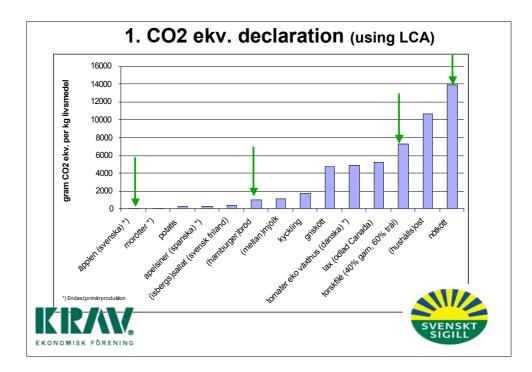




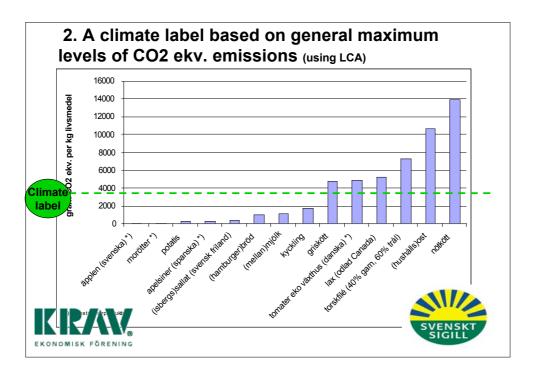


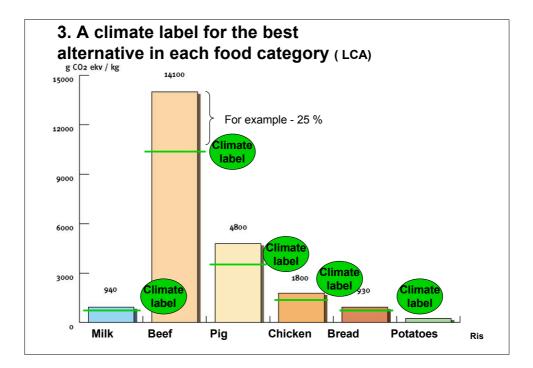
Four alternatives for climate labelling of food products

- 1. CO2 ekv. declaration (using LCA)
- 2 A climate label based on general maximum levels of CO2 ekv.emissions (using LCA)
- 3 A climate label for the best alternative in each food category (using LCA)
- 4. Measure orientated climate label system to reduce the climate impact in food production and distribution

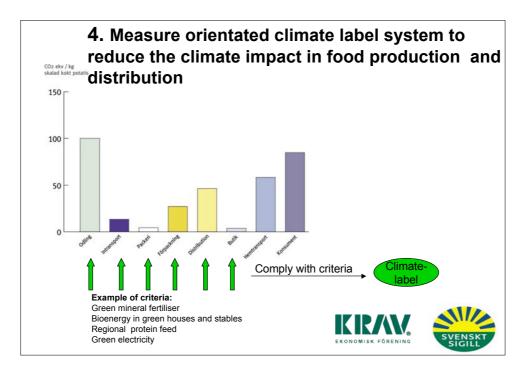


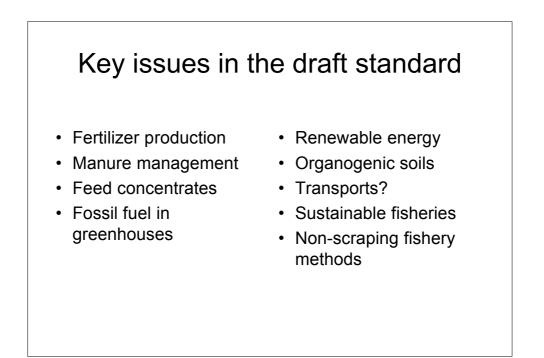














Putting it on the market



- Summer 2008: Fruit and vegetables, potatoes, cereals, and seafood
- 2008/2009: Meats and milk
- 2009: Trade and evaluation.



Stéphan Le Pochat, ADEME

"Environmental labelling of products State of the art in France"

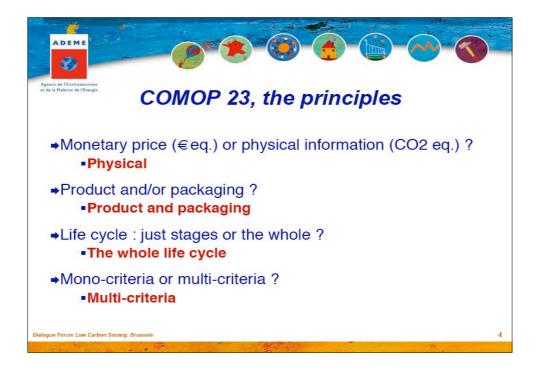










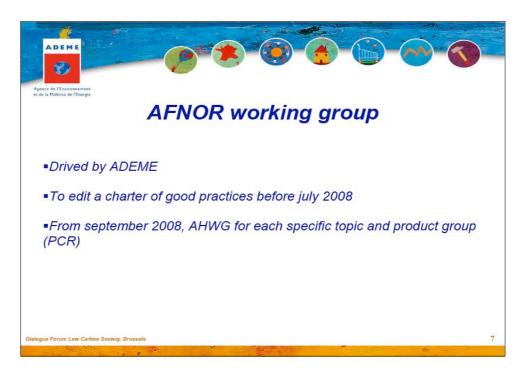
















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ECF is a platform for joint studies and science-based stakeholder dialogues on climatic change. ECF brings together representatives of different parties concerned with the climate problem.

The core activity of the Forum is to define and carry out joint studies; these provide arguments for long-term climate mitigation and adaptation policies leading ultimately towards a sustainable development path.



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a forum for developing, exchanging, and driving forward ideas on European and global policy issues an intelligent communications consultancy.

Each of its areas of activity are defined by the combination of thought and action that is necessary in order to develop innovative thinking that is then brought to life by intelligent communications. Across its activities, The Centre acts as a catalyst for influential dialogues within and among organisations that operate in the European marketplace.

Themal | THEMA1, Berlin

Berlin based consultancy THEMA1 is catalyzing innovative business cases to accelerate the transition to a Low Carbon Society.

Last year THEMA1 initiated the first two "Dialogue Forums Low Carbon Society" on Product Carbon Footprinting in Germany bringing together different stakeholders and seeding the development of the PCF Pilot Project Germany.With the third "Dialogue Forum Low Carbon Society" THEMA1 expands this platform to different initiatives from all over the world to share experiences and build synergies.



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