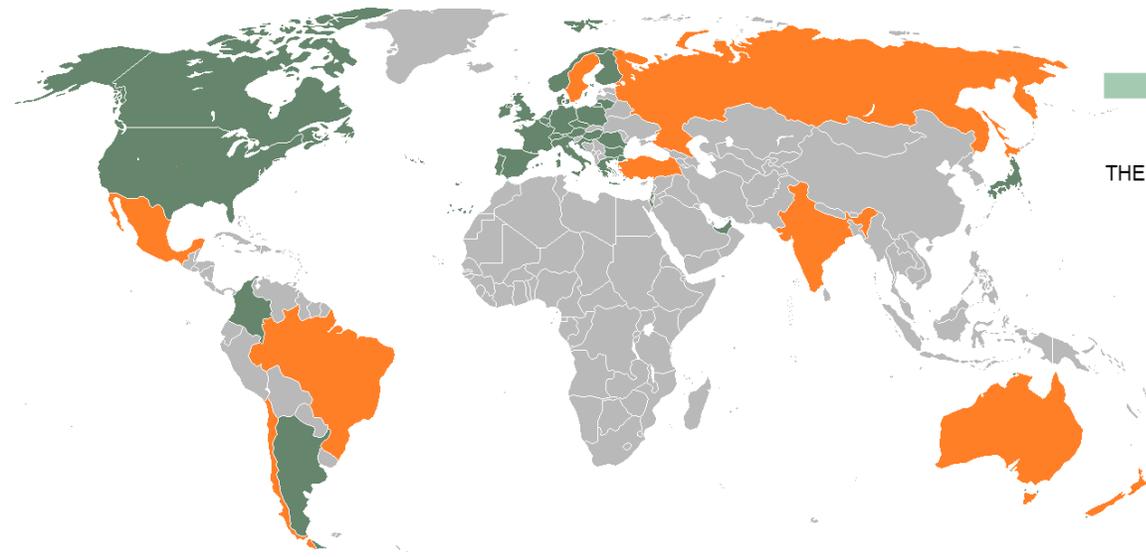




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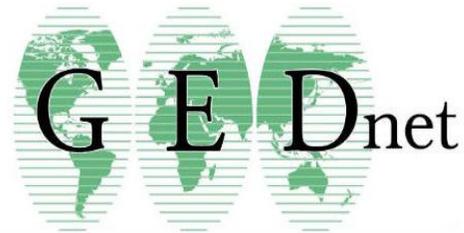
..... perspectives where we are and  
..... suggested next step to consider,  
discuss and (hopefully) get inspired of

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# Where are we now



# Is it time to focus much more on the process of decision-making?

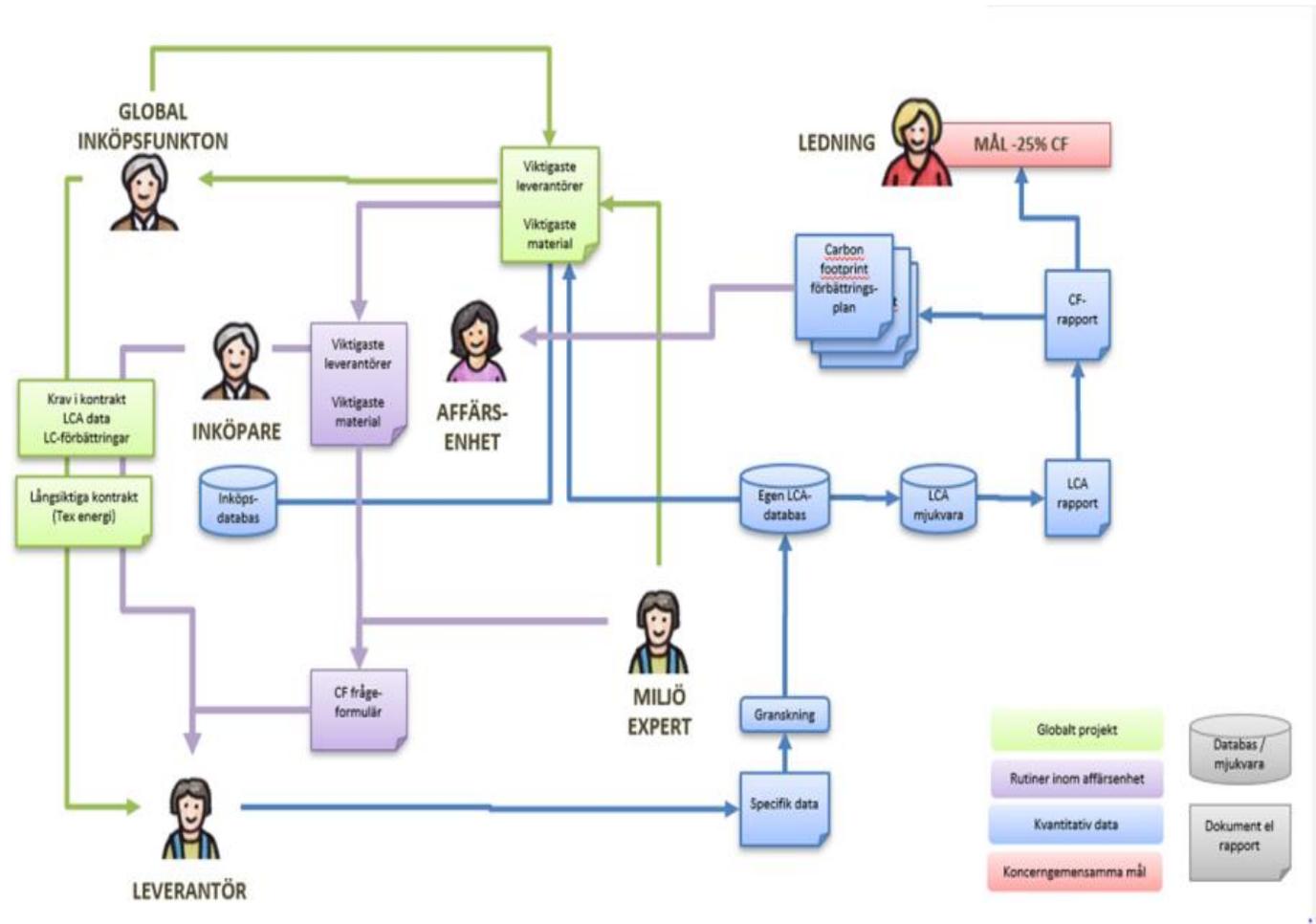


**The first jump to pass is to successfully agree-upon and settle a reliable LCA- and EPD-methodology**



**The second jump to pass is to tailor-made LCA- and EPD information adopted to be understandable for different audiences to secure successful "informed decisions" (in a decision hierarchy)**

# Decisions are taken at different levels in an organization



# It is not easy to take decisions for a non LCA- and EPD expert if everything has to be comparable ...

... or is there a difference between comparisons and making "informed choices" (according to ISO 14025?)

Example of two questions from a procurer out of EPD-information that might need different LCA-calculations:

1. Which one of product x or y has the highest climate impact during manufacturing?
2. Is there a specific phase in the life cycle for product x or y where the highest climate impact seems to occur?

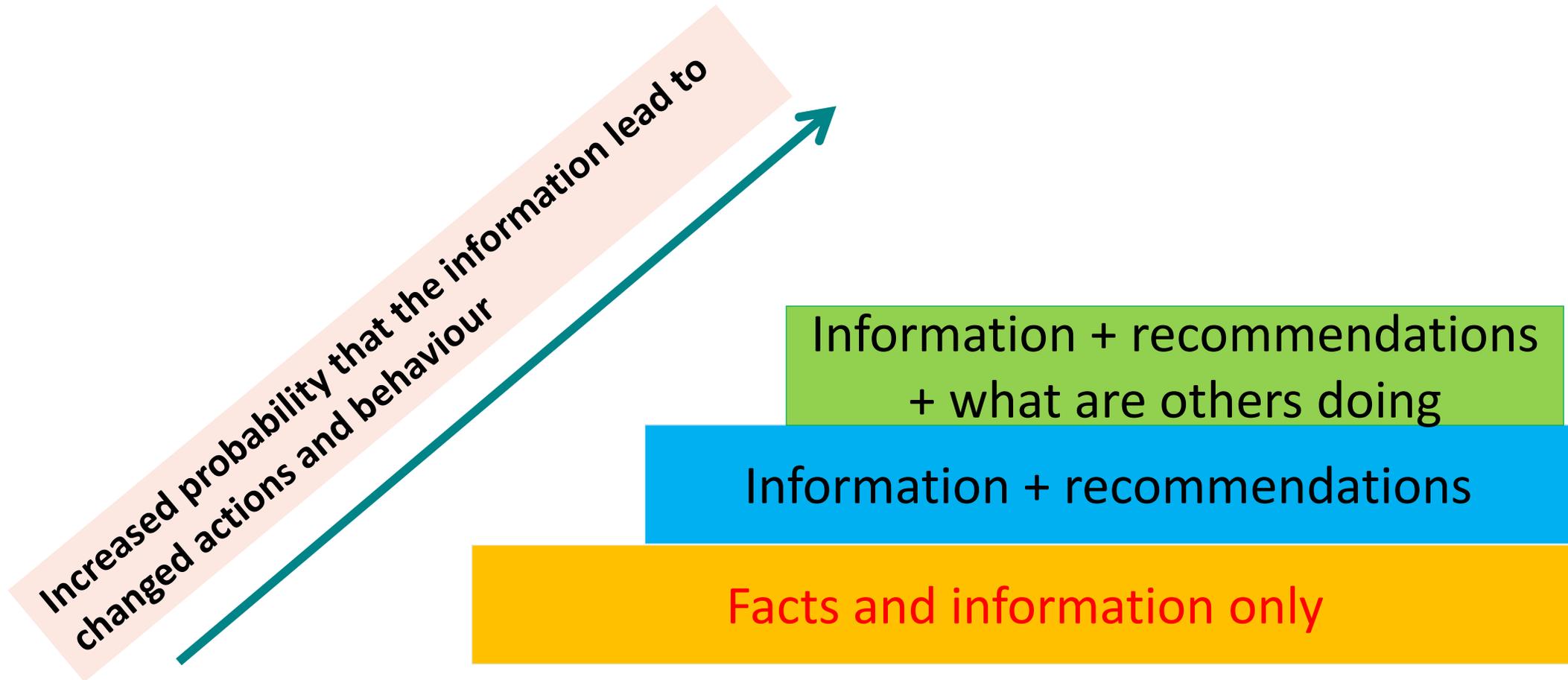
I am not that certain about what LCA and EPD really stands for

Does 1,5 CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents/unit mean a high or low climate impact?

Are we better or worse than our competitors?



# There are different ways to facilitate and support decision-making



# Some final issues to discuss?

Which are the primary target groups for taking decisions based on EPD-information as they usually are presented today?

- 1. Results from EPD's will be used for different types of decision, for different purposes and by different people with different skills – is there a risk for misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the EPD-information which might jeopardize decisions as “informed choices” without no further guidance?**
- 2. Is the outcome of a decision credible if the EPD “bench-marks” between two products just differs slightly?**
- 3. If PEF-results will be used for upcoming legislation or within a broadened concept including strict assessments of environmental performance of products – what is the risk for complaints from companies/organizations if they are falling outside the limits for acceptance?**