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5° ENCONTRO ObservIST - Higher Education area

## **Pilot courses on**

# 'Life Cycle Assessment of Construction'

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### LISBOA I. Motivation

**I. Implementation of a Life Cycle Thinking in the construction sector**: a)Research background;



b)Environmental and economic Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) are recognized and standardized procedures to evaluate the sustainability of the construction sector;



c)The application of a detailed LCA approach to buildings or other construction works is a **multidisciplinary, onerous and lengthy task**.

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#### Learning objectives

- Theoretical and practical basis for the LCA of construction based on European and International standards and regulatory principles;
- •To use LCA databases and software tools and comprising the environmental, economic, and social dimensions of the sustainability for standardised life cycle stages;
- •To perform LCA at the construction materials' production, design, construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, service life and end-of-life management;
- •To use LCA in the evaluation and certification of

construction products;

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# **EXAMPLES 2. Characteristics of the pilot courses**

#### Language of instruction: English.

Suitable for students from the following MSc, and related PhD
programmes: Architecture; Civil
Engineering, Environmental,
Materials, and Mechanical
Engineering; Energy
Engineering and Management;
Spatial Planning and Urbanism.



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#### 12016, 2018 and 2020 (online): 30 students in 3 pilot-courses of 20 hours each;

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- **Continuous improvement and fine-tuning** of the course contents, organisation, and grading system, with active participation and recommendations by the students via final surveys;
- **Dedicated software** bought by CERIS after recognising the importance and emergence of this research area;
  - Project-based learning approach.

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• 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 2020/21: module of 6 hours dedicated to 'Life Cycle Assessment of Buildings, Construction Materials and Assemblies' in the 'Advanced Topics in Construction' course of the Doctoral Program in Civil Engineering;

 From 2021/22: new course 'Construction Life Cycle' in the Master of Science (MSc) in Civil Engineering, with a module of 14 hours dedicated to 'LCA of Construction', that attracted 61% of Erasmus students;

• May 2022: two lectures with a total of 4 hours, Master's degree in "Sustainable City and Architecture", at Universidad de Sevilla, Spain.

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#### **Course materials:**



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### **1 LISBOA 4. Future teaching of the contents of these courses**

- Professional training course via FUNDEC/Técnico+ at DECivil;
- National or international Universities;



### • Massive Open Online Course (MOOC);

#### • Summer School.

Introduction to Life Cycle Assessment massive open online course (MOOC) launches to the public, a collaborative effort between Polytechnique Montreal and EPFL

The CIRAIG is officially launching its first online course (MOOC) for the general public on its core expertise: life cycle assessment (LCA). This is a comprehensive online course, the first in the world in French, aimed at teaching LCA methodology.

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Thank you to all students and invited trainers.

Thank you for your attention.

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