

Preliminary Program

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***WasteLCA_5: Advances in Sustainability
Assessment of Municipal and Challenging
Waste Management***

June 7-12, 2026

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- *Coffee breaks are organized on the terrace of the Hotel while the afternoon refreshments in the Hotel lobby.*
- *A visit to the beautiful city of **Diamante** is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. The cost of the city tour is included in the conference fee. Diamante is a renowned Calabrian seaside resort **famous for its over 200 murals** decorating the historic center, the island of Cirella, **and the production of its signature chili pepper** (Diamante is home to the Italian Chili Pepper Academy). This "pearl of the Tyrrhenian Sea" offers crystal-clear beaches, a quaint fishing village, and a lively waterfront, making it an ideal destination for culture, art, and the sea.*

Sunday, June 7, 2026

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| 16:30 – 18:30 | Conference Check-in |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | Meeting of Scientific Advisory and Technical Organizing Committees |
| 19:15 – 20:00 | <i>Welcome Reception</i> |
| 20:30 – 21:45 | <i>Welcome Dinner (Restaurant of the Grand Hotel Michele)</i> |

Monday, June 8, 2026

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| 07:30 – 08:30 | <i>Breakfast (Terrace of Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |
| 08:30 – 08:45 | Welcome and Conference Overview |
| 08:45 – 09:30 | PLENARY LECTURE (Chairman: <u>Prof. Umberto Arena</u>) Davide Tonini (JRC Seville, Spain) LCT approach and related assessment tools to support environmental legislation |

TOPIC 1: APPLICATION OF QUANTITATIVE TOOLS TO SUPPORT (WASTE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY) POLICY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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| | Chairman: Prof. Umberto Arena, University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli” |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | 137_ The Role of Waste Management in the Plastics Economy: Lessons from the International Treaty Negotiations Rosalind Malcolm , University of Surrey, UK |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | 156_ Qualitative assessment of quality of recycling: a new multidimensional indicator Dario Caro , University of Siena, Italy |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | 141_ Demand-side and technical solutions to achieve PET climate target in Switzerland Soline Corre , EPFL, Switzerland |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | 133_ Decision-oriented Life Cycle Assessment of Urban Wastewater Treatment under the New European Regulatory Framework Federico Micolucci , University of Verona, Italy |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | <i>Coffee Break (Terrace of Grand Hotel Michele)</i> |

TOPIC 2: DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR LCA: INTEGRATING BLOCKCHAIN, IoT, BIGDATA AND AI INTO LCAs

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| | Chairman: Davide Tonini, JRC Seville, Spain |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | 102_ Growing Insights from Data Roots: An Exploratory Decision Tree Approach to Identifying Environmentally Optimal Configurations for Future Waste Management Sarah Schmidt , University of Kassel, Germany |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | 110_ Integrating Life Cycle Management into Emerging Sensor Technologies for Waste Collection Irmeline de Sadeleer , NORSUS, Norway |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | 125_ Dynamic modelling of municipal solid waste sorting for sustainable process integration Julie Rose Dutoit , Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | 132_ AI-Driven Aerial Mapping for Enhanced Life Cycle Management of Unauthorized Construction and Demolition Waste Adi Mager , Tel Aviv University, Israel |

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| 12:15 – 12:30 | 113_ Handling waste in the cloud, versus handling waste on the ground: an assessment of potential environmental trade-offs in smart waste collection systems Bram van de Glind , NORSUS, Norway |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch (Restaurant of Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |
| 14:00 – 16:30 | Free time / <i>ad hoc</i> sessions |
| 16:30 – 17:15 | <i>Afternoon Refreshments (Hotel lobby)</i> |

TOPIC 3: LCM TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES (LCA, LCC, S-LCA) FOR QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (PART I)

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| | Chairman: Prof. Sarah Schmidt, University of Kassel, Germany |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | 101_A Life Cycle Approach to Sustainable Municipal Solid Waste Management in Indian Sub-Continent Musharof Khan , Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT, Finland |
| 17:30 – 17:45 | 120_ Roadmap for mitigating greenhouse gas emission from municipal solid waste incineration in China Hua Zhang , Tongji University, China |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | 154_ Revamping of a small-scale WtE unit: environmental sustainability of alternative solutions Francesco Parrillo , University of Campania, Italy |
| 18:00 – 18:15 | 116_ Environmental optimization of territorial biowaste management Nomena Ravoahangy , Université de Technologie de Compiègne, France |
| 18:15 – 18:30 | 151_ DeNOx systems in Waste-to-Energy plants: catalytic or non-catalytic reduction? A comparative life cycle assessment based on European operational data Alessandro Dal Pozzo , University of Bologna, Italy |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | <i>Dinner (Restaurant of the Grand Hotel San Michele): Calabrian event</i> |
| 21:30 – 22:30 | Poster session with social hour |

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

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| 07:30 – 08:45 | <i>Breakfast</i> |
| 08:45 – 09:30 | PLENARY LECTURE (Chairman: Prof. Mario Grosso, Milan Polytechnic, Italy) Thomas H. Christensen (Denmark Technical University, Denmark) Waste Management in the Green Transition to a Post-fossil Society |

TOPIC 4: LCM TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SPECIFIC CHALLENGING WASTE STREAMS (E.G., SANITARY WASTE; RADIOACTIVE WASTE; MINERAL WASTE) IN A CIRCULAR ECONOMY PERSPECTIVE

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| | Chairman: Prof. Mario Grosso, Milan Polytechnic, Italy |
| 9:30 – 09:45 | 135_ Methodological Challenges in the Life Cycle Assessment of Thermal Treatments for Industrial Hazardous Waste Filomena Ardolino , University of Campania, Italy |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | 134_ Life Cycle Assessment of End-of-life Options for Thermoplastic Starch Inés Oliver Ramírez , Universidad de Alicante, Spain |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | 128_ Assessing the sustainability of an innovative circular economy process for managing microfibers from washing machine wastewater Giulia Costa , University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | 148_ LCA of mechanically shredded Wind Turbine Blade Waste (WTBW) composite for use as an aggregate in construction industry. David Hysi , RWTH AACHEN University, Germany |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | <i>Coffee Break (Terrace of Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |
| | Chairman: Professor Pinjing He, Tongji University, China |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | 118_ Repair over Replacements of Clothing in Denmark – What to Model and How Valentina Rossi , Denmark Technical University, Denmark |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | 117_ Environmental impacts of Deep Geological Repository design options Prince Mondal , University College London, United Kingdom |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | 115_ Which factors affect environmental burdens and benefits associated with valorisation of fish sludge? Kari-Anne Lyng , NORSUS, Norway |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | 111_ Circular Economy strategies for first end of life of Photovoltaic Panels Chandan Gopal , Denmark Technical University, Denmark |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | 123_ Environmental Sustainability of Alternative Management Schemes for Infectious Health Care Waste: Methodological Approach and Case Study Michele Monaco , University of Campania, Italy |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch (Restaurant of Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |
| 14:00 – 16:30 | Free time / <i>ad hoc</i> sessions |
| 16:30 – 17:15 | <i>Afternoon Refreshments (Hotel lobby)</i> |

TOPIC 5: PROSPECTIVE LCM TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES FOR EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE OPTIMIZATION

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| | Chairman: Prof. Hua Zhang, Tongji University, China |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | 103_ Prospective environmental impact assessment of an emerging digestate valorisation technology: an ex-ante life cycle assessment Haodong Lin , University College London, United Kingdom |
| 17:30 – 17:45 | 104_ Evaluating the role of temporal carbon storage and release in PLA end-of-life management following the BBM-LCA approach Nil Gureli , RWTH Aachen, Germany |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | 122_ Dynamic LCA on climate change impacts of incinerating old waste from landfills Yan Zhao , Beijing Normal University, China |
| 18:00 – 18:15 | 108_ Integrating Dynamic Material Flow Analysis and Waste LCA to Advance Circularity of Long-Lived Plastics Sarah Schmidt , University of Kassel, Germany |
| 18:15 – 18:30 | 109_ Cascading Carbon: Addressing Limitations in LCA Methodology for Biogenic Waste Streams in a Circular Economy Hannah Köhler , RWTH Aachen, Germany |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | <i>Dinner (Restaurant of the Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |
| 21:30 – 22:30 | Poster session with social hour |

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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| 07:30 – 08:45 | <i>Breakfast</i> |
| 08:45 – 09:30 | PLENARY LECTURE (Chairman: Prof. Thomas Christensen, DTU, Denmark) Lidia Lombardi (University Cusano, Italy) Advanced Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management System: LCT supporting toward sustainability |

TOPIC 6 LCM TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES FOR SPECIFIC WASTE TECHNOLOGIES AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO CONNECTED SYSTEMS (E.G., TRANSPORT; BIOREFINERIES; CARBON CAPTURE STORAGE AND UTILIZATION)

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| | Chairman: Prof. Thomas Christensen, DTU, Denmark |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | 106_ Regionalizing wastewater treatment in the Ecoinvent database: enabling AWARE Sebastian Kjærulff Jensen , Ecoinvent, Switzerland |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | 112_ Assessing the environmental performance of neutral hydrothermal processing of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) with aqueous phase recirculation as a water management strategy Aiman Shabbir , Aalborg University, Denmark |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | 114_ Parametric LCA of coupled hydrothermal and anaerobic digestion systems for organic waste valorization Kassem Ibrahim Al Houssaini , Polytechnique Montreal, Canada |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | 126_ Life Cycle Assessment of Low-Carbon Olefin Production from Waste Biomass via Methanol to Olefins with Carbon Capture and Storage Idris Uthman , University College London, United Kingdom |
| 10:30-11:15 | <i>Coffee Break (Terrace of Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |
| | Chairman: Prof. Massimiliano Materazzi, UCL, United Kingdom |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | 140_ CO2 reduction effects by using distributed MSW pyro-reforming system Dezhen Chen , Tongji University, China |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | 146_ Comparative Life Cycle Assessment of thermal treatment pathways for urban sewage sludge Alexander Gomez , Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | 130_ Life cycle assessment of bio-synthetic natural gas from residual potato biomass in southern Italy Vincenzo Del Duca , Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | 152_ Cold atmospheric plasma-assisted valorization of post-industrial slags into polymer composites for circular urban applications Agnieszka Chowaniec-Michalak , Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Poland |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch (Hotel private beach or restaurant of the Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |

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| 14:00 – 19:00 | <i>Visit to Diamante City</i> |
| 20:00 – 21:15 | <i>Dinner - Pizza event</i> |
| 21:15 – 22:30 | Poster Session with Social Hour |

Thursday, June 11, 2026

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| 07:30 – 08:45 | <i>Breakfast</i> |
| 08:45 – 09:30 | PLENARY LECTURE (Chairman: Prof. Marzia Traverso, RWTH Aachen Univ., Germany) Andrea Paulillo (University College London, United Kingdom) Planetary Boundaries incorporation in Life Cycle Assessment. |

TOPIC 7 ABSOLUTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

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| | Chairman: Prof. Marzia Traverso, RWTH Aachen Univ., Germany |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | 107_ Absolute LCA of multifunctional systems: economic allocation or system expansion in the strict sense? The case of waste-to-energy plants Giulia Cavenago , Politecnico di Milano, Italy |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | 121_ Absolute Environmental Sustainability Assessment of Waste-to-Energy coupled with carbon capture and utilisation or storage Andrea Paulillo , University College London, United Kingdom |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | 155_S-LCA, Reference Scale Approach, Waste Pickers, Waste Chain, Shared Responsibility Thomas Leonardo Marques de Castro Leal , Instituto Federal de Goiás, Brazil |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | <i>Coffee Break (Terrace of Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |

TOPIC 8 ECONOMIC MODELS FOR ASSESSMENT OF WASTE & CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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| | Chairman: Prof. Lucia Rigamonti, Milan Polytechnic, Italy |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | 105_ Using integrated LCA modeling to identify optimal global investment pathways for plastic and GHG reduction Malak Anshassi , Florida Polytechnic University, USA |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | 142_ Households' Habits and Preferences concerning E-waste Delivery: a Behavioral Study Antonio Massarutto , University of Udine, Italy |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | 138_ ASCANIUS - ASsessing eEconomic And eNvironmental Impacts of cheese making residUeS treatments using comparative LCA and LCC methods. Sara Bertolini , Università Telematica UniCusano - Roma, Italy |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | 149_ Repair over replacement of consumer goods in Denmark Emil Laurberg Pedersen , Technical University of Denmark, Denmark |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | 144_ Is Reuse Always Better than Recycling? an LCA Case-study about Secondary Packaging in the Household Appliances Sector Antonio Massarutto , University of Udine, Italy |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | 147_ Analysis of municipal solid waste flow in a higher education institution in Mexico: quantification and characterization. Leslie Cardoza Cedillo , Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico |

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| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch (Restaurant of Grand Hotel San Michele)</i> |
| 14:00 – 16:30 | Free time / <i>ad hoc</i> sessions |
| 16:30 – 17:15 | <i>Afternoon Refreshments (Hotel lobby)</i> |

TOPIC 9 LCM TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES FOR PLASTICS WASTE STREAMS

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| | Chairman: Prof. Filomena Ardolino, University of Campania, Italy |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | 136_ Life Cycle Assessment of post-consumer WEEE plastics: the influence of allocation in recycling systems Federico Iorio Esposito , Politecnico di Milano, Italy |
| 17:30 – 17:45 | 124_ Innovation in circular packaging: establishing a recycling chain for yogurt cups Catarina Faria , PIEP, Portugal |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | P103_ Advancing Circular Construction Materials: LCA of Recycled Polyethylene Electrical Conduits Bruna Machado , PIEP, Portugal |
| 18:00 – 18:15 | 157_ Self-Modelled EU-Level End-of-Life Scenario for LCA: Harmonised Waste Treatment Modelling in Support of Plastic Removal Technologies Annamaria Vujanović , University of Maribor, Slovenia |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Poster Session with Social Hour |
| 20:00 – 22:00 | <i>Gala Dinner</i> |

Friday, June 12, 2026

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| 07:30 – 09:00 | <i>Breakfast on the terrace of Grand Hotel San Michele</i> |
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TOPIC 3: LCM TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES (LCA, LCC, S-LCA) FOR QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (PART II)

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| | Chairman: Prof. Lidia Lombardi, Unicusano, Italy |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | 119_ Mass Flow of Recyclable Materials in Shanghai's MSW Fan Lü , Tongji University, China |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | 150_ Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment of Electricity Generation from Municipal Solid Waste in Nigeria: A Prospective Study Oluwaseun Nubi , Sustainable Solutions Services, United Kingdom |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | 143_ Do Households Really Prefer Returnable Packaging? a Choice-experiment Study on Italian Consumers Antonio Massarutto , University of Udine, Italy |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | 145_ Life cycle greenhouse gas emissions from municipal solid waste management scenarios in Brazil Hugo Souza , Central de Custodia, Brazil |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | P102_ Integrated municipal solid waste management in the Marche region (Italy): a high-resolution LCA analysis on flows, logistics, and infrastructure Giulia Barchiesi , Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | <i>Coffee Break (Terrace of Grand Hotel Michele)</i> |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | Poster Session |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | OVERALL DISCUSSION, FEEDBACK, WHAT IS NEXT? CONCLUDING REMARKS AND CLOSING OF CONFERENCE |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch at the restaurant of the Hotel and Departures</i> |