

## Environmental Management and Corporate Social Responsibility – the challenges in a globalized world.

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# NTNU

- Established in 1910
- Technology and natural sciences
- Broad base in the classical disciplines of the humanities, medicine and the social sciences
- National responsibility for
  - technological research
  - interdisciplinary research and cooperation across disciplinary boundaries







#### NTNU strategic research areas

- Energy and Environment
- Information and Communication Technology
- Marine and Maritime Technology
- Materials Technology
- Medical Technology
- Globalization





- Established March 2004
- 140 researchers and 150 research fellows from 27 departments
- Interdisciplinary cooperation is a main goal
- Close ties with both society and industry
- Two main research areas and three cross-cutting perspectives



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# Production Systems in a Globalized World

- Four thematic areas with projects in:
- Global value chains
- Information technology
- Culture and knowledge
- Environmental and Social Responsibility





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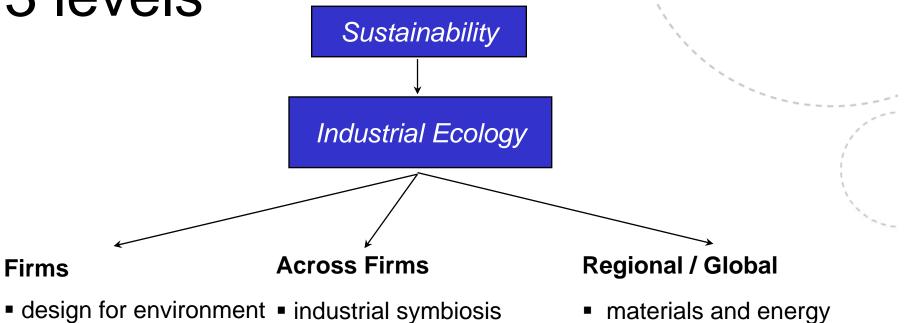
# Industrial Ecology

Industrial ecology is the study

- of the flows of materials and energy in industrial and consumer activities,
- of the effects of these flows on the environment,
- and of the influence of economic, political, regulatory, and social factors of the flow, use, and transformation of resources



# Industrial ecology operates at 3 levels



- pollution prevention
- eco-efficiency

industrial sector initiatives
 policies and strategies

product life-cycles

- green accounting
- environmental management
- At all levels, industrial ecology aims to provide tools and knowledge for analysis and design towards more sustainable solutions.

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supply chain management

flow studies

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# Industrial Ecology at NTNU

- Initiated in 1993/94, formalised 1998 Unique
- Strong influence from Norwegian industry
- 3 focus areas:
  - Education
  - Research
  - Information and outreach
- Strong international alliances

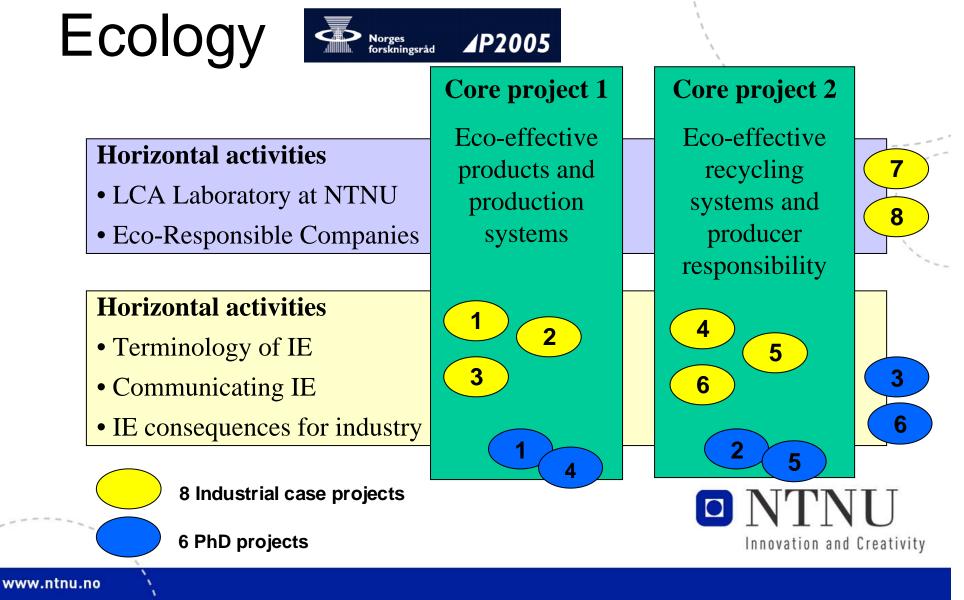


### Major research projects in Industrial Ecology at NTNU

- ✓ Productivity 2005 Industrial Ecology
  - Eco-efficiency challenge of the manufacturing industry
- ✓ Industrial Ecology in energy intensive industry
  - Life cycle env. performance, exergy performance and energy culture in Oil & Gas industry
- ✓ Global Watch Industrial Ecology (Statoil)
  - Life cycle / eco-efficiency performance indicators in cluster of Oil & Gas industry
- ✓ Additional doctorate projects
  - SD criteria and eco-efficiency indicators; Extended producer responsibility; Integration of wind energy; Wastes recycling; and, Corporate social responsibility performance

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# Productivity 2005 Industrial



### **Corporate Social Responsibility**

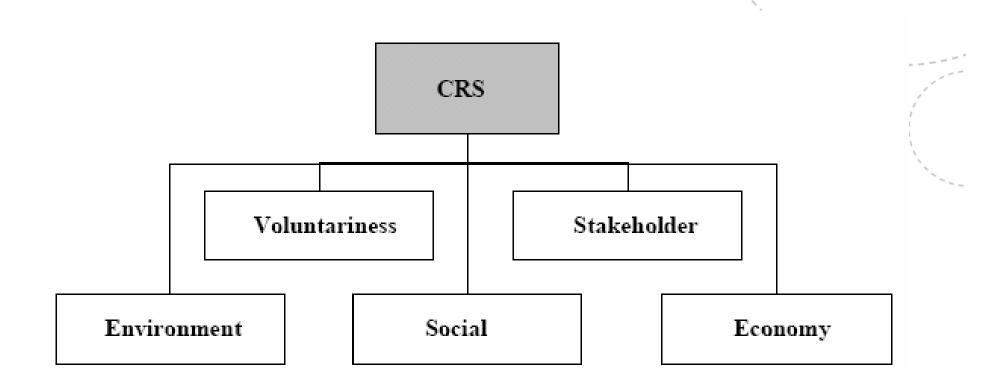
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is about business and industry taking responsibilities beyond that of creating economic value

"A concept whereby companies integrate social and environmental concerns in their business operations and in their interaction with their stakeholders on a voluntary basis"

The European Commission



#### Content of CSR (European Commission, 2001)





### Examples of ongoing CSRprojects at NTNU

- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the US and Norway (CRUSAN) – a "get acquainted" project
- C(S)R in Global Value Chains: a Conceptual and Operational Approach
- Environmental- and global supply management and CSR, proposal for the EU Framework Program 7
- Scandinavian Chapter of Net Impact

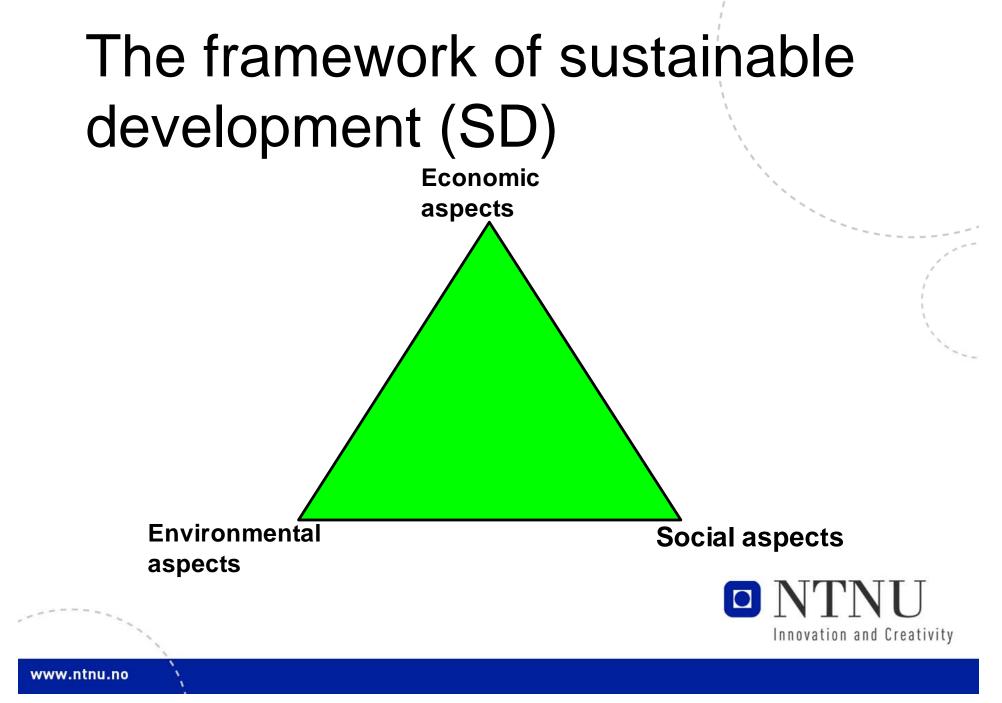


### Sustainable Development

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

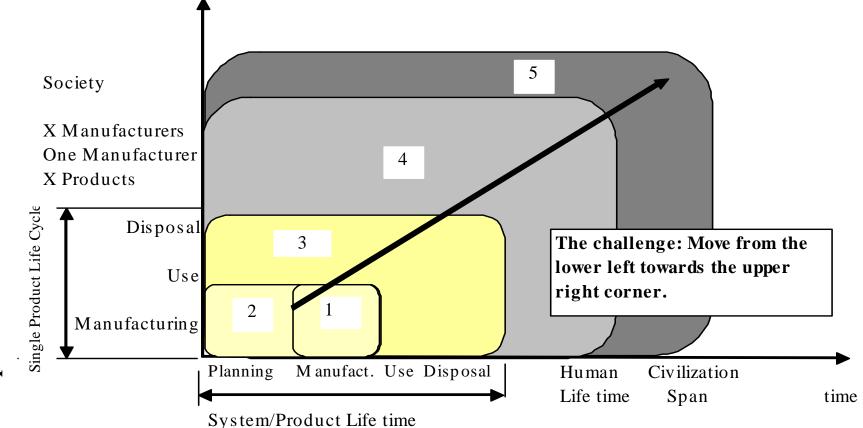
"Our Common Future" (WCED, 1987)





### Progress toward sustainability

- 1. Environmental Engineering,
- 2. Pollution Prevention,
- 3. Environmental Conscious Design and Manufacturing
- 4. Industrial Ecology,
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Scope of Temporal Concern

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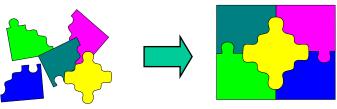
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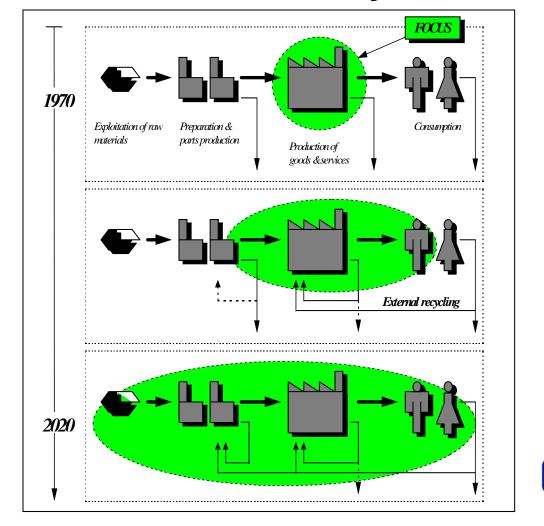
# Environmental strategies

- History
  - Dilution strategies
    - 1960
  - Filtration strategies
    - 1970
  - Recycling- and reuse strategies
    - 1980
  - Precautionary strategies
    - 1990
  - The holistic perspectives
    - 2000 and beyond





#### Increased use of systems thinking





# Environmental management standards (EMS)

Auditing

ISO 14001,4 ISO 14020-25 ISO 14031 ISO 14040-48 ISO 14060

Environmental labels and declaration Environmental performance evaluation Life cycle assessment Environmental aspects in product standards

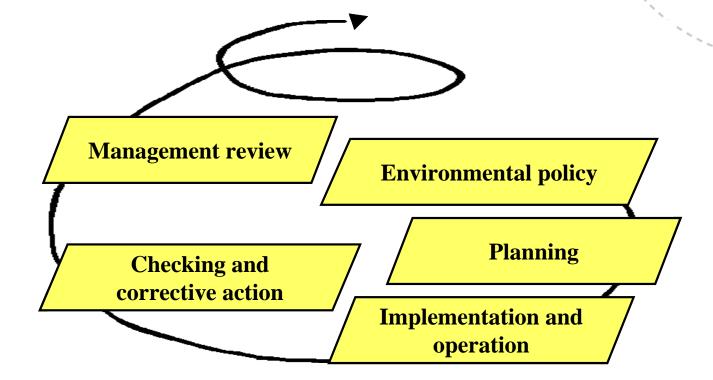
Environmental management system

ISO 19011 EMAS -

Eco Management and Audit Scheme



# Continual improvement with ISO 14001

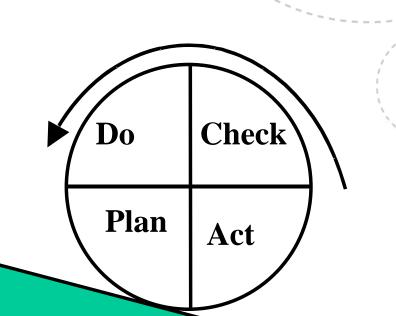




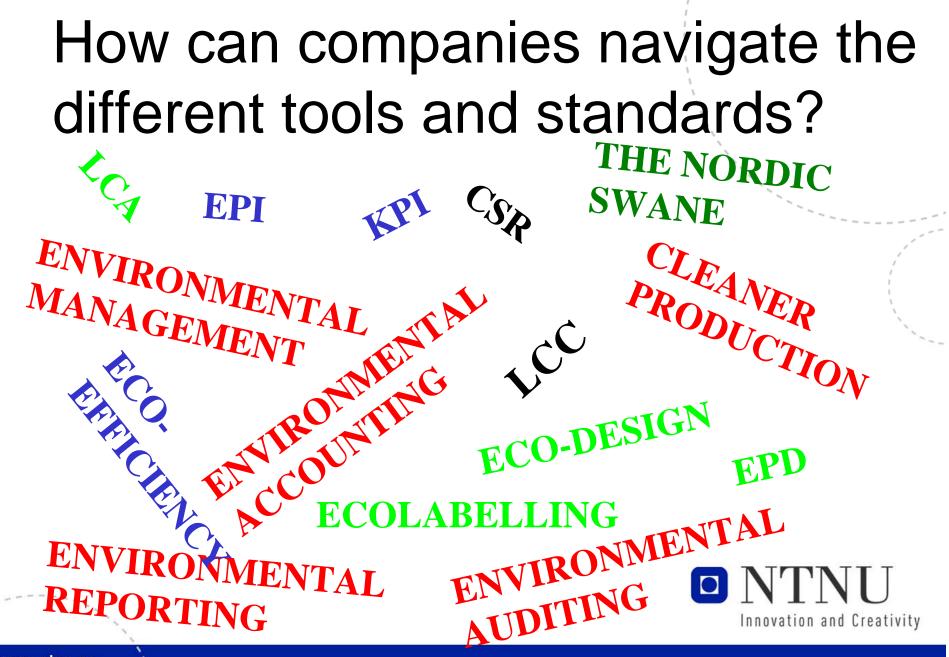
#### Continual improvements using PDCA

EMS follow the Shewhart cycle:

- Plan
- Do
- Check
- Act







#### Methods and tools categorized

Cleaner Production (CP) Environmental Accounting (EAc)

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA and LCC) Material, Energy and toxicity analyses (MET) "Material Input per Service Unit" (MIPS) Design for the Environment (DfE) Process related

Product related

Environmental Auditing (EA) Environmental Performance Evaluation (EPE) Environmental management Systems (EMS)

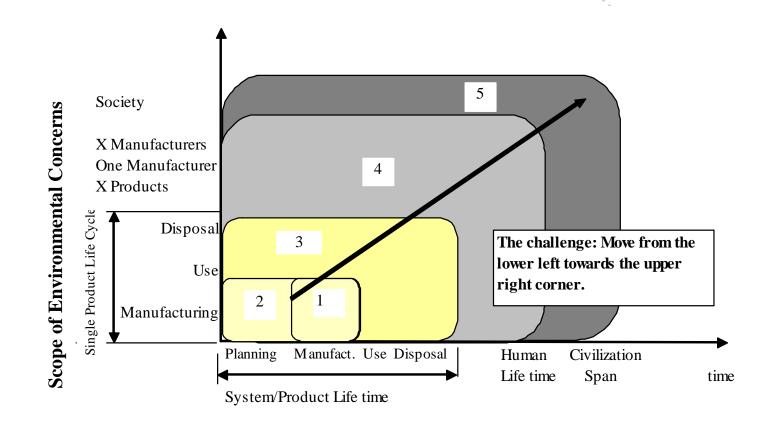
 Management related



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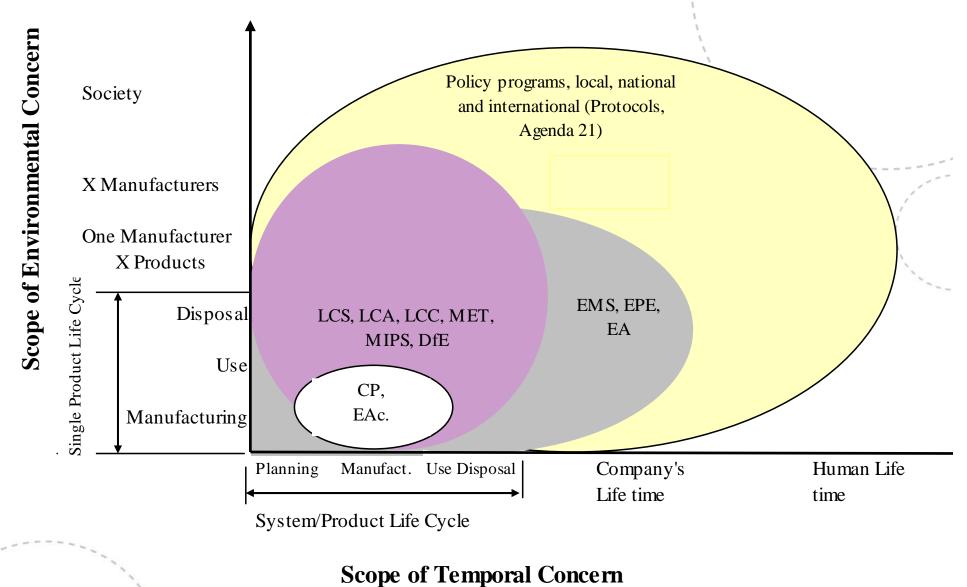
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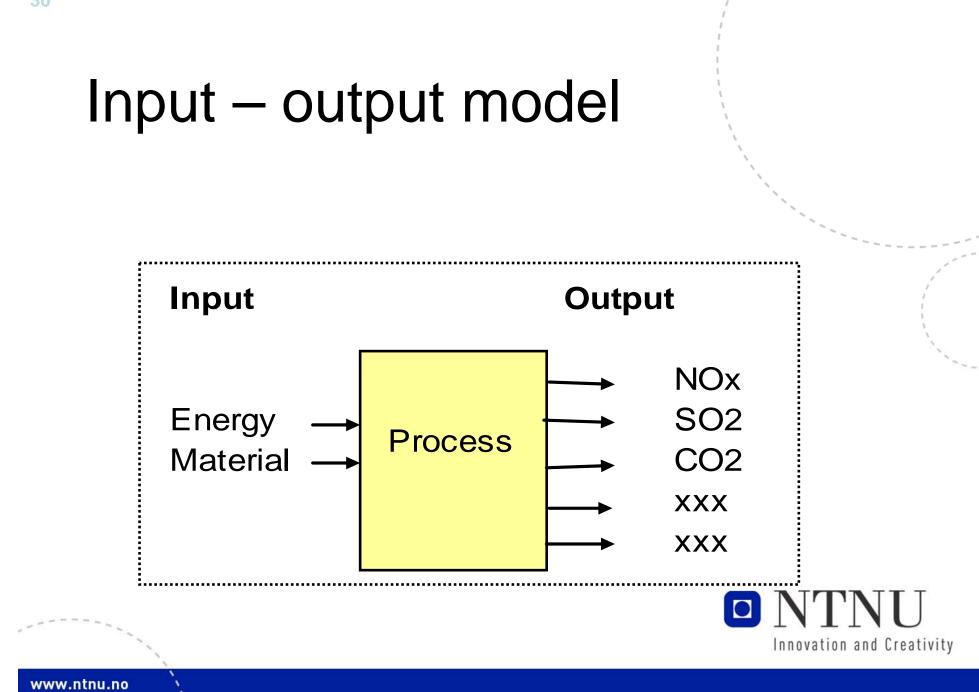
#### Scope of Temporal Concern

#### Application of the methods & tools

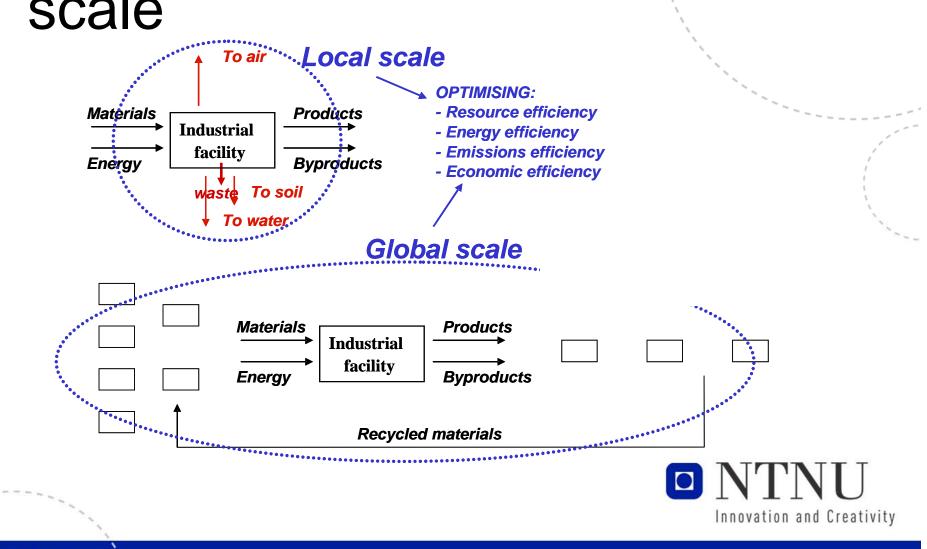


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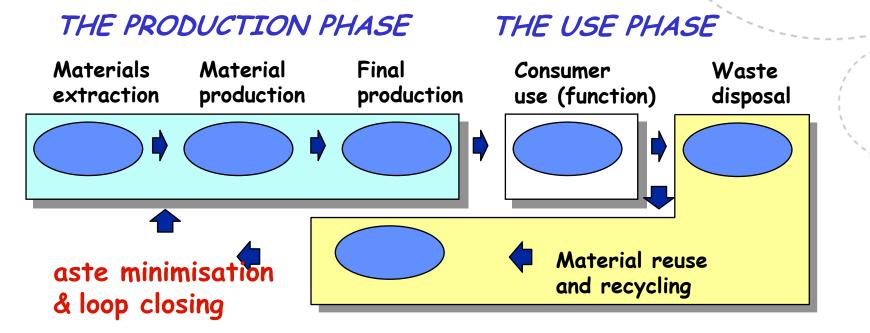


# Expanding from local to global scale



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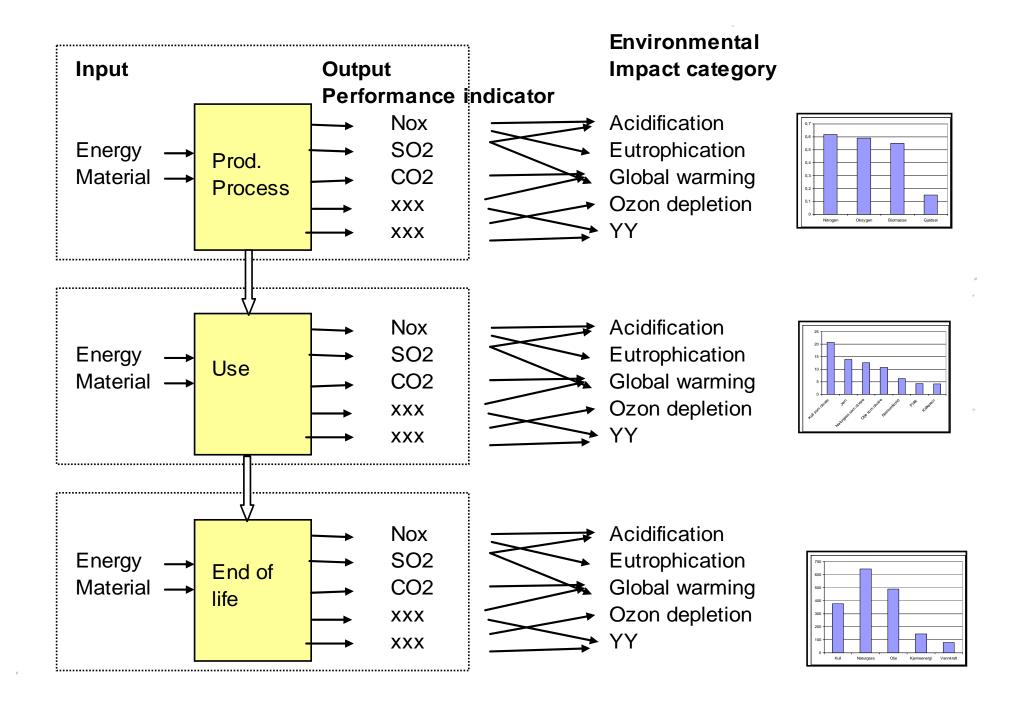
### The product life-cycle



THE PRODUCT END-OF-LIFE PHASE



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# Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) - guidelines



- the first global framework for comprehensive sustainability reporting, encompassing the "triple bottom line"
- will become the generally accepted, broadly adopted framework for communicating information about corporate performance.
- give guidance to reporters on selecting and using indicators.



#### "It was the GRI reporting process that prompted our announcement last fall to increase the fuel efficiency of our SUV fleet by 25 percent by 2005."

#### Deborah Zemke,

Director of Corporate Governance, Ford Motor Company, April 2001



# THE INDICATOR FRAMEWORK

<u>Category</u>: The groupings of economic, environmental and social issues

- Aspect: The general subsets of indicators that are related to a specific category. A given category may have several aspect
- Indicator: The specific measurements of an individual aspect that can be used to track and demonstrate performance
  - Core indicators (general applicable indicators)
  - Additional indicators (business specific indicators)
  - Systemic indicators
  - Cross-cutting indicators



#### THE INDICATOR FRAMEWORK

	CATEGORY	Aspect		
ECONOMIC	Direct Economic Impacts	Customers Suppliers Employees Providers of capital Public sector		
ENVIRONMENTAL	Environmental	Materials Energy Water Biodiversity Emissions, effluents, and waste Suppliers Products and services Compliance Transport Overall		
SOCIAL	Labour Practices and Decent Work	Employment Labour/management relations Health and safety Training and education Diversity and opportunity		
	Human Rights	Strategy and management Non-discrimination Freedom of association and collective bargaining Child labour Forced and compulsory labour Disciplinary practices Security practices Indigenous rights		
	Society	Community Bribery and corruption Political contributions Competition and pricing		
	Product Responsibility	Customer health and safety Products and services Advertising Respect for privacy		

#### For environmental issues:

Aspect	Performance Indicators
Suppliers	Performance of suppliers relative to environmental components of programs and procedures described in response to Governance Structure and Management Systems section
Products and Services	<ul> <li>Significant environmental impacts of principal products and services.</li> <li>Percentage of the weight of products sold that is reclaimable (recyclable or reusable) at the end of the products' useful life and percentage that is actually reclaimed.</li> </ul>
Compliance	Incidents of and fines for non-compliance with all applicable international declarations / conventions/treaties, and national, sub- national, regional, and local regulations associated with environmental issues. Explain in terms of countries of operation.

#### For environmental issues

The listed performance indicators are addressing requirements upstream:

- Requirements to supplier performances:
  - implementation of environmental management
  - compliance with external regulations
- Requirements about product information
  - environmental impacts from products
  - recyclability of products (end-of life treatment)



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#### For social ussues, product responsibility:

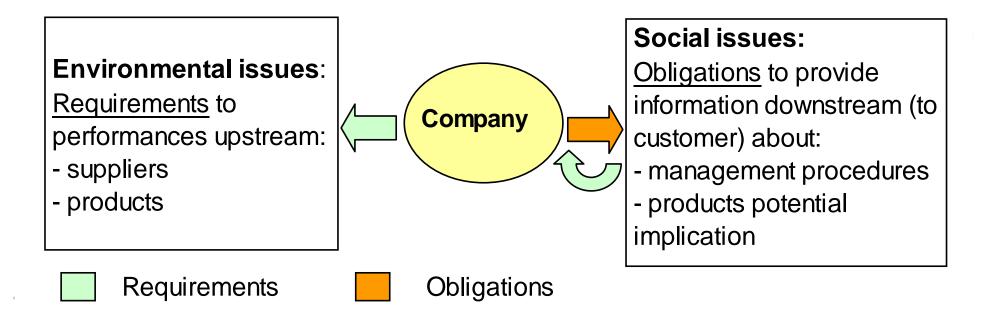
Aspect	Performance Indicators, examples				
Customer Health and Safety	<ul> <li>Description of policy for preserving customer health and safety <u>during use of products and services</u>, and extent to which this policy is visibly stated and applied</li> <li>Voluntary code compliance, product labels or awards with respect to social and/or environmental responsibility.</li> </ul>				
Products and Services	<ul> <li>Description of policy, procedures/management systems, and compliance mechanisms related to product information and labeling</li> <li>Number and type of instances of non-compliance with regulations concerning product information and labeling.</li> <li>Description of policy, procedures/management systems, and compliance mechanisms related to customer satisfaction</li> </ul>				
Advertising/ Respect for Privacy	• Number of substantiated complaints regarding breaches of consumer privacy.				

# For the products responsibility aspect under the social issue:

- The listed performance indicators are addressing <u>obligations</u> <u>downstream (obligations relative the customers):</u>
- Obligations concerning open information about
  - self-imposed procedures and codes of conduct,
  - internal systems to follow up such
  - openness about complaints and breaches of good practices
- Obligations concerning openness about product information on
  - potential health aspects from products
  - eco-labeling and implemented systems for providing such on own products

#### From a company perspective:

- Requirements upstream
- Obligations downstream



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# Case-examples: from site-focus to global focus in furniture production systems

- Site focus; introduction to environmental accounting systems, cleaner production and EMS
- Local and regional focus; cooperation with neighboring companies and local municipality
- Value chain focus; requirements from customers, LCA on case models, development of environmental product declarations and eco-efficiency indicators
- Future focus on continuous improvement; integrated management systems and environmentally conscious design, showing social responsibility

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# Site focus; environmental accounting systems and CP

- Input-output analysis
- Yearly accounting systems for the company
- Performance indicators and reporting systems
- Indicators on purchase, resource usage, energy usage and waste



#### Local and regional focus:

Challenge to develop <u>indicators</u> that communicate the environmental performance among different stakeholders with a common interest in a region:

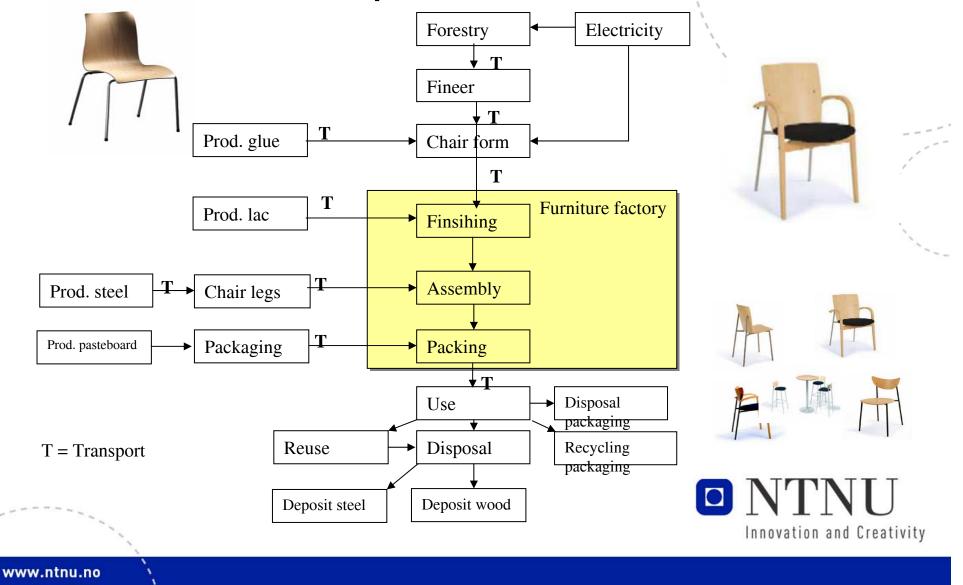
- Environmental performance indicators (EPI) for companies measuring e.g.:
- Energy usage
- Emission to air
- Discharge to water bodies
- Waste

Environmental condition indicators (ECI) for the municipality and the regional governmental level measure:

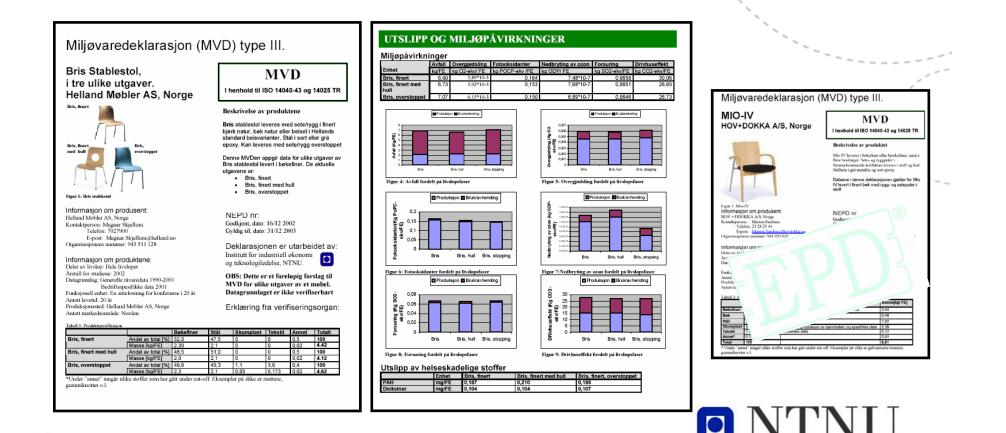
- energy supply
- air quality,
- water bodies quality and
- use of land areas for waste disposal (includes discharges from landfill areas)

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## Value chain focus: LCA and environmental product declarations

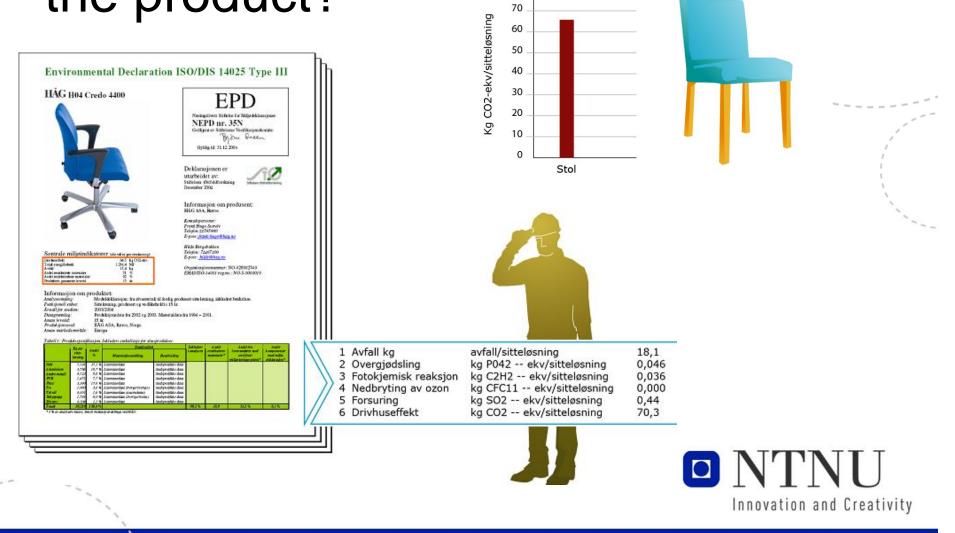


### Environmental Product Declarations – single products and product series



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# How to use the EPD to improve the product?



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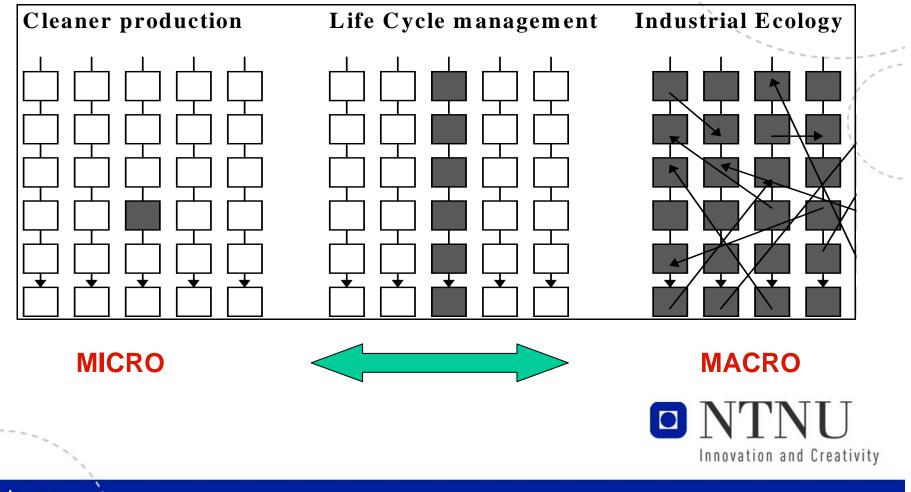
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#### Different systems approach



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#### Research project: CSR in Global Value Chains: a Conceptual and Operational Approach

Project goals:

- undertake a critical examination of current CSR business and regulatory/self-regulatory practices, with a particular focus on distributed industrial organisation in global value chains.
- develop practice-oriented recommendations, mechanisms and tools aimed at improving current CSR performance, reporting and verification systems and regulation.



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#### Project model

Core Projects:

Cross-cutting projects:	A firm perspective on CSR		A regulative perspecti ve on CSR		A system perspective and operative models for CSR in value chains		
1. CSR and business-NGO relations (PhD) (NSM)							
2. Corporate and product/service CSR reporting (PhD) (NTNU)							
3. Measurement of values and risk related to social and environmental issues							

#### Styles of managing CSR

- Defensive (pain alleviation)
- Traditional (cost-benefit)
- Strategic shifted business focus into a new direction.
- Learning, innovation and risk management

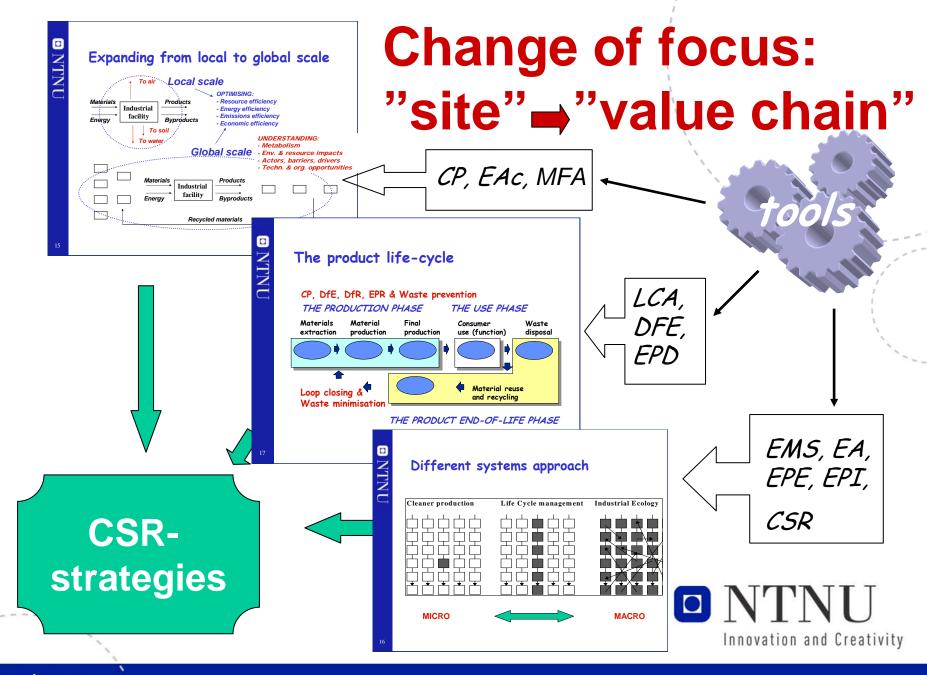
Zadek (2001)

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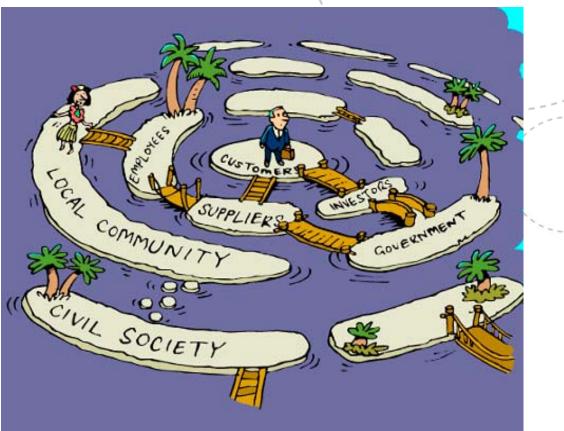
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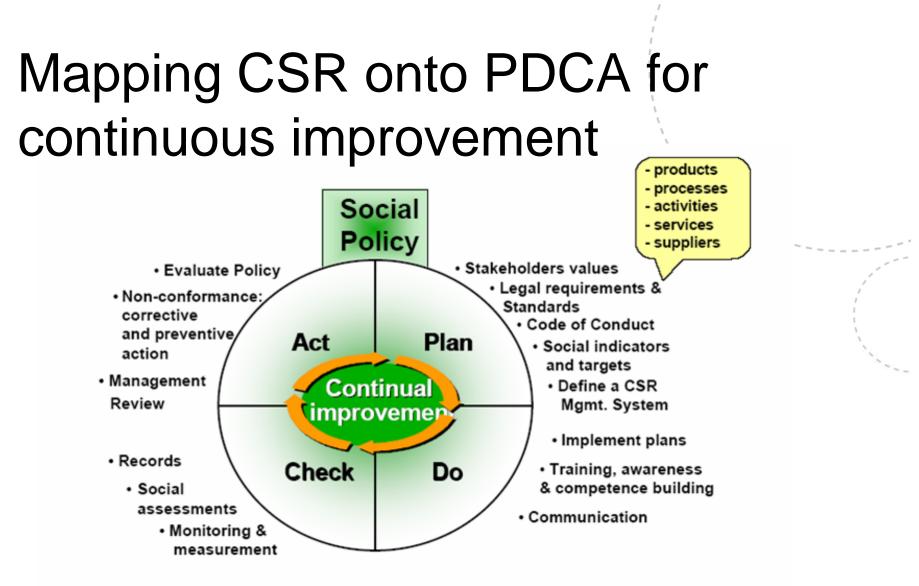


#### The future of CSR

- Who are the most important stakeholders for a company?
- How can companies best manage the challenges towards sustainable development? What is the role of systems understanding?

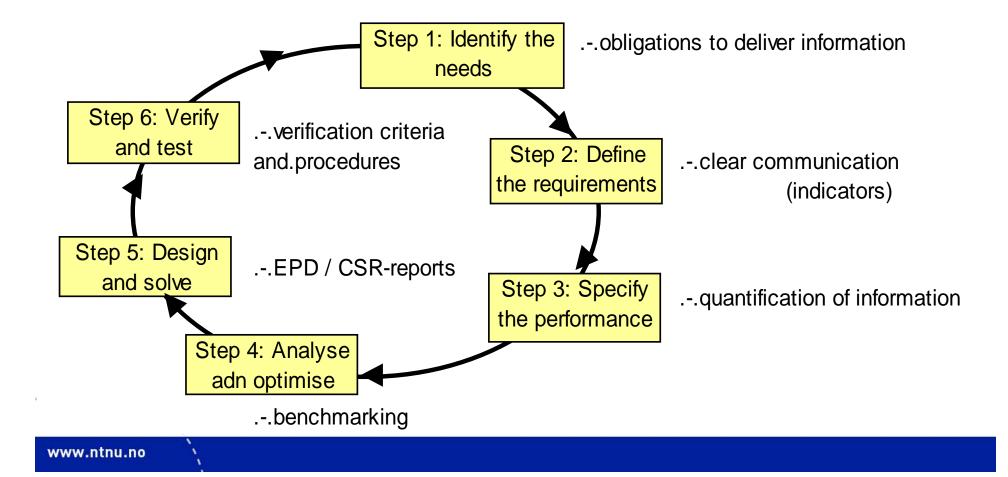






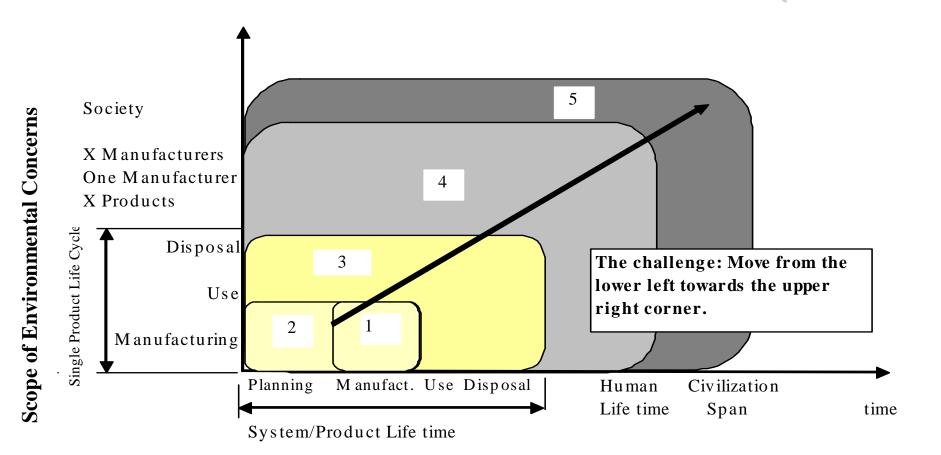


#### Systems Engineering as CSRmanagement



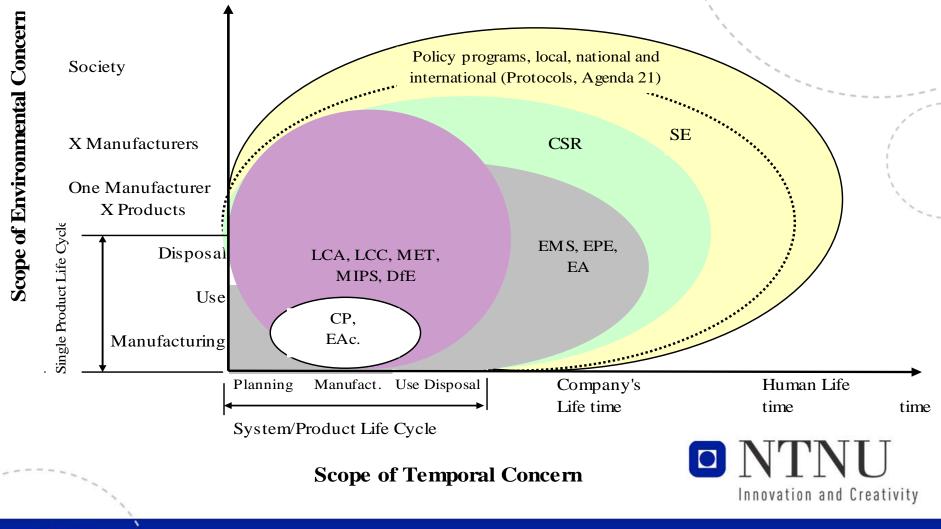
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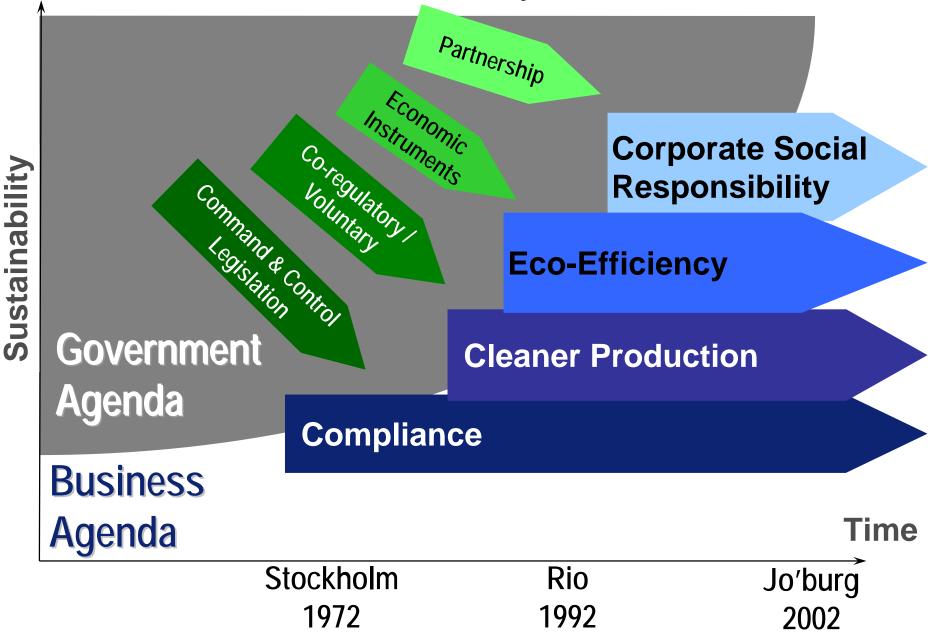
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#### Global trends - summary



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