On June 11th and 12th, 2018, the first edition of the Italian Life Cycle Assessment Association (LCA) network conference, with the title “Life Cycle Thinking in Decision-making for Sustainability: from Public Policies to Private Businesses” will take place at the Economics Department of the University of Messina.

This event has taken place for the last twelve years and it is one of the principle tools that the LCA Italian network uses to compare and exchange scientific, methodological and implementation information, with an emphasis on LCA in Italy. The main objective is the development and promotion of a culture in which the approach to the life cycle and Life Cycle Assessment is adopted to contribute to sustainable development, with a particular accent on production strategy and sustainable consumption.

The conference themes (Methods and Tools of Life Cycle Thinking in Private Companies, Life Cycle Thinking and Circular Economy: Policies and Practices, Life Cycle Thinking and the United Nations Objectives of Sustainable Development, Methodological Developments of LCA, LCC, S-LCA and an Integrated Evaluation of Life Cycle) will be addressed by a scientific committee of excellence including several experts in the field of Life Cycle Assessment.

The “Rete Italiana LCA” Association was founded in 2012. It is a non-profit institution with cultural promotion objectives. Its founders include: National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Economic Economics; Politecnico of Milan; University of Bari, CIRCC National Interuniversity Consortium for Chemical Reactivity and Catalysis; University of Palermo; "G. D'Annunzio" University of Chieti - Pescara; University of Padua.

With the aim of spreading and fostering the LCA culture and promoting sustainable development, the Association has been committed for twelve years to its scientific and training activities, which have made it a point of reference in the national debate on LCA methodology and sustainability metrics tools.

The conference will precede the 24th International Conference of the International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS) - "Actions for a Sustainable World: from Theory to Practice."