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Mitigation of environmentally harmful effects of inland transport For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS)

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The UNDA project

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- 2008 Call for funds by the UNECE Transport Division on the UN Development Account (UNDA)
- 2009 Project endorsed by the UN General Assembly

Duration: 3 years (January 2011 - December 2013)

Leading agency: UN ECE (Economic Commission for Europe)

Implementing entities: ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP & ESCWA (other UN Regional

Commissions)

2010 Project document

Major phases and activities of this three-year project defined

Main objective: enhanced cooperation & planning for sustainable transport Main focus: capacity building

Target: policy makers and technical experts

Project leveraging on the development of a modelling tool (called ForFITS) meant to be freely available for all UN Member States) capable to assist users in the selection of the most appropriate and effective measures to reduce CO₂ emissions in the inland transport sector (including road, rail and inland waterways)



The UNDA project

2011 Project launched

Tasks and responsibilities of UNECE and other Regional Commissions defined in ToR

Development and distribution of a questionnaire to provide inputs for the preparation of a *global status report*, containing a review on existing statistical data, policy measures and assessment tools concerning CO₂ emissions in transport

- International Expert Meeting (IEM) (April) to disseminate information, share experiences, identify possible synergies with other stakeholders Peer-review workshop to discuss the draft global status report and to give feedback on a draft methodology of the ForFITS tool (April) Finalisation of the global status report (October) Release of the prototype version of ForFITS (December)
- 2013 Release of the advanced prototype of ForFITS (February)
 Model improvement and validation (2nd quarter)
 Development of *final methodological note, user manual* and training material (2nd quarter)

Finalization of ForFITS (end of 2nd quarter)
Capacity-building and training workshops (3rd quarter)



ForFITS characteristics

Key requirements

Allow the estimation/assessment of emissions in transport Allow the evaluation of transport policies for CO₂ mitigation

Convert information on transport activity into fuel consumption and CO_2 emission estimates considering the influence of the demographic and socio-economic context, including policy inputs

Be developed as a software tool

Be freely available for users (e.g. national and local governments, general public)

Be developed between 2011 and 2013

Sectoral model (focused on inland transport only): we do not expect it to target the evaluation of overall effects on the economic growth



ForFITS characteristics

ForFITS covers

- Passenger and freight transport services
- Nine transport modes (non-motorized transport, two wheelers, three wheelers, light road vehicles, medium and heavy road vehicles, rail, inland navigation (inland, short-sea and deep sea), air and pipelines)
- Different vehicle subsets within each mode
- Several possible powertrains (e.g. internal combustion engines, hydraulic hybrids, electric hybrids, plug-ins, fuel cell, electric
- Several fuel options (where suitable) for each powertrain

Transport demand is largely determined by the relationship linking GDP and GDP per capita with vehicle ownership, passenger kilometers and tonne kilometers

Transport demand characterizing each mode and vehicle class also depends on parameters affecting the driving cost of different vehicle types and the cost of different powertrain options

The model does require a substantial amount of data, in order to

- characterize the transport system in the base year
- define the economic system and the policy inputs in the future
- characterize technologies (current status, short & long term)

Inputs (projections, policies, technologies)

- GDP, population
- Nature os sub-regions considered (e.g. urban, non-urban)
- Discount rate
- Fuel prices
- Vehicle characteristics
 - fuel consumption, powertrain shares, costs
- Average scrappage age (for built-in scrappage function)
- Price elasticities of vehicle travel
- Average vehicle loads
- Modal split (for public transport & freight)
- Technological improvement and costs by powertrain (with choice module)

Outputs

- Full information on vehicles (by mode, class, powertrain and age)
- Shares of powertrain technology used
- Share of fuel used
- Transport activity (pkm, tkm, vkm)
- Tonnes lifted, freight transport volume (t)
- Fuel use
- CO₂ emissions (well-to-tank, tank-to-wheel, well-to-wheel)
- Total cost of vehicle and fuel purchase
- Total government revenues from taxes/cost of subsidies



Current status

- Review of similar model already carried out
- Detailed structure and equations already developed (methodological paper)
- Model prototype and advanced prototype already released

Near-term expectations

 Evolved prototype (updated demand generation, choice modules for powertrains -possibly - and fuels, better policy input interfaces) expected for March 2013

Future/parallel steps

- Documentation (2nd quarter of 2013)
- Use the model in pilot projects (2nd quarter of 2013)
- raise awareness (2013)
- capacity building and training sessions (second half of 2013)

Partners

Discussions on the implementation of the pilots are currently involving the International Energy Agency, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, and the International Council on Clean Transportation

We are looking for other interested partners

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Our ideal partner for the pilot projects

- Someone willing to understand the transport system he is concerned about (typically a geographical region), its impacts in terms of energy consumption and CO₂ emissions
- Someone having access to a sufficient amount of statistical information
- Someone having some degree of specific competence (transport, transport policies, energy policies, environmental policies)
- Someone having sufficient financial means to support his/her ambitions
- Someone from...
 - a national administration and/ore a local government
 - an Inter-Governmental Organization
 - a Non-Governmental Organization
 - an Academic institution and/or a consulting company
 - the industry sector (company/corporation, industry association)



Beyond the UNDA project

ForFITS conceived with the primary objective to evaluate contextually transport activity, energy consumption and CO₂ emissions

- It can consider issues with relevance at the urban, metropolitan, regional or national levels
- Wide range of data availability levels
- Local, national, international applications possible

The application of ForFITS can leverage on existing information, increasing the value already generated by their collection

Extensions of ForFITS can help answering a wide range of questions that are relevant for transport-, energy- and environment-oriented analyses, including:

- estimation of pollutant emissions
- interaction between transport networks and vehicle use
- evolution of fuel demand
- additional vehicle technologies (beyond those already considered)
- fuel and powertrain options on vehicles and engines requiring a special characterization (such as non-road mobile machines)
- material and energy demand for the manufacture and use of transport applications

ForFITS has the potential to become an important asset for the UN and its Member Countries

The UNECE Transport Division seeking stakeholders interested in the establishment solutions providing opportunities to maintain and further develop the model

UNDA project page
http://www.unece.org/trans/theme_forfits.html

Useful links

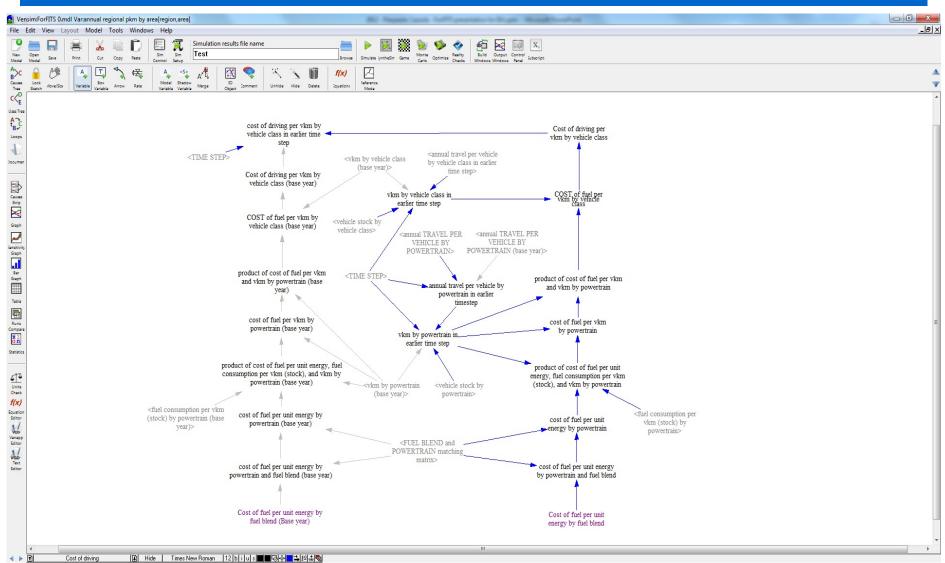
- Review on statistics, mitigation polices, and modelling tools
 http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/themes/2012_-
 _ Global_Status_Report__October_2012__-_final_version.pdf
- Methodology

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/themes/2012__UNECE_-_Draft_Concept_document_on_ForFITS.pdf

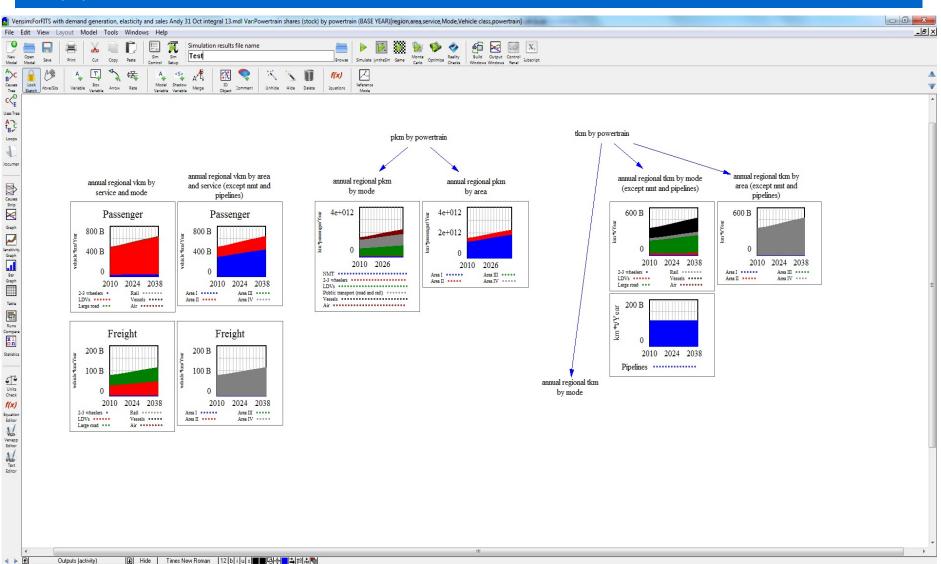
 International Expert Meeting http://www.unece.org/?id=29350

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