

United Nations Economic commission for Europe Transport Division

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 CO_2 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 (May)

 Development of *final methodological note, user manual* and training material (2nd quarter)

Pilots (3rd quarter)

Capacity-building and training workshops (3rd quarter)



Key requirements

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

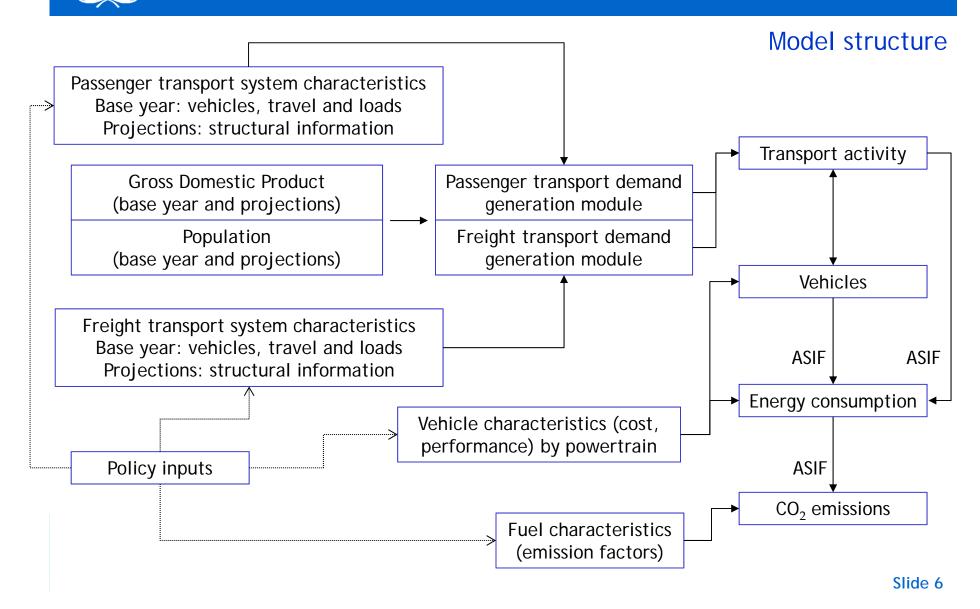
- Passenger and freight transport services
- Nine transport modes: non-motorized transport, two wheelers, three wheelers, light road vehicles, medium and heavy road vehicles, rail, navigation (inland, short-sea and deep-sea/martime), air and pipelines
- Different vehicle subsets within each mode
- Several 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

ForFITS characteristics

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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
- Initial conditions:
 Vehicle stock
 New vehicle registrations
- Transport system characteristics: Passenger Freight
- Prices and taxes
- Fuel characteristics
- Fuel consumption
- Vehicle and powertrain costs
- Modal and vehicle classes shares.
- Elasticities

Outputs

- Passenger transport activity (pkm)
- Freight transport activity (tkm, vkm, tonnes lifted, haul length
- Modal shares
- Vehicle activity (vkm)
- Full information on vehicles (by mode, class, powertrain and age)
- Shares of powertrain technology used
- Share of fuel used
- Fuel use
- CO₂ emissions (well-to-tank, tank-towheel, well-to-wheel)
- Total cost of vehicle and fuel purchase



Examples of data required rarely available

Vehicle stock

Fuel consumption per km by powertrain Average vehicle life Shares of tonnes lifted by good type Information (demographic, economic, number of vehicles, vehicle travel, vehicle load) by area (urban/non-urban) Motorcycles split by two and three wheelers $pkm, tkm = vehicles \times annual travel per vehicle \times load per vehicle$

Cost of driving

Cost of fuel (taxation scheme) - energy statistics
Cost of crew - labour statistics
Cost of vehicles (taxation scheme) - transport statistics!
Road pricing - transport statistics!



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



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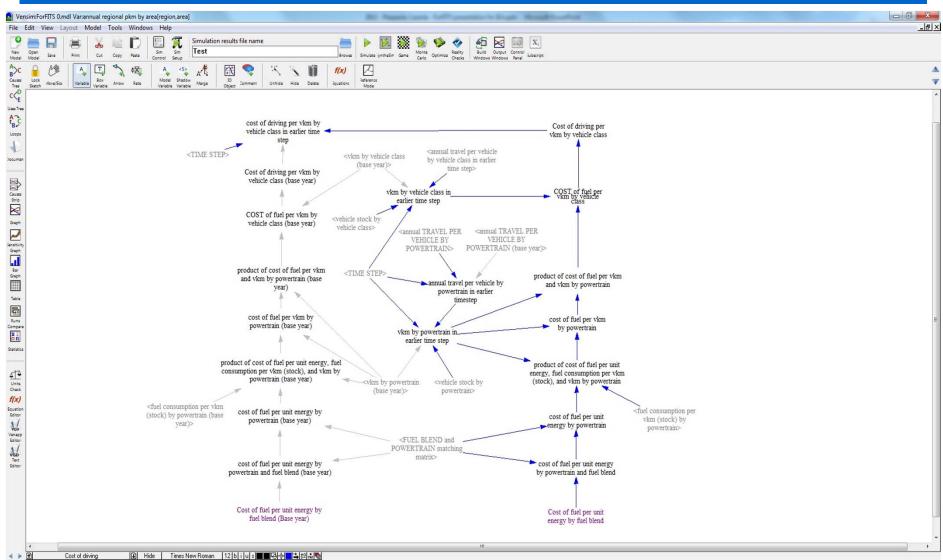
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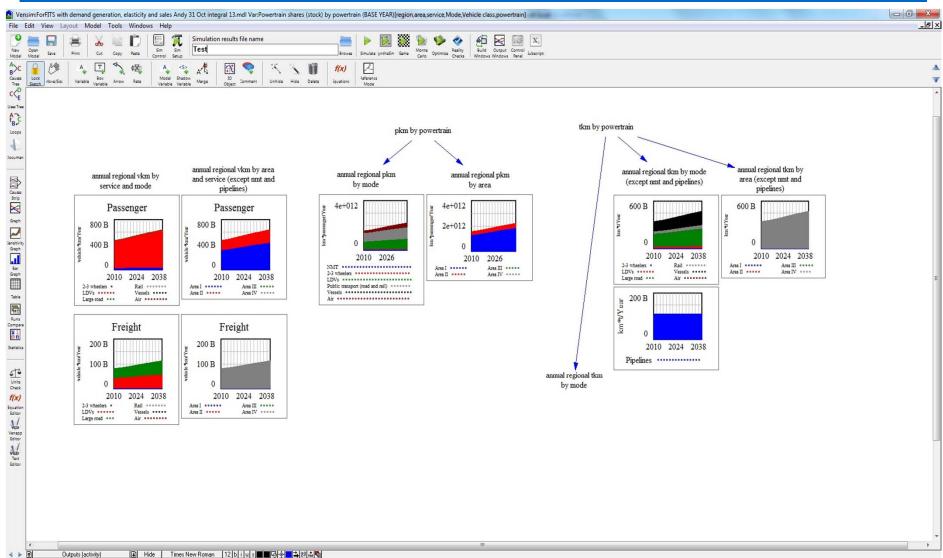
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