

Monitoring and assessment of CO₂ emissions in inland transport to facilitate climate change mitigation The UNECE ForFITS model

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Evaluating CO₂ emissions in inland transport and climate change mitigation

ForFITS

A monitoring and assessment tool "For Future Inland Transport Systems" Data collection status report

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The UNDA project

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

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)



Main outputs of the project

2011 Project launched

Global Status Report on transport statistics, policies being implemented and existing tools

2012 International Expert Meeting (IEM) (April) to disseminate information, share experiences, identify possible synergies with other stakeholders

Definition of the methodology and implementation

Release of the prototype version of ForFITS (December)

2013 Finalization of the ForFITS model including a user manual (Summer)

Application in pilots, awareness-raising, capacity-building and training workshops (second half)



Characteristics of the ForFITS model

- Coverage: 2 areas, 9 transport modes, 6 vehicle classes, 31 powertrains, 10 fuel blends
- Local/National/International levels
- Two components

Vensim Packaged Model (.vpm file) Excel interface (.xls file)

- Inputs: Information at the base year and definition of scenarios/policy interventions
- Outputs: Projections on transport activity, energy use and WTW CO₂ emissions in a certain time span
- Evaluation of a large number of policies under the Avoid-Shift-Improve-Approach
- Freely available online



PILOTS AND WORKSHOPS

Seven pilot countries belonging to the different UN Regions:

- Chile, Ethiopia, France, Hungary, Montenegro, Thailand and Tunisia
- Validation of ForFITS
- Post-workshop survey of participants showed great satisfaction and further interest in using the model in practice.

Regional raising awareness events and capacity building workshops organized by each UN Regional Commission:

Date	Location	Awareness-raising event	Capacity- building/technical workshop	Nations Regional
5–28 August 2013	Santiago	•	•	Latin America and the Caribbean
13 September 2013	Geneva	•	· ·	Europe
23–24 September 2013	Bangkok	•	•	East Asia and Pacific
26–27 September 2013	Bangkok			East Asia and Pacific
8–10 October 2013	Geneva		•	Europe
31 October 2013	Addis Ababa	•		Africa
1–2 November 2013	Addis Ababa		•	Africa
19–20 November 2013	Pogdorica		•	Europe
2–3 December 2013	Hammamet, Tunisia	•		West Asia
4–5 December 2013	Hammamet, Tunisia		•	West Asia



Beyond the project

The ForFITS project was concluded, ForFITS development continues

- Provide assistance to the ForFITS users
- Increase the number of pilots (Lyon, São Paulo)
- Ensure regular up-dates
- Further development of ForFITS:

Inclusion of Non-Road Mobile Machinery

Extension to other greenhouse gases and to local pollutants

Infrastructure module (interaction between transport networks and vehicle use)

Road Safety (e.g. fatalities, injuries and effect of road-safety policies)

ForFITS data collection and research



ForFITS Data Collection

Are ForFITS input data widely available??

- Initial work began in April 2014 to assemble ForFITS data for UNECE Member States
- Goal: to collect sufficient data by December 2014 to project future emissions from the transport sector for all UNECE Member States

Input table is small, but breakdown required

- 9 transport modes, 6 vehicle classes, 7 powertrain groups, freight and passenger vehicles
- Over 100 inputs required per country
- Much data available in principle from Common Questionnaire, much less available in practice
- To date, there is a wide range of data completeness by country, but significant gaps for ALL





ForFITS Data Collection

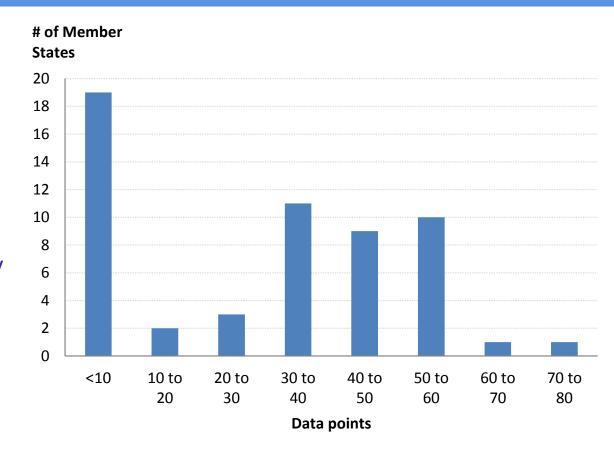
ForFITS Inputs	Common Questionnaire No questions for maritime vessels or aircraft	Year
Vehicle Stock	Number at 31.12 (Unit)	Base year
New registrations	Newregistered during the year > Number at 31.12 (Unit) (<i>Road only</i>)	Base year, <i>t-5, t-10</i>
Powertrain shares	By type of motor energy >Number at 31.12 (1000) (<i>Road</i>) Number at 31.12 > By source of power (<i>Rail</i>)	Base year – Vehicle Stock
	New registered during the year > By type of motor energy >Number at 31.12 (1000) (<i>Road only</i>)	Base year, t-5, t-10 – New registrations
Annual travel per	Can be derived from Vehicle-km (Mio) and Number at 31.12 (Unit) (Road)	Base year
vehicle	Can be derived from Train-km [IV-07] (1000) and Number at 31.12 (Unit) (Rail)	
Vehicle Load	Can be derived from Vehicle-km (Mio) and Passenger-km (Mio) or Tonnes-km (Mio) (Road)	Base year
	Can be derived from Train-km [IV-07] (1000) and Number of passenger-km [V-08] (Millions) or Tonnes-km (Millions) [V-19] (Rail)	
Vehicle fuel consumption	N/A	Base year – Vehicle Stock
		Base year, t-5, t-10 – New registrations
Population & GDP (PPP)	Available in other international databases (including UNECE)	Base year
Fuel cost & fuel tax	N/A	Base year



ForFITS Data Collection Status

Database continues to be updated

- Many countries lack any transportation data (only socioeconomic data available)
- Slow progress searching national statistical websites
- Even countries with developed statistical systems are missing many variables – possibly more data available in national databases





Next steps

Missing data

- Still a need for data to fill gaps in all countries
- Preference is to avoid estimation of data where possible
- Help in filling data gaps from WP.6 would be welcome
- ForFITS input tables are available on the ForFITS website



Links and contact information

Links

Model download/UNDA project page http://www.unece.org/trans/theme-forfits.html

User manual, including methodological information http://www.unece.org/trans/forfits-user-manual.html

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