

BIOGRACE

Harmonised Calculations of
Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe

The BioGrace Excel GHG calculation tool - Basics

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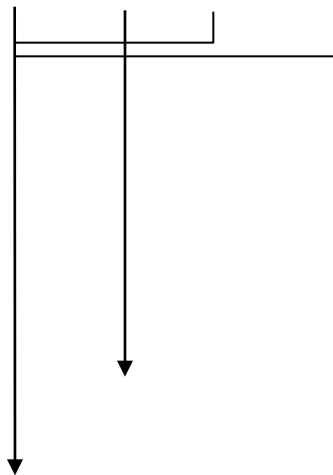
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**Demonstrated
in Excel
Spreadsheet vs.3**

Steps from cultivation to filling station

$$E = e_{ec} + e_l + e_p + e_{td} + e_u - e_{sca} - e_{ccs} - e_{ccr} - e_{ee}$$



e_{ee} : combined with e_p

$ee_{ccs/ccr}$: technology not in place

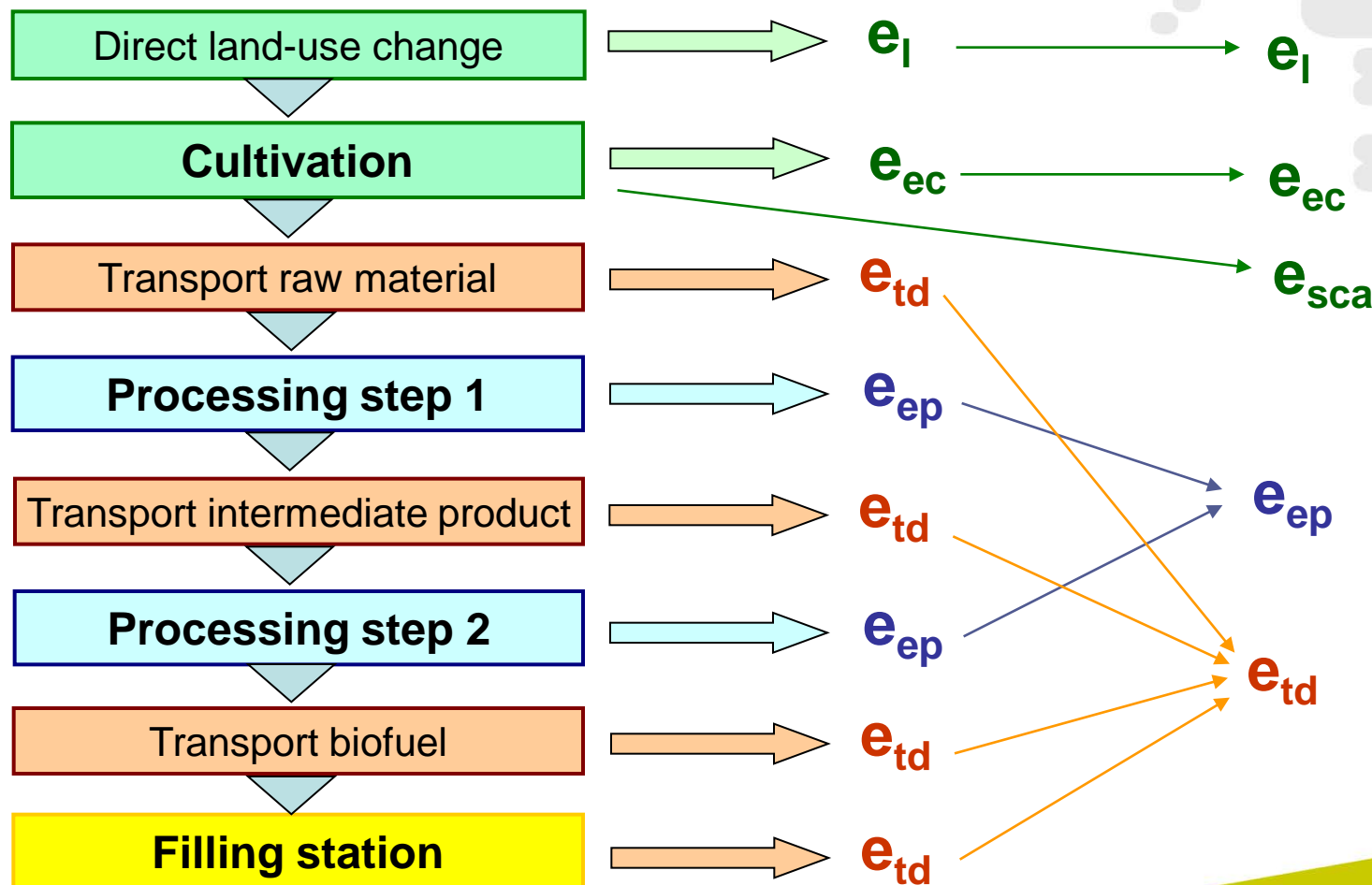
e_{sca} : methodology still under discussion

e_u : maybe relevant for biogas pathways

e_l : following the decision 2010/335/EU

e_{ec} , e_p , e_{td} = basic „disaggregated default values“

Steps from cultivation to filling station



Steps from cultivation to filling station

The aggregation on top

Production of FAME from Rapeseed (steam from natural gas boiler)

Overview Results

All results in g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{FAME}	Non- allocated results	Allocation factor	Allocated results	Total
Cultivation e_{ec}				28,9
Cultivation of rapeseed	48,63	58,6%	28,49	
Rapeseed drying	0,72	58,6%	0,42	
Processing e_p				21,7
Extraction of oil	6,53	58,6%	3,83	
Refining of vegetable oil	1,06	95,7%	1,02	
Esterification	17,61	95,7%	16,84	
Transport e_{td}				1,4
Transport of rapeseed	0,30	58,6%	0,17	
Transport of FAME	0,82	100%	0,82	
Filling station	0,44	100%	0,44	
Land use change e_l	0,0	58,6%	0,0	0,0
e_{sca} + e_{ccr} + e_{ccs}	0,0	100%	0,0	0,0
Totals	76,1			52,0

Default values RED Annex V.D
29
28,51
0,42
22
3,82
17,88
1
0,17
0,82
0,44
0
0
52

Cultivation e_{ec}

Cultivation of rapeseed		Quantity of product		Calculated emissions			
Yield		Yield		Emissions per MJ FAME			
Rapeseed	3.113 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	73.975 MJ _{Rapeseed} ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹		g CO ₂	g CH ₄	g N ₂ O	g CO _{2, eq}
Moisture content	10,0%	1,000 MJ / MJ _{Rapeseed} , input					
By-product Straw	n/a kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	0,073 kg _{Rapeseed} /MJ _{FAME}					
Energy consumption							
Diesel	2.963 MJ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹			6,07	0,00	0,00	6,07
Agro chemicals							
N-fertiliser (kg N)	137,4 kg N ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹			9,08	0,03	0,03	19,00
CaO-fertiliser (kg CaO)	19,0 kg CaO ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹			0,05	0,00	0,00	0,06
K ₂ O-fertiliser (kg K ₂ O)	49,5 kg K ₂ O ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹			0,62	0,00	0,00	0,67
P ₂ O ₅ -fertiliser (kg P ₂ O ₅)	33,7 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹			0,76	0,00	0,00	0,80
Pesticides	1,2 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹			0,28	0,00	0,00	0,32
Seeding material							
Seeds- rapeseed	6 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹			0,06	0,00	0,00	0,10
Field N ₂ O emissions							
	3,10 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹			0,00	0,00	0,07	21,61
Total				16,92	0,03	0,10	48,63
Result				g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{FAME}			48,63

fill in actual data

fill in actual data

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Pesticides	1,2 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹
Seeding material	
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Field N₂O emissions	3,10 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹

In version 3 and 4:
still fixed value.
In version 5:
calculation sheet

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	Energy consumption		<div>conversion factors yield related</div>						
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	P ₂ O ₅ -fertiliser (kg P ₂ O ₅)	33,7 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	0,76	0,00	0,00	0,80			
	Pesticides	1,2 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	0,28	0,00	0,00	0,32			
	Seeding material								
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fill in actual data

Quantity of product

Yield

$$73.975 \text{ MJ}_{\text{Rapeseed}} \text{ ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$$

$$1,000 \text{ MJ} / \text{MJ}_{\text{Rapeseed, input}}$$

$$0,073 \text{ kg}_{\text{Rapeseed}} / \text{MJ}_{\text{FAME}}$$

**yield related conversion factors
raw material per final biofuel**

**values as a function of input values
and/or of the chain**

Cultivation e_{ec}

multiplying input values
with “standard values”

Cultivation of rapeseed		Quantity of product		Calculated emissions			
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Cultivation e_{ec}

Results related to raw material or acreage

Cultivation of rapeseed		Info	
Yield		per kg rapeseed	per ha, year
Rapeseed	g CO _{2, eq}	g CO _{2, eq}	kg CO _{2, eq}
Moisture content			
By-product Straw			
Energy consumption			
Diesel	6,07	83,40	259,7
Agro chemicals			
N-fertiliser (kg N)	19,00	261,19	813,2
CaO-fertiliser (kg CaO)	0,06	0,79	2,5
K ₂ O-fertiliser (kg K ₂ O)	0,67	9,20	28,6
P ₂ O ₅ -fertiliser (kg P ₂ O ₅)	0,80	10,96	34,1
Pesticides	0,32	4,36	13,6
Seeding material			
Seeds- rapeseed	0,10	1,41	4,4
Field N₂O emissions	21,61	296,99	924,7
	48,63	668,31	2080,7
	48,63		

Processing e_p

Step 1, oil extraction

Extraction of oil			Quantity of product		Calculated emissions			
<div><div>Yield</div><div>Crude vegetable oil</div><div>By-product Rapeseed cake</div><div>Energy consumption</div><div>Electricity EU mix MV</div><div>Steam (from NG boiler)</div><div>NG Boiler</div><div>CH₄ and N₂O emissions from NG boiler</div><div>Natural gas input / MJ steam</div><div>Natural gas (4000 km, EU mix</div><div>Electricity input / MJ steam</div><div>Electricity EU mix MV</div><div>Chemicals</div><div>n-Hexane</div></div>			Emissions per MJ FAME					
	0,6125 MJ _{Oil} / MJ _{Rapeseed}	44.861 MJ _{Oil} ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	g CO ₂	g CH ₄	g N ₂ O	g CO _{2, eq}		
	0,3875 MJ _{Rapeseed cake} / MJ _{Rapeseed}	0,606 MJ / MJ _{Rapeseed, input}						
		0,029 kg _{Oil} / MJ _{FAME}						
	0,0118 MJ / MJ _{Oil}		1,47	0,00	0,00	1,58		
	0,0557 MJ / MJ _{Oil}							
			Emissions from NG boiler					
			0,00	0,00	0,00	0,02		
	1,111 MJ / MJ _{Steam}							
	0,062 MJ / MJ _{Oil}		4,08	0,01	0,00	4,41		
	0,020 MJ / MJ _{Steam}							
	0,001 MJ / MJ _{Oil}		0,14	0,00	0,00	0,15		
	0,0043 MJ / MJ _{Oil}		0,36	0,00	0,00	0,37		
		Total	6,06	0,02	0,00	6,53		
			Result	g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{FAME}			6,53	

fill in actual data

Transport e_{td} of FAME

Transport of FAME to and from depot		Quantity of product		Calculated emissions			
FAME	1,000 MJ _{FAME} / MJ _{FAME}	42790,9 MJ _{FAME} ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	Emissions per MJ FAME				
Transport per		0,578 MJ / MJ _{Rapeseed} , input	g CO ₂	g CH ₄	g N ₂ O	g CO _{2, eq}	
Truck for liquids (Diesel)	300 km	0,0047 ton km / MJ _{Rapeseed} , input	0,71	0,00	0,00	0,71	
Fuel	Diesel						
Energy cons. depot			0,10	0,00	0,00	0,11	
Electricity EU mix LV	0,00084 MJ / MJ _{FAME}						
		Result	g CO _{2, eq} / MJ _{FAME}				0,8225

fill in actual data

Filling station		Quantity of product		Emissions per MJ FAME			
Yield	1,000 MJ _{FAME} / MJ _{FAME}	42790,9 MJ _{FAME} ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹	g CO ₂				
Energy consumption		0,578 MJ / MJ _{Rapeseed} , input	g CH ₄	g N ₂ O	g CO _{2, eq}		
Electricity EU mix LV	0,0034 MJ / MJ _{FAME}		0,41	0,00	0,00	0,44	
		Result	g CO _{2, eq} / MJ _{FAME}				0,44

- **Include new process steps**
- **Set up completely new biofuel production chains**



Afternoon session “Practical calculation”

- **Navigate through tool**
- **Standard values**
- **Define own standard values**
- **Inconsistent use of global warming potentials**



BioGrace GHG calculations – version 3 - Public.xls

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The BioGrace Excel GHG calculation tool – Other parts

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Introduction

$$E = e_{ec} + e_l + e_p + e_{td} + e_u - e_{sca} - e_{ccs} - e_{ccr} - e_{ee}$$



e_l : Land use change,
following the decision 2010/335/EU

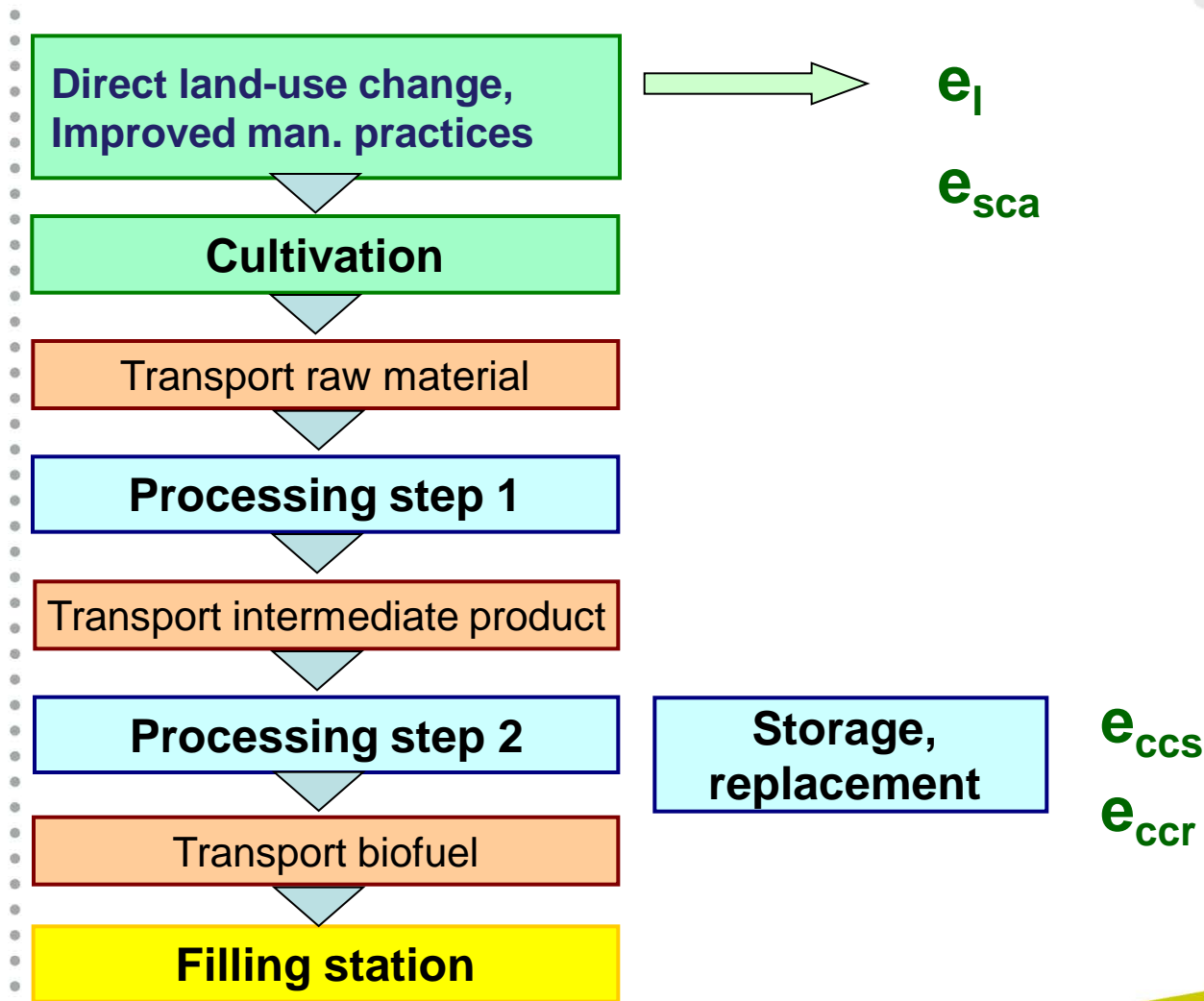


e_{sca} : Carbon storage from improved
agricultural management



$ee_{ccs/ccr}$: CO₂ capture, storage or
replacement

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Land Use Change

General principles :

1. Annex V of the RED gives the general calculation guidelines (part C, point 7):

$$e_l = (CS_R - CS_A) \times 3,664 \times 1/20 \times 1/P - e_B \text{ (1)}$$

2. Calculation rules are explained in the following the decision 2010/335/EU: *Commission Decision of 10 June 2010 on guidelines for the calculation of land use carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V of Directive 2009/28/EC.*

This communication gives:

- Consistent representation of land carbon stocks
- Calculation rules
- Default data for applying this formula (tables)

Land Use Change

General principles :

Two types of calculation are possible :

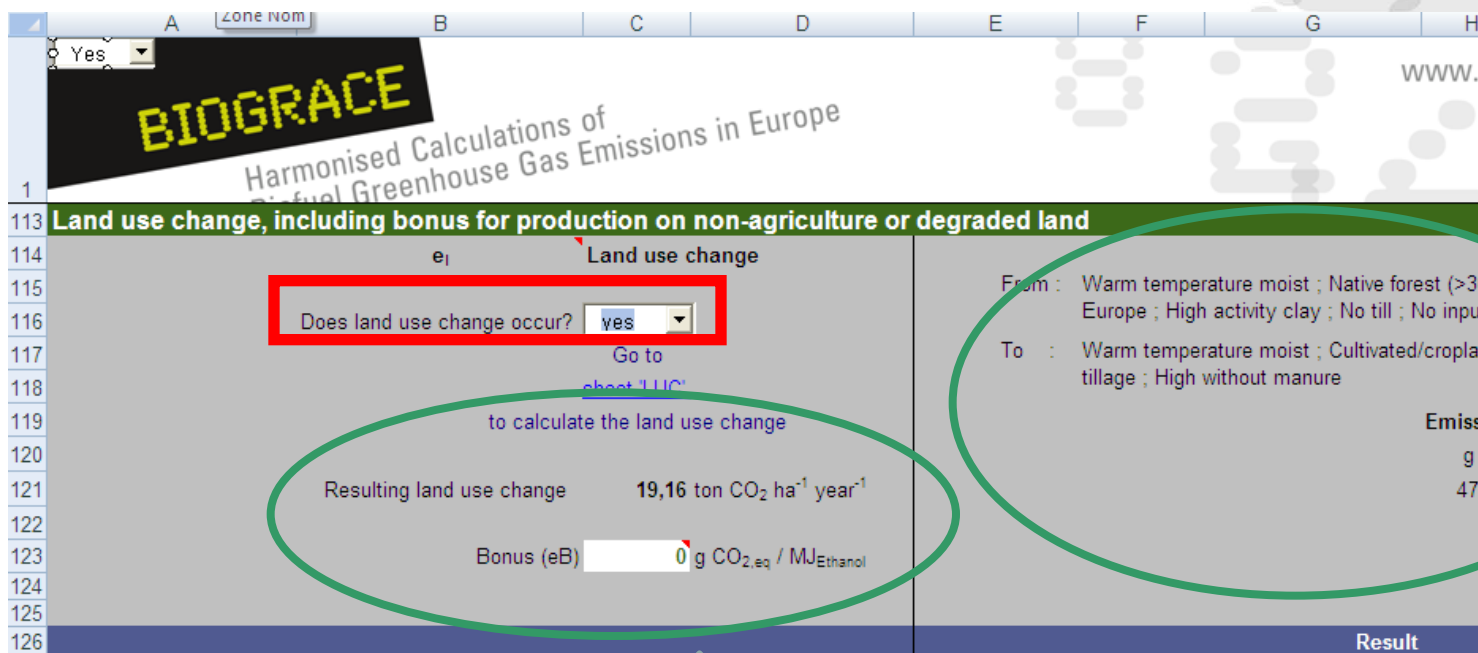
1. Calculation using default value

$$CS_i = C_{VEG} + SOC_{ST} * F_{LU} * F_{MG} * F_I$$

2. Calculation using actual value for C_{VEG} and Soil Organic Carbon (SOC).

$$CS_i = C_{VEG} + SOC_i$$

Step 1 : declare LUC in your pathway



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Zone nom

Yes

www.b

Land use change, including bonus for production on non-agriculture or degraded land

ei Land use change

Does land use change occur? **yes**

Go to
sheet 'LUC'

to calculate the land use change

Resulting land use change **19,16 ton CO₂ ha⁻¹ year⁻¹**

Bonus (eB) **0** g CO_{2,eq} / MJ_{Ethanol}

From : Warm temperature moist ; Native forest (>30
Europe ; High activity clay ; No till ; No input

To : Warm temperature moist ; Cultivated/cropland
tillage ; High without manure

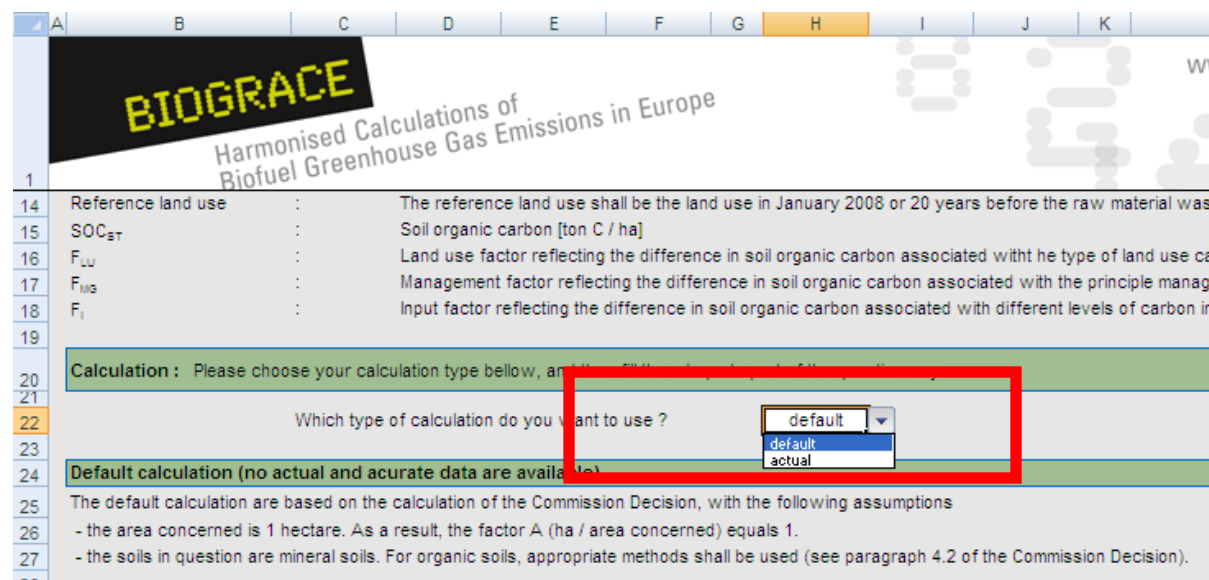
Emission
g CO₂
470

Result

Text appear

Step 2 : Go to the LUC excel sheet and read through this sheet. Get the Commission Decision 2010/335/EU with you.

Step 3 : Choose the type of calculation : default or actual and fill the appropriate white cells.



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following content:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
1	BIOGRACE Harmonised Calculations of Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe											
14	Reference land use	:	The reference land use shall be the land use in January 2008 or 20 years before the raw material was									
15	SOC _{ST}	:	Soil organic carbon [ton C / ha]									
16	F _{LU}	:	Land use factor reflecting the difference in soil organic carbon associated with the type of land use ca									
17	F _{MG}	:	Management factor reflecting the difference in soil organic carbon associated with the principle manag									
18	F _I	:	Input factor reflecting the difference in soil organic carbon associated with different levels of carbon in									
20	Calculation : Please choose your calculation type below, and then fill the appropriate white cells.											
22	Which type of calculation do you want to use ?										<input type="button" value="default"/> <input type="button" value="actual"/>	
24	Default calculation (no actual and accurate data are available).											
25	The default calculation are based on the calculation of the Commission Decision, with the following assumptions											
26	- the area concerned is 1 hectare. As a result, the factor A (ha / area concerned) equals 1.											
27	- the soils in question are mineral soils. For organic soils, appropriate methods shall be used (see paragraph 4.2 of the Commission Decision).											

Step 4 (default calculation) : use EC decision to fill out data

CS_A and CS_R are calculated with the following equation:

$$CS_i = C_{veg} + SOC_{ST} * F_{LU} * F_{M2} * F_i$$

	Actual land use	Reference land use
Climate region	Warm temperature moist	Warm temperature moist
Vegetation/crop (land use)	Cultivated/cropland	Native forest (>30% canopy cover)
Above and below ground vegetation		
Ecological zone (if relevant)	-	Oceanic forest
Continent (if relevant)	-	Europe
C _{veg}	0 ton C / ha	84 ton C / ha
Carbon stock in mineral soil		
Climate region	Warm temperature moist	Warm temperature moist
Soil type	High activity clay	High activity clay
Soil management	Full-tillage	No till
Input	High without manure	No input
SOC _{ST}	88 ton C / ha	88 ton C / ha
F _{LU}	0,69	1
F _{M2}	1	n/a
F _i	1,11	n/a

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7.1. Cropland

Table 2
Factors for cropland

Climate region	Land use (F_{LU})	Management (F_{M2})	Input (F_i)	F_{LU}	F_{M2}	F_i
Temperate/boreal, dry	Cultivated	Full-tillage	Low	0,6	1	0,95
			Medium	0,6	1	1
			High with manure	0,6	1	1,37
			High without manure	0,6	1	1,64
	Reduced tillage	Low	0,6	1,02	0,95	
		Medium	0,6	1,02	1	



Calculate value according to Chapter 5, or look up value

Determine using paragraph 6.1 of Commission Decision
 Determine using paragraph 6.2 of Commission Decision
 Determine using table 3 of Commission Decision
 Determine using table 3 of Commission Decision

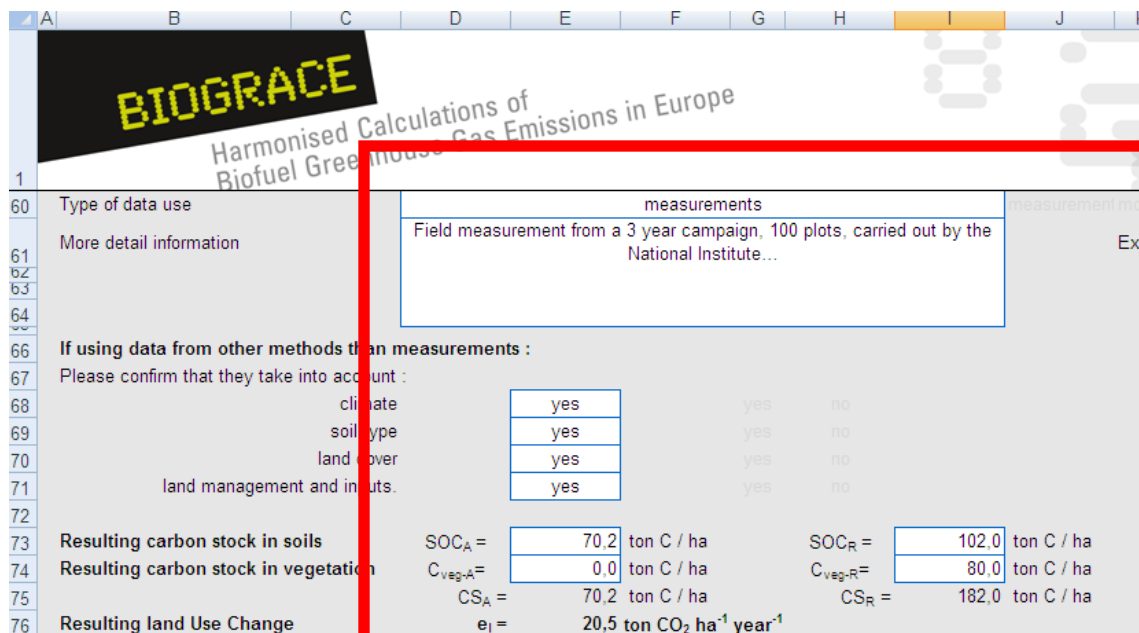
Loop up in Table 1 of Commission Decision, using climate region
 Look up in Tables 2 - 8 of Commission Decision
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53 Resulting carbon stock
54 Resulting LUC

CS_A = 67,4 ton C / ha
 e_i = 19,16 ton eq. CO₂ / ha / an

CS_R = 172,0 ton C / ha

Step 4 (actual calculation) : mind filling detailed information on the sources of the SOC data used.



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measurements		measurement mode
Field measurement from a 3 year campaign, 100 plots, carried out by the National Institute...		Ex :

If using data from other methods than measurements :

Please confirm that they take into account :

climate	yes	yes	no
soil type	yes	yes	no
land cover	yes	yes	no
land management and inputs	yes	yes	no

Resulting carbon stock in soils $SOC_A = 70,2$ ton C / ha $SOC_R = 102,0$ ton C / ha

Resulting carbon stock in vegetation $C_{veg-A} = 0,0$ ton C / ha $C_{veg-R} = 80,0$ ton C / ha

$CS_A = 70,2$ ton C / ha $CS_R = 182,0$ ton C / ha

Resulting land Use Change $e_l = 20,5$ ton CO₂ ha⁻¹ year⁻¹

Step 5 : Check in the biofuel pathway that the LUC value is there. Please, also check that no Improved agricultural management is declared.

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116 Does land use change occur?

117 Go to

118 [sheet 'LUC'](#)

119 to calculate the land use change

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121 Resulting land use change **19,16 ton CO₂ ha⁻¹ year⁻¹**

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123 Bonus (eB) g CO_{2,eq} / MJ_{Ethanol}

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129 **Improved agricultural management**

130 **Soil carbon accumulation**

132 Does improved agricultural management occurs?

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Europe ; High activity clay ; No till ; No input

To : Warm temperature moist ; Cultivated/cropland ; - ; - ; High activity clay ; Full-tillage ; High without manure

Emissions per MJ ethanol			
g CO ₂	g CH ₄	g N ₂ O	g CO _{2,eq}
470,97	0,00	0,00	470,97
0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
			470,97
Result			g CO_{2,eq} / MJ_{Ethanol} 470,97

e_b bonus for degraded and contaminated lands :

- A specific line exists within the LUC module of each pathway.
- Explanations on how to use are to be taken from the RED

Land use change, including bonus for production on non-agriculture or degraded land				
e_l Land use change				
Does land use change occur?		<input type="text" value="no"/>		
Resulting land use change		0,00 ton CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹		
Bonus (eB)		0 g		
<p>The bonus of 29 gCO_{2eq}/MJ shall be attributed if evidence is provided that the land:</p> <p>(a) was not in use for agriculture or any other activity in January 2008; and</p> <p>(b) falls into one of the following categories:</p> <p>(i) severely degraded land, including such land that was formerly in agricultural use;</p> <p>(ii) heavily contaminated land.</p> <p>The bonus of 29 gCO_{2eq}/MJ shall apply for a period of up to 10 years from the date of conversion of the land to agricultural use, provided that a steady increase in carbon stocks as well as a sizable reduction in erosion phenomena for land falling under (i) are ensured and that soil contamination for land falling under (ii) is reduced.</p>				
Improved agricultural management				
e_{soil} Soil carbon				

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Improved Agricultural Management

1. Annex V of the RED has a specific term for carbon stock accumulation thanks to improved practices, but does not give much more explanations on how to calculate it
2. Calculation rules from the Commission Decision can serve as guidelines for making first level calculations
3. As for LUC, actual data can be used to assess them
4. In the BioGrace tool, an e_{sca} sheet exist to carry out the calculation
5. This sheet is build on the same frame than the LUC sheet
6. Don't declare e_{sca} when LUC are already declared (double counting)

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CO₂ storage or replacement

General principles :

1. Annex V of the RED has specific terms for carbon stock accumulation thanks to improved practices, but does not give much more explanations
2. In the BioGrace tool, two modules exist to declare these technological solutions. The value in g CO₂/MJ has to be added
3. Please, keep track of your calculations for verification requirements

43	CO₂ capture and replacement	
44	e_{cor}	Emissions per MJ ethanol
45	<input type="text" value="0"/> g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol}	0,00
46		Result g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol} 0,00
47		
48		
49	CO₂ capture and geological storage	
50	e_{oss}	Emissions per MJ ethanol
51	<input type="text" value="0"/> g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol}	0,00
52		Result g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol} 0,00

CO₂ storage or replacement

General principles :

4. Replacement : *“Emission saving from carbon capture and replacement, e_{ccr} , shall be limited to emissions avoided through the capture of CO₂ of which the carbon originates from biomass and which is used to replace fossil-derived CO₂ used in commercial products and services.”*
5. Storage : *“Emission saving from carbon capture and geological storage e_{ccs} , that have not already been accounted for in e_p , shall be limited to emissions avoided through the capture and sequestration of emitted CO₂ directly related to the extraction, transport, processing and distribution of fuel.”*

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New items in Public version 4

User Manual (or tutorial)

- A detailed tutorial will be provided with the BioGrace tool
- It aims at helping the economic operators to understand and use the BioGrace GHG calculation tool.

User manual for the BioGrace greenhouse gas (GHG) calculation tool

This support document is designed to help the economic operators to understand and use the BioGrace GHG calculation tool. The main questions that arise concerning the tool are presented below, with a link to the appropriate chapter of this user manual.

Functions of the tool	This chapter details the different way of using this tool. You will find what the tool was developed for and what it can possibly do.
How does the tool work?	This chapter explains how the tool is designed and the general principles of the calculations.
How can I use the tool to understand the default values?	The following chapters allow any user to make use of the tool in function of its personal objective.
How can I use the tool to calculate my own actual value?	
How can I create a new pathway with the tool?	

New items in Public version 4

Calculation rules

- Making actual calculations under the RED/FQD requires rules
 - Which input data and standard values are allowed?
 - Cut-off criterion
 - Combination of actual and disaggregated values
- Many of these rules not yet defined
 - More detailed than methodology in RED Annex V.C
 - Some rules given in communications, several are not covered
- BioGrace will make document “calculation rules”
 - To be published as a separate document
 - To be linked to GHG Excel tool
- European Commission will be evaluating rules...
 - ... when assessing a voluntary certification scheme after a request for recognition

New items in Public version 4

Track changes

- One of the calculation rules:
 - “Use ‘track changes’ for verification purposes”

Overview Results

All results in g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol}	Non- allocated results	Allocation factor	Allocated results	Total
Cultivation e_{ec}				11,3
Cultivation of sugarbeet	15,89	71,3%	11,33	
Processing e_p				26,4
Ethanol plant	37,03	71,3%	26,40	
Transport e_{td}				2,3
Transport of sugarbeet	1,11	71,3%	0,79	
Transport of ethanol	1,10	100%	1,10	
Filling station	0,44	100%	0,44	
Land use change e_l	0,0	71,3%	0,0	0,0
e _{sca} + e _{ccr} + e _{ccs}	0,0	100%	0,0	0,0
Totals	55,6			40,1

Default values RED Annex V.D
12
11,54
26
26,42
2
0,84
1,10
0,44
0
0
40

Allocation factors
Ethanol plant
71,3% to ethanol
28,7% to Sugar beet pulp

Emission reduction
Fossil fuel reference (petrol)
83,8 g CO _{2,eq} /MJ
GHG emission reduction
52%

Calculations in this Excel sheet.....

- ☐ strictly follow the methodology as given in Directives 2009/28/EC and 2009/30/EC
- ☒ follow JEC calculations by using GWP values 25 for CH₄ and 298 for N₂O

As explained in "About" under "Inconsistent use of GWP's"

Calculation per phase

Track changes: ON

Cultivation of sugarbeet

Yield	
Sugar beet	70.000 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹
Moisture content	75,0%

When using this GHG calculation tool, the BioGrace calculation rules must be respected.
The rules are included in the zip file in which you downloaded this tool. The rules are also available at www.BioGrace.net

Quantity of product

Yield
285.250 MJ _{Sugarbeet} ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹
1,000 MJ / MJ _{Sugarbeet} , input
0,451 kg _{Sugarbeet} /MJ _{ethanol}

Calculated emissions

Emissions per MJ ethanol
g CO ₂
g CH ₄
g N ₂ O
g CO _{2,eq}

Info

per kg sugarbeet
g CO _{2,eq}
per ha, year
kg CO _{2,eq}

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Calculation of N₂O field emissions

1. A major contributors to GHG emissions of most of the pathways
2. Default value : N₂O emissions calculated from a model (DNDC, average EU), except some pathways (IPCC Tier 1 for soybeans, palm trees, sugarcane)
3. For new pathways or when modifying the cultivation data from an existing pathways : BioGrace recommends to use IPCC Tier 1 estimation for this emission
4. BioGrace tool aims to provide an Excel sheet for making N₂O calculations

N₂O emissions : fill in few input data

A	B	C	D	E	F
Calculation of N₂O emissions using the IPCC methodology					
This sheet calculates the emissions of N ₂ O from the cultivation of the crop					
The calculations make use of IPCC methodology Tier 1 on the estimation of N ₂ O emissions from managed soils (1).					
For some crops (soybeans, sugarcane and palm trees) the additional hypothesis used in JEC calculations have been incorporated					
In the case of soybeans, the nitrogen content of below ground biomass was considered to be 0.074 kg N/(kg dry matter) instead of 0.12					
In the case of sugar cane, N of above ground residues are not calculated using the IPCC methods. Alternatively additions of 0.02 t N/ha are considered					
In the case of palm trees, N of above ground residues are calculated by the JEC considering that 0.22 t dry residues are retained per t of fresh matter					
(1) IPCC 2006, 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Prepared by the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory					
Crop data.					
Please enter the data for your crop in the blue cells					
Crop name	Sugar cane				
Crop yield (fresh matter)	1000	kg	mm/ha		
Humidity(%)	45,0%				
Crop yield (dry matter)	550	kg	dm/ha		
Straw yield (removed from the field)		kg	dm/ha		
Amount of vinnasse applied to the field (by default 0.94)		kg of vinnasse dm	/ kg sugar cane fm		
Amount of filter cake applied to the field (by default 0.01)		kg of filter cake dm	/kg sugar cane fm		
N content of vinnasse applied to the field (by default 0.36)		kg N / t vinnasse			
N content of filter cake applied to the field (by default 12.5)		kg N / t filter cake			
Carbon loss due to land use change	0	t/ha			
Is the crop irrigated OR is rainfall in rainy season minus potential evaporation higher than soil water holding capacity?	1	yes=1; no=0			

N₂O emissions

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30 **Direct N₂O emissions from managed soils (Tier1).**

31 Please enter the N additions in the form of synthetic or organic fertilizer in the blue cells

32 **N₂O emissions from N inputs: N₂O_N**

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34 F_{BN} kg N/ha N in synthetic fertilizer

35 F_{ON} kg N/ha N in organic fertilizer

36 F_{CR} 0 kg N/ha N in crop residues

37 F_{DOM} 0,00 kg N/ha N mineralized

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39 EF₁ 0,01 0,003 0,03

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45 kg N₂O_N/ha kg N₂O/ha

46 N₂O_N N inputs 0,00 0,00 0,00 0,00 0,00

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F _{CR} N in crop residues		
AG _{DM(T)}	0 kg/ha	
Frac _{Renew(T)}	1	
R _{AG(T)}	0,000	
N _{AG(T)}	0	
Frac _{Remove(T)}	#DIV/0!	
R _{BS(T)}	0,00	
N _{BS(T)}	0,000	
F _{CR}	0 kg N/ha	Eq 11.6
	0 kg N/ha	Eq 11.7A

	N _{AG}	slope	intercept	AG _{DM(T)}	(AG _{DM(T)} *100)/R _{AG(T)}	R _{BS-BIO(T)}	N _{BS}
Sugar beet	0,016	1,07	1,54	2,13	4,87	3,87	0,2
Wheat	0,006	1,51	0,52	1,35	3,46	2,46	0,24
Corn	0,006	1,03	0,61	1,18	3,14	2,14	0,22
Sugar cane				0,00	1,00	0,00	
Rapeseed	0,006	1,09	0,88	1,48	3,69	2,69	0,22
Sunflower	0,006	1,09	0,88	1,48	3,69	2,69	0,22
Soybeans	0,008	0,93	1,35	1,86	4,38	3,38	0,19
Palm	0,011			0,00	1,00	0,00	

N₂O emissions : direct and indirect emissions calculation

Indirect N ₂ O emissions from managed soils (Tier1)				
	kg N ₂ O_N/ha		kg N ₂ O/ha	
N ₂ O from atmospheric deposition of N	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
N ₂ O _(L) -N	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

N ₂ O _(L) -N Leaching			
F _{BN}	0 kg N/ha	N in synthetic fertilizer	
F _{ON}			
F _{CR}			
F _{SOM}			
Frac _{LEV}			
EF ₃			
N ₂ O _(ATD) -N Volatilization			
F _{BN}	0 kg N/ha	N in synthetic fertilizer	
F _{ON}	0 kg N/ha	N in organic fertilizer	
Frac _{GASM}	0,2	0,05	0,5
Frac _{GASF}	0,1	0,03	0,3
EF ₄	0,01	0,002	0,05
	kg N ₂ O_N/ha		
N ₂ O _(ATD) -N	0,00	0,000	0,000



Direct + Indirect N ₂ O emissions from managed soils (Tier1)							
	kg N ₂ O_N			kg N ₂ O			
Total N ₂ O emissions	0,01	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,00	0,00	per ha
	0,01	0,00	0,00	0,02	0,00	0,00	per kg
	0,0005	0,0000	0,0000	0,00	0,00	0,00	per MJ

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BioGrace as a voluntary scheme

Observations:

- Current voluntary cert. schemes do not include GHG tool
 - ISSC, REDcert, NTA8080, RSPO, RTRS, Bonsucro (BSI)
- European Commission only allows use of GHG tool if it is recognised as a voluntary cert. scheme
- To our knowledge no GHG tools have been send to Commission for recognition
 - Some schemes will be send in, eg. National GHG tools
 - Information on actual developments is scarce
- GHG tool can be used as “add-on” to existing schemes

BioGrace will submit GHG tool to EC for recognition as a voluntary scheme

BioGrace as a voluntary scheme

- BioGrace voluntary scheme will consist of a zip file with
 1. BioGrace Excel GHG tool
 2. BioGrace calculation rules
 3. BioGrace user manual
- BioGrace scheme does not contain requirements on audits and mass balance
 - BioGrace has to be used together with another scheme

Time schedule

- Send in BioGrace tool to EC for recognition early April
- Recognition period lasts ... ?

Thank you for your attention

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