




**BIOGRACE**

Harmonised Calculations of  
Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe



## **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

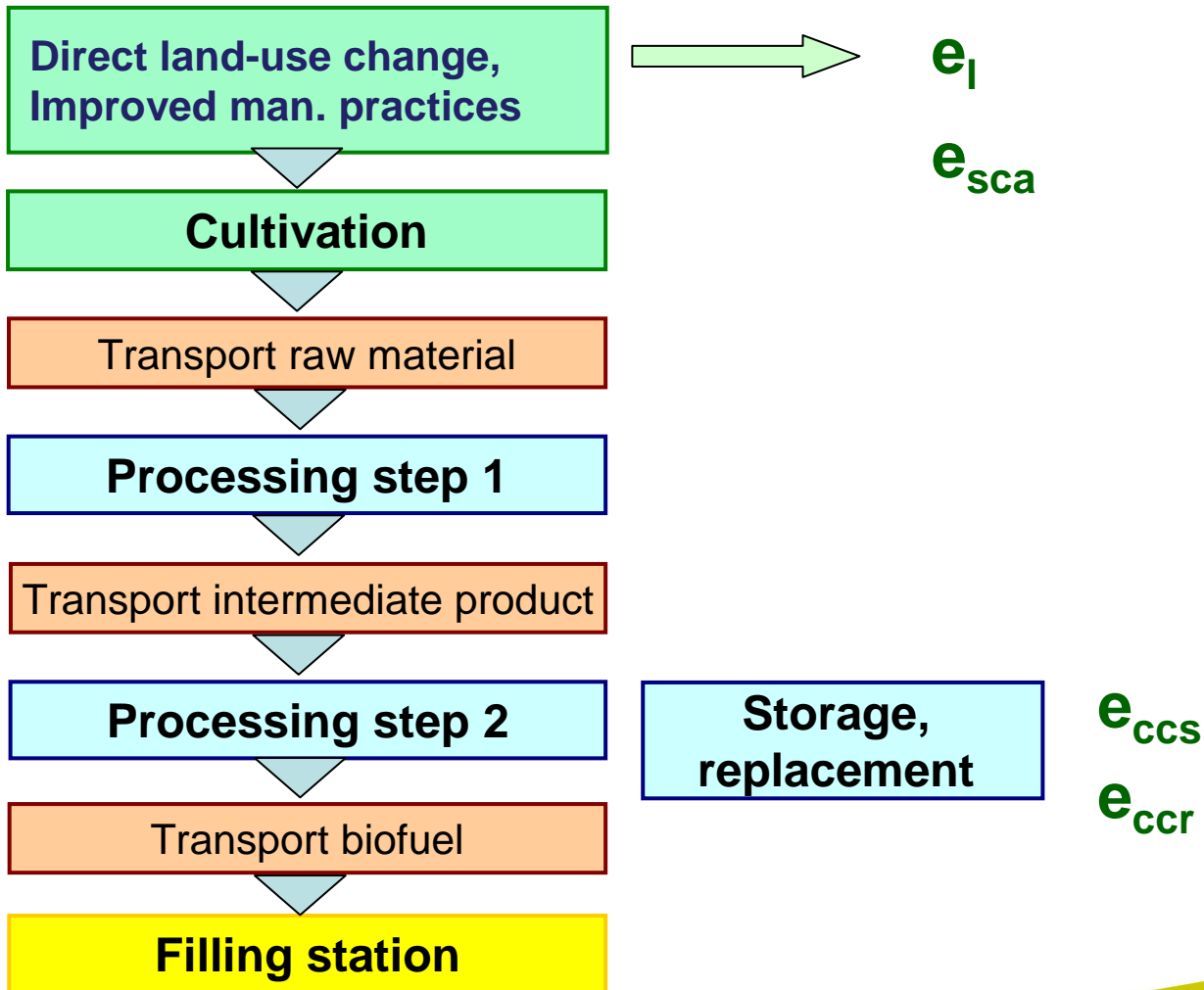


**$e_{sca}$** : Carbon storage from improved  
agricultural management



**$ee_{ccs/ccr}$** : CO<sub>2</sub> capture, storage or  
replacement

# Introduction



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

114  $e_l$  Land use change

115 Does land use change occur?

116 Go to

117 sheet 'LUC'

118 to calculate the land use change

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120 Resulting land use change 19,16 ton CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>

121 Bonus (eB) 0 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ<sub>Ethanol</sub>

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123 From : Warm temperature moist ; Native forest (>30

124 Europe ; High activity clay ; No till ; No input

125 To : Warm temperature moist ; Cultivated/cropland

126 tillage ; High without manure

Emission

g C

470

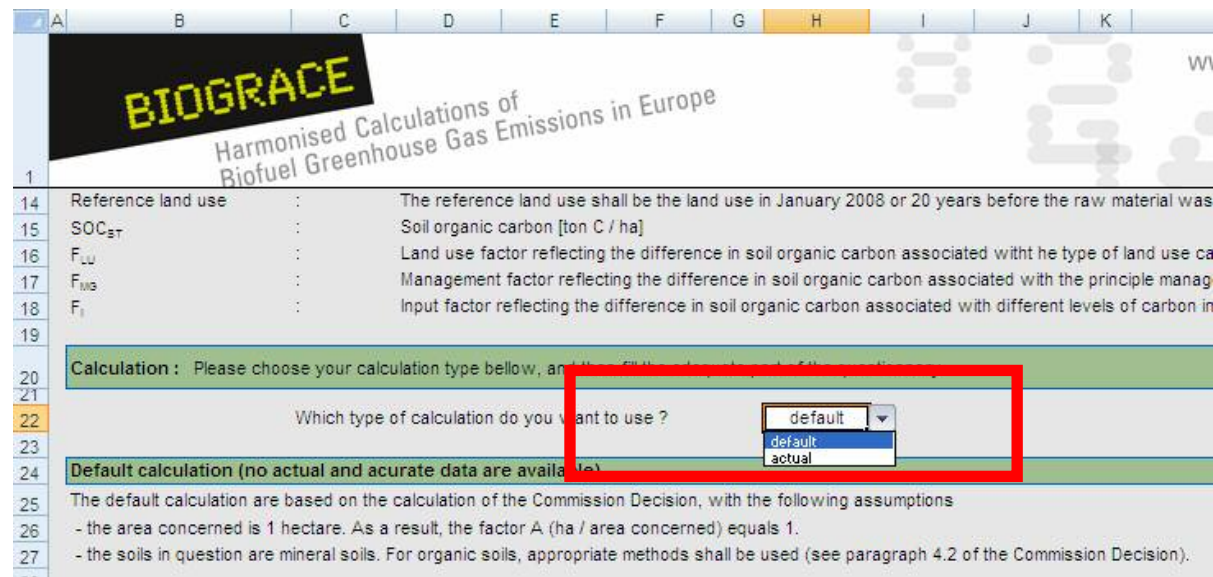
Result

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 the BIOGRACE Excel spreadsheet. The 'Calculation' section is highlighted in green. A red box highlights a dropdown menu for 'Which type of calculation do you want to use?' with options 'default' and 'actual'. The 'default' option is selected.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1											
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 <sub>ST</sub>	:		Soil organic carbon [ton C / ha]							
16	F <sub>LU</sub>	:		Land use factor reflecting the difference in soil organic carbon associated with the type of land use ca							
17	F <sub>MG</sub>	:		Management factor reflecting the difference in soil organic carbon associated with the principle manag							
18	F <sub>I</sub>	:		Input factor reflecting the difference in soil organic carbon associated with different levels of carbon in							
19											
20	Calculation : Please choose your calculation type below, and then fill the appropriate cells.										
21											
22				Which type of calculation do you want to use ?							
23				<div> <div>default</div> <div>default</div> <div>actual</div> </div>							
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

29  $CS_A$  and  $CS_R$  are calculated with the following equation:  $CS_i = C_{VEG} + SOC_{ST} * F_{LU} * F_{U3} * F_i$

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36 Above and below ground vegetation

37 Ecological zone (if relevant) -

38 Continent (if relevant) -

39  $C_{VEG}$  0 ton C / ha

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41 Carbon stock in mineral soil

42 Climate region Warm temperature moist

43 Soil type High activity clay

44 Soil management Full-tillage

45 Input High without manure

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47  $SOC_{ST}$  88 ton C / ha

48  $F_{LU}$  0,69

49  $F_{U3}$  1

50  $F_i$  1,11

Actual land use

Reference land use

Climate region Warm temperature moist

Vegetation/crop (land use) Cultivated/cropland

Native forest (>30% canopy cover)

Oceanic forest

Europe

84 ton C / ha

88 ton C / ha

1

n/a

n/a

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7.1. Cropland

Table 2

Factors for cropland

Climate region	Land use $F_{LU}$	Management $F_{U3}$	Input $F_i$	$F_{LU}$	$F_{U3}$	$F_i$
Temperate/humid, dry	Cultivated	Full-tillage	Low	0,8	1	0,95
		Medium	0,8	1	1	
		High with manure	0,8	1	1,17	
		High without manure	0,8	1	1,04	
	Reduced tillage	Low	0,8	1,02	0,95	
		Medium	0,8	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

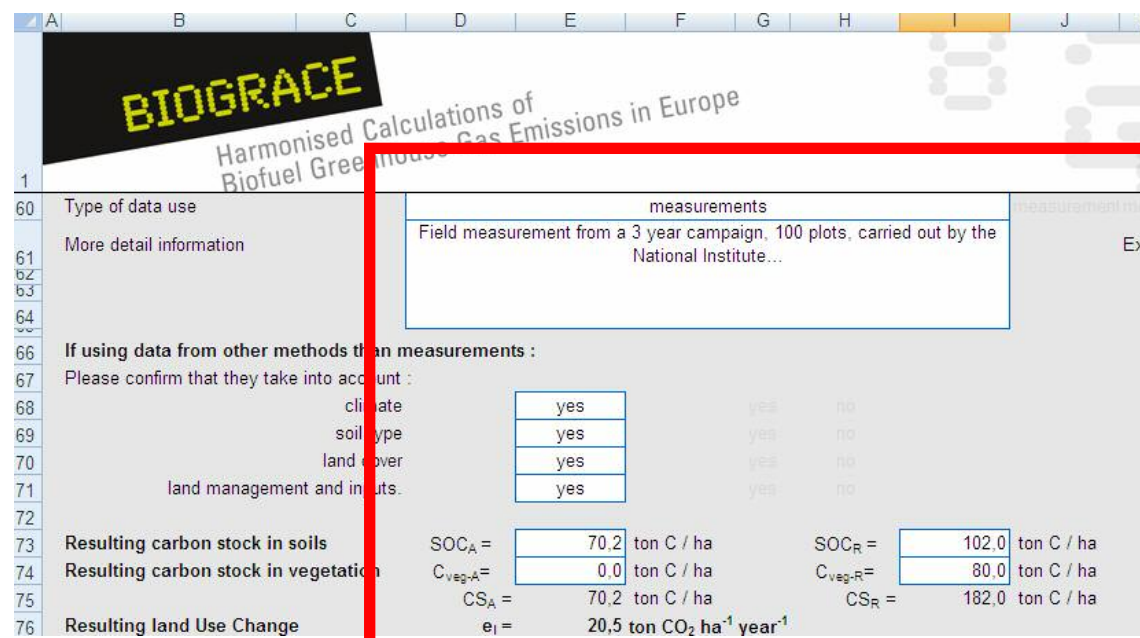
Loop up in Table 1 of Commission Decision, using climate region  
Look up in Tables 2 - 8 of Commission Decision  
Look up in Tables 2 - 8 of Commission Decision  
Look up in Tables 2 - 8 of Commission Decision

52 Resulting carbon stock  
53  
54 Resulting LUC

$CS_A = 67,4$  ton C / ha  
 $e_i = 19,16$  ton eq.  $CO_2$  / 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.



measurements		measurement method
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

Resulting land Use Change:  $CS_A = 70.2$  ton C / ha,  $CS_R = 182.0$  ton C / ha,  $e_l = 20.5$  ton CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>

- **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 To : Europe ; High activity clay ; No till ; No input

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

119 Emissions per MJ ethanol

g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>
470,97	0,00	0,00	470,97
0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Result			470,97

120 Resulting land use change 19,16 ton CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>

121 Bonus (eB) 0 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ<sub>Ethanol</sub>

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129 **Improved agricultural management**

130 Does improved agricultural management occurs?

131 Emissions per MJ ethanol

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## $e_b$ 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		Emissions per MJ ethanol		
0,00 ton CO <sub>2</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>		g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O
		0,00	0,00	0,00
Bonus (eB) <input type="text" value="0"/>		g CO <sub>2</sub> eq		
		0,00		
Improved agricultural management				
$e_{soil}$ Soil carbon				

The bonus of 29 gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/MJ shall be attributed if evidence is provided that the land:

- (a) was not in use for agriculture or any other activity in January 2008; and
- (b) falls into one of the following categories:
  - (i) severely degraded land, including such land that was formerly in agricultural use;
  - (ii) heavily contaminated land.

The bonus of 29 gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/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.

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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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## CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>/MJ has to be added
3. Please, keep track of your calculations for verification requirements

43	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> capture and replacement</b>	
44	e <sub>cor</sub>	Emissions per MJ ethanol
45	<input type="text" value="0"/> g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>	0,00
46	Result	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub> 0,00
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49	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> capture and geological storage</b>	
50	e <sub>oss</sub>	Emissions per MJ ethanol
51	<input type="text" value="0"/> g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>	0,00
52	Result	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub> 0,00

## CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> of which the carbon originates from biomass and which is used to replace fossil-derived CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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.

<a href="#">Functions of the tool</a>	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.
<a href="#">How does the tool work?</a>	This chapter explains how the tool is designed and the general principles of the calculations.
<a href="#">How can I use the tool to understand the default values?</a>	The following chapters allow any user to make use of the tool in function of its personal objective.
<a href="#">How can I use the tool to calculate my own actual value?</a>	
<a href="#">How can I create a new pathway with the tool?</a>	

## 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”

### Production of Ethanol from Sugarbeet (steam from NG boiler)

Version 4 - Public

#### Overview Results

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

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

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

Emission reduction
Fossil fuel reference (petrol)
83,8 g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> /MJ
GHG emission reduction
<b>52%</b>

Calculations in this Excel sheet.....
<input type="checkbox"/> strictly follow the methodology as given in Directives 2009/28/EC and 2009/30/EC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> follow JEC calculations by using GWP values 25 for CH <sub>4</sub> and 298 for N <sub>2</sub> O
As explained in "About" under "Inconsistent use of GWP's"

#### Calculation per phase

Track changes: ON

Cultivation of sugarbeet	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Yield	Yield	Emissions per MJ ethanol	per kg sugarbeet g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>
Sugar beet	285.250 MJ <sub>Sugar beet</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	g CO <sub>2</sub> g CH <sub>4</sub> g N <sub>2</sub> O g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>	per ha, year kg CO <sub>2,eq</sub>
Moisture content	1,000 MJ / MJ <sub>Sugar beet</sub> , input		
	0,451 kg <sub>Sugar beet</sub> /MJ <sub>ethanol</sub>		

70.000 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>

75,0%



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## New item in Public version 5

### Calculation of N<sub>2</sub>O field emissions

1. A major contributors to GHG emissions of most of the pathways
2. Default value : N<sub>2</sub>O 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 N<sub>2</sub>O calculations



## N<sub>2</sub>O emissions : fill in few input data

	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>Calculation of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions using the IPCC methodology</b>						
This sheet calculates the emissions of N <sub>2</sub> O from the cultivation of the crop						
The calculations make use of IPCC methodology Tier 1 on the estimation of N <sub>2</sub> 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 0.01 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 Working Group						
<b>Crop data.</b>						
Please enter the data for your crop in the blue cells						
Crop name		Sugar cane				
Crop yield (fresh matter)		1000	kg <sub>fm</sub> /ha			
Humidity(%)		45.0%				
Crop yield (dry matter)		550	kg <sub>dm</sub> /ha			
Straw yield (removed from the field)			kg <sub>dm</sub> /ha			
Amount of vinnasse applied to the field (by default 0.94)			kg of vinnasse dry / kg sugar cane <sub>fm</sub>			
Amount of filter cake applied to the field (by default 0.01)			kg of filter cake dry / kg sugar cane <sub>fm</sub>			
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			

### N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

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30 **Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils (Tier1).**

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

32 **N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from N inputs: N<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>**

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34 F<sub>BN</sub>  kg N/ha Min synthetic fertilizer

35 F<sub>ON</sub>  kg N/ha Min organic fertilizer

36 F<sub>CR</sub> 0 kg N/ha Min crop residues

37 F<sub>BOM</sub> 0,00 kg N/ha N mineralized

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39 EF<sub>1</sub> 0,01 0,003 0,03

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45 kg N<sub>2</sub>O\_N/ha kg N<sub>2</sub>O/ha

46 N<sub>2</sub>O\_N N inputs 0,00 0,00 0,00 0,00 0,00

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N in crop residues		
F <sub>CR</sub>		
AG <sub>DW(T)</sub>	0 kg/ha	
Frac <sub>Remov(T)</sub>	1	
R <sub>AG(T)</sub>	0,000	
N <sub>AG(T)</sub>	0	
Frac <sub>Remov(T)</sub>	#DIV/0!	
R <sub>BS(T)</sub>	0,00	
N <sub>BS(T)</sub>	0,000	
F <sub>CR</sub>	0 kg N/ha	Eq 11.6
	0 kg N/ha	Eq 11.7A

	N <sub>AG</sub>	slope	intercept	AG <sub>DW(T)</sub>	(AG <sub>DW(T)</sub> *100)	R <sub>AG(T)</sub>	R <sub>BS-BIO(T)</sub>	N <sub>BS</sub>
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	3,45	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	100	0,00		

# N<sub>2</sub>O emissions : direct and indirect emissions calculation

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

N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(L)</sub> -N Leaching			
F <sub>EN</sub>	0 kg N/ha	N in synthetic fertilizer	
F <sub>ON</sub>			
F <sub>CR</sub>			
F <sub>BOM</sub>			
Frac <sub>LE</sub>			
EF <sub>s</sub>			

Direct + Indirect N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from managed soils (Tier1)							
	kg N <sub>2</sub> O_N			kg N <sub>2</sub> O			
Total N <sub>2</sub> 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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