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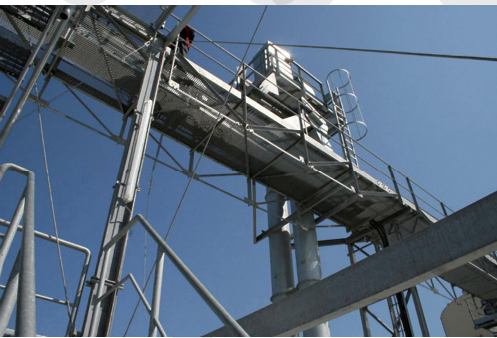
Harmonised Calculations of  
Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe



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# User manual for the **BioGrace** greenhouse gas calculation tool

Version 1b



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

If the BioGrace tool is to be used for making actual calculations, **then the user shall also refer to the [BioGrace calculation rules](#)<sup>1</sup>**

<a href="#"><u>Functions of the tool</u></a>	This chapter details the different ways of using this tool. You will find why this tool was developed and what it can do.
<a href="#"><u>How does the tool work?</u></a>	This chapter explains how the tool is designed and the general principles of the calculations.
<a href="#"><u>How to understand and pilot the results?</u></a>	This part describes how the result module, in head of each pathway, works. It also explains how to choose between disaggregated default value and actual default value.
<a href="#"><u>How to deal with inconsistencies?</u></a>	This part gives information on how to find and how to cope with revealed inconsistencies in the calculations.
<a href="#"><u>How can I use the tool to understand the default values?</u></a>	These chapters allow you to make the best use of the tool depending on your personal objective.
<a href="#"><u>How can I use the tool to calculate my own actual value?</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>How can I create a new pathway with the tool?</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>How to use the LUC sheet?</u></a>	A step by step tutorial may help you to declare a land use change in one of your pathways.
<a href="#"><u>How to use the Esca sheet?</u></a>	Information about “Improved agricultural management” can help you take into account carbon stock changes related to improved practices.
<a href="#"><u>How to use the N2O emissions IPCC sheet?</u></a>	A step by step tutorial may help you to calculate the N2O emissions of your pathway.
<a href="#"><u>Why was there a need for the BioGrace project?</u></a>	You can refer to this chapter if you want more information on the context of the BioGrace project.
<a href="#"><u>Glossary</u></a>	This section provides you with the definition of the specific wording used in the tool or in this document.

<sup>1</sup> Please find the [BioGrace calculation rules](#) document as part of the ZIP file *BioGrace\_GHG\_calculations\_-\_version\_4b\_-\_Public* or as a separate document on the BioGrace website.

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## 1 Functions of the tool

Access and understanding of biofuel GHG calculations should be available to all involved or interested actors; this can cover a very large and diversified public. For this reason Excel was used to set up the BioGrace GHG calculation tool. The present document gives insight on how to understand and use this tool.

Three main functions have been identified when developing the tool:

1. **Give details on RED default value calculations:** the calculation sheets have been developed to detail the exact and comprehensive methodology applied to established default values of the Renewable Energy Directive.
2. **Adapt existing pathways for actual value calculations:** adapting some of the input numbers of the calculation sheet allows easy and RED compatible own actual value calculations. It is also possible to add your own standard values (or conversion factors, see the final glossary for definition of part 4.2) in the calculations (for example, adding a specific chemical input). The tool can also be used to estimate the GHG weight of any process or any improvement actions.
3. **Create a new pathway;** next to the two main functions, it is also possible to create a whole new pathway within the tool. Some advice on how to do this is given at the end of this tutorial. However, the tool does not offer user-friendly functionalities for this function; the user should first have obtained a thorough understanding of the tool before being able to create a new pathway.

Each function is described in more detail in their specific chapters.

General information about the tool is given in the following chapter before detailing how to use the tool for the functions mentioned above.

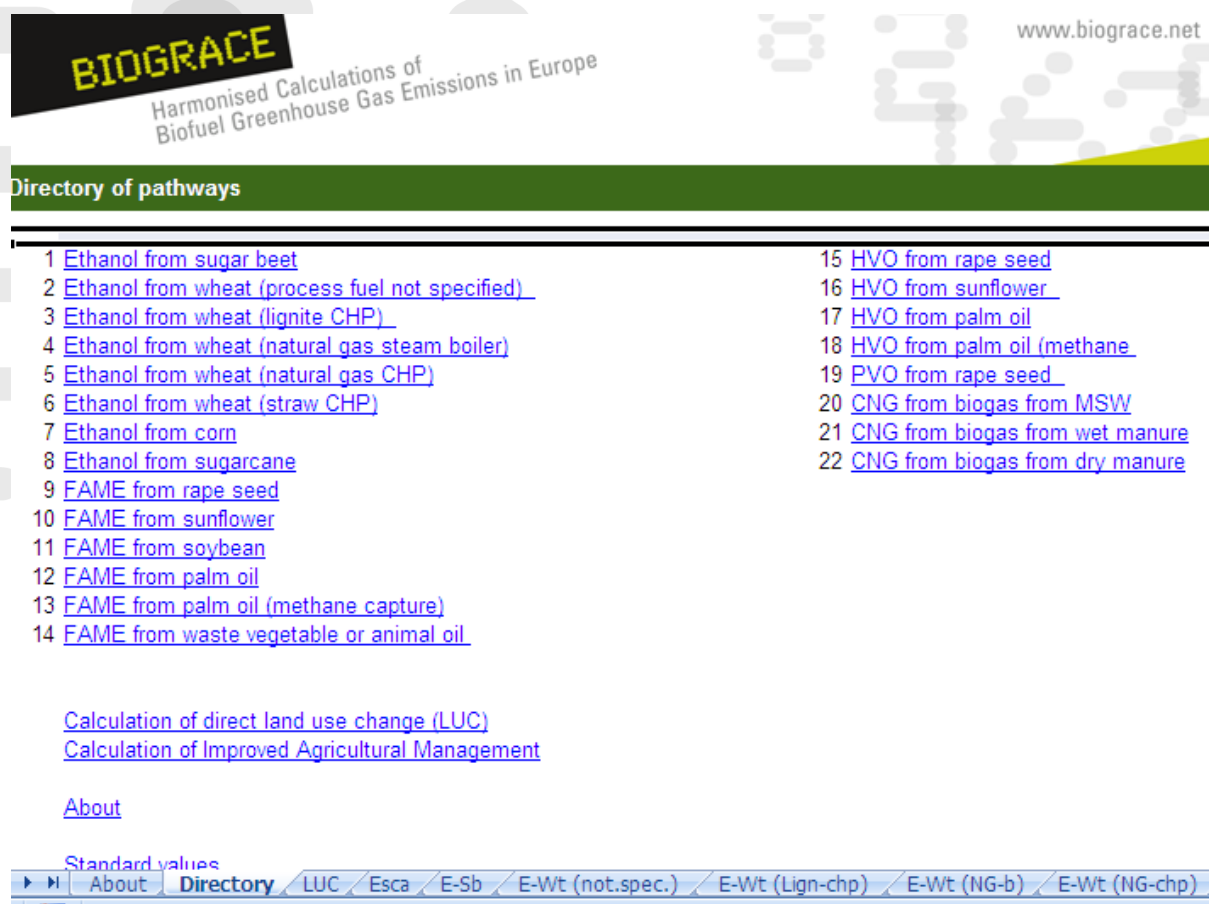
## 2 General presentation of the tool

### 2.1 First and fast navigation within the tool

The tool is organized in several excel sheets.

The first sheet, “**About**”, explains some of the vocabulary and calculations allowed by this tool.

The second sheet, “**Directory**”, shows all the links to the excel sheets with explicit names; for instance, “Fame from rape seed” is linked to the “F-Rs” sheet.



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**Directory of pathways**

1 <a href="#">Ethanol from sugar beet</a>	15 <a href="#">HVO from rape seed</a>
2 <a href="#">Ethanol from wheat (process fuel not specified)</a>	16 <a href="#">HVO from sunflower</a>
3 <a href="#">Ethanol from wheat (lignite CHP)</a>	17 <a href="#">HVO from palm oil</a>
4 <a href="#">Ethanol from wheat (natural gas steam boiler)</a>	18 <a href="#">HVO from palm oil (methane)</a>
5 <a href="#">Ethanol from wheat (natural gas CHP)</a>	19 <a href="#">PVO from rape seed</a>
6 <a href="#">Ethanol from wheat (straw CHP)</a>	20 <a href="#">CNG from biogas from MSW</a>
7 <a href="#">Ethanol from corn</a>	21 <a href="#">CNG from biogas from wet manure</a>
8 <a href="#">Ethanol from sugarcane</a>	22 <a href="#">CNG from biogas from dry manure</a>
9 <a href="#">FAME from rape seed</a>	
10 <a href="#">FAME from sunflower</a>	
11 <a href="#">FAME from soybean</a>	
12 <a href="#">FAME from palm oil</a>	
13 <a href="#">FAME from palm oil (methane capture)</a>	
14 <a href="#">FAME from waste vegetable or animal oil</a>	

[Calculation of direct land use change \(LUC\)](#)  
[Calculation of Improved Agricultural Management](#)

[About](#)

Standard values

► About **Directory** LUC Esca E-Sb E-Wt (not.spec.) E-Wt (Lign-chp) E-Wt (NG-b) E-Wt (NG-chp)

After these generic sheets, the user can find several calculation sheets dedicated to one precise aspect of the calculation:

- **LUC** assesses the GHG impacts of possible Land Use Changes,
- **Esca** for carbon stock changes due to improved agricultural practices.



- $N_2O$  estimates  $N_2O$  emissions in accordance with the IPCC methodology<sup>2</sup>. This sheet will be provided in a next version of the tool.

The user will then find the pathway calculation sheets. These sheets contain all the input numbers and results for all the pathways in the scope of the tool, with one sheet per pathway, in the most transparent way possible. The following example shows how a calculation sheet is built.

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Production of Ethanol from Sugarbeet (steam from NG boiler) Version 4 - Public

Overview Results

Results in / MJ <sub>ethanol</sub>	Non-allocated results	Allocation factor	Allocated results	Total	Actual/Default	Default values RED Annex V.D
Production of ethanol	16,16	71,3%	11,52	11,5	A	12
Transport of sugarbeet	37,03	71,3%	26,40	26,4	A	26
Filling station				2,3	A	2
Land use change	1,11	71,3%	0,79	0,8		0,84
Transport of ethanol	1,10	100%	1,10	1,1		1,10
Filling station	0,44	100%	0,44	0,4		0,44
Land use change	0,0	71,3%	0,0	0,0		0
Energy content	0,0	100%	0,0	0,0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55,8</b>			<b>40,3</b>		<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 52%.

Calculations in this Excel sheet: strictly follow the methodology as given in Directives 2009/28/EC and 2009/30/EC. Follow JRC 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: OFF. 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.

Allocation over main- and by-product: Total emission before allocation: 54,30 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub>. Emissions up to and including this process step: 54,30 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub>. Main product: Ethanol Energy content per MJ sugarbeet 0,544 MJ. Co-product: Sugar beet pulp Energy content 0,219 MJ. Total: 0,762 MJ. Total emission after allocation: 38,72 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub>.

Inputs and input data: Transport of ethanol to and from depot. Ethanol 1,000 MJ<sub>ethanol</sub> / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub>. Quantity of product: 162544,1 MJ<sub>ethanol</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>. Calculated emissions: Emissions per MJ ethanol. Transport per: Truck for liquids (Diesel) 300 km. Fuel Diesel. Energy cons. depot: Electricity EU mix LV 0,00084 MJ / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub>. Result: 1,10 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub>.

Info: per kg ethanol 1038,03 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub>. per kg ethanol 26,54 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub>. per kg ethanol 2,92 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub>. per kg ethanol 29,46 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub>.

Calculations using standard values

- For each pathway, calculations are presented in the same way:

Transport to and from depot	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Ethanol 1,000 MJ <sub>ethanol</sub> / MJ <sub>ethanol</sub>	40688,0 MJ <sub>ethanol</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	Emissions per MJ ethanol	per kg ethanol
Transport per: Truck for liquids (Diesel) 300 km	0,531 MJ / MJ <sub>wheat, input</sub>	g CO <sub>2</sub> g CH <sub>4</sub> g N <sub>2</sub> O g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>
Fuel Diesel	0,0059 ton km / MJ <sub>wheat, input</sub>	0,99 0,00 0,00 0,99	26,54
Energy cons. depot: Electricity EU mix LV 0,00084 MJ / MJ <sub>ethanol</sub>		0,10 0,00 0,00 0,11	2,92
		<b>Result g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub> 1,10</b>	<b>29,46</b>

Input Data Intermediate Calculation or Information GHG calculations and results Results in another unit

<sup>2</sup> See the BioGrace calculation rules document for explanations on why this model is recommended.



- Grey cells are used for calculations and information that should not be changed (except when adapting a pathway by adding new inputs or modifying the standard value called (see the section on how to modify or add an input)).
- **Blue cells** offer calculation results for a module or for an aggregation of modules.

**Please note!:** in case a calculation is made that will be used to show the GHG performance of a biofuel as part of fulfilling the sustainability criteria of the RED or FQD, the function “track changes” should be turned on. On each of the Excel sheets for the biofuel production pathways you can find (on the left, near the top of the sheet under the results) an orange “button” which is named “Track changes: ON” or “Track changes: OFF”. You should put this button to “Track changes: ON”. This will cause that a change in a cell will be marked by a yellow background-colour and a red box around the cell. This helps to keep track of changes from the original document which will be helpful for any certification supervision of any actual value certification.

## 2.3 Comments

Comments have been attached to some cells. Comments appear with the usual format of Excel comments, as a small red triangle in the right corner of the commented cells.

These comments are helpful to understand how the calculations for the RED default value were made. Some inconsistencies are reported here. They also support detailed explanations whenever needed.

**Please note!:** note that for your actual calculation, you should always follow the RED methodology and the precisions brought by the Communication papers from the Commission, and the rules set up under the BioGrace tool defined in the [BioGrace calculation rule](#).

The inconsistencies with the adopted methodology and pointed out by the comments are just for your information. You should not apply the wrong approach in any way.



Biogas generation via fermentation			Quantity of product	Calculated emissions
Yield				Emissions per MJ CHG
Total biogas output	0,700	MJ <sub>biogas</sub> / MJ <sub>wet manure</sub>	Output from biogas plant, not yet taking own consumption into account	
Net biogas output	0,514	MJ <sub>biogas</sub> / MJ <sub>wet manure</sub>	0,514 MJ <sub>biogas</sub> /MJ <sub>wet manure</sub> , input	g CO <sub>2</sub> g CH <sub>4</sub> g N
Factor from typical to default	1,4		1,010 MJ <sub>biogas</sub> /MJ <sub>CHG</sub>	
Co-product N-fertiliser (kg N)	-0,00033	kg		
During the BioGrace project, we found an inconsistency between the way the biofuel GHG default value (as listed in Annex V.A, V.B and V.D of the RED) has been calculated, and the methodology as listed in Annex V of the RED: A substitution credit was given for the by-product N-fertilizer whereas Annex V.C.17 requires allocation based on energy content. As soon as the JEC Consortium updates the default values using the Annex V consistent allocation approach, this will be updated in the BioGrace Excel file as well.				
Energy consumption				
Electricity (from biogas CHP)	0,043	MJ		
Heat (from biogas CHP)	0,150	MJ		
Biogas CHP				Emissions from the CHP
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from NG gas engine				0,00 0,02 0,
Biogas input per MJ heat	1,700	MJ / MJ <sub>heat</sub>		

## 2.4 How GHG calculations are made within this tool

### 2.4.1 General principles

The RED Directive and the calculations in the BioGrace tool follow a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) perspective to evaluate the GHG emissions of one MJ of fuel. This means that:

- The functional unit is here “the production and use of one MJ of fuel”.
- All life cycle steps from biomass production to fuel use are taken into account. Each step of the life cycle is presented in the calculation sheet within a dedicated module representing one step in the biofuel production pathways.
- For biofuels, the use phase bears no emission of GHG as the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted is biogenic (and the CH<sub>4</sub> emissions occurring when burning a fuel are insignificant and fall under the cut-off rule).
- A module gathers the inputs' consumptions and calculates the emissions of the three main gases contributing to climate change (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O). Details of the contribution of each gas in the results are presented in the last step of the calculation in order to have a high traceability of the contributions as required in the ISO norm.
- GHG emissions of each module are then summarized to obtain the GHG emission of the whole pathway. Details of the modules aggregated under each of the RED defined step are given under [2.4.3 Result module and general information](#).
- Detailed calculation formulas can be seen by clicking each cell in the sheet. Methodological rules can be understood from looking at the formula calculated. All the different rules cannot be defined here. For more details, please refer to Annex V.C of the RED directive, and to the [BioGrace calculation rules](#).

### 2.4.2 Presentation of a module

A module contains the following data (please refer to the previous picture for visual example):

**Input data:** the left hand side shows the main technical information of the process step modelled in the module.

- Names and quantity of inputs, of yields, etc, are given here. Three main types of input data are listed in the module :
  - Yield of the step**, using the appropriate unit. These yields are given for the main product, and also for all the existing co-products. No co-product mentioned means that this step doesn't have any co-product.
  - Energy** inputs with for instance electricity or steam consumption. Steam consumption can be detailed in a calculation showing how the conversion plant generating the steam, the fuel input and possibly the electricity output in case of a CHP.
  - Other inputs** such as chemical, transports, etc.
- Units: this is the key information to take into account. Beware that the units are often given per MJ of products.

**Intermediate calculation information:** some relevant information is given in the central part of the module (columns E, F and G). They are helpful to give easier understanding of some calculation stage, or more comparable with the Excel document of the first LBST-JRC calculations. They can also provide intermediate calculation useful for further part of the tool. In this example the quantity of product (in MJ) per hectare and intermediate yields data appear.

**GHG Calculation:** the right side of the tool is the calculation part. The global warming potentials for the three main gases are taken from the "Standard values" sheet.

**Results:** are given in the bottom of the module in blue cells. The unit is also given in order to easily keep track of it.

**Info:** the last column offers results or intermediate data in a more easy-to-manipulate unit (in general, g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> per kg of wheat or per kg of biofuel).

Trans to and from depot		Quantity of product		Calculated emissions				Info
Ethanol	1,000 MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>	40688,0 MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>		Emissions per MJ ethanol				per kg ethanol
Transport per		0,531 MJ / MJ <sub>Wheat, input</sub>		g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2, eq</sub>	g CO <sub>2, eq</sub>
Truck for liquids (Diesel)	300 km	0,0059 ton km / MJ <sub>Wheat, input</sub>		0,99	0,00	0,00	0,99	26,54
Fuel	Diesel							
Energy cons. depot								
Electricity EU mix LV	0,00084 MJ / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>			0,10	0,00	0,00	0,11	2,92
		Result		g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>				29,46

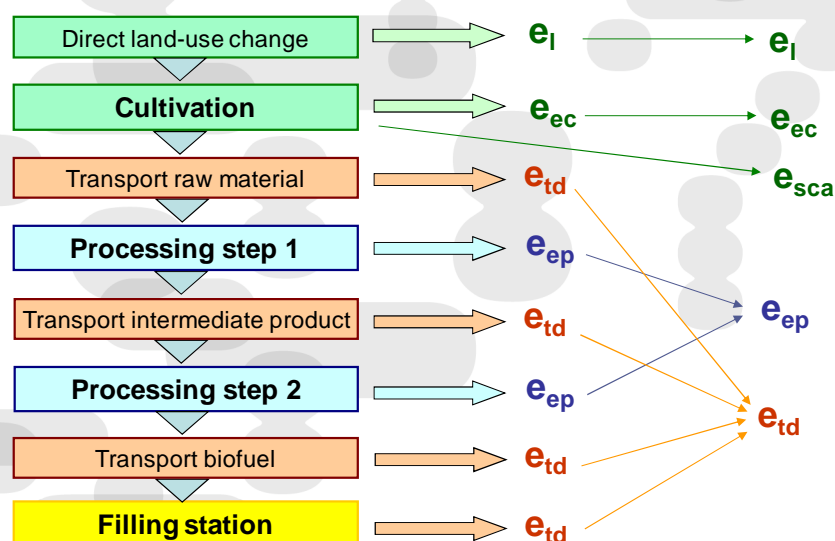
Input Data

Intermediate Calculation or Information

GHG calculations and results

Results in another unit





**Global results to use:** the first column of this part gives step by step actual results calculated for the present Excel sheet. The second column, column F, is very important to calculate final GHG emissions for this pathway. It enables using a mix of both disaggregated default value and disaggregated actual values. The box at the end of this part highlights this aspect.

**RED default values:** Column H gives a clear and direct comparison with the default values taken from RED, Annex V, part D and E for the same biofuel pathway.

**General information:** this part brings important information to the user. The main one is the GHG emission reduction achieved with this biofuel pathway as compared to fossil fuel. This data is to be used to show that the sustainability criteria on GHG savings<sup>3</sup> are met (or not). Allocation applied for the calculation is also highlighted (in percentage for the concerned step) as an important parameter in the result. A last box offers the possibility to change the Global Warming Potential in order to cope with the revealed inconsistency on this topic (for more information, please refer to [6.4 Inconsistency in use of global warming potentials](#) and to [2.3 Comments](#)).

**Please note!** : You will find in column F of the result module very important checkboxes. They are here for implementing the possibility left by article 19, 1, c) of the RED, to assess GHG emission from a mix between disaggregated defaults values given in annex V, part D or E, of the RED, and disaggregated actual values. The “A” of the checkbox list means that the value used for this step in column E is coming from the Excel sheet actual calculation. The letter “D” means that the value used

<sup>3</sup> set up by article 17, point 2, of the RED

for this step in column E is coming from the RED disaggregated default value (presented in column H).

For instance, if you want to use for the cultivation step  $e_{ec}$  the disaggregated default value of the RED and only for this part, than you should choose the letter “D” from the checkbox list of line 6. The letter on lines 8 and 10 of the same column F should stay positioned on “A” to get back actual values calculated in the modules below of the BioGrace tool.

Please, also refer to [BioGrace calculation rules](#) for more explanation on the methodological rules for applying such possibility.

### 2.4.4 Allocation modules

Allocation calculations to devide GHG emissions to the main product and co-products are done in specific modules, as illustrated by the example below.

In the tool, allocations are applied right after the module where the separation of co-products takes place.

Allocation over main- and byproduct		Total emission before allocation:		g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>	89,19
		Emissions up to and including this process step:		89,19 g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>	
Main product:	Ethanol	Energy content (1 ton)	26 810 MJ	53,08 g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>	
By-product:	DDGS	Energy content (1,14 ton dry matter)	18 240 MJ	36,11 g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>	
		Total:	45 050 MJ		
		Total emission after allocation:		g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Ethanol</sub>	53,08

The emissions of processing steps up to this separation point are split based on the energy contents of products. The energy content of products can be found in the "Standard values" sheet, column O.

Energetic allocations are calculated from energy content of products, multiplied by their specific mass. This energetic part of the product leading to the biofuel is multiplied by the total result obtained up to this point to get the "after allocation result".

The formula is hereby detailed for ethanol from wheat:

$$\text{Total emission after allocation} = \frac{\text{Total emission before allocation} \times \text{Ethanol energy content}}{\text{Total energy content (ethanol + DDGS)}}$$

In the box in the upper right corner of the excel sheet the calculator allocation factor is given, see the example below.

Allocation factors	
Ethanol plant	
59,5%	to ethanol
40,5%	to DDGS



### 2.4.5 Units used

A major point of interest is that the tool is designed with all the data associated to specific units that cannot be changed without changing the formulas. **It is strongly advised not to change the units but to convert the user's units into the ones that are proposed in the tool.**

For each input consumed during the life cycle, the quantity of input is converted in the quantity needed per MJ of biofuel. This quantity is then multiplied by the global warming potentials for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O which results in CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents.

### 2.4.6 Specific calculation points to be known

Yield		Yield		Emissions per MJ ethanol				per kg wheat
				g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
Wheat	5 208 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	76 587 MJ <sub>Wheat</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>						
Moisture content	13,5%	1,000 MJ / MJ <sub>Wheat, input</sub>						
By-product Straw	2 148 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	0,128 kg <sub>Wheat</sub> /MJ <sub>ethanol</sub>						
<b>Energy consumption</b>								
Diesel	3 717 MJ ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			8,01	0,00	0,00	8,01	62,54
<b>Agro chemicals</b>								
N-fertiliser	109,3 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			7,59	0,02	0,03	15,80	123,42
K <sub>2</sub> O-fertiliser	16,4 kg K <sub>2</sub> O ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,22	0,00	0,00	0,23	1,81
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -fertiliser	21,6 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,51	0,00	0,00	0,54	4,20
Pesticides	2,3 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,57	0,00	0,00	0,63	4,92

In this example, the agro chemicals needed for the cultivation step of wheat are shown on the left, in kg per hectare and per year. On the right part the emissions of greenhouse gas per MJ of ethanol are calculated, using conversion formulas in the cells.

This calculation relies on the match between the name of the inputs (“N-fertiliser”, “K<sub>2</sub>O-fertiliser”, etc.) and the names in the “standard values” sheet. Excel formulas are used to call the right GHG emission coefficients for each input (formula “VLOOKUP” in English<sup>4</sup>). It is therefore very important to use the appropriate name of input/output if one changes an input value in the calculation sheets. For instance, if the user wants to use an own standard value, this value has to be created in the “user defined standard value”, and the same name must be used in the calculation sheet.

### 2.4.7 Details about N<sub>2</sub>O calculation

N<sub>2</sub>O data for default values of non EU-imported crops are derived from calculations carried with the DNDC model. This model takes into account direct and indirect emissions. Average EU data have been used for each crops, type of soil, climate, etc. For more detail on these calculations, please refer to the JRC documents<sup>5</sup>. For imported crops a modified IPCC tier 1 methodology has been applied.

<sup>4</sup> or “VERT.ZOEKEN” in Dutch, or “RECHERCHEV” in French language respectively

<sup>5</sup> Linking an economic model for European agriculture with a mechanistic model to estimate nitrogen and carbon losses from arable soils in Europe, A. LEIP & al, JRC, Biogeosciences, 5, 73–94, 2008

For the implementation of new pathways or in case of calculating actual values for cultivation (for which all the input numbers for cultivation have to be replaced, this is one of the calculation rules), one of the methods laid down in the IPCC guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Volume 4, Chapter 11(2006), tier one , two or three should be used.

### 3 Function 1: using the tool to have details on default value calculations

The BioGrace tool makes transparent how the default values of the RED were calculated. For each pathway of production, a dedicated Excel sheet presents the details of the default value calculations.

The list of the pathways can be found in the “Directory” sheet with links to each pathway excel sheet.

All the necessary input numbers are presented per phase on the excel sheet: cultivation step, handling and storage of the biomass, transport to plant, plant, transport to depot and filling station.

The same framework is used for all pathways:

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**Summary of the Results**

Overview Results	Non-allocated variable	Allocated variable	Allocated variable	Total	Default values RED Annex V.1	Allocation factors	Emission reduction
Cultivation e <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>	25.17	59.51	23.31	23.3	23	59.51: no ethanol	Fossil feedstocks (actual)
Processing e <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>	49.49	59.51	25.49	25.4	25	49.49: no ethanol	Fossil feedstocks (actual)
Transport e <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>	0.00	59.51	0.00	0.0	0	0.00: no ethanol	GHG emissions reduction
Land use change e <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>	0.00	59.51	0.00	0.0	0	0.00: no ethanol	35%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74.66</b>	<b>178.53</b>	<b>48.80</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>48.8</b>		

**Inputs and input data**

**Cultivation of wheat**

Inputs	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Yield	75,929 t/ha		
Wheat	9,588 t/ha		
Moisture content	13.5%		
By-product straw	2,168 t/ha		
Energy consumption			
Diesel	3,717 MJ/t		
Agrochemicals			
Insecticide	189.3 kg/ha		
Fertiliser	16.4 kg/ha		
Pesticide	21.4 kg/ha		
Seedling material	2.3 kg/ha		
Field N <sub>2</sub> O emissions	1.81 kg/ha		

**Handling & storage of wheat**

Inputs	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Wheat	1,000 t/ha		
Energy consumption			
Electricity	0.0004 MJ/t		

**Transport of wheat**

Inputs	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Wheat	0.998 t/ha		
Transport per			
Truck (for dry product)	50 km		

**Ethanol plant**

Inputs	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Wheat	0.998 t/ha		
Energy consumption			
Electricity	0.0004 MJ/t		

**Calculations using standard values**

The calculations are presented step by step, following the well to wheel approach.

Looking in detail at this calculation sheet gives a lot of information on how the calculations were made and on how the RED methodology was applied<sup>6</sup>. For instance and without being exhaustive, you can find detailed information on the following issues:

- Which steps and inputs have been taken into account in the RED default value calculations:

<sup>6</sup> And in some cases, the inconsistency between calculations carried out for default value and RED methodology.

- The different steps encompassed and the way they are modelled (has the drying of corn have been taken into account in the RED default value? etc);
- All the different inputs taken into account for the calculation (and conversely, one can deduct the inputs not taken into account));
- **Input quantities taken into account**, for instance yields (for cultivation and processing steps), energy consumption, chemical consumption, co-product production, etc. It is possible to click on each cell in order to see if the number is a raw data figure or if it is a calculated value (the formula is then visible) ;
- **Standard values used for calculating default values**, like LHV, the GHG emission for producing one kg of Hydrochloric acid, etc ;
- **How energetic allocations are made** (see the allocation module for this as well as the recommended rules) ;
- **How energy surplus is taken into account** (see the energetic calculation in each pathway with energy surplus for detail examples) ;
- **Intermediate calculations**, in column E, where all the yields are expressed in  $\text{ha}^{-1} \cdot \text{year}^{-1}$  and in MJ of biomass input (wheat, etc.) ;
- **GHG emissions** as calculated from the input numbers, in columns H, I and J, respectively for  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ;
- **The difference between typical and default value**: this difference is achieved by multiplying the input data of the biofuel processing step by 1,4.
- **Specific emissions calculated** in modules at the end of each excel sheet: annualised emissions from carbon stock changes caused by land use change,  $\text{CO}_2$  storage, etc.
- **Total emissions before and after allocation**. The formula used for allocation can be found by clicking on the cells of “emissions after allocation”.

An overview box, summing up all the results, can be found at the beginning of each Excel sheet.

## 4 Function 2: Adapting pathways to calculate an actual value

The BioGrace tool allows economic operators to adapt the default value calculations for available pathways. It could thus be used for setting up calculations of its own actual value.

The following chapters give a step by step tutorial on how to adapt an existing pathway for several situations:

- Changing input data ;
- Adding specific standard values for existing inputs ;
- Adding new input in the process ;

### 4.1 Modifying input data only

Calculation sheets of the BioGrace tool allow economic operators to calculate an actual value for existing pathways. This adaptation can be performed **by changing the input values** in the appropriate calculation sheet.

You should first take notice of the document [BioGrace calculation rules](#) which includes a specific chapter "Use of starting values in the BioGrace GHG calculation tool". Complying to these rules, **you can modify the value of all white cells**.

**In order to keep track of these changes, we recommend turning on “track changes”**. On each of the Excel sheets for the biofuel production pathways you can find (on the left, near the top of the sheet under the results) an orange “button” which is named “Track changes: ON” or “Track changes: OFF”. You should put this button to “Track changes: ON”. This will cause that a change in a cell will be marked by a yellow background-colour and a red box around the cell. This helps to keep track of changes from the original document which will be helpful for any certification supervision of any actual value certification.

Specific attention has to be paid when the input numbers are available in a different **unit**. The new value has to be expressed in the exact unit mentioned in column D. Please, also check the obtained result for any error or inconsistency.

### 4.2 Adding specific standard values for existing input

Standard values are used to convert input numbers into greenhouse gas emissions. The tool applied the same standard values as the European Commission has used for calculating the RED Annex V default values. However, users can define their own standard values and use them in the tool. This part gives a step by step example for modifying one of the pre-defined standard values.



Adding new standard value requires applying the following principles:

- The name given to the added input in the “user defined standard value” should be different from all the existing names of column C of the “standard value” sheet ;
- The name of the standard value, once defined, has to be written exactly in the same way in calculation sheets where it is used;
- The formulas in columns H, I and J of the calculation sheet have to be checked. For instance, the column position of the LOOKUP function must to be modified to be coherent with the given unit of the new standard value.
- Sources of the data should be clearly stated (see the [Biograce calculation rules](#))

The tool user wants to add a specific standard value for n-hexane instead of using the n-hexane standard value predefined in the tool. For that, the following steps must be performed:

- **Step 1** : first, get to the "User defined standard value" sheet. This sheet is framed exactly the same as the "Standard value" sheet.

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- **Step 2 :** Write the name in the first available free line of the standard value in column B ("n-hexane-user1"). Think about checking that the given name is different from any other of your added values and of the "Standard values" sheet.
- **Step 3 :** Add your own values in the columns with the appropriate unit (from column D to R). If you have a unique value in g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> (and not in CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O), then fill out the first column in g CO<sub>2</sub> as the columns G and K, with unit "g CO<sub>2,eq</sub>" is calculated automatically and should not be changed. Please, note that you also have to add "0" value to the two other column (for CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O) the other cells to avoid error messages in pathway calculation.

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STANDARD VALUES											
parameter:	unit:	Comments	gCO <sub>2</sub> /kg	gCH <sub>4</sub> /kg	gN <sub>2</sub> O/kg	GHG emission coefficient				Fossil energy input	
			gCO <sub>2</sub> -eq/kg	gCO <sub>2</sub> /MJ	gCH <sub>4</sub> /MJ	gN <sub>2</sub> O/MJ	gCO <sub>2</sub> -eq/MJ			MJ <sub>fuel</sub> /kg	MJ <sub>fuel</sub> /MJ
<b>User defined standard values</b>											
Example 1 (diesel from standard values)			0	87,64	0,0000	0,0000	87,6388889				1,1575
Example 2 (methanol from standard values)			0	92,80	0,2900	0,0003	100,147472				1,6594
Example 3 (N-fertiliser from standard values)			2827,0	8,68	9,6418	5917,2313				48,99	
N-hexane-user1			0	55,40	0,0000	0,0000	55,4				
			0								
			0								
			0								
			0								

- Step 4 :** Then, you need to fill in the column T and U with detailed information on the sources of these data (name of the sources in column T, and remarks and details in column U), like in the example below.

C	S	T	U
BIOGRACE Harmonised Calculations of Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe			
STANDARD VALUES			
parameter:	unit:	Source	Remark / question
	gN <sub>2</sub> O/t.km		
<b>User defined standard values</b>			
Example 1 (diesel from standard values)		WTT Appendix 1 (v3) paragraph 2.1 & 3 (Z1)	
Example 2 (methanol from standard values)		WTT Appendix 1 (v3) paragraph 2.1 & 6.1 (GA1)	
Example 3 (N-fertiliser from standard values)			
N-Hexane-User1		Internal LCA studies on chemical production, 2009.	Carried by ..., review by ..., representatif of ...

- Step 5 :** Go to the pathway where you want to use this modified standard value. Modify the name of the n-hexane input called in column B into "n-hexane-user1". Please note that the name must be exactly written in the same way as in the "user defined standard value" sheet. Modify the quantity if needed in column C of the same line.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
77		Natural gas input / MJ steam	1,111 MJ / MJ <sub>steam</sub>									
78		Natural gas (4000 km, EU M	0,058 MJ / MJ <sub>oil</sub>					3,75	0,01	0,00	4,05	
79		Electricity input / MJ steam	0,020 MJ / MJ <sub>steam</sub>									
80		Electricity EU mix MV	0,001 MJ / MJ <sub>oil</sub>					0,13	0,00	0,00	0,14	
81												
82		Chemicals										
83		n-Hexane-user1	0,0040 MJ / MJ <sub>oil</sub>					0,23	0,00	0,00	0,23	
84								Total	5,46	0,02	0,00	5,89
85												
86								Result	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>FUE</sub>		5,89	

- Step 6 :** Check and eventually modify the formulas in column H, I and J if they are not calling the right columns. This could be the case if the unit of your modified standard value is not the same as the unit of the pre-defined standard value of the same product. For instance, the existing n-hexane standard value is given per MJ. If you want to enter GHG data per kg for n-hexane-user1, then you need to change the formula in the pathway calculation, in column H, I and J of the line where you have added "n-hexane\_user1". For that, follow the example below (the column position to change are shown in yellow):

**Initial formula in cell H83** of the previous picture = $\$C83*\$E\$70*\text{VLOOKUP}(\$B83;\text{'Standard values'}!\$C\$9:\$S\$160;7;\text{FALSE})/\$E\$184$

**New formula in cell H83** = $\$C83*\$E\$70*\text{VLOOKUP}(\$B83;\text{'Standard values'}!\$C\$9:\$S\$160;3;\text{FALSE})/\$E\$184$

The numbers "7" and "3" refer to the columns where the values are taken from. These column numbers are listed in row 3 of both the sheet "Standard values" and the sheet "User defined standard values".

### 4.3 Adding an input in a pathway

#### Step by step example :

The tool user wants to add a new input in one of the pathways. For that, the following steps must be performed:

- Step 1 :** First, in the pathway you are working on, get to the module where you want to add an input.

Storage of FFB		Quantity of product	Calculated emissions			
			Emissions per MJ HVO			
			g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
FFB	0,980 MJ <sub>FFB</sub> / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>	294 941 MJ <sub>FFB</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>				
		0,980 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub> input				
Energy consumption						
Diesel	0,00000 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Electricity (NG CCGT)	0,00000 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
<b>Total</b>			<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>
<b>Result</b>			<b>g CO<sub>2</sub>eq / MJ<sub>HVO</sub> 0,00</b>			

- Step 2 :** Insert a new line with the function "insert" of Excel (right click).

Storage of FFB		Quantity of product	Calculated emissions			
			Emissions per MJ HVO			
			g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
FFB	0,980 MJ <sub>FFB</sub> / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>	294 941 MJ <sub>FFB</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>				
		0,980 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub> input				
Energy consumption						
Diesel	0,00000 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Electricity (NG CCGT)	0,00000 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
<b>Total</b>			<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>
<b>Result</b>			<b>g CO<sub>2</sub>eq / MJ<sub>HVO</sub> 0,00</b>			

- Step 3 :** Fill in the line with the name of the input (column B), the unit use (column D), and the quantity used (column C). Please check that the name of the added input is the same than in the table of the "standard value" sheet. Also verify that you use the same unit than existing input.

Storage of FFB		Quantity of product	Calculated emissions			
			Emissions per MJ HVO			
			g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
FFB	0,980 MJ <sub>FFB</sub> / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>	294 941 MJ <sub>FFB</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>				
		0,980 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub> input				
Energy consumption						
Diesel	0,00000 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Electricity (NG CCGT)	0,00000 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub>		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
<b>HFO</b>	<b>0,03000 MJ / MJ<sub>FFB</sub></b>					
<b>Total</b>			<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>
<b>Result</b>			<b>g CO<sub>2</sub>eq / MJ<sub>HVO</sub></b>			

- Step 4 :** On the same line, add the calculation formulas in columns H, I and J according to the unit in which the GHG emission coefficients are expressed (per kg or per MJ). Formula can be copy paste from existing input. When formula written or copied, please check that the proper cells have been used in the formula and that units are consistent. The same work can be carry out in column M if this "info" column exists for this module.

Storage of FFB				Quantity of product		Calculated emissions				Info	
FFB				294 941 MJ <sub>FFB</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>		Emissions per MJ HVO				per kg FFB	
Energy consumption				0.980 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub> input		g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	
Diesel						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Electricity (NG CCGT)						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HFO						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Result						g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ <sub>HVO</sub>				0.00	

- Step 5 : Check that the “Total” line is correctly taking into account the added input. For that, the sum in column H to K must include the added line.

SUM				=SUM(H58:H60)							
Storage of FFB				Quantity of product		Calculated emissions				Info	
FFB				294 941 MJ <sub>FFB</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>		Emissions per MJ HVO				per kg FFB	
Energy consumption				0.980 MJ / MJ <sub>FFB</sub> input		g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	
Diesel						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Electricity (NG CCGT)						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HFO						0.4874	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	
Total						0.4874	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	
Result						g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ <sub>HVO</sub>				0.21	

### 4.4 Adding a new input in a pathway

Adding a new input that does not yet exist in the BioGrace calculation tool can be done by using the two previous step-by-step tutorials.

You will first have to add a new standard value in the “User defined standard value”, then insert your new input in the biofuel-pathway you are working on.



## 5 Function 3 : Creating a new pathway

The BioGrace tool can also be used to set up new biofuel production chains. This requires some knowledge of Excel and a detailed observation of how calculations are made.

The present part cannot provide a comprehensive description of the process. However, a short tutorial is provided below to highlight major steps:

- **Step 1:** Copy an existing pathway and rename it.
- **Step 2:** Erase all data in the white cells of column C. Erase the names of inputs and outputs in column B when necessary. Be sure to keep the result overview box at the top of your pathway, and the 3 last generic modules (LUC, Improved Management Practices, CO<sub>2</sub> storage or replacement).
- **Step 3:** the most important part is to define the frame of the new pathway, meaning the numbers of steps (cultivation of agricultural matter, drying, transport, industrial steps, etc.), the allocations when needed, etc. This frame is to be translated in independent modules.
- To add up new lines, please use the “insert line” function by right clicking on the appropriate line. Beware of adding allocation modules right after the separation step of the co-products.
- **Step 4:** Fill in the new frame with appropriate inputs and outputs into column B, with the associated input numbers in column C. The tool user needs to pay particular attention to the units in which the input numbers are expressed. The unit in column D has to be compatible with the units of the standard value in the “standard value” sheet.
- **Step 5:** Add new standard value if needed (for more detail, please refer to "adding new standard value" part in the previous section "Adapting pathways").
- **Step 6 :** Adapt the formulas of the column H to K when needed (see "adding a new input" part in previous section "Adapting pathways" for more detail)
- **Step 7:** Add, if necessary, comments or intermediate calculations in columns E to G.
- **Step 8:** Adapt all the summing cells from allocation module and total module.
- **Step 9:** Adapt the overview results box to your new pathway by inserting lines and linking cells to each name and results obtained.



## 6 Technical detail on specific issues

### 6.1 How to use the LUC sheet?

Land Use Changes (LUC) are to be taken into account in the GHG calculation of your product. A LUC occurs when the biofuel cultivation has a different carbon stock per hectare than a reference situation (e.g. conversion of forest into agricultural land). The RED methodology and the "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" give precise instructions on when and how to take these carbon changes into account.

A dedicated module is available in the BioGrace tool at the bottom of each pathway. It will collect the emissions caused by carbon stock changes from the LUC sheet. Thus you will need to fill in this LUC sheet to calculate your actual changes in carbon stock. A declared LUC for a pathway will apply to the whole result of the pathway.

If you have several consignments with two different LUC values to be integrated (for instance one with no LUC, and one with a conversion from grassland to crop land), please use a separate copy of the BioGrace GHG calculation tool to declare it. **The tool has been designed with a single LUC sheet that doesn't enable calculating simultaneously two or more GHG values with different LUC values.**

#### Step by step tutorial :

If you need to take into account a Land Use Change for a pathway, please apply the following steps:

- Step 1 :** In the pathway you are studying, answer "yes" to the question "Does land use change occur?" of the LUC module. For that, use the checkbox list next to the question. Make sure that "macro" is authorised to operate (this is the case when the text in the LUC module changes into the appearance of the figure below).
- Step 2 :** Value and text called from the LUC excel sheet then appear.

The screenshot shows the BioGrace LUC module interface. At the top, there is a header with the BioGrace logo and the text 'Harmonised Calculations of Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Land use change, including bonus for production on non-agriculture or degraded land'. The interface includes a dropdown menu for 'Does land use change occur?' with 'yes' selected. Below this, there is a link 'Go to sheet "LUC" to calculate the land use change'. The resulting land use change is displayed as '19,16 ton CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>'. The bonus (eB) is shown as '0 g CO<sub>2</sub> eq / MJ<sub>Ethanol</sub>'. The interface also shows the 'From' and 'To' land use categories: 'From : Warm temperature moist ; Native forest (>30 Europe ; High activity clay ; No till ; No input' and 'To : Warm temperature moist ; Cultivated/cropland tillage ; High without manure'. The resulting emission is shown as '470 g CO<sub>2</sub> eq / MJ<sub>Ethanol</sub>'. The interface is divided into columns A through H, with row numbers 113 through 126 visible on the left.

- Step 3 :** Go to the LUC sheet. You will there find a framework for calculating the carbon stock changes from reference situation to actual utilisation. The annual GHG emissions that need to be added to your pathway will be calculated from that.
- Step 4 :** Select the type of calculation you want to use. Two kinds of calculation are possible: one using the default values listed in the tables "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", called default calculation, and a second one if you have your own value for carbon stocks calculated according to the guidelines in the same Commission Decision (called actual calculation).

	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 <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									
20	Calculation : Please choose your calculation type below, and then fill the adequate part of the questionnaire											
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 5 – Default calculation:** First, you need to have with you the "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" where all formula and data are available. In the part dedicated to default calculation, fill the needed information and data in the white cells. These cells are not using a pre-defined list. You should refer to the information given in column L to find the tables from the Commission decision. Please, use the same wording than the one use in the communication paper of the Commission. Note that cells in light green are automatically filled from other cells. For that, begin by filling "actual land use" part. In the bellow example, the actual land use is a crop. That is why no C<sub>veg</sub> is taken into account. The reference land use considered is a native forest in Europe, under an oceanic climate. No F<sub>MG</sub> and F<sub>I</sub> are needed for this type of cover.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	BIOGRACE Harmonised Calculations of Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe											
29	CS <sub>A</sub> and CS <sub>R</sub> are calculated with the following equation: $CS_A = C_{veg} + SOC_{ST} * F_{LU} * F_{MG} * F_I$											
31	<b>Actual land use</b>						<b>Reference land use</b>					
32	Climate region						Climate region					
33	Vegetation/crop (land use)						Vegetation/crop (land use)					
34	Ecological zone (if relevant)						Ecological zone (if relevant)					
35	Continent (if relevant)						Continent (if relevant)					
36	Above and below ground vegetation						Above and below ground vegetation					
37	Ecological zone (if relevant)						Ecological zone (if relevant)					
38	Continent (if relevant)						Continent (if relevant)					
39	C <sub>veg</sub>						C <sub>veg</sub>					
40	Carbon stock in mineral soil						Carbon stock in mineral soil					
41	Climate region						Climate region					
42	Soil type						Soil type					
43	Soil management						Soil management					
44	Input						Input					
45	SOC <sub>ST</sub>						SOC <sub>ST</sub>					
46	F <sub>LU</sub>						F <sub>LU</sub>					
47	F <sub>MG</sub>						F <sub>MG</sub>					
48	F <sub>I</sub>						F <sub>I</sub>					
49												
50												

- The resulting LUC is calculated right below this part by applying the RED methodology. A positive value shows a carbon loss from the reference situation.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	BIOGRACE Harmonised Calculations of Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe										
47			SOC <sub>ST</sub>	88	ton C / ha				88	ton C / ha	
48			F <sub>LU</sub>	0,69					1		
49			F <sub>MG</sub>	1					n/a		
50			F <sub>I</sub>	1,11					n/a		
51											
52											
53			Resulting carbon stock	CS <sub>A</sub> =	67,4	ton C / ha			CS <sub>R</sub> =	172,0	ton C / ha
54			Resulting LUC	e <sub>l</sub> =	19,16	ton eq. CO <sub>2</sub> / ha / an					

- Step 5 – Actual calculation:** Fill in the white cells of the “Actual calculation” part. You should refer to the information required in column B, and to information given in column L. First, general references for your actual value should be added in order to keep track of the source and quality of these data. In case of methods other than measurements, you should confirm that climate, soil type, etc. are taken into account. If this is not the case, you cannot use your actual data. At last, add the actual Carbon stock in soils (SOC) and carbon contained in vegetation (C<sub>VEG</sub>) for actual and reference uses. The formula from the RED methodology is then used to get the annual carbon changes.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	BIOGRACE Harmonised Calculations of Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe										
60	Type of data use	measurements								measurement method	
61	More detail information	Field measurement from a 3 year campaign, 100 plots, carried out by the National Institute...								Ex	
62											
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66	If using data from other methods than measurements :										
67	Please confirm that they take into account :										
68		climate	yes		yes		no				
69		soil type	yes		yes		no				
70		land cover	yes		yes		no				
71		land management and inputs.	yes		yes		no				
72											
73	Resulting carbon stock in soils	SOC <sub>A</sub> =	70,2	ton C / ha				SOC <sub>R</sub> =	102,0	ton C / ha	
74	Resulting carbon stock in vegetation	C <sub>veg-A</sub> =	0,0	ton C / ha				C <sub>veg-R</sub> =	80,0	ton C / ha	
75		CS <sub>A</sub> =	70,2	ton C / ha				CS <sub>R</sub> =	182,0	ton C / ha	
76	Resulting land Use Change	e <sub>l</sub> =	20,5	ton CO <sub>2</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>							

- Step 6 :** Check in the last line that the proper value is called. If it is not the case, get back to step 4 and choose the appropriate calculation type.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	BIOGRACE Harmonised Calculations of Biofuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Europe										
78											
79											
80	LUC : value that will be used in calculations :	Default calculation (no actual and accurate data) 19,16 ton eq. CO <sub>2</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>									
81											
82											

- Step 7 :** Check in the biofuel production pathway where you need to declare a Land Use Change that the LUC value is there. Please, also check that no Improved agricultural management is declared in the module right below (See the next section for more information).

Does land use change occur?

Go to [sheet LUC](#)

to calculate the land use change

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

Bonus (eB): 0 g CO<sub>2</sub> eq / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub>

Emissions per MJ ethanol			
g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
470.97	0.00	0.00	470.97
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Result			470.97

g CO<sub>2</sub>,eq / MJ<sub>ethanol</sub>

**Improved agricultural management**

e<sub>sca</sub> Soil carbon accumulation

Does improved agricultural management occurs?

Emissions per MJ ethanol

## 6.2 How to use the E<sub>sca</sub> sheet?

The E<sub>sca</sub> sheet is to be used when the user wants to claim increased carbon stock in soils because of improved agricultural practices like no tillage, increased residue incorporation, etc.

This excel sheet is built on the same model than the LUC sheet. The same steps are needed to use it. Please have a look at the LUC section to have a step-by-step tutorial.

The main difference comes from the fact that only carbon stock in soil is taken into account. Please also note that e<sub>sca</sub> has a different sign than e<sub>l</sub> : a positive e<sub>sca</sub> means that carbon stocks are improving in your soil, and thus that the GHG result of the pathway should decrease, whereas a positive e<sub>l</sub> means carbon stock losses. This difference comes from the formula of Annex V.C of the RED, that define e<sub>sca</sub> has a carbon stock accumulation from which the feedstock produced should take some advantages.

Please note that if you have also a change in the above ground carbon stock or more globally in the land use type, you should use the LUC sheet. **Do not use E<sub>sca</sub> sheet if a Land use Change is also declared for the same biofuel.**

## 6.3 How to use the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions IPCC sheet?

N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are to be taken into account in the GHG calculation of your product. These emissions mainly occur during the crop production step because of soil's microorganism's activity. In each pathway, during the crop cultivation step, field N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are to be calculated. A specific module in the sheet "N<sub>2</sub>O emissions IPCC" is dedicated to this calculation. A short cut below the white cell to fill in leads directly to this sheet.



BioGrace tool follows IPCC guidelines 2006 for N<sub>2</sub>O emission calculation as explained in chap 11 “N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from lime and urea application” (see the “BioGrace calculation rules” document for specific recommendations about the use of this method). At the beginning of the “N<sub>2</sub>O emissions IPCC” module, a short introduction presents the methodology used with the additional hypothesis used in JEC calculations that have been incorporated in the module. This module details the calculation of the three N<sub>2</sub>O emissions sources that occur during the agricultural step: direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from the field, N<sub>2</sub>O indirect emissions due to leaching and runoff and N<sub>2</sub>O indirect emissions due to NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> volatilization.

### Step by step example :

For N<sub>2</sub>O emissions calculations for a pathway, please apply the following steps:

- Step 1:** Fill in the name of the crop and the general information about your pathway in the Crop data box. You can choose between 8 different crops.

**Crop data.**

Please enter the data for your crop in the blue cells

**General information**

Crop name:

Crop yield (fresh matter):  kg <sub>dm</sub>/ha/year

Humidity(%):

Crop yield (dry matter):  kg <sub>dm</sub>/ha/year

Straw yield (removed from the field):

Is the soil water saturation high?

**Abbreviation glossary :**

Fresh matter = fm

Dry matter = dm

Ton = t

N mass in N<sub>2</sub>O = N<sub>2</sub>O\_N

Put "yes" when the crop is irrigated OR when rainfall in rainy season (1) minus potential evaporation is higher than soil water holding capacity. If not known, the average nitrate leakage will be applied.

(1) Rainy season: period when rainfall > 0.5 \* Pan Evaporation

**Table 1 : Crops covered in this tool**

Sugar beet	Wheat	Corn	Sugar cane	Rapeseed
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- Step 2:** To calculate N<sub>2</sub>O emissions for a crop that is not listed in Table 1, then enter the name of the crop in Table 1 and fill in Table 4 of this module. More information on how to fill in Table 4 is available in IPCC 2006 chap 11, Table 11.2.

	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG
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- Step 3:** In case of Land Use Changes (LUC) or modified management practices, then the “LUC” or “Esca” sheets should be used to calculate the carbon loss and enter the value in cell C29. Go to sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this manual to know how to use these sheets. When the Esca sheet is used to calculate C losses due to change in agricultural management, please note that only when negative results are obtained, C losses are actually occurring. In this case you should change the sign of the result and insert the obtained value in cell C29.

**Specific information in case of Land Use Change or modified management practices**

What type of land use change is it?

Carbon loss due to land use change:  t/ha/year

Use "arable to arable land" in case of modified practices  
Please, calculate this value by using the LUC sheet  
or the Esca sheet for modified practices

- Step 4:** If the name of the crop selected in cell C19 is either sugar cane, or Palm, then further information should be given in the third part of the Crop data box.



or the [Excel sheet for modified practices](#)

**Specific information for some imported crops** Please, fill in the following cells **only when a text appears**. Default value used by RED

Text appears when the adequate imported crop is selected in the above section (cell C19).

If sugar cane:

Amount of vinnasse applied to the field:	kg of vinnasse dm/kg sugar cane fm	RED used by default 0.94
Amount of filter cake applied to the field:	kg of filter cake dm/kg sugar cane fm	RED used by default 0.01
N content of vinnasse applied to the field:	kg N / t vinnasse	RED used by default 0.36
N content of filter cake applied to the field:	kg N / t filter cake	RED used by default 12.5

- Step 4 - Calculation of direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils.** Two more input data are needed for direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions calculations: the quantities of N synthetic fertilizer and N organic fertilizer applied. You should refer to the “BioGrace calculation rules» manual to know which fertilizer should be taken into account. Intermediate calculations are shown in Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5 and the total of direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are found at the bottom of the box.
- Step 5 - Calculation of indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils.** Automatic calculations are made using previous input data. Intermediate calculations for N<sub>2</sub>O indirect emissions due to NH<sub>3</sub> + NO<sub>x</sub> volatilisation and leaching are shown in Tables 6 and 7 (resp.).

Indirect N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from managed soils (Tier1)				See Table 6, Table 7, Table 8 for intermediate calculations (right side of the this sheet)			
				average	min	max	
Quantity of NH <sub>3</sub> volatilized (IPCC Tier 1):	NH <sub>3</sub> -N (kg)	12.0	3.6	35.9			
Quantity of nitrate leaching (IPCC Tier 1):	NO <sub>3</sub> -N (kg)	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Emission factor for NH <sub>3</sub> volatilization (IPCC Tier 1):	EF <sub>4</sub> (%)	1.0%	0.2%	5.0%			
Emission factor for Nitrate leaching (IPCC Tier 1):	EF <sub>4</sub> (%)	0.75%	0.1%	2.5%			
				kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N/ha/year	kg N <sub>2</sub> O/ha/year		
N <sub>2</sub> O from atmospheric deposition of N volatilised:	N <sub>2</sub> O(ATD)-N	0.12	0.007	1.60	0.19	0.01	2.82
Emission of N <sub>2</sub> O from nitrate leaching effect:	N <sub>2</sub> O(L)-N	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

average	
F <sub>SN</sub>	119.70
F <sub>DN</sub>	0.00
Frac <sub>QABII</sub>	20%
Frac <sub>QABF</sub>	10%
NH <sub>3</sub> &NO <sub>x</sub>	11.97
EF <sub>4</sub>	1.0%
source : from IPCC 2006	

- Step 6:** The total N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are given in yellow at the bottom of the sheet.

TOTAL N <sub>2</sub> O EMISSIONS (Direct + Indirect N <sub>2</sub> O) from managed soils (Tier1)						
				kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N/ha/year	kg N <sub>2</sub> O/ha/year	
				average	min	max
				average	min	max
per ha				1.63	0.37	5.39
per kg dm				0.08	0.02	0.28
per MJ of crop				0.0043	0.0010	0.0143
Value to report in your pathway :				2.56	kg N <sub>2</sub> O/ha/year	

## 6.4 Inconsistency in use of global warming potentials

Global warming potentials (GWPs) are used to convert methane and nitrous oxide in equivalent carbon dioxide. During the project, an inconsistency was found between the GWPs used for the calculation of default values listed in Annex V.A, Annex V.B, Annex V.D and Annex V.E of RED and the GWPs prescribed in Annex V.C point 5. For this reason, two calculations are possible in the tool through the following application in each excel sheet:

### 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 CH<sub>4</sub> and 298 for N<sub>2</sub>O

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

## 6.5 Declaring the 29g Bonus

If you are carrying out your own calculation and that your land enters into one of the two categories of land described in point 8, part C, of annex V of the RED, you can add an extra bonus of 29 g eCO<sub>2</sub>/MJ to your pathway. This can only be done from the moment that the European Commission has defined degraded land and heavily contaminated land.

Within the BioGrace tool, this bonus has to be added in the Land Use Change module, as shown in the picture bellow.

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

Does land use change occur?

Resulting land use change: 0,00 ton CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>

Bonus (eB): 29g

Emissions per MJ ethanol				
g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	
0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	

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

The categories referred to in point 8(b) are defined as follows:

- (a) 'severely degraded land' means land that, for a significant period of time, has either been significantly salinated or presented significantly low organic matter content and has been severely eroded;
- (b) 'heavily contaminated land' means land that is unfit for the cultivation of food and feed due to soil contamination. Such land shall include land that has been the subject of a Commission decision in accordance with the fourth subparagraph of

**Improved agricultural management**

Does improved agricultural management occurs?

Resulting soil carbon accumulation: 0,00 ton CO<sub>2</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>

## 7 Why was there a need for a BioGrace project?

### 7.1 Historic of the RED calculations

#### 7.1.1 A need for GHG reduction guaranty

For calculation of the default value LBST (Ludwig Bölkow System Technik) and JEC consortium (JRC, EUCAR and CONCAWE) have - on request – delivered input to the European Commission. The European Commission has made the final calculations into the default values, which are presented in the RED Annex V.

As defined in article 17 of the RED, biofuels and bioliquids can be taken into account for the following purposes only if they fulfil criteria of greenhouse gas emission reductions:

- Measuring compliance with the requirements of the Directive 2009/28/EC concerning national targets,
- Measuring compliance with renewable energy obligations,
- Eligibility for financial support for the consumption of biofuels and bioliquids.

Thus, the economic operators have to provide data regarding the GHG performance of their biofuels and bioliquids<sup>7</sup>, following the appropriate methodology. Default values defined in Annex V.A, Annex V.B, Annex V.D and Annex V.E of the RED may be used by economic operators under precise conditions (raw materials cultivated outside the Community, raw materials cultivated in the Community in areas where the typical value for raw material cultivation is expected to be lower than the corresponding disaggregated default value in Annex V.D and raw materials that are waste or residues other than agricultural, aquaculture and fisheries residues).

#### 7.1.2 How were the default and typical value calculations developed?

The default value and typical value calculations were performed in a collaboration project with the JEC consortium (Joint Research Centre, EUCAR and CONCAWE) and LBST. The results of their calculations were used as inputs by the European Commission to be published in Annex V of RED and Annex IV of FQD. LBST developed its own model software (“E3database Software”) and underlying databases used to perform the calculations.

The input data come from several studies. The standard values were calculated as part of the E3database, taking into account all inputs and emissions from the provision of the input. The Well-to-Wheel reports from the JEC consortium give detailed information on how these standard values were calculated.

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<sup>7</sup> Article 18 of the RED.

However, in some cases small inconsistencies exist between the values in the WtW reports and the values in the E3database. The **BioGrace standard values** are directly taken from E3database.

## 7.2 History of the tool and BioGrace project

The project BioGrace aims to harmonise calculations of biofuel greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and thus supports the implementation of the EU Renewable Energy Directive (2009/28/EC) and the EU Fuel Quality Directive (2009/30/EC) into national laws.

This project contributes to the publication of a uniform and transparent list of standard conversion values for GHG calculations, and to the elaboration of Excel files as well as user-friendly GHG calculators for economic operators, auditors, and advisors to perform the GHG calculation step by step on their own. These Excel files address the 22 most important biofuel production pathways cited in both directives.

The project results are disseminated to European stakeholders through a website, meetings, and a series of workshops. National policy makers are asked to make reference to the list of standard conversion values in their national legislation.

This tool is a result of the first step of the project, whose objective was to make the calculations that lead to the 22 default values in the Renewable Energy Directive and the Fuel Quality Directive transparent.

The elaboration of this tool was performed and commented by the partners: IFEU, ADEME, ANL, BE2020, BIO IS, CIEMAT, EXERGIA and STEM respectively.

## 8 Glossary

To use the tool, several terms have to be clearly defined. Some of these definitions are based on the directive 2009/28/EC.

**Standard value:** data needed to convert input numbers (given in kg, kWh, etc) into GHG emissions. Examples are Lower Heating Values and values to convert 1 kg N-fertiliser or 1 MJ of natural gas into CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. They are sometime also called "conversion factors".

**Default values:** default values are the GHG emissions per MJ of biofuel given in the tables part D of annex V of the Renewable Energy Directive (see RED bellow). There are step by step default values and one global value for the whole pathway. They are derived from the typical value by adding an extra 40% of energy consumption during the process stage. They may be used instead of actual values under certain circumstances defined in the RED.

**FQD:** Fuel Quality Directive, or Directive 2009/30/EC is the Directive amending Directive 98/70/EC as regards the specification of petrol, diesel, gas-oil and introducing a mechanism to monitor and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and amending Council Directive 1999/32/EC as regards the specification of fuel used by inland waterway vessels and repealing Directive 93/12/EEC.

**Input numbers:** information on the itineraries of cultivation, industrial processes, yields, etc. The input numbers are the values in the white cells in the BioGrace GHG calculation tool. In all these cells, actual input numbers can be given to calculate an actual GHG value.

**Starting values:** the input numbers that are in the BioGrace GHG calculation tool when it is downloaded and opened. These numbers were provided by the JEC consortium for the RED default values of the Directive.

**RED:** Renewable Energy Directive, or Directive 2009/28/EC is the "Directive on the promotion and the use of energy from renewable energy sources".

**GHG:** Greenhouse gases, responsible for global warming.

**LHV:** Lower heating value

**LUC :** Land Use Changes. This term refers to the GHG emissions linked with a change in the carbon stock because of changes in the use of the land. An excel sheet called the LUC excel sheet provides information on how assessing them.



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