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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ES.1. Background information

Pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Hungary, as a Party of the Convention, has been preparing annual inventories of greenhouse gas emissions using the IPCC methodology since 1994. The aim of a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is to give an as complete and accurate as possible state of the art estimation of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removal by sinks of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol. In accordance with the Kyoto Protocol, the following direct greenhouse gases are taken into account: carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), Sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃). The quality of the inventory is controlled by Hungarian and international experts regularly.

The GHG inventory is compiled by the Hungarian Meteorological Service as laid down by a government decree. The participation of the National Land Centre (NLC) together with the NARIC Forest Research Institute and the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCO) as compilers of the whole LULUCF sector is formalized by the same governmental decree. Also, other institutions and external experts are involved in the process of inventory preparation, e.g. the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority, just to name a few.

The main purpose of this National Inventory Report is to describe the input data and calculation methodologies on which the emissions estimates are based thus increasing the transparency of the inventory. The present report refers to the inventory time series for the years 1985-2019. The NIR provides relevant background information on institutional arrangements, QA/QC procedures and other information underlying the inventory compilation in Chapter 1. In Chapter 2 the trends for aggregated greenhouse gas emissions are discussed. The chapters following provide detailed information on each of the main source categories. Chapter 10 discusses details of recalculations and planned improvements. In the Annexes key category analysis and complementary methodological information can be found. (Full NIR will be submitted in March)

ES.2. Summary of National Emissions and Removal Related Trends

In 2019, total emissions of greenhouse gases in Hungary were **64.4 million tonnes** carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂-eq) excluding the LULUCF sector. Emission totals did not change significantly in the last three years (2017-19), thus the growing trend after 2013 seems to have stopped. Taking into account also the mostly carbon absorbing processes in the LULUCF sector, the net emissions of Hungary were 58.8 million tonnes CO₂-eq in 2019. Being about 6 tonnes, the Hungarian per capita emissions are below the European average.

Compared to the base year (average of 1985-87), 1990, and 2005, our current emissions are lower by 42%, 32%, and 16%, respectively.

This significant reduction was partly a consequence of the regime change in Hungary (1989-90) which brought in its train radical decline in the output of the national economy. The production decreased in

almost every economic sector including also the GHG relevant sectors like energy, industry and agriculture. Then, between 2005 and 2013, after a period of about 14 years of relatively stagnant emission level (1992-2005), GHG emissions fell again quite significantly by 24 per cent. The global financial and economic crisis exerted a major impact on the output of the Hungarian economy, consequently on the level of GHG emissions as well resulting in a quite significant drop of 9% between 2008 and 2009. Then, after a smaller increase in 2010, emissions decreased further in the following four years. In contrast, the decline in economic output stopped in the first quarter of 2010, and Hungary not only reached the pre-crisis level of GDP again in 2014 but exceeded it even in 2015.

After 2013, emissions started growing again. Up to 2017, the overall increase reached 11%. However, the level of total emissions has stabilized since then.

The most important greenhouse gas is carbon dioxide accounting for 76% of total GHG emissions. The main source of CO₂ emissions is burning of fossil fuels for energy purposes, including transport. CO₂ emissions have decreased by 43% since the middle of the 80's. Methane represents 13% in the GHG inventory. Methane is generated mainly at waste disposal sites and in animal farms, but the fugitive emissions of natural gas systems (i.e. transmission, storage, and distribution) are also important sources. CH₄ emissions are by 39% lower than in the base year. Nitrous oxide contributes 8% to the total GHG emissions. Its main sources are agricultural soils, and manure management. N₂O emissions are 56% lower compared to base year. The total emissions of fluorinated gases amount to 3%.

Table ES.1 Trend of emissions by GHGs, excluding LULUCF (Gg CO₂-eq)

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	85,418	73,225	61,391	58,365	60,278	52,069	46,615	47,072	49,452	49,408	49,080
CH ₄	13,540	12,789	10,737	10,572	9,694	8,913	8,425	8,365	8,395	8,324	8,238
N ₂ O	11,141	8,384	4,755	5,411	5,622	3,730	4,533	4,801	4,802	4,872	4,878
HFCs	NO	0	36	204	754	1,250	1,821	1,888	1,952	2,033	2,134
PFCs	371	376	223	282	280	4	4	4	2	3	3
SF ₆	7	12	51	82	90	92	118	128	114	97	101
Total	110,477	94,787	77,193	74,917	76,718	66,057	61,517	62,259	64,716	64,735	64,433

Base year (BY)=average of 1985-87

ES.3. Overview of Source and Sink Category Emission Estimates and Trends

By far, the biggest emitting sector was the energy sector contributing 72% to the total GHG emission in 2019. Industrial processes and product use (IPPU) was the second and agriculture was the third largest sector with 12% and 11%, respectively. The waste sector contributed 5%. Compared to the base year, emissions were significantly reduced in the energy (-42%), IPPU (-49%), and agriculture (-41%). In contrast, emissions in the waste sector have increased slightly since 1985 (+7%). The land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector shows fluctuating behavior. Looking at the more recent trends *since 2005*, emissions have significantly decreased in the energy and industrial processes sectors by 19% and 15%, respectively. The agriculture sector seems to have recovered and could show an increase of 16% since 2005. The previous growing trend turned back in the waste sector (-18%).

The **energy sector** was responsible for 72% of total GHG emissions in 2019. Production and use of energy generate most greenhouse gases, largely CO₂. Currently, 16% of domestic primary energy

supply is nuclear, 12% is renewable which means that the remaining - overwhelming - part of primary energy demand has to be met by fossil fuels. Natural gas accounts for the largest share (44%) of incinerated, largely fossil fuels, followed by an increasing share of petroleum products (33%). Emissions have been positively influenced by the fact that the proportion of coal with higher specific emissions has fallen from 30% to below 10% in the last 30 years, which is well below the current share of biomass in fuel consumption (14%).

In recent years, the **transport sector** became the largest emitter, not only within the energy sector (32%) but also across all sectors, as transport now accounts for **23%** of total national emissions. Emissions from the road transport dominated sector increased by 6% in 2019 and altogether by 46% since 2013.

The share of the energy industries in total emissions decreased to 19% from 26% in 2005. Although domestic electricity production was 7% higher than in the previous year, coal-based power production dropped by 13% whereas natural gas fired power plants with more favorable specific emission levels increased their production by 18%. Another welcome development is the sharp increase in the use of solar energy: 4% of gross electricity production now comes from solar energy. The share of nuclear power generation has been stable at around 50% over the last few years. (The relatively large share of electricity import decreased from 31% to 27%. Also, decrease of heat production could be observed (-3%), which was probably due to milder winter weather with a 3% lower heating demand. In energy and heat production, the use of conventional fossil fuels (coal, natural gas) has declined, while that of renewable and waste has increased. As a result of all the above, emissions from the energy industry decreased by 5% in 2019.

The mild winter also affected households' energy use: in 2019, total fuel consumption in dwellings decreased by 4%. The use of natural gas (-2%), coal (-26%) and firewood (7%) has all decreased. (It is worth noting that the use of the two main energy sources often change in opposite directions: since 2005, natural gas consumption has fallen by 30%, while firewood has increased by 33%.) The share of the "other sector", including residential and other buildings, has fallen to 19% in 2019 from 23% in 2005 within total emissions.

Energy use and emissions from manufacturing industries and construction did not change significantly in 2019, (-1%) their contribution is 8% to domestic total emissions. Fugitive (mostly methane) emissions from the domestic natural gas system represent 3% of total emissions. (Please note that there has been a significant revision of emission estimates from the latter source category.)

Opposite processes in the energy sector - rising emissions from transport, falling emissions from households and the power sector - almost equalized and eventually led to a small (0.5%) emission reduction in 2019.

Table ES.2 Trend of emissions and removals by sector (including LULUCF, Gg CO₂-eq)

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Energy	80,158	69,363	59,036	56,440	57,312	49,882	44,231	45,075	46,724	46,445	46,198
Industry	15,076	11,750	8,228	8,183	9,071	6,395	6,937	6,647	7,423	7,709	7,666
Agriculture	12,018	9,983	6,001	6,136	6,137	5,674	6,788	7,095	7,106	7,146	7,133
LULUCF	-1,892	-2,676	-6,098	-1,057	-5,810	-4,553	-5,873	-4,655	-5,380	-4,659	-5,568
Waste	3,225	3,690	3,929	4,157	4,198	4,106	3,562	3,441	3,464	3,435	3,437
Total	108,585	92,111	71,095	73,859	70,908	61,504	55,644	57,603	59,337	60,076	58,865

Base year (BY)=average of 1985-87

The **industrial processes** sector was the second largest sector (slightly overtaking the agriculture sector), contributing 12% to total GHG emissions in 2019. The most important greenhouse gas was CO₂, contributing 67% to total sectoral GHG emissions, followed by F-gases with 29%. In 2019, 32% of the emissions came from chemical industry, followed by 28% from product uses as ODS substitutes. Mineral industry has 19%, metal industry has 16% contribution to sectoral GHG emissions, respectively. Other product uses (containing SF₆ and N₂O) and non-energy products from fuels and solvent use have the smallest influence on the 2019 IPPU inventory with 4% and 1%, respectively. Process related industrial emissions decreased by 49% between the base year and 2019, and by 15% between 2005 and 2019.

GHG emissions from the iron and steel producing sector decreased by 10% compared to 2018 because of the decreasing production of pig iron. While production of ammonia and urea increased in 2019, emissions from the chemical industry sector decreased by 1%. Production of mineral industry shows an increasing trend from 2013, GHG emissions from this sector were 7% higher in 2019 than in 2018.

A third of industrial emissions come from the operation of equipment containing F-gases and from use of F-gas containing products. Category 2.F.1. (Refrigeration and air-conditioning) accounts for 92% of total F-gas emissions, which is still increasing. Despite the continuous regulation of high GWP gases emission has not already stopped in this sector.

Although, charging into new equipment for some gases already is forbidden, a lot of cooling systems have been operated with gases which have higher GWP and this is the reason of this trend.

In 2019, **agriculture** accounted for 11% of total emissions. Emissions from agriculture include CH₄ and N₂O gases. 86 per cent of total N₂O emissions were generated in agriculture in 2019. Emissions from agriculture have decreased by 41% over the period of 1985-2019. The bulk of this reduction occurred in the years between 1985 and 1995, when agricultural production fell by more than 30 per cent, and livestock numbers underwent a drastic decline. The contribution of agriculture to total emissions was 11% in 2019 similar to the level in the base year (BY).

Between 1996 and 2008, agricultural emissions had stagnated around 6.2 Mt with fluctuations up to 5%. Behind this trend there were compensatory processes. While the number of livestock decreased further leading to lower emission, the use of fertilizers increased by 68% in the period 1995-2007 which caused growing nitrous oxide emissions from agricultural soils. In 2008 the significantly rising fertilizer prices led to lower fertilizer use, which resulted in some reduction in the emission levels.

Agricultural emissions decreased both in 2009 and 2010. A major reduction in emissions occurred in 2009, when 11 per cent decline in swine population also contributed to the downward trend. Agricultural emissions, after hitting the lowest point in 2010, had increased until 2018, mainly because of the increase in the inorganic fertilizer use, cattle livestock and milk production per cow.

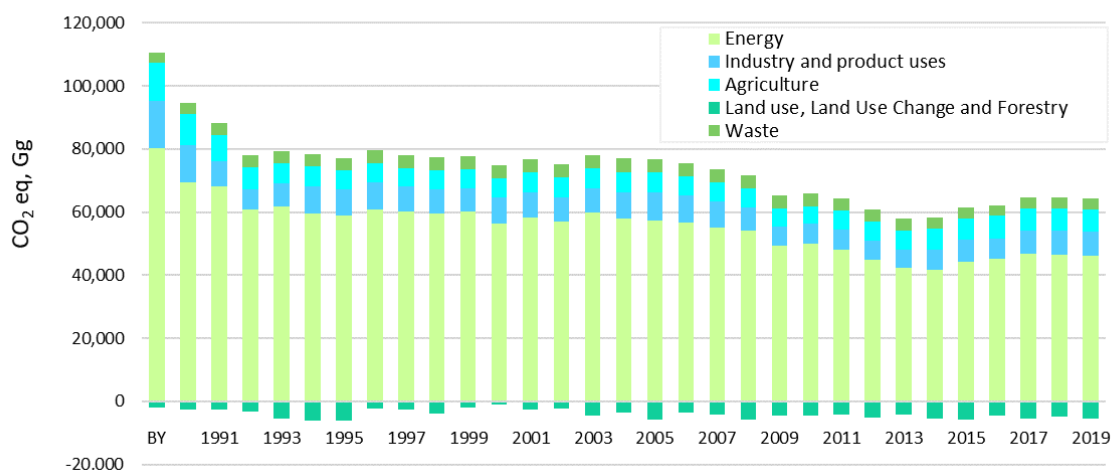
The GHG-emissions reflect the restructuring in the agricultural production has taken place since 2004, namely the increased ratio of crop to livestock production. Share of CH₄ emissions, which derive mainly from the animal husbandry, has decreased, while the N₂O emissions, originating primarily from the crop production has grown, since 2004.

Certain types of inorganic fertilizers as urea containing fertilizers and calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) fertilizers contribute to the agricultural GHG-emissions not only with their nitrogen, but also their carbon content. In Hungary CAN fertilizers have become increasingly popular in the recent years, as a result N₂O and CO₂ emissions has tripled from this source since 2005.

Emissions growth stopped in 2019, mainly due to the decreasing swine livestock and synthetic fertilizer use.

The **Land Use Land-Use Change and Forestry** sector is a sink of carbon because of the huge amount of carbon uptake of forests, due to continuous afforestation efforts and sustainable forest management. The complex dynamics of the land use and land-use changes leads to highly fluctuating estimates of sectoral removals. Over the period 1990 to 2019 our estimates indicate an average annual 4.9 million tonnes net removal, CO₂-eq net removals range from 0.7 million tonnes in 2000 to 7.3 million tonnes CO₂ in 2008. In 2019, the LULUCF sector accounted for 5.6 million tonnes carbon-dioxide removals. The net removals of forests amounted to 5.6 million tonnes CO₂.

The **waste** sector was responsible for 5% of total national GHG emissions in 2018. The largest category was solid waste disposal on land, representing 85% in 2018, followed by wastewater treatment and discharge (9%), biological treatment of solid waste (4%), and incineration of waste without energy recovery (1%). In contrast with other sectors, emissions from the waste sector are by 7% higher now than in the base year. However, the growth in emissions stopped in the last decade, and a reduction of 18% could be observed between 2005 and 2019. The degradation process in solid waste disposal sites is quite slow which means that waste that were disposed many years earlier have still an influence on current emission levels. However, the amount of disposed waste had dropped significantly since 2005 (e.g. landfilled municipal waste decreased by 50%) consequently methane emissions started to decrease as well. GHG emissions from wastewater handling have a pronounced decreasing trend due to a growing number of dwellings connected to the public sewerage network.



BY=average of 1985-87

Figure ES. 1 Change in greenhouse gas emissions from base year (BY, 1990-2019)

ES.4. Precursors

NO_x, CO and NMVOC gases are referred to as indirect gases because they (together with SO₂) influence atmospheric warming indirectly, via secondary effects. Nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and (non-methane) volatile organic compounds are precursor of ozone which is itself a naturally occurring greenhouse gas. Sulphur dioxide can contribute to formation of aerosols that scatter some of the solar radiation back into space. Calculation of the emissions of these gases is required by the UNFCCC reporting guidelines. It should be noted that Hungary (as well as the other European countries) has calculated the emissions of such gases for several decades and the Geneva Convention of 1979 (CLRTAP) also laid down such obligations. Emissions are reported consistently in the above two reporting regime. The following table shows the main trends in emissions:

Table ES. 3 Emissions of indirect gases, excluding LULUCF (Gg)

GASES	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
NO _x	246	190	187	178	146	127	119	120	119	113
CO	1414	946	823	669	516	440	427	418	358	344
NMVOC	306	210	190	173	131	128	128	125	120	118
SO ₂	830	614	427	43	30	24	23	28	23	17

The substantial reduction in sulphur dioxide emissions is attributable to the decreased use of fossil fuels in general and the decreasing share of coal with higher sulphur content. After 2000, further reductions were observed due to the introduction of SO₂ precipitators in coal-fired power stations. Reduced carbon monoxide emissions are obviously a consequence of decreased fuel uses. The decrease in NO_x emissions is relatively moderate due to the increasing significance of transport.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background information and climate change

Hungary submitted the First National Communication in 1994 when the country joined the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as the Convention). In conjunction with this, the greenhouse gas inventories of the preceding years were prepared. Since then, inventories have been compiled annually as required. According to the Convention, year 1990 considered as the general reference level was not adequate for Hungary as a base year because the economic output of the country was already on the descending course as a result of the ongoing transition to market economy. Instead of 1990, the average of years 1985, 1986 and 1987 (hereinafter referred to as "base year") was selected because these three years represented a certain level of stability in the fluctuating economic output. This request was accepted by the COP.

With the introduction of additional greenhouse gases, it was necessary to select the corresponding base years. (This was particularly important for HFCs because such gases had been used increasingly as replacements for ozone depleting chlorofluorocarbons since the early 1990's.) Hungary has chosen 1995 as the base year for fluoride gases. The process of inventory preparation has been improved year by year. The inventory teams did their best to meet the changing and growing requirements. Particular emphasis was placed on determining the specific emission factors for Hungary.

The regional effects of the global climate change can clearly be seen on the Hungarian observations. The annual averages of temperature in Hungary are very similar to the well-known wave of the global temperature since the beginning of the 20th century.

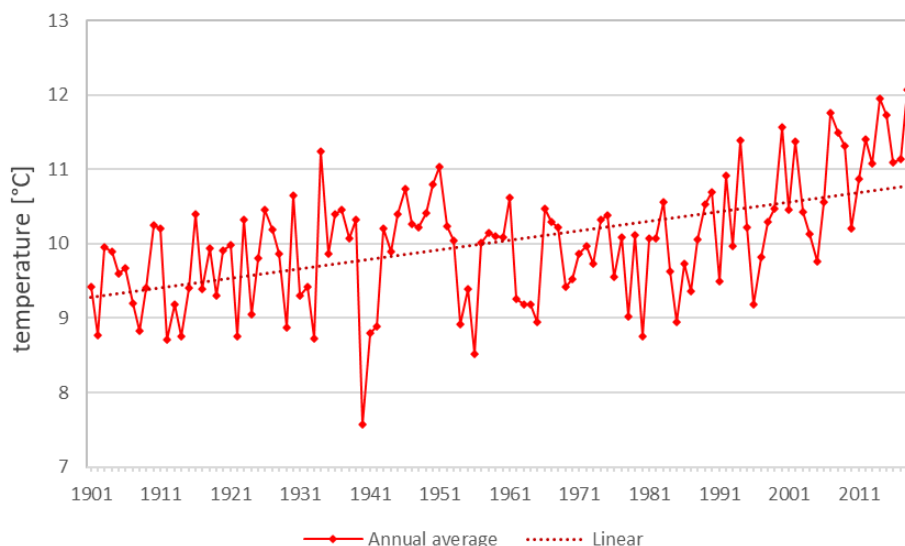


Figure 1.1. Linear trends in annual mean temperature (°C) over the period 1901-2019 in Hungary, based on the homogenized, interpolated dataset of the Hungarian Meteorological Service

The yearly average temperature was 12.19 °C in 2019 in Hungary. This year was the warmest based on the homogenized and interpolated dataset in Hungary since 1901. This fact only would suggest a

warming process which can be confirmed by a linear trend that shows a temperature increase of $+1.32^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the last 119 years.

The year 2019 can be considered to be rainy on average in the timeseries starting in 1901, but the distribution of the rainfall within the year was different from the usual one. The annual precipitation of Hungary was 631.0 mm, which equates 105% of the average over the period 1981-2010. The exponential trend fitted to the 119 year-long data series shows a moderate decline (Fig. 1.2).

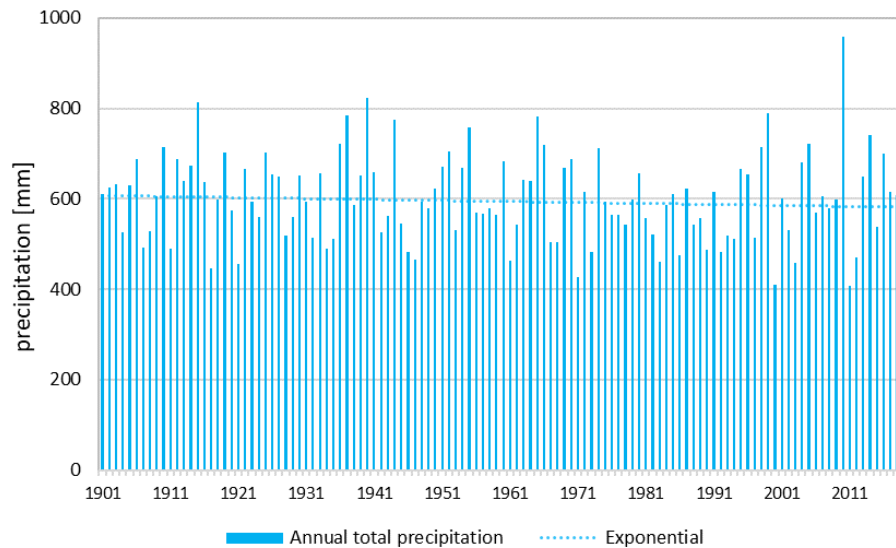


Figure 1.2. Exponential trends in annual precipitation sum (mm) over the period 1901-2019 in Hungary, based on the homogenized, interpolated dataset of the Hungarian Meteorological Service

1.2 Institutional arrangements

The minister responsible for the environment has overall responsibility for the Hungarian Greenhouse Gas Inventory and the Hungarian National System for Climate Reporting. He is responsible for the institutional, legal and procedural arrangements for the national system and the strategic development of the national inventory. The Ministry of Environment and Water had been abolished after the elections in spring 2010, and its tasks have been taken over by the Ministry of Rural Development. The structure and duties of the ministries changed again somewhat after the elections in 2014, and the Ministry of Rural Development turned to Ministry of Agriculture which nevertheless has the same responsibilities regards environmental matters. Therefore, the designated *single national entity* is now the Ministry of Agriculture.

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The national system has to be operated by the minister responsible for the environment but, as prescribed by legislation, in consent and cooperation with the ministers responsible for energy policy, forest management, agricultural policy, and national budget. Within the Ministry for Innovation and Technology, i.e. the ministry responsible for energy policy, a Climate Policy Department has been established that plays a coordinating and supervisory role in the national system. The head of this department is Hungary's current UNFCCC Focal Point.

At the end of 2006, a Greenhouse Gas Inventory Division (GHG division) was established in the Hungarian Meteorological Service (HMS) for the preparation and development of the inventory. This division is responsible for most inventory related tasks, compiles the greenhouse gas inventories and other reports with the involvement of external institutions and experts on a contractual basis and supervises the maintenance of the system. In 2015, the name of the division was changed to Unit of National Emissions Inventories.

At the very end of 2009, a new government decree 345/2009 (XII.30.) on data provision relating to GHG emissions was put into force. This decree confirmed the designation of the Hungarian Meteorological Service as the compiler institute. As a new element, the participation of the Forestry Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO, Forestry Directorate) together with the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (hereafter referred to as NARIC) Forest Research Institute was formalized by this decree. These two institutes were responsible for the forestry part of the LULUCF sector and for the supplementary reporting on LULUCF activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol by making recommendations to HMS of the content of the inventory. The govt. decree had to be revised according to the changing EU regulations and reporting needs, therefore Govt. Decree 345/2009 (XII.30) was replaced by Govt. Decree 528/2013 (XII.30.).

1 January 2015, a new government decree 278/2014. (XI. 14) entered into force in Hungary designating the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO) Plant Protection and Soil Conservation Directorate, together with the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture, responsible for the development of the GHG inventory of the non-forest sectors. (This is a change from the previous system, in which the Hungarian Meteorological Service was responsible for the non-forest sectors. In order to facilitate this change, and in order to ensure a smooth transition to the application of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines, a new estimation system has been recently developed for, and together with, the NFCSO by an external expert.)

In 2019, the Hungarian National Land Centre (NLC) was established from several organizations including the Forestry Department of NFCSO. Thus, from this year onwards, together with NARIC the Forestry Department of NLC is responsible for the forestry part of the LULUCF sector.

The Hungarian Meteorological Service is a central office under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture. The duties of the Service are specified in a Government Decree from 2005. The financial background of operation is determined in the Finances Act. HMS has introduced the quality management system ISO 9001:2000 for the whole range of its activities in 2002 to fulfill its tasks more reliably and for the better satisfaction of its partners. The Unit of National Emissions Inventories functions as part of the Department of Climate and Ambient Air. The Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the Hungarian Meteorological Service coordinates the work with other involved ministries, government agencies, consultants, universities and companies in order to be able to draw up the yearly inventory report and other reports to the UNFCCC and the European Commission. The Unit of National Emissions Inventories can be regarded as a core expert team of four people. The division of labor and the sectoral responsibilities within the team are laid down in the QA/QC plan and other official documents of HMS. The Head of Unit coordinates the teamwork and organizes the cooperation with other institutions involved in inventory preparations. He is responsible for the compilation of CRF tables and NIR. Within the team the experts are responsible for different sectors. Besides, a QA/QC coordinator and an archive manager have been nominated.

Most parts of the inventory (energy, industrial processes and product use, agriculture, and waste) are prepared by the experts of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories themselves. The whole LULUCF sector is compiled by the institutes listed in the above-mentioned government decree. As before, and also complying with the decree mentioned above, the Forestry Department of the NLC is responsible for the GHG inventory of the forestry sector. Quality control for the forestry sector is provided by the NARIC Forest Research Institute. Data for the estimation of non-forest related emissions is also provided by the Central Statistical Office, the Hungarian Mining Authority and National Directorate General for Disaster Management.

The following table summarizes the institutional arrangements:

<i>Function</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>
	Ministry of Agriculture	
Single national entity	(in consent and cooperation with Ministry for Innovation and Technology, and Ministry of Finance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision of national system • Official consideration and approval of inventory
Inventory coordination and compilation	HMS Unit of National Emissions Inventories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of work plan • Contracting consultants • Inventory preparation of Energy, Industry, Agriculture and Waste sectors • Compilation of the CRF and NIR • Archiving • Coordinating QA/QC activities • Reporting to UNFCCC secretariat
Inventory preparation of the LULUCF sector and LULUCF activities under the KP. (by law)	Hungarian National Land Centre (NLC) NARIC Forest Research Institute National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection, choice of methods and EFs, inventory preparation • Compilation of the relevant parts of the CRF and NIR

1.3 Inventory preparation

The annual inventory cycle is carried out in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. As a general method of preparing the inventory, the procedures described in the IPCC Guidelines are applied and the latest CRF Reporter software is used. Usually, the sectoral experts are responsible for the choice of methods and emission factors in consultation with the head of Unit of National Emissions Inventories. According to the recommendations of the IPCC Guidelines, the calculation methods are chosen by taking into account the technologies available in Hungary whenever possible. The calculation of emissions occurs basically by using the formula: $AD \times EF$, where the activity data (AD) can be raw material or product or energy use etc. Part of the available data (e.g. production data) can directly be entered into the IPCC tables; others require previous processing and conversion. For example, energy data are not always available in the required depth and resolution. The default emission factors (EF) are being gradually replaced by country-specific emission factors characteristic of domestic technologies. Efforts are made to use the highest possible Tier method, especially in case of key categories. After preliminary quality control of the basic data, the necessary calculations are carried out with the coordination of the core team. The sectoral data are compiled and - after repeated checks - unified by using the CRF Reporter software. QA/QC activities are described in more detail in chapter 1.7 and the full, updated QA/QC Plan (synthesizing the former QA/QC Plan, the old ISO Procedure and the old archiving manual) is included in Annex 5.

Recalculation of some data-series of the inventory can be justified by several reasons. Just to name a few, QA/QC procedures, ERT recommendations, changing for higher Tier methodologies can lead to a recalculation. As a basic rule, whenever new information emerges that improves the quality or accuracy of the emission data, the emissions are recalculated. The Hungarian Meteorological Service funds research and development projects for the improvement of the inventory whenever possible. Recalculations are always documented in the relevant chapter of the national inventory report.

The inventory cycle can be summarized with the following table based on our QA/QC plan:

Date/deadline	Item	To
From May to November	Overview of sectors to identify areas for possible improvements; Data collection, choice of methodologies, Start of calculations Repeated checks	
From September to December (and April)	Calculations from external expert	
From September to December (and April)	Calculations, checks, archiving	
08 January	Main features for National Inventory Report (CRF tables and part of NIR) for approval	National Authority
15 January	Official submission	EU
Between January and March	QC procedures including EU internal review	
08 March	National Inventory Report final version for approval	National Authority
15 March	National Inventory Report, Official submission	EU
Between March and April	QC procedures in the process of finalizing the NIR and CRF tables	
08 April	National Inventory Report for approval	National Authority
15 April	Official submission	UNFCCC
31 July	Preliminary inventory of year x-1	EU
From 15 th of April to October	Archiving, QA/QC and Development Plan	internal

A Figure presenting the inventory cycle is included in Annex 5.

To summarizing the above, the main compiler institutes are: (1) the Hungarian Meteorological Service (HMS) responsible for all sectors except for LULUCF, and (2) the National Land Centre together with NARIC Forest Research Institute and the National Food Chain Safety Office responsible for the LULUCF part of the inventory.

The Meteorological Service, where an inventory team is located, is authorized by law to collect the necessary data. Calculations are either carried out by the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the HMS or by external experts on contractual basis. The inventory report is approved by two ministers:

(1) minister for innovation and technology, (2) minister for agriculture (responsible for environment, agricultural policy, land administration, and forest management) before submission to the UNFCCC.

1.4 Data collection, processing and storage

Data is collected in several ways and throughout the whole yearly cycle of the inventory preparation. Sector specialists of the core team (or external experts on contractual basis) are making the data inquiry and collection in addition to the data arriving based on the reporting obligation set up by Govt. Decree 278/2014. (XI. 14) as described below in more detail). Plant specific data are collected if possible (especially in case of power stations, heating stations and industrial technologies) but statistical databases are also heavily used as source of information. The most important statistical publications are the Statistical Yearbook of Hungary, the Environmental Statistical Yearbook of Hungary and the Environmental Report of Hungary published by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO) and the Energy Statistical Yearbook published earlier by the Energy Efficiency, Environment and Energy Information Agency. As regards energy statistics, the practice has changed in recent years. The compiler institute relies less to classic statistical publication and more to databases sent by the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority to the IEA and Eurostat. The compiler institute receives the same completed joint questionnaires that are sent to the international organizations which ensure the consistency with data reported under Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008.

Since the use of ETS data has several advantages, the inventory team was granted access (by the same Govt. decree) to the verified emissions database held earlier by the National Inspectorate for Environment and Nature (now: National Climate Protection Authority).

In addition to statistical data, contacts were established with the representatives of a number of major emitting sectors. Moreover, information from the web sites of international associations (e.g., International Iron and Steel Institute, IISI) is used as well.

For the calculation of F-gas emissions, import data from the Customs Office and Police were used together with data obtained directly from companies importing and using fluorinated gases and information from cooling industry associations, the Hungarian Monitoring and Certification Body (OMKT-HMBC), the Hungarian Electrotechnical Association (MEE) and the National Directorate General for Disaster Management, Ministry of the Interior (NDGDM).

Data reported pursuant to Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 842/2006 on F-gases (for the consistency check required by the MMR) is received from Hungarian contact point responsible for the reporting under 842/2006/EC. This data provision is also included in Govt. Decree 278/2014. (XI. 14).

The Act LX of 2007 on the implementation framework of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol thereof aims to give direct data collection authorization to the Ministry of Agriculture in order to collect data for the national system for climate reporting and gives a permanent status to the system. Relevant paragraphs for data collection are the following: "The state authorities having disposal of the data necessary to operate the National Registration System and the organizations emitting at least 100 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year shall provide these data for the National Registration System in accordance with the provisions of a separate legal instrument." "The data (...) necessary to fulfill international data supply shall be provided for the National Registration System irrespective of the fact that they are qualified as individual data pursuant to the

relevant provision of Act XLVI of 1993 on statistics.” This separate legal instrument, the above-mentioned government decree 278/2014. (XI. 14) on data provision relating to GHG emissions prescribes compulsory data provision for GHG inventory purposes for numerous governmental bodies and emitters. QA/QC Activities connected to data collection are regulated by the updated QA/QC Plan included in Annex 5.

All the collected data, where relevant, are also used for the elaboration of the air pollutant emission inventories (NFR). Therefore, the consistency with the reporting of air pollutant emission inventories under Directive 81/2001 and the Convention on Long-range, Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP) is ensured.

A copy of all data, information necessary for the compilation of the given annual inventory is stored in printed or electronic form either by the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the HMS or by the institutions involved in inventory preparations. Significant steps were taken to create a central archive in the premises of the Hungarian Meteorological Service where all background data would be stored.

The most important paper information archived already in the Service is the following:

- Statistical Yearbooks of Hungary from the year 1961
- Environmental Statistical Yearbook of Hungary from 1996
- Energy Statistical Yearbook published by the Energy Efficiency, Environment and Energy Information Agency from 1985.
- Hungarian Statistics on Road Vehicles (in electronic format since 2000)
- National, regional and local emission survey of the Hungarian road, rail, water-borne and air transport (1995-2004) made yearly by the Institute of Transport Sciences

Lots of background data are stored by contracted expert institutions as well, which increases the security of data availability. Nevertheless, at least a copy of all important information has been transferred to the HMS. The following information is stored elsewhere:

- Data from individual industrial plants – Ministry of Agriculture;
- ETS data, registry - National Climate Protection Authority;
- Forestry statistics – Hungarian National Land Centre;
- Wastewater data – General Directorate of Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Interior, HCSO.

Electronic information is stored on disks on a fileserver with a regular backup. The whole data files are backed up once a week, while the implements (those files that have been modified since the last saving) are saved two times a week. The data are stored on tape storage system. The cassettes of the data storage system are stored far from the recording system, in another room, which is air conditioned and equipped with an up-to-date fire service system. All events connected with the data saving are logged in accordance with the documents of the Quality Management System of HMS.

As HMS is a central office, strict record management, documentation and archiving rules apply in general. HMS's general record management, documentation and archiving regulation have been amended in 2011. The new regulation had been supplemented with a new chapter relating to the Unit of National Emissions Inventories. The main elements of the former proposal of the 'manual for the maintenance and management of the archiving system' as the procedures of documents and data handling had been formalized in this regulation.

A particular issue of this regulation is to ensure the integrity of the data handling in relation to the GHG inventory. The regulation has specific rules on handling confidential data as well. These rules are as follows:

Confidential data are

- accessible only for members of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories. They are not allowed to be forwarded to other institute or persons, except for the ERT
- it is not allowed to make hard copies of these documents, only one electronic copy can be made, which is stored on the server of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories;
- data stored on the server of GHG are protected by password;
- it is not allowed to take out any confidential information from the HMS, not even their copies;
- the original hard copies are not allowed to be forwarded to the Hungarian Environmental Archives; they are stored in the records of the HMS's Unit of National Emissions Inventories.

The new regulation has been endorsed by the Minister of Public Administration and Justice and has been in force since January of 2012.

The directories of the server, where the data of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories are stored have access protection, so they are available only for the staff of the Unit in charge of the different sectors of the GHG inventory. It is important to note that there are different directories for all the calculations and drafts (working folder) and for the submitted reports and incoming data which cannot be modified. Within the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of HMS, the nominated archive manager is responsible for the maintenance of the archiving system in close cooperation with the IT Department of the Service.

The most important elements of the previously planned procedural manual for management and maintenance of the archiving system (archiving manual) have been included formally into the general record management, documentation and archiving regulation of the HMS and the new QA/QC Plan of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the HMS. (Instead of the introduction of a new regulation the already existing regulations have been amended and supplemented with the issues of the draft manual.). So, these two regulations define the QA/QC activities connected to data collection, processing, storage and the documentation and archiving activities of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories. Further development of the system may include the incorporation of other emission data, which are relevant to air pollution.

1.5 Brief general description of methodologies and data sources used

The IPCC Guidelines provide methodologies for estimating emissions and removals of greenhouse gases. However, the basic idea is not greenhouse gas specific, the same approach is used for other pollutants, and other emission inventories, as well (e.g. see the EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook). The basic equation is as simple as this:

$$\text{Emission} = \text{AD} \times \text{EF},$$

where AD stands for activity data which represents some human activity (e.g. fuel use, industrial production, animal population, dwellings supplied with public sewerage, area of vineyard

abandonment), whereas EF is the emission factor that quantifies the emission (or removal) per unit of activity. For example, in energy industry, which is the most important source category, emission factors for combusting natural gas or lignite are 56.1 t CO₂/TJ and 107.9 t CO₂/TJ, respectively; the importance of the mix of fuels used to produce energy becomes apparent at a glance.

Emission factors are usually dependent on several other factors, used technologies etc. which leads us to the concept of tiers. A tier represents a level of methodological complexity. In the Guidelines, usually three tiers are provided. Tier 1 is the basic method, where activity data are usually aggregated national statistics and the emission factors are default values representing typical process conditions. Higher tier methodologies are more demanding in terms of complexity and data requirements as they require country-specific information on the used technologies, facility level data whenever possible, or use of complex models. For key categories, i.e. categories that have a significant influence on a country's total inventory of greenhouse gases in terms of the absolute level of emissions and removals, the trend in emissions and removals, or uncertainty in emissions and removals, it is required to apply higher tier methods. Accordingly, the compilers of the Hungarian inventory aim at taking into account the technologies available in Hungary to the extent possible. For example, the emission trading system of the European Union makes possible to have access to facility level activity and verified emission data.

Although this basic equation can widely be used, in some source categories other approaches are used. For example, mass balance method is used for estimating the change in carbon content of living biomass in forests, or in case of solid waste disposal sites, a calculation method is applied which assumes that the degradable organic component in waste decays slowly throughout a few decades.

To ensure that the national inventory fulfils its main purpose, namely monitoring the country's compliance with its commitments, it has to meet certain quality standards, in other words it has to be accurate, complete, consistent, comparable and transparent (ACCCT). The first two requirements need no special explanation: an inventory is accurate, if it has no systematic bias towards under- or overestimations, whereas a complete inventory covers all relevant sources and sinks, and gases within the borders of the country. The next two criteria are closely linked to the requirements of the UNFCCC. Consistency ensures that the trends in the times-series of the inventory reflect real differences in emissions, and not caused by any methodological changes. National greenhouse gas inventories of all countries shall be comparable; therefore, the submitted information shall be compiled in accordance with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines and the 2006 IPCC guidelines.

More detailed source specific information on used data and methodologies can be found in Chapters 3-9 in this inventory report.

1.6 Key source categories

Based on the IPCC Tier 1 methodology, 40 key categories have been identified. Two new key categories (2A2 Lime production – CO₂, and 4E2 Land Converted to Settlements - CO₂) were identified and two categories (1A3d Domestic Navigation – Liquid fuels – CO₂ and 1B2c Venting and flaring – CO₂) were dropped out in this submission compared to the last submission.

Table.1.6.1. Key category analysis summary

KEY CATEGORIES OF EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS	Gas	Level	Trend	excl	incl
1.A.1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Liquid Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Solid Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Gaseous Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Other Fossil Fuels	CO2		X		X
1.A.2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Liquid Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Solid Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Gaseous Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Other Fossil Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.3.b Road Transportation	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.3.c Railways	CO2		X	X	X
1.A.4 Other Sectors - Liquid Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.4 Other Sectors - Solid Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.4 Other Sectors - Solid Fuels	CH4		X	X	X
1.A.4 Other Sectors - Gaseous Fuels	CO2	X	X	X	X
1.A.4 Other Sectors - Biomass	CH4	X	X	X	X
1.B.1 Fugitive emissions from Solid Fuels	CH4		X	X	X
1.B.2.b Fugitive Emissions from Fuels - Oil and Natural Gas - Natural Gas	CH4	X	X	X	X
2.A.1 Cement Production	CO2	X		X	X
2.A.2 Lime Production	CO2		X	X	
2.A.4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates	CO2	X		X	X
2.B.1 Ammonia Production	CO2	X		X	X
2.B.2 Nitric Acid Production	N2O		X	X	X
2.B.8 Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production	CO2	X	X	X	X
2.C.1 Iron and Steel Production	CO2	X	X	X	X
2.C.3 Aluminium Production	PFCs		X	X	X
2.F.1 Refrigeration and Air conditioning	F-gases	X	X	X	X
3.A Enteric Fermentation	CH4	X	X	X	X

KEY CATEGORIES OF EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS	Gas	Level	Trend	excl	incl
3.B Manure Management	CH4	X		X	X
3.B Manure Management	N2O	X		X	X
3.D.1 Direct N2O Emissions From Managed Soils	N2O	X	X	X	X
3.D.2 Indirect N2O Emissions From Managed Soils	N2O	X		X	X
4.A.1 Forest Land Remaining Forest Land	CO2	X	X		X
4.A.2 Land Converted to Forest Land	CO2	X	X		X
4.B.1 Cropland Remaining Cropland	CO2	X	X		X
4.B.2 Land Converted to Cropland	CO2	X	X		X
4.E.2 Land Converted to Settlements	CO2	X	X		X
4.G Harvested Wood Products	CO2	X	X		X
4(II). Emissions and removals from drainage and rewetting and other management of organic and mineral soils	CO2		X		X
5.A Solid Waste Disposal	CH4	X	X	X	X
5.D Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	CH4		X	X	X

Note: L = Level assessment; T = Trend assessment, incl = including LULUCF, excl = excluding LULUCF.

KP-LULUCF key categories could be determined on the basis of the following criteria: If the sum of emissions and removals from an activity under the Kyoto Protocol exceeds that of the smallest key category under the Convention (including LULUCF), it is good practice to identify the activity as key.

The smallest key category under the Convention was 2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates with a CO2 emission of 249 kt. As all KP activities resulted in higher net CO2 equivalent emissions/removals, all three categories, i.e A.1. Afforestation and reforestation, A.2. Deforestation, and B.1. Forest management, can be considered as key.

1.7 QA/QC information

The national system has to ensure high quality of the inventory, i.e. to ensure that the inventory is transparent, consistent, comparable, complete and accurate. These principles guide the internal expert team that maintains the system. QA/QC activities are performed in two levels: based on the ISO 9001 standards and following the IPCC recommendations. The updated QA/QC Plan that entered into force in 2013 aims to integrate these two sets of requirements. The QA/QC Plan was updated again and entered into force in the beginning of 2016 in order to follow the changes of legislation and the Guidebook, and the change of the name and acronym (from “UHG” to “NELO”) of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories.

ISO activities

The Hungarian Meteorological Service introduced the quality management system ISO 9001:2000 in 2002 for the whole range of its activities which was quite unique among meteorological services. However, GHG inventory preparation was not among its activities in that time. Therefore, the scope of our ISO accreditation had to be modified and lots of efforts have been made to bring also the national system under the umbrella of the ISO QM system. Several regulatory ISO documents were created, among others: ISO procedure on the activities of the GHG Division; QA/QC plan; registers and records for quality checks and documentation. Naturally, from that time on, HMS level QA/QC activities apply for the Unit of National Emissions Inventories as well, such as general quality objectives, application of QA/QC Manual of the HMS, QA/QC regarding contractors, etc. Further information on quality management system of the HMS is available in English at: <http://www.met.hu/en/omsz/minosegiranyitas/>

In 2012 the ISO procedure of the GHG division was reviewed, and the former QA/QC Plan with the archiving manual was integrated into it. ISO document No.: ELFO_UHG_401.01 entered into force on 4th January 2013 can be regarded as the QA/QC Plan required for inventory preparation. In addition, the records used for documentation of QA/QC and other standardized activities have also been renewed. On 21 May 2014, an update of the QA/QC Plan (No.: ELFO_UHG_401.02) entered into force in order to insert the recommendation of the review of the year before regarding the documentation of QA activities. The update of the QA/QC Plan (No.: ELFO_NELO_401.01) that entered into force in the beginning of 2016 did not contain significant changes, mainly changes of names and references to legislation and the Guidebook are reflected. The records and their functions are the following at the moment:

- NELO01: QA/QC checklist: to be filled in by sectoral experts which includes a compulsory check list, summary of results of checks, suggestions for corrective actions and planned improvements;
- NELO02: Data quality check: to be filled in case of data providers and external experts on data quality;
- NELO03: Development Plan: to be filled in every year by the end of the inventory cycle based on the outcome of all reviews and own experience;
- NELO04: Responsibility: for the specification of the sectoral responsibilities of the core team and the QA/QC coordinator
- NELO05: Data source logbook: for the standardized documentation of data sources;

- NELO06: Uncertainty and NELO07: Key category analysis; for the standardized documentation of uncertainty and key category analysis.
- NELO08: QA activities logbook: record for the documentation of QA activities.

The records and the English translation of the QA/QC Plan are presented in the Annex 5 of the NIR.

The QA/QC Plan contains detailed description of the data collection, inventory preparation and reporting processes, regulates the documentation and archiving activities in order to ensure transparency and reproducibility of the inventory the same as before, especially:

- ELFO_NELO_401.01 formalizes the data collection and inventory preparation procedure as it is described also in chapters 1.4 and 1.5 above. It is important to note that the authorization of HMS for collecting non-public data has been raised in a legally binding level by since 2009 when 528/2013. (XII.30.) Govt. Decree entered into force. In addition, Act LX of 2007 on the implementation framework of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol authorizes HMS to collect confidential data if needed as well. ELFO_NELO_401.01 prescribes that any data used by the preparation of the inventory have to be documented and archived.
- Documentation and archiving: As mentioned in chapter 1.4 above, the Hungarian Meteorological Service is a central office under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture. Strict documentation and archiving are a basic requirement by the institution. The HMS has a documentation and archiving manual valid for the whole institution, which defines that all the incoming letters and emails containing data have to be registered in the central registry system of HMS. This ensures that every document is traceable. In additional data, data sources and calculation files and background documents for every inventory submission need to be documented and archived by the sectoral experts. The exact process of documentation and archiving (naming and location) is detailed in document ELFO_NELO_401.01.
- Data quality check. Besides self-checking, the entries of data providers and external experts are checked regularly which is an interactive process during the whole inventory cycle. Significant changes compared to previous data shall be explained. NELO02 QC record was created for standardized documentation of evaluation of data quality by the data providers which can be regarded as a continuous development. The QA/QC plan prescribes the obligation of filling in the records mentioned before, including Development Plan, where first of all the recommendations of the last years' reviews conducted by the expert review team of the UNFCCC have to be taken into consideration as much as possible every year.

Having an ISO system in place has an advantage of being subject to regular internal and external audits. During our last external audit, the activities of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories were audited as well. Our system was audited favorably in the end of March 2007; and our ISO certification has been renewed in January 2012 and a comprehensive external audit was again performed in January 2014 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 as well. On the 5th April 2013 and on the 12th December 2014 and 11th October 2016 an internal audit has been performed too. In all cases the result was a few non-significant recommendations. Therefore, we can claim that the GHG inventory is subject to and our procedures are in line with ISO 9001:2008.

As part of the QA and verification activities there is an ongoing QA procedure between the NFCSO and the NARIC Forest Research Institute who are involved in the LULUCF of the inventory.

Peer-reviews on the other chapters will be conducted depending on available resources.

UNFCCC reviews

Reviews conducted by expert review teams of the UNFCCC usually have important impact on the development of quality and transparency of our emission estimates. During the last - remotely conducted - centralized review for the 2020 annual submission of Hungary, the ERT has identified two potential accounting problems related to KP-LULUCF. Luckily, these potential problems could be resolved by submitting additional information and a revised inventory. However, the (draft) review report is not available yet. Should the ARR become available, the findings will be provided in the Annexes of the March submission of the NIR.

EU review processes

In 2012 the EU carried out a comprehensive individual technical review concentrating on the years 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010, which can be regarded as an additional QA activity. Starting with the data reported for the year 2013, the European Commission conducts annual reviews of the national inventory data submitted by Member States in accordance with the Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 (the 'Monitoring Mechanism Regulation' or MMR).

Decision No 406/2009/EC (the 'Effort Sharing Decision' or ESD) converted the annual reporting cycle into an annual commitment cycle requiring a comprehensive review of Member States' greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories within a shorter time frame than the current UNFCCC inventory review, to enable the use of flexibilities and the application of corrective action, where necessary, at the end of each relevant year.

Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 (the 'Monitoring Mechanism Regulation' or MMR) set up at Union level a review process of the greenhouse gas inventories submitted by Member States to ensure that compliance with the ESD is assessed in a credible, consistent, transparent and timely manner.

The annual ESD reviews consist of two steps. In the first step the transparency, accuracy, consistency, completeness and comparability of Member States' inventories are checked pursuant to Articles 29 and 33 of Regulation (EU) No 749/2014 (the 'MMR Implementing Regulation').

The first step of the ESD review are performed by the European Environment Agency (EEA) European Topic Centre for Atmospheric Climate Mitigation (ETC/ACM). The main purpose of step 1 is to identify potential significant issues which are handed over to step 2 for more detailed analysis.

In the second step of the annual a Technical Expert Review Team (TERT) analyses the significant issues mainly by performing checks pursuant to Articles 32 and 33 of Regulation (EU) No 749/2014 to identify cases where inventory data are prepared in a manner that is inconsistent with the UNFCCC guidance documentation or Union rules.

The EU annual review processes contribute significantly to the quality assurance procedures. The main actions and outcomes of the annual EU review processes were as follows:

In 2015, Hungary participated in STEP 2 of the ESD trial review on a voluntary basis.

The main objectives of the trial review were to provide, through recommendations, informal feedback from a review team on emission estimates because no reviews were carried out on UN level, and to provide additional support to the improvement of the Member States GHG-inventories. During the reviews all the sectors (LULUCF excepted) had been thoroughly reviewed, and several recommendations have been formulated and the majority of the recommendations were implemented in subsequent submissions.

In May 2016, a comprehensive review was carried out by the EU for the compliance years 2013 and 2014, and for the years 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010 pursuant to Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (EU) 525/2013 Article 27.

In 2017, 2018, and 2019 the checks performed during the annual ESD review did not identify any significant issues, therefore Hungary was not subject to a second step of the 2017-2019 annual ESD reviews.

In 2020, all EU Member States were subject of a comprehensive review. One of the main conclusions of the review was the following: *“The reviewers raised 38 issues with Hungary during the first and the second step of the 2020 comprehensive ESD review. The TERT provided recommendations for 3 of these issues. Other issues raised during the comprehensive review were clarified and are considered non-issues for the ESD review 2020.”* All three recommendations have been addressed for this submission.

Quattro-lateral QA/QC cooperation

Hungary joined a quattro-lateral QA/QC cooperation with the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Poland. In 2017 some issues from the Energy and the IPPU sector were reviewed. In 2018, the focus was put on the waste sector whereas mostly LULUCF experts had fruitful discussions in the usual summer meeting in 2019. As an outcome of the meeting recommendations and good practices were shared to learn from the other Parties, to encourage the improvement and to enhance the quality of emission inventories.

Further QA and verification activities to be continuously performed and/or planned:

- Several consistency checks as detailed in chapter 1.10.
- Active participation in the support project organized by EU DG Climate for the *„Assistance of Member States for effective implementation of the reporting requirements under the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)”*

Other QA/QC activities

Besides ISO requirements, other QA/QC activities are carried out, as well. For every sector of the inventory, there is a responsible person within the core team in the Meteorological Service. These sectoral responsibilities are laid down in the QC record No. NELO04. Especially in case of external experts, this responsible member of our team conducts several quality checks on the provided calculations. Moreover, this exercise can be regarded as an interactive process throughout the whole inventory cycle, since the used methodologies, early results are discussed during the process of the emission/removal calculations. This QC procedure also led to a few recalculations. The used parameters and factors, the consistency of data is checked regularly. Completeness checks are undertaken, new and previous estimates are compared every time. Data entry into the database is checked many times by a second person. If possible, activity data from different data sources are compared and thus verified. In response to our request, several data suppliers made declarations as regards quality assurance systems in place during the collection of the data and QC record NELO02 has been introduced for the documentation of evaluation of data quality by data providers. Experts involved in emission forecast consulted in many areas with inventory experts of the Hungarian Meteorological Service to reach better consistency, which in turn represented some sort of QA procedure for the inventory itself.

Nevertheless, the work continues to refine the used QA/QC procedures and implement further elements. The QA/QC Plan is under review in order to implement all changes required by the EU Monitoring Mechanism Regulation and implementation of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

1.8 Uncertainty

The reliability of the data for individual source categories was estimated on the basis of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines but information from the industry and expert estimates was also used. On the basis of Table 3.3 and Table 4.1 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines we have determined the total uncertainty according to the Tier 1 method. Accordingly, the combined uncertainty as % of total national emissions (in the year 2019) is 14.2% (excluding LULUCF) and the uncertainty introduced in trend in national emissions is 3.1%.

The uncertainty values have been determined by gas as well:

% Uncertainty excluding LULUCF	
CO ₂	2.5
CH ₄	70.3
N ₂ O	143.7
F-gases	13.0

Estimation of the uncertainties including LULUCF is a planned improvement. Please find the detailed Tables presenting the whole calculation in chapter 2 of Annex of the NIR.

1.9 Completeness

GHG inventory data are provided for the base year (the average of the three years 1985–1987) and the years 1986–2019. All relevant gases, sectors and categories are included. The inventory is complete in terms of geographic coverage. The notation keys are used throughout the tables.

1.10 Consistency checks

Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change requires to report the results of the checks performed on the consistency of the emissions reported or of the data used to estimate emissions in preparation of the greenhouse gas inventories. The results of the consistency checks are summarized below.

Consistency with the verified emissions reported under Directive 2003/87/EC

ETS data is essential in inventory compilation, especially to derive country specific emission factors for several categories in the inventory. In addition, comparisons have been made between emissions reported under Directive 2003/87/EC and emissions reported to the UNFCCC. ETS emissions represent about one third of total emissions. Extending this comparison to source categories, there is no source category where the ETS emissions are higher than the reported values in the inventory. This is partly due to our practice of activity data reallocation where precedence is given to ETS data over the original IEA energy statistics. Good consistency can be found in case of several source categories, especially for 1.A.1.a Public electricity and heat production, 1.A.1.b Petroleum refining, 1.A.2.a Iron and steel, 2.A.1 Cement Production, 2.A.2 Lime production, 2.A.4 Other process uses of carbonates, and 2.B Chemical industry. Information on consistency is provided in a separate Annex submitted to the EU.

Consistency of the data used to estimate emissions in preparation of the greenhouse gas inventories with the data used to prepare inventories of air pollutants under Directive 2001/81/EC

As basically the same team prepares both inventories, the consistency of the used data is safeguarded. Consistently, emission estimates of carbon monoxide (CO), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds, in inventories submitted by the Member State under Directive 2001/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution are consistent with the corresponding emission estimates in greenhouse gas inventories. The difference between the total emissions of any of the above pollutants reported in both inventories is well below 5% as it is demonstrated in the table below. (The relatively larger differences in CO emissions are mainly due to emissions reported in the LULUCF sector.)

			1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CRF	NO _x	kt	245.8	189.9	187.2	177.7	145.9	126.9	118.8	120.3	118.7	113.5
	CO	kt	1414.0	946.5	823.2	669.5	516.0	440.0	426.8	418.1	357.9	344.3
	NM VOC	kt	306.2	209.7	189.5	173.0	131.0	127.9	128.1	125.3	119.6	117.6
	SO ₂	kt	829.7	614.1	427.2	42.6	30.3	23.7	22.9	27.6	22.9	17.2
	NH ₃	kt	135.4	80.0	85.3	80.1	71.6	78.8	79.8	80.4	78.9	79.4

NFR	NO _x	kt	247.8	192.0	188.8	179.3	147.7	127.6	120.0	121.1	119.9	114.3
	CO	kt	1451.1	981.6	856.7	696.0	542.0	454.5	440.2	430.6	370.5	354.4
	NM VOC	kt	307.1	210.5	190.3	173.7	131.7	128.4	128.5	125.7	120.0	119.2
	SO _x (as SO ₂)	kt	829.9	614.2	427.4	42.7	30.4	23.8	23.0	27.7	22.9	17.3
	NH ₃	kt	135.4	79.9	85.2	80.0	71.3	78.4	79.3	79.9	78.6	79.4

Difference%	NO _x	%	-0.8%	-1.1%	-0.8%	0.9%	-1.3%	-0.6%	1.0%	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%
	CO	%	-2.6%	-3.6%	-3.9%	3.8%	-4.8%	-3.2%	3.0%	2.9%	3.4%	2.9%
	NM VOC	%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.4%	-0.5%	-0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	1.4%
	SO _x (as SO ₂)	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
	NH ₃	%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%

Consistency of the data used to estimate emissions in preparation of the greenhouse gas inventories with the data reported pursuant to Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 517/2014

In the case of 517/2014/EC only companies importing and exporting across the EU border are required to report. However, thanks to the Hungarian F-gas regulations, data is available also on import/export of F-gases within the EU for the preparation of the inventory. Thus, the data used for the preparation of the inventory is significantly wider than the data reported based on 517/2014/EC.

Consistency of the data used to estimate emissions in preparation of the greenhouse gas inventories with the energy data reported pursuant to Article 4 of, and Annex B to, Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008

The IEA/Eurostat joint questionnaires serve as basis of emission calculation in the energy sector and as regards non-energy use of fuels partly also in the industrial processes sector. Consistency is further enhanced by our practice that emission calculation files access directly the joint questionnaires. Where ETS data are taken into account, there might, however, be some minor differences with the energy statistics (e.g., industrial waste consumption in cement production). Nevertheless, these differences are well below 2%.

2 TRENDS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

In the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Changes, Hungary undertook to keep its CO₂ emissions in 2000 at or below the 1990 level. In the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, our country committed to reduce the average greenhouse gas emission by 6% of the base year level during the five years of the first commitment period (2008 to 2012). It will be shown in the next Sections that Hungary has complied with these commitments.

2.1 Description and interpretation of emission trends for aggregated greenhouse gas emissions

The trends of the total greenhouse gas emissions may be assessed on the basis of the GWP. The table below shows the time series of net and gross emissions:

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total (incl.LULUCF)	108,077	91,922	69,948	74,202	70,349	60,542	55,197	57,208	58,693	59,956	58,810
Total (excl.LULUCF)	110,498	94,799	77,211	74,898	76,632	65,862	61,320	62,025	64,572	64,616	64,374

Table 2.1 Total GHG emissions (including and excluding LULUCF)

BY=average of 1985-87

The figure below shows the net emissions from the base year until the last year assessed in the last two submissions, taking also removals into account. The small effect of the recalculations can also be seen on this figure.

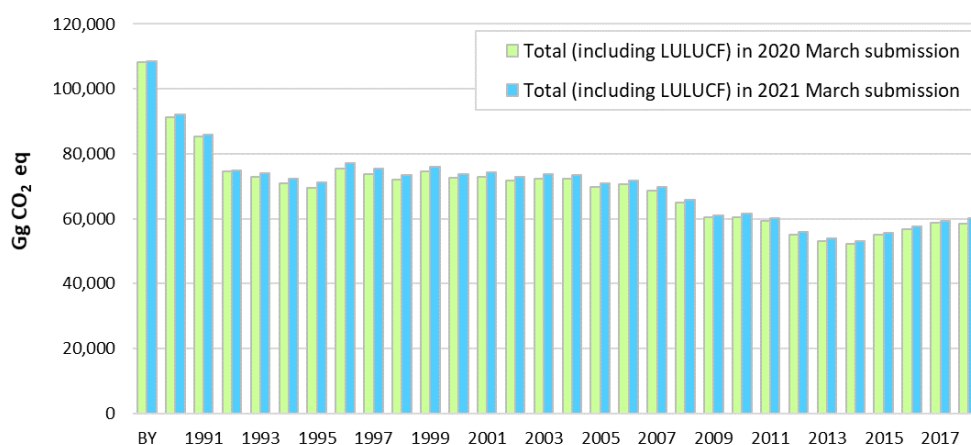


Figure 2.1 Total emission (including net CO₂ from LULUCF) between the BY and 2018

Compared to the base year, emissions were significantly reduced in the energy (-42%), industrial processes and product use (-49%), and agriculture (-41%) sectors. In contrast, emissions in the waste sector have increased since 1985 (+7%). The land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector shows fluctuating behavior. Looking at the most recent trends since 2005, emissions have significantly decreased in the energy and industrial processes sectors by 19% and 15%, respectively. The agriculture sector seems to have recovered and could show an increase of 16% since 2005. The previous growing trend turned back in the waste sector (-18%).

For a better understanding of the Hungarian emission trends, the time interval of the inventory should be split into three periods with different emission relevant economic processes in the background. The first period (1985-1995) would be the years of the regime change in Hungary, whereas in the second period (1995-2005) the rules of the market economy became decisive. The second period can also be characterized by the decoupling of GDP growth from the GHG emission trend which is undoubtedly an important development. By 1999, the GDP reached the pre-1990 level; however, emission levels remained significantly below the levels of the preceding years. Thus, the emissions per GDP were decreasing.

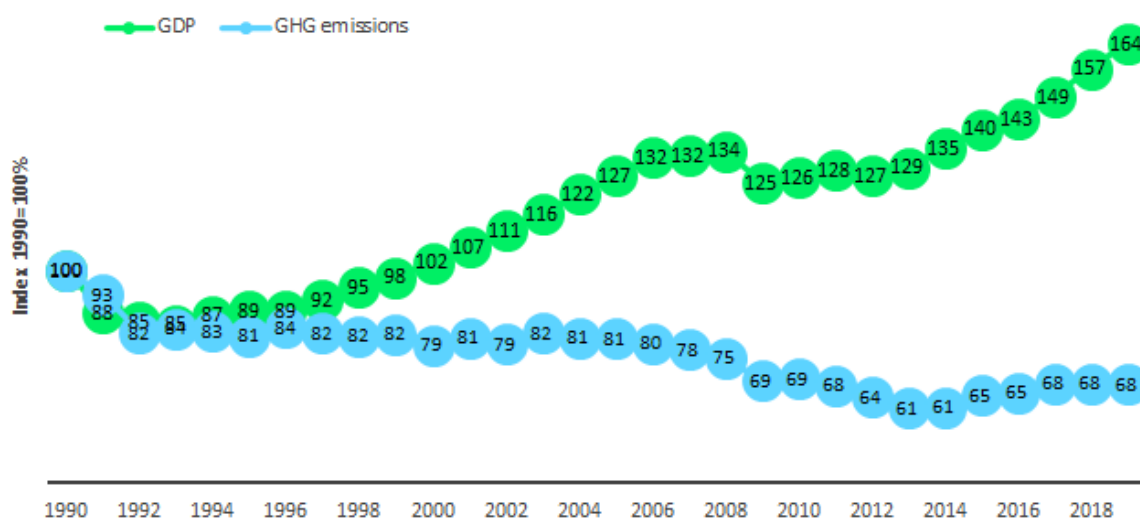


Figure 2.2 Comparison of trends in GDP and GHG emissions

In the third period, after 2005, Hungary experienced an emission reduction of 24% up to 2013, out of which 6% occurred in the first three years up to 2008: basically, due to mild winters, higher energy prices, and modernization in the chemical industry. Then in 2009, the global financial-economic crisis made its radical influence felt which can also be seen at the dropping GDP values in Fig. 2.2. From 2010 on a slight recovery of the economy could be observed, the emissions, in contrast, not just remained at a relatively low level but decreased again quite significantly. However, the decreasing trend stopped in 2013 and an increase of 11% could be observed altogether up to 2017. After four years of increase, emissions have remained more or less at the same level since then.

Starting with the first period, the process of transition into market economy brought in its train radical and painful decline in the output of the national economy. The production decreased in almost every economic sector including also the GHG relevant sectors (energy, industry and agriculture).

Consequently, GHG emissions decreased substantially in these years by around 33 million tonnes CO₂ equivalent. Between the mid 80's and the mid 90's emissions fell back in the *energy* sector by around 26%, and even more, by around 45-50% in the *industrial processes* and *agriculture* sectors.

The most significant drop in energy use occurred in the industry especially in the energy-intensive industrial sectors (manufacture of basic metals and machinery, mining etc.). The industrial output of 1992 was two third of that of 1989. Several factories were closed down, capacity utilization was reduced, consequently the production decreased more or less drastically in each industrial sector.

Some examples:

- Iron and steel production: two out of three plants were provisionally closed down;
- Aluminum: two out of three plants were closed down in 1991 (aluminium production stopped in 2006 eventually);
- Ferroalloys: ceased to exist (1991);
- Ammonia: four out of five plants were closed down (1987, 1991, 1992 and 2002);
- Nitric acid: three out of four plants were closed down (1988, 1991 and 1995).

The agricultural sector suffered a similar decline. As a result of the political and economic processes, the number of agricultural farms was reduced by more than 30%, the number of employees by more than 50%, the volume index of the gross agricultural production by more than 30%, the livestock by about 50%, and the use of fertilizers by more than 60%. As a consequence, the share of the agricultural sector in total GHG emissions decreased from 11% to 8%.

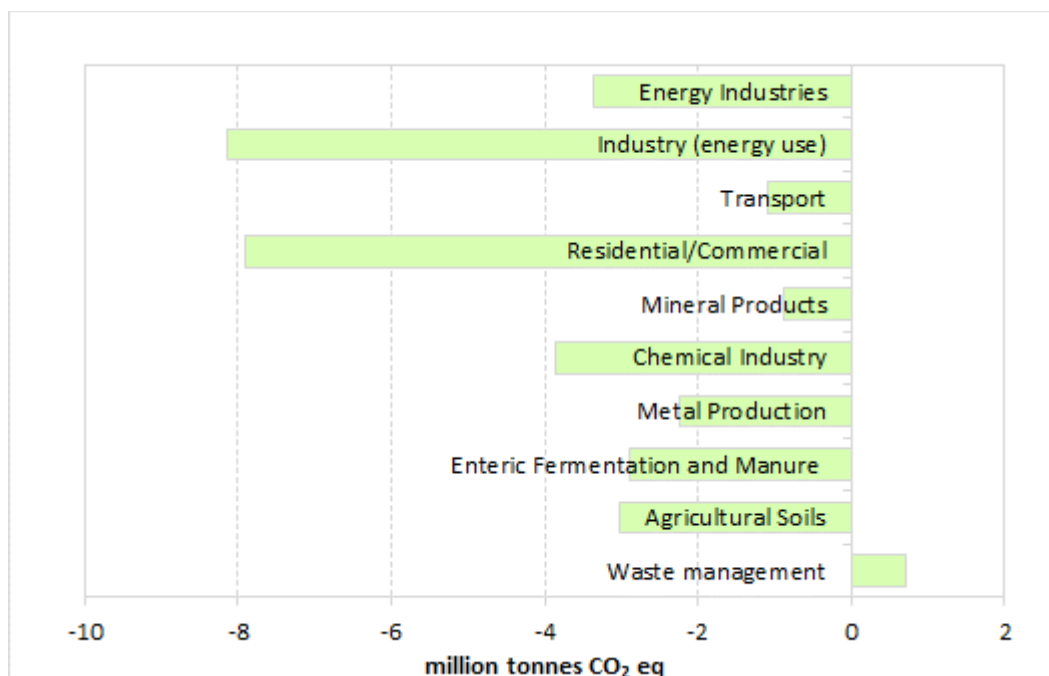


Figure 2.3 Changes in emissions due to regime change, between base year and 1995, million tonnes CO₂-eq

The small increase of emissions in the *Waste* sector is exceptional among all the sectors, and it is attributable to the slightly increasing quantities of waste generated and collected but more importantly to the applied calculation method which assumes that the degradable organic component in waste decays slowly throughout a few decades.

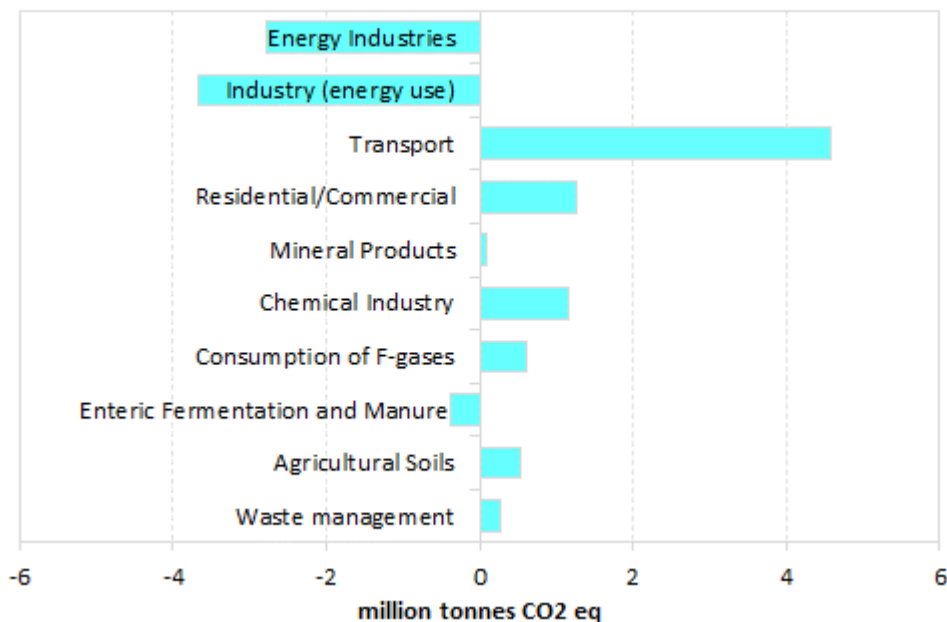


Figure 2.4 Changes in emissions between 1995 and 2005, million tonnes CO₂-eq

After the mid 90's, emissions seemed to have stabilized around 77 million tonnes CO₂ equivalent. However, behind the quite stable emission level opposite processes could be observed which can be illustrated by the relatively bigger changes in the energy sector. The fuel use of industry decreased further which led to about 6% share only in GHG emissions around 2005. In contrast, emissions from transport increased significantly by almost 5 million tonnes CO₂ equivalent which represented a growth of 60%.

In the third period, between 2005 and 2019, emissions fell by 12.3 million tonnes or 16%. (The decrease was even higher, 24%, if we look at the period between 2005 and 2013.) About a quarter of this decrease occurred between 2005 and 2008. The decreasing energy use by other sectors and manufacturing industries, and the diminishing process related emissions in the chemical industry were the main drivers of these changes. Most importantly, total fuel consumption in the residential sector decreased by about 16% (including a 33% drop in solid fuel and a 16% decrease in natural gas use) - mainly due to extreme mild winter in 2007 but probably the growing energy prices and the support for modernization of buildings might have played a role as well. Decreased production volumes and modernization in the chemical industry led to an emission reduction of about 45%. In contrast, emissions from energy industries and transport grew further.

Then in 2009, the Hungarian economy was hit hard by the global economic crisis that exerted a significant effect on the emission level. Emissions (excluding LULUCF) decreased by 9% (-6.2 million tonnes) between 2008 and 2009. In comparison with 2008, emissions in 2009 were lower in all major sectors. The highest relative reduction (-14%) occurred in the industrial processes and product use sector mainly due to lower production volumes especially in mineral product manufacturing (-28%).

Parallel to that, also energy use decreased in manufacturing industries and construction, consequently GHG emission also fell by 28% here. Regarding absolute changes in emissions, out of the 6.2 million tonnes reduction, fuel combustion was responsible for about 4.6 million tonnes. Although the energy demand increased in the heating season due to less favorable weather conditions, the fall in the production of energy intensive sectors led to an overall decline in energy use.

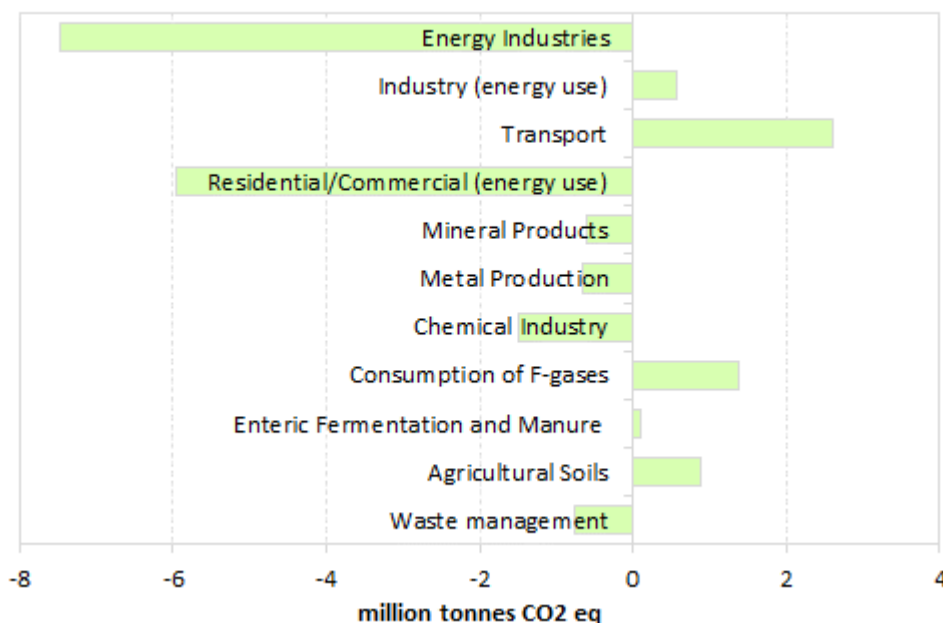


Figure 2.5 Changes in emissions between 2005 and 2019, million tonnes CO₂-eq

The decline in economic output stopped in the first quarter of 2010. Mainly driven by the growth in export-oriented industrial production, the GDP grew by 1% in 2010. The change in GHG emissions was about the same. In the next three years, however, emissions decreased again altogether by 12%.

In 2011, we could see decreases in many areas but especially in the energy sector. Electricity production decreased by 4% which resulted in a similar fall in GHG emissions. Natural gas consumption of the residential sector dropped by 9%. Transport emissions fell by 5%, mineral production by a further 15%. In this overall decreasing trend, agricultural soils were the main exceptions. In agriculture, we had higher fertilizer use, and greater crop production (hence higher emissions from crop residues). In this respect, it is worth noting that the economic growth in 2011 was mainly driven by agricultural production.

In 2012, the decreasing trend in emissions continued. The decrease of 3.4 million tonnes (or -5%) can almost be explained by processes in the energy sector alone (e.g., further decrease in electricity production, a 13% drop in natural gas consumption in “other sectors”) as it will be elaborated more in chapter 2.3.

2013 was not an exception in the decreasing trend, either. Total emissions have decreased by a further 5% corresponding to 2.8 megatons in CO₂-eq. The decrease was dominated again by the energy sector. Emissions from power and heat production alone dropped no less than 2.6 Mt CO₂-eq due to significantly lower electricity production from fossil fuels.

Total emissions did not change much in 2014. In the energy sector, we could observe some counterbalancing processes. After several years of decreasing emissions, the transport sector started

to show some growth. Nevertheless, the diminishing fossil fuel based electricity production, and the lower and lower energy consumption in the residential sector led to an overall decrease of emissions.

After the lowest point in 2013, emissions started growing again. Up to 2017, the overall increase reached 11%. Between 2016 and 2017, the growth rate was 4%, to which all sectors contributed to a greater or lesser extent.

Since 2017, in the last three years, total emissions seem to have stabilized. However, this stabilization of total emissions was a net result of several balancing processes: (1) increased emissions especially in transport, and (2) decreases in domestic energy use, and in the power sector.

Current emissions are 16% below the 2005 level.

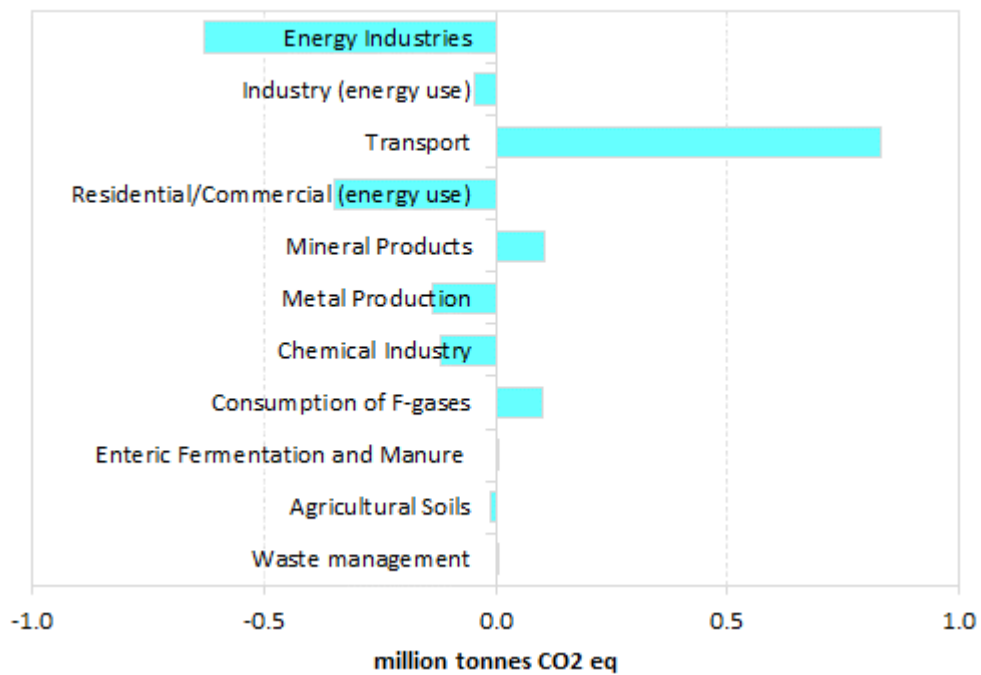


Figure 2.6 Changes in emissions between 2018 and 2019

2.2 Description and interpretation of emission trends by gas

The following table shows the emission data for each greenhouse gas (Gg CO₂ equivalent):

Table 2.2 Trends in emissions of greenhouse gases in Hungary (excluding LULUCF Gg CO₂-eq)

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO₂	85,418	73,225	61,391	58,365	60,278	52,069	46,615	47,072	49,452	49,408	49,080
CH₄	13,540	12,789	10,737	10,572	9,694	8,913	8,425	8,365	8,395	8,324	8,238
N₂O	11,141	8,384	4,755	5,411	5,622	3,730	4,533	4,801	4,802	4,872	4,878
HFCs	NO	0	36	204	754	1,250	1,821	1,888	1,952	2,033	2,134
PFCs	371	376	223	282	280	4	4	4	2	3	3
SF₆	7	12	51	82	90	92	118	128	114	97	101
Total	110,477	94,787	77,193	74,917	76,718	66,057	61,517	62,259	64,716	64,735	64,433

Base year (BY)=average of 1985-87

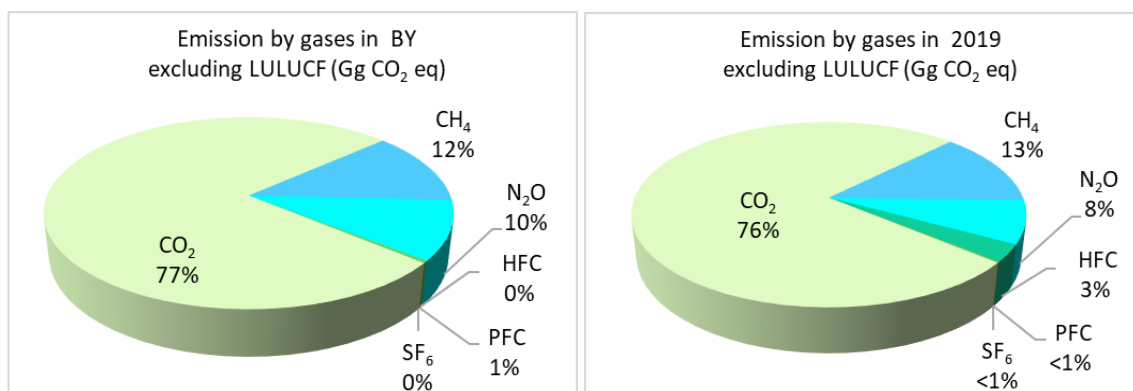
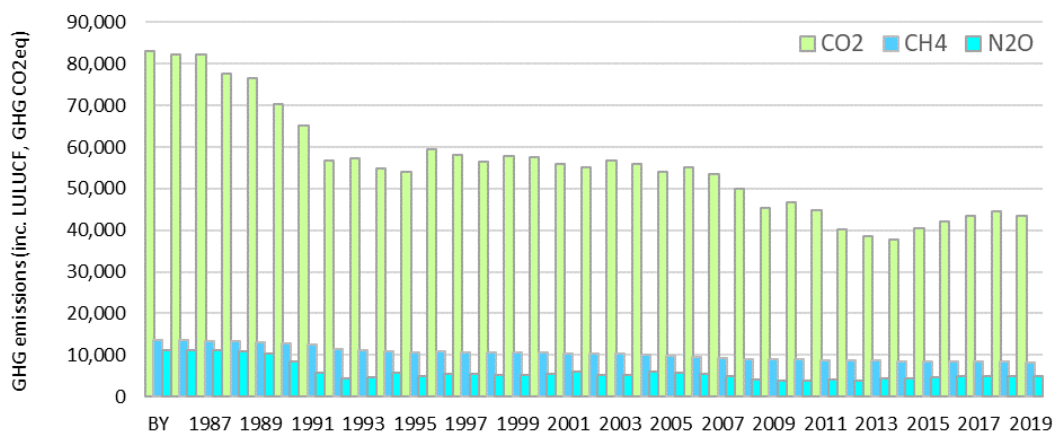


Figure 2.7 Shares of emissions of greenhouse gases in the base year (BY) and in 2019

The drop of CO₂ emissions during the early 1990's was attributable to the reduction of fuel uses in conjunction with the decline of the national output. From the second half of the 1990's, emissions showed stagnating or slightly decreasing tendencies reflecting the effects of restructuring following the economic growth. The changes in the fuel-mix resulted in reduction of the specific emission levels. Between 2005 and 2013, CO₂ emissions decreased by 28 per cent, at about the same rate as during the regime change around 1990. The drop of emission accelerated after 2008 mainly driven by the global economic crisis, and the reduced fossil fuel based electricity production. Since 2013, however, emissions have increased by 12%. Electricity production increased again, transport sector shows a steadily increasing trend, and fuel consumption increased both in manufacturing industry and other sectors.

As regards CH₄ emissions, agriculture, fugitive emissions, and waste management are the trend setting sectors. Most importantly, reductions in the livestock resulted in lower emissions. Besides, emissions from waste disposal had grown until 2008, but started to decrease recently. This is the reason why the resultant trend was relatively stagnating until the first half of the last decade, and why it has been slowly decreasing since then.

Due to the above factors, also N₂O emissions decreased significantly in the beginning of the period. Later it showed a slightly rising trend, followed by another drop primarily reflecting the fluctuations in agricultural output and the modernization of nitric-acid production.



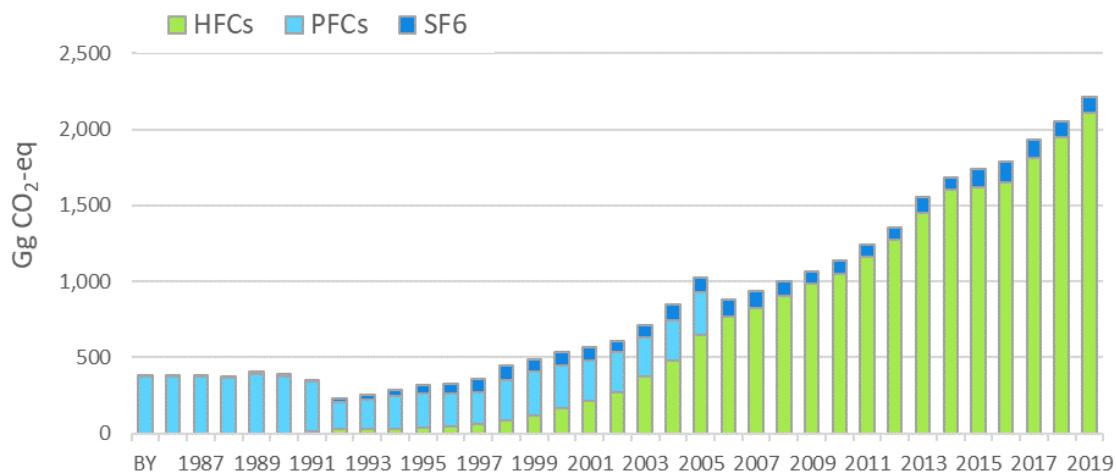
Note: BY=average of 1985-87 but 1995 for F-gases

Figure 2.8 Trend of emissions by gases, including LULUCF, Gg CO₂-eq

The use of HFC gases became more intensive in the second half of the 1990’s in conjunction with the restriction of the use of chlorofluorocarbons as refrigerants. The rise of emissions is obvious.

PFCs emissions are principally related to aluminium production processes. Therefore, the tendencies of PFC emissions reflect the changes in aluminium production. Following a drastic reduction in the beginning of the period, the levels showed a slow but steady increase. Then the aluminium production ceased suddenly in 2006.

SF₆ emissions primarily depend on the uses in electricity transmission, as it is mainly used in electrical equipment, first of all in switchgears for insulation and arc quenching. So, the growth of the electricity consumption results in an increasing application of SF₆, however the tendencies vary according to the manufacturing/application needs and the steep increase seems to be stopped in the recent years in SF₆ emissions too.



Note: *BY=average of 1985-87 but 1995 for F-gases

Figure 2.9 F-gases trend (1985-2019), Gg CO₂-eq

2.3 Description and interpretation of emission trends by category

The following figure shows the emissions by sources and removals by sinks for each sector. The biggest emitting sector was the energy sector contributing 72% to the total GHG emission in 2019. Industrial processes and product use was the second largest sector with 12% followed by Agriculture with 11%. The waste sector contributed 5%. Compared to the base year, emissions significantly decreased in the energy (-42%), industrial processes and product use (-49%), and agriculture (-41%). In contrast, emissions in the waste sector have increased since 1985-87 (+7%). The land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector shows fluctuating behavior. Looking at the most recent trends since 2005, emissions significantly dropped in the energy and industrial processes sectors by 19% and 15%, respectively. The agriculture sector seems to have recovered and could show an increase of 16% since 2005. The previous growing trend turned back in the waste sector (-18%).

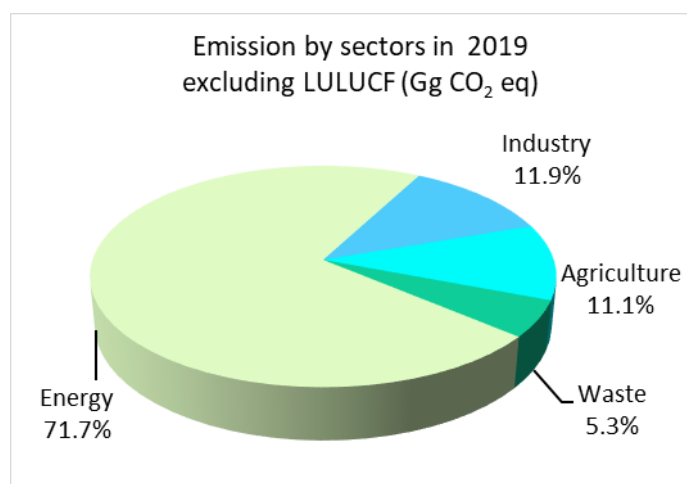


Figure 2.10 Shares of sectors in 2019

Production and use of energy generate most greenhouse gases, largely CO₂. The **energy sector** was responsible for 72% of total GHG emissions in 2019. Emissions in the energy sector decreased in the

first part of the period as a result of reduced energy consumption and a more favorable fuel mix. The significant reduction in emissions between the base year and 1995 was mainly due to the economic transformation which caused sudden decrease in energy demand. (In this respect, it is perhaps worth mentioning that the decrease in fuel consumption after 2005 was even higher!) In addition, ongoing changes in fuel-structure, i.e. gradual replacement of solid fuel by natural gas, led to further decrease of total emissions. Between 2005 and 2008 growing emissions from energy industries and transport could be observed, which were more than offset by the drastic reductions in the residential sector and manufacturing industries. And then the economic crisis came: total combustible fuel consumption decreased by 6% in 2009. Fuel consumption decreased further until 2014 by 14%, and although it increased again by 10% until 2019, it is still lower by 14% than in 2005.

Currently, 16% of domestic primary energy supply is nuclear, 12% is renewable which means that the remaining - overwhelming - part of primary energy demand has to be met by fossil fuels. Natural gas accounts for the largest share (44%) of incinerated, largely fossil fuels, followed by an increasing share of petroleum products (33%). Emissions have been positively influenced by the fact that the proportion of coal with higher specific emissions has fallen from 30% to below 10% in the last 30 years, which is well below the current share of biomass in fuel consumption (14%).

In recent years, the transport sector became the largest emitter, not only within the energy sector (32%) but also across all sectors, as transport now accounts for 23% of total national emissions. Emissions from the road transport dominated sector increased by 6% in 2019 and altogether by 46% since 2013.

The share of the energy industries in total emissions decreased to 19% from 26% in 2005. Although domestic electricity production was 7% higher than in the previous year, coal-based power production dropped by 13% whereas natural gas fired power plants with more favorable specific emission levels increased their production by 18%. Another welcome development is the sharp increase in the use of solar energy: 4% of gross electricity production now comes from solar energy. The share of nuclear power generation has been stable at around 50% over the last few years. (The relatively large share of electricity import decreased from 31% to 27%. Also, decrease of heat production could be observed (-3%), which was probably due to milder winter weather with a 3% lower heating demand. In energy and heat production, the use of conventional fossil fuels (coal, natural gas) has declined, while that of renewable and waste has increased. As a result of all the above, emissions from the energy industry decreased by 5% in 2019.

The mild winter also affected households' energy use: in 2019, total fuel consumption in dwellings decreased by 4%. The use of natural gas (-2%), coal (-26%) and firewood (7%) has all decreased. (It is worth noting that the use of the two main energy sources often changes in opposite directions: since 2005, natural gas consumption has fallen by 30%, while firewood has increased by 33%.) The share of the "other sector", including residential and other buildings, has fallen to 19% in 2019 from 23% in 2005 within total emissions.

Energy use and emissions from manufacturing industries and construction did not change significantly in 2019, their contribution is 8% to domestic total emissions. Fugitive (mostly methane) emissions from the domestic natural gas system represent 3% of total emissions. (Please note that there has been a significant revision of emission estimates from the latter source category.)

Opposite processes in the energy sector - rising emissions from transport, falling emissions from households and the power sector - almost equalized and eventually led to a small (0.5%) emission reduction in 2019.

The **industrial processes** sector was the second largest sector (slightly overtaking the agriculture sector), contributing 12% to total GHG emissions in 2019. The most important greenhouse gas was CO₂, contributing 67% to total sectoral GHG emissions, followed by F-gases with 29%. In 2019, 32% of the emissions came from chemical industry, followed by 28% from product uses as ODS substitutes. Mineral industry has 19%, metal industry has 16% contribution to sectoral GHG emissions, respectively. Other product uses (containing SF₆ and N₂O) and non-energy products from fuels and solvent use have the smallest influence on the 2019 IPPU inventory with 4% and 1%, respectively. Process related industrial emissions decreased by 49% between the base year and 2019, and by 15% between 2005 and 2019.

GHG emissions from the iron and steel producing sector decreased by 10% compared to 2018 because of the decreasing production of pig iron. While production of ammonia and urea increased in 2019, emissions from the chemical industry sector decreased by 1%. Production of mineral industry shows an increasing trend from 2013, GHG emissions from this sector were 7% higher in 2019 than in 2018.

A third of industrial emissions come from the operation of equipment containing F-gases and from use of F-gas containing products. Category 2.F.1. (Refrigeration and air-conditioning) accounts for 92% of total F-gas emissions, which is still increasing. Despite the continuous regulation of high GWP gases emission has not already stopped in this sector.

Although, charging into new equipment for some gases already is forbidden, a lot of cooling systems have been operated with gases which have higher GWP and this is the reason of this trend.

In 2019, **agriculture** accounted for 11% of total emissions. Emissions from agriculture include CH₄ and N₂O gases. 86 per cent of total N₂O emissions were generated in agriculture in 2019. Emissions from agriculture have decreased by 41% over the period of 1985-2019. The bulk of this reduction occurred in the years between 1985 and 1995, when agricultural production fell by more than 30 per cent, and livestock numbers underwent a drastic decline. The contribution of agriculture to total emissions was 11% in 2019 similar to the level in the base year (BY).

Between 1996 and 2008, agricultural emissions had stagnated around 6.2 Mt with fluctuations up to 4.6%. Behind this trend there were compensatory processes. While the number of livestock decreased further leading to lower emission, the use of fertilizers increased by 68% in the period 1995-2007 which caused growing nitrous oxide emissions from agricultural soils. In 2008 the significantly rising fertilizer prices led to lower fertilizer use, which resulted in some reduction in the emission levels.

Agricultural emissions decreased both in 2009 and 2010. A major reduction in emissions occurred in 2009, when 11 per cent decline in swine population also contributed to the downward trend. Agricultural emissions, after hitting the lowest point in 2010, had increased until 2018, mainly because of the increase in the inorganic fertilizer use, cattle livestock and milk production per cow.

The GHG-emissions reflect the restructuring in the agricultural production has taken place since 2004, namely the increased ratio of crop to livestock production. Share of CH₄ emissions, which derive mainly from the animal husbandry, has decreased, while the N₂O emissions, originating primarily from the crop production has grown, since 2004.

Certain types of inorganic fertilizers as urea containing fertilizers and calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) fertilizers contribute to the agricultural GHG-emissions not only with their nitrogen, but also their

carbon content. In Hungary CAN fertilizers have become increasingly popular in the recent years, as a result N₂O and CO₂ emissions has tripled from this source since 2005.

Emissions has stopped increasing in 2019, mainly due to the decreasing swine livestock and synthetic fertilizer use.

The **Land Use Land-Use Change and Forestry** sector is a sink of carbon because of the huge amount of carbon uptake of forests, due to continuous afforestation efforts and sustainable forest management. The complex dynamics of the land use and land-use changes leads to highly fluctuating estimates of sectoral removals. Over the period 1990 to 2019 our estimates indicate an average annual 4.9 million tonnes net removal, CO₂-eq net removals range from 0.7 million tonnes in 2000 to 7.3 million tonnes CO₂ in 2008. In 2019, the LULUCF sector accounted for 5.6 million tonnes carbon-dioxide removals. The net removals of forests amounted to 5.6 million tonnes CO₂.

The **waste sector** was responsible for 5% of total national GHG emissions in 2019. The largest category was solid waste disposal on land, representing 85% in 2018, followed by wastewater treatment and discharge (9%), biological treatment of solid waste (4%), and incineration of waste without energy recovery (1%). In contrast with other sectors, emissions from the waste sector are by 7% higher now than in the base year. However, the growth in emissions stopped in the last decade, and a reduction of 18% could be observed between 2005 and 2019. The degradation process in solid waste disposal sites is quite slow which means that waste that were disposed many years earlier have still an influence on current emission levels. However, the amount of disposed waste had dropped significantly since 2005 (e.g. landfilled municipal waste decreased by 50%) consequently methane emissions started to decrease as well. GHG emissions from wastewater handling have a pronounced decreasing trend due to a growing number of dwellings connected to the public sewerage network.

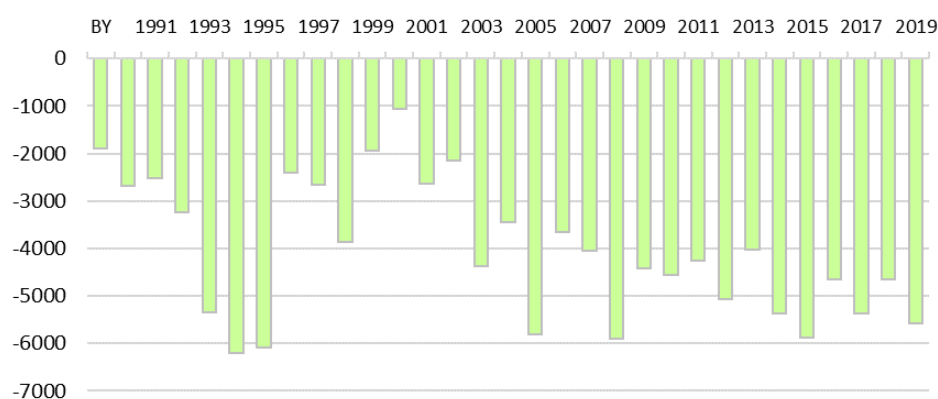


Figure 2.11 Sinks of LULUCF, Gg CO₂-eq

2.4 Trends of indirect gases and SO₂

NO_x, CO and NMVOC gases are referred to as indirect gases because they (together with SO₂) influence atmospheric warming indirectly, via secondary effects. Nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and (non-methane) volatile organic compounds are precursor of ozone which is itself a naturally occurring greenhouse gas. Sulphur dioxide can contribute to formation of aerosols that scatter some of the solar radiation back into space. Calculation of the emissions of these gases is required by the UNFCCC reporting guidelines. It should be noted that Hungary (as well as the other European countries) has calculated the emissions of such gases for several decades and the Geneva Convention of 1979 (CLRTAP) also laid down such obligations. Emissions are reported consistently in the above two reporting regime.

The following table shows the main trends in emissions:

Table 2.3 Trends in emissions of indirect greenhouse gases and SO₂, including LULUCF (Gg)

GASES	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
NO _x	246	190	187	178	146	127	119	120	119	113
CO	1434	964	850	693	525	459	435	436	367	360
NMVOC	306	210	190	173	131	128	128	125	120	118
SO ₂	830	614	427	43	30	24	23	28	23	17

The substantial reduction in sulphur dioxide emissions (-95%) is attributable to the decreased use of fossil fuels in general and the decreasing share of coal with higher sulphur content. After 2000, further reductions were observed due to the introduction of SO₂ precipitators in coal-fired power stations. Reduced carbon monoxide emissions are obviously a consequence of decreased fuel uses. The decrease in NO_x emissions is relatively moderate due to the increasing significance of transport.

3 ENERGY (CRF sector 1)

Recent key developments:

- Between 2005 and 2014, Hungary experienced an almost constant emission reduction in the energy sector. However, after a 27% reduction, the decreasing trend stopped, and total emissions increased by 11% between 2014 and 2019. Current GHG emissions are by 19 per cent lower than in 2005
- By 2018, the transport sector became the largest emitter, not only within the energy sector (32%) but also across all sectors, as transport now (2019) accounts for 23% of total national emissions. Emissions from the road transport dominated sector increased by 6% in 2019 and altogether by 46% since 2013
- The share of the energy industries in total emissions decreased to 19% from 26% in 2005. Although domestic electricity production was 7% higher than in the previous year, coal-based power production dropped by 13% whereas natural gas fired power plants with more favorable specific emission levels increased their production by 18%. Also, decrease of heat production could be observed (-3%), which was probably due to milder winter weather with a 3% lower heating demand. In energy and heat production, the use of conventional fossil fuels (coal, natural gas) has declined, while that of renewable and waste has increased. As a result of all the above, emissions from the energy industry decreased by 5% in 2019.
- The mild winter also affected households' energy use: in 2019, total energy consumption in dwellings decreased by 4%. The use of natural gas (-2%), coal (-26%) and firewood (7%) has all decreased.
- Opposite processes in the energy sector - rising emissions from transport, falling emissions from households and the power sector - almost equalized and eventually led to a small (0.5%) emission reduction in 2019.

Major changes compared to previous submission:

- The latest version of the Annual IEA/Eurostat Questionnaires submitted in November 2020/January 2021 were used as activity data. All the changes in the energy statistics are reflected in the current inventory.
- Country-specific carbon emission factors have been introduced for natural gas for the whole time series.
- Emissions from all autoproducer plants have been (re-)allocated to the relevant economic sector where they operate for the period 2013-2019. Also, emissions from waste incineration in the refinery have been re-allocated from the waste sector.
- We have switched to the COPERT model (version 5.4.36, October 2020) for the whole time series.
- The most important change is that methane emissions from natural gas transmission, storage and distribution have been re-evaluated based on official expert estimates on country specific technological losses in the Hungarian natural gas system. This major recalculation also affected the used activity data in source categories *1A3e pipeline transport*, and *1A4b residential*.

3.1 Overview of sector

Emitted gases: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: D, CS, PS

This sector covers emissions from combustion processes and fuel-related fugitive emissions from exploration, transmission, distribution and conversion of primary energy sources.

For a better understanding of the principal drivers behind fossil fuel related emission trends and variations, the main characteristics of the Hungarian Energy System will be described shortly in the following. First of all, not enough, cheap and clean domestic energy resources of good quality are available in Hungary, therefore the energy demand has to be met by import to a great extent. In 2019, primary energy production amounted to 446.5 PJ which was by 27 per cent less than in 1990 and more or less at the same level as in 2005 (-2%). Most importantly, uneconomical deep coal mines were closed down, but also crude oil and natural gas production decreased. In contrast, imports of energy with 1204.0 PJ in 2019 were by 81% and by 32% larger than in 1990 and 2005, respectively. As the share of production in consumption is about 40%, our import dependency is quite significant. The primary energy use of Hungary was 1107.6 PJ in 2019 which was by 9% and 7% below the levels in 1990 and 2005, respectively. Since 2014, however, primary energy consumption has increased by 10% despite a small 2% decrease since 2017.

(Data source: HCSO, see: http://www.ksh.hu/docs/eng/xstadat/xstadat_annual/i_qe001.html)

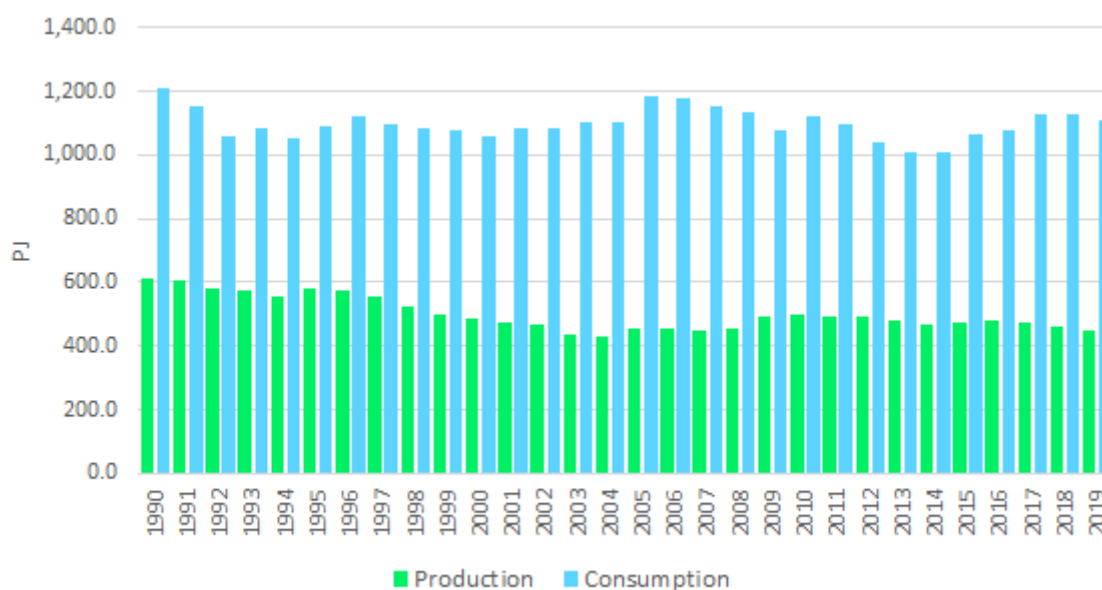


Figure 3.1.1 Primary energy balance of Hungary (1990-2019)

In 2019, final domestic electricity use amounted to 41,477 GWh, which was by 2% higher compared to the previous year and the highest in the whole time series. Since 2014, electricity consumption increased by 16%. The market penetration of the nuclear electricity started in 1983 in Hungary when the first 440 MW block of the Nuclear Power Plant in Paks was put into service. Recently, close to 50 per cent of the domestic generated electricity is produced by nuclear energy whereas the share of

fossil fuels decreased to 40% in 2013 and remained below that level afterwards. According to the official statistics of the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority, the share of electricity from renewable sources in gross final consumption of electricity increased from 4.4% in 2005 to 10.0% in 2019. The last few years saw significant increases in solar electricity production (from 1 GWh in 2011 to 1,497 GWh in 2019) and also wind power production increased to 729 GWh in 2019 from 10 GWh in 2005. At the same time, electricity produced from combustible fuels decreased from 21,710 GWh in 2005 to 15,292 GWh in 2019.

By far, the biggest emitting sector is the energy sector contributing 72% to the total GHG emission in 2019. *Figure 3.1.2* shows the emission trends in the sector compared to the total.

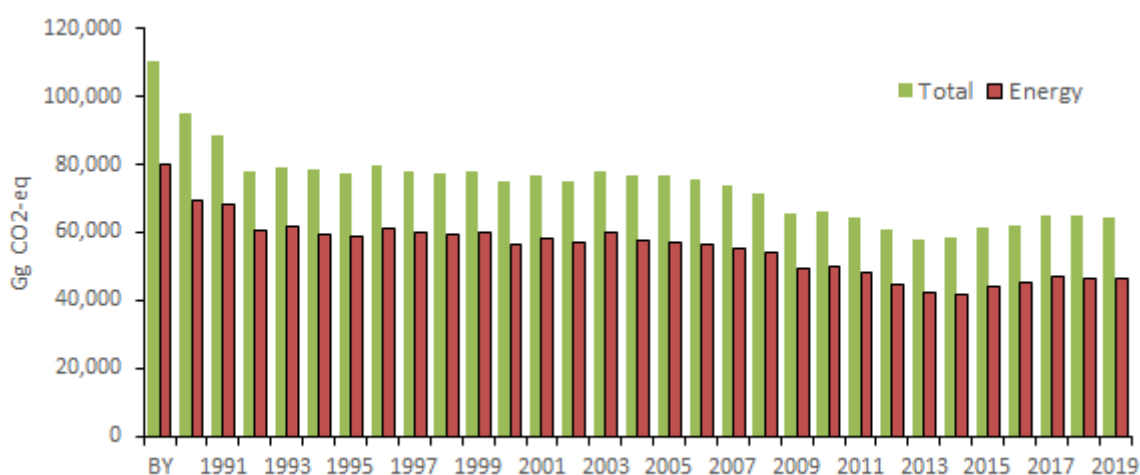


Figure 3.1.2 GHG emissions of the Energy sector compared to total (BY-2019)

The significant reduction in emissions between the base year and 1995 was mainly due to the economic transformation which caused sudden decrease in energy demand. (In this respect, it is perhaps worth mentioning that the decrease in fuel consumption after 2005 was even higher!) In addition, ongoing changes in fuel-structure, i.e. gradual replacement of solid fuel by natural gas, led to further decrease of total emissions. Some classical types of fossil fuels have disappeared or their use decreased significantly, e.g. city-gas, heavy fuel oil (by destructive technologies it has been transformed to motor fuels and partly petrol-coke is produced from it). At the same time, the market penetration of new fuel types became significant e.g. petrol-coke, bio-ethanol, LPG and compressed natural-gas (CNG) for cars and buses, biomass for firing in power plants, biogas produced by fermentation of sludge and animal carcasses etc. All these changes were taken into consideration in our emission calculations.

Between 2005 and 2014, Hungary experienced an almost constant emission reduction in the energy sector basically due to mild winters and higher energy prices. In 2009 also the global economic crisis affected the emissions especially in the energy and manufacturing industries sectors. Then in 2010, the growth in industrial production led to somewhat increased emissions again. In the next four years, however, emissions from the energy sector decreased further and reached their lowest level in the whole time series in 2014. Altogether, emissions decreased by 27% between 2005 and 2014.

However, the decreasing trend stopped in 2015. Total emissions from the energy sector have increased by 11% or 4.95million tonnes between 2014 and 2019. Above all, transport related emissions started to increase again already in 2014, and they grew by 46% in the last six years (2013-18).

The residential sector produced also higher and higher emissions between 2014 and 2017, after many years of dominantly decreasing trend. Then, mostly due to a relatively mild winter, total fuel consumption of households decreased by almost 10% in 2018. While biomass use decreased by 17%, fossil natural gas consumption by only 5%. Nevertheless, natural gas consumption was by 30% lower in 2018 than in 2005.

Gross electricity production decreased by 3% in 2018. Both coal based and natural gas based production decreased by 5% and 8%, respectively. Natural gas-fired electricity generation in 2018 was only around half of the level as in 2007-2008. The basic feature of the Hungarian energy industry is that half of gross electricity production stems from nuclear energy and only 40% from classic fossil fuels. At the same time, the share of electricity import remains significant (around 30%, in recent years).

Carbon dioxide from fossil fuels was the largest item among greenhouse gas emissions contributing 95% to the sectoral emission. Among all sectors, the energy sector contributes the most to the total CO₂ emissions as well (89% in 2019).

As regards methane emission, its contribution is 5% and 3% to the energy sector's emissions and to the total greenhouse gas emission (without LULUCF), respectively. Primarily, this results from fugitive emissions associated with conventional oil and gas production and processing (which also includes fugitive emissions from natural gas transmission). Among methane emitters, this sector's proportion is 27% (waste and agriculture sectors dominate here, see Fig. 3.1.2).

Considering nitrous oxide emission, this sector represents 1% (without LULUCF) of the total greenhouse gas emission. Among nitrous oxide emitters, its proportion is 7% which represents the second highest contribution compared to other sectors but it is still far behind agriculture.

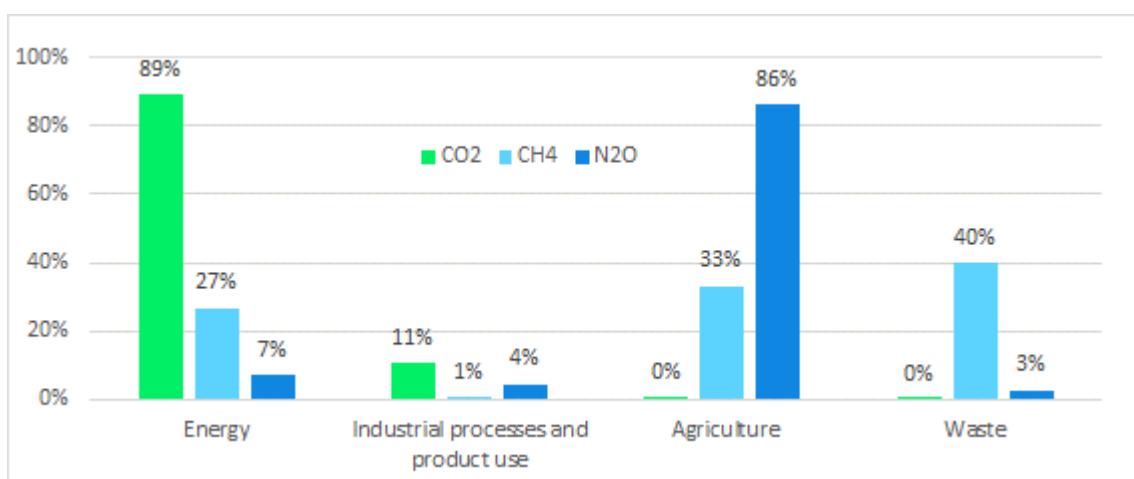


Figure 3.1.2 Sectoral contributions to the total emissions of the main GHG gases (2019)

Transport became the most important subsector with a proportion of 32% within the energy sector, followed by energy industries (27%) and other sectors (26%), see Fig. 3.1.3. In the time series there

were changes in the relative contributions of the different subsectors, most notably the growing share of transport emissions (from 11% in the base year to 32% in 2019) and the diminishing share of manufacturing industries (from 20% in the base year to 6% in 2009 and 11% in 2019).

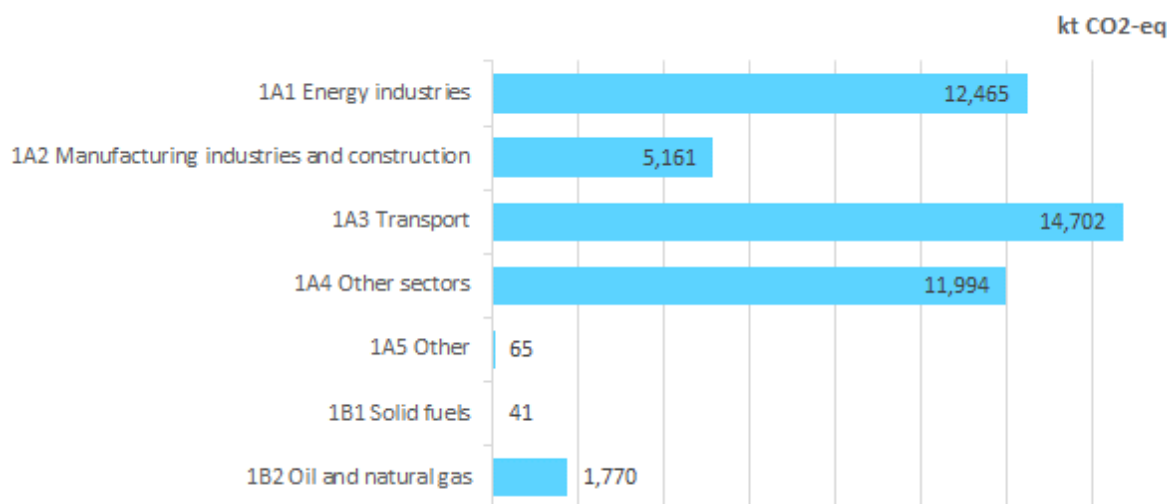


Figure 3.1.3 Share of the different source categories in 2019

Fugitive emissions from fuels played only a small role with 4% out of which 98% originate from oil and natural gas production, processing, transmission and distribution. Emission in subsector 1.B.1 – Fugitive emissions from solid fuels are 98% smaller than the base year caused by the huge recession of underground coal mining in Hungary. The aggregate change of sector 1B – Fugitive emissions is 59% decrease compared to the base year.

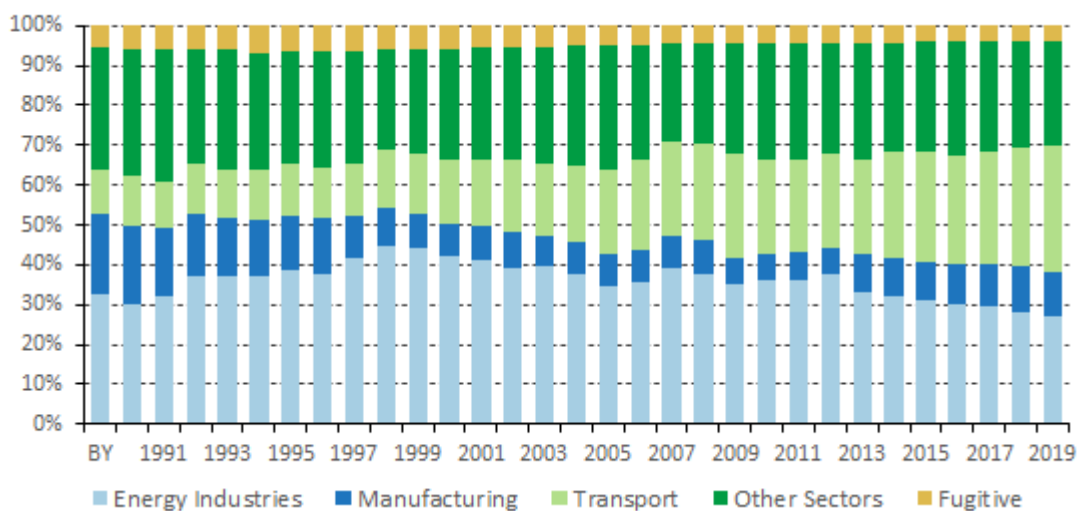


Figure 3.1.4 Changing shares of the different subsectors (BY-2019)

3.2 Fuel combustion (CRF 1.A)

The principal driver of emissions in the energy sector is fuel consumption, therefore emissions of the sector strongly depend on the amount of combusted fuel. The use of combustible fuels decreased quite considerably, by 26% between the base year and 2019. Two periods need to be emphasized in this respect. The regime change around 1990 had the first significant effect: the fuel use in 1995 was by a fifth less than in the base year. The decrease in energy use after 2005 was even more significant (-22% until 2014) where the global economic crisis must have played a role. Then, fuel use increased again by 12% between 2014 and 2017, and decreased slightly by 1% afterwards.

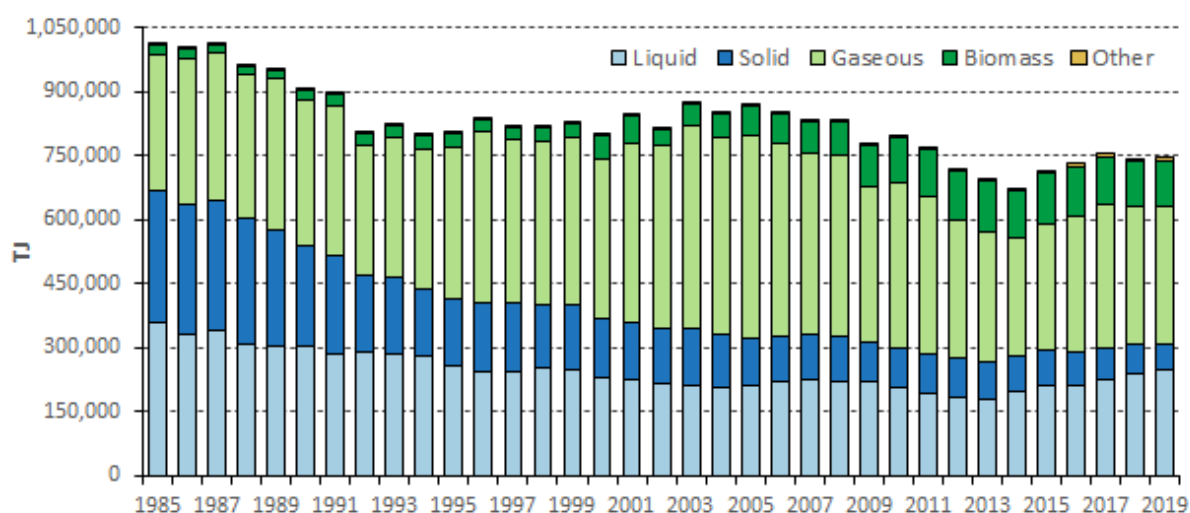


Figure 3.2.1 Fuel consumption by main fuel types (1985-2019)

Beside the amount, also the type of the used fuels has a great influence on the emission levels. Considering fuel use in combustion processes, gases had the highest proportion (44%) in 2019, liquids and solids represented 33% and 8%, respectively. It is worth mentioning that the share of biomass in fuel combustion grew to 14%. Especially solid fuels lost their importance: their share in the fuel mix was around 30% in the base year (see Fig. 3.2.2)

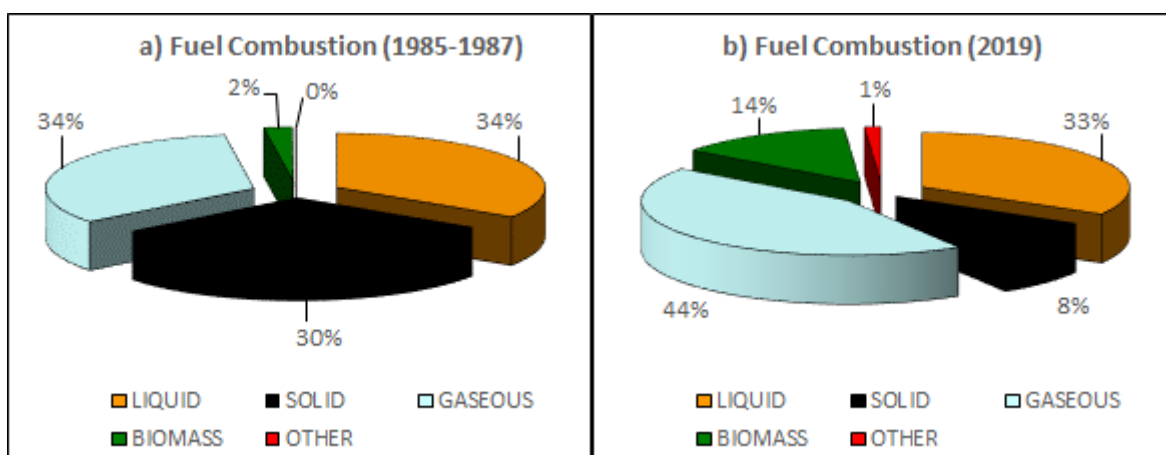


Figure 3.2.2 The used fuel mix in the base year and in 2019

Calculation of greenhouse gas emissions from combustion is based on the amount of fuel used. For this purpose, the energy balance of Hungary, the fuel balance for each fuel type and the fuel consumption for each subsector compiled by the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority are used dominantly. After discussion with the energy statistics provider and following their recommendation, it was decided that, starting with the 2014 submission, the basis of the inventories would be on the IEA/Eurostat Questionnaires. (Previously, these energy statistics were available to the inventory compilers basically as hard copies of the publication series Energy Statistical Yearbook. For some years, also electronic versions (tables in Excel files) were provided. However, this publication ceased, the last yearbook contained data for 2010.)

To increase consistency of the time series, we had to make some minor amendments of the allocation of fuel consumption compared to the IEA annual questionnaires, as follows:

- Based on 2011-2017 data allocations and value added volumes of industrial production for previous years, some gasoil consumption has been reallocated from road transport to non-road mobile machinery (1A2gvii);
- The time series of gasoil use in navigation has been improved by interpolation where the missing amounts were taken again from road transport;
- Some natural gas use has been reallocated between petroleum refining (1A1b) and autoproducer plants (1A2gviii) to increase consistency with fuel consumption reported by the refinery under the ETS;
- Further natural gas consumption has been reallocated between other energy industries (1A1c) and commercial/institutional (1A4a) to reflect fuel consumption in oil and gas extraction. Data on natural gas production served as basis of extrapolation here;

It has to be noted that the traditional Hungarian coal terminology as published in the Energy Statistical Yearbooks differs from that of the IPCC. The partitioning was created according to the age of coal; Table 3.2.1 shows the classification according to the Hungarian and IPCC categories. Practically this means that imported “brown coal” in the Hungarian terminology would classify as sub-bituminous coal whereas domestically produced brown coal falls under the IPCC category of lignite. Basically, most of the coal produced in Hungary can be classified as lignite. Furthermore, the Energy Statistical Yearbook dealt with anthracite, hard coal, brown coal and lignite in the fuel balance separately, while the sectoral energy consumption for coal was the aggregate of hard coal, brown coal, lignite, gas coal and coking coal. Now, as our reporting is based on the IEA statistics, the reported fuel data follow the IPCC categories consistently.

As regards carbon emissions, solid fuels caused the most problems mainly because the fuel classification had been changed. The formerly used country specific carbon emission factors were previously determined for the Hungarian categories, namely for hard coal, brown coal, and lignite. (Until the 2014 submission, the following constant values had been used based on the 2005 ETS data: 27 tC/TJ for hard coal and brown coal and 30.9 tC/TJ for lignite.) Now, new factors had to be applied for other bituminous coal, sub-bituminous coal and lignite. Most of the coal produced in Hungary can be classified as lignite in this new system irrespectively whether it stemmed from surface or underground mines, although they have different characteristics. To take into account the changing share of the higher quality lignite from underground production, a time dependent carbon emission factor (changing between 103.0 and 108.6 t CO₂/TJ) was introduced and applied for the pre-ETS years. For the lowest quality lignite from surface mines the following parameters are used: EF=112.2 t CO₂/TJ, OX=0.974. As for Hungarian brown coal EF=100.8 t CO₂/TJ and OX=0.952 is applied. It is worth noting

that the share of the lower quality lignite in production increased from 20% in 1990 to 84% in 2010. For other bituminous coal and sub-bituminous coal, the IPCC default values are used.

Table 3.2.1 Comparison of Hungarian and IPCC coal terminology

Hungarian Terminology	Net Calorific Values	IPCC Category (Gross calorific value)
Hard Coal	17-33 MJ/kg	Other Bituminous Coal (>23.865 MJ/kg)
Hard Coal	17-33 MJ/kg	Sub-Bituminous Coal (17.435 MJ/kg - 23.865 MJ/kg)
Brown Coal	10-17 MJ/kg	Lignite (<17.435 MJ/kg)
Lignite (young brown coal)	3.5-10 MJ/kg	Lignite (<17.435 MJ/kg)
Gas Coal and Coking Coal		Coking Coal

(Source: Bihari, 1998; IPCC, 2006)

Fuel use and emissions of autoproducer plants (that generate electricity or heat, wholly or partly for their own use as an activity which supports their primary activity) are accounted for in this inventory mostly under other stationary combustion (1A2g) for the period 1990-2012 which means not under the relevant economic sector and not in energy industries. There are, however, some exceptions from this general approach. Coke oven gas and blast furnace gas are reallocated from autoproducers to iron and steel, and to manufacture of solid fuels. Some industrial waste incineration are reallocated to energy industries, and to the source category 1A4a (commercial/institutional). In addition, all emission from an autoproducer new power plant is allocated to the category pulp and paper. From 2013 on, however, all fuel use and emissions from autoproducers are assigned to the sector where they were generated and not under 1.A.1.a as required by the guidebook.

The problem of the network losses in the natural-gas transmission and distribution system should be also mentioned here. These losses are partly not technical ones in the reality, but the result of accounting, e.g., due to issues as measurement accuracy, temperature or pressure conversion or theft. (For more details see description in Ch. 3.3.2.5) The point is that only about half of the losses reported in statistical publications as distribution losses was taken into consideration as real loss (i.e. that is emitted into the atmosphere as methane), while the remaining half was assumed to be fired. Thus, the natural gas consumption in the residential sector is not the same as reported in the IEA natural gas annual questionnaire because 50 per cent of the network losses are added to it.

Input data for the fugitive emission calculation came from the Statistical yearbook of Hungary, Energy Statistics, the Hungarian Oil and Gas Company Plc. (MOL), the Hungarian Office for Mining and from the Hungarian Energy Office.

LPG and petroleum coke were taken into account as liquid fuels which had significant influence on the IEF value of this fuel type.

3.2.1 Comparison of the sectoral approach with the reference approach

The quantity of CO₂ from energy consumption was determined both on national level (reference approach) and on sectoral level (sectoral approach). The reference approach (RA) is based on national energy balance: production, import, export, stock changes, and international bunkers. The sectoral approach (SA) allocates the emissions by source category and includes only the combusted amount of fuels. The reference approach was compared with the sectoral approach as a check of combustion-

related emissions. The check was performed for all years from 1985 to 2019 and is an integral part of reporting to the UNFCCC. The analysis includes also the comparison from the base year (1985-87). The reference approach, in theory, includes all CO₂ emissions from all fossil fuel uses in a country and should be compared with a set of emissions from the sectoral approach that includes all CO₂ emissions from energy use of fossil fuels.

Emissions from feedstocks and non-energy use of fuels are taken into account in the IPPU sector (2B and 2G) in case of sectoral approach (SA), therefore the energy and carbon content of these fuels are removed from the RA (the fraction of carbon stored is 1 for all these fuels in the 1D sector), too. Similarly, emissions from coke used for transformation in the iron and steel industry were allocated to the relevant source category of the industrial processes sector, thus removed from the reference approach.

Since the 2015 submission, more fuel has been removed from the reference approach than in previous submissions (see also Table 3.2.3):

- All coke related emissions (including blast furnace gas) in the iron and steel industry are allocated to the IPPU sector;
- More natural gas consumption in the chemical sector is allocated to the IPPU sector.

In the CRF reporting software, the RA is directly compared with the sectoral fuel combustion total. This direct comparison shows that the total fuel consumptions of the RA are mostly larger than the SA totals (Fig. 3.2.3) on average by 0.8%. The remaining differences – after extracting the feedstock and non-energy use of fuels – are basically statistical differences, fugitive emissions and transformation losses which are occurring during coking, briquetting or oil refining.

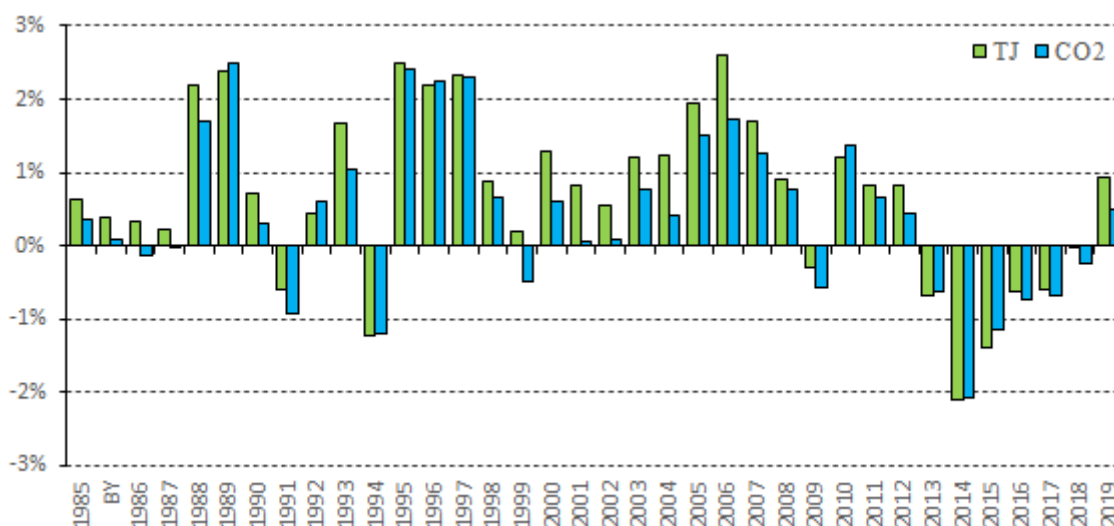


Figure 3.2.3 Differences between the reference and the sectoral approach as regards fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions

In 2019, the difference between the two approaches was 0.9% in energy consumption and 0.5% in CO₂ emission (Fig. 3.2.3). The ranges of differences are between -2.1% (2014) and 2.6% (2006) with a 0.7% mean value as regards fuel consumptions, and similarly -2.1% (2014) and 2.5% (1989) with a 0.4% mean value as regards CO₂ emissions.

3.2.2 International bunker fuels

In accordance with the reporting guidelines, emissions from international aviation were included under the category International Bunkers on the basis of the quantities of kerosene used. In the time-series of the resulting CO₂ emission, significant jumps are present at certain places, which are obviously due to the changes in kerosene consumption. Naturally, changes in kerosene consumption reflect the travelling/transport needs. This is clearly illustrated in Figure 3.2.4 which shows the air travelling/transport performance of the past years

Consumption in international navigation was not considered, because separate data on the uses for international navigation are not included in the national statistics.

International navigation depends not only on geographical and economic but on political conditions, too. International conflicts, wars have significant impact on international navigation, which could be seen in Hungary during and after the war in Yugoslavia. The war set back the navigation on the Danube South to Hungary, and decreased also the trade in Hungary. In the last years, the sea navigation (there was only tramp navigation) has relapsed due to falling into disuse of ship-fleet. This process could be traced back to the absence of Hungarian harbor on seas and Danube-sea ships. Between 1990 and 2000 the role of transportation of goods on waterways decreased from 28.2% to 2.9% among goods transportation in other ways. (Source: webpage of Központi Közlekedési Felügyelet)

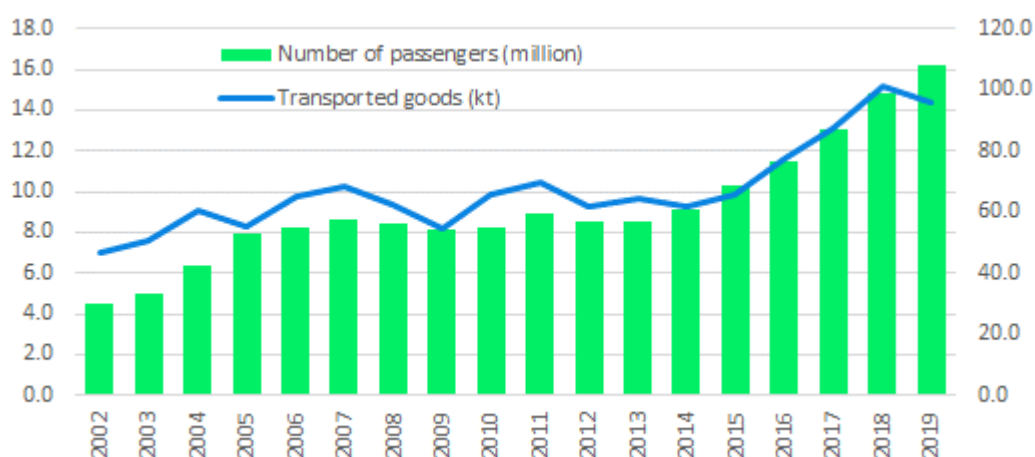


Figure 3.2.4 Air travelling and transport performance in Hungary since 2000 in selected years

3.2.3 Feedstocks and non-energy use of fuels

The 2006 IPCC Guidelines introduced significant changes regarding feedstocks and non-energy use of fuels. It is good practice now to report all the feedstock and non-energy use of fuels in the IPPU Sector within the source category in which the process occurs.

In addition, also chapter 1.2 of Volume 2 states: “Combustion emissions from fuels obtained directly or indirectly from the feedstock for an IPPU process will normally be allocated to the part of the source category in which the process occurs. These source categories are normally 2B and 2C.”

So, in present submission all the fuels regarded as NEU in IEA Energy Statistics are allocated into IPPU sectors and also some amount from the quantities regarded as energy use in order to follow the

suggestion of IPCC2006. This is the case for natural gas use in sector 2B1 Ammonia, naphtha use in 2.B.8 Petrochemical, and coke used in 2C1 Iron and steel.

Therefore, the fuel quantities for NEU reported in CRF Table 1.A.(d) and QA/QC check Table for NEU included in Annex of the NIR are higher than the actual quantity reported in IEA Energy Statistics. Nevertheless, the differences are well-known and documented.

Table 3.2.3 Allocation of feedstocks and non-energy use of fuels

Fuel type	Allocated under IPCC sector
Other kerosene	2.B.8 -Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production
Gas/diesel oil	2.B.8 -Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production
Liquefied petroleum gases (LPG)	2.B.8 -Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production
Naphtha	2.B.8 -Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production
Bitumen	2.D Non-energy Products - Other (<i>no CO₂</i>)
Lubricants	2.D.1 - Lubricant Use
Other oil	2.D.2 - Paraffin Wax Use 2.B.8 - Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production
Coking coal	2.C.1 -Iron and Steel Production
Coke oven/gas coke	2.C.1 -Iron and Steel Production
Natural gas	2.B.1 -Ammonia Production 2.C.1 - Iron and Steel Production 2.B.8 - Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production

Carbon content of all fuels which are allocated under the Industrial Processes sector is taken as stored carbon in the 1.AD sector (and in the *reference approach*), however the calculation of emission in the IPPU sector is not based on a default carbon-stored approach, but usually plant-specific (EU ETS) data, except for Lubricant and Paraffin wax use source categories.

3.2.4 Country-specific issues: on the use of plant level EU-ETS data

It is important to note first that generally emission data are not taken directly from the ETS database and put into the CRF as they are without analysis. Instead, facility level activity data (fuel use) and carbon emission factors are used from the ETS database to calculate weighted averages of the emission factors for different fuel types. These derived country specific EFs are then applied with the fuel use from the national energy statistics. The time series of these country specific emission factors and their comparison with the default values are summarized in Table 3.2.4. Fuel uses in energy statistics and ETS are compared also to see whether the fuel use in a given category is fully covered by ETS plants or not. Fuel consumption data are compared both in natural units and in energy units to reveal any possible differences in net calorific values. Should such difference occur, emission factors need to be amended to achieve consistency in energy balance and verified emissions since national energy data serve always as activity data. It is also checked whether the oxidation factor used by the facilities is included in their EFs. Measured oxidation factors, especially in case of coal firing plants, are always taken into account.

Generally, country specific emission factors derived from the ETS data are used for lignite, blast furnace gas, mix of coal and petroleum coke used in cement industry, other oil.

For this (2021) submission, new country-specific CO₂ emission factors were introduced also for natural gas for the entire time series. In practice, the weighted averages of EFs of all ETS installations reporting EF with Tier 3 and Tier 2b were calculated for all years separately in the period 2008-2019. The yearly averages changed between 55.2 t/TJ (2008) and 56.3 t/TJ (2015). For all years before 2008, the average of 2008-12 is used (55.6 t/TJ)

Other country-specific issues are included under the source category descriptions and methodological chapter of each category.

3.2.5 Energy Industries (CRF sector 1A1)

Emitted gases: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: D, CS, PS

Key sources:

1A1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Liquid Fuels – CO₂ – L, T

1A1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Solid Fuels – CO₂ – L, T

1A1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Gaseous Fuels – CO₂ – T

1A1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Other Fossil Fuels – CO₂ – L, T

3.2.5.1 Category description

This subsector includes facilities generating electricity, district heating stations, oil refineries and coking and briquetting plants. On an overall level, here are the largest energy consumers.

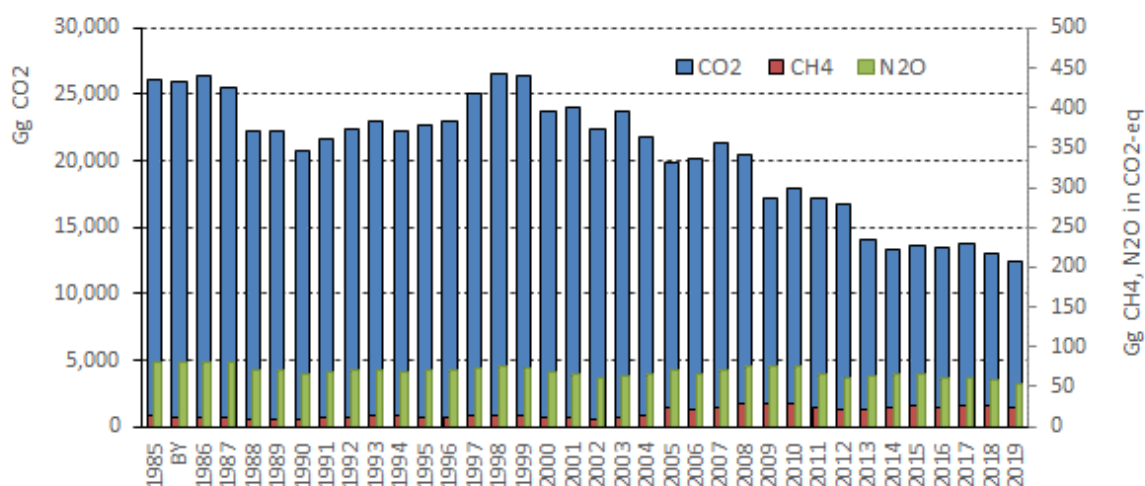


Figure 3.2.5.1 Trends of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O emissions in the Energy Industries (1985-2019)

Public Electricity and Heat Production was responsible for about 85% of fuel use in energy industries. According to a publication of the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (“Data of the Hungarian Electricity System 2019”), “the energy consumption of the electricity generation (condensation and cogeneration) in 2019 was 340 666 TJ, 2.28% more than in the previous year. In 2019, 52.16% of the used energy sources consisted of nuclear fuel. Natural gas made up 20.92%, while coal made up 12.71% of the energy sources. The renewable energy sources provide 9.99% of the total energy source consumption.”

Domestic electricity production showed an overall increasing trend up till 2008; even mostly during the years of the regime change around 1990, whereas import suffered a more severe drop from 28% to 6-7%. In addition to the effects of the financial crisis, an interesting incident occurred in 2009 when domestic production fell back by more than 10% whereas consumption decreased only by 6%. There was a multi-week break in the natural gas supply through Ukraine, thus the electricity generation of our natural gas firing power plants had to be substituted by import electricity and by increased production of the oil-fired power plants. After 2010, until 2014, domestic electricity production

decreased every year, and in 2013 it dropped quite substantially by 13%. In the last five years (2014-19), however, domestic production grew again altogether by 16%. The share of import is a highly variable figure: in the previous decade, it changed between 8% (2001) and 18% (2004). After 2010, however, it grew constantly and has reached a share of 31% in 2014 and remained close to 30% afterwards.

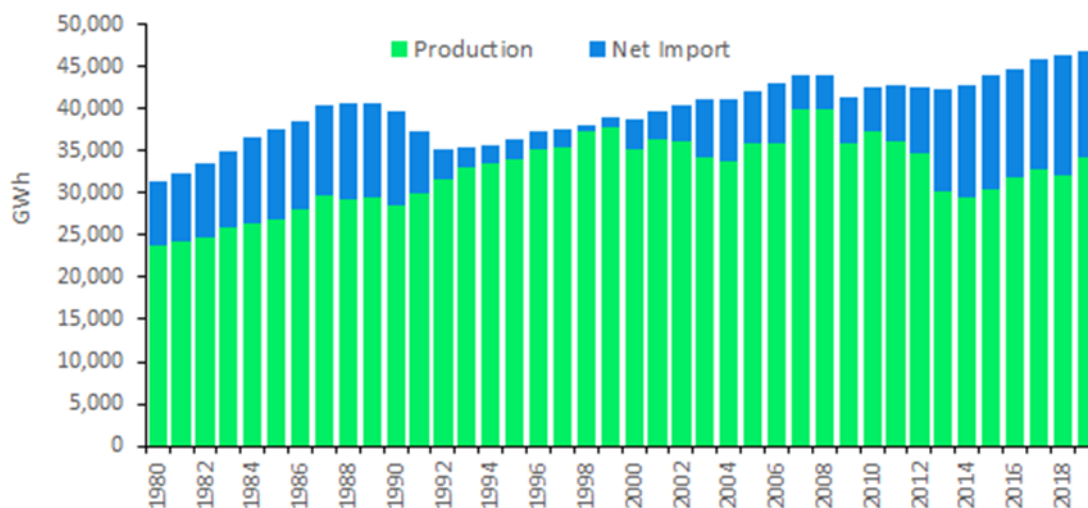


Figure 3.2.5.2 Domestic Electricity Production and Net Import (1980-2019)

Naturally, as domestic emissions are related to domestic production, the yearly fluctuation of production is one of the decisive factors. Not less important is the way how electricity is produced, e.g. what energy source is used. In Hungary, this sector consumes the deterministic part of our solid fossil fuel production. However, some uneconomical coal-fired power plants of low efficiency were stopped, and blocks of combined-cycle-gas turbine units were installed. For example, new 150 MW combined cycle gas-turbine units were installed (Újpest, Kelenföld, Százhalombatta, Nyíregyháza Power Plants), and aged coal fired units (Inota, Bánhida) of low efficiencies were taken out of service or blocks have been converted to the combustion of biomass (Pécs, Kazincbarcika, Ajka Power Plants). The demand for fossil fuel decreased by about 150 PJ in the electricity sector between 1980 and 1990 because of the penetration of the nuclear electricity into the electricity market. This means that the fossil fuel consumption of public power plants is smaller now than it was before the introduction of nuclear electricity generation, in spite of much higher domestic electricity production. As a promising new development, increasing use of renewable sources could be observed by some public power plants. All these developments are demonstrated in Figure 3.2.5.3.

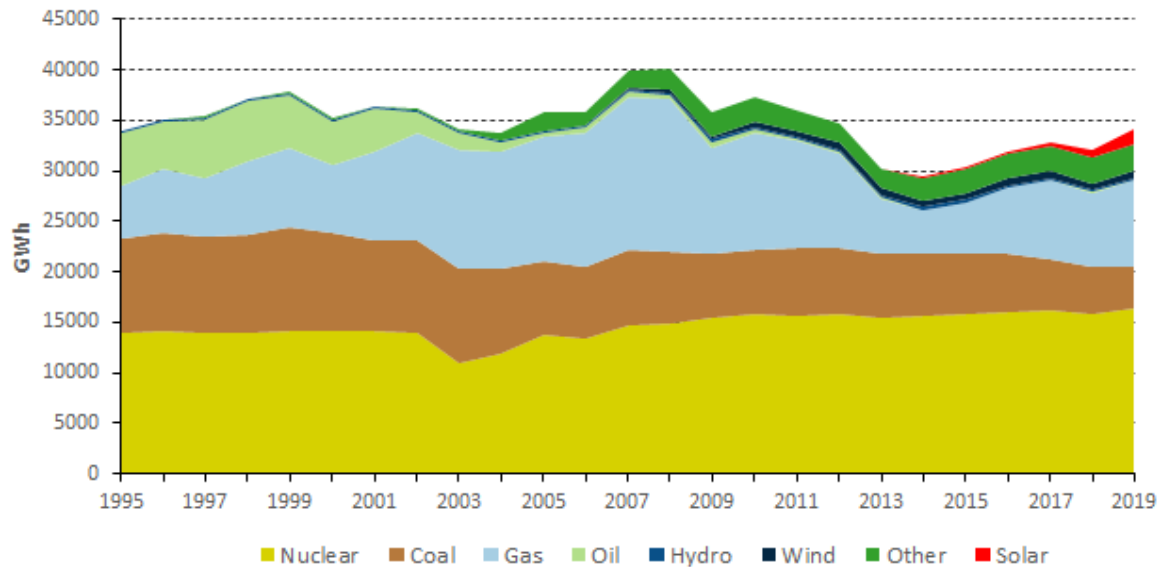


Figure 3.2.5.3 Share of produced electricity by fuel (1995-2019)

In 2011 there were considerable changes in several areas of the Hungarian Power System. On the generation side, AES Borsodi Energetikai Kft. (AES Borsod Heat PP Ltd), being under liquidation, ceased its electricity generation. This meant that two coal and partly biomass firing power plants were closed. However, new units were added to the system: the combined cycle power plant of E.On Erőmű Kft. (E.On Power Plant Ltd.) in Gönyű and the open cycle gas turbine power plant of BVMT Bakonyi Villamos Művek Termelő Zrt. (BVMT Bakony Power Generation Ltd.). In addition, the amendment of the operating licence of Dunamenti Erőmű Zrt. (Dunamenti Power Plant Ltd.) enabled the commercial operation of a GT3 unit.

“Since the regional supply and demand factors affect the electricity market, the utilisation of domestic power plants is strongly influenced by the fuel costs and the regional wholesale electricity prices changing country by country. The gas-fired power plants have lost significant market share also in our region due to the high and basically oil price-indexed gas prices, the drop in electricity consumption, the collapse of CO2 allowance price system and the increase of electricity generation from renewables. Consequently, the load factor of domestic power plants was low. The traders compensated the loss of domestic generation from import. Thus, the amount of import-export balance reached 18.8% of total domestic electricity consumption in 2012.”

(Source: STATISTICAL DATA OF THE HUNGARIAN POWER SYSTEM, 2012)

The above words taken from a previous edition from the already referenced Statistical Data of the Hungarian Power System 2012 seem to be valid also for recent years. There were no further large power generating units connected to the Hungarian Electricity System in the last few years. However, there was a significant change in the installed capacity of Hungarian electricity system in 2019 with an increase of almost 560 MW, which is mainly due to the new solar power plants with an installed capacity of more than 50 kW added to the system.

3.2.5.2 Methodological issues

Activity data

Energy consumption data were taken from the IEA annual questionnaires compiled by the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority. Besides, waste statistics and ETS data were taken into account.

As it can be seen in Figure 3.2.5.4, total fuel consumption (without nuclear energy) in the energy industries sector shows strong fluctuations. After a significant decrease around the political and economic regime change in 1990, we could experience some increase till 1998, then a slight decrease till 2005 and a more pronounced drop after 2008 due to the global financial crisis. After 2010, until 2014, fuel consumption has reached record low values every year. In 2015, however, the decreasing trend stopped, and we observed a small increase in energy use.

Within the inventory period, the consumption of liquid and solid fuels decreased significantly. In contrast, the consumption of natural gas increased until 2007 to a great extent then it shrunk substantially afterwards. Biomass use due to burning or co-burning in power plants became more and more important and exceeded in amount the liquid fuel use in 2005. In 2006, the greatest power plant of Hungary reduced biomass-use, because the amount of obligatory purchased electricity was less than in 2005, this is also illustrated on Figure 3.2.8. In 2007, the produced electricity increased by more than 11%, in parallel the fuel consumption (mainly natural gas) increased only by 9%, because the efficiency of natural gas combustion is better than that of the others. Biomass burning in power plants became again popular on favorable terms, which was induced by the EU carbon trading. In 2008, the produced electricity from fossil fuels and also the fossil fuel consumption of this sector decreased again, but the total generated electricity – including nuclear, waste and renewable sources – was a bit higher than in the previous year. In 2009, the electricity generation in Hungary was by 10% less than in 2008. The generation decrease of power plants of 50 MW and higher capacity was 11.6% while it was 2.8% in case of small power plants. The fuel-mix also changed in 2009: coal and natural gas consumption decreased, however liquid fuel use increased, but its contribution to total fuel consumption is very low. Use of nuclear, waste and renewable sources continued to increase. In 2010 domestic electricity production increased again by 4%.

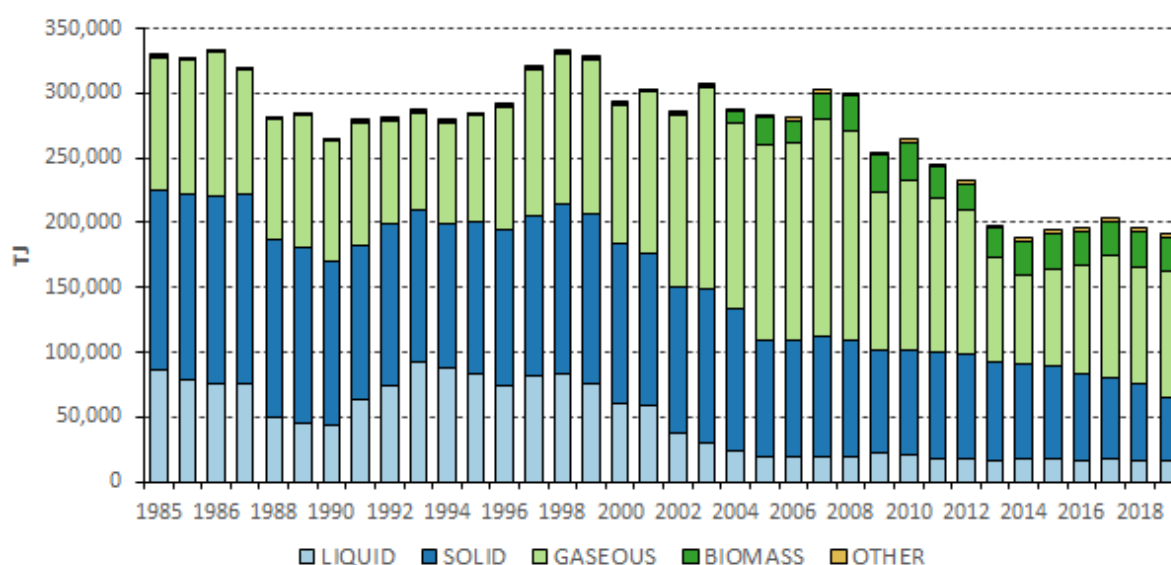


Figure 3.2.5.4 Fuel combustion in the Energy Industries Sector (1985-2019)

In 2011, electricity production fell back by 4% which meant lower fuel use at power plants. Moreover, the decrease in fossil fuel use was more pronounced, whereas there was only a slight change in GHG emission irrelevant nuclear fuel use.

In 2012, gross electricity production fell back by a further 4%. Moreover, the decrease in natural gas based electricity production was the most pronounced (-12.5%), whereas the share of air pollutant neutral nuclear fuel has steadily grown in the last few years, and wind energy utilization showed a steep increase. In addition, electricity import grew significantly by 16% in 2012.

This trend continued and even intensified in 2013. Domestic electricity production has dropped by a further 13 per cent. At the same time, net import grew by 49 per cent!

The overall picture did not change in 2014, either. We experienced decreasing production levels (-3%) and increasing import (+13%). In fact, net import was never higher in the whole period (1980-2015) than in 2014, and electricity production was never lower since 1990 (see Fig. 3.2.6).

In 2015, the share of import remained at a quite high level (31%). At the same time, production increased by 3% mainly due to a 20% growth in production of natural gas fired plants.

Electricity production increased further in 2016 by 5%. Again, we could observe a large growth in natural gas-based power production (+27%). At the same time, the share of import remained at a quite high level (28%).

And the growth in electricity production did not stop in 2017, either (3%). Natural gas firing power plants produced 20% more electricity than in 2016. The share of import did not change significantly.

The growing trend stopped in 2018, electricity production decreased by 3% whereas import grew by 11%

In contrast to the previous year, production increased again in 2019 by 7%. At the same time, import decreased by 12% but still represents a share of 27% within domestic electricity consumption.

Fuel consumption of oil refining showed a pronounced drop around 2000 but remained more or less at the same level afterwards. In the last three years, however, increasing fuel consumption could be observed. Currently, the share of the refinery's fuel consumption is about 14% within energy industries. Less significant is manufacture of solid fuels and other energy industries with a portion of 2-4%.

Going into more detail regarding fuel use, it can be seen that domestically produced lignite is the dominant fuel among solid fuels (Fig. 3.2.5.5). In energy industries, solid and gaseous fuels are dominant representing together around 76-77% of all fuel use. In contrast, liquid fuel use became almost negligible in electricity and heat generation. At the same time, refinery gas used in oil refinery became the most important liquid fuel type whereas the formerly dominant fuel oil almost disappeared (Fig. 3.2.5.6).

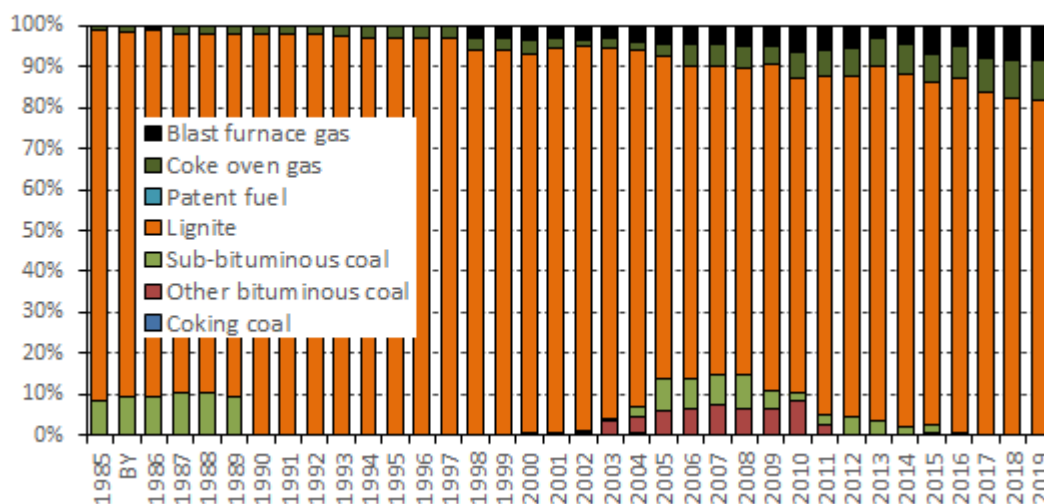


Figure 3.2.5.5 Share of different solid fuels used by energy industries (1985-2019)

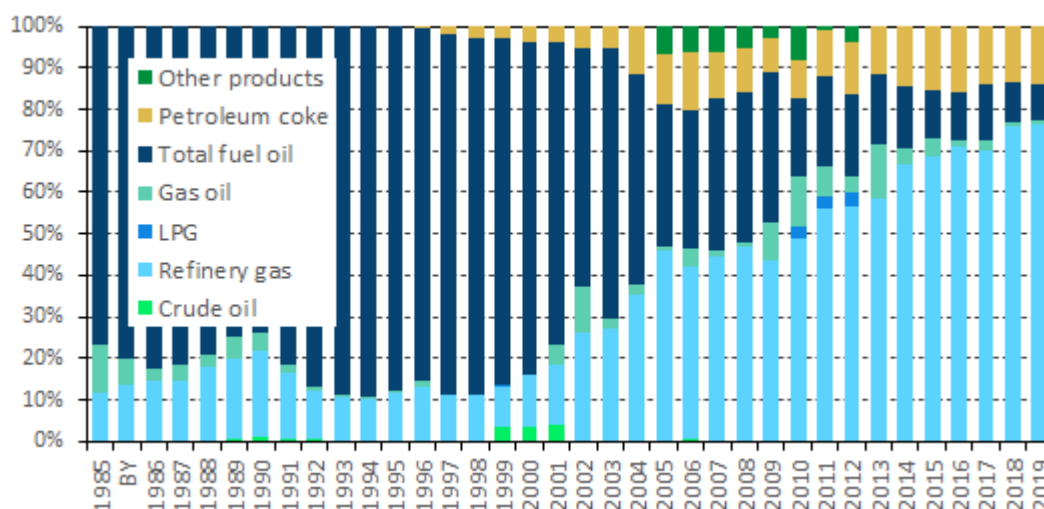


Figure 3.2.5.6 Share of different liquid fuels used by energy industries (1985-2019)

Traditionally, refinery gas and heavy fuel oil were reported together in the Hungarian Energy Statistical Yearbooks. Expressed in mass units, three-four times more refinery gas is used in the refinery as fuel oil.

However, as the ETS data show, refinery gases have significantly different characteristics. Based on plant specific information from the period 2008-2018, “real” heavy fuel oil burned by the refinery has a net calorific value between 39.8 TJ/kt to 40.9 TJ/kt and a CO₂ emission factor between 79.3 t/TJ and 83.7 t/TJ. Refinery gases show in contrast more diverging values. (Even more so, if we include tail gases and purge gas, too.) We can see here calorific values between 45.6 TJ/kt and 66.1 TJ/kt with corresponding CO₂ emission factors between 33.0 t/TJ and 60.6 t/TJ. On yearly average, it can be calculated with a NCV of 48.7-52.4 kt/TJ and an EF of 49.8-55.0 t/TJ for refinery gases.

There are some differences between the classification of fuels in the plant and in the energy statistics. However, considering these fuels together, we could see a better agreement. Moreover, the calculated average CO₂ IEF based on the IEA energy statistics for the pre-ETS period (2000-2007) and the ETS period (2008-2013) is the same (i.e. 62.2 t CO₂/TJ). For the 90’s, where the share of refinery gas was

definitely lower with 40% on average. On the other hand, the use of end-gases and purge gas (as reported under the EU ETS) became more important after 2013. All the factors applied in the calculations are summarized in the following table. Please note that the factors in the table below can be regarded as implied factors for the ETS period as ETS data are directly used in the inventory.

Table 3.2.5 Country specific parameters used in the category petroleum refining

Period	Fuel	Avg. NCV [TJ/kt]	EF [t CO ₂ /TJ]	Comment
2008-2018	refinery gas	48.7-52.4	49.8-55.0	ETS data
2008-2019	other liquid fuel	40.0-40.6	78.9-82.7	ETS data
1985-2007	gasoil	43.0	74.1	IPCC default
1985-2007	refinery gas	49.5	57.6	IPCC default
1985-2007	fuel oil	40.2	77.4	CS / IPCC default
1985-2019	petroleum coke	32.5	106.0	EF based on ETS

Emission factors

Carbon dioxide emissions were calculated in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Country specific OF and EF values – taken mostly from the ETS database – were used for most solid fuels and some liquids. The used factors are summarized in Table 3.2.6.

Table 3.2.6 CO₂ emission factors used in energy industries in the 2019 inventory year

Fuel type	Emission factor (CO ₂ t/TJ)	Oxidation factor
Coking coal	94.6	1.0
Other Bituminous Coal	94.6	1.0
Lignite (imported brown coal)	<i>96.1-100.6</i>	<i>0.979-1.0</i>
Lignite (domestic brown coal)	<i>100.3</i>	1.0
Lignite (domestic lignite)	<i>112.7</i>	<i>0.948</i>
Coke Oven Gas	44.4	1.0
Blast Furnace Gas	<i>257.8</i>	1.0
Gas/Diesel Oil	74.1	1.0
Residual Fuel Oil	77.4	1.0
RFO in refinery	<i>81.4</i>	1.0
Refinery gases (IEF)	<i>52.2</i>	1.0
Petroleum Coke	97.5	1.0
Natural Gas (in PPs)	<i>55.8</i>	1.0
NG in coking plant	-	1.0
NG in the refinery	<i>55.6</i>	1.0
Biomass (Solid)	112.0	1.0
Biogases	56.6	1.0
Waste (IEF)	99.5	1.0

(Source: 2006 IPCC Guidelines; in bold and italics – EU ETS database of Hungary)

*For waste, only IEF is reported in summary the table, because the emission was calculated from country-specific waste amount and component data taken from Waste Information System database and the emission factors were calculated using the default or measured (from EU ETS) carbon content and fossil carbon fraction data from Table 2.4 – 2.6 in the 2006 Guidelines.

It should be noted that only those measured factors were applied where the EU ETS covers all or most of the installation of the sector. For methane and nitrous oxide, default emission factors were used generally.

As recommended by the ERT and required by the guidelines, the emissions from waste incineration for energy purposes have been allocated to the energy sector. However, emissions estimation in the energy sector is somewhat different from the methodology used in the waste incineration category. Activity data in this source category are expressed in energy consumption units (TJ) whereas in the waste sector mass and composition of waste serves as basis of calculations. For our calculations four main activity data sources were used: data from the Waste Incineration Works (FKF) of Budapest (1985-2019), the Hungarian Waste Management Information System (2004-2019), the IEA Annual Renewable Questionnaire, and the ETS data (2006-2019). The Hungarian Waste Management Information System comprises facility level data on mass and composition of waste in line with the European Waste Catalogue (EWC codes) but also on waste management methods in accordance with the Waste Framework Directive. The latter made it possible to distinguish between waste incineration on land (D10) and use of waste principally as a fuel or other means to generate energy (R1).

Incinerated waste data expressed in energy unit were either directly taken out from the IEA statistics or from the ETS database. (The latter made it possible to distinguish between fossil and biogenic waste in case of mixed waste incineration.) It should be stressed, however, that the reported TJ values are (mostly) not used for CO₂ emission estimations, especially in the case of the biggest municipal waste incineration plant in Budapest, therefore the resulting IEF values may have little significance.

As only CO₂ emissions resulting from incineration of carbon in waste of fossil origin should be included in the national CO₂ emission estimate, the fossil fraction of waste had to be determined. To do so, country-specific waste amount and composition data were needed, and the emission factors could be calculated using the default carbon content and fossil carbon fraction data from Table 2.4-2.6 in the 2006 Guidelines. In case of the two biggest incinerators, plant specific data were used. The Waste Incineration Works (FKF) of Budapest determines regularly the composition of incinerated municipal solid waste (MSW), therefore the fossil carbon fraction could easily be calculated with the help of Table 2.4 of the 2006 Guidelines. The fossil carbon fraction of MSW grew from 5% in 1990 to 17-18% around 2010 and decreased to 10-13% in 2014 and afterwards. (In 2019, it was 10.6%.) CO₂ emissions were estimated then with an oxidation factor of 1.0.

The biggest co-incinerator plant is Mátra Power Plant. Since this plant reports its verified emissions in the framework of the European emission trading, direct ETS data relating its fuel use and CO₂ emissions were taken over. (Also verified emissions of all other smaller plants reporting waste combustion under the ETS were taken into account).

All in all, waste incineration contributed around 202 Gg CO₂ to GHG emissions in this category in 2019.

CH₄ emissions from waste incineration have also been added to the inventory. Using the default emission factors (30 kg/TJ) from Table 2.2 of the 2006 Guidelines (Chapter 2: Stationary Combustion), the resulting emissions are not significant at all. The same can be stated about N₂O emissions that were estimated the same way with the default emission factor of 4 kg/TJ.

3.2.5.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Practically, the accuracy and uncertainty range of the energy statistics data are determined by the accuracy of the measuring equipment (except for stock changes, which are based on expert estimates

and are not comparable with the quantity of fuels from other sources). Taking all this into account, the estimated uncertainty of the energy consumption data is $\pm 1\%$ (for biomass 5%). This is particularly likely because the quantities of fuels used by power stations were verified using the report of MVM Rt. (Hungarian Power Companies Plc.)

The estimated specific uncertainty for CO₂ is 2-5%. The uncertainty of the methane factor is significantly higher (50-150%), while that of N₂O may be of an order of magnitude.

The time series can be regarded as consistent.

3.2.5.4 Category-specific QA/QC and verification

Energy consumption data were subject of several rounds of verification before use.

National energy statistics as published in the yearbooks were compared with the statistics provided to international organizations (both prepared by the same institute). This verification pointed out some problems also previously (e.g. on coke oven/blast furnace gas use, missing refinery gas and petroleum coke consumption) which were corrected. This work has been extended, and a comprehensive consistency check between data in the IEA time series and the Hungarian Energy Statistical Yearbooks has been conducted. Based on the results of this consistency check, and after several consultations with the energy statistics provider, it was decided to build the calculations on the IEA/Eurostat questionnaires.

Verified energy use from EU ETS was compared to statistical data. It was noticed that data in metric tonnes are similar in the ETS to those in the statistics, but there are some differences in energy values due to different NCVs. Since the energy consumption in sectoral approach should be compared with those of reference approach, we kept the NCVs of the energy statistics, however the emission factors of coals were corrected for some years to achieve consistency in energy balance and verified emissions. Measured oxidation factor was also applied in the calculation for the above-mentioned reason. (As the fuel amounts in the ETS database and in the energy statistics shows good agreement, this means in practice that CO₂ emissions from solid fuel use reported under the ETS can be used directly.)

Emissions from natural gas were generally estimated using default calorific values and emission factors. For a justification of this approach, about 40 emission reports from the ETS had been analyzed. Using the same activity data as reported by these facilities, we have calculated CO₂ emissions with default parameters and compared our results with the reported CO₂ emissions from the ETS database. It turned out that the difference was minor: with default parameters, the emissions were overestimated only by 0.4%. This small difference allowed us to change our previous approach. To be more consistent with the emissions reported under the ETS regime, we have switched to country specific emission factors for 2010-2013. (For all other years, for the time being, default EFs are applied.)

A comparison between the ETS data (based on mass balance methodology) and calculations based on fuel use was also made for the coking plant. This comparison led to changes in methodology for this submission as described in recalculation part below.

As the main fuel consumption is related to public electricity and heat production, a comparison was also performed with independent dataset collected by the Hungarian Energy Office. For the main power plants the total fuel consumption's difference between the ETS and this dataset was around 1% in 2009.

As a new practice, the compiler institute receives the draft version of the energy balance (the IEA annual questionnaires) before its official submission to Eurostat. The data are checked and the comments are discussed with the energy statistics provider and many of them are taken into account in the final energy statistics.

3.2.5.5 Category-specific recalculations

- Country-specific carbon emission factors have been introduced for natural gas for the whole time series
- Emissions from one (waste incinerator) autoproducer plants have been (re-)allocated to the source category 1A4a from 1A1a.
- Some double-counted emissions were observed and removed (especially in connection with oil refining);
- 1.A.1.b: Emissions from waste incineration in the refinery have been re-allocated from the waste sector

The overall effect of the above recalculations was: -62.1 kt CO₂-eq or 0.06% in the base year, and + 4.73 kt CO₂-eq or 0.0% of the total emissions in 2018.

3.2.5.6 Category-specific planned improvements

None.

3.2.6 Manufacturing Industries and Construction (CRF sector 1A2)

3.2.6.1 Source category description

Emitted gases: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: D, CS, PS

Key sources:

1A2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Liquid Fuels - CO₂ – L, T

1A2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Solid Fuels - CO₂ – T

1A2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Gaseous Fuels - CO₂ – L, T

This subsector covers emissions from the combustion of fuels in the industrial sector. One of the advantages of using the IEA/Eurostat questionnaires instead of the (previously used) energy statistical yearbooks is that the industrial sectors in the questionnaires and in the CRF tables can be more easily harmonized. Emissions from autoproducers that could not have been allocated elsewhere, have generally been included in the category *1A2g.viii Other* for years before 2013. Emissions from off-road vehicles and other machinery are reported as a separate category (1.A.2.g.vii).

Emissions in the Manufacturing Industries and Construction Sector:

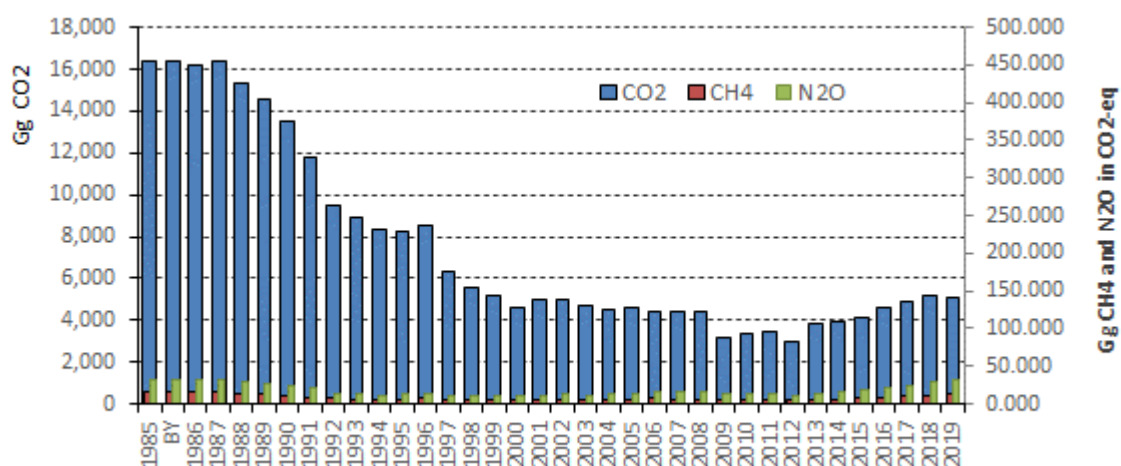


Figure 3.2.6.1 Trends of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O emissions in the Manufacturing Industries and Construction Sector (1985-2019)

3.2.6.2 Methodological issues

The energy consumption data have been taken from the IEA/Eurostat questionnaires. All feedstock and non-energy use were removed from the chemicals subsector for the entire time-series, and all relating CO₂ emission originating from non-combustion processes can be found in the Industrial Processes Sector.

Part of the emissions from waste incineration for energy purposes was allocated to this source category. Activity data in energy units were taken directly from the IEA Renewable questionnaire/ETS database with preference to ETS data in case of differences. Special attention was given to the four (currently three) big cement factories, as they incinerate large amount of waste of fossil origin (plastics,

rubber etc.). Their verified ETS data (emissions and fuel use) were analyzed, from which a specific emission factor was derived: 85.5 tonne CO₂/TJ waste. This EF was used for the years 2004-2007 in case of fossil wastes. From 2008 on, ETS data (fuel consumption and emission) of the cement factories were used directly. The ETS data made it also possible to split mixed industrial waste into fossil and biogenic parts which we did for the first time for this submission. It could be seen that other industrial facilities incinerate predominantly waste of biogenic origin, mostly wood waste, therefore their CO₂ emissions did not contribute to the national total. The insignificant CH₄ and N₂O emissions were estimated for all waste (not only fossil but also biogenic) using the default emission factors of 30 kg/TJ and 4 kg/TJ, respectively.

The methodology for off-road vehicles and other machinery used in industry and construction was changed recently. Tier 2 method from the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook was implemented. This method classifies the used equipment into the fuel types and layers of engine technology. The engine technology layers are stratified according to the EU emission legislation stages, and three additional layers are added to cover the emissions from engines prior to the first EU legislation stages. The used layers are as follows: <1981; 1981-1990; 1991-Stage I; Stage I; Stage II; Stage IIIA; Stage IIIB; Stage IV; Stage V. The penetration of the new technology is taken into account in the form of split (%) of total fuel consumption per engine age (irrespective of inventory year) as it can be seen for diesel-fueled non-road machinery in Table 3-3 in the Guidebook.

Activity data

Figure 3.2.6.2 illustrates the energy consumption of the sector. After 1990, following the economic changes, fuel use decreased significantly. The underlying reasons are clearly illustrated by the decreasing production data presented in the IPPU sector (Chapter 4).

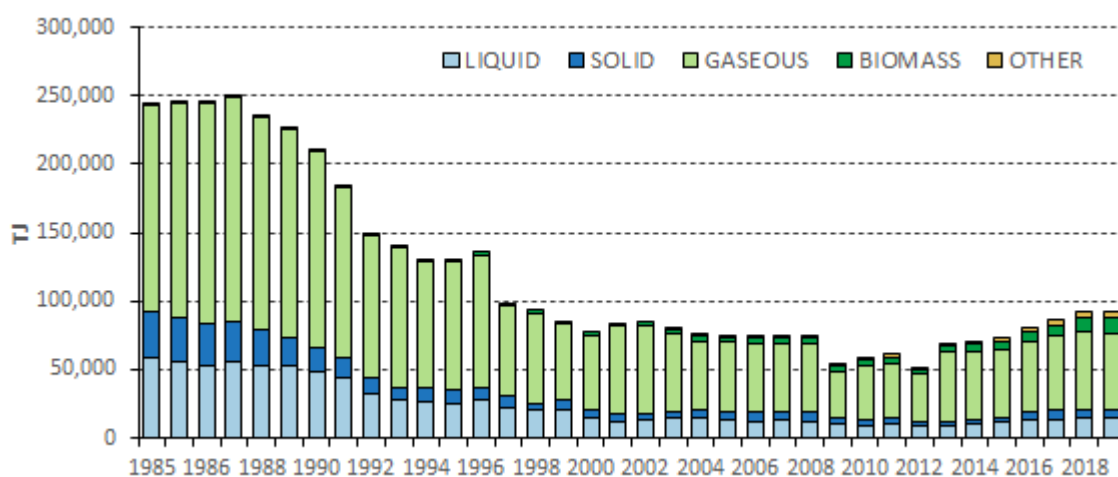


Figure 3.2.6.2 Fuel combustion in the Manufacturing Industries and Construction Sector (1985-2019)

In 2009 the global economic crisis caused a drop of fuel consumption by more than 25% which led to lower emissions. In 2010, the growing industrial production increased the energy demand that did not change much either in 2011 or in 2012. In 2013, however, fuel consumption reached almost the level of the years before the economic crisis, and in 2017 it grew higher than any year after 2000. The increasing trend continued also in 2018 and 2019.

Fig. 3.2.6.3 clearly demonstrates the dominance of natural gas (60% in 2019). Biomass use became popular especially in the last decade. (As a consequence, the relative share of methane and nitrous oxide emissions increased.) Combustion of oil products continues to lose its importance among fossil fuels. Liquid fuels represented 16% in 2019 out of which gas oil seems to be the most important.

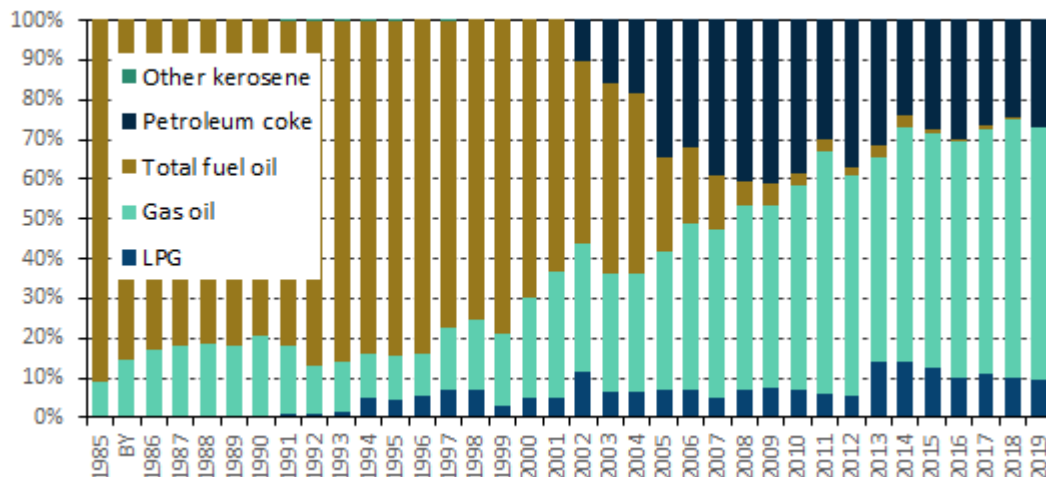


Figure 3.2.6.3 Share of different liquid fuels used by manufacturing industries (1985-2019)

The share of solid fuels became quite low (6% in 2019). Also, the fuel mix has been changing as demonstrated by Fig. 3.2.6.4. The growing relative share of coke oven gas define the CO2 IEF in the iron and steel category since coke oven gas has a very low (44.4 t/TJ) CO2 emission factor. It is worth noting the relatively high IEF in food processing, beverages and tobacco which is due to the fact that dominantly (recently almost exclusively) coke was used as solid fuel by this industry.

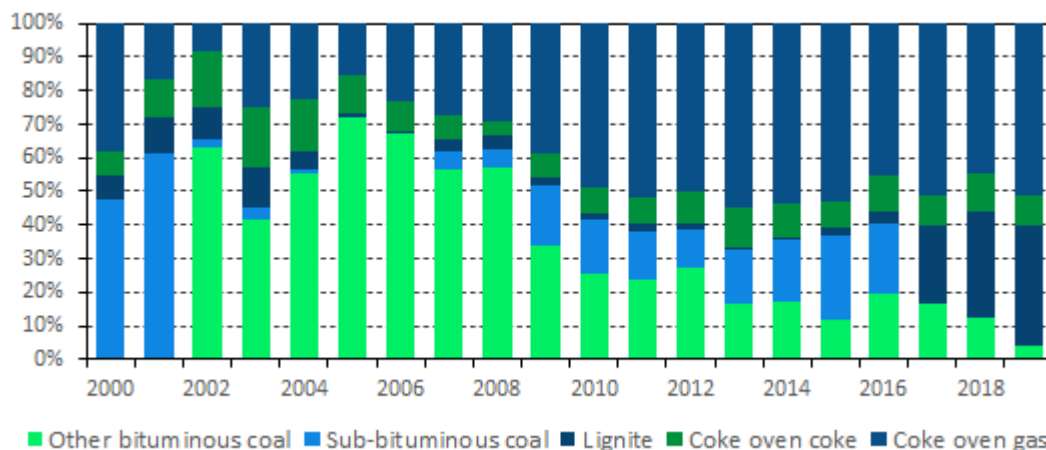


Figure 3.2.6.4 Share of different solid fuels used by manufacturing industries (2005-2019)

Biomass cannot be considered as the most important fuel but its contribution grew slowly to 12 per cent. Within this the growing share of biogases (especially in autoproducer plants) might deserve our attention as the default emission factors are quite different for solid biomass and biogas.

Emission factors

With the introduction of county-specific CO₂ EF for natural gas, the share of emissions calculated with default CO₂ factors were significantly reduced. Special country specific emission factors are applied in the *non-metallic minerals* category (based on ETS information). The situation is somewhat complicated here as the cement factories often use mixed fuels. The applied country specific CO₂ emission factors for petroleum coke/coal mix are varying between 92.3 t/TJ and 95.0 t/TJ for the period 2008-2019.

3.2.6.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Practically, the accuracy and uncertainty range of the energy statistics data are determined by the accuracy of the measuring equipment (except for stock changes, which are based on expert estimates and are not comparable with the quantity of fuels from other sources). Taking all this into account, the estimated uncertainty of the energy consumption data is 5% in consideration of the fact that uses are less easy traceable due to the high number of users.

The estimated specific uncertainty for CO₂ is 2-5%. The uncertainty of the methane factor is significantly higher (50-150%), while that of N₂O may be of an order of magnitude.

3.2.6.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

Energy consumption data were subject of several rounds of verification before use.

Verified energy use from EU ETS was compared to the statistical data. It was noticed that data in metric tonnes are similar in the ETS to those in the statistics, but there are some differences in energy values due to different NCVs.

Non-energy use of fuels was cross-checked with the Industrial Processes sector.

3.2.6.5 Source-specific recalculations

- Revised energy statistics was used (as submitted to the IEA/Eurostat in November 2020/January 2021)
- Country-specific carbon emission factors have been introduced for natural gas for the whole time series
- Emissions from all autoproducer plants have been (re-)allocated from the source category 1A2g to the relevant economic sector where they operate for the period 2013-2019

All the above changes resulted in a decrease of -78.90 kt CO₂-eq (-0.1% of the national total) in the base year, and a decrease of -128.42 kt CO₂-eq (-0.2% of the national total) in 2018.

3.2.6.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

3.2.7 Transport (CRF sector 1A3)

3.2.7.1 Source category description

Emitted gases: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: D, CS, M

Key sources:

1A3b Road Transportation – CO₂ - L, T;

1A3c Railways – CO₂ – T

1A3d Domestic Navigation - Liquid Fuels – CO₂ – T (only excl. LULUCF)

This sector covers all the emissions from fuels used for transportation purposes. International aviation and navigation are excluded from the national total.

Looking at the whole period of our time series, a sharp decrease of 60% in transport of goods could be observed during the regime change in the early 90's. The Hungarian transport performance expressed in freight ton-kilometres had not reached the level of 1985 until 2005. Beside these significant changes of volume, also the structure of goods transport altered. Currently, the most important means of freight transport is road transportation with a share of 65%, followed by rail (17%), pipeline (15%) and waterway (3%). In 1990 we saw a completely different picture with railway and waterway being the dominant mode of transport representing 40% and 34%, respectively. The share of road transportation was 15% about 25 years ago.

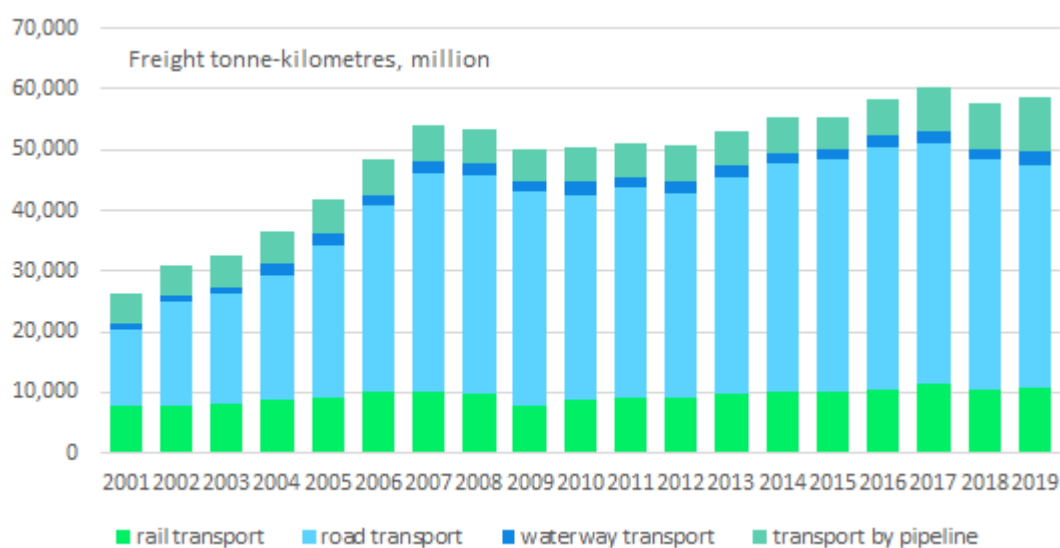


Figure 3.2.7.1 Trends in goods transport (2001-2019). Source: HCSO

Passenger transport also underwent considerable changes. The stock of passenger cars had more than doubled since 1985 and increased by 96% since 1990. Within this increase, the proportion of Eastern European cars characterized by high fuel consumption and obsolete technology decreased; for example, currently more than half of the passenger cars complies with at least the Euro 4 emission standards. At the same time, the average age of the car fleet has increased again in recent years to 14.4 years in 2019. (The lowest average age of vehicles (10.3 years) was observed in 2006, before the economic crisis.) Figure 3.2.7.2 summarizes the above-mentioned developments.

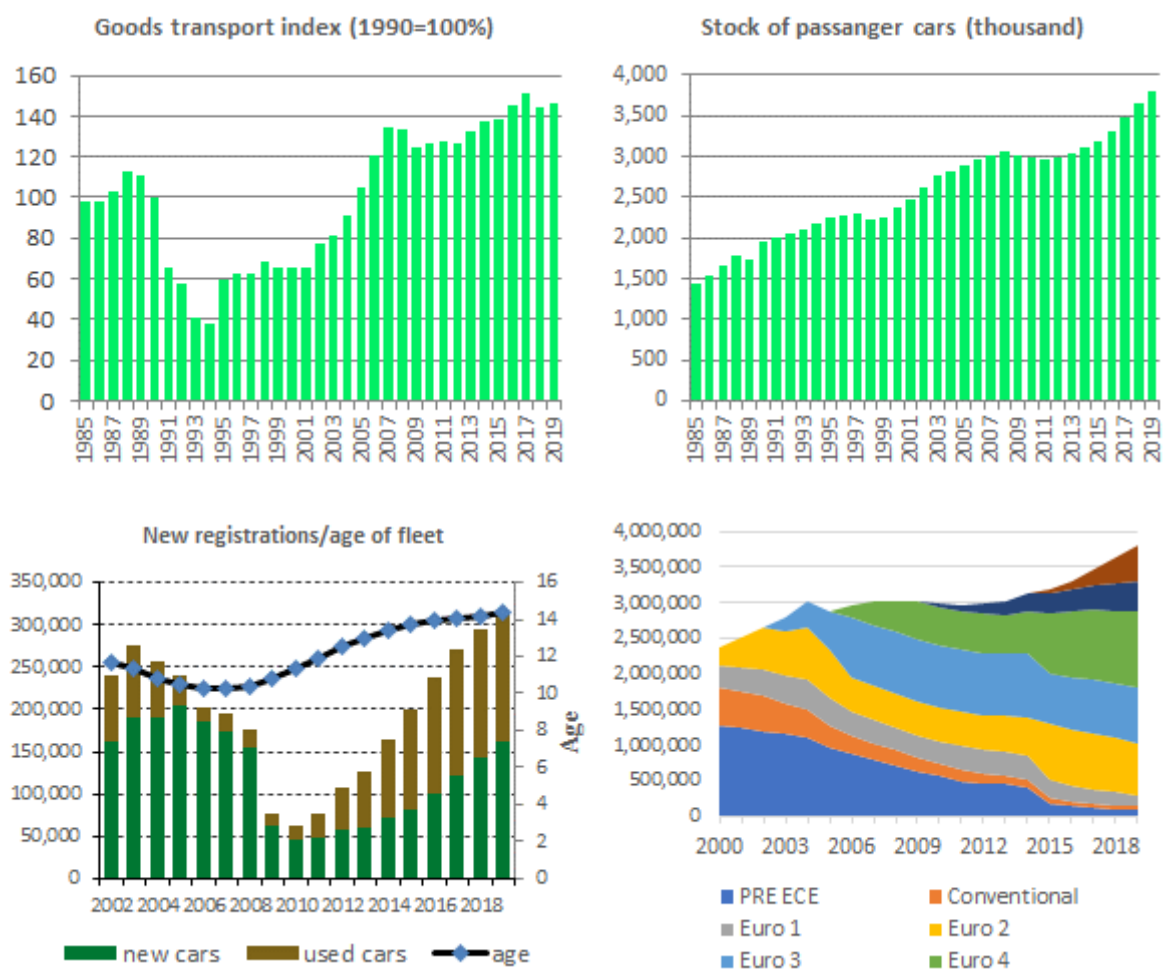


Figure 3.2.7.2 General changes in the transport sector

Electrification of the railways in Hungary eliminated mostly the solid fuel consumption. (Today there are only few lines where steam engines are used during non-scheduled vintage train trips.) Diesel oil consumption of railways decreased as well, by 77% between 1990 and 2019.

Emissions were calculated generally from the national fuel consumption data from the IEA/Eurostat annual questionnaires. However, national statistics usually does not have separate lines for the quantities of aviation gasoline used for in-country aviation and of the diesel oil used for international (river) navigation. However, aviation gasoline consumption appeared in the latest energy statistics for the years 2016-2019. Fuel consumption data (i.e. both aviation gasoline and jet kerosene) of domestic aviation are taken from the Eurocontrol database that contains data on IFR flights. We can also assume (based on personal communication with the energy statistics provider) that 0.9-1.0 kt aviation gasoline is consumed for domestic flights. It is still possible that some minor amount of aviation fuel (for VFR flights) is included elsewhere in the inventories (e.g. under road transport).

According to the information received from the energy statistics provider, natural gas use related to natural gas transport was previously included under distribution losses in the energy statistics. In the inventory, however, a complete time series of emissions from pipeline transport is included separately. Figures below illustrate the fuel consumption of the sector:

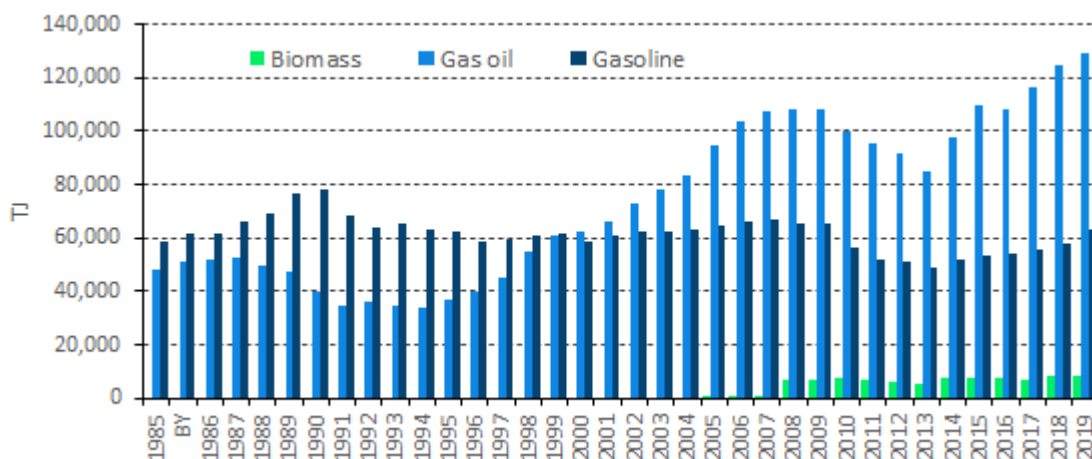


Figure 3.2.7.3 Gasoline, diesel and biomass consumption in the Transport Sector (1985-2019)

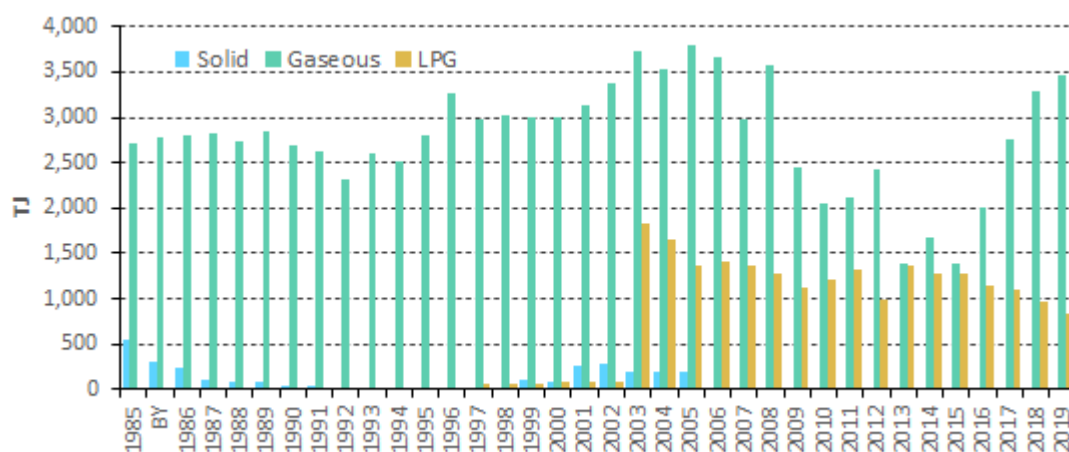


Figure 3.2.7.4 LPG, natural gas and solid fuel combustion in the Transport Sector (1985-2019)

Figure 3.2.7.5 clearly shows that in contrast to the other described sectors, transport consumption had a rising overall tendency from the mid 90's until 2008. Starting in 2009, the trend of fuel consumption has changed due to the economic crisis. Both fuel consumption and mileage of vehicles (km/year) increased until 2009 and started decreasing afterwards. The increasing fuel prices (up to 2012) could also be one of the reasons of a record low gasoline consumption in the transport sector. It is worth mentioning that the mass of domestically transported goods via road transport decreased by 44% between 2008 and 2012. However, the decreasing trend stopped, fuel consumption started to grow again and goods transport increased by 28% since 2012.

In the second half of 2005 the Hungarian oil and gas company's refinery, MOL Danube Refinery, started to process bioethanol from vegetable raw material with high sugar content, also biodiesel have been used for blending. These bio components appear also in Fig. 3.2.7.3.

LPG has been used since 1992. It should be noted that due to the current commercial practices, in-container (household, institutional) uses are difficult to separate from traffic uses (i.e., distribution at petrol stations). This may be the reason for the sharp increase in 2003, which does not fully reflect the actual changes but is the result of a change in the approaches used for the preparation of the statistics.

Accordingly, liquid fuel uses by the general public (currently including LPG only) show a significant drop – in line with the national energy statistics.

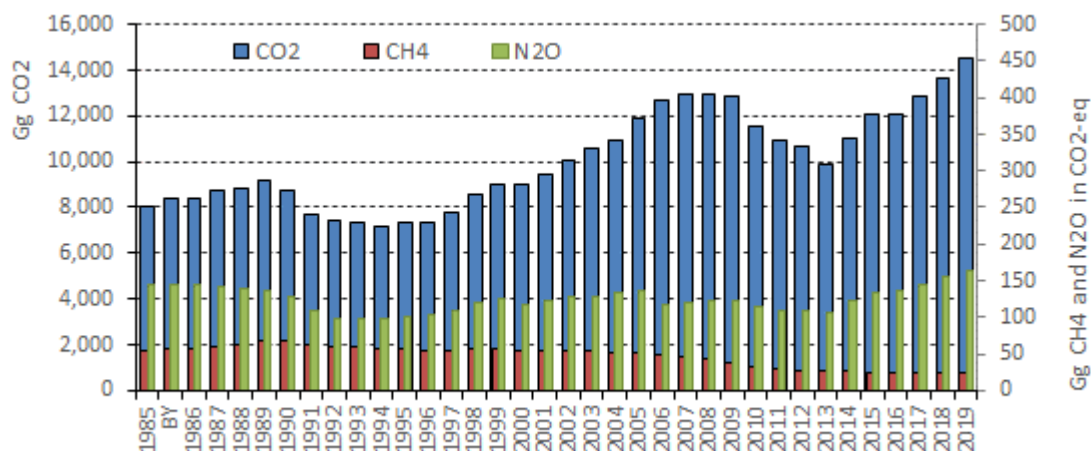


Figure 3.2.7.5 Trends of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O emissions in the Transport Sector (1985-2019)

3.2.7.2 Methodological issues

CO₂ emission from transport was previously calculated by multiplying fuel consumption taken from Energy Statistics Yearbooks (1985-2010) by the default IPCC emission factors. In 2013, as the compiler institute received data on carbon content of gasoline and diesel oil from the refinery, the default emission factors were replaced to country specific values in road transportation (see Table 3.2.9). From the 2014 submission, activity data are basically taken from the IEA/Eurostat joint questionnaires with a few modifications.

For non-CO₂ emissions, the COPERT-5 (**C**omputer **P**rogramme to Calculate **E**mission from **R**oad **T**ransport) model, specifically version 5.4.36 was used for the whole time series. The transition to the COPERT program family was a necessary step in the area of national road transport emission calculations, since most countries use this program which ensures international comparability. By using the latest version of the model, also consistency of the time series is ensured.

The COPERT model requires quite detailed background information. To produce input data for the model for the whole time series, basically three data sources were used:

1./ The compiler institute received the COPERT input/output data from the Institute for Transport Sciences for the years 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. The structure of the input data was produced in a way which fully complies with that described in the software requirement.

Generally, the input data required by the COPERT model are as follows:

- vehicle fleet [n]
- mean activity [km/year], lifetime cumulative activity [km]
- traffic situations: vehicle share [%], average speed [km/h], trip characteristic
- national annual energy consumption [tons/year]
- country-specific environmental information:
 - national monthly averages of daily minimum and maximum temperatures [°C]
 - monthly average relative humidity [%]

- Reid vapor pressure [kPa]
- determination of country-specific sulfur content of petrol and diesel fuels [ppm wt]
- determination of bioethanol ETBE (Ethyl tert-butyl ether) content (biodiesel FAME (Fatty acid methyl ester) content is provided in the model because it is known from EU data)

As the input data were not obtained from the same source and were not always suitable for direct use, therefore the data were needed to be processed prior. The largest bulk of the work was processing the vehicle stock data, since this data ensures the basis for emission calculations performed by COPERT5. Therefore, it was crucial to perform an utmost precise work regarding the vehicle stock data, which was obtained from the Ministry of the Interior (BM). At the request of the KTI, vehicle data tables required to perform the task were extracted from the BM database. The vehicle stock classifications and emission categorizations were prepared using the following table:

Table 3.2.7.1 *Vehicle categories used in the COPERT model*

Category	Fuel	Engine capacity [cm ³] / Gross weight [t]
Passenger Cars	Gasoline	2-stroke (≤ 1000 cm ³)
		≤ 800 cm ³
		801 – 1400 cm ³
		1401 – 2000 cm ³
		≥ 2001 cm ³
	Petrol Hybrid	≤ 800 cm ³
		801 – 1400 cm ³
		1401 – 2000 cm ³
		≥ 2001 cm ³
	Petrol PHEV	801 – 1400 cm ³
		1401 – 2000 cm ³
		≥ 2001 cm ³
	Diesel	≤ 800 cm ³
		801 – 1400 cm ³
		1401 – 2000 cm ³
		≥ 2001 cm ³
	Diesel PHEV	≥ 2001 cm ³
	LPG Bifuel	≤ 800 cm ³
		801 – 1400 cm ³
		1401 – 2000 cm ³
		≥ 2001 cm ³
	CNG Bifuel	≤ 800 cm ³
		801 – 1400 cm ³
		1401 – 2000 cm ³

		≥2001 cm ³
Light Commercial Vehicles	Gasoline	N1-I ≤1305 t
		N1-II 1306 – 1760 t
		N1-III 1761 – 3500 t
	Diesel	N1-I ≤1305 t
		N1-II 1306 – 1760 t
		N1-III 1761 – 3500 t
Heavy Duty Trucks	Gasoline	> 3,5 t
	Diesel	Rigid ≤7,5 t
		Rigid 7,5 - 12 t
		Rigid 12 - 14 t
		Rigid 14 - 20 t
		Rigid 20 - 26 t
		Rigid 26 - 28 t
		Rigid 28 - 32 t
		Rigid >32 t
		Articulated 14 - 20 t
		Articulated 20 - 28 t
		Articulated 28 - 34 t
		Articulated 34 - 40 t
		Articulated 40 - 50 t
		Articulated 50 - 60 t
Buses	Diesel	Urban Midi ≤ 15 t
		Urban Standard 15 - 18 t
		Urban Articulated > 18 t
		Coaches Standard ≤ 18 t
		Coaches Articulated > 18 t
	Diesel Hybrid	Urban
	CNG	Urban
L-Category	Petrol	Mopeds 2-stroke <50 cm ³
		Mopeds 4-stroke <50 cm ³
		Motorcycles 2-stroke >50 cm ³
		Motorcycles 4-stroke <250 cm ³
		Motorcycles 4-stroke >750 cm ³
		Motorcycles 4-stroke 250 - 750 cm ³

In the case of traffic situations, the percentage of runtime distribution and average speed values within driving conditions (urban, rural, motorway) for each vehicle category were used based on the results of previous research carried out by the Institute for Transport Sciences.

Specifying the average speed is less important in the case of rural and highway traffic as the function takes similar values between 45-105 km/h. However, determining the average speed for urban transport is more important, because of a difference of 1 km/h in the first third of the function results in a larger difference in emissions. Naturally, the functions vary from one pollutant to another, but the influence of speed is similar in each case.

Among the trip characteristics, it is important to mention the average travel time and duration. According to available statistics, European average of 12.5 km were determined by experts. The distribution of the distances traveled varies from country to country, but typically a large proportion (80%) travel only short distances (less than 15 km). It plays a significant role in the emissions of the cold start phase. The average travel distance of 12 km average travel time of 25 minutes were used.

Detailed and accurate calculations of mean activity could not have been made in previous years. Previously, data were obtained from queries extracted from the RKF (Regular Environmental Review) database provided by the Ministry of the Environment, and subsequently corrected based on the annual fuel consumption. However, in COPERT5 it is possible to provide fuel balanced mean activity, which the program automatically counts and takes into account when calculating the emissions. From 2018, there was a development research in the Institute for Transport Sciences and the project outcomes will be used for the 2019 emission calculations. From now on, the mean activity data will be more precise and the query system calculates the mileage records of the Vehicle Inspection Database for each vehicle category.

The source of the annual fuel consumption data was the national energy statistics provided by the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (MEKH). The data published by the MEKH will also be transmitted to EUROSTAT. Energy conversions were executed following the values given in the EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2019.

Table 3.2.7.2 Default density and calorific values of primary fuels determined using the EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2019

Fuel	Density [kg/m ³]	Calorific values [MJ/kg]
Gasoline	750	43.774
Diesel	840	42.695
LPG	520	46.564
CNG	175	48
Biodiesel	890	37.3
Bioethanol	794	28.8

2./ For all the years in the period 2000-2018 for which no domestic data were provided by the Institute for Transport Sciences, data purchased from Emisia SA, developer of the COPERT model, were used as inputs. As claimed by the data provider, *“the vehicle fleet and activity data provided by EMISIA SA for the compilation of national emission inventories with use of the COPERT model reflect our best knowledge of national situation in each country until 2013. These data have been updated using the road transport dataset and methodology of the TRACCS research project. More specifically, TRACCS dataset of the period 2005-2010 has been combined with the previous FLEETS research project dataset (2000-2005) and with latest official statistics available (2011-2013) to produce aligned and up to date time series for the period 2000-2013 (no projection included). The quality, completeness, and*

consistency of these two projects datasets, which have been extensively reviewed and cross-checked, ensure that the compiled countries data are also of good quality.”

In case of larger discrepancies between the Emisia database and domestic data, preference was always given to data from domestic sources, and the time series was smoothed out. Again, whenever necessary, the mileage data were slightly modified to reflect better the domestic statistics on fuel sold.

3./ The compiler institute produced input data for the remaining years (i.e. 1985-1999). Quantification of the stock of each road vehicle type was based on Statistical yearbooks of Hungary and annual reports of Ministry of Economy and Transport about the Hungarian vehicle fleet. Also, personal communications with experts took place. Compared to recent years where about 200 vehicle categories were taken into account, the input database for the earlier part of the time series is less detailed containing 35 vehicle categories, and it probably has a higher uncertainty.

It should be noted that unleaded gasoline was sold only after 1989. Since lead is poison for catalytic converters, it was assumed that real catalyst vehicle has been used after this time.

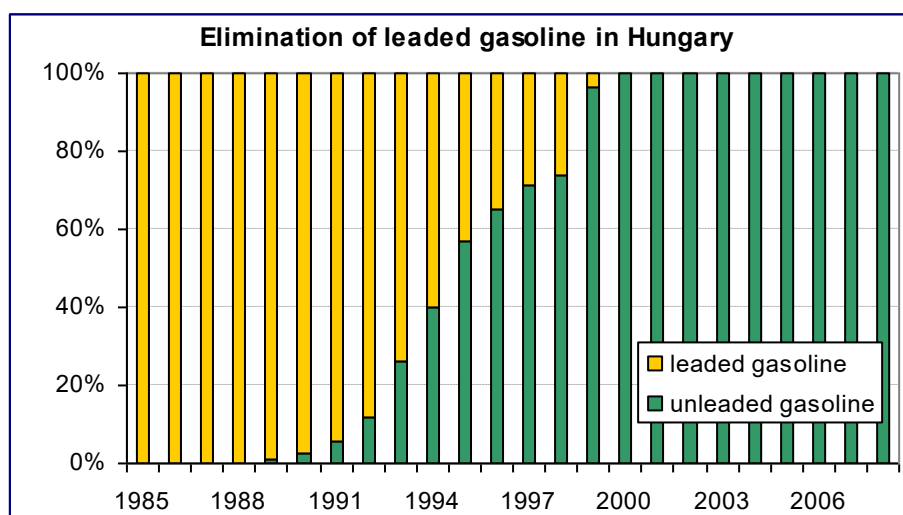


Figure 3.2.7.6 Elimination of leaded gasoline in Hungary

(Source: Hungarian Petroleum Association (MÁSZ), Annual Reports 1996-2008)

Emissions from ***in-country aviation***, which represent a very low proportion, were taken previously equal to the emission from consumption of aviation gasoline, and calculated in those years when the related data were available in the energy balance. Where aviation gasoline was not indicated in a separate line, consumption and emissions were calculated together with road traffic gasoline.

Upon receiving data from Eurocontrol, the above approach was slightly modified. Although there are no scheduled commercial domestic flights in Hungary, Eurocontrol data for the period 2005-2015 suggested that about 0.22 per cent of total jet kerosene is used for domestic flights. Using the same share back to 1985, some kerosene (i.e. 12-37 TJ) is now allocated to domestic aviation. As regards aviation gasoline, based on personal communication with the energy statistics provider, it is assumed that altogether 0.9 kt aviation gasoline is sold in the country. This amount was amended with Eurocontrol data on international fuel consumption. For all other (pre-Eurocontrol) years (i.e. 1985-2004) the average value of 2005-2015 was used. The resulting CO₂ emission (from both aviation gasoline and jet kerosene) is 4 Gg on average (i.e. far below the significance threshold).

*(Background of the **Eurocontrol data**: At the end of 2010 the European Commission signed a framework contract with EUROCONTROL, the European organization for the safety of air navigation, regarding 'the support to the European Commission in relation to climate change policy and the implementation of the EU ETS'.*

This support project is organized in different Work Packages. One of these Work Packages pertains to the improvement of GHG and air pollutant emissions inventories sub-mitted by the 28 Member States and the European Union to the UNFCCC and to the UNECE. The main objective of the WP is to assist EU Member States improve the reporting of annual greenhouse gas (and other air pollutant) emission inventories by e.g. estimating the fuel split domestic/international using real flight data from EU-ROCONTROL.

To support the inventory process for the submission in 2017, in November 2016 MS received fuel and emissions data for the years 2005 to 2015 as calculated by EUROCONTROL using a TIER 3b methodology applying the Advanced Emissions Model (AEM).

The individual fuel burn and emission data associated with each flight are processed with AEM, Excel reports covering UNFCCC and CLRTAP are generated then made available to EEA Member states via the EUROCONTROL ftp site.

All flights having a flight plan are captured by EUROCONTROL. Military flights are excluded. Civil flights flying on Visual Flight Rules (VFR) are not known to EUROCONTROL and are therefore not part of this system.

Looking at flight types in the database, it is possible to distinguish between domestic and international flights. Three aircraft groups are currently included in the EUROCONTROL dataset: jet, turboprop and piston.)

The annual total emissions of the national **railway** were determined as an exhaust gas component based on the data received from the national energy statistics provider, the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority which calculated the quantity of the fuel used in the national railway transport. Railway transport emissions are affected by many factors. However, since the currently used method of calculation is based on the fuel consumption of the rail traction, the factors described below do not have a direct influence on the calculation.

The total length of railway lines has not changed significantly in recent years. The number of locomotives has increased by 15% since 2005. The total volume of passenger transport in terms of the number of persons transported has decreased since 2001 by about 17 percent whereas passenger km increased by 22% (mostly due to increased air transport). As far as the railways are concerned, the decrease in passenger numbers was smaller (-9%). However, expressed in passenger kilometers, the decrease was more pronounced (-23%). Considering transport of goods, rail transport has been showing some sign of growth since 2011, especially domestically.

Emissions from **pipeline transport** are reported separately since the 2015 submission. The calculations are based on (amended) energy statistical data and default emission factors. The IEA Annual Gas Questionnaire contains fuel consumption data only for the period 2010-2015 which could be amended with data of FGSZ Natural Gas Transmission Ltd, the single Hungarian transmission system operator (TSO) back to 2005. For the remaining part of the time series, backward extrapolation was carried out using the sum of natural gas production + import as proxy information.

Emission factors

Carbon dioxide emissions were calculated using country-specific emission factors for gasoline in road transportation, for diesel and natural gas in all relevant categories, and for kerosene in aviation. Otherwise, default factors were applied as summarized in Table 3.2.7.3 below.

Table 3.2.7.3 Some CO₂ emission factors in the Transport Sector

Fuel type	Emission factor (kt CO ₂ /TJ)	Source of EFs
Gasoline	69.3	2006 IPCC Guidelines
in road transport		Refinery
fossil	71.3	based on carbon content
bio	71.8	
Gas/Diesel Oil		Refinery
fossil	73.6-74.3	based on carbon content
bio	70.8	
LPG	63.1	2006 IPCC Guidelines
Residual fuel oil	77.4	2006 IPCC Guidelines
Natural Gas	55.2-56.3	ETS database
Lubricants	73.3	2006 IPCC Guidelines
Jet kerosene	72.5-73.0	Refinery

It has to be noted that the cited CO₂ emission factors in road transport are derived values based on mass of the fuels and not necessarily on their energy content. We have also slightly deviated from the NCVs reported in the IEA/Eurostat Annual Questionnaire. Originally, the net calorific value applied in the Hungarian energy statistics was usually 42 TJ/kt for both fuels. However, there were indications that the real calorific value might be different. For example, the default NCVs are 43.8 TJ/kt for gasoline and 42.7 TJ/kt for diesel in COPERT. In the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, we can find even higher values: 44.3 TJ/kt and 43 TJ/kt for gasoline and diesel, respectively. And we have also one measurement from the refinery for diesel oil: that is 43.04 MJ/kg. So, in the 2017 submission the calorific values were changed to 44 TJ/kt and 43 TJ/kt for (fossil) gasoline and diesel oil, respectively. (Meanwhile, NCVs have been revised upwards also in the energy statistics.)

The basis of the emission factor was carbon content of the fuels received from the refinery, i.e. 0.8406 t C / t gasoline and 0.86275 t C / t diesel. However, the carbon content of the fuels relates to the fuel mix E5 (i.e. 5% biofuel) so it cannot be used for the fossil part of the fuel unchanged, especially in case of gasoline. Therefore, we have changed the used emission factor for gasoline (fossil part) by taking into account the difference between the default CO₂ emission factor for gasoline (3.180 kg CO₂/kg fuel) and for the blend E5 (3.125 kg CO₂/kg fuel) (See Table 3-12 in the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook). This means, we have multiplied the original EF with 3.180/3.125 for the fossil part. All the resulting EFs are included in Table 3.2.9 above.

For the years starting in 2016, the refinery provided us with carbon content and calorific value of the *fossil part* of diesel from which the following country-specific values could be derived:

Gasoil	-2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
NCV (GJ/t)	43.0	42.8	42.7	42.7	42.7
CO ₂ EF (t/TJ)	73.6	74.0	74.3	74.3	74.2

Also the CO₂ emissions from the *fossil part of the carbon of biodiesel* have been calculated and added to the national total. The refinery confirmed that diesel had only FAME content (HVO is expected only from 2020). Therefore, CO₂ emission was calculated with the default parameters specific for FAME, i.e. 76.5% kg C/kg FAME, and 5.4% fossil part of C of FAME. The resulting emissions were not significant:

they increased from 0.3 kt in 2007 to 26.5 kt in 2019. In contrast to the previous submission where these CO₂ emissions were added to and reported together with CO₂ emissions from “normal” fossil diesel oil, this time they are reported separately as “other fossil fuels/fossil part of biodiesel”.

We have changed our approach for the biofuel part for this submission. In case of biodiesel (FAME), the default carbon content of 76.5% kg C/kg FAME was used with the default bio part of carbon content (1-5.4%=94.6%). In case of biogasoline, a biogenic carbon content of 55.1% was applied in the calculations.

CO₂ emissions from lubricants in 2-stroke engines are also included in the transport sector. Activity data have been taken from the COPERT database (i.e. fuel consumption of 2-stroke cars, mopeds, and motorcycles. With an assumption of a 1:40 mixing ratio, the total amount of lubricants combusted could be calculated. Using default NCV and EF, the resulting emissions remained at a moderate level as summarized in the table below.

Table 3.2.10 CO₂ emissions from lubricants in 2-stroke vehicles (with activity data)

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Fuel consumption	kt	425.6	460.0	295.9	173.0	65.1	37.6	18.9	16.4	15.5	15.2	20.3
2-stroke cars	kt	416.1	452.0	282.2	159.9	41.8	13.7	5.1	3.3	2.6	2.3	2.3
L-Category	kt	9.5	8.1	11.0	13.1	23.3	24.0	13.8	13.1	12.9	12.9	18.1
Lubricants	kt	10.6	11.5	7.4	4.3	1.6	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
CO₂ emissions	kt	31.1	33.6	21.6	12.7	4.7	2.7	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.5

CH₄ and N₂O emissions from road transport were calculated using the COPERT model (COPERT 5.4.36) for the whole inventory period for gasoline and diesel. For all other fuels (and categories) default IPCC emission factors were applied. For example, non-CO₂ EFs from Table 3.4.1 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are applied for railways.

Besides gasoil as described above, country-specific calorific value and CO₂ emission factors are applied also for kerosene as summarized in the table below.

Kerosene	-2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
NCV (GJ/t)	43.4	43.5	43.4	43.4	43.3	43.3	43.3	43.3	43.5	43.3	43.3	43.3	43.3
CO ₂ EF (t/TJ)	72.7	72.7	72.7	72.6	73.0	72.8	72.7	72.7	72.5	72.7	72.7	72.8	72.8

3.2.7.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

We assume that the uncertainty of the transport-related fuel consumption data is higher than in case of stationary equipment because such data are more difficult to collect and verify. Considering the above, the estimated uncertainty of the energy consumption data is ±5%. The estimated uncertainty of the emission factors for CO₂ is ±1-5%. It should be noted, that in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines the uncertainty for default methane and nitrous oxide factors is much higher (200-300%).

3.2.7.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

IEA data were compared with the national statistics. For clarification of the differences, additional data were required from the energy statistics provider. This led to revision of the time series of fuel consumption.

We consider the technical review of the EU as a very important QA activity. In summer 2012, the EU conducted a more thorough than usual review of the inventories of all member states. After the review, Hungary was recommended to obtain the C content and net calorific values of gasoline from fuel suppliers, to develop a country-specific EF for CO₂ from gasoline that is representative for gasoline used in Hungary and to revise data accordingly.

During the 2016 review, it was recommended that CO₂ emissions from lubricants for non-energy use should be reported under 2D1 Lubricant use and emissions from energy uses (such as in 2-stroke engines) should be reported under 1A3b Road transportation. Following this recommendation, this submission contain estimates of CO₂ emissions of lubricants from 2-stroke engines taking fuel consumption data (FC_t) from the COPERT database (2-stroke passenger cars, mopeds, and motorcycles).

3.2.7.5 Source-specific recalculations

The used methodology remained basically the same. However, the following changes were implemented:

- The latest IEA Annual Questionnaires (as submitted in November 2020/January 2021) was used that contained some revisions
- The latest version of the COPERT model (5.4.36, October 2020) was applied for the whole time series consistently
- Lubricants used in 2-stroke engines have been revised on the basis of new outputs from the COPERT model.
- CO₂ from fossil part of FAME biodiesel is now reported separately. (In the previous submission it was included in diesel oil emissions, so it is basically not a recalculation, rather a transparency improvement)
- Country-specific emission factors were applied for natural gas
- New extrapolation was used in pipeline transport.

Altogether, emissions increased by 54.56 kt CO₂-eq (0.0% of the national total) in the base year, and decreased by 59.95 kt (-0.1% of the national total) in 2018.

3.2.7.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

3.2.8 Other Sectors (CRF sector 1A4)

3.2.8.1 Source category description

Emitted gases: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: D, CS

Key sources:

1A4 Other Sectors - Liquid Fuels – CO₂ – L, T;

1A4 Other Sectors - Solid Fuels – CO₂ – L, T;

1A4 Other Sectors - Solid Fuels – CH₄ - T

1A4 Other Sectors - Gaseous Fuels – CO₂ – L, T;

1A4 Other Sectors - Biomass – CH₄ – L

This sector covers combustion in public institutions, by the population and in the Agriculture /Forestry/Fisheries Sector. Emissions in the Other Sectors are summarized in the figure below:

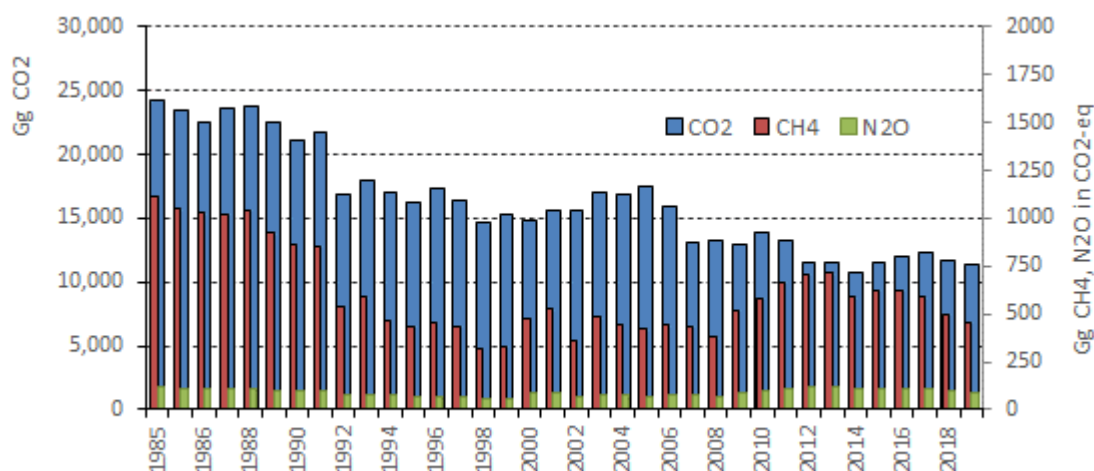


Figure 3.2.8.1 Trends of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O emissions in the Other Sector (1985-2019)

3.2.8.2 Methodological issues

Activity data

Activity data was obtained from the IEA/Eurostat questionnaires as described in the introduction section of the chapter. Figure 3.2.8.2 illustrates the fuel consumption of the sector by fuel types.

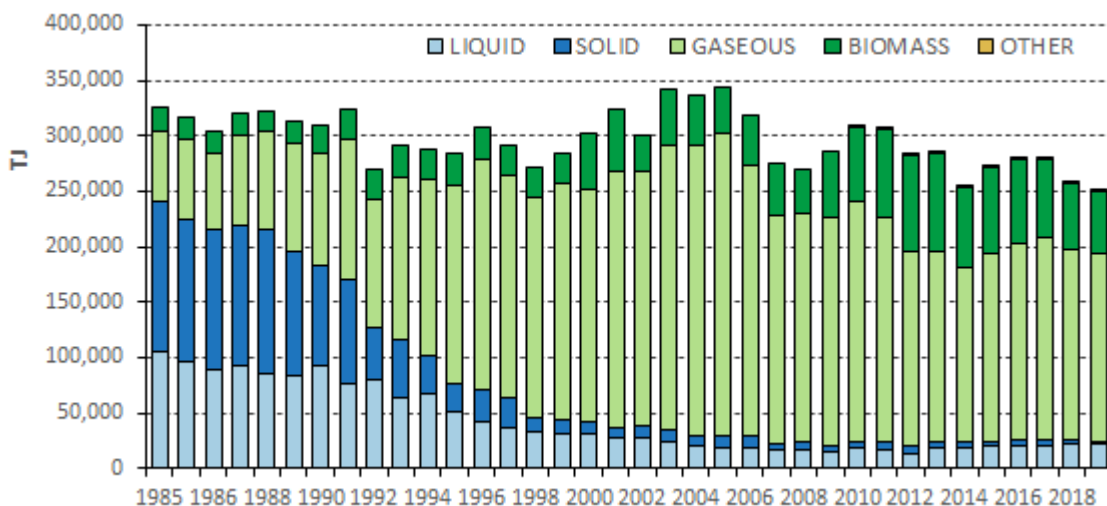


Figure 3.2.8.2 Share of different combusted fuel types in the Other Sectors (1985-2019)

Since about two third of the fuel consumption is related to the residential category, the fuel structure is influenced principally by changes in this sector (see Fig. 3.2.8.3).

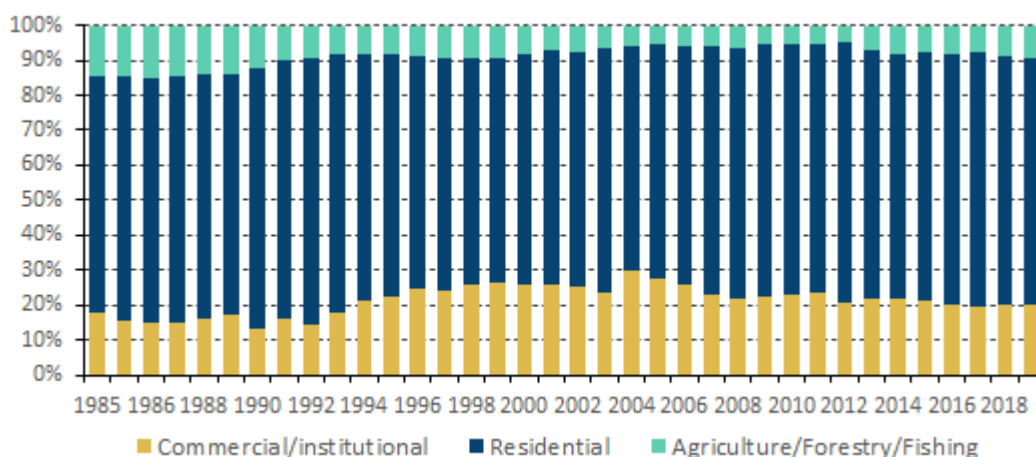


Figure 3.2.8.3 Fuel combustion in the subsectors of the Other Sector (1985-2019)

Generally, in contrast with the significant reduction of coal and oil consumption, natural gas consumption has increased significantly. The population switched from coal to natural gas combustion. Household heating oil was completely replaced by LPG (see Table 3.2.8.1).

Table 3.2.8.1 Oil and LPG consumption in the Commercial/Institutional and Residential Sectors in selected years after 1990

		1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Commercial/ Institutional	Oil	13,929	1372	379	0	1,064	1,015	886	978	940
	LPG	1,504	2209	1,081	893	658	508	415	554	508
Residential	Oil	35,991	1118	86	0	40	0	0	0	0
	LPG	13,536	12,079	7802	5640	3055	2,493	3,138	3,184	3,091

During the period 1990-2019, the length of natural gas pipe-network increased from 22,549 km to 84,589 km. The number of households supplied with natural gas increased from 1.6 million in 1990 (42%) to 3.4 million in 2010 (77%) but decreased a little to 3.3 million (73%) since 2010. Residential consumption represented 38% of total inland demand in 2019. Piped gas is available in 91% of all settlements in Hungary, and this figure has not changed much since 2005 (but it was only 15% in 1990). 88% of households use natural gas for heating purpose as well. Although individual residential heating became more and more widespread, still 653 thousand dwellings (15% of all dwellings) are supplied with district heating and 603 thousand with hot water. Most of this heat (over 80%) is generated from natural gas use; however, the resulting emission was not accounted for here but under the Energy industries subsector.

Natural gas consumption can be influenced by several factors. One of these factors might be the weather and the resulting heating demand. Heating degree day (HDD) is a quantitative index that reflects demand for energy to heat houses and businesses. This index is derived from daily temperature observations. The inside temperature is 18°C and base temperature (the outside temperature above which a building needs no heating) is 15°C in our calculation (following the standard European methodology). Figure 3.2.8.4 illustrates the relationship between residential fuel consumption and HDD. The figure demonstrates that increased fuel use can often be explained by increased HDD values and vice versa. Heating demand decreased by 3% in 2019 (after a decrease of 10% in 2018) which is reflected in the lower energy consumption of the residential sector.

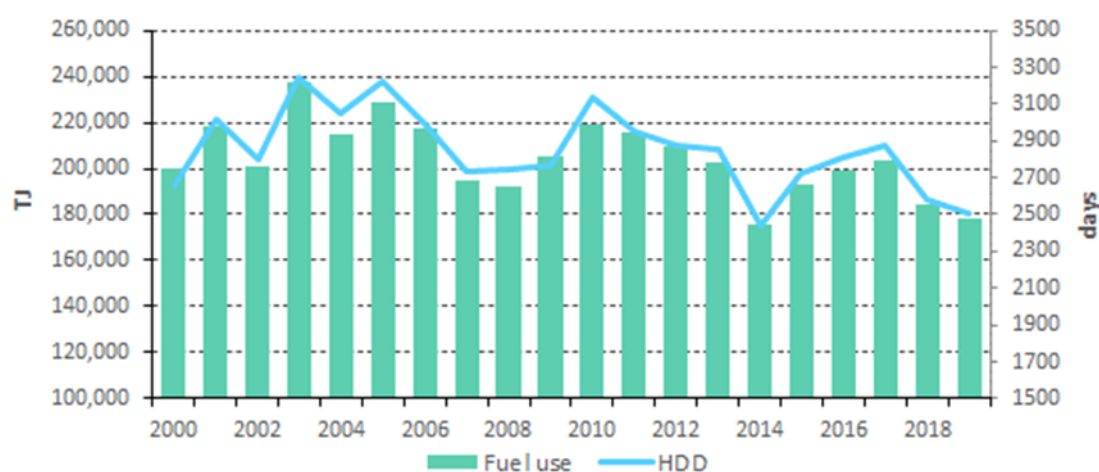


Figure 3.2.8.4 Comparison of residential fuel consumption and HDD between 1995 and 2019

Another factor is definitely the price. The (nominal) price of pipelined gas increased from 325 to 1360 Ft/10 m³ between 2000 and 2012. This price increase might have led to increased biomass use as a substitute fuel in the residential sector. However, the above-mentioned trends have changed in recent years. Gas prices have dropped by 26% since 2012 (but are still more than double as high as in 2005), and consumption started growing again.

So, it seems that the price elasticity of demand of natural gas and other fuels. We know that the price of natural gas was significantly higher in the period 2008-2013 than that of biomass, and in this very period natural gas consumption decreased and biomass consumption increased. After 2014, however, the trend changed due to decreased natural gas prices (the price advantage of biomass disappeared), so gas consumption started increasing again while biomass consumption decreased. This is demonstrated in Figure 3.2.8.5 below.

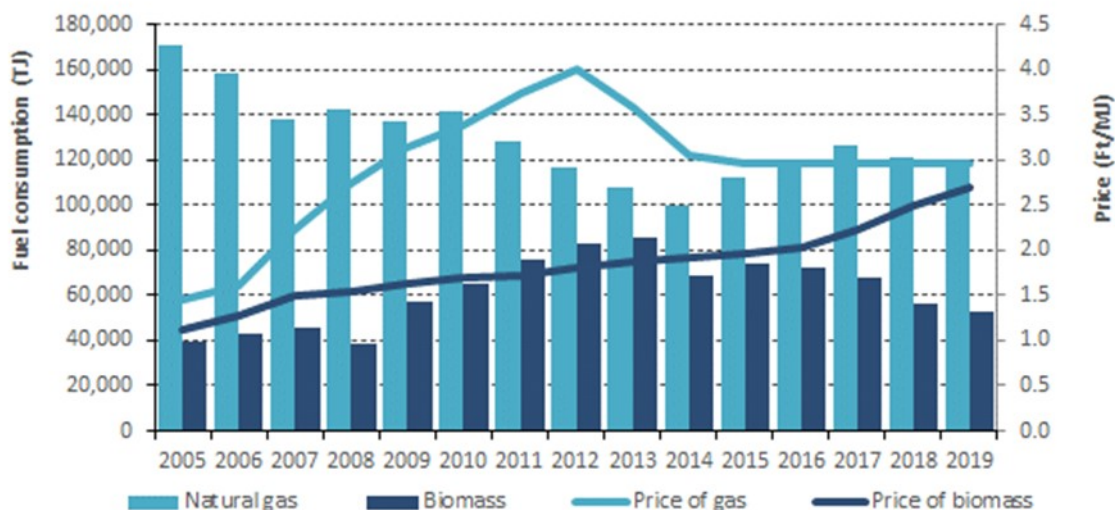


Figure 3.2.8.5 Price elasticity of natural gas and fuelwood (2005-2019)

The monthly natural gas consumption of an average household decreased from 127 m³ in 2003 to 87 m³ in 2019. In this significant decreasing trend - beside the higher energy prices – most probably also the more energy-conscious approach of the population plays a role and is definitely greatly affected by the weather. In addition, larger decrease in biomass use indicates some fuel switch from fuelwood to natural gas in the residential sector.

Emissions from household machinery are reported separately in the category 1A4bii. Based on the latest survey of the Statistical Office, 56% of the households have garden or backyard on their own. There are 3.9 million households in Hungary; 56% of which is 2.2 million. It was assumed that for every garden 5 liters gasoline is used in a year. This would translate to 10.95 million liters or 8.2 kt gasoline. As part of the households use electronic devices, 6 kt of gasoline use was assumed for the whole time series. (The required activity data have been reallocated from the category 1A3b road transportation.) The resulting emissions are not at all significant (i.e. 19 kt CO₂).

In the **Agriculture** category, the trend in biogas use might deserve our attention as its share within biomass can be higher as 60% as in 2013-14, or around 40% as in 2018-19.

In order to report separate emissions for the source category “Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing: Off-road vehicles and other machinery”, diesel oil consumption had to be split between stationary and mobile combustion. The Energy Statistical Yearbooks published around 1990 contained separate data for gasoil used in tractors and harvesters. Based on this information, a bit more than 60% could be allocated to mobile consumption in the early period of the time series. Considering the generally diminishing role of liquid fuels in stationary combustion, it is assumed that after 2001 all gasoil allocated to agriculture in the energy statistics has been used for mobile off-road machinery.

To be consistent with the air pollutant inventory submitted under the CLRTAP, the methodology for off-road vehicles and other machinery used in agriculture and forestry was changed for the 2017 submission, and the Tier 2 method from the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook was implemented. This method classifies the used equipment into the fuel types and layers of engine technology. The engine technology layers are stratified according to the EU emission legislation stages, and three additional layers are added to cover the emissions from engines prior to the first EU legislation stages. The used

layers are as follows: <1981; 1981-1990; 1991-Stage I; Stage I; Stage II; Stage IIIA; Stage IIIB; Stage IV; Stage V. The penetration of the new technology is taken into account in the form of split (%) of total fuel consumption per engine age (irrespective of inventory year) as it can be seen for diesel-fueled non-road machinery in Table 3-3 in the Guidebook. As domestic information on stock of agricultural machinery indicated a somewhat slower penetration of new technology (as in Denmark), original data in Table 3-3 have been modified as follows:

Table 3.2.8.2 *Used values for the split (%) of total fuel consumption per engine age (irrespective of inventory year) for diesel-fueled non-road machinery in Agriculture*

Engine age	USED	ORIGINAL in Table 3-3
0	4	8
1	4	7.6
2	4	7.2
3	4	6.79
4	6	6.39
5	6	5.99
6	6	5.59
7	6	5.18
8	6	4.78
9	6	4.38
10	6	3.98
11	4	3.57
12	3	3.17
13	3	2.77
14	3	2.37
15	3	1.97
16	3	1.9
17	3	1.83
18	3	1.76
19	3	1.69
20	3	1.62
21	2	1.55
22	1	1.48
23	1	1.41
24	1	1.34
25	1	1.28
26	1	1.21
27	1	1.14
28	1	1.07
29	2	1

As recommended by the ERT, non-CO2 emissions were calculated separately for forestry. Separate activity data (gasoil consumption) was provided by the energy statistics provider for the first time only

for 2016 therefore we allocated the same share (6%) of all gasoil consumption in this source category to forestry in previous years. As on average, this fuel consumption does not represent a significant amount (around 20 kt), the T1 method with default emission factor from the EMEP/EEA Guidebook seems appropriate here.

Emission factors

Default emission factors for CO₂ are used for liquid and for most of the solid fuels. The only exception is the residential lignite emission factor, which is the same as described under Energy Industries, because power plants that report measured carbon content of lignite, sell directly to residential consumers, too.

Since (almost) the entire quantity of liquid fuels used in residential combustion is LPG and the majority of institutional uses are also based on LPG, the IEF factor for CO₂ is very low.

For non-CO₂ emissions, default emission factors were applied (except for the category 1A4cii as described above).

3.2.8.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

We assume that the uncertainty of the fuel consumption data, especially biomass, in the Other Sector is higher than in case of industrial processes because such data are more difficult to collect and verify. Considering the above, the estimated uncertainty of the energy consumption data is ± 5 -20%.

The estimated specific uncertainty for CO₂ is 2-7%. The uncertainty of the methane factor is significantly higher (50-150%), while that of N₂O may be of an order of magnitude.

3.2.8.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

Comparing residential coal consumption data in the Hungarian Energy Statistical Yearbook and the IEA/Eurostat statistics, large discrepancies in NCV were found for the years before 1999. After discussing this issue with the energy statistics provider, the higher values from the domestic publication were kept.

3.2.8.5 Source-specific recalculations

As a general practice, the latest available energy statistics has been used for the calculations considering all modifications. This time, the IEA/Eurostat Annual Questionnaires as submitted in November 2020/January 2021 were used.

As elsewhere in the energy sector, country-specific CO₂ emission factor for natural gas has been introduced.

In the residential source category, natural gas consumption has been slightly revised in line with new estimates of natural gas theft and measurement accuracy (see Section 3.3.2.5)

In line with the energy statistics, emissions from stationary combustion in the military are reported now in "1A5 Other" and removed from the source category 1A4a.

As a result, GHG emissions decreased by 87.8 kt CO₂-eq (or -0.1% of total emissions) in the base year, and increased by 18.7 kt CO₂-eq (0.0% of the national total) in 2018.

3.2.8.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

3.2.9 Other (CRF sector 1A5)

Following a recommendation of the EU ESD Review, we have included the first broad estimate for emissions from military aviation into this source category (1.A.5.b. Mobile).

The table below contains our first estimates which is based on flight hours. Although exact flight hours of military aircraft are confidential but we learned from different press sources (referencing the Hungarian Defense Force) that the Hungarian combat fleet had altogether 14000 flight hours (including domestic and international training operations) in the last 10 years. This would mean 1400 hours per year. Based on another source, the average of flight hours was 1756 between 2011 and 2015, higher than in previous years. For our calculations, we took the highest fuel consumption factor (per hour) from Table 3.6.7 (i.e. 3283 kg fuel per hour) which resulted in a (probably somewhat conservative) kerosene use of 5.8 kt per year. First preliminary information from the energy statistics provider indicate a kerosene consumption of 4-5 kt used by the Hungarian Defense Force which more or less verifies our estimate. Emissions are then calculated with default EFs, (i.e. 71.5 t CO₂/TJ kerosene, 0.5 kg CH₄/TJ and 2 kg N₂O/TJ) resulting in 18 kt CO₂-eq. This figure is by about 40% below the threshold of significance (i.e. 30.5 kt in 2015).

For 2016, for the first time, kerosene consumption was allocated to the „Other” category also in the energy statistics so it could directly be used as activity data.

Table 3.2.9.1 *The first broad estimate of emissions from military aviation. Values for 2005 were kept constant back to the base year. From 2016, energy statistics could be used directly therefore years after 2017 are not included in this Table.*

		2005	2008	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Flight hours	hour/ year	1400	1044	1044	1044	1756	1756	1756	1756	NE	NE
Kerosene consumption	kt	4.60	3.43	3.43	3.43	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.76	7	8
	TJ	199.48	148.75	148.75	148.75	250.20	250.20	250.20	250.20	302.96	346.6
CO₂	kt	14.26	10.64	10.64	10.64	17.89	17.89	17.89	17.89	21.66	24.78
CH₄	kt	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
N₂O	kt	0.0004	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0006	0.0007

In accordance with the latest energy statistics, stationary natural gas consumption is also reported in the source category 1A5a in the years 2015-2019 – with the same methodology as in 1A4a.

3.3 Fugitive emissions from solid fuels and oil and natural gas and other emissions from energy production (CRF 1.B)

3.3.1 Fugitive emissions from solid fuels - (CRF sector 1.B.1)

3.3.1.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CH₄, CO₂

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: CS, D

Key sources: 1B1 Solid fuels - CH₄– T

Category *1B1a* includes fugitive CH₄ emission released during coal mining and handling. Emissions from fuels used during these activities are calculated under the combustion part of the inventory, mostly in the source category *1A1c*.

Emissions from category *1B1b* – fugitive emissions originating from solid fuel transformation are also mostly included in sector *1A1c*. The reason is that it is not possible to separate the GHG emissions from fugitive and non fugitive sources during coking, and there is no reference in any of the Guidelines for emission estimation methodology in category *1B*. However, in this submission, CO₂ and methane emissions from *flaring of coke oven gas* have been allocated to this source category (i.e. *1B1b*).

In Hungary, only surface coal mines are present. Although underground mining was the predominant form in the 1960's and 1970's, it eventually ceased in 2018. Drastic reduction in coal production was observed between 1987 and 1988, as well as between 1989 and 1990. Underground mining decreased in both relative and absolute terms; therefore, distribution of mined coal types underwent significant changes. After 2015 only one minor underground mine was working after the closure of the mine of the last bituminous/sub-bituminous coal fired power plant.

The significant decrease of emissions is well explainable as emissions are strongly related to activity data (production of coal mined underground). So, the fall of underground coal mining described in the paragraph before and presented in Figure 3.2.1 resulted in decreasing trend of emissions.

Please note that all the coal mined in Hungary is classified now as lignite (except for very small amounts of sub-bituminous and coking coal).

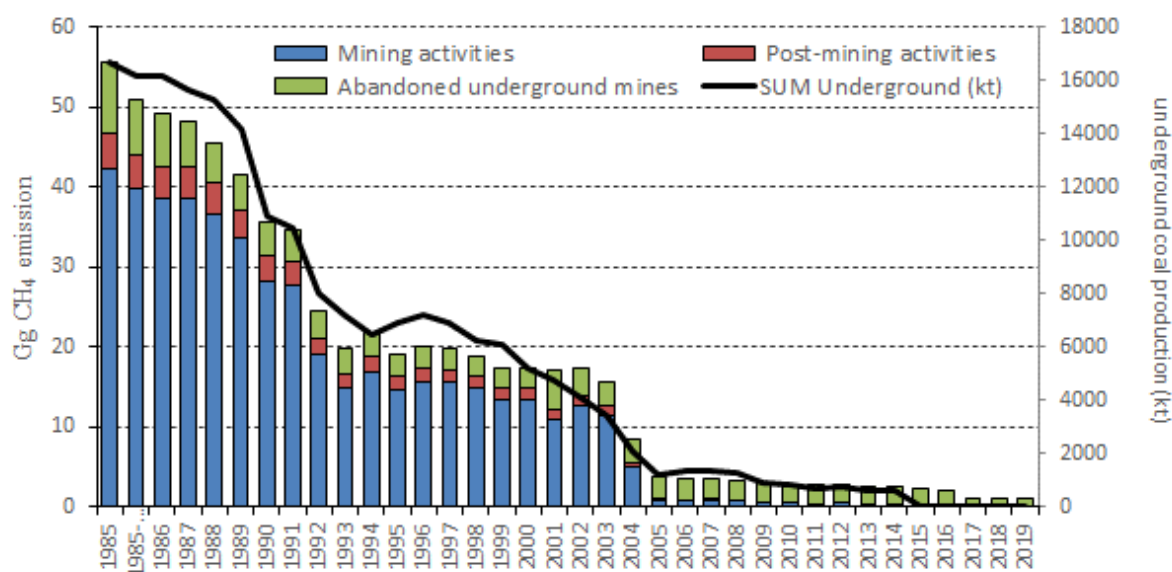


Figure 3.3.1 Trend of emissions from solid fuels and underground production of coal

3.3.1.2 Methodological issues

During the 2016 in-country review it was suggested to provide more detailed description of methodologies in categories of fugitive emissions to increase transparency. A detailed table summarizes the sources of activity data and emission factors of all subsectors which can be found in A3.1 of Annexes.

Activity data

Production data were taken from the IEA Coal statistics, where both coal types and underground and surface productions are distinguished. Following the IEA Coal classification, all the coal mined in Hungary is classified as lignite, (except for very small amounts of sub-bituminous and coking coal in the years 1990-91). Mine and coal basin level data are received from the Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary (former Mining Bureau of Hungary). In the last three years, reported underground coal production differs at the two data provider. The difference was 3 kt at the most, which can be negligible, but also the production was very low, so the uncertainty is high. Since the inventory team always receives data from the Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary (former Mining Bureau of Hungary) earlier and data are more detailed, value from this dataset was used for the calculations.

Table 3.3.1 Underground and surface coal production in Hungary

Year	SUM (kt)	Production	SUM production (kt)	Surface production (kt)	SUM production (kt)	Underground production (kt)	out of which: Mecsek basin production (kt)
1985		24042		7387		16655	2639
1985-87		23338		7198		16141	2441
1986		23129		6983		16146	2325
1987		22844		7223		15621	2360
1988		20875		5634		15241	2255
1989		20030		5883		14147	2127
1990		17830		6919		10911	1819
1991		17135		6680		10455	1760
1992		15844		7815		8029	1210
1993		14832		7588		7244	950
1994		14084		7622		6462	1030
1995		14772		7834		6938	856
1996		15259		8067		7192	882
1997		15764		8828		6936	854
1998		14668		8445		6223	813
1999		14547		8425		6122	716
2000		14033		8848		5185	753
2001		13914		9174		4740	573
2002		13027		8929		4098	726
2003		13301		9871		3430	667
2004		11242		9135		2107	259
2005		9570		8321		1249	0
2006		9952		8601		1351	0
2007		9818		8421		1397	0
2008		9404		8118		1286	0
2009		8986		8078		908	0
2010		9113		8301		812	0
2011		9555		8890		665	0
2012		9290		8527		763	0
2013		9558		8941		617	0
2014		9551		8950		601	0.011*
2015		9261		9239		22	5.687*
2016		9216		9210		6	0.748*
2017		7974		7972		2	0.789*
2018		7898		7898		0	2.083*
2019		6847		6847		0	6.095*

* Surface production in Mecsek basin

Emission factors

Table 3.2.2 shows the measured methane content of coal for the mines operating since 1985 in Hungary together with the emission factors applied and defaults of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Data on in-situ methane content of mines in Hungary originates from research project conducted by Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (available at: <http://www.rekk.eu/images/stories/letoltheto/uhg-ag-vol2.pdf>) included in list of References. The results are published in USGS, 2002 (please see the Reference list). The measured data is in accordance with the classification of mines regarding risk of firedamp received every year from the Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary (former Hungarian Mining Authority), which is also based on the m³ methane/ t coal value. Based on the above-mentioned references, two different emission factors are applied for underground mines - the same as in case of previous inventory submissions. One is applied for coals from Mecsek coal basin and the other for all other underground production. The former is within the range of default average emission factor from 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the latter is well below but the difference might be explained by country specific properties.

Table 3.3.2 *In-situ CH₄ content in Hungarian mines, the emission factors used and default emission factors from 2006 IPCC Guidelines*

Coal basin	Mine	In-situ CH ₄ content (m ³ /t)	
		mine-specific value	average in basin
Mecsek coal basin	Pécsbánya – Karolina	18.26	19.5
	Vasas – Észak	20.75	
Other underground coal mines	Balinka	1.29	1.00
	Lencsehegy	0.00	
	Mány I/a	0.98	
	Márkushegy	0.93	
	Bükkábrány	0.00	
Surface coal mines	Visonta	0.00	0.00
	<i>Low</i>	<i>10</i>	
<i>defaults from 2006 IPCC Guidelines</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>18</i>	

Generally, no emissions occur in Hungary in case of surface mining based on the above-mentioned references. The reason is that the mined Hungarian lignite is relatively young in the coalification (NCV is under 10 MJ/kg). At the end of 2014 an old surface mine in the Mecsek basin was re-opened with relatively high (20.75 m³ CH₄/t coal) in-situ methane content, but the amount of mined coal was almost negligible in the first year. In the last two years amount of mined coal in this region was very low again, but underground production was also marginal, so this mine represented significant proportion in emissions, therefore the implied emission factor changed significantly. (It should be noted that all emissions of Mecsek basin were reported in the category of underground mines in the first part of the time series but under surface mines after 2014.)

Please note that the implied emission factor is changing because the activity data in CRF is the SUM coal produced underground while the emissions are mainly related to the production in Mecsek basin where also some recovery activity occurred. Between 2005 and 2013 there was only one operating underground mine, so implied emission factor ($0.623+0.0623=0.68541$ please see above) became steady for those years.

Recovery

In 1.B.1.a Underground coal mining category, CO₂ emissions are reported from CH₄ recovery for the years 1985-1996. In this case CO₂ emissions are not direct emissions, but it is calculated from the amount of recovered CH₄ (CH₄ combusted for energy use) as follows:

$$\text{CO}_2 \text{ emissions} = (\text{Recovered CH}_4) * 44/16$$

$$(M_{\text{CO}_2} = 44 \text{ g/mol}; M_{\text{CH}_4} = 16 \text{ g/mol})$$

The yearly amount of recovered CH₄ and the stop of the recovery (due to the closure of the mines) were communicated by the Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary (former Hungarian Office for Mining, also former Mining Bureau of Hungary).

Post-mining

For post-mining activities, the same activity data and 10% of the mining emission factor is used the same as in the case of previous inventory submissions, which is in line with the suggestion for mines using pre-drainage of 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 4.1.3.2.

Abandoned underground mines

Activity data

It is very hard to collect detailed data on activities performed more than 50 years before that is required by the method of 2006 IPCC Guidelines, so several assumptions are applied. Chapter 4.1.5.2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines states that "Abandoned mines that were considered non-gassy when they were actively mined are presumed to have negligible emissions" and no emissions are to be reported from flooded mines.

So, emissions from this subsector are not significant in Hungary as coal mines are anyway "non-gassy" (please see Table 3.2.2 above) except for Mecsek basin. In addition, abandoned mines are usually flooded with water in Hungary.

In 2019, the Mecsek Mining Resources and Extraction Nonprofit Ltd. (Bányavagyon-hasznosító Nonprofit Közhasznú Kft.) was contacted to receive information on closed but not yet flooded mines in Mecsek basin to replace our previous estimates on numbers of unflooded mines.

Table 3.3.3 Revised activity data used in 1B1a – Abandoned coal mines

	1901- 1925	1926- 1950	1951- 1975	1976- 2000
1985	1	1	3	9
1986	1	1	3	9

	1901- 1925	1926- 1950	1951- 1975	1976- 2000
1987	1	1	3	9
1988	1	1	3	9
1989	1	1	3	9
1990	1	1	3	9
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1992	1	1	3	9
1993	1	1	3	9
1994	1		3	9
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2011				4
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2013				4
2014				4
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2016				4
2017				4
2018				4
2019				4

Emission factors

Set of Tier 1 emission factors from 2006 IPCC Guidelines Table 4.1.6 and Equation 4.1.11 is used for the calculation of emissions. Since time-series of emission factors begins with 1990 in the mentioned table of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, Hungary had to complete with factors back to 1985. In the 2015 and 2016 submissions, constant values of 1990 were applied for previous years, but according to the hyperbolic decline curve of real emissions of abandoned coal mines it was planned to change these factors for more appropriate ones. For the 1901–1925, 1926–1950 and 1951-1975 periods emission factors were applied using the values of the original table for the next time-interval (2009-2014). For the 1976-2000 time interval this rule couldn't be applied. After discussions with experts from the

European Union, Hungary asked the authors of this chapter of the guidelines to provide the missing values. The following table (Table 3.3.4) represents the completed table highlighting the new factors.

Table 3.3.4 Emission factors for abandoned coal mines

Inventory year	Emission factor, Million M ³ methane /mine				
	Time interval of mine closure				
	1901–1925	1926–1950	1951-1975	1976–2000	2001-Present
1985	0.2900	0.3610	0.5420	4.0289	NA
1986	0.2880	0.3570	0.5290	2.8881	NA
1987	0.2860	0.3530	0.5180	2.2894	NA
1988	0.2840	0.3500	0.5070	1.9148	NA
1989	0.2830	0.3460	0.4960	1.6561	NA
1990	0.2810	0.3430	0.4780	1.5610	NA
1991	0.2790	0.3400	0.4690	1.3340	NA
1992	0.2770	0.3360	0.4610	1.1830	NA
1993	0.2750	0.3330	0.4530	1.0720	NA
1994	0.2730	0.3300	0.4460	0.9880	NA
1995	0.2720	0.3270	0.4390	0.9210	NA
1996	0.2700	0.3240	0.4320	0.8650	NA
1997	0.2680	0.3220	0.4250	0.8180	NA
1998	0.2670	0.3190	0.4190	0.7780	NA
1999	0.2650	0.3160	0.4130	0.7430	NA
2000	0.2640	0.3140	0.4080	0.7130	NA
2001	0.2620	0.3110	0.4020	0.6860	5.7350
2002	0.2610	0.3080	0.3970	0.6610	2.3970
2003	0.2590	0.3060	0.3920	0.6390	1.7620
2004	0.2580	0.3040	0.3870	0.6200	1.4540
2005	0.2560	0.3010	0.3820	0.6010	1.2650
2006	0.2550	0.2990	0.3780	0.5850	1.1330
2007	0.2530	0.2970	0.3730	0.5690	1.0350
2008	0.2520	0.2950	0.3690	0.5550	0.9590
2009	0.2510	0.2930	0.3650	0.5420	0.8960
2010	0.2490	0.2900	0.3610	0.5290	0.8450
2011	0.2480	0.2880	0.3570	0.5180	0.8010
2012	0.2470	0.2860	0.3530	0.5070	0.7630
2013	0.2460	0.2840	0.3500	0.4960	0.7300
2014	0.2440	0.2830	0.3460	0.4870	0.7010
2015	0.2430	0.2810	0.3430	0.4780	0.6750
2016	0.2420	0.2790	0.3400	0.4690	0.6520
2017*	0.241	0.277	0.336	0.439	-
2018*	0.239	0.275	0.333	0.432	-
2019*	0.238	0.273	0.330	0.425	-

*EF values for 2017-2019 were taken from the 2019 Refinement

3.3.1.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty of activity data is estimated based on chapter 4.1.3.6 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Consistency with the value used as uncertainty of activity data in other subsectors in *Energy* is also taken into account where usually also IEA Energy Statistics are applied as activity data.

Unfortunately, no uncertainty is provided for measurement data used for emission factors applied in mining subsector and Tier 1 approach is used in post-mining and abandoned coal mined subsectors. So, the uncertainty of emission factor in *1B1* is estimated to be „factor of 2” based on Table 4.1.2 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

	AD	EF	Combined
1B1 Solid fuels (uncertainty +/-%)	5.00	200	200.06

3.3.1.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

Activity data is compared with old time-series used in previous inventory submissions (data from the Mining Bureau of Hungary) and the differences are cc.1%.

Country specific emission factors are compared to defaults of 2006 IPCC Guidelines as it is presented in Table 3.2.2 above.

3.3.1.5 Source-specific recalculations

None.

3.3.1.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

3.3.2 Fugitive emissions from oil and natural gas activities (CRF sector 1.B.2)

3.3.2.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: CS, PS

Key sources:

1B2b Natural Gas - CH₄ – L;

1B2c Venting and flaring - CO₂ – T

In category *1B2* fugitive emissions arising during exploration, production, processing, transmission and distribution, and storage of oil (*1B2a*) and natural gas (*1B2b*) are reported. In addition, GHG emissions from venting and flaring activities connected to the operations mentioned before are included in a separate subcategory (*1B2c*). In subcategory *1B2d - Other* Hungary reports fugitive CH₄ emitted during extraction of thermal water and gas and fugitive CO₂ from mining of natural CO₂ occurrence.

In the past, oil production and processing was an important sector in Hungary, but production's importance is decreasing as the reserves are running out. Gas mining shows similar tendencies, although the reduction is less intensive. At the same time, natural gas consumption significantly increased compared to the 1980s but the demand is mainly covered by import. However, the increase of natural gas consumption stopped in 2005, and a slow decreasing trend could be observed until 2014. After 2015, natural gas consumption increased again.

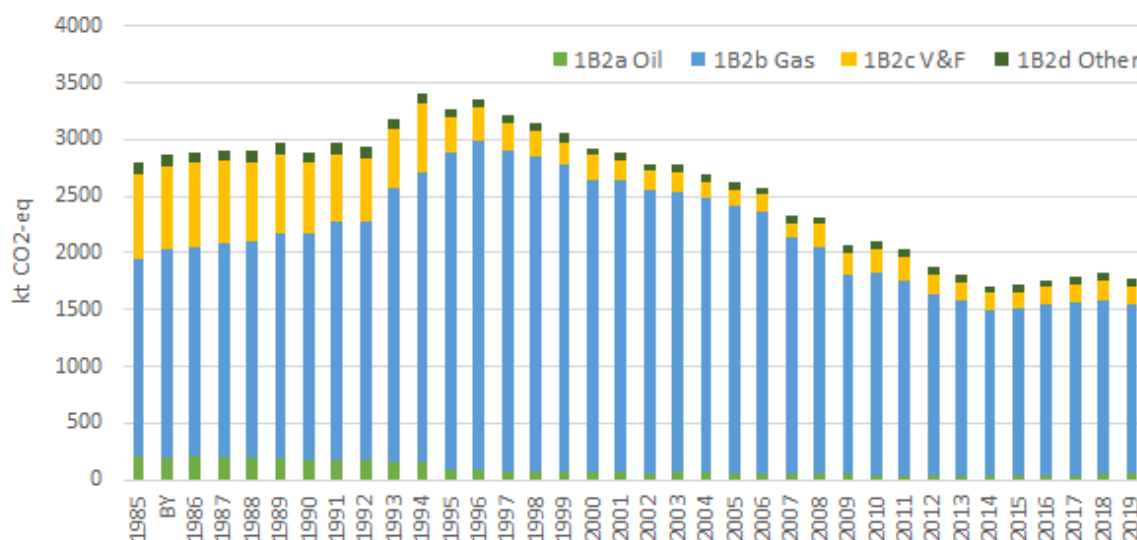


Figure 3.3.2 Trends of emissions in CO₂-eq from 1.B.2 by subsector (Gg CO₂-eq emissions)

3.3.2.2 Methodological issues

During the 2016 in-country review it was suggested to provide more detailed description of methodologies in this category to increase transparency. Very detailed table summarizes the sources of activity data and emission factors in 1.B.2 subsectors which can be found in A3.1 of Annexes.

Activity data

Activity data is taken from IEA Energy Statistics. Data that is not included in IEA Energy Statistics has been provided by individual companies. In Hungary, the number of companies present in oil and gas sector is very limited, so full coverage might be assured. In subsector *1.B.2.c.i - Oil Flaring*, plant specific (EU ETS) data is also used, as very detailed verified data is available on flaring in oil refineries.

Emission factors

Default emission factors from 2006 IPCC Guidelines are applied. Chapter 4.2.2.3 of Vol2 contains one set of emission factors (Table 4.2.4) for “Developed Countries” and another Table (Table 4.2.5) for “Developing Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition”.

However, Hungary was regarded as a country with economy in transition in the beginning of the 1990's, the economy underwent significant changes since then. Hungary is now part of the European Union, and there is a great change regarding the application of state-of-the-art technologies and environmental investments as well.

So, in order to reflect more the real trend, emission factors from Table 4.2.5 have been applied for the years 1985-1994 and emission factors from Table 4.2.4 have been applied from the year 1995.

EU ETS data in 1.B.2.c.i – Oil Refinery Flaring

CO₂ emissions from oil refineries of Hungary are taken from EU ETS annual emission reports and oil refinery flaring data is extrapolated for the years before 2005 using the amount of “Refinery intake” as surrogate data. In this way, full coverage and consistency within the time-series has been reached.

1.B.2.d Other Fugitive emissions

Within this subsector fugitive CH₄ from groundwater extraction and fugitive CO₂ emissions from CO₂ mining is reported. No method is available in 2006 IPCC Guidelines for these activities, so country specific data has to be applied.

In the case of groundwater extraction, Geological and Geophysical Institute of Hungary provided expert estimate for the first time in 2015 based on 278/2015 Govt. Decree on data provision of Inventory preparation. This Institute is responsible for the monitoring, authorization and research of underground waters. They provided two set of data for the years 2004-2006 and noted that one method probably underestimates CH₄ emissions, while the other overestimates them.

So, the average of the two datasets has been applied and data have been extrapolated using Annual Groundwater extraction data from EuroStat (available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/environment/water/database>) as surrogate data.

In the case of CO₂ mining, activity data (million m³ CO₂ mined/year) is available from the Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary (former Hungarian Office for Mining and Geology) from 1987. For the years 1985 and 1986 the data from 1987 is applied as extrapolation. Due to lack of emission factor, the EFs for fugitive emissions from natural gas production (extraction) from Table 4.2.4 (from 1995) and 4.2.5 (between 1985 and 1994 as described above) have been applied.

3.3.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty values from Table 4.2.4 have been aggregated using error propagation rule for the determination of emission factor uncertainty. For the uncertainty of AD, the same value is included as in other parts of the inventory for IEA Energy Statistics.

	AD	EF	Combined
1B2aOil – CH ₄	5.00	84	88.75
1B2aOil – CO ₂	5.00	44	44.70
1B2b Natural Gas – CH ₄	5.00	276	379.38
1B2b Natural Gas – CO ₂	5.00	278	266.30
1B2c Venting and flaring – CH ₄	5.00	50	39.08
1B2c Venting and flaring – CO ₂	5.00	472	465.27
1B2c Venting and flaring – N ₂ O	5.00	546	573.28
1B2d Other - CH ₄	5.00	200	200.06
1B2d Other - CO ₂	5.00	200	200.06

3.3.2.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. Plant specific data is verified with data in IEA Energy Statistics or with data received from the Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary (former Hungarian Mining Authority) where appropriate.

3.3.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

The most significant recalculation occurred in the subcategories *1B2b4 Natural Gas Transmission and storage* and *1B2b5 Natural Gas Distribution*.

Instead of applying the T1 methodology from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, methane emissions from natural gas transmission, storage and distribution have been re-evaluated based on information on technological losses determined by experts of the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority for the purpose of cost review of the domestic natural gas systems for the current price control cycle. Specific data on fugitive natural gas losses were received separately for transmission, storage, and distribution for the years 2016-2019. For the beginning of the time series (1985-1993), default emission factors from the 2019 IPCC Refinement were taken. For the intermediate years, interpolation techniques were applied.

1B2b4 Natural Gas Transmission and storage:

Data on technological losses in the transmission system received from the Authority was directly used in the inventory (27.1-29.0 Mm³/year in the period 2016-2019). Experts of the authority used basically two sets of data available from FGSZ Natural Gas Transmission Ltd, the single Hungarian transmission system operator (TSO) of the entire domestic natural gas transmission system: on the one hand, the

annual gas purchases between 2016 and 2019 to cover the deficit/losses, and secondly the own technological use (operation of compressors, etc.). Fugitive emissions are assumed to be the difference of these two. Since gas purchases showed differences and the technological loss is essentially a stable value, fugitive losses were calculated by taking the average of the purchases in this period and deducting the own use for the given year.

Please note that the new default methane emission factors in the 2019 Refinement are between 1.29 t/Mm³ ("extensive LDAR, and around 50% or more of centrifugal compressors have dry seals") and 3.36 t/million cubic meter gas consumption ("limited LDAR or less than 50% of centrifugal compressors have dry seals"). At the same time, our current numbers indicate an IEF of 1.84 t/Mm³ for this period (2016-19) which seems in better agreement with the latest science than our previous estimate. For the remaining part of the time series, the EF has been extrapolated assuming that in 1993 the higher default emission factor was valid (i.e., 3.36 t/Mm³).

Similar interpolation methodology was applied for gas storage. Actual data on technological losses (2.0 to 3.0 million cubic meter natural gas per year) indicated an average IEF of 0.17 t CH₄/Mm³ natural gas consumption. The new default T1 emission factors in the 2019 Refinement are between 0.29 and 0.67 t/Mm³, and again, it was assumed that the higher value was representative for 1993, and the emission factors were interpolated between 1993 (0.67) and 2015 (0.17).

1B2b5 Natural Gas Distribution:

In the previous submission, we applied a T1 methodology based on utility sales with a default IPCC emission factor of 1.1 t CH₄/million m³ of gas consumption. For this submission, our calculation is based on country-specific information on acknowledged distribution losses used for price regulation of gas distribution system operators.

Losses in distribution networks can be analyzed in the context of the 'Delta In-Out'. The Delta In-Out represents a difference observed when comparing the measurements at the intake points with the sum of downstream measurements of final customers off-take points, within a certain period. The delta in-out originates from many different factors. Based on a paper by the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER, 2020), the full list of delta in-out components is the following:

1. Measurements frequency
2. Measurements accuracy
3. Linepack change
4. OBA changes
5. Blow-out during maintenance
6. Leakages
7. Theft

Similar to the above, experts of the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority determined the following four elements of distribution losses (see in brackets the values for 2019):

- 1.) measurement accuracy 1 (21 Mm³)
- 2.) measurement accuracy 2 - due to temperature or pressure conversion issues (12 Mm³)
- 3.) technological losses = leakages and blow-ot during maintenance (56 Mm³)
- 4.) theft (16 Mm³)

From the above, technological losses were interpreted in the inventory as fugitive methane emissions, and all other elements as "real" natural gas consumption thus the latter was added as energy consumption (and the corresponding CO₂ emissions) to the source category 1A4b. (It has to be noted

that the real amount of theft might be somewhat higher; the above figure represents the acknowledged amount which is low enough to provide an incentive for companies to further reduce this loss element.) The estimated level of the main elements of the Hungarian delta in-out are summarized in the figure below:

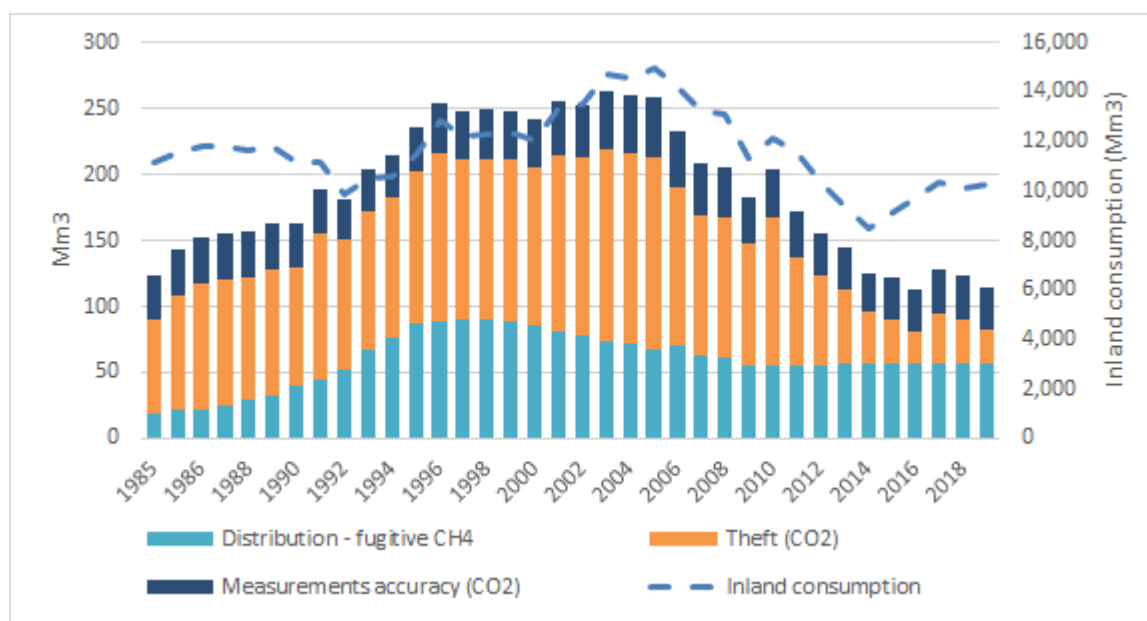


Figure 3.3.3 Estimated main elements of the “Delta In-Out” in the Hungarian natural gas distribution system

Coming back to technological losses which are relevant for this source category. Here, the expert determined a fixed annual value during the 2016 cost review, which was taken into account unchanged during the price control cycle (2017-2021). (Hence the identical values. Also, total pipeline length changed only slightly by 1% in this period.)

The two main parameters in the estimation were the proportion of low-pressure pipeline sections within the distribution network (lower pressure generates less loss) and the ratio of the total length of steel pipeline sections (higher leakage on steel pipelines). The expert, of course, compared the estimates with the values recorded by the companies.

Calculating an implied emission factor would result in a much higher value as in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (e.g. 3.63 t CH₄/Mm³ natural gas consumption in 2019 vs 1.1 t/Mm³ in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines). So, our IEF is higher than the default IPCC - even when looking at the 2019 Refinement where the new T1 default emission factors are between 0.62 and 2.92 t/Mm³. However, the 2019 Refinement suggests that the length of distribution pipeline is thought to best reflect emissions from distribution, and if pipeline data are available, they should be applied. Calculating an IEF on the basis of pipeline length, we would get 0.44 t/km which fits the interval of the new T1 EFs of the Refinement very well (0.23-1.17 t/km). (Which also means that the new T1 emission factors from the Refinement lead to quite different emission estimates depending on whether gas consumption or pipeline length is chosen as activity data.)

From the authority, we received estimated amounts of technological losses for the years 2016-2019 therefore backward extrapolation had to be carried out. In case of distribution losses, pipeline length was used as proxy data assuming that in 1993 the higher T1 emission factor from the 2019 Refinement

representing a situation with "less than 50% plastic pipelines, or limited or no leak detection and repair programs" was valid.

The overall effect of the recalculation was relatively large: an increase of 770.89 kt (or 0.7% of total emissions) in the base year, and an increase of 1,046.03 kt CO₂-eq (or 1.62% of national total) in 2018.

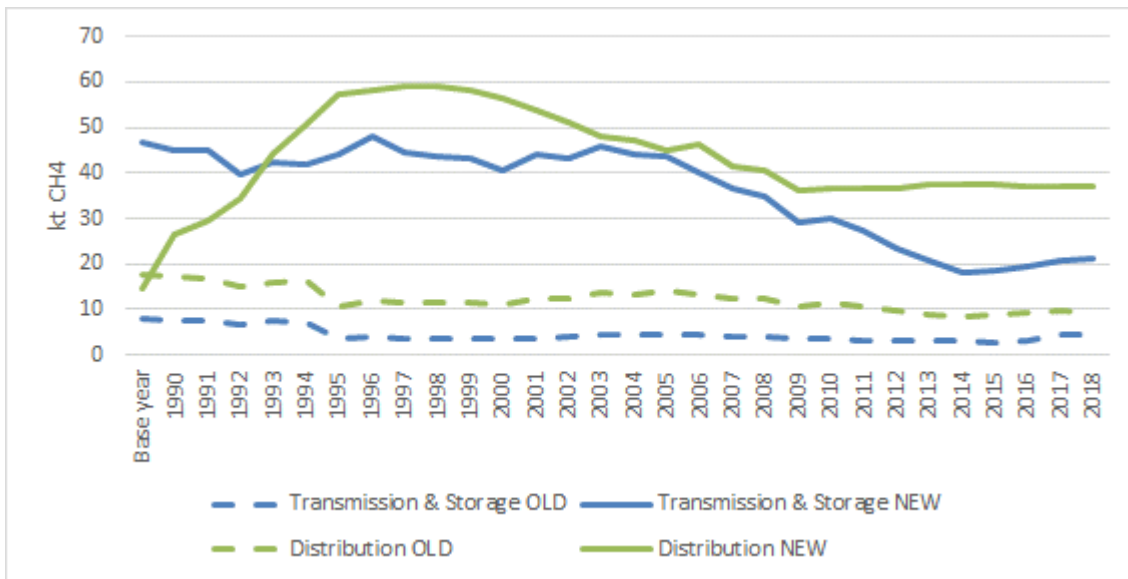


Figure 3.3.4 Revised fugitive CH₄ emissions in natural gas transmission and distribution

3.3.2.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None

3.4 CO₂ transport and storage (CRF 1.C)

Not applicable.

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4 INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES (CRF sector 2.)

Major changes compared to previous submission:

- 2.B.1 – Ammonia production. In its last review the ERT suggested to use country/plant specific carbon content factor (CCF) in this sector. Default CCF was replaced by a newly calculated country specific CCF for the years 1985-2006, and plant specific CCF values reported by the producers are used from 2007 onward. CO₂ emissions were recalculated for the whole time series.
- 2.B.1 – Ammonia production. In the 2020 review, a revised estimation of CO₂ recovery for years 2005 and 2016-2018 was proposed and accepted by ESD. CO₂ recovery was recalculated based on the exported amounts of urea and the stoichiometric ratio of CO₂ to urea. The recalculation was performed for the whole time period resulted in recalculations of CO₂ emissions from 2.B.1 ammonia production.
- 2.B.8 – Petrochemical and carbon black production. From 2018, CO₂ emissions have been reported in the ETS system from formaldehyde production. As the company have been producing formaldehyde from 1998, CO₂ emissions are reported calculated on a new subsector sheet 2.B.8.g.i formaldehyde production from 1998 onward.
- 2.C.1.a – Steel production. From 2009 a double count was performed regarding the CO₂ emissions from EOF production. Corrected CO₂ emissions are reported from 2009 onward.
- 2.C.1.d – Sinter and pellet. From 2016 a double count was performed regarding the CO₂ emissions from produced sinter. Corrected CO₂ emissions are reported from 2016 onward.
- 2.D.3.a, d-i – Indirect emissions from solvent use. Calculation of CO₂ from default carbon content applied for NMVOC emissions was corrected for the whole time series.
- 2.F.1 – In category 2F1, Hungary had switched from the mass – balance method to the EF approach. For the latest years (between 2016 and 2019) Hungary used data of the actual reported equipment and before 2016 the import values were used, as basis for the new activity data. In addition, in category 2.F.1.b/e, minor adjustments have been made because of the EF method.
- 2.F.2 – Revision of activity data (import, export and production of foams between 2017 and 2018).
- 2.F.3 – Recalculation was implemented in this submission as there the lifetime years was determined as 15, while in Hungary - according to the legislations - the lifetime of fire extinguishers including F-gases is 20 years. However, an additional error has been recognized after submission 2020, which caused changes for later years as well. The effect of recalculations is summarized in the following table.
- 2.G.2 – Recalculation due to calculation errors when allocated activity data.

The overall effect of the above recalculations was almost negligible for non F-gases: -68.2 kt CO₂-eq or -0.1% in the base year, and -66.5 kt CO₂-eq or -0.1% of the total emissions in 2018. As for F-gases, the new figures for 2018 are higher by 671.8 kt CO₂-eq (1.04% of total emissions).

4.1 Overview of sector

Industrial Processes sector includes emissions generated by non-combustion processes related to industrial production. Emissions from the industrial processes are the second largest following the energy and slightly overtaking the agriculture sectors (see Chapter 2).

Emissions from this category comprise the following subcategories:

- Mineral Products (CRF 2.A),
- Chemical Industry (CRF 2.B),
- Metal Production (CRF 2.C),
- Non-energy Products from Fuels and Solvent use (CRF 2.D),
- Electronics Industry (2.E),
- Consumption of Halocarbons and SF₆ (CRF 2.F) and
- Other Product Manufacture and Use (CRF 2.G).

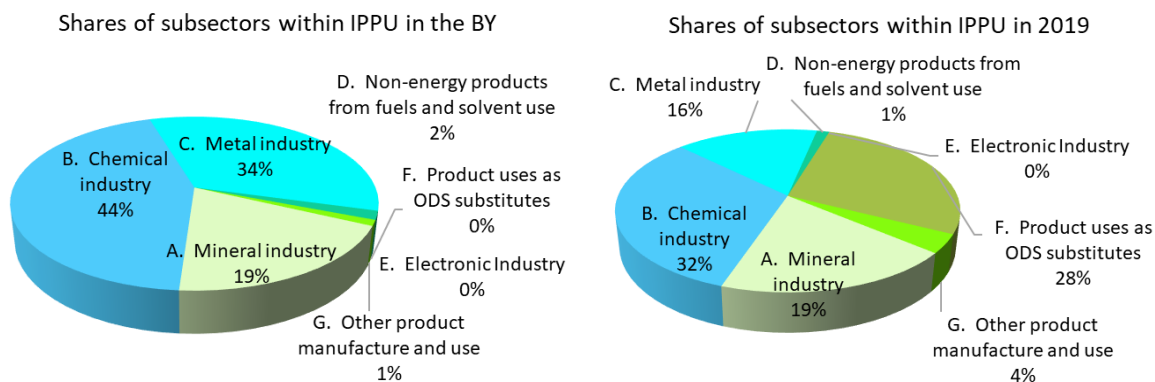
Under Mineral Products, Hungary reports the emissions from cement production (CO₂), lime production (CO₂), limestone glass (CO₂), and other mineral products including bricks and ceramics production, mineral wool production, waste gas scrubbing and soda ash use (CO₂).

Under Chemical Industry, emissions from ammonia (CO₂), nitric acid (N₂O), and petrochemical and carbon black production (CO₂, CH₄) are reported.

Under Metal Industry, emissions from pig iron (CO₂, CH₄), steel (CO₂, CH₄) ferroalloys (CO₂), aluminium (CO₂, CF₄, C₂F₆) are taken into account. Consumption of halocarbons and SF₆ means emissions from different sources, for example: refrigeration, air conditioning equipment, foam blowing, aerosols, electrical equipment. The 2.G sector contains emissions from manufacturing and use of electrical equipment and SF₆ and N₂O use in other products (SF₆ and N₂O).

Indirect GHGs are reported in an aggregated way, but the time-series are fully consistent with CLRTAP Air Pollutants Emission Inventory reporting of Hungary.

The base year is the average of 1985–1987 for CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O, and 1995 for HFCs, PFCs and SF₆.



4.1.1. Figure: Shares of subsectors within Industrial sector (Gg, CO₂-eq)

Several subsectors within Industrial Processes sector consist of emission originating from industrial facilities that are also falling under the scope of European Union Emission Trading System (EU ETS) - Directive 2003/87/EC. EU ETS data reported by the individual operators (summed together by industrial sector) is more accurate than the use of default factors, its use in inventory preparation needs special attention due to time-series consistency problems. In the Industrial Processes sector, EU ETS data is directly used in sector 2.A.1 Cement production, 2.A.2 Lime production (since 2014 submission), 2.A.3 Glass production, 2.A.4.d Other mineral (Other - Waste gas scrubbing) and partly in 2.A.4.a Ceramics, 2.B Ammonia, Nitric Acid and Petrochemical production and 2.C.1 Iron and Steel sectors. Consistency is ensured by the fact that before including extrapolation, the implied emission factor is always analyzed and depending on the trend either the IEF of the last year, or the average implied emission factor of the years is applied.

In the case of indirect greenhouse gases, consistency with CLRTAP/NEC reporting has been reached since 2014 submission. The calculation method of the indirect GHG and SO₂ emissions is described in detail in the Informative Inventory Report of Hungary submitted for CLRTAP reporting, available for each year at:

http://www.ceip.at/ms/ceip_home1/ceip_home/status_reporting/

Summary of tier methods in the mineral, chemical and metal industries as well as in the non-energy products uses of the IPPU sector are given in the table below.

4.1.1. Table: Tier methods, emission factors and key sources in the IPPU sector for categories A-B-C-D

Category	Tier method				Emission factor				Key sources
	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	PFCs	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	PFCs	
2.A.1 Cement Production	T2, T3				CS, PS				L
2.A.2 Lime Production	T2, T3				CS, PS				T
2.A.3 Glass Production	T2, T3				CS, PS				
2.A.4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates	T2, T3				CS, PS				L

Category	Tier method				Emission factor				Key sources
	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	PFCs	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	PFCs	
2.B.1 Ammonia Production	T3				CS, PS				L
2.B.2 Nitric Acid Prod.			T3				PS		T
2.B.8 Petrochemical and Carbon Black Prod.	T2, T3	T1			CS, PS	D			CO ₂ – L, T
2.C.1 Iron and Steel Prod.	T3	T2			PS	D			CO ₂ – L, T
2.C.2 Ferroalloy Production	T1				D				
2.C.3 Aluminium Production	T1			T2	D			D	PFCs – T
2.D Other Products Use	T1, T2				D				

QC of completeness and allocation of CO₂ from Non-Energy Uses and other fuels used in IPPU sector

Please find in A3.2 of Annexes based on Table 1.3 in Volume 3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines recommended for check of completeness of non-energy use (NEU) of fuels filled in for year 2017.

4.2 Emission Trends

Total emissions estimated from industrial processes were 7648 kt CO₂-eq in 2019, or 12% of the total national emissions compared to 14% in the base year. Total sectoral emissions decreased by 49% between the base year and 2019, and increased by 0.1% between 2018 and 2019.

Greenhouse gas emissions from the industrial processes sector fluctuated slightly in the beginning of the inventory period, then a considerable decline happened: emissions reached their minimum in 1992, which was mainly due to economic crisis. Later on, emissions had been fluctuating again until 2005. Since then, emissions have been showing a decreasing tendency again until 2009 and aggregated emissions decreased by 31% between 2005 and 2016. There was a slight growth in year 2010 and 2011, but GHG emissions from industrial processes sector were again lower both in 2012 than in 2013, the latter was the absolute minimal value of the whole time-series. In 2015 emissions increased again by 12% due to higher production volumes in several subsectors. In 2017 the revival of the economy can be seen also in emission data of all industrial sectors except of 2.G. However, after this increase, emissions did not change significantly in 2018 and 2019.

Figure 4.2.1 shows the trend of GHG emissions from industrial processes by subcategories from the base year to 2018. *Chemical industry* was the most important emitter in the beginning of inventory period, especially N₂O emission from nitric acid production (for details see chapter 4.4). Between 1990 and 2005 *Chemical industry*, *Mineral industry* and *Metal production* were fluctuating around the same level. After the significant fall of emission in *Chemical Industry* thanks to the N₂O abatement technology introduced in *Nitric acid production* in 2007, and the hard recession of the *Mineral industry*, *Metal production* took up the leading role. The growing tendency of *Consumption of Halocarbons and SF₆* has also stopped in 2008.

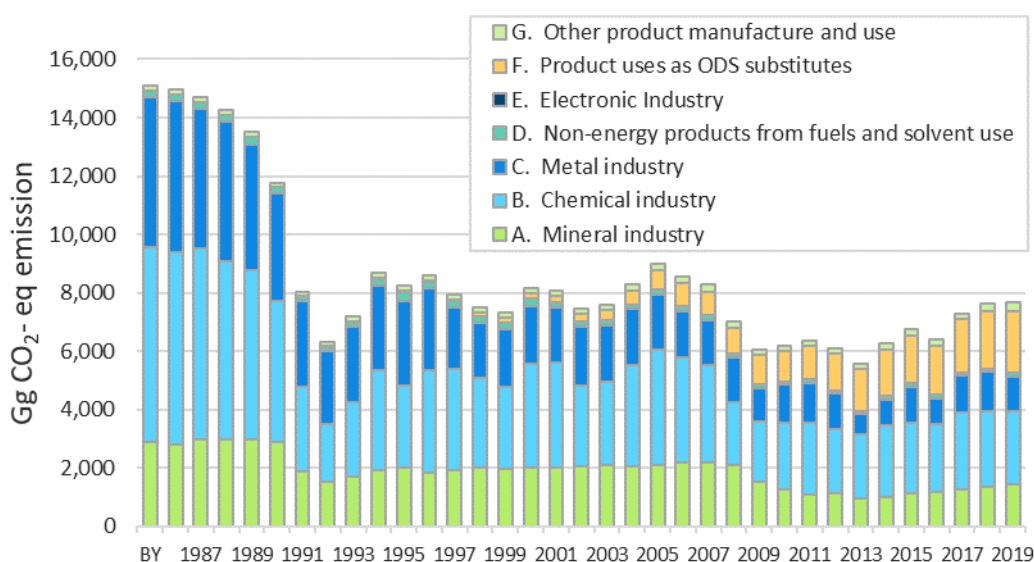


Figure 4.2.1: GHG emissions from Industry sector by subsectors (Gg CO₂-eq)

The significant decrease of emissions in the period between 1989 and 1993 is strongly represented in the above figure. The reason for that is the economic transition mentioned already in previous chapters. In the course of transition, factories were closed down, capacity utilization was reduced, consequently the production decreased more or less drastically in each industrial sector.

Some examples:

- Iron and steel production: two out of three plants were closed down;
- Aluminium: two out of three plants were closed down in 1991 and the aluminium production stopped in 2006;
- Ferroalloys: ceased to exist (1991);
- Ammonia: four out of five plants were closed down (1987, 1991, 1992 and 2002);
- Nitric acid: three out of four plants were closed down (1988, 1991 and 1995).

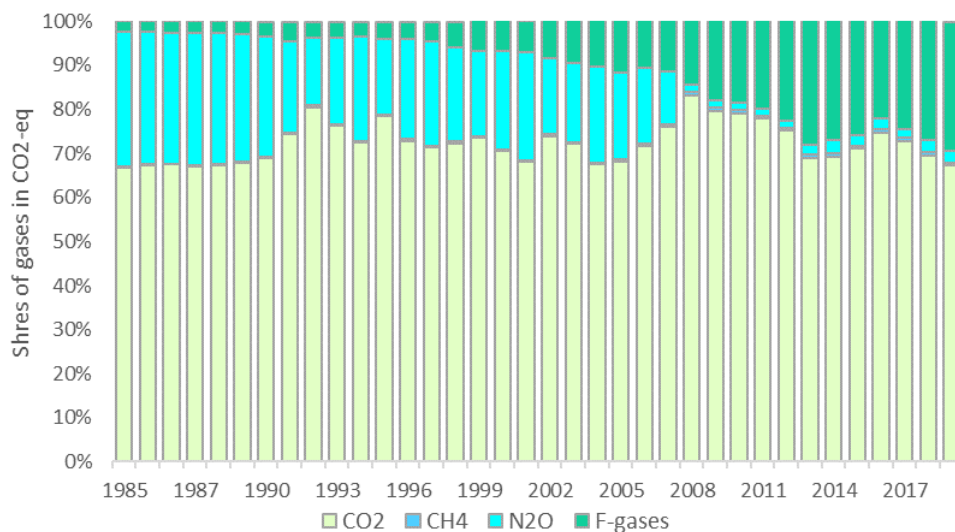
The privatization was slower in the industry than in other areas of the economy. Foreign investments were made rather in medium or smaller sized enterprises than in the big companies of the Hungarian industry.

One of the reasons of temporary production decrease was the modernization process of the remaining factories which was carried out that time and which by the way lead to favourable changes of specific emission factors as well. This was the situation e.g. in the cement and limestone industry. In some cases, however, also plants having more advantageous emission factors were closed, causing unfavourable changes in the national emission factor. This was the situation e.g. in the production of nitric acid before 1995.

Since the mid-1990s, emissions by industry have been showing a fluctuating behaviour reflecting the actual demands of production in the national economy.

4.2.1 Emission trends by gases

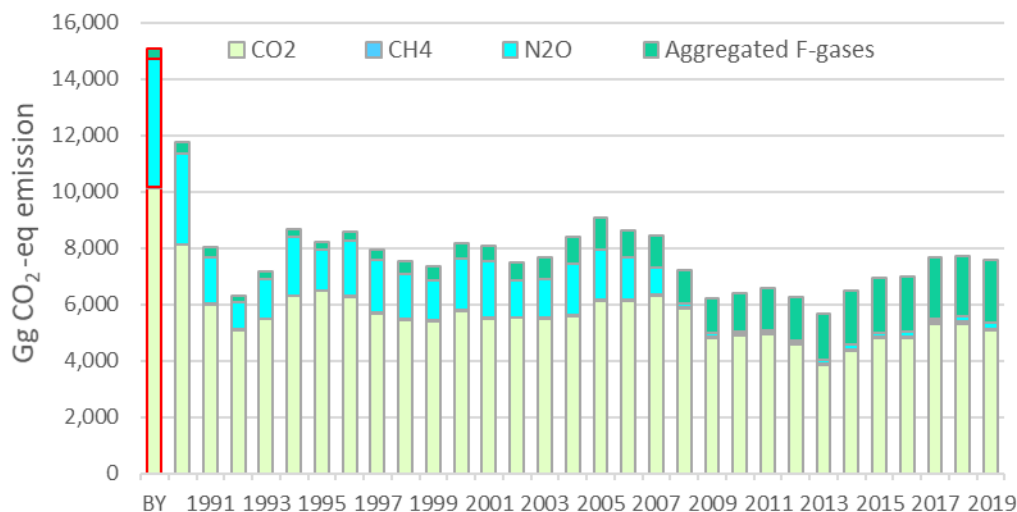
The most important GHG in Industrial Processes sector is carbon dioxide, contributing 67% to total GHG emissions in this sector in 2019, followed by F-gases with 29% . CH₄ and N₂O contributed 1 and 3%, respectively (*Figure 4.2.2*).



(BY: average of 1985-87 but 1995 for F-gases)

Figure 4.2.2 Shares of gases in Industry sector (Gg CO₂-eq)

The figure below (Figure 4.2.3) shows the emissions of this sector by gases. It can be seen that in 2008, N₂O emission from Industrial Processes are 99.89% below the level of the base year and dropped by 99.44% from 2007 to 2008 which is due to the introduction of a new nitric acid plant.



(BY=average of 1985-87 but 1995 for F-gases- data in red frame)

Figure 4.2.3 Trend by greenhouse gases in Industry sector

4.2.2 Emission trends by sources

In the base year, the chemical subsector accounted for 44% of total industrial GHG emissions, followed by metal subsector 34%, mineral subsector 19%. In 2019, 32% of the emissions came from chemical industry, second largest source was product uses as ODS substitutes 28%, followed by 19 and 16% from

mineral and metal products, respectively. The contributions of other (SF₆ and N₂O containing) product uses are 4%, while non-energy products from fuels represents 1%. (See **Figure 4.2.1** above.) Emissions by sources and by gases appear in *Table 4.2.1* for 2019.

Table 4.2.1 Emissions of Industrial processes sector in 2019 (CO₂-eq)

	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	HFCs	PFCs	SF ₆	Total
2. Industrial processes	5178	47	209	2107	1	106	7648
A. Mineral industry	1466	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	1466
B. Chemical industry	2388	43	32	NO	NO	NO	2463
C. Metal industry	1218	5	NO	NO	NO	NO	1223
D. Non-energy products from fuels and solvent use	106	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	106
E. Electronic industry	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
F. Product uses as ODS substitutes	NO	NO	NO	2106	1	NO	2106
G. Other product manufacture and use	NO	NO	177	1	NO	106	284
H. Other	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

4.3 Mineral Products (CRF sector 2.A)

4.3.1 Cement Production (CRF sector 2.A.1)

4.3.1.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂

Methods: T2 (1985-2004), T3 (2005-)

Emission factors: CS, PS

Key sources: 2A1 Cement Production – CO₂ – L

CO₂ is generated during cement production in the clinker production phase:

- on the one hand, during the combustion of the fuels used,
- on the other hand, during the degradation of the limestone (CaCO₃) fed into the furnace, which occurs at around 1,300°C and results in CaO (calcium oxide) and CO₂ (calcinations).

Both dry and wet technologies may be used for the preparation of the raw clinker. Wet technology is used by one of the three cement production plants in Hungary.

In this sector the emission estimation methodologies are very similar in the case of IPCC and EU ETS (Methodology of EU ETS reporting is prescribed in 601/2012/EC EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation). From 2005, in their EU ETS Annual Report, cement producing companies report the amount and CO₂ content of the used raw material and CKD supported by monthly measurement results.

Significant decrease of emissions has occurred in this sector between 2008 and 2013, but in 2014 the trend has changed (see *Figure 4.3.1*). The decrease of emissions correlates with the decrease of activity data. Activity data is reported directly by the cement producer companies via EU ETS Annual Emission Reports since the last years and verified with the data of HCSO if the latter is available. The decrease of activity data can be explained by decrease of the production, due to the continuous recession of this industrial sector. In building industry, the recession also turned up and 2014 is the first year that brought some recovery since 2010. The producing facilities were struggling to survive, which is published also on their website and reflected in volume indices (NACE Rev.2 classes CG- 2351 Manufacture of cement - Volume index of industrial gross output). Although solely 3 cement plants have been operating since 2014 (compared to 5 in 2010), cement production has been rising steadily in every year.

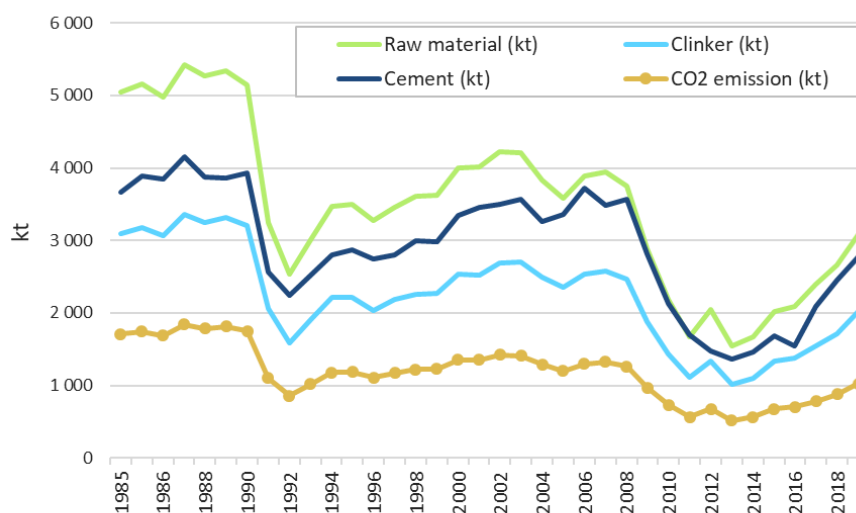


Figure 4.3.1 Trend of activity data and CO₂ emission in cement production

4.3.1.2 Methodological issues

In this category, only emissions from the production processes are determined. Gases originating from fuels are included in *Energy subsector 1.A.2*.

From 2005, emissions are estimated using Tier 3 method: according to the EU ETS directive (2003/87/EC) introduced by the European Union, the factories report their CO₂ emissions. The factories calculate their CO₂ emissions based on the amount and the CO₂ content of all of the used raw materials and not recycled CKD filtered by dust collectors in a following way: CO₂ content of raw flour multiplied by the amount of raw flour minus CO₂ content of filtered dust multiplied by the amount of filtered dust. CO₂ content is analyzed by a certified laboratory. Detailed data of carbonate composition is not needed for this method.

For the period 1985-2004, emissions are estimated using Tier 2 method, which follows Eq.2.2 (Tier2 emissions based on clinker production data) of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, fulfilling the assumptions given on page 2.10. The emission factor is a plant specific factor calculated by averaging the measured CO₂ content of raw meals for the period 2005-2010 (in case of one plant for 2005-2013) with the assumption that every CDK was recycled to the kiln.

Production data for the whole time-series were obtained directly from the factories and from the EU Emission Trading System (*Table 4.3.1*).

The UN review (ARR) of 2016 suggested to use a good practice data splicing technique given in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (e.g. overlap technique or surrogate data), as appropriate for Hungary's national circumstances, to fill data gaps in the time series of the CO₂ IEF for the period before 2005. The suggested calculation was implemented in 2017 submission. The methodology was described in the 2017 NIR and emission changes appeared in the 2017 CRF tables. There were no recalculations in the submissions after 2017.

Table 4.3.1 Amount of raw flour used in process, clinker and cement production (kt) in Hungary and the CO₂ emission and implied emission factor in 2.A.1 sector

	Total raw flour (kt)	Total clinker (kt)	Total cement (kt)	2A1 SUM CO ₂ (kt)	2A1 CO ₂ (kt)/per clinker (kt)
1985	5044	3098	3671	1707	0.5511
1985-87	5152	3173	3889	1745	0.5498
1986	4982	3070	3845	1687	0.5497
1987	5430	3352	4151	1839	0.5487
1988	5264	3250	3871	1785	0.5492
1989	5338	3321	3857	1813	0.5459
1990	5148	3210	3933	1751	0.5453
1991	3247	2067	2563	1102	0.5329
1992	2533	1591	2246	859	0.5397
1993	3010	1907	2521	1022	0.5359
1994	3477	2211	2795	1181	0.5341
1995	3493	2214	2875	1186	0.5356
1996	3275	2034	2745	1111	0.5460
1997	3463	2185	2806	1174	0.5373
1998	3603	2262	2995	1222	0.5401
1999	3617	2271	2979	1224	0.5393
2000	3998	2532	3348	1353	0.5344
2001	4009	2522	3452	1357	0.5379
2002	4218	2687	3504	1426	0.5306
2003	4209	2696	3565	1412	0.5237
2004	3828	2495	3267	1289	0.5168
2005	3579	2353	3364	1199	0.5096
2006	3884	2533	3723	1296	0.5116
2007	3939	2577	3485	1328	0.5153
2008	3747	2468	3570	1261	0.5107
2009	2889	1883	2808	973	0.5166
2010	2181	1433	2134	735	0.5131
2011	1672	1109	1692	564	0.5081
2012	2047	1333	1478	678	0.5091
2013	1552	1018	1364	516	0.5067
2014	1537	1095	1467	566	0.5167
2015	2015	1331	C	676	0.5076
2016			C	705	
2017			C	783	
2018			C	882	

4.3.1.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Time-series of emissions is consistent using country specific emission factors before 2005 – derived from measurements reported to EU ETS (detailed description can be found in the methodological part of this section).

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (601/2012/EU) for determination of AD and EF in the case of cement production:

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined	
<i>2A1 Cement Production</i>	CO ₂	2.5	2.5	3.54

As the use of ETS data means the use of verified data, where carbon contents should be measured in accredited laboratory (or at least a laboratory yearly validated and inter-compared with accredited laboratory as it is prescribed in 601/2012/EC Regulation on Monitoring and Reporting in EU ETS).

4.3.1.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

According to the EU ETS directive (2003/87/EC) introduced by the European Union, the factories report their CO₂ emission from 2005 on. The factories calculate their CO₂ emissions on the basis of their production data, and the analysis of raw flour, and cement kiln dust (CKD), which contains CO₂ generated from all carbonates, including MgCO₃ and other. The analysis must fulfill the strict requirements of 601/2012/EU regulation which prescribes the use of ISO17025 accredited laboratories and the minimum annual frequency of analysis (modified by the Commission Regulation (EU) 743/2014 replacing Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 601/2012 as regards minimum frequency of analyses). In addition, the annual emission reports of the factories are verified by independent EU ETS verifiers and checked by the authority responsible for EU ETS in Hungary every year.

Cement production data from report of factories and EU ETS are always verified with the official statistical data. Usually the difference is low but there are some years where significant difference (more than 2%) appears. Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO) started to investigate this problem on our proposal. According to its finding after 2011 the difference connected to one factory and this factory was asked to check the reported data. It would be important to further analyze this problem for those years which were not covered in this project however archived individual data before 2000 is not so easily accessible at HCSO.

Clinker production data was compared to Eurostat data. Unfortunately, Eurostat has incomplete time-series. 2012 is the only year when Eurostat database corresponds to our data source.

4.3.1.5 Source-specific recalculations

None.

4.3.1.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Reported analysis of uncertainty in measurements will be included in the NIR when it will be available for all plants.

4.3.2 Lime Production (CRF Sector 2.A.2)

4.3.2.1 Source category description

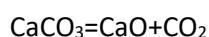
Emitted gas: CO₂

Methods: T2 (1985-2004), T3 (2005-)

Emission factors: CS, PS

Key sources: aA3 Lime Production – CO₂ – T

This subsector includes quicklime production by limestone heating. During heat transfer, the following reaction occurs:



Here, only CO₂ is generated according to this formula. In Hungary, high-purity limestone is processed. Raw material contains high percent of CaCO₃ (96.8% in 2018) and minor amount of MgCO₃ (2.3% in 2018). CO₂ generated by combustion processes is accounted under the *Energy sector in 1.A.2*.

During the 2012 EU Technical review, a question was raised whether the autoproduction of lime of sugar producers is included. The investigation resulted that sugar producing companies have never reported technological (originating from dissociation of limestone) emissions in the EU ETS annual emission report (as they do not have this emission source in their GHG emission permit). However, the practice is right because no technological CO₂ emissions arise from Hungarian sugar producers since all of them use Ca(OH)₂ + CO₂ precipitation technology to remove impurities. This technology is described in the sector specific IPPC BAT BREF document as well (European Commission, 2006).

“2.1.4.11.3 Description of techniques, methods and equipment

Carbonation is the introduction of the milk of lime, calcium hydroxide, and carbon dioxide gas (CO₂) into a liquid to form calcium carbonate and to precipitate and remove impurities. The effect of lime and CO₂ is the precipitation of insoluble calcium salts, the flocculation of colloidal components, the chemical degradation of other molecules such as invert sugar and amides, and the absorption of non-sugars on precipitated calcium carbonate. Lime and CO₂ are normally produced in lime kilns by the thermal dissociation of limestone.)”

In addition, Hungarian BAT reference document prepared in 2005 by Hungarian Sugar Industry Research Institute for the Ministry of Environment and Water (KVVM, 2005 - available only in Hungarian) states that CO₂ emission from lime kilns in sugar production facilities are attributable solely to fuel combustion of the lime kilns since “CO₂ originating from dissociation of limestone is rebound again into CaCO₃.” (Section 4.1.2.2.2) Fuel consumption of lime kilns are reported in *Energy sector*. Precipitated CaCO₃ is used for liming of soils (in general) reported in *Agriculture sector*.

During informal review organized by EEA in November 2015, a question was raised if it was verified that all emissions from lime production was reported and all lime was produced only in lime plants which are included in the EU ETS (except sugar production as described above). Regarding this issue industrial associations in the field of mineral industry have been looked over and no other plants have

been found. In addition, lime production data in EU ETS annual emission reports and data from the Hungarian Statistical Office was also compared and strange result has been found that usually statistics are the lower. The average difference between years 2004 and 2012 is that HCSO data on lime production is 8% lower than EU ETS data. However, EU ETS data seems to be more accurate as EU ETS annual emission reports are verified every year. So, it seems that emissions are not underestimated due to incompleteness of the sector.

Please also note that emissions from lime and dolomite used in iron and steel industry are reported in sector 2.C.1 *Iron and steel*.

4.3.2.2 Methodological issues

The amount of CO₂ generated by this subsector is reported by using plant-specific (EU ETS) emission data of companies after 2005 and using a country specific IEF for extrapolation for the years before 2005.

The country specific IEF has been created taking into account that IEFs of years between 2005 and 2012 do not show a clear trend as it is presented in the following *Figure 4.3.2*, therefore the average seems to be applicable for extrapolation for the years before 2005 in order to reach consistent time series. The average of years 2005-2012 results in 0.7388 t CO₂/t lime produced which is 5.9% lower than the stoichiometric IEF of 0.785 and it is well fitting in the IEF range 0.56-0.8 applied by other countries as presented in the 2013 Synthesis and Assessment Report of UNFCCC.

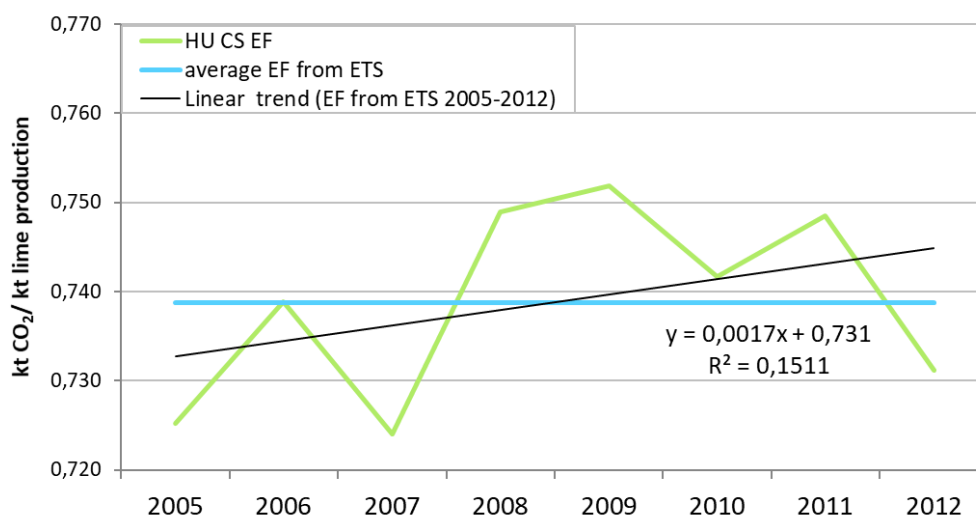


Figure 4.3.2 Trend of kt CO₂/kt lime produced IEF between years 2005 and 2012

Exact carbonate contents of the raw material and the remaining carbonate content of the products determined by accredited laboratories are used for the calculations in EU ETS Annual Emission Reports (AERs). Using EU ETS data, the emissions from the minor proportion of dolomitic lime (containing MgCO₃), impurities and the eventual presence of hydraulic lime (which has the same stoichiometric ratio as lime but has a lower CaO content and the eventual recycling of lime kiln dust are also taken into account as it is required by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. As EU ETS data for the years 2005-2012 contains the above-mentioned corrections, also the IEF used for extrapolation contains them.

In 2018, two companies produced lime in Hungary. According to their EU ETS annual reports, raw material contained high percent of CaCO₃ and minor amount of MgCO₃. Calculation of their reported emission is based on Equation 2.7 of 2006 IPCC Guideline (page 2.21), where fraction calcination achieved for carbonate_i (F_i) equals to 1 for both carbonates, and fraction calcination achieved for lime kiln dust equals to 1. Emission factors for the carbonates are determined by monthly laboratory measurements.

The difference between the country-specific EF and the default EF is below 1 % (see Table 4.3.2).

Table 4.3.2 Comparison of country-specific and default emission factors in case of lime production

Source of EF	Value (kt CO ₂ /kt limestone)	difference to default
Default Tier 1 EF of 2006 IPCC Guidelines (Vol3 2.3.1.2 - Table 2.4) = (CO ₂ /CaO) * CaO content = 0.785* 0.95 =)	0.7458	
HU CS EF	0.7388	-0.93%

Time-series of lime production and related emissions can be seen in Figure 4.3.4.

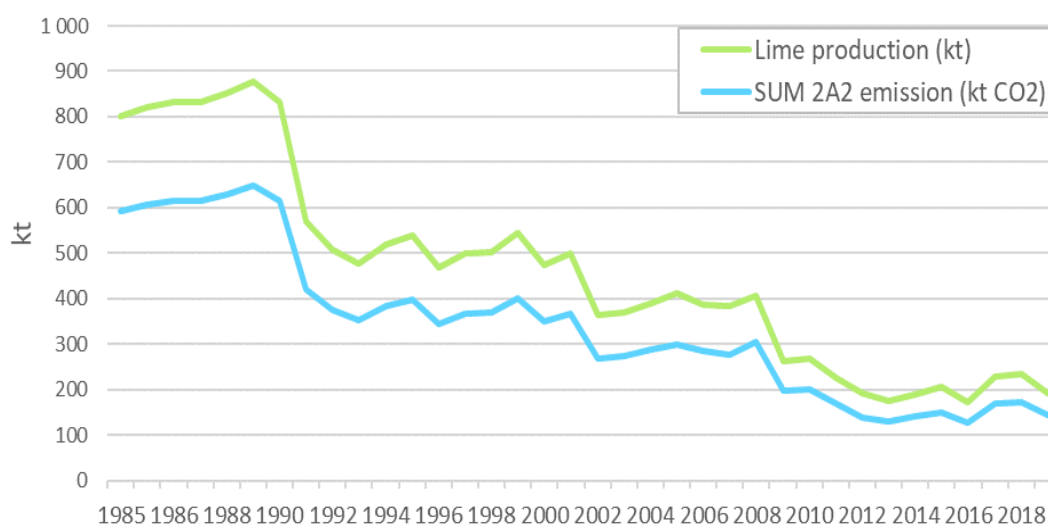


Figure 4.3.3: Trend of production and emissions in sector 2.A.2 Lime

4.3.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Time-series of emissions is consistent using country specific emission factors before 2005 – derived from measurements reported to EU ETS.

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (601/2012/EU) for the determination of AD and EF in the case of Lime production:

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined	
2A2 Lime Production	CO ₂	2.5	2.5	3.54

4.3.2.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

According to the EU ETS directive (2003/87/EC) introduced by the European Union, the factories report their CO₂ emission from 2005 on. The factories calculate their CO₂ emissions on the basis of their consumed raw material and final product, and the analysis of chemical composition of both them.

The analysis must fulfill the strict requirements of 601/2012/EU regulation which prescribes the use of ISO17025 accredited laboratories and the minimum annual frequency of analysis (modified by the Commission Regulation (EU) 743/2014 replacing Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 601/2012 as regards minimum frequency of analyses). In addition, the annual emission reports of the factories are verified by independent EU ETS verifiers and checked by the authority responsible for EU ETS in Hungary every year.

4.3.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

None.

4.3.2.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Reported analysis of uncertainty in measurements will be included in the NIR when it will be available for all plants.

4.3.3 Glass Production (CRF sector 2.A. 3)

4.3.3.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂

Methods: T2 (1985-2004), T3(2005-)

Emission factors: CS,PS

Key sources: None

In the case of glass production, CO₂ emission is generated by adding the carbonates (mainly soda ashes) of alkali metals (Ba, Li, Na, etc.) to the melt in the course of glass melting. Glass production is also within the scope of EU Emissions Trading System. Please note that solely process emissions are reported in this sector, as combustion emissions are included in 1.A.2.

4.3.3.2 Methodological issues

Most of the glassworks are covered by EU Emission Trading System, the quantity of CO₂ emitted from carbonates reported by them is used as emissions between 2005 and 2016 submissions, and country-specific IEFs have been created for extrapolation for the years before 2005.

In inventory submissions before 2015, one single IEF was used for all glass types. As it was suggested by the ARR of 2014, new IEFs by glass types are now applied (details in Table 4.3.3). The difference

between the default and country-specific IEFs might be further investigated, however they are within the range of Tier 2 default emission factors of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Table 4.3.3 Comparison of country-specific and default IEFs in the case of glass production

source/ type of emission factor	Value (t CO ₂ / t glass)
Default T1 IEF (Eq.2.13)	0.200
Default T2 IEFs (Table 2.6)	0.03 -0.25
CS IEF - Float glass	0.156
CS IEF - Container glass	0.181
CS IEF - Speciality glass	0.154
Default IEF - Fiberglass (glass wool)	0.250
OLD HU submission IEF	0.164

Quite detailed activity data is available from HCSO, so time-series by different glass-types could have been separated for the extrapolation.

During informal review organized by EEA in November 2015, a question was raised if it was verified that all emissions from glass production was reported and all glass was produced only in plants which are included in the EU ETS. Unfortunately, in glass sector it is not possible to perform comparison of activity data from Hungarian Central Statistical Office with EU ETS data, as in this case in EU ETS Annual emission reports there is no information on production, but solely on the amount of input materials (and emissions of course). So, also in this case industrial associations in the field of mineral industry has been looked over and only very small plants with technological emissions (emissions from carbonates) have been found in addition to those covered by EU ETS. However, in the National Air Emissions Database (LAIR) at least one bigger glass producer had been found that is not covered by EU ETS. Therefore, in the case of glass sector +10% had been added in order to cover the emission of plants not covered by EU ETS since the 2016 submission.

Further investigation was carried out to cover all non-ETS plants. Unfortunately, this mentioned plant with high reported production rate has not sent any data on multiple requests until now, but it confirms, that the production data in the LAIR database is not correct (the reported amount exceeds the EU ETS capacity threshold and much higher than the reported capacity of the plant). Surprisingly our data request had positive effect on LAIR database, namely the reported 2017 production data of this plant is lower with two orders of magnitude than before and this amount fits to all capacity thresholds. So, time-series of production data of this firm was corrected. It was known that Hungary has another small glasswork – producing handmade glassware. This firm has made available the amount of input material containing carbon and also emissions from them. Knowing production data of this firm for the 2005-2013 period, implied emission factor and also an average value of them were calculated for the time-series. As both of the two mentioned glassworks produce table wares, this average IEF was applied in the emission estimation in case of missing data.

In 2016 one of the plants covered by EU ETS announced capacity reduction with which it no longer falls under the EU ETS and therefore it has no more ETS reports, but this firm still reports data on production

to the LAIR database. Implied emission factor from the EU ETS emission report of the last known year of this firm was applied in the calculation of emission for the 2016 and 2017 years.

This research pointed out that the statistics did not cover some special glass products – production was accounted elsewhere -, which are part of the ETS glass sector. During the preparation of Allocation Plan of Hungary under the EU ETS, these plants made available emission data for the 1998-2004 period which are consistent with the 2005-2017 calculations. For the missing years production data of bulbs from HCSO was used as surrogate data. As the amount of glass used to produce bulb needs further investigation, activity data was not changed in the time-series.

As the non-ETS part is much lower than it was assumed before, therefore the additional 10% of the implied emission factor for the non-ETS period was replaced by a new calculation. The calculation is based on the quantity of product manufactured (glass and other special product) and the implied emission factor derived from the ETS reports for each type of glass products.

Figure 4.3.5 below shows the complete CO₂ emission from this category.

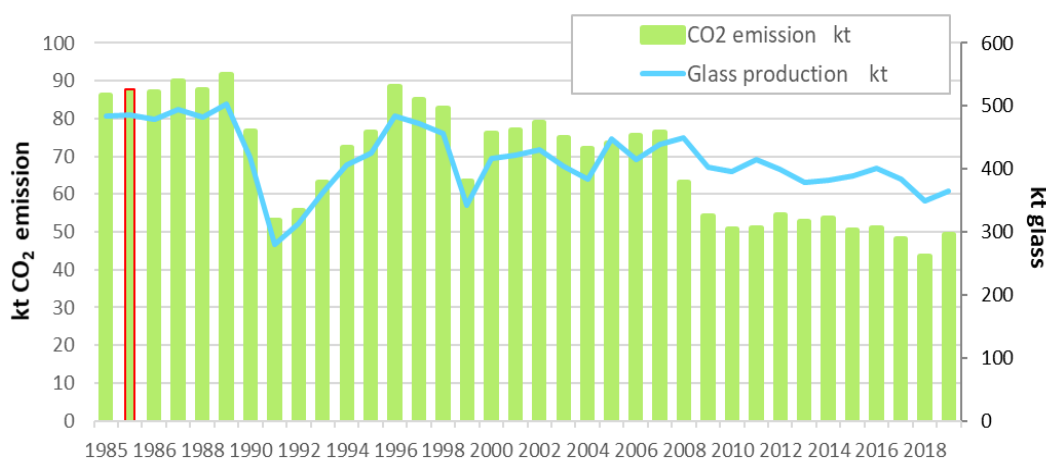


Figure 4.3.4 Trend of CO₂ emission and Glass Production (kt)

4.3.3.3 Source-specific QA/QC information and time-series consistency and uncertainty

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (601/2012/EU) for the determination of AD and EF in the case of glass production:

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2A3 Glass production	CO ₂	2.5	2.5	3.54

4.3.3.4 Source-specific recalculations and verification

More detailed data request was sent to HCSO in 2017 to verify the information from LAIR database. Also glass manufacturers were asked to declare their used technology and amount of used raw material. Unfortunately, HCSO has no full production time-series in mass unit for those factories which are not covered by EU ETS. Only one glass manufacturer fulfilled data request and provided detailed dataset about the amount of used raw material containing carbonate before this submission. Emission

of this plant is 0.1kt CO₂/year at the most in the 2005-2016 period, which is 0.2% at the most of the total emission of glass production in Hungary. Another small manufacturer declared last year that this small plant does not use carbonate containing raw material, they use glass pellet for manufacturing glass. In chapter 4.3.3.2 mentioned plant which was found in LAIR database was also contacted several times. Until this submission no data was provided about its technology and activity for the 2005-2016 period.

Investigation of addition of 10% to the data reported under the EU ETS for 2005 and onwards was finished this year. (This was a recommendation of the last UNFCCC review.) The non-ETS part in glass production was recalculated for the 2005-2016 period. This research pointed out that the statistics did not covered some special glass products – production was accounted elsewhere -, which are part of the ETS glass sector. As the non-ETS part is much lower than it was assumed before, therefore the additional 10% of the implied emission factor for the non-ETS period was replaced by a new calculation. The calculation is based on the quantity of product manufactured (glass and other special product) and the implied emission factor derived from the ETS reports for each type of glass products.

This recalculation resulted positive changes in the total CO₂ eq emission of Hungary only in 1999 (0.0008%), in 2003 (0.0017%) and in 2004 (0.0025%), every other year small decrease (less than 0.01%) can be observed.

4.3.3.5 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

4.3.4 Bricks and ceramics (CRF sector 2.A.4.a Other)

4.3.4.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂

Methods: T3

Emission factors: CS, PS

Key sources: 2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates – CO₂ – L

During manufacturing of bricks, tiles and ceramic products, CO₂ emission is generated from the degradation of carbonates in raw materials (mainly from clay) on the one hand, and from burning of materials added to bricks on the other. Please note that in present submission all the fuels (also as additives) are reallocated into 1.A.2 together with all other combustion emissions from *Bricks and Ceramics production*.

4.3.4.2 Methodological issues

Tier 3 method is used to determine emission as in case of other EU ETS sectors. Plant-specific data is reported for the years 2005-2016 and a country-specific IEF is generated for the extrapolation of emissions before 2005 based on IEFs from 2005-2013 and national statistics of produced bricks and ceramics. Also in this case, the trend of IEFs is taken into consideration, in order to decide if average or the IEF of year 2005 represents better. In the case of bricks and ceramics, the latter is applied as the trend is decreasing.

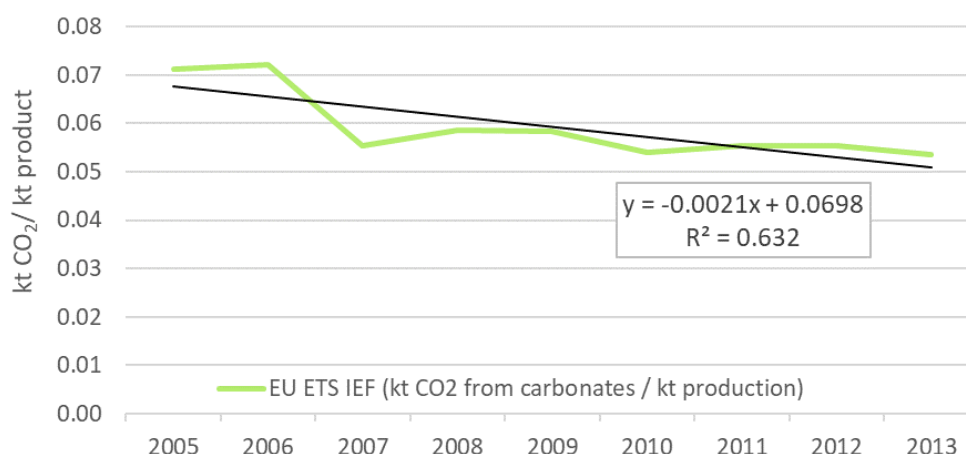


Figure 4.3.5 Trend of plant specific IEF between 2005 and 2013 in Bricks and ceramics

In previous inventory submissions – until 2015 -, +10% of the EU ETS emissions have been added supposing that not all the factories fall within the scope of EU ETS. This supposition could not be demonstrated until now, so, it was not applied in the 2015-2017 submissions.

During the 2020 review, a question arised that carbonates contained in raw materials are not described in the NIR. Brick and ceramics producing companies (in 2018, there were 22 companies) use different types of clay and refractory mass as raw material. In EU ETS, companies report the carbon and CO₂ content of their raw material supported by measurement results of certified analytical testing laboratories. CO₂ emissions from the organic carbon and carbonate content of raw materials, reported in ETS, is calculated based on the analytical results.

During the informal review organized by EEA in November 2015, a question was raised if it was verified that all emissions was reported and all bricks, tiles and ceramics are produced only in plants which are included in the EU ETS. The Hungarian Brick Association still has no information about plants not included under EU ETS, but small factories have reported activities in this field to the LAIR database. Unfortunately, product data from individual plants reported to the HCSO is confidential. Therefore, data request was sent to HCSO in 2017 and 2018 to calculate the non-ETS part of products (for years 2005-2017) comparing the list of firms reporting bricks and ceramics production to national statistics and firms reporting to the EU ETS. It is worth to mention that emission from different type of ceramics was calculated with the appropriate implied emission factors for the non-ETS part. The investigation pointed out that also that time-series is not fully consistent because statistics do not include some categories which have only confidential time-series. Also the preparation of activity data in tonne unit from the official available statistics (e.g. bricks given in small bricks unit) is a challenge, besides the reporting requirement has changed several times and in several categories, the categorization is not permanent, as well. The results of the recalculation summarized in the following table.

4.3.4. Table: Proportion of non-ETS products and CO₂ emission in Bricks and ceramics

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Proportion of non-ETS products (%)	6	6	5	12	7	4	5	6	5	4	4	3	3	3	4

<i>Prop. of non-ETS CO₂ emission (%)</i>	7	6	5	13	7	4	6	6	5	4	4	3	3	3	4
<i>Emission (kt CO₂)</i>	285.9	293.3	281.9	266.7	92.8	81.5	75.8	66.9	61.6	59.7	66.5	85.6	95.6	99.8	105.6

4.3.4.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Time-series is not fully consistent, reasons are summarized in chapter 4.3.4.2 *Methodological issues*

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (601/2012/EU) for the determination of AD and EF of process uses of carbonates:

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates CO ₂	2.5	2.5	3.54

4.3.4.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

4.3.4.5 Source-specific recalculations

None.

4.3.4.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Time-series inconsistency appears before 2003 when the preparation of activity data in tonne units causes difficulties (i.e. brick production is given by the number of produced bricks). Alternative sources of information are hardly available, time-series inconsistency is planned to be resolved by a mathematical method in a medium term.

4.3.5 Soda Ash Use (CRF sector 2.A.4.b)

Emitted gas: CO₂

Methods: T3

Emission factors: D

Key sources: 2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates – CO₂ – L

4.3.5.1 Methodological issues

Carbon dioxide is released when soda ash (Na₂CO₃) is heated.

During the 2013 centralized review, the ERT recommended to compare total import-export data of soda ash in Hungary and soda ash use in glass production in order to ensure that all soda ash uses are reported. (Please note that soda ash is not produced in Hungary.) Although the difference changes year by year, the sum of 2005-2016 of total import-export is higher than the sum of soda ash used in glass industry in 2005-2016. Therefore, additional reporting of CO₂ emission arising from soda ash not used in glass industry is needed in 2.A.4.b.

Activity Data

Total import/export of soda ash

Time-series of activity data is presented in *Figure 4.3.7* and *Figure 4.3.6*. As it was recommended by the ERT, total domestic soda ash consumption has been estimated “from domestic production plus net imports data available from statistics. Last year statistics were obtained from of UNComtrade (<http://comtrade.un.org>) (imports minus exports, for disodium carbonate)”.

Both HS classification code 283620 and SITC classification code 52323 for disodium carbonate results the same time-series. Hungarian Central Statistical Office publishes import-export data from year 2003 on its website. Differences between UNComtrade data and HCSO data are below 0.007% (6(t) Na₂CO₃). To have consistent and complete time-series data request was sent to HCSO for the whole period and it was recalculated in this submission. Unfortunately, still no data is available for years before 1991 on import/export of soda ash neither in UNComtrade and EUROStat databases, nor in the database of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. Therefore, extrapolation was needed applying volume indices of total trade presented in *Table 4.3.5* as sector-specific volume indices are available only from 1999 within the databases mentioned above.

Table 4.3.5 *Volume indices of total trade of soda ash*

		1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Volume indices of trade (compared to previous year)	import	0.98	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.08	0.83	1.21	0.83
	export	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.00	1.04	1.05	0.99	1.15

Source: http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xstadat/xstadat_hosszu/h_qkt001.html

Determination of the amount of soda ash not used in glass industry

Comparison of total domestic soda ash consumption and soda ash used in glass industry is presented in **Table 4.3.6**. The data on Na₂CO₃ used in EU ETS glass production have been extracted from the EU ETS Annual Emission Reports of the glass producing companies.

In several years, the soda ash used in glass production is higher than the total (import-export), while in other years it is lower. We assume that this changing trend might be due the volatility of the market and the stockpile of the glass producing companies.

In order to level off negative values, average values of the years 2005-2015 are taken into consideration. The average of soda ash NOT used for glass production /year is 2180 t/year, which results 0.905 Gg CO₂/year. The average of soda ash NOT used in glass production (=2180 t) compared to the average of total import – export (=63803 t) results 3.42%.

In other words, the difference between the SUM of total import-export of soda ash and the SUM of soda ash used in glass production is 3.42% as it is presented in *Table 4.3.6*. As the amount of soda ash used for other purposes than glass production accounts for only 3-3.5% of the total amount and can be used in a variety of applications, we do not have a plan to identification of soda ash use in other industry sectors.

Table 4.3.6 SUM of total domestic soda ash consumption and soda ash used in glass industry

SUM of 2005-2015	
Total import-export (t) Na₂CO₃	701,837
(t) Na₂CO₃ in EU ETS glass	677,856
(t) Na₂CO₃ difference	23,980
(t) Na₂CO₃ difference / (t) Total	3.42%

So, for our calculations, 3.42 % of the total import-export data of the given year is considered to be the amount of soda ash not used in glass production.

This ratio seems to be applicable for extrapolation for years before 2005 as the slope of the trend is quite small: R² < 0.1 as it is presented on the figure below (*Figure 4.3.6*).

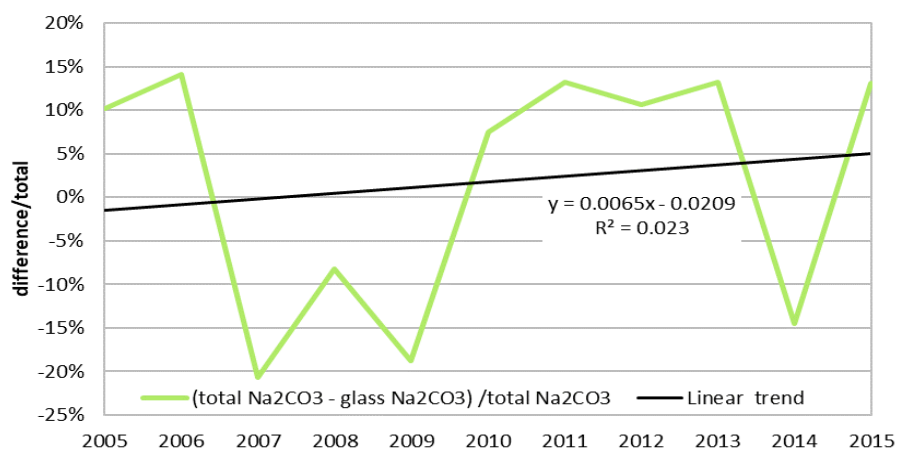


Figure 4.3.6 Trend of soda ash not used in glass production between 2005 and 2015

The following equation is applied for the entire time series and the results are presented in the below:

Soda ash NOT used in GLASS industry in year (n) = AD of 2.A.4.b=

(Total import-export of soda ash in year (n)) *3.42%

Emission factor and CO₂ emission of sector 2.A.4.b

In 2013, ERT recommended us to calculate CO₂ emissions from other soda ash use than for glass production in category 2A4b. In 2006 IPCC Guideline, Tier 1 and Tier 2 methods for calculating CO₂ emissions from other process use of carbonates are based on limestone and dolomite, thus we chose Tier 3 method for calculating emissions from Na₂CO₃ (soda ash). The emission factor is the factor for soda ash from Table 2.1 (0.41492 tonnes CO₂/tonne carbonate). As in Hungary there is no soda ash production, activity data equals to the exported minus imported amount of soda ash minus soda ash used in glass production with the assumption that 100 percent of calcination is achieved (Tier 3 method for the choice of activity data, page 2.37, 2006 IPCC Guideline).

Figure 4.3.7 summarizes the time-series of activity data and CO₂ emissions in sector 2.A.4 Soda Ash use.

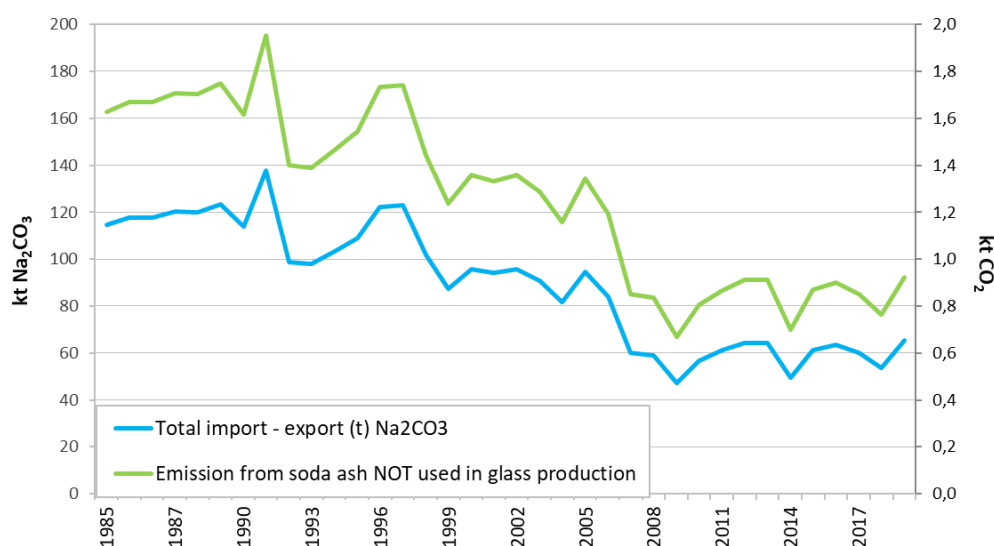


Figure 4.3.7 Trend of total domestic consumption of soda ash and CO₂ emissions in sector 2.A.4.b.

4.3.5.2 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification, uncertainties and planned improvements

General QA/QC procedures apply.

The same uncertainty values have been applied as in the case of all subcategories of 2.A.4.d *Other Mineral Industry*.

4.3.5.3 Source-specific recalculations

None.

4.3.6 Other Process Uses of Carbonates (CRF sector 2.A.4.d)

4.3.6.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂

Methods: T2, T3

Emission factors: CS, PS, D

Key sources: 2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates – CO₂ – L

This subsector includes processes in which calcinations (CO₂ loss) occur as a result of heating carbonates. CO₂ emissions generated by the degradation reaction are calculated while gases from fuel combustion are included in subsector 1.A.2. In this sector limestone and dolomite use for flue gas scrubbing and process emissions from mineral wool production are included.

Situation of other possible uses of limestone and dolomite in Hungary:

- carbide production is not occurring in Hungary as far as our knowledge;
- various uses during iron and steel production are included in 2.C.1;
- emissions from carbonates during production of clay-based products are included in 2.A.4.a *Bricks and ceramics*;
- emissions from carbonates during production of glass are included in 2.A.3. *Glass*, which includes also glass wool production.

We have no information of other uses of limestone and dolomite in Hungary.

4.3.6.2 Methodological issues

Flue gas desulphurization has been carried out in one power plant since 2002 and in another one since 2004. Activity data on the use of carbonates for SO₂ scrubbing is either reported by the operators directly to the HMS or to EU ETS competent authority. In EU ETS the operators are required to report also CO₂ emission from the use of carbonate for scrubbing separately in their annual emission report since 2008. So, direct, plant-specific emission data is used in 2.A.d.i. subcategory from year 2008 and emissions are calculated using stoichiometric ratios (included in Table 2.1 of Vol3. of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines: 440 kg CO₂ / ton limestone) for the years before 2008. In 2016 six plants reported emission from flue gas desulphurization to the EU ETS.

In the case of EU ETS plant specific data, emissions are also calculated by the operators using usually the stoichiometric ratio and fraction of purity of 1 (440 kg CO₂ / ton limestone). In 2013 one operator started to analyze the exact carbonate content of the limestone used in laboratory (fulfilling the requirements of 601/2013/EU Regulation). In 2014 a new entrant of EU ETS declared that its fraction of purity is lower than the theoretical one, because part of the carbonate remains in ash. So, these plants do not use a purity fraction of 1 anymore.

Process emissions from mineral wool production are small, but it is included in order to improve completeness of the inventory. Mineral wool producers report their CO₂ emissions since 2008 under the EU ETS. So, plant-specific emissions and activity data is available for these years. However, mineral wool production has been present in Hungary since 2001 due to EuroStat Prodcom database. Therefore, extrapolation was applied for the years 2001-2008 for the estimation of emissions. Activity

data was taken from EuroStat Prodcod database and from HCSO database, and IEF of process emissions of year 2013 is applied for the extrapolation due to lack of other detailed data.

Please note that in CRF waste gas scrubbing and mineral wool are reported together under 2.A.4.d, as it is not possible to add child node in this category.

Unfortunately, activity data are also different in the two subsectors. Carbonates used for waste gas scrubbing was chosen as AD in the CRF as it is much more significant than mineral wool.

Please find the detailed time-series of activity data and emission in *Table 4.3.7* below.

Table 4.3.7 Emissions from different sources and activity data within 2.A.4.d Other Carbonate Uses

	Carbonates used for waste gas scrubbing (AD in CRF) (kt)	Emission from waste gas scrubbing (Gg CO₂)	Mineral wool production (kt)	Emission from mineral wool production (Gg CO₂)	Sum emission 2.A.4.d (EM in CRF) (Gg CO₂)
1985-2000	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
2001	NO	NO	45.0	2.1	2.1
2002	262.6	115.5	51.0	2.3	117.9
2003	315.2	138.7	57.1	2.6	141.3
2004	388.2	170.8	58.0	2.7	173.5
2005	504.8	222.1	61.0	2.8	224.9
2006	487.2	214.3	84.2	3.8	218.2
2007	493.2	217.0	99.9	4.6	221.6
2008	467.5	205.7	61.1	2.8	208.5
2009	437.8	192.6	36.7	1.7	194.3
2010	429.9	189.2	40.6	1.9	191.0
2011	478.2	210.4	51.4	2.4	212.8
2012	466.7	205.3	46.7	2.1	207.5
2013	473.7	203.9	45.4	2.1	206.0
2014	438.6	186.9	43.3	2.7	189.5
2015	440.0	191.0	48.8	2.9	194.0
2016	432.4	187.0	48.5	3.1	189.3
2017	357.7	155.3	48.8	2.8	158.1
2018	377.6	161.1	49.5	2.5	163.6
2019	337.1	139.9	49.4	2.4	142.3

4.3.6.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (601/2012/EU) for the determination of AD and EF of process uses of carbonates:

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates	CO ₂	2.5	2.5	3.54

4.3.6.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

4.3.6.5 Source-specific recalculations

Only the 2016 total emission was recalculated. Emission was given in wrong unit for a small emitter, this error was corrected in this submission. The correction added a negligible, 0.81 kt emission to the total emission of Hungary. For 2018, the activity data for carbonates used for waste gas scrubbing was misspelled in the CRF. The error was corrected in this submission.

4.3.6.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Further verification of activity data for mineral wool and improvement of country-specific implied emission factor is planned.

4.4 Chemical Industry (CRF sector 2.B)

The relevant processes operated in Hungary include:

- Ammonia production
- Nitric acid production
- Production of other organic chemicals: carbon black, ethylene, dichloroethylene and formaldehyde.

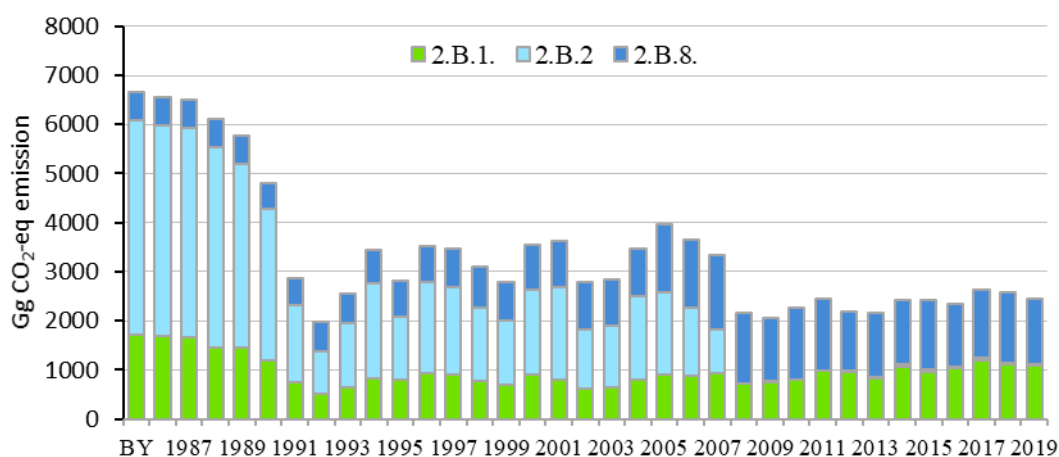


Figure 4.4.1 Shares of subsectors within chemical industry

Also in the case of chemical industry, the decrease of emissions after 1990 was due to the regime change (see *Figure 4.4.1*). Several factories were closed down and the production decreased drastically. Another significant drop of emissions occurred in 2007 when a state-of-the-art N₂O abatement technology has been introduced in a nitric acid plant (Nitrogénművek Zrt., 2008).

Production of the chemical industry is fluctuating since 2010, which is reflected in the volume index of this sector's gross output (corresponding period of the previous year= 100 (per cent): 2009: 83.9; 2010: 113.7; 2011: 107.7; 2012: 99.7; 2013: 105.6; 2014: 108.6; 2015: 102.4, 2016: 98.2). It is worth to mention that production of ammonia was 10% higher in 2016 meanwhile volume index of chemical industry decreased. The difference between the trend of production of chemical industry and the trend of emissions in 2.B sector might be explained by the increasing environmental performance of the chemical plants.

It is also worth to take into consideration that the 2006 IPCC Guidelines Vol. 3 Chapter 1 suggests that:

“Combustion emissions from fuels obtained directly or indirectly from the feedstock for an IPPU process will normally be allocated to the part of the source category in which the process occurs. These source categories are normally 2B and 2C.”

Therefore, all natural gas used in chemical industry for process purposes are accounted now here. Please find below the table (*Table 4.4.1*) showing the allocation of natural gas use in IEA Energy Statistics and in the HU GHG inventory.

Table 4.4.1 The allocation of natural gas use in IEA Energy Statistics and in the HU GHG inventory

	Natural gas use in <i>Chemical Industry</i> in IEA Energy Statistics (TJ NCV)			Natural gas allocation in <i>Chemical Industry</i> in HU GHG Inventory (TJ NCV)						
	Energy used in 2.B sector	Non-energy use	SUM	2.B.1 Ammonia	2.B.1. Hydrogen	2.B.1 Tail gas treatment Nitric Acid	2.B.8 Petrochemical	SUM 2B	Reported in 1.A sector	SUM
1985	19919	34294	54212	35317	0	1373	1722	38411	15801	54212
BY	21461	33968	55430	34371	0	1483	1720	37574	17855	55430
1986	22205	33897	56102	33820	0	1432	1718	36970	19132	56102
1987	22260	33715	55975	33976	0	1646	1719	37341	18633	55975
1988	21373	30393	51766	30583	0	1529	1706	33817	17949	51766
1989	22578	31115	53693	31182	0	1127	1701	34010	19683	53693
1990	22831	23113	45944	24342	0	993	1640	26974	18970	45944
1991	18754	14869	33623	14687	0	702	1586	16974	16649	33623
1992	17847	10099	27946	10111	0	445	1580	12136	15810	27946
1993	16622	12871	29493	12358	0	574	1675	14607	14886	29493
1994	13573	15560	29133	14683	0	1116	1866	17665	11468	29133
1995	17537	15950	33486	14536	0	981	2061	17577	15909	33486
1996	18580	17169	35749	16223	0	1669	2092	19984	15765	35749
1997	21939	12574	34513	15555	0	1678	2274	19506	15007	34513
1998	14162	12575	26736	13779	0	1476	2401	17656	9080	26736
1999	10892	11215	22107	12299	0	1357	2324	15980	6127	22107
2000	10266	13668	23935	15865	63	1567	2616	20112	3823	23935
2001	10256	13867	24123	14288	188	1599	2651	18726	5397	24123
2002	9383	8712	18095	10167	1765	1024	2536	15493	2602	18095
2003	8097	9169	17267	10114	1948	1141	2507	15709	1557	17267
2004	6368	13454	19822	13035	2028	1235	2403	18701	1121	19822
2005	8257	15055	23312	14729	2393	1392	2781	21295	2017	23312
2006	7938	14192	22130	13856	2760	1328	2944	20888	1242	22130
2007	9031	16409	25439	15115	2973	911	3304	22303	3136	25439
2008	7937	14719	22656	11486	2919	6	3634	18045	4612	22657
2009	5391	13534	18925	12730	2568	8	2555	17861	1063	18924
2010	6538	15149	21686	13699	2644	9	3128	19480	2207	21687
2011	6579	17134	23713	15788	3603	17	2868	22276	1437	23713
2012	4467	19000	23467	14022	4409	16	3147	21594	1872	23466
2013	10059	16472*	26531*	11377	4991	9	5176	21553	4978*	26531
2014	9594	20713*	30307*	15392	5552	12	4220	25176	5130*	30307
2015	9792	18596*	28388*	12682	5622	16	4046	22366	6021*	28388

2016	10308*	20406*	30713*	14342	5773	21	3712	23848	6866*	30713
2017	10879	23322	34201	16513	6474	28	3720	26735	7469*	34204
2018	10792	20395	31187	13514	6697	28	4036	24275	6909	31184
2019	10994	20763	31757	13690	6967	32	4122	24811	7021	31832

* Recalculated IEA values

4.4.1 Ammonia Production (CRF sector 2.B.1)

4.4.1.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂

Methods: T3

Emission factors: CS, PS

Key sources: 2B1 Ammonia Production – CO₂ – L

Ammonia (NH₃) production in Hungary uses natural gas. In the case of ammonia manufacture, natural gas provides both feedstock and fuel, whose carbon content is released in the form of carbon dioxide.

The same process occurs in the case of hydrogen production and the treatment of tail gas with natural gas in nitric acid plants.

In Hungary, the significant part of hydrogen synthesized is used also for ammonia production, but the hydrogen plant is operated by another company. The share of hydrogen/nitrogen-based ammonia production within all ammonia production has been about only 5%. 95% of ammonia production has been “traditional” natural gas based. In the last few years “traditional” ammonia production varies between 12% (in 2017) and 16% (in 2015). As in the new CRF Reporter Software there is no possibility to report CO₂ in sector 2.B.2, the emission from tail gas treatment with natural gas is reported here. The process (emission factor) is anyway the same as in the case of ammonia and hydrogen production.

In 2017 UNFCCC ERT disapproved of allocation of hydrogen production and tail gas treatment with natural gas of nitric acid production at 2B1. Hungary explained that only a small part (in 2016 less than 5%) of hydrogen production is NOT used for ammonia production, but the hydrogen production facilities are individual companies. It could be allocated to 2B10, but then both categories (2B1 and 2B10) will be confidential, and IEF of ammonia production will be very low. Tail gas treatment could also be moved to 2B10. However, the CO₂ emission from this source is very small (0.88 kt was in 2015) and with present methodology it can be easily compared the plant’s whole emission reported to EU ETS, also the total fuel consumption can be easily allocated from energy sector. So, for practical reasons (increasing the transparency in the national system) these categories are reported here.

The 2006 IPCC Guidelines requires also subtraction of amount of CO₂ emitted from ammonia production but used for urea production (and the reporting of urea used in agriculture and as catalyst in vehicles). In the 2020 review, a revised estimation of CO₂ recovery for years 2005 and 2016-2018 was proposed and accepted by ESD. CO₂ recovery was recalculated based on the exported amounts of urea and the stoichiometric ratio of CO₂ to urea. The recalculation was performed for the whole time period resulted in recalculations of CO₂ emissions from 2.B.1 ammonia production. Moreover, urea balance was calculated taking into account urea imports and exports and considering urea-based CO₂

emissions reported in CRF 3H and 2D3. Export, import, production and stock change of urea are in balance in the long run. A detailed table of trade, production and consumption of urea is presented in Chapter 4.4.1.4.

4.4.1.2 Methodological issues

CO₂ emission from ammonia production is reported using Tier 3 methodology from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The Tier 3 method requires total fuel requirement (SUM TFR_i), which has been available from the reporting of the plants. In the 2020 review the ERT suggested to use country/plant specific carbon content factor (CCF) in this sector. Default CCF was replaced by a newly calculated country specific CCF for the years 1985-2006, and plant specific CCF values reported by the producers are used from 2007 onward. CO₂ emissions were recalculated for the whole time series. *Table 4.4.2.* presents the recalculated time-series of the different emission sources and the recovery. In 2018, the production of the urea plant fell to a quarter of that of the previous year and was almost entirely exported, thus the CO₂ recovery dropped drastically.

Table 4.4.2. CO₂ emission from the different sources in 2.B.1 sector

	Ammonia production with urea recovery	CO₂ recovery in urea production	Hydrogen production	Tail gas treatment by nitric acid production
	Gg CO₂	Gg CO₂	Gg CO₂	Gg CO₂
1985	1719.78	244.22	NO	76.35
BY	1632.15	279.25	NO	82.50
1986	1599.51	281.26	NO	79.61
1987	1577.16	312.26	NO	91.54
1988	1361.88	338.86	NO	85.01
1989	1400.38	333.71	NO	62.65
1990	1144.99	208.67	NO	55.20
1991	719.31	97.43	NO	39.02
1992	492.36	69.93	NO	24.73
1993	620.18	67.08	NO	31.94
1994	754.99	61.54	NO	62.07
1995	746.38	61.96	NO	54.54
1996	842.41	59.78	NO	92.84
1997	803.12	61.89	NO	93.30
1998	698.13	68.17	NO	82.06
1999	610.62	73.34	NO	75.49
2000	803.46	78.81	3.52	87.16
2001	710.56	84.00	10.47	88.91
2002	472.85	92.55	98.17	56.97
2003	464.89	97.53	108.30	63.45
2004	614.28	110.60	112.76	68.67
2005	702.78	116.34	133.05	77.41
2006	659.54	111.01	153.50	73.86
2007	726.33	111.36	164.75	50.47

2008	561.75	74.12	161.59	0.31
2009	611.91	94.48	142.50	0.46
2010	657.54	101.35	146.50	0.47
2011	771.46	104.11	199.83	0.93
2012	704.07	75.82	245.24	0.91
2013	538.26	95.62	278.10	0.49
2014	748.60	108.67	309.23	0.69
2015	633.01	77.74	315.10	0.87
2016	714.44	87.34	322.72	1.16
2017	835.67	86.39	361.50	1.56
2018	729.57	26.59	374.72	1.58
2019	692.03	69.30	387.45	1.75

CO₂ recovery for urea production occurs only in one plant, which has provided data on the quantity recovered in since 2013 onwards. In addition, it has provided data on the exported quantity and the share of the different sectors in which urea is used domestically. For the years before 2013 extrapolation was applied using domestic urea use as surrogate data. Time-series of ammonia production and emitted CO₂ are presented in *Figure 4.4.2*.

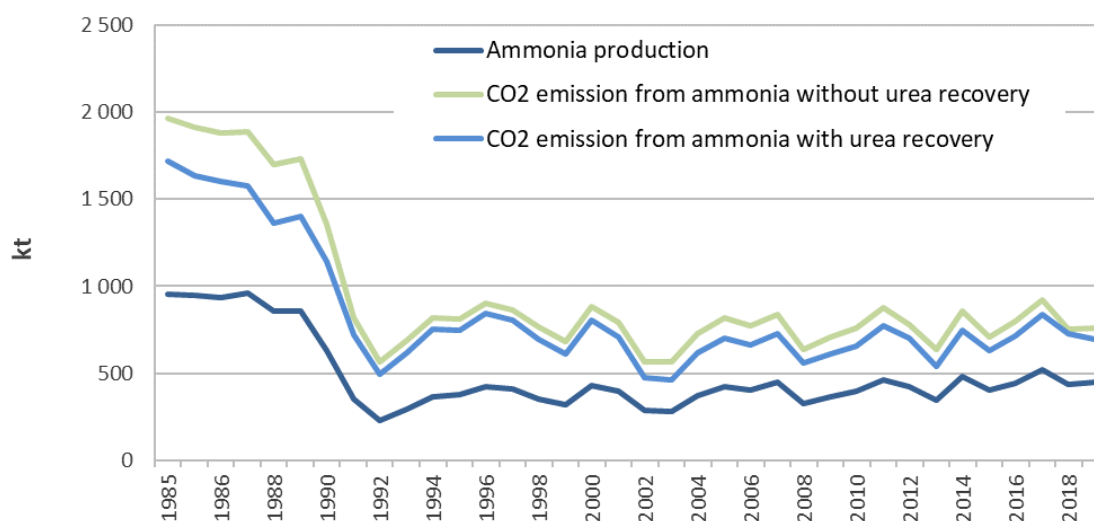


Figure 4.4.2 Trend of production of ammonia and CO₂ emissions

Please note that in HU CRF submissions the activity data is the sum of natural gas used for ammonia and hydrogen production and for nitric acid flue gas scrubbing (TJ NCV). HU IEF calculated based on ammonia production is almost the same value which is provided in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for “modern plants in Europe”. The continuous decrease of implied emission factor in *Ammonia production* might be attributed to the fact, that obsolete technologies are abandoned. The existing factories have invested in several modernization and energy rationalization projects in recent years, which improved environmental performance and resulted in decrease of emissions per unit of ammonia produced.

Several environmental investments are listed on the public website of the company responsible for most of the production too, which explains the decrease of implied emission factor. The energy rationalization projects are for example:

2002 Ammonia Plant (expansion turbine) to utilize the pressure energy of the natural gas coming in pipeline to generate electricity

2003 Ammonia Plant (natural gas saturation) to reduce natural gas consumption

2005 Ammonia Plant Modernization of gas compressor

(http://www.nitrogen.hu/nat/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=122%3Akoernyezetvedelmi-beruhazasok&catid=9%3Akoernyezetvedelem&Itemid=19&lang=en)

From 2013, the extension of the scope of EU ETS also to ammonia production has been an incentive for further energy rationalization.

CO₂ emissions from *Hydrogen production* and *Tail Gas treatment with Natural Gas* are reported using direct plant specific data. Companies provided data on quantity of natural gas used for the whole time-series. Default CCF was replaced by a newly calculated country specific CCF for the years 1985-2006, and plant specific CCF values reported by the producers are used from 2007 onward.

The main producer of hydrogen in Hungary uses state-of-the-art technology, when CO₂ emitted by hydrogen production is recovered for the industrial production of CO gas. However, the amount of CO₂ recovered is not reported (not subtracted) in HU GHG Inventory at the moment, as the CO produced might be regarded as short term storage. So, all CO₂ is accounted for in the case of GHG inventory which causes a difference in the consistency check with EU ETS emissions (as the operator is also falling within the scope of EU ETS). The other reason of the difference in this subsector is that not all the hydrogen producers are required to report within the framework of EU ETS.

Please find the time-series of emissions from hydrogen production and tail gas treatment with natural gas in nitric acid production in the Table 4.4.2. above.

The quantities of natural gas used for the different processes have been compared with IEA Energy Statistics, as it is presented in Table 4.4.1.

4.4.1.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (601/2012/EU) for the determination of AD and EF in the case of *Ammonia Production*:

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2B1 Ammonia Production	CO ₂	5	5	7.07

4.4.1.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. The quality and reliability of the emission data were greatly improved by using production data obtained directly from the factories. In 2013 data provided by the

factory Nitrogénművek (responsible for the 90-95% of Hungarian production) was fully reviewed and the time-series has been affirmed. The decreasing IEF of CO₂ is also verified and the result is described in the methodological issues subchapter above (4.4.1.2).

Consistency with IEA Energy Statistics was checked and it is presented in *Table 4.4.1*.

As planned improvement from previous years' inventory database from ammonia production received from firms was compared with data of HCSO also obtained from firms. It became clear that national statistics include not only liquid ammonia – which was produced from natural gas or hydrogen - but also ammonia solution in water. Aqua ammonia can be produced by solution of liquid or anhydrous ammonia in water or by ammonia containing waste gas treatment with water, both processes do not release CO₂. Comparing the time-series only for anhydrous ammonia (for years 2005-2015) only one value was different. Request was sent for clarification to the company concerned and it was confirmed that value in the inventory database is correct.

In Hungary, only one plant produces urea. Produced amount and the ratio of exported and domestically sold urea are provided by the plant. According to this, the major part of domestic quantity is used as fertilizer in agriculture, other minor parts are used in AdBlue production, waste gas scrubbing and other industrial production. Annual amount of used AdBlue is calculated based on diesel fuel consumption in CRF 2D3, while urea consumption is derived from the sales statistics by products reported annually by the Agricultural Economics Research Institute in CRF 3H. Note, that the sales of a given year can be performed from the stocks, therefore the consumption and production do not belong to the same year in every case. Additional imported amounts of urea are involved in both activities. Emissions from urea-based waste gas scrubbing is well below the significance threshold, while urea-based CO₂ emissions are not calculated in other industrial sectors, therefore recovery is not needed. Export, import, production and stock change of urea are in balance in the long run. *Table 4.4.3* shows the trade, production and consumption amount of urea between 2010 and 2019. Trade values are from HCSO, the national statistical office. Values presented in 3H, 2D3 and 2A4 rows are calculated in CRF. Other industrial values are provided by the urea plant. In the 10-year-long period, the ratio of supply and demand is -4%.

Table 4.4.3. Imported, exported, produced and consumed amounts of urea

urea [t]		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
domestic usage											
3H - agriculture	t	63 051	79 007	75 725	107 834	101 612	132 875	134 426	154 403	152 346	158 106
2D3 - urea based catalysts	t	4 437	7 908	11 867	16 287	20 105	28 234	30 020	33 298	36 643	40 542
2A4 - waste gas scrubbing	t								2 313	2 118	1 446
other industrial	t	5 976	19 320	19 029	11 737	11 223	8 370	13 367	11 380	45	9 228
trade											
import	t	41 745	29 068	49 761	67 833	70 627	91 348	107 992	118 411	134 940	130 410
export	t	117 794	106 997	102 952	96 621	125 953	48 431	87 616	46 295	43 490	45 754
production											
production	t	146 883	166 843	132 339	147 421	164 475	115 697	134 246	130 438	36 310	104 269
supply											
supply	t	70 833	88 914	79 148	118 633	109 148	158 615	154 622	202 554	127 760	188 925
demand											
demand	t	70 469	100 897	98 610	124 864	119 369	150 421	157 550	178 918	166 418	181 956
ratio of supply and demand		1%	-12%	-20%	-5%	-9%	5%	-2%	13%	-23%	4%

4.4.1.5 Source-specific recalculations

The 2006 IPCC Guidelines requires also subtraction of amount of CO₂ emitted from ammonia production but used for urea production (and the reporting of urea used in agriculture and as catalyst in vehicles). In the 2020 review, a revised estimation of CO₂ recovery for years 2005 and 2016-2018

was proposed and accepted by ESD. CO₂ recovery was recalculated based on the exported amounts of urea and the stoichiometric ratio of CO₂ to urea. The recalculation was performed for the whole time period resulted in recalculations of CO₂ emissions from 2.B.1 ammonia production.

In the 2020 review the ERT suggested to use country/plant specific carbon content factor (CCF) in this sector. Default CCF was replaced by a newly calculated country specific CCF for the years 1985-2006, and plant specific CCF values reported by the producers are used from 2007 onward. CO₂ emissions were recalculated for the whole time series.

4.4.1.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

4.4.2 Nitric Acid Production (CRF sector 2.B.2)

4.4.2.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: N₂O, (CO₂)

Methods: T3

Emission factors: PS

Key sources: 2B2 Nitric Acid Production - N₂O - T

Nitric acid (HNO₃) is produced by oxidizing ammonia. The process tail gas contains N₂O and NO_x. In order to control the emissions, the latter is reduced to nitrogen using natural gas and the carbon content of the natural gas is released in the form of carbon dioxide.

In 1985, 3 plants operated with 9 units. Among the old factories using obsolete technologies, one was abandoned in 1988, another in 1991, and a third in 1995. Until 2007 two production lines were operated in the country – the older one was established in 1975 and used GIAP technology which consists of four units with four different factors. These four units represented the major part (about 80%) of the production volume. Emissions from this process were measured from 2004. The other existing technology represented only 20% and had been operational since 1984 (combined acid factory producing diluted and concentrated nitric acid). *Figure 4.4.3* below shows the operating nitric acid plants since 1985.

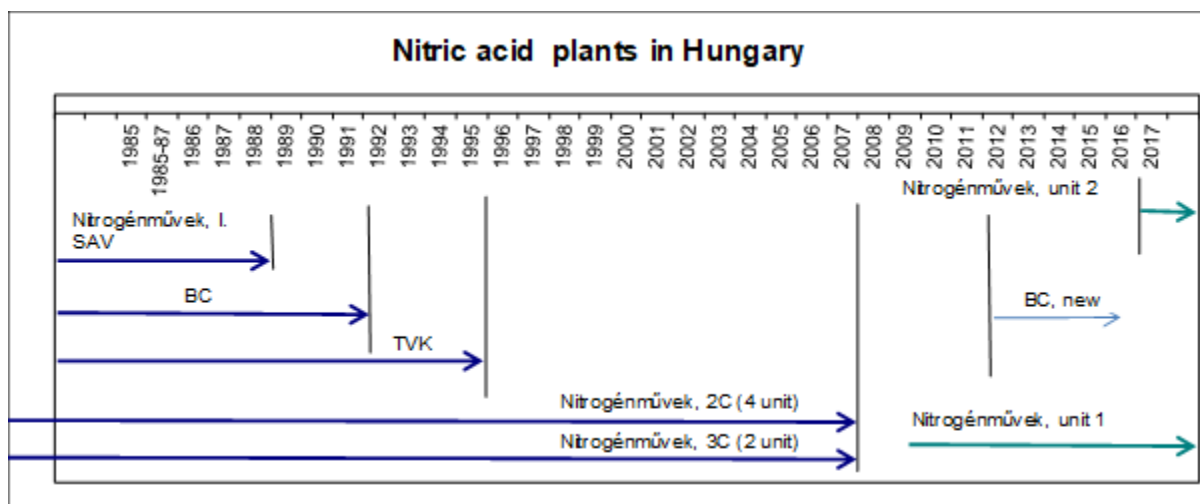


Figure 4.4.3 Nitric acid plants in Hungary. 1985-2017

Implementation of a new and more advanced production technology in Nitrogénművek plant was started in 2005, in the framework of a joint implementation project (one of the flexible mechanisms facilitated by the Kyoto Protocol), and it was installed in September 2007. At the same time the old production lines were closed down. Now a state-of-the-art technology is used, therefore drastic emission reduction is reported in this inventory.

At the end of year 2011 one of the former nitric acid plants has been restarted after renovation and its production has been increasing year by year. In 2017 a new nitric acid unit started to work at Nitrogénművek Zrt. increasing the capacity significantly.

4.4.2.2 Methodological issues

Measured emission data were not available for a long time. Therefore, during the first phase of the recalculation project, the default specific emission factor recommended by the IPCC (6 kg N₂O/t nitric acid) was used.

In 2004 an emission measurement system was installed at one of the factories and this has resulted in fundamental changes in the previously estimated values. N₂O meter is placed after the catalyst which measures emissions continuously. The regular monitoring report is based on daily average measurement data but the system is capable to provide data for shorter time period, e.g. hourly averages. The factory makes available its measured data to the inventory compiler.

The requirements of the set up and functioning of the continuous measurement system is prescribed in the IPPC (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) permit of the installation, as the plant is falling under the scope of the IPPC Directive (Directive 2008/1/EC). IPPC Directive in general is implemented in the Hungarian law by the 314/2006. Government Decree and further requirements on the set up and functioning of continuous emission measurement systems is regulated by 6/2011. (I.14.) Ministerial Decree. The IPPC permit is issued, updated and enforced by the competent authority (Inspectorate for Environment and Nature).

In addition, the facility is also falling under the scope of E-PRTR Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register). This

means that on one hand data can be verified with data reported in E-PRTR (as all E-PRTR data is available to the public on <http://prtr.ec.europa.eu/FacilityLevels.aspx>), on the other hand the E-PRTR Regulation require also using internationally recognized measurement standards.

Therefore, on the basis of almost one year of experience with measurements, the calculated emission factors of the factories using different technologies were between 10 to 19 kg/t. For calculation of emissions of the oldest factory (established in the 1950's), which was abandoned in 1988, the highest value recommended by the 2000 Good Practice Guidance was used (19 kg N₂O/t). 14.5 kg/t was used as specific emission factor for the three other abandoned factories including the one which was abandoned in September 2007. For the combined factory, a value of 10 kg/t was used.

At the end of 2004, selective catalytic reduction was introduced in tail-gas treatment which led to emission reductions in the following years. This modernization means furthermore that the EFs before and after 2004 cannot be the same. The emission data of 2005 and 2006 are based on measurements. In the second half of 2005 a new measuring instrument was installed which might partly explain the difference between IEFs. The new factory of Nitrogénművek applies the EnviNO_x technology (please see further details below) consequently a drastic reduction of emission has been reached. N₂O emission from nitric acid production was decreased by 99% between base year and 2009.

Since 2013 nitric acid plants fall within the scope of EU ETS as well, so measurement of N₂O is also required and regulated by the EU ETS directive and 601/2013/EC Regulation that prescribes strict standards for the measurements and reporting.

Thus, the weighted average IEF ranges between 10.01 and 14.51 kg/t in the time-series of the years before 2007, depending on the production volume. In 2007. EF was 6.15 kg/t. 0.0425 kg/t in 2008. 0.108 kg/t in 2009. 0.0715 kg/t in 2010. Since the reopened plant is working IEF is slightly higher in recent years (0.087 kg/t in 2011. 0.113 in 2012. 0.25 kg/ t in 2013. 0.29 kg/t in 2014. 0.25kg/t in 2015 and 0.13kg/t in 2016. 0.19 kg/t in 2017), that can be explained by the increasing production volume of the other reopened factory with a less efficient tail-gas treatment. The sharp reduction in the last reported emission from the reopened plant was investigated because the IEF was halved for 2016. According to the information received from the plant in August 2015 during the summer repairs the DeN₂O catalyst was removed and during the assembly of the reactor 50% of the catalysts were replaced by new catalysts. With the new catalysts N₂O content of the flue gas reduced significantly.

The amount of carbon dioxide generated during the reduction reaction by the tail gas treatment is so low that it has no detectable effect on the inventory as a whole. Since 2004 process tail gas has been treated with ammonia, so CO₂ emissions are no longer an issue in this case. From 2007, further information about consumption of natural gas data was received from the factory. This was used in a new plant as a tail gas reducing agent. As in new CRF Reporter Software there is no possibility to report CO₂ in 2.B.2 sector (no possibility to add child node), this CO₂ is reported under 2.B.1 together with other non-energy uses of natural gas in *Chemical Industry*.

Production data were obtained from the factories (*Figure 4.4.4*).

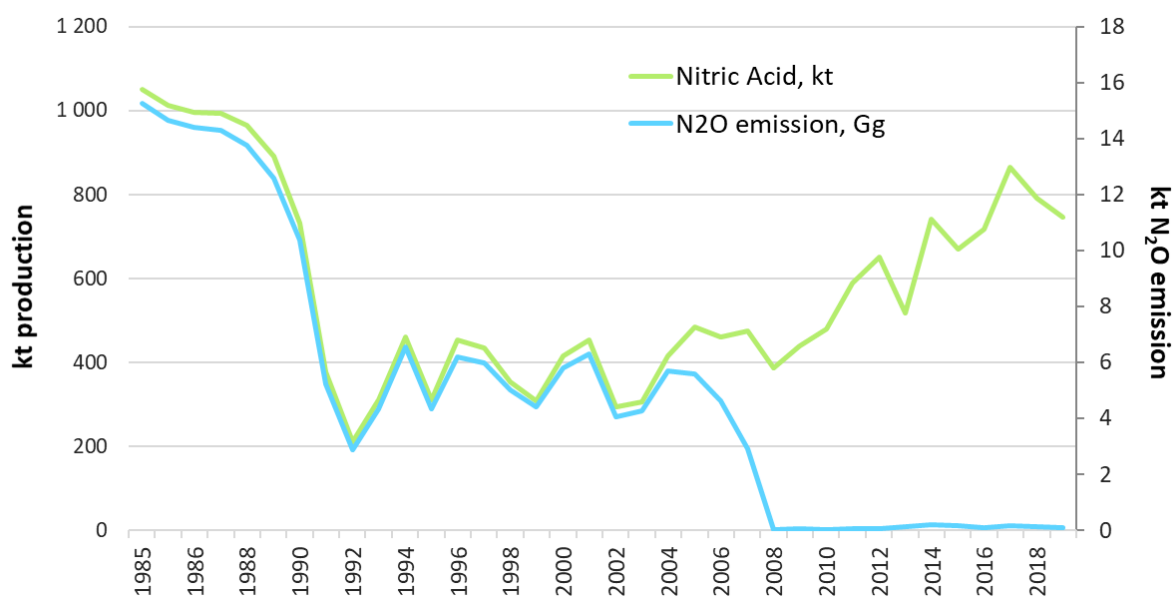


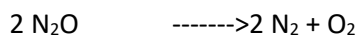
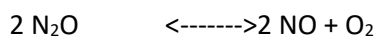
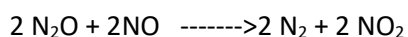
Figure 4.4.4 Nitric acid production (kt) and N₂O emission in nitric acid subsector

EnviNO_x technology

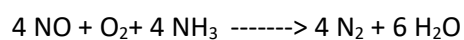
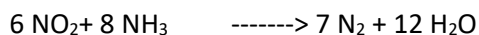
The EnviNO_x process is usually located between the final tail gas heater and the tail gas turbine and contains two catalyst beds filled with iron zeolite catalysts operating at the same pressure and temperature and a device for addition NH₃ between the beds. In the first DeN₂O stage, the N₂O abatement is effected simply by the catalytic decomposition of N₂O into N₂ and O₂. Since NO_x content of the tail gas promotes the decomposition of N₂O, the required DeNO_x stage is arranged downstream of the DeN₂O stage.

In the second stage. NO_x reduction is carried out using NH₃ as a reducing agent similar to natural gas.

Reactions in the DeN₂O:



Reactions in the DeNO_x:




ATTACHMENT 1		PERFORMANCE TEST RUN SHEET				01-1418-600		
Uhde		PERFORMANCE TEST RUN EnviNO _x ® NZRT						
DESIGNATION	UNIT	GUARANTEED	ACHIEVED					
			DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	AVERAGE		
N ₂ O-REDUCTION IN TAIL GAS	%	min. 94 (initially)	99.63	99.64	99.63	99.63		
NO _x CONCENTRATION IN TAIL GAS DOWNSTREAM ENVI _{NOx} ® SYSTEM	ppm vol.	max. 25	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7		
NH ₃ CONCENTRATION IN TAIL GAS DOWNSTREAM ENVI _{NOx} ® SYSTEM	ppm vol.	max. 5	Laboratory AI0808 0.19	Laboratory AI0808 0.47	Laboratory AI0808 0.57	0.41		
NH ₃ CONSUMPTION IN ENVI _{NOx} ® SYSTEM	mol NH ₃ / mol NO _x	max. 2.2	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36		
NATURAL GAS HYDRO- CARBON CONSUMPTION IN ENVI _{NOx} ® SYSTEM	mol H.C. / mol N ₂ O	max. 0.2	0.077	0.078	0.077	0.077		

Figure 4.4.5 Presentation of performance of EnviNO_x technology

For a short description of the used technology can be found in a brochure prepared by ThyssenKrupp Industrial Solutions (see 4.12 References. ThyssenKrupp). Performance of EnviNO_x technology at Nitrogénművek Zrt. is presented on Figure 4.4.5 above.

4.4.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (601/2012/EU) for the determination of AD and EF in the case of nitric acid production:

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2B2 Nitric Acid Production	N ₂ O	7.5	7.5	10.61

4.4.2.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. The data received directly from factories and the requirements of EU ETS since 2013 greatly improved the quality of data.

The significantly decreasing IEF after 2007 was verified and the results are also described in the methodological issues subchapter above. Also the significantly decreased IEF for 2016 was investigated and it is described in chapter 4.4.2.2.

4.4.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

None.

4.4.2.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

4.4.3 Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production (CRF sector 2.B.8)

4.4.3.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂, CH₄

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: CS, D, PS

Key sources: 2B8 Petrochemical and carbon black production - CO₂ - L, T

During petrochemical production processes, mainly oil products are used as feedstock or other non-energy purposes. Most of the carbons contained in these raw materials are stored in the products too, however during the conversion processes some carbon is emitted in the form of CO₂ or CH₄.

Usually it is very hard to distinguish the energy and non-energy uses of fuels during the complex processes in petrochemical production. Therefore, the suggestion of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines is to be followed:

„Combustion emissions from fuels obtained directly or indirectly from the feedstock for an IPPU process will normally be allocated to the part of the source category in which the process occurs.”

„If surplus methane or hydrogen from the steam cracking of naphtha is combusted within the petrochemical site for another process then the emissions are reported as emissions in IPPU 2B8. On the other hand, if the gases are passed to a nearby refinery for fuel use then the associated emissions would be reported under 1A1b. Petroleum Refining.”

In the case of Hungary, no gases are passed for fuel use out of the petrochemical companies, but all are used inside. Therefore, all emissions are reported here in 2.B.8 including the natural gas reported by the petrochemical and carbon black production companies. In addition, all oil products considered as non-energy use (NEU) in IEA Energy Statistics are considered here in sector 2.B.8, except for lubricants and paraffin waxes (reported in 2.D.1-2).

In Hungary production of ethylene dichloroethylene (DCE for the purpose of production of further petrochemical products like TDI/MDI) and carbon black are present. Ethylene is made from naphtha. Very few and well-known companies are operating in this sector in Hungary.

From 2018, CO₂ emissions have been reported in the ETS system from formaldehyde production. As the company have been producing formaldehyde from 1998, CO₂ emissions are reported calculated on a new subsector sheet 2.B.8.g.i formaldehyde production from 1998 onward.

Production of bulk organic chemicals fall within the scope of EU ETS since 2013, so the availability of detailed plant-specific data is even more improved. However, EU ETS data has been available already since 2008 for most of the sources of these companies.

4.4.3.2 Methodological issues

CO₂ emissions are reported using plant-specific data from the year 2008 using the very detailed and good quality data from reporting of companies within the EU ETS framework. The good quality of data reported under EU ETS is ensured by the strict monitoring and reporting requirements of Regulation 601/2012/EC including the obligation of the control by independent, accredited verifiers. EU ETS Annual emission reports are available for HMS for GHG Inventory preparation purposes.

2.B.8.b Ethylene production

In Hungary, only one company produces ethylene. According to its EU ETS Annual Report, during the production the company uses three different gaseous fuels. Reported CO₂ emission is calculated under the standard methodology (Commission Regulation No 601/2012, Article 24) supported by monthly laboratory measurements.

2.B.8.c ETM/VCM production

In Hungary, only one company produces VCM and TDI. For VCM natural gas, for TDI natural gas, OTD and tar are used in the production process. Reported CO₂ emission is calculated under the standard methodology (Commission Regulation No 601/2012, Article 24) supported by monthly laboratory measurements.

2.B.8.f Black carbon production

In Hungary, only one company produces black carbon using quench oil, natural gas and negligible amount of other materials. Reported CO₂ emission is calculated under the mass balance methodology (Commission Regulation No 601/2012, Article 25) supported by monthly laboratory measurements.

2.B.8.g.i Formaldehyde production

From 2018, CO₂ emissions have been reported in the ETS system from formaldehyde production. As the company have been producing formaldehyde from 1998, CO₂ emissions are reported calculated on a new subsector sheet 2.B.8.g.i formaldehyde production from 1998 onward. Reported CO₂ emission is calculated under the mass balance methodology (Commission Regulation No 601/2012, Article 25) supported by monthly laboratory measurements.

For the years before 2008 extrapolation is applied using the appropriate petrochemical production data from HCSO as surrogate data.

Please note that extrapolation of emissions is made based on quantities of petrochemical products (ethylene + DCE + carbon black), and the activity data in CRF in 2.B.8 is also kilotons of products.

Time-series of non-energy use of oil products (as raw material in petrochemical production) in IEA EnStat have been taken into account, as all emissions from these sources are excluded from *Energy* sector and reported here. So, in order to be consistent with both EU ETS reports of petrochemical companies and IEA Energy Statistics (EnStat), emissions are reported in 2.B.8 based on EU ETS reporting, and it is supposed that all non-energy use of oil from IEA EnStat and some amount of natural gas (reported by the companies) were used for the production. The related energy sources were subtracted from *Energy* sector.

In this way, IEF compared to petrochemical products is stable (see red line on *Figure 4.4.6* below), while IEF compared to NEU Oil products in IEA EnStat is changing as it is possible to see at the same figure (blue line). But this problem seems to originate from the original time-series of the NEU Oils in the IEA EnStat, as the trend of petrochemical products (t) per NEU Oils (TJ) is changing, too (see green line on the figure).

Unfortunately, it seems that the allocation of NEU Oils within the IEA EnStat is not consistent across the years, so this question is to be clarified with the authority responsible for the preparation of the energy statistics.

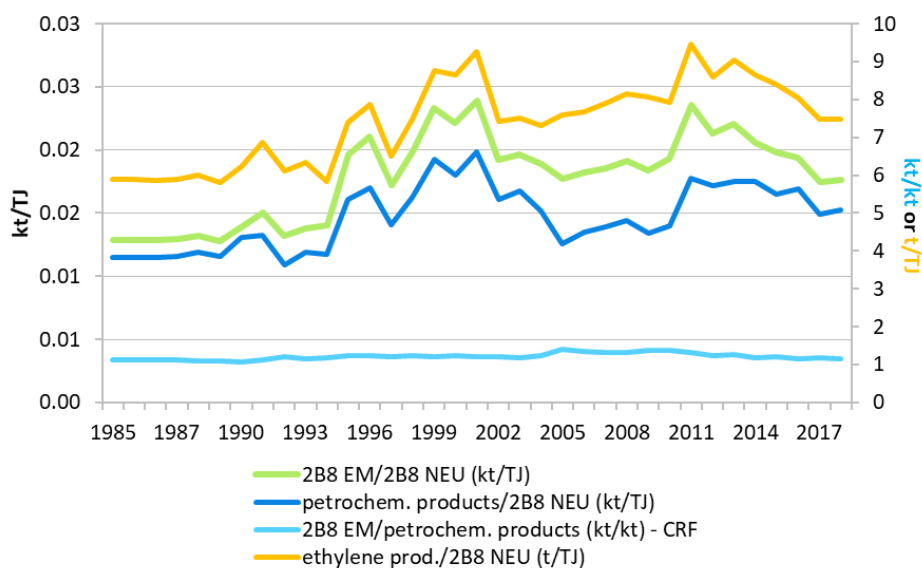


Figure 4.4.6 Trend of implied emission factors in 2.B.8 compared to petrochemical production and the amount of non-energy use of fuels

As EU ETS annual emission reports contain only all CO₂ emission sources. CH₄ is reported based on default Tier 1 emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for the whole time-series.

4.4.3.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (601/2012/EU) for the determination of AD and EF in the case of nitric acid production:

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2B8 Petrochemical and carbon black production	CO ₂	7.5	7.5	10.61
2B8 Petrochemical and carbon black production	CH ₄	3	10	10.44

4.4.3.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. Time-series in IEA EnStat production data from HCSO and the EU ETS emission reporting data have been thoroughly compared as it is described above.

4.4.3.5 Source-specific recalculations

CH₄ emission for 2016 was replaced due to calculation error.

CO₂ emission for 2017 was recalculated, because flaring reported by the ethylene producing company under the EU ETS was not included for the year 2017.

4.4.3.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Further investigation of consistency of the trend of non-energy use of oils in IEA EnStat is needed.

4.5 Fluorocarbon Production (CRF sector 2.B.9)

Fluorocarbons are not produced in Hungary.

4.6 Metal Production (CRF sector 2.C)

4.6.1 Iron and Steel Production (CRF sector 2.C.1)

4.6.1.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂, CH₄

Methods: T2, T3

Emission factors: CS, PS, D

Key sources: 2C1 Iron and Steel Production - CO₂ – L, T

In this subsector, gases emitted by the iron/steel industry (sinter, iron and steel production) are calculated. During sintering (agglomeration), a mixture of iron ore, coke or carbon and limestone are agglomerated by heat transfer to obtain a material suitable for feeding into the furnace. During iron production, coke and carbonate-containing slag-forming additives are added to the agglomerated ore, and the mixture is reduced at a high temperature. This reaction releases CO and CO₂. Therefore, CO₂ is produced from two sources during the process: 1) from fuel, which also serves as a reducing agent, and 2) from carbonate-containing slag-forming agent (limestone or dolomite). The gases arising in the blast furnace during the production of the pig iron are recovered as blast furnace gas (BFG) and used partly for energy purposes.

During steel production, the carbon content of iron is reduced from 4-5% to cca. 1%. (1% in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines). Also, this is released in form of CO₂. Basic oxygen furnace (BOF also known as LD converter) technology for production of steel uses the hot, molten pig iron with scrap iron, additives and quicklime. Electric arc furnace (EAF) technology uses mainly scrap iron with additives and the heat is provided by electric arc formed between graphite electrodes. The consumption of graphite electrodes results CO₂ emission as well.

In Hungary, all the activities connected to iron and steel industry are present: production of coke, sintering, production of pig iron and production of steel using basic oxygen furnace (BOF) and electric arc furnace (EAF) technology, too. Except for the EAF steel production, all the activities mentioned before are located in one single plant, which is however operated by different operators, so it cannot be regarded as an integrated iron and steel plant.

Processes within iron and steel production are very complex, using several fuels either for energy or for non-energy purposes. It is very hard to distinguish energy and non-energy use also in this case, so the recommendation of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines Vol. 3 Bo1.1 is followed that states:

“During these activities, emissions may occur from both the fuel combustion and industrial process stages. However, it is often impractical or impossible to report separately the two types of emissions. Accordingly, the following rule has been formulated to simplify reporting:

Combustion emissions from fuels obtained directly or indirectly from the feedstock for an IPPU process will normally be allocated to the part of the source category in which the process occurs. These source categories are normally 2B and 2C. However, if the derived fuels are transferred for combustion in another source category, the emissions should be reported in the appropriate part of Energy Sector source categories (normally 1A1 or 1A2).

Two examples may help illustrate the definition.

1. If blast furnace gas is combusted entirely within the Iron and Steel industry (whether for heating blast air, site power needs or for metal finishing operations) the associated emissions are reported in the IPPU source subcategory 2C1. If part of the gas is delivered to a nearby brick works for heat production or a main electricity producer, then the emissions are reported in source subcategories (1A2f or 1A1a).”

The example mentioned above is presented in Hungary, one part of the blast furnace gas is used in own processes, while the other part is delivered to an electricity producer. Amount of CO₂ emission from blast furnace gas which is not taken into account in 2.C.1 emission is reported in 2.C.1 as “**Recovery**” – only for transparency purposes - and it is delivered to emissions of 1.A sector.

Please find the trend of emissions and the trend of production in *Iron and Steel* sector in *Figure 4.6.1* below.

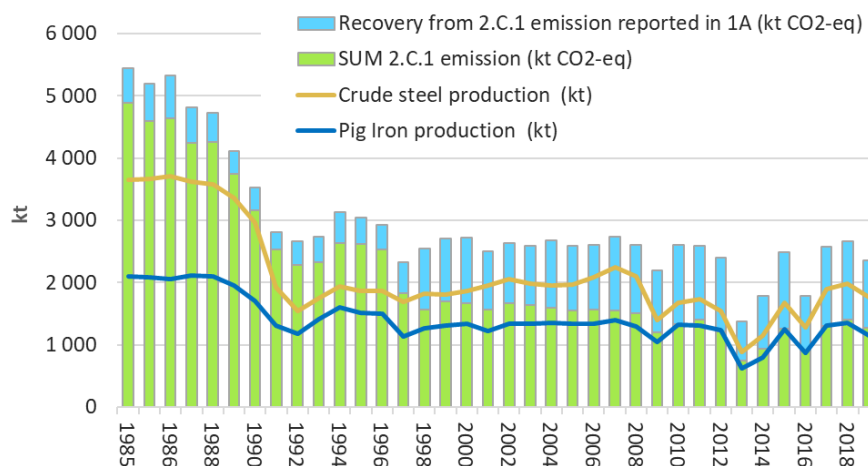


Figure 4.6.1 Trend of production and emissions in Iron and steel sector

As it is possible to observe, drastic reduction of the production occurred around 1990 and between 2012 and 2013, too, but in 2014 it seems that recession has stopped. In 2015 iron and steel production reached almost the level before the 2008 economic crisis. Metal industry (particularly in iron and steel production) realized 26% emission reduction in 2016. Amount of both pig iron and steel products decreased, which is the outcome of unfavorable process in export markets. Steel product to building industry could also profit from quickening of housing (more than two-and-one-half times housing permission was granted in 2016 compared to the previous year) with higher production, meanwhile

the total amount of steel was lower in 2016 than 2015. Emission increased by 38% in metal industry subsector in 2017, where the favourable EU export market situation and competitiveness of Dunafer Zrt. in this market resulted from the efficiency improvement measures taken by the company between 2014 and 2016. However, the rising slowed down in 2018.

4.6.1.2 Methodological issues

Earlier only the emissions from carbon content reduction of the input materials during steel production and emission from consumption of graphite electrodes (2.C.1.1 subsector) were reported within this sector and all the other emissions were included elsewhere. The actual allocation of emissions is summarized in *Table 4.6.1*. All cell comments of IE cells in CRF tables have also been updated accordingly.

Table 4.6.1 Allocation of emissions connected to Iron and steel production

IPCC sector code	Activity	Emission source	From the 2015 submission - Emission reported in
1.A.1.a	Combustion of blast furnace gas recovered from Pig Iron production	combustion	1.A.1.a
1.A.1.c	Production of coke	combustion	1.A.1.c (including coke oven gas)
1.A.2.a	Combustion needed for iron and steel production	combustion	1.A.2.a (including coke oven gas)
2.C.1.d-e	Sinter	Coke consumption during sintering	2.C.1.d-e Sinter-Pellet
		Limestone and dolomite use	
2.C.1.b	Pig Iron	Combustion	2.C.1.b Pig Iron
		Consumption of Natural gas for non-energy purposes	
		Limestone and dolomite use	
		Consumption of coke in the blast furnace (after deduction of the amount of recovered blast furnace gas delivered outside for energy production purposes)	
2.C.1.a	Steel	Reduction of carbon content (from 4% to 1 %)	2.C.1.a Steel
		Emission from graphite electrode during EAF steel production	

Emission factors

In the case of CO₂ emissions, default emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines or plant-specific emission and activity data were used which is available from both direct reporting to the inventory compiler (HMS) and from EU ETS reports. In the case of CH₄, default emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are applied.

Activity data

Iron and steel production data were obtained from the reports of the International Iron and Steel Institute, World Steel Association (WORLDSTEEL) and the similar European agency (EUROFER).

Data on consumption of coke, natural gas, coke oven gas in the blast furnace is extracted from IEA Energy Statistics of Hungary as well as the amount of blast furnace gas (BFG) recovered and used. Amounts of limestone and dolomite, other additives including graphite electrode in EAF steel production are available either from direct reporting of the companies to HMS or from EU ETS reports since 2005. Detailed plant-specific data is available from the EU ETS annual emission reports of the companies.

However, the precise allocation among the subsectors (e.g. the amount of coke used in blast furnace or by sintering) is sometimes not available in IEA Energy statistics. In these cases, extrapolation based on the shares of subsectors in plant specific data is applied, but the sum of the subsectors is always the same as the IEA time-series. Please see the example of coke in *Table 4.6.2*.

4.6.1.3 Steel (CRF sector 2.C.1.a)

Carbon dioxide is released from carbon content of pig iron and graphite electrode of the electric arc furnace (EAF) during steel production are reported in *2.C.1.1 Steel* subsector.

During basic oxygen steel production, the carbon content of the pig iron is converted from 4% to 1%. This means that 3% of carbon content present in pig iron is emitted as CO₂ and 1% of carbon content is stored in the steel.

Carbon content of the pig iron might originate from the coke consumed in the blast furnace, iron ore and additives. In order to avoid double counting these emissions should be subtracted from subsector *2.C.1.b Pig Iron*.

The default carbon content of pig iron is: 4% (2006 IPCC Guidelines). In the case of carbon content of steel these guidelines specify it as 1%.

In the case of EAF steel production, data is available in the EU ETS emission reports on carbon content reduction during the process from 2008, therefore plant-specific data is used for the reporting of emissions from EAF steel production and extrapolation of the average of years 2008-2012 is applied using EAF steel production as surrogate data. The factor calculated as average of years 2008-2012 is 0.055 compared to the default 0.05 t CO₂/ t EAF steel.

In the case of EAF steel production the input material is usually scrap iron and other unknown material. This feedstock does contain carbon but it is not originating directly from the use of coke of the blast furnace of the given year. So, EAF steel production is included in „Steel produced (kt)” data of the

formula above, but the carbon content reduction of EAF steel production is not subtracted from 2.C.1.b.

Quicklime used in BOF furnaces is not produced on-site, as it is declared by the operator.

During the investigation of EU ETS data it was discovered, that for 2008, CO₂ emissions for EAF steel production was reported years later by one of the EAF companies under the EU ETS. As estimated 2008 emission data were used in the calculated extrapolation for 1985-2006, emission was recalculated for years 1985-2006 and 2008.

4.6.1.4 Pig Iron (CRF sector 2.C.1.b.)

Emission from use of coke, natural gas, coke oven gas (COG) and own use of blast furnace gas is reported in 2.C.1.b.

In addition, use of limestone, dolomite and other ores and additives is also included here, so the whole process of pig iron production is aimed to be reported here.

The blast furnace gas (BFG) recovered and delivered for energy production purposes is reported in 1.A sector, while the CO₂ emissions during the carbon content reduction in steel production process (originating from the coke) is reported in 2.C.1.a. One part of the blast furnace gas is used in own processes, while the other part is delivered to an electricity producer. Amount of CO₂ emission from blast furnace gas which is not taken into account in 2.C.1 emission is reported in 2.C.1 as "**Recovery**" – only for transparency purposes - and it is delivered to emissions of 1.A sector.

Time-series of coke, BFG, COG and natural gas are available in IEA EnStat, but the precise allocation is not included (or not consistent). But plant specific data on the exact allocation is available from the year 2004, therefore extrapolations are applied where needed (please see the example in above on allocation of coke consumption from IEA EnStat and within subsectors of 2.C.1). In addition, plant-specific net calorific values had been prioritized, where available.

CO₂ emissions from coke are reported using plant-specific data from 2008. For the years before 2008 extrapolations are applied using default emission factors. In the case of CH₄ emissions, emissions from natural gas, COG, limestone and dolomite use are calculated using default factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Emission from other ores and additives is reported using plant-specific data from 2007 (first year where available) and extrapolation is applied using the average of the implied emission factor of the last two years and pig iron production as surrogate data.

During the investigation of EU ETS data it was discovered that part of the blast furnace gas produced during the BOF pig iron production was not transferred offsite but was flared, therefore this quantity cannot be included in the recovery. CO₂ emissions and recovery was recalculated from 2007 onwards.

Table 4.6.2 Time-series of coke consumption (kt) in IEA EnStat and in 2.C.1

IEA EnStat (kt)		2.C.1 (kt)				
	Coke consumption in blast furnaces (Transfor-mation)	Coke consumption in Iron and steel	SUM IEA	2.C.1.b Pig Iron coke used in BF	2.C.1.d Sinter coke used in sinter	SUM 2.C.1
1985	1 471	209	1 680	1 565	115	1 680
B.Y.	1 447	144	1 591	1 483	109	1 591
1986	1 525	112	1 637	1 525	112	1 637
1987	1 346	111	1 457	1 358	99	1 457
1988	1 292	141	1 433	1 335	98	1 433
1989	1 129	102	1 231	1 147	84	1 231
1990	1 040	16	1 056	984	72	1 056
1991	737	115	852	794	58	852
1992	656	158	814	758	56	814
1993	778	43	821	765	56	821
1994	891	50	941	877	64	941
1995	870	43	913	851	62	913
1996	815	63	878	818	60	878
1997	562	83	645	601	44	645
1998	597	100	697	649	48	697
1999	590	157	747	696	51	747
2000	639	108	747	696	51	747
2001	566	126	692	645	47	692
2002	606	112	718	669	49	718
2003	549	161	710	662	48	710
2004	570	170	740	689	51	740
2005	596	123	719	671	48	719
2006	601	111	712	665	47	712
2007	620	135	755	709	46	755
2008	599	123	722	668	54	722
2009	593	38	631	599	41	640
2010	686	52	738	689	49	738
2011	687	53	740	685	55	740
2012	661	49	710	661	49	710
2013	356	27	383	347	36	383
2014	462	30	492	443	49	492
2015	635	50	685	639	46	685
2016	452	36	488	447	41	488
2017	655	51	706	662	44	706
2018	662	52	714	666	48	714
2019	592	46	638	589	49	638

Please find the activity data used and the resulting emissions in 2.C.1.b Pig Iron subsector in Table 4.6.3 below.

Table 4.6.3 Trend of activity data and emissions in 2.C.1 b Pig Iron subsector

	Pig Iron produced	Coke consumption in BF	BFG recovered and used outside for energy	COG used in BF	NatGas Consumption in BF	Limestone used in BF	Dolomite used in BF	SUM CO ₂ Emission in 2.C.1.b	SUM CH ₄ emission in 2.C.1.b
	kt	TJ	TJ	TJ	TJ	kt	kt	kt	kt
1985	2 095	42 475	2 189	283	3 948	57	2	3898.98	0.43
B.Y.	2 085	40 234	2 364	436	3 930	57	2	3616.83	0.41
1986	2 054	41 388	2 690	411	3 871	56	2	3648.10	0.42
1987	2 107	36 837	2 214	616	3 971	58	2	3303.39	0.37
1988	2 093	36 231	1 868	679	3 945	57	2	3327.66	0.37
1989	1 954	31 123	1 443	694	3 683	53	2	2897.18	0.32
1990	1 697	26 699	1 446	629	3 198	46	2	2426.70	0.27
1991	1 314	21 541	1 090	656	2 476	36	2	2005.57	0.22
1992	1 176	20 580	1 503	618	2 216	32	1	1815.57	0.21
1993	1 407	20 783	1 615	576	2 652	38	2	1812.03	0.21
1994	1 595	23 820	1 936	794	3 006	44	2	2062.99	0.24
1995	1 515	23 111	1 674	876	2 855	41	2	2061.35	0.23
1996	1 496	22 226	1 553	746	2 820	41	2	1985.46	0.23
1997	1 140	17 470	1 972	746	2 149	31	1	1375.76	0.18
1998	1 259	19 204	3 859	716	2 373	34	1	1077.06	0.20
1999	1 310	20 649	3 939	614	2 469	36	2	1203.20	0.21
2000	1 340	20 719	4 141	673	2 526	37	2	1160.52	0.21
2001	1 226	19 194	3 685	273	2 311	33	1	1071.70	0.19
2002	1 335	19 946	3 800	118	2 516	36	2	1137.44	0.20
2003	1 333	19 535	3 711	311	2 512	36	2	1125.97	0.20
2004	1 351	20 237	4 236	358	2 952	14	0	1080.08	0.21
2005	1 338	19 589	4 063	369	2 453	25	0	1034.86	0.20
2006	1 336	19 619	4 065	906	2 186	20	0	1041.58	0.20
2007	1 394	20 881	4460*	1 031	1 869	24	0	1008.28*	0.21
2008	1 289	19 685	4310*	774	1 477	28	0	954.49*	0.20
2009	1 050	17 743	3947*	300	605	36	0	812.49*	0.18
2010	1 325	20 618	5238	927	1 757	66	0	859.94*	0.21
2011	1 315	20 354	4692*	831	1 692	61	0	886.96*	0.21
2012	1 228	19 501	4561*	744	490	48	4	762.63*	0.20
2013	628	10 121	2489*	380	530	14	5	444.95*	0.10
2014	801	13067	3494*	599	816	38	0.8	532.22*	0.13

2015	1247	18941	4844*	1130	1584	30	0	788.34*	0.19
2016	863	13424	3250*	688	699	22	0.02	558.36*	0.14
2017	1313	19556	4928*	1018	1590	27	0	819.67*	0.20
2018	1355	19654	4885	1207	1916	29	0	895.71	0.20
2019	1151	17266	4227	892	1373	21	0	785.30	0.17

* Recalculated in the 2020 submission

4.6.1.5 Sinter and pellet (CRF sector 2.C.1.d-e.)

Amount of sinter or pellet produced is not available. However, the amount of coke and natural gas, limestone and dolomite and other ores and additives used during sintering is available from direct reporting of the company from the year 2004. For the years before 2004 activity data was extrapolated knowing material consumption and pig iron production rate after 2004, emission extrapolation is applied using the implied emission factor of the last year or the average of the years available depending on the trend of the IEF.

CO₂ emissions from coke, natural gas, limestone, dolomite and “Other ores and additives” use are reported.

In addition, CH₄ is estimated using default EF for coke (10 kg/ TJ coke), due to lack of data on the amount of sinter or pellet produced. CH₄ is reported from coke combustion in sinter plant and from 2016 submission also the CH₄ emission from natural gas use in sinter plant calculated with default EF has been included due to the recommendation received during the informal review organised by the EU in November 2015. However, this recalculation causes less than 0.01 Gg increase in emissions.

In recent years coke and natural gas consumption are quite stable, meanwhile limestone and dolomite use has strong fluctuation which can be seen also in the emission data.

Please find the activity data used and the resulting emissions in *2.C.1.d-e Sinter* subsector in the table below (*Table 4.6.4*).

4.6.1.6 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty values are estimated based on maximum uncertainties determined in EU ETS 601/2012/EC Regulation for Iron and Steel production. Uncertainties for CH₄ are estimated based on 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2C1 Iron and Steel Production	CH ₄	10	10	14.14
2C1 Iron and Steel Production	CO ₂	7.5	5	9.01

4.6.1.7 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

Please note that in Hungary a quite wide range of emission sources are allocated in present *2.C.1* sector, which might cause differences compared to other countries, although we believe that it is in line with reporting of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines as it is described in the introduction of this chapter above.

For example, during the trial review performed by EU in November 2015 it was noted that the IEF is high compared to other countries both in 2.C.1.b and 2.C.1.d-e subsectors. The high IEF can be explained by the fact that several types of emissions, including emissions from BOF and limestone and dolomite use are also included in this category.

In addition, it was also noted that in 1993, 1998 and 2013, the change in CO₂ emissions (total of 1.A.2.a and 2.C.1. compared to the previous year) deviated distinctly from the change in pig iron production (compared to the previous year). The explanation is that in HU Inventory BFG delivered outside from iron and steel factory and used for energy purposes is reported in 1.A.1.a sector. If BFG used for energy purposes (and reported in 1.A.1.a) is also taken into consideration, trends are much more parallel (see Figure 4.6.2 below). In this case the deviations from the trend of pig iron production in the years mentioned also disappear, except for the year 1993. In this year, there might be some problem with pig iron production data, as the trend of emissions and the trend of fuel used in IEA EnStat are in agreement (see blue columns and green line in Figure 4.6.2 below). The amount of BFG used within iron and steel production and delivered outside for energy purposes is based on IEA EnStat allocation.

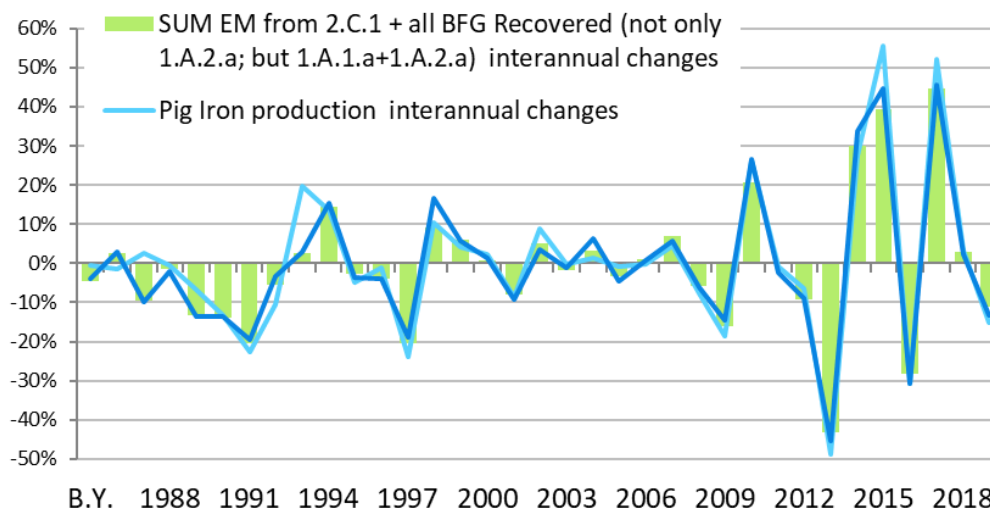


Figure 4.6.2 Comparison of trends of pig iron production, fuel use and the emissions allocated in different sectors in HU GHG inventory

4.6.1.8 Source-specific recalculations

In 2.C.1.a – Steel production, from 2009 a double count was performed regarding the CO₂ emissions from EOF production. Corrected CO₂ emissions are reported from 2009 onward.

in 2.C.1.d – Sinter and pellet, from 2016 a double count was performed regarding the CO₂ emissions from produced sinter. Corrected CO₂ emissions are reported from 2016 onward.

4.6.1.9 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

Table 4.6.4 Trend of activity data and emissions in 2.C.1 d. Sinter subsector

	Coke consumption in sinter plant	NatGas consumption in sinter plant	Limestone used in sinter plant	Dolomite used in sinter plant	SUM emission 2.C.1d-e
	TJ	TJ	kt	kt	kt CO ₂ -eq
1985	3012	207	175	164	552.92
B.Y.	2853	206	174	163	532.59
1986	2935	203	172	161	539.88
1987	2612	208	176	165	504.99
1988	2569	207	175	164	498.49
1989	2207	193	163	153	441.91
1990	1893	168	142	133	380.91
1991	1528	130	110	103	302.49
1992	1460	116	98	92	282.03
1993	1472	139	118	110	303.84
1994	1687	158	133	125	346.70
1995	1637	150	127	119	333.53
1996	1574	148	125	117	324.17
1997	1157	113	95	89	241.74
1998	1250	124	105	99	263.61
1999	1339	129	110	103	279.07
2000	1339	132	112	105	281.70
2001	1241	121	103	96	259.62
2002	1287	132	112	104	274.89
2003	1273	132	111	104	272.96
2004	1333	113	78	137	280.52
2005	1264	157	91	124	273.85
2006	1228	125	104	108	265.50
2007	1147	127	118	103	263.00
2008	1408	137	137	78	293.31
2009	1086	108	91	49	214.35
2010	1338	120	137	65	281.98
2011	1462	128	139	100	310.75
2012	1296	131	110	100	279.04
2013	943	138	35	75	191.04
2014	1340	140	110	76	262.70
2015	1317	131	93	115	272.52
2016	1191	130	36	88	202.43*
2017	1273	124	63	131	257.50*
2018	1350	132	68	132	265.56*

2019	1350	138	76	123	261.88
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* Recalculated in the 2021 submission

4.6.2 Ferroalloy Production (CRF sector 2.C.2)

4.6.3 Aluminium Production (CRF sector 2.C.3)

4.6.3.1 Source category description

Emitted gases: CO₂, PFCs (CF₄, C₂F₆)

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: D

Key sources: 2C3 Aluminium Production – PFC – T

During alumina electrolysis, CO₂ is released from carbon anode. At the same time, fluorinated hydrocarbons are produced from cryolite as a result of anode effect when aluminium oxide concentration is low in the electrolyte of the reduction cell. From the beginning of 2006 this technology is no longer in use in Hungary.

4.6.3.2 Methodological issues

PFC emissions were calculated using Tier 1 methodology for CO₂ and Tier 2 methodology for PFCs recommended by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Production data, including data on the sites already abandoned, were obtained directly from the factories. After the major political changes, two electrolysis plants were abandoned. The resulting changes in the volume of aluminium production (Søderberg process) are shown in the table below (*Table 4.6.5*).

Very detailed, equipment-level data is also available from the factories on production: anode effect minutes per cell-day that makes possible the use of Tier 2 method for PFCs. Default slope coefficients from Table 4.16 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are applied.

The trend of emissions is also included in *Table 4.6.5* below. CO₂-eq emissions of PFC are calculated using new GWP values from IPCC 4th AR as it is required.

Table 4.6.5 Amount of aluminium produced (kt) and trend of CO₂ and PFC emissions

	Production of aluminium (kt)	CO ₂ Emission (kt CO ₂)	CF ₄ emission (kt CO ₂ -eq)	C ₂ F ₆ emission (kt CO ₂ -eq)
1985	73.86	125.57	333.35	34.09
B.Y.	73.75	125.37	336.50	34.58
1986	73.87	125.59	337.46	34.67
1987	73.51	124.96	338.67	34.99

1988	74.64	126.89	329.96	33.67
1989	75.19	127.82	357.52	36.90
1990	75.13	127.72	340.18	35.54
1991	62.88	106.89	293.23	30.37
1992	26.82	45.59	165.55	14.49
1993	27.88	47.39	178.93	15.66
1994	29.65	50.40	195.12	17.07
1995	31.91	54.25	204.80	17.92
1996	33.47	56.89	195.68	17.12
1997	33.67	57.25	195.06	17.07
1998	33.71	57.31	209.94	18.37
1999	33.64	57.19	214.99	18.81
2000	33.85	57.55	258.68	22.63
2001	34.59	58.80	243.64	21.32
2002	35.29	60.00	247.63	21.67
2003	35.04	59.56	231.16	20.23
2004	34.35	58.39	245.58	21.49
2005	31.78	54.03	255.15	22.32
2006-	NO	NO	NO	NO

4.6.3.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated based on 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2C3 Aluminium Production	CO ₂	2	10	10.20
2C3 Aluminium Production	PFC	2	99	99.02

4.6.3.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

The factory operated an accredited quality assurance system. We have seen very well kept production records. The necessary data were given to us from these records. The company could provide data from almost 20 years of production without any difficulty.

4.6.3.5 Source-specific recalculations

None.

4.6.3.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

4.6.4 Zinc Production (CRF sector 2.C.6)

Notation keys for activity data and CO₂ emission were changed from “IE” to “NO” in the whole time-series due to recommendation of ERT (2016 in-country review). The last zinc mine was closed in 1985 and was flooded in 1986, since then only zinc processing is occurring in Hungary with fuel related emissions (it is included in 1A sector).

4.7 Other Products Use (CRF sector 2.D)

4.7.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO₂

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: D

Key sources: None

In this sector, CO₂ emitted during the use of lubricants (2.D.1) and paraffin waxes (2.D.2) are included. In these products carbon is mostly stored, however some carbon is oxidized and emitted in the form of CO₂ during their use. In addition, CO₂ emitted during urea-based catalyst in vehicles is reported in 2.D.3 subsector as it was suggested by EU experts; however these emissions are very low.

Since 2016 submission indirect CO₂ emissions from the oxidation of NMVOC has also been included, but solely from those sectors that had been reported before the 2015 submission, too. This is in line with the recommendation of EU WG1 of February 2016 that states:

“According to paragraph 29 of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines for GHG inventories (Annex I to decision 24/CP.19) “Annex I Parties may report indirect CO₂ from the atmospheric oxidation of CH₄, CO and NMVOCs. For Parties that decide to report indirect CO₂ the national totals shall be presented with and without indirect CO₂”.

Para 37(b) the UNFCCC reporting guidelines states: “Once emissions from a specific category have been reported in a previous submission, emissions from this specific category shall be reported in subsequent GHG inventory submissions.”

Reporting of indirect CO₂ emissions is not mandatory (“may” in paragraph 29), however in combination with paragraph 37(b) those countries that included indirect CO₂ emissions in the past in their GHG inventories shall continue to report indirect CO₂ emissions in their inventory.

In the case of Hungary, indirect CO₂ from the oxidation of NMVOC from old NFR sector 3 (NFR09 codes) had been reported before 2015 submission. This corresponds to NFR sector 2.D.3.a Domestic solvent use, 2.D.3.d Coating applications, 2.D.3.e Degreasing, 2.D.3.f Dry cleaning, 2.D.3.g Chemical Products

Use, 2.D.3.h Printing and 2.D.3.i Other subsectors at the moment. Indirect GHGs reported in an aggregated way under 2.D sector are taken from the last submission of CLRTAP Air Pollutants Emission Inventory of Hungary. In this way consistency is ensured with the other reporting obligation. In 2019 submission a new source was added - edible and non-edible oil extraction. Extraction of oil from oil seeds is performed either mechanically or through the use of solvents, or both. NMVOC emissions (diffuse and point sources) from solvent used were obtained from the National Air Emissions Database (LAIR) for the 2006-2017 period and implied emission factor was used for the 1985-2005 period knowing the amount of oil seeds processed. This indirect CO₂ emission was added to this category.

4.7.2 Methodological issues

CO₂ emission from lubricants and paraffin wax use are reported using Tier 1 method and default emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (see *Table 4.7.1*).

Activity data is taken from IEA Energy Statistics.

In the case of urea based catalyst in vehicles (2.D.3), emissions are reported using Tier 1 method and Eq.3.2.2 from Vol. 2 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Activity data is taken from COPERT model.

Table 4.7.1 Default emission factors applied in 2.D.1 and 2.D.2 sectors

	Lubricant use
	Paraffin wax use
CC Lubricant = carbon content (default) kg C / GJ NCV (=t/TJ)	20
ODU - oxidised during use factor (default)	0.2

Indirect CO₂ emissions from the oxidation of NMVOC from subsectors mentioned above have been included using default 0.6 t C/ t NMVOC value from 2006 IPCC Guidelines (Volume 1. Chapter 7. p. 7.6). Please note that the same values have been used in case of submissions before 2015 of Hungary. The trend of direct and indirect CO₂ emissions of the whole 2D sector is presented in *Figure 4.7.1* below.

Please note that the trend of emissions from lubricant and paraffin wax use is consistent with the trend of lubricant and paraffin wax use in IEA EnStat.

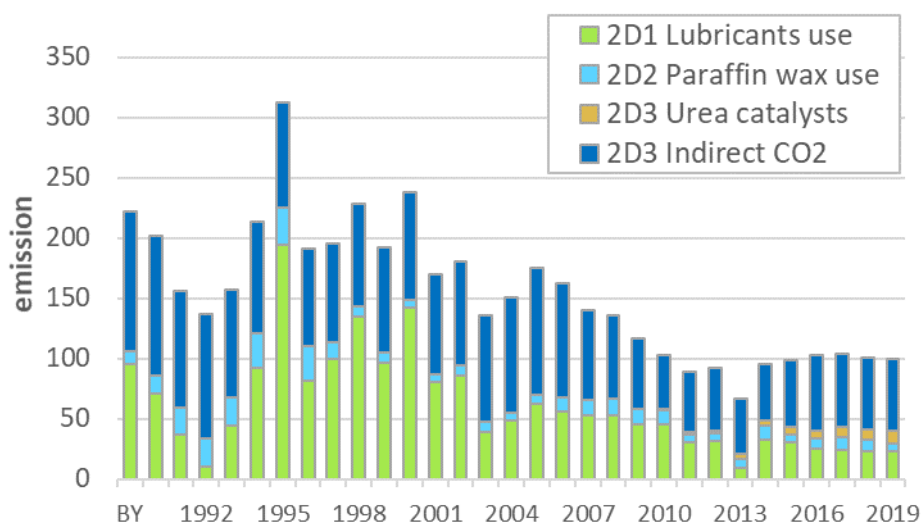


Figure 4.7.1 Trend of CO₂ emissions in sector 2.D

4.7.3 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

4.7.4 Source-specific recalculations

2.D.3 – NMVOC emission from solvent and other product uses subcategory was recalculated due to revised estimates in NFR: including new source - edible and non-edible oil extraction. Extraction of oil from oil seeds is performed either mechanically or through the use of solvents, or both. NMVOC emissions (diffuse and point sources) from solvent used were obtained from the National Air Emissions Database (LAIR) for the 2006-2017 period and implied emission factor was used for the 1985-2005 period knowing the amount of oil seeds processed. This indirect CO₂ emission was added to this category.

The recalculation has a very small effect on total CO₂ emission of Hungary, also changes within the subcategory „2D3 Other – Indirect CO₂ emissions from solvent and other product uses” are lower than 1.5% for the whole time-series.

In the 2020 submission the 2.D.3 – NMVOC emission from solvent and other product uses subcategory was recalculated again. NMVOC emissions have been changed in every year because of corrected activity data in sub-sectors 2.D.3.d, 2.D.3.g and 2.D.3.h and changing from Tier1 to Tier2 methodology in sector 2.D.3.f (Dry cleaning). These recalculations are described in the 2020 IIR report of Hungary.

From the 2020 submission, NMVOC emissions from dry cleaning are reported using Tier 2 approach based on technology-dependent emission factors and the quantity of material cleaned. Activity data are available from the year 2004, for earlier years an extrapolation was made based on an estimated factor of emission per capita using population data.

In the 2021 submission, in sub-sectors 2.D.3.a, d-i – Indirect emissions from solvent use, calculation of CO₂ from default carbon content applied for NMVOC emissions was corrected for the whole time series.

Changes are summarized in the following table:

2.D.3. - Indirect CO₂ emission			
	submission 2020 March (kt)	submission 2021 March (kt)	difference (kt)
1985	131.75	116.56	-15.20
1985-1987	131.47	116.33	-15.13
1986	128.98	114.00	-14.98
1987	133.03	118.38	-14.64
1988	130.78	116.39	-14.39
1989	122.99	106.62	-16.38
1990	120.00	115.93	-4.07
1991	101.99	97.05	-4.94
1992	107.26	102.59	-4.67
1993	94.67	89.42	-5.25
1994	96.82	91.68	-5.14
1995	91.88	86.52	-5.36
1996	87.06	81.28	-5.77
1997	87.64	81.90	-5.74
1998	90.45	84.94	-5.51
1999	93.14	87.56	-5.58
2000	94.01	88.46	-5.55
2001	90.35	82.26	-8.09
2002	94.18	86.38	-7.80
2003	92.57	88.37	-4.20
2004	95.58	96.07	0.50
2005	111.42	106.10	-5.32
2006	103.93	94.31	-9.62
2007	80.56	74.50	-6.06
2008	76.48	69.15	-7.33
2009	71.85	58.65	-13.19
2010	58.74	44.83	-13.91
2011	64.38	50.02	-14.36
2012	66.39	52.31	-14.08
2013	60.95	46.08	-14.87
2014	57.18	46.19	-10.99
2015	61.04	54.47	-6.58
2016	67.65	62.57	-5.07
2017	66.73	61.28	-5.46
2018	64.91	59.86	-5.06

With the update to a new version of the COPERT 5 model (5.3.0), including also some revisions on stock and mileage:

- lubricant use in 2-stroke engines (reported in the energy sector) has been revised which affected the remaining part of all lubricants accounted here in the IPPU sector;
- amount of urea-based additive consumed for use in catalytic converters calculated from energy consumption in heavy duty vehicles has also been slightly revised.

The resulting change in emissions was less than 1 kt, far below the threshold of significance.

4.7.5 Source-specific planned improvements

NMVOC emissions from the Solvent and other product uses sector are further investigated.

4.8 Electronics industry (CRF sector 2.E)

Emitted gas: SF₆

Methods: T3

Emission factors: PS

Key sources: None

Several electronics manufacturing processes utilize fluorinated compounds for plasma etching, cleaning chambers and temperature control. The specific electronic industry sectors are semiconductor, thin-film-transistor flat-panel display and photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing. In Hungary emission from this sector is appears only between 2001 and 2005.

During the search for potential emission sources of fluorinated gases from electronics industry, no NF₃ use has been identified in Hungary before 2019, but a small quantity of SF₆ has been used between 2001 and 2005 by a semiconductor manufacturer company. So, SF₆ is reported in 2.E sector solely between years 2001 and 2005 based on the data provision of a semiconductor manufacturer company. They also declared that the SF₆ has been acquired domestically, so the amount was allocated from the time-series of annual sales of SF₆ for other use in order to avoid double-counting. This fact is in line with Table 6.7 of Volume 3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, where some amount of “Si design capacities” from Hungary is listed for the years 2003-2005.

4.8.1. Table: Emission from category 2.E

	Emission (kt CO ₂ -eq)
2001	1.19
2002	1.19
2003	1.19
2004	1.19
2005	1.19

In response to a recommendation from review conducted in 2019 Hungary should give an explanation how emissions were determined only between 2001 and 2005 and for only one company.

In Hungary, manufacturing of raw materials for the electronics industry is not significant, mostly only assembly activities take place in this sector. In order to calculate the emission of this sector for earlier years, potential sources have been identified by searching of potential emission sources. ERT recommended that Hungary provide an explanation how these potential sources were determined.

For the earlier years, Hungary got in touch with companies in 2014 which are potential emission sources of greenhouse gases in this category. Only one company said that SF₆ was used between 2001 and 2005, after 2005 the company had not used and had not bought this type of gas (this emission from 2.E category between 2001 and 2005 is below the threshold of significance. In response to the review 2020, this company confirmed that this gas was last used 15 years ago as production of that kind of product was removed from the product range and introduced new substances for cleaning panels.

Other companies said that greenhouse gases are not used during manufacturing. According to the Hungarian Photovoltaic and Solar Collector Association there are no manufacturing of photovoltaic panels in Hungary, but there was a company where technology of slicing of solar cells was used by way of an experiment but the company did not use any type of F-gases.

During the review 2020 ERT would like to know how new researches into new potential emission sources for the electronic industry are progressing. During the Web Conference of review 2020 Hungary informed the ERT that one plant has used from 2001 to 2005 SF₆ and Hungary said that Member State Experts had a list of companies which manufacture/assemble semiconductors, PV cells or other electrical equipment. These 30 plants cover the period between 1996 and 2018 according to the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO). According to this list of HCSO in 2018 and 2017 there were only 8 company in Hungary which is manufactured several kinds of electrical equipment. During the review member state experts could get in touch these plants. All of these companies confirmed, that they do not use PFCs and SF₆ during manufacturing because they only assemble accessories.

However, after the review the search for potential sources continued. As a result of this, it turned out that since 2019, solar cell production has been going on in a company by test operation and this manufacturer uses NF₃. This quantity was not reported in national statistics until now. Member state got in touch this company and clarified that this company uses NF₃ in production to periodically clean the surface of our deposition equipment. NF₃ is used through a completely closed and continuously monitored system for leaks. After use the remaining and reacted gas is neutralized by a gas burner, and the combustion product of this is treated with alkaline and electrostatic air purifiers. During these processes remaining and reacted NF₃ gas is completely removed.

As there is only one manufacturer in the country, this data is included as confidential data in CRF and also NIR.

The company provided information about the amount of NF₃ used and the amount of solar cells produced. According to the manufacturer, during the manufacturing the technology is completely safety. Due to this fact and because there is no emission factor per square meter produced in the case of PV production, Hungarian inventory does not include the emission of this activity.

Nevertheless, since 2020 the factory will no longer be operating only as planned in the test plant, Hungary will pay increased losses for the most accurate calculation, in which we will be happy to receive any help later.

Nevertheless, as this plant will no longer only operate as test operation after 2020, Hungary will pay more attention to this potential source in order to the most accurate calculation.

4.9 Fluorinated substitutes for ozone depleting substances (CRF sector 2.F)

4.9.1 Overview of sector (2.F)

Emitted gases: HFC-23, HFC-32, HFC-125, HFC-134a, HFC-143a, HFC-152a, HFC-227ea, HFC-236fa, HFC-365mfc, PFC116 (C₂F₆), PFC218 (C₃F₈), PFC-5-1-14 (C₆F₁₄)

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: CS, D

Key sources: Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (2.F.1)

HFCs or their blends are mainly used in household, commercial, industrial, transport refrigeration and air conditioning equipment; fire suppression and explosion protection equipment; in aerosol products; by solvent cleaning; as foam blowing agents and other applications.

Category 2.F includes Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (2.F.1.), Foam blowing agents (2.F.2.), Fire protection (2.F.3.), Aerosols/Metered Dose Inhalers (2.F.4.) and Solvents (2.F.5.). These categories use HFCs (fluorinated hydrocarbons) and PFCs (perfluorocarbons) which are alternatives to ozone depleting substances (CFCs, HCFCs, etc.) being phased out under the Montreal Protocol. HFCs are chemicals contain hydrogen, carbon and fluorine, while PFCs contain only carbon and fluorine. HFCs and PFCs might be used alone or mixed in blends. PFCs were started to be used as an ingredient of cooling blends in 1997. In 1998 and 1999, some quantities were also used for adhesive tape production. Please note that PFCs are also emitted during aluminium production to be reported in sector 2.C.3 that used to be the main source of PFCs in the beginning of the time-series, but stopped in 2005.

In Hungary HFCs, PFs, SF₆ and NF₃ are not produced, these gases are all imported for the whole timeseries. HFCs and PFCs, SF₆ and NF₃ are included under the UNFCCC as they have high global warming potentials (GWPs). New GWPs from the IPCC 4th Assessment Report are applied as it is required by 24/CP.19 UNFCCC Guidelines (**4.9.1. Table**). The applicable GWPs are determined based on the effects of greenhouse gases over a 100-year time horizon as provided by the IPCC in its Fourth Assessment Report.

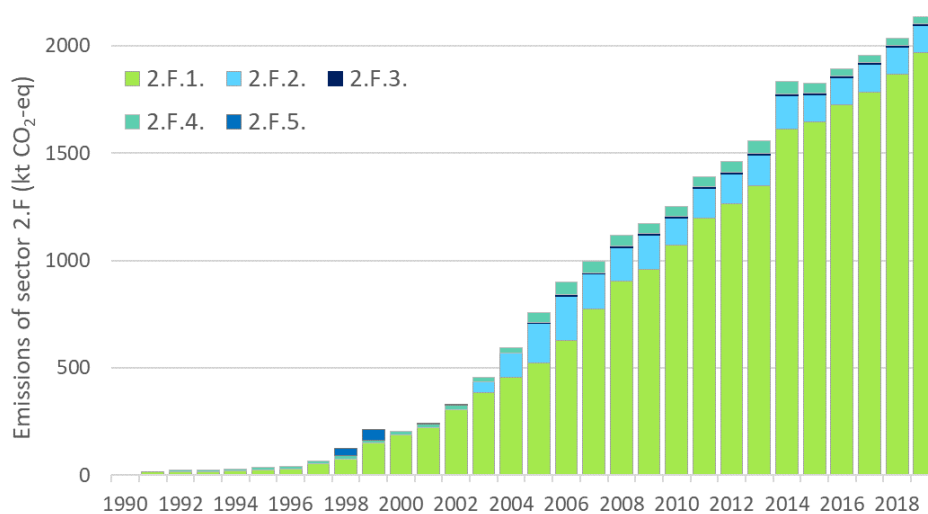
4.9.1. Table: The list of relevant F-gases in Hungary with GWP values to be used are defined in Annex III of Decision 24/CP.19

<i>Greenhouse gas</i>	<i>Global warming potentials (GWP)</i>	<i>Greenhouse gas</i>	<i>Global warming potentials (GWP)</i>
HFC-23	14800	HFC-245ca	693
HFC-32	675	HFC-245fa	1030
HFC-125	3500	HFC-365mfc	794
HFC-134a	1430	PFC-14	7390
HFC-143a	4470	PFC-116	12200
HFC-152a	124	PFC-218	8830
HFC-227ea	3220	SF ₆	22800
HFC-236fa	9810	NF ₃	17200

Trend

Use of HFCs started in 1990, first in mobile air-conditioners and household refrigerators. Furthermore, F-gases in medical aerosols has been used since 1992 (and using of it is still significant today). Then the use of HFCs and PFCs as a refrigerant in household refrigerators has strongly declined (for example the only Hungarian producer of household refrigerators uses exclusively R600 (isobutane) for years), and commercial, industrial refrigeration and air-conditioning became more and more important.

Coverage of all gases and all 2.F.1 subsectors are ensured by the fact that both a Hungarian and an EU-level Regulation are in force that require quite detailed data provision. The scope (list of gases to be reported) of Govt. Decree 14/2015. on fluorinated gases is the same as the scope of 517/2014/EC Regulation of the EU on F-gases, which is the same as the UNFCCC (before February 2015, the Govt. Decree 310/2008. and the Regulation No 517/2014/EC were in force in Hungary).



4.9.1. Figure: Trend of emission from 2.F.1 between 1990 and 2019 (kt CO₂-eq)

Emissions of F-gases are continuously increasing. In average a four-fifths (for the whole timeseries it is between 60-100%) of category 2.F come from the operation of refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment containing F-gases. In 2019, this category accounts for 92% of total 2.F emissions. The second largest subsector is 2.F.2. (Foam blowing agent), which is accounts for 6 percent of total 2.F emissions. Despite the continuous regulation of high GWP gases emission has not already stopped in this sector. Due to charging into new equipment a lot of cooling systems have been operated with gases which have higher GWP and this is the reason of this trend.

Emissions are to be reported by gas in the inventory (Figure 4.9.1.), so the blends/preparations containing different F-gases need to be proportionated.

Trend of emissions of fluorinated greenhouse gases is presented in **Table 4.9.2.**

4.9.2. Table: Emission from 2.F by subcategories between 1990 and 2019

	2.F.1.	2.F.2.	2.F.3.	2.F.4.	2.F.5.	SUM
	kt CO₂-equivalent					
1990	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.00
1991	15.136	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	15.14
1992	15.478	0.000	0.000	10.038	0.000	25.52
1993	15.747	0.000	0.000	10.530	0.000	26.28
1994	19.657	0.000	0.000	11.078	0.000	30.73
1995	24.373	0.000	0.000	11.679	0.000	36.05
1996	29.538	0.000	0.000	12.532	0.000	42.07
1997	52.686	0.000	0.000	13.445	0.000	66.13
1998	76.899	0.000	0.000	14.520	33.327	124.75
1999	150.852	0.000	0.000	13.874	50.745	215.47
2000	188.598	0.000	0.354	16.081	0.000	205.03
2001	221.255	0.000	0.563	17.835	4.314	243.97
2002	306.418	0.000	0.952	19.295	4.314	330.98
2003	383.520	50.768	1.758	21.041	0.000	457.09
2004	456.951	110.370	3.530	22.727	0.000	593.58
2005	523.414	183.823	5.986	43.364	0.000	756.59
2006	627.426	205.803	6.699	58.925	0.000	898.85
2007	774.988	161.055	6.733	53.918	0.000	996.69
2008	904.672	154.169	6.602	52.060	0.000	1117.50
2009	960.257	158.270	7.359	46.466	0.000	1172.35
2010	1069.703	128.964	8.319	46.282	0.000	1253.27
2011	1197.639	136.360	8.623	48.735	0.000	1391.36
2012	1264.830	137.975	8.557	51.387	0.000	1462.75
2013	1346.489	145.538	8.375	56.231	0.000	1556.63
2014	1611.041	156.917	8.132	57.585	0.000	1833.67
2015	1644.208	128.093	7.954	45.223	0.000	1825.48
2016	1723.362	127.705	7.638	33.458	0.000	1892.16
2017	1783.907	128.181	7.397	34.035	0.000	1953.52
2018	1865.215	128.719	7.105	34.545	0.000	2035.58
2019	1965.572	128.794	7.197	35.017	0.000	2136.58

Methodological issues

Following table summarizes the methodologies used for each subcategory in 2.F. Detailed information of these methods are explained in the following chapters.

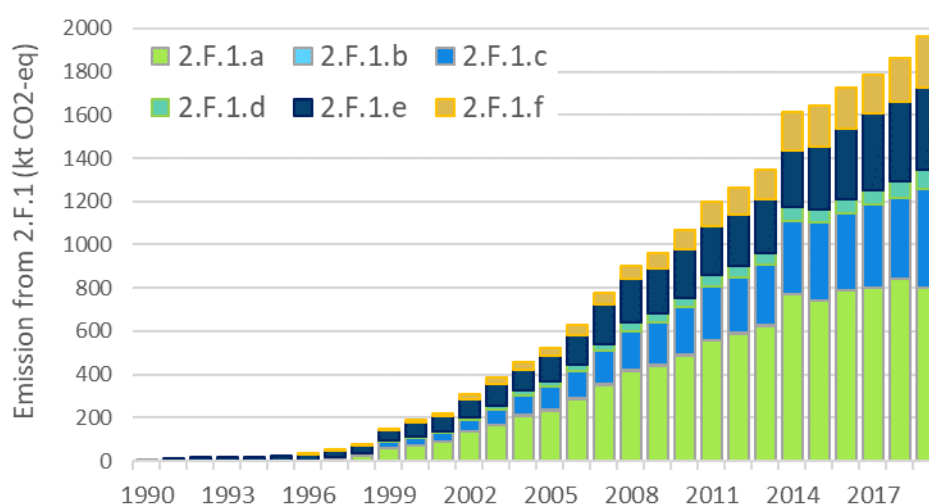
4.9.3. Table: *Overview of methods, emitted gases and emission factors used in category 2.F.*

	CRF Code	Emitted gases	Method	EF
Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning	2.F.1	HFCs, PFCs	Tier2	CS, D
Foam blowing agents	2.F.2	HFCs	Tier2	CS
Fire protection	2.F.3	HFCs	Tier1	D
Aerosols	2.F.4	HFCs	Tier2	CS, D
Solvents	2.F.5	HFCs, PFCs	Tier2	CS

4.9.2 Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (2.F.1)

4.9.2.1 Source Category Description (2.F.1)

Emission from 2.F.1. is continuously increasing, its trend is depicted on **Figure 4.9.3**. The major share 41% in the range of actual emissions for year 2019 belongs to the subcategory 2.F.1.a. Subcategory 2.F.1.c, 2.F.1.e, 2.F.1.f, 2.F.1.d and 2.F.1.b accounts for 23%, 19%, 12%, 4.5 % and 0.0% of total 2.F.1 emissions, respectively.



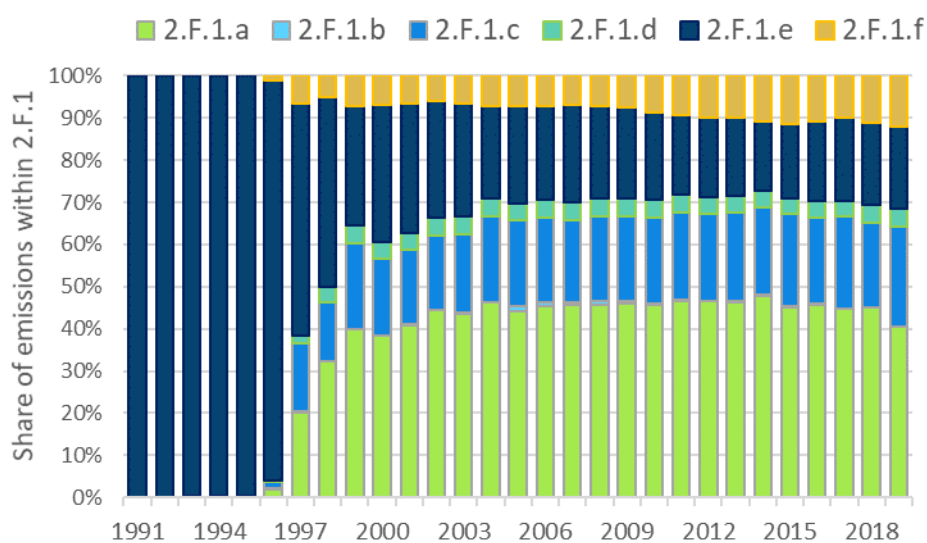
4.9.2. Figure: Emission from 2.F.1 by subcategories

4.9.4. Table: Emission from 2.F.1 by subcategories

YEARS	2.F.1.a	2.F.1.b	2.F.1.c	2.F.1.d	2.F.1.e	2.F.1.f	SUM
	kt CO ₂ -equivalent						
1990	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1991	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.13	0.00	15.14
1992	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	15.45	0.00	15.48
1993	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	15.70	0.00	15.75
1994	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	19.59	0.00	19.66
1995	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	24.29	0.00	24.37
1996	0.57	0.10	0.47	0.04	28.07	0.29	29.54
1997	10.60	0.11	8.58	0.92	29.07	3.41	52.69
1998	24.76	0.12	10.68	2.80	34.57	3.97	76.90
1999	60.13	0.13	30.77	6.17	43.03	10.62	150.85
2000	72.10	0.13	34.71	7.08	61.75	12.82	188.60
2001	90.49	0.14	39.46	8.88	67.78	14.51	221.26
2002	136.33	0.15	53.46	13.53	84.33	18.62	306.42
2003	166.72	0.91	71.80	16.14	102.34	25.61	383.52

YEARS	2.F.1.a	2.F.1.b	2.F.1.c	2.F.1.d	2.F.1.e	2.F.1.f	SUM
	kt CO ₂ -equivalent						
2004	211.08	0.91	92.61	20.02	99.48	32.85	456.95
2005	231.65	6.34	105.69	21.64	119.92	38.18	523.41
2006	284.50	5.83	126.46	26.63	138.84	45.16	627.43
2007	352.94	5.85	150.50	33.37	179.64	52.68	774.99
2008	414.15	6.23	181.94	38.78	199.65	63.92	904.67
2009	442.14	4.47	192.35	40.77	208.03	72.50	960.26
2010	487.59	2.67	220.49	44.06	222.96	91.94	1069.70
2011	557.34	2.63	248.70	50.30	225.85	112.82	1197.64
2012	587.84	2.86	259.54	51.62	235.51	127.47	1264.83
2013	624.53	2.29	283.11	53.64	248.26	134.66	1346.49
2014	771.66	1.71	334.49	65.09	264.61	173.48	1611.04
2015	742.68	1.24	361.95	59.58	288.60	190.15	1644.21
2016	789.18	1.27	354.59	64.02	329.12	185.18	1723.36
2017	798.28	0.49	389.11	64.75	352.67	178.62	1783.91
2018	843.28	0.15	370.38	79.11	365.56	206.73	1865.22
2019	799.16	0.02	460.27	88.08	381.28	236.76	1965.57

Share of emissions within category 2.F.1 is shown in the following Figure. Use of HFCs started in the beginning of 1990s, first in mobile air-conditioners and household refrigerators. Then the use of HFCs as a refrigerant in household refrigerators has strongly declined (for example the only Hungarian producer of household refrigerators uses exclusively R600 (isobutane) for years), and commercial, industrial refrigeration and air-conditioning became more and more important.



4.9.3. Figure: Share of emissions within category 2.F.1 (%)

4.9.2.2 Methodological issues (2.F.1)

4.9.5. Table: Emission factors used for calculations

Subcategory	QG	Emitted gases	Lifetime [years]	Emission factor	
				Lifetime (x) [%]	Initial charge remaining (p) [%]
Commercial Refrigeration	2.F.1.a	HFCs, PFCs	15	35.0	50.0
Domestic Refrigeration	2.F.1.b	HFC	15	0.03	95.6
Industrial Refrigeration	2.F.1.c	HFCs, PFCs	25	25.0	70.0
Transport Refrigeration	2.F.1.d	HFCs, PFCs	15	50.0	20.0
Mobile Air-Conditioning	2.F.1.e	HFCs	15	15.0	16.7
Stationary Air-Conditioning	2.F.1.f	HFCs, PFCs	12	15.0	80.0

Emission factors, summarized in previous table have been determined based on expert estimates and 2006 IPCC Guidelines. *Emission factor x* is the average annual leakage and average annual emissions during servicing (%). *Emission factor p* is the residual charge of HFC in equipment being disposed (expressed in percentage of full charge, %).

History of improvements

Before submission 2019, Hungary used the mass-balance approach for the estimation of emissions from the whole 2.F.1 category. So, Equation 7.9 from Vol.3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied, where data on annual sales of new refrigerant; total charge of new equipment. original total charge of retiring equipment and amount of intentional destruction is needed.

During the 2017 submission, the ERT recommended that instead of Tier1, Hungary use the Tier 2 method for 2.F.1. category. Instead of dividing sector 2.F.1. to sub-categories based on a study, Hungary should collect more data by sub-categories. In order to follow the recommendations and to obtain the most reliable data for the estimates of HFCs and PFCs emissions from this category including emissions from F-gases imported and exported in bulk and also in equipments, the following changes were implemented for submission 2019:

For years the mass-balance approach and the 'top-down' approach were applied for all sub-categories in 2.F.1. For the following applications a 'bottom-up' approach had been applied relying on statistics and expert estimations:

- Domestic Refrigeration (2.F.1.b)
- Mobile Air -Conditioning (2.F.1.e)

The amount of HFC-134a used for fill and refill products in subcategories Mobile Air-Conditioning and Domestic refrigerator was subtracted from the amount of imported and exported chemicals in bulk (for HFC-134a), as these amounts are already accounted for.

For the other four sub-categories, Hungary used chemical sales which is based on the amount of exported and imported F-gases. In these sub-categories Hungary used the same approach as before completed with an estimation of exported and imported F-gases in equipments, so disposal emissions from prefilled equipment appear in the inventory. So, Hungary was used the combination of Tier 1 and Tier 2 approach for the estimation of emissions until submission 2021.

Up to submission 2020, recovery of refrigerants was not considered in the calculations. Previous submission, according to the ERT recommendation recovery efficiency was developed for subcategories of 2F1. Therefore, the amount of emission from disposal was recalculated based on the amount of fluid in operating systems. For these sub-categories we used the same allocation of refrigerants as in previous submissions except for HFC-134a. For the latter, the proportion of the amounts in operating systems as contained in the F-gas database was taken into account.

The calculation of recovery efficiency was based on data from the F-gas database, which has been operating since 2010. Generally, according to the Hungarian experts, recovery efficiency has been increasing over the past years. As before 2010 Hungary has no further information about the efficiency of disposal, it was supposed that before 2010 recovery was negligible. To consider the imported products and equipment containing F-gases in the calculations the following method was applied previous submissions: the Hungarian 'F-gas database' includes the amount of imported F-gases in prefilled equipment since 2015. The most relevant blend contained in imported equipment is R410A (50% HFC-32 and 50% HFC-125) based on the Hungarian 'F-gas database'. Imported F-gases contained in equipment is calculated according to the database. The rate of the amount of fluid in operation systems and the amount of imported R410A in equipment are taken into consideration in the calculations. The calculated percentages for the amounts of F-gases contained in net imported products are 22% and 7% for HFC-32 and 125, respectively.

Activity data

Annual sales data is calculated as the difference of import and export of bulk chemicals. Documented, consistent time-series of import-export exists since 1992, thanks to the fact that the former Ministry for Environment, Nature and Water collected this data together with annual sales data of ozone depleting substances directly from the wholesaler companies. HMS has always been in a strong cooperation with the Ministry, so this data was used for the calculation of the inventory, together with the additional information collected directly by HMS when it was necessary.

By entry into force of Govt. Decree 310/2008 (XII.20.) the task of data collection was transferred to the Hungarian Monitoring Body for Certification (HMBC) as it is described in 2.F General chapter above. HMS receives the data needed from the HMBC database for the preparation of the inventory still through the ministry responsible for environment (Ministry for Agriculture). Consistency of the time series is ensured by the fact that it was checked that the wholesale companies reporting to the Ministry of that time are the same companies that report to the HMBC database too (except for the natural changes of the market, like cessations and entries of course).

The Hungarian Monitoring and Certification Body was also appointed for certification of persons required by 842/2006/EC ("EU F-gas Regulation"). HMBC and the database were maintained by the Association of Cooling and Air Conditioning Businesses. Govt. Decree 310/2008. (XII.20.) was replaced by Govt. Decree 14/2015 (II.20) that moves the responsibilities of HMBC to the newly established National Climate Protection Authority. With the adoption of Government Decree No 14/2015. (II.10.) on the conditions of activities with fluorinated greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substance the

Authority was established on February 18, 2015 and its tasks were defined. HMBC database was renamed as 'F-gas database'.

Examining data exist in F-gas database, Hungary has realized that data by sub-application are accurate only from 2017. Amount of HFCs and PFCs banked in existing systems per sub-application serves as the basis for the calculations.

New method

In order to develop a Tier 2 methodology, further data collection and detailed data analysis were required. In addition to the above, it was recommended to Hungary uses the emission factor (Tier2a) approach in this sector. As, availability of data has not expanded enough to Hungary use top-down approach in every subcategory (in 2.F.1), data on chemical sales also plays an important role in the calculations. In subcategories, where top-down approach was improved in earlier years, there was some changes in the calculation method in order to meet the emission factor approach. These changes and the emission factors will be specified in the relevant chapters.

In general, the equation 7.10-7.14 of Chapter 7.5.2.1 on Choice of method from 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used:

$$E_{total, t} = E_{charge, t} + E_{lifetime, t} + E_{end-of-life, t}$$

where:

- $E_{charge, t}$: the emission during system assembly (as in Hungary manufacturing of refrigerators and air-conditioning systems is not appears, only assembly losses are taken into account),
- $E_{lifetime, t}$: the amount of F-gas emitted during system operation,
- $E_{end-of-life, t}$: the amount of HFC and PFC emission at system disposal in year t.

$E_{containers}$ have been left out of the equation, due to emission related to management of refrigerant containers is typically less than 0.05% in Hungary (according to a Hungarian expert of the biggest F-gas distributor). Hungary would like to improve this value by several experts later.

Previous equation consists of the following terms:

1. Refrigerant charge emissions of new equipment:

$$E_{charge, t} = M_t \cdot \frac{k}{100}$$

where:

- M_t : amount of HFC charged into new equipment in year t (per sub-application), kg

- k : emission factor of assembly losses of the HFC charged into new equipment (per sub-application), %

2. Emission during lifetime (operation and servicing):

$$E_{lifetime,t} = B_t \cdot \frac{x}{100}$$

where:

- B_t : amount of HFC banked in existing systems in year t (per sub-application), kg
- x : annual emission rate of HFC of each sub-application bank during operation accounting for average annual leakage and average annual emissions during servicing , %

3. Emissions at end-of-life:

$$E_{end-of-life,t} = M_{t-d} \cdot \frac{p}{100} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\eta_{rec}}{100}\right)$$

where:

- M_{t-d} : amount of HFC emitted at system disposal in year t (per sub-application), kg
- p : residual charge of HFC in equipment being disposed of expressed in percentage of full charge , %
- η_{rec} : recovery efficiency at disposal, %

To make a consistent timeseries the following assumptions and methods was used:

- Hungary uses the real quantity of banked existing systems per sub-application between 2017 and 2019 for subcategories 2.F.1.a/c/d/f
- It is important to highlight, according to the legislation, all applications that are subject to leak testing are included is also required to register in the F-gas database. Refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment containing 3 kg or more of F-gases are subject to leak testing. Due to this fact smaller mobile air-conditioning systems are not obligatory to reported. Some undertaking report air-conditioning equipment in database, but this value is negligible.
- For that 3 years, rate of gases existing systems per sub-application can be quantifiable. **Table 4.9.6** includes these values.
- As less variability can be detected in the data, Hungary was used the average of that 3 years in further calculations.
- Refrigerant quantities in equipment are available as aggregated data for the whole 2.F.1 sector from 2010. These data are still unreliable at the beginning of the time series, as significant changes took place in the institutions responsible for data collection, so this data was used only from 2012. According to this, Hungary provided a timeseries by subcategory based on the percentages summarized in **Table 4.9.6** , to estimate the amount of gas in equipment.

- For years before 2012, data based on the balance of import and export. Since 2010, database contains data on how much gas was used for filling and refilling into new appliances. Hungary calculated ratios from these values between 2010 and 2015. From these 6 years an average was obtained. A share of 36% is charged to new equipment (installation) and 64% for servicing.
- These data are in proportion to the total amount of gas aggregated, not for each gas.
- 1% of the amount calculated as total charge of new equipment was taken into account as prompt emission.

4.9.6. Table: Rates of gases existing systems per sub-application

	2.F.1.a	2.F.1.c	2.F.1.d	2.F.1.	SUM
HFC-23	0%	84%	0%	16%	100%
HFC-32	9%	38%	1%	53%	100%
HFC-125	41%	34%	3%	21%	100%
HFC-134a	14%	66%	1%	19%	100%
HFC-143a	77%	16%	6%	1%	100%
HFC-152a	4%	30%	4%	62%	100%
PFC-116	1%	92%	0%	8%	100%
PFC-218	44%	15%	38%	3%	100%

The following table contains the values of recovery efficiency:

4.9.7. Table: Recovery efficiencies between 2010 and 2019 by gas (%)

Recovery efficiency	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
HFC-23	5.0	10.1	15.1	20.1	25.1	30.2	35.2	40.2	40.2	40.2
HFC-32	8.3	16.6	24.9	33.1	41.4	49.7	58.0	66.3	66.3	66.3
HFC-125	7.0	14.1	21.1	28.2	35.2	42.2	49.3	56.3	56.3	56.3
HFC-134a	4.5	9.0	13.5	18.0	22.5	27.0	31.4	35.9	35.9	35.9
HFC-143a	6.2	12.4	18.6	24.8	31.0	37.2	43.5	49.7	49.7	49.7
HFC-218	0.7	1.3	2.0	2.7	3.3	4.0	4.7	5.3	5.3	5.3

Determination of original total charge of retiring equipment is the total charge of new equipment lifetime years ago multiplied by the emission factor initial charge remaining (p), according to the equation 3 in this chapter. An average lifetime of 12 years has been applied based on Table 7.9 and chapter 7.5.2.2 on Choice of Emission Factors from Vol. 3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

4.9.2.3 Domestic refrigeration (2.F.1.b)

In Hungary, there is only one relevant household refrigerator manufacturer. Although the ban of the placing on the market of domestic refrigeration appliances containing F-gases with a GWP >150 entered into force on 1 January 2015 according to the Regulation 517/2014 (Annex III) in this factory instead of HFC-134a, R600 was used since 2008 for filling refrigerators.

The following method was applied to calculate emission from domestic refrigerators:

- The number of manufactured refrigerators and the amount of refrigerants filled in new products are available directly from the producer.
- Equations in Chapter 4.9.2. was used, emission factors are summarized in *Table 4.9.5*.
- Number of prefilled (imported) products is available from HCSO statistics.
- For calculating the charge of manufactured and prefilled domestic refrigerators, a value of 20 g is used.
- In this sub-category the lifetime of domestic refrigerators is 15 years and a value of 0.3% annual leakage rate was determined (according to the table 7.9).
- The refrigerant stock is determined according to the number of sold refrigerators in Hungary. The amount of F-gases used for servicing (refill) is calculated from the amount of filled fluid multiplied by the annual leakage rate.
- Emissions from manufacturing are not applicable (NA) because the factory used an isolated system for filling new refrigerators.

For sub-category 2.F.1.b, disposal loss factor of 100% is used until submission 2019 to avoid underestimation of emission from this category. For last submission Hungary was developed the value of this factor. In Hungary there are programmes in place in order to reform labor-saving devices since 2014 and the successfulness of this exchange program was summarized in studies. The programs are declared by Ministry for Innovation and Technology. The main target of them to households use more energy-saver devices, like refrigerators and washing machines in order to people can exchange their appliances in a more economy way. The number of changes are summarized in several studies, which are the base of used percentages by Hungary to calculate emissions from domestic refrigerators.

Due to the programme has started in 2014, data are reliable for years between 2015 and 2018. An average amount (piece of 30000) of exchanged refrigerators was multiplied by the average charge of refrigerant (20 g). The rate of this value and the amount of fluid in operating systems was used. According to the information recovery before 2005 was negligible, between 2005 and 2010 values were interpolated. So according to the ERT recommendation recovery was taken into account.

4.9.2.4 Mobile Air-conditioning (2.F.1.e)

As for Hungary, a database about the number of cars equipped with air-conditioning systems is not available, it's necessary to use more activity data for the calculations. The number of manufactured cars, the stock of road vehicles, the number of road vehicles registered for the first time in Hungary and the rate of cars equipped and not-equipped with air-conditioning systems was used in the calculations. The rate for the whole time series is based on the European vehicle categories. The following table (**Table 4.9.8**) includes the used percentages of vehicles with air-conditioning systems in manufactured cars and for stock of road vehicles.

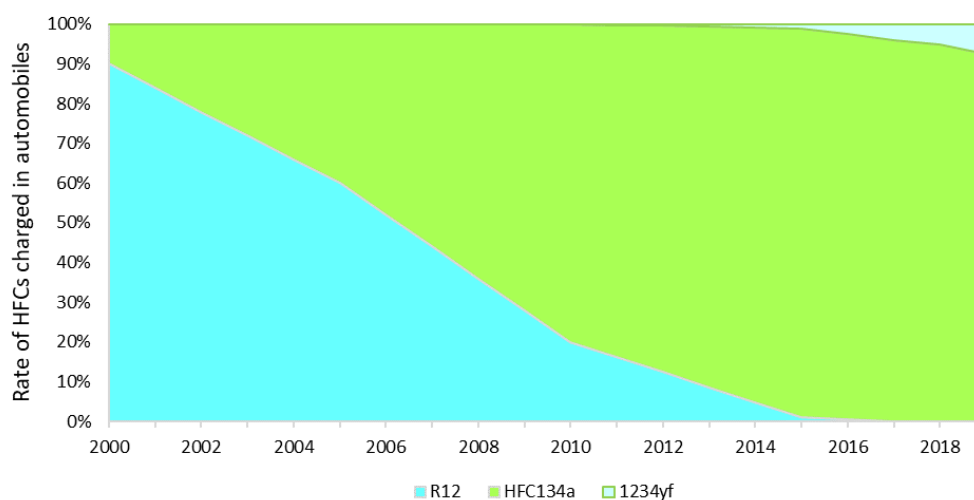
Table 4.9.8. Percentages of cars equipped with air-conditioning systems.

Year	new cars equipped with air-conditioning systems	registered cars equipped with air-conditioning systems	Year	new cars equipped with air-conditioning systems	registered cars equipped with air-conditioning systems
1991	5%	5%	2006	95%	37%
1992	5%	5%	2007	95%	45%
1993	30%	5%	2008	95%	50%
1994	30%	5%	2009	100%	53%
1995	30%	7%	2010	100%	56%
1996	60%	8%	2011	100%	57%
1997	60%	8%	2012	100%	59%
1998	60%	10%	2013	100%	61%
1999	60%	12%	2014	100%	62%
2000	85%	16%	2015	100%	64%
2001	85%	17%	2016	100%	72%
2002	85%	20%	2017	100%	74%
2003	85%	23%	2018	100%	76%
2004	85%	28%	2019	100%	78%
2005	85%	33%			

The following method was applied for calculate emission from mobile air-conditioning for cars:

- The number of manufactured cars is available directly from the manufacturers. The emission from manufactured cars is calculated by multiplying percentages of new cars with air-conditioning systems and the refrigerant charge of cars.
- The average refrigerant charge is between 700 g and 400 g (in the earlier years more refrigerant was required for mobile air-conditioners in cars).
- As the use of HFC-1234yf is more and more significant, the inventory includes the emission of HFC-1234yf from submission 2017. *Figure 4.9.4.* shows the rate of HFCs in automobiles according to an expert estimation.
- A value of 1% for leakage rate of manufacturing was used in the calculations.

- The refrigerant stock are determined according to the number of registered cars on the road, which are available from national statistics. Cars are divided according to their classification to European emission standards.
- The annual quantities of refrigerants in operating systems are calculated by multiplying the number of cars and the percentages of vehicles with air-conditioners and the average charge.
- Amount of F-gases used for servicing (refill) is calculated from the number of passenger cars multiplied by a leakage rate of 15% (following the recommendation of national experts which is in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (from table 7.9 on page 7.52 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines).
- Finally, the average lifetime is 14 years in the calculations. So, disposal emission was determined using the annual total charge of vehicles 14 years before.
- In the category mobile air-conditioning systems (2.F.1.e), emissions also from buses and railways were taken into account in this submission (until now the inventory included solely emissions from automobiles in this sub-category). In addition, activity data were revised because of clarifying the number of air-conditioned cars.
- Equations in Chapter 4.9.2. was used, emission factors are summarized in *Table 4.9.5*.
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4.9.4. Figure: Rate of quantity of HFC charged for automobiles between 2000 and 2019 (%)

Calculation method for automobiles:

- the activity data is available from national statistics (number of buses: number of manufactured buses, stock of road buses/coaches. number of road vehicles registered for the first time)
- moreover, some information (number of air-conditioned coaches and charge of the mobile air-conditioners, the refrigerant type in these vehicles) are available directly from the biggest transport companies, like Volánbusz Transport Company and BKK (Centre for Budapest Transport)
- emission from buses are calculate from 1995, because before this year Hungary has not

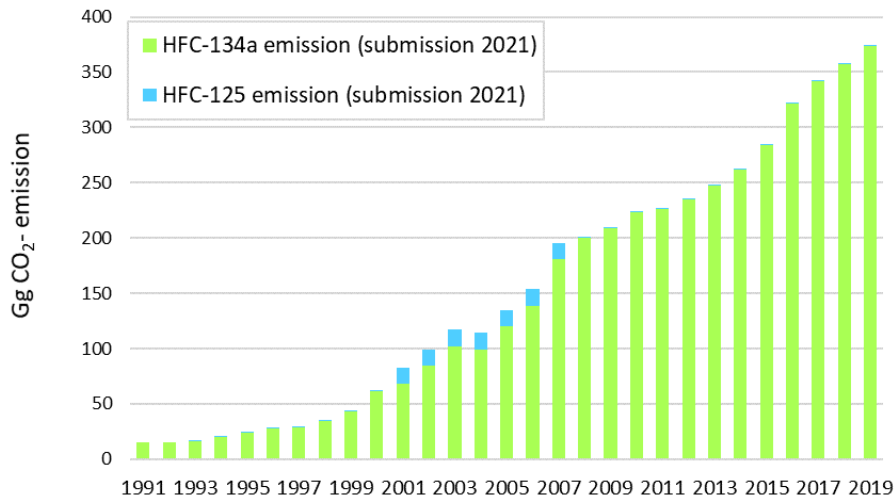
relevant data, moreover according to existing data it is negligible because of small rate of air-conditioned vehicles (1-2%)

- the refrigerant used in automobiles is HFC-134a
- the average charge is 8kg for long-distance buses, 10kg for local buses according to the companies
- a value of 15% for leakage rate was used for a year
- a value of 16.7% for initial charge remaining (p) was used
- the average lifetime is 14 years in the calculations, so disposal emission was determined using the annual total charge of vehicles 14 years before
- amount of F-gases used for servicing (refill) is calculated from the quantity of refrigerant charge in air-conditioners, number of air-conditioned buses multiplied by a leakage rate of 15% (according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (from table 7.9 on page 7.52 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines)

Calculation method for trains:

- data on stock of trains and the used refrigerant type and the refrigerant quantity are available from the company which has the main activity in railway passenger transportation
- for every kind of trains the type and the quantity of charged refrigerant data is available directly from the aforesaid company (12 kg, 41 kg and 27 kg)
- in mobile air-conditioners of trains HFC-134a, HFC-422D are charged (90% is HFC-134a)
- emission from disposal is not occurring
- leakage rate is 15 % for this sub-category

Up to now, emission of HFC-1234yf was not considered in the calculations. In this submission, an expert estimation was applied to refine the emission from automobiles.



4.9.5. Figure: Emission of different gases from 2.F.1.e Mobile Air-Conditioning (kt CO₂-eq)

4.9.2.5 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated taking into account the uncertainty of a legally binding data provision of the companies.

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.F.1 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment - HFC+PFC	10	10	14.14

In response to the recommendation of 2019 review, methodology for automobiles and trains are provided in this submission of the NIR (Ch. 4.9.1.2.3).

4.9.3 Foam Blowing (CRF sector 2.F.2)

Emitted gases: HFC 134a, HFC-152a, HFC-227ea, HFC-365mfc

Methods: T2

Emission factors: CS

Key sources: none

4.9.3.1 Source category description (2.F.2.)

Hydrofluorocarbons have been used in foam blowing industry, mainly as replacements for CFCs and HCFCs. There are 2 types of foam blowing, which are open-cell and close-cell products. The main characteristic of the open-cell foam is emission occur during the manufacturing process and shortly after it.

On the other hand, HFC emission from close-cell foams occurs throughout the products lifetime (during use). These products are polyurethane foams and extruded polystyrene foams (XPS) and these are used mainly for insulating applications.

4.9.3.2 Methodological issues (2.F.2.)

Country specific method is applied using activity data derived from PRODCOM statistics and emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. This method has been developed due to the requirement of ERT during 2012 review and has been checked during the EU MS Support Project.

The new method of 2006 IPCC Guidelines is basically different because it encourages the inclusion of emissions from decommissioning and recovery. Please note that no decommissioning losses and destroyed quantity are reported currently but at the moment no product have yet reached the estimated (default) end of lifetime and no specific information is available on any destructed quantity or recycling technology.

Emissions of different gases from 2.F.2 Foam blowing sector are summarized in *Figure 4.9.5* .

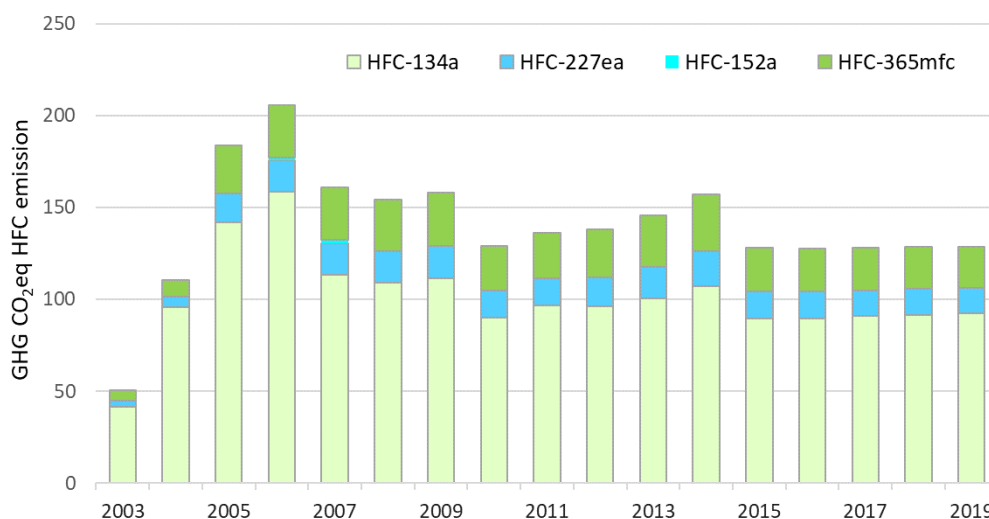


Figure 4.9.6. Emission of different gases from 2.F.2 Foam blowing (kt CO₂-eq)

At the moment, we have no information on the use of HFC-245fa as foam blowing agent in Hungary. Until 2013 there was no reporting on any import or export of this gas into Hungary and the emission estimation method in 2.F.2 subsector does not include this gas either.

4.9.3.3 Activity data (2.F.2)

As it is stated in both Guidelines and NIRs of other parties: „it is extremely difficult to collect activity data...” Indeed, no direct data or statistics are available on the HFCs imported in products, neither on the amount of HFCs present in products. So, there was only the possibility to start from the viewpoint of the foam products, as it was discovered that in fact PRODCOM statistics (Statistics on the production of manufactured goods published on the website of EUROStat and Hungarian Central Statistical Office) contain both import-export and production data of two foam types.

These are: 22214120 - Cellular plates, sheet, film, foil and strip of polymers of styrene (containing XPS) and 22214150 - Cellular plates, sheets, film, foil and strip of polyurethanes (PUR).

In order to get the amount of HFC blown into foam products, the percentage of blowing agent within foam products, proportion of HFCs within foam blowing agents and proportion of type of HFC is also needed, as it follows:

Chemical used in Foam Manufacture (HFC filled in new products) = domestic production of year t of foam product (t) * blowing agent/ foam type (%) * HFC blowing agent / all blowing agents (%) * HFC-type / all HFC (%)

(**Chemical used in Foam Manufacture** data is to be multiplied by “first year loss” EF in order to calculate the **emissions from manufacturing**.)

Chemical emitted during the lifetime of closed cell foams (HFC charged into the product) = production + import - export of the foam type (t) * blowing agent/ foam type (%) * HFC blowing agent / all blowing agents (%) * HFC-type / all HFC (%)

(**Chemical emitted during the lifetime of closed cell foams** data is to be accumulated as many years as the lifetime of the foam product and to be multiplied by “annual loss” EF in order to calculate the **emissions from stocks**.)

In this way, **Chemical used in foam manufacture** and **Chemical emitted during the lifetime of closed cell foams** required by eq. 7.7 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines has been expressed, so default EF-s from Table 7.5 and 7.6 could be used. In this method both the amounts imported in bulk (**Chemical used in foam manufacture**) and in products (within **Chemical emitted during the lifetime**) are accounted. The double usage of statistical data of foam production does not result double count in emissions, since in the first case it is used to determine the emissions from manufacturing occurred in Hungary even if the product is exported and in the second case it is needed to determine the amount of foam products remaining in the country responsible for the emissions from stocks.

The following **Table 4.9.9** summarizes the values and their references used in the calculation.

Table 4.9.9. Summary of factors used by the calculation in 2.F.2

	XPS	PUR	Reference
domestic production of year t of foam product (t)	Prodcum Statistics		http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/prodcom/data/databas e
production+import-export of the foam type (t)			
blowing agent/ foam type (%)	6%	8%	Revised IPCC1996 page2.59 (6-15%) and IPCC/TEAP study (please see References)
HFC blowing agent / all blowing agents (%)	40% and decreasing until 20%	20% and decreasing until 10%	DG Climate F-gases Reg.Review Study and IPCC/TEAP study (please see References) and suggestion received during EU MS Support Project

Within PRODCOM 22214120 polystyrene foams category, only XPS (extruded polystyrene) type foam might be blown with HFCs. The proportion of XPS foam within polystyrene foams in the Hungarian market is estimated to be 10% by the Hungarian Association of EPS Insulating Foam Producers and another expert architect.

PRODCOM data of PUR production of 2005 to 2008 and XPS production data of 2004 and 2005 were averaged in order to avoid negative production+import-export values in the years 2006 to 2008 and to reflect better the trend. (Production data of the mentioned years are summed and divided by number of years).

HFC are used as blowing agent in foams mainly after 2003 as substitutes of ODS after the ban of CFCs and HCFCs under Montreal Protocol. Nowadays also HFCs are substituted by materials with less GWP (CO₂, Hydrocarbons, HFO, etc.) The background study of F-gases Regulation Review of DG Climate states the ratio of HFCs among the blowing agents is 40% for XPS and 20% for PUR between 2003 and 2011.

HFC use in foam blowing started in 2003 based on data reported by the intermediate material producer company (BASF).

The DG Climate study estimated that the final year of significant HFC use in foam blowing would be in 2011. However, our assumption for Hungary is 2015 (instead of 2011) based on suggestion of the IPCC/TEAP study (IPCC/TEAP. 2005), which seemed more realistic.

During the EU MS Support Project, the expert noted that the elimination of HFC blowing agent by 2015 is still not realistic and suggested to apply 20% for XPS foams and 10% for PUR foams after 2011 as well. HFC emissions of year have been recalculated based on this suggestion in sector 2.F.2.Foam.

Table 4.9.10. Proportions of HFC foam blowing agents applied by calculation in 2.F.2

		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011-2019
% of HFC blowing agent usage/All blowing agent usage in the case of	XPS products	35.6	31.1	26.7	22.2	20.0
	PUR products	17.8	15.6	13.3	11.1	10.0

The proportion of the different types of HFCs is based on the historical data reported by the intermediate material producer company (BASF). The average result is 10% HFC-227a and 90% HFC-134a. HFC-365mfc is reported the same as HFC-227ea because the company reported the use of a blend containing precise proportion of HFC -227ea and HFC-365mfc. So, HFC-365mfc is reported by multiplying the amount for HFC-227ea by this appropriate proportion. This method is the same as HFC-365mfc had been reported as cross cutting info in previous inventory submissions.

The proportion of soft foams and hard foams within PUR foams is also based on the historical data reported by the intermediate material producer company (BASF). The average result is: 10% soft foam and 90% hard foam. All soft foam is accounted as open cell foam (using eq. 7.8 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines) and all hard foam is accounted as closed cell foam (using eq.7.7 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines).

Please note that in addition to the abovementioned method, also a directly reported experimental usage of HFC-152a solely in the years 2006 and 2007 is included within the soft foam subcategory.

4.9.3.4 Emission factors (2.F.2)

Default emission factors from Table 7.6 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are used for XPS and general default emission factors from 7.5 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are used for PUR as the proportion of the different types of PUR foams is not known. Used values are summarized in **Table 4.9.11**.

Table 4.9.11. Default emission factors used from 2006 IPCC Guidelines

	XPS	PUR
lifetime	50 years	20 years
first year loss	40%	10%
annual loss	3%	4.5%

In the case of soft foams (all accounted as open-cell foam) equation 7.8 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines is used, so ALL the filled amount is emitted during manufacture.

Please note that the IEF (in CRF) is changing through the years due to the fact that EF of the Guidelines is determined by foam type. while IEF in the CRF is determined by HFC type.

4.9.3.5 Source specific recalculations, QA/QC activities. uncertainties and planned improvements (2.F.2.)

For years 2017 and 2018, the activity data has changed in PRODCOM statistics. This recalculation will affect the whole 2.F.2 category and increased the HFC emissions by 0.39 kt CO₂ equivalent and decreased the emission by 0.32 kt CO₂ equivalent in 2017.

YEAR	submission 2020 [Gg CO ₂ - eq]	submission 2021 [Gg CO ₂ - eq]	difference [Gg CO ₂ -eq]
2017	128.50	128.18	-0.32
2018	128.33	128.72	0.39

It is a planned improvement and also a further recommendation of MS Support Project to get in touch directly with producers and to verify whether HFC blowing agents have been used in Hungary at all, the country specific proportion of foam types and HFC types used.

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.F.2 Foam Blowing – HFC	50	21	54.23

4.9.4 Fire Extinguishers (CRF sector 2.F.3)

Emitted gases: HFC 125, HFC-227ea, HFC-134a

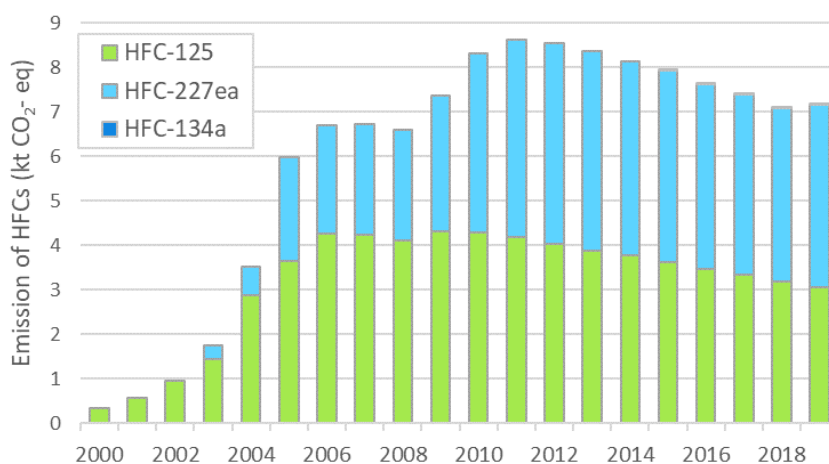
Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key sources: none

4.9.4.1 Source Category Description (2.F.3.)

Until the beginning of 1990s, halon systems were the second wide-spread fire extinguishers after dry chemical powder extinguishing systems. Because halons do not contain hydrogen, these are inflammable. According to the Montreal Protocol these substances were phased out. Nowadays fire protection equipment is filled with HFCs as partial replacement for halons. In Hungary, mainly HFC-125 and HFC-227ea gases are the most widespread in fire extinguishing systems.



4.9.7. Figure: Emission of different gases from 2.F.3 Fire Extinguishers from year 2000 (kt CO₂-eq)

4.9.4.2 Methodological issues (2.F.3)

Activity data for this subcategory is collected by the Fire Protection Department of the National Directorate General for Disaster Management. Ministry of the Interior as part of the yearly national statistical data collection program. This data is available from 2000 and ensures the full coverage of the country on installed fire protection equipment. In addition, it includes the amount of import in products; however, it is not possible to separate from import in bulk.

The consumptions of the years are accumulated as a “bank”, and emissions of a given year is calculated as a certain (default) percent of this “bank”.

After submission 2020, Hungary has contacted with an expert who highlighted that lifetime of these devices in Hungary is usually 20 years (in agreement with IPCC Guidelines - the Guideline recommends to use years between 15 and 20 for lifetime years.). Moreover, Hungarian legislations includes this fact for fire extinguishers. Therefore, for submission 2021 March this factor had been changed (from 15 to 20 years), so the first year when the disposal emission appears will be in 2020. In addition, as there are no accurate statistics on the recovery rate in this sector, this factor is still considered to be zero, based

on the IPCC Guidelines (Chapter 7.6.2.2) and Hungary try to make further efforts to estimate recovery efficiency.

The following default emission factors have been applied:

Annual operational emission % per installed base	4%
Lifetime years	20

(source: 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 7.6.2.2. Tier 1 methodology)

4.9.4.3 Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvement

2.F.3 – Recalculation was implemented in this submission as there the lifetime years was determined as 15, while in Hungary - according to the legislations - the lifetime of fire extinguishers including F-gases is 20 years. However, an additional error has been recognized after submission 2020, which caused changes for later years as well. The effect of recalculations is summarized in the following table.

4.9.12. Table: Changes in the emissions from 2.F.3. due to recalculations for period 2016-2018

YEAR	Submission 2020 [Gg CO2-eq]	Submission 2021 [Gg CO2-eq]	Difference [Gg CO2- eq]
2016	7.32	7.64	0.32
2017	7.40	7.40	-0.01
2018	6.28	7.11	0.82

Uncertainties are estimated based on the 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 7.6.4 regarding activity data and chapter 7.6.2.2 regarding the emission factor. where it is stated: “factor range of 2 to 6 percent (that is 4 % +/-2%)”

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.F.3 Fire extinguishers - HFC	20	2	15.13

4.9.5 Aerosols and Metered Dose Inhalers (CRF sector 2.F.4)

Emitted gas: HFC-152a, HFC-134a

Methods: T2

Emission factors: CS, D

Key sources: none

This category includes metered-dose inhalers (MDI) which are used in medical products and general-purpose aerosols. Most aerosol packages contain mainly hydrocarbons (HC) as propellants, but in a small fraction also HFCs are used, especially HFC-134a in industrial, household and medical applications. The graph below (*Figure 4.9.7.*) shows the emission of F-gases from this sub-category. The main substance is HFC-134a. Emission of HFC-152a from general-purpose aerosols is almost negligible.

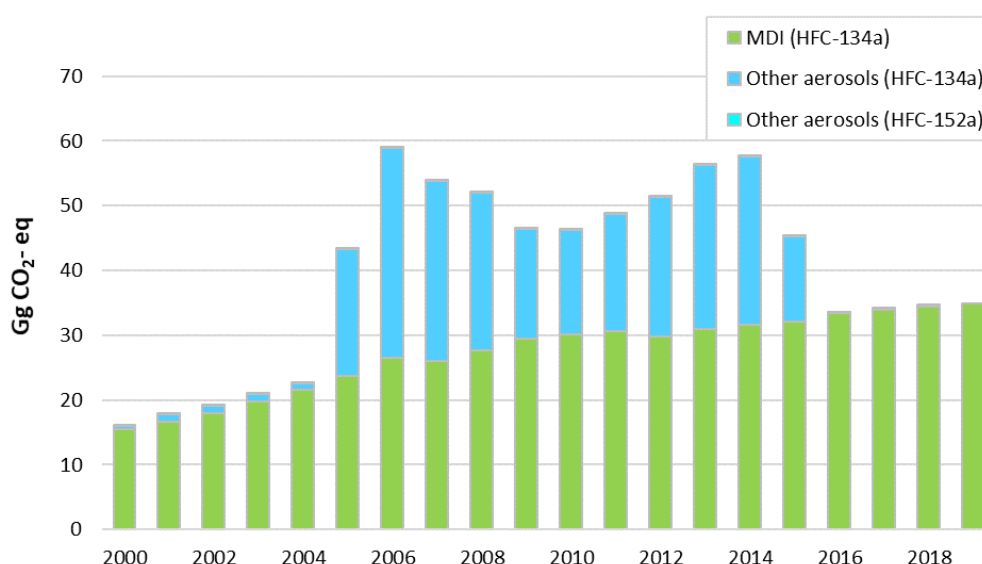


Figure 4.9.8. Trend of emission in sector 2.F.4 Aerosols and MDI

4.9.5.1 Metered-dose inhalers (2.F.4.a)

Emitted gas: HFC-134a

Methods: T2

Emission factors: CS

Key sources: none

4.9.5.1.1 Source Category Description (2.F.4.a)

Metered-dose inhalers are used in medical appliances, primarily for the treatment of asthma and COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). As for medical aerosols, F-gases are today only used in MDIs, not in nebulizers. These medical products with HFC propellant first reached the Hungary market in 1992.

4.9.5.1.2 Methodological issues (2.F.4.a)

In the MDI sector the Tier2a method, i.e. the user-based approach was applied. Activity data of metered-dose inhalers subcategory was the consumption of MDIs. So. data on production was not used here. The emissions are calculated from the number of MDIs (HFC quantities) sold per year in Hungary. Emissions from aerosols should be calculated using the same method for each year in the time series. For the early years in the time series. the splicing technique. the overlap method was applied to form a complete time series (find detailed description in the following chapter).

4.9.5.1.3 Activity data (2.F.4.a)

Data of annual sales from National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition was used between 2006 and 2015. The number of total consumption and the filled quantity in every aerosol was available. The typical charge contained in product is between 5 and 18 g. Before 2006 and after 2015 the overlap technique was applied to complete the time series. To estimate emissions for these years, the relationship between the consumption and the number of asthma and COPD (patients) cases was used applying the method of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 5.3.3.1.

Equation 5.1. from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied.

$$y_t = x_t \cdot \frac{\sum_{i=m}^m y_i}{\sum_{i=m}^m x_i}$$

where: y_t – the estimated AD (the amount of the HFC quantities) in year t

x_t – the number of patients in year t

y_i – the amount of the HFC quantities in year i

x_i – the number of patients in year i.

As the difference between the average of the overlap for these 10 years (2006-2015) (19.6%) and the overlap of the first year (2006) (16.3%) is significant and the latter is more representative. we have chosen to use the overlap for the first year. For years between 2016 and 2018 the overlap of year 2015 was used (21.2%). The graph (*Figure 4.9.8*) below shows the relationship between the quantity of the gas and the number of patients.

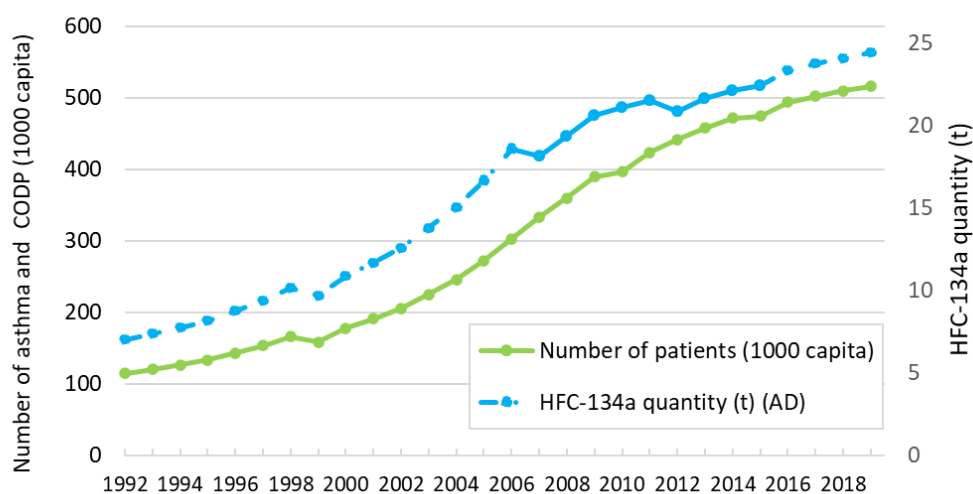


Figure 4.9.9. Activity data of the 2.F.4.a subcategory

In the CRF table the activity data „In operation system” (the annual average stocks) and „Emission from stocks” is the same amount, because the time period between sales and use is short (product lifetime is one year). Hungary uses notation key ‘NO’ in CRF for ‘filled into new manufactured products’, as Hungary uses the user-based approach.

4.9.5.1.4 Emission factors (2.F.4.a)

In the calculations, instead of the manufactured inhalers, the purchased aerosols were used. MDIs are prescription medicine and in Hungary it is rigorously regulated. In the calculations, it was assumed that the emission level corresponded to 100% of usage (i.e. purchased aerosols), because the time period between sales and use is short. Moreover, inhaled gases are emitted into the atmosphere, without undergoing any changes (according to the IPCC specifications (2006 IPCC Guidelines, Vol. 3, p. 7.28)). In consequence, a country-specific emission factor was used (EF=1).

4.9.5.1.5 Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvements (2.F.4.a)

There was no recalculation in this year.

4.9.5.2 Other aerosols (2.F.4.b)

Emitted gas: HFC-134a, HFC-152a

Methods: T2

Emission factors: D

Key sources: none

4.9.5.2.1 Source Category Description (2.F.4.b)

Other aerosols include personal care products, household products, special cleaning sprays etc. In these cans HFC-134a, HFC-152 and HFC-227 are the most prevalent gases.

4.9.5.2.2 Methodological issues (2.F.4.b)

For 2F4b (other aerosols) the Tier 2a method was applied from IPCC2006 Guidelines, which means that "half of the chemical charge escapes within the first year and the remaining charge escapes during the second year" (chapter 7.3.2.2. of the IPCC2006). A 50% emissions in use of aerosols is assumed.

4.9.5.2.3 Emission factors (2.F.4.b)

In line with Chapter 7.3.2.1 of the IPCC2006 the equation 7.6 was used in the course of emission calculations:

$$Emission_t = S_t \cdot EF + S_{t-1} \cdot (1 - EF),$$

where S_t is the sum of the purchases of the current year and the previous year, and EF is the emission factor ($EF= 0.5$). So, the sum of half of the purchases of the current year and half of the purchases of the previous year was considered. The equation above was applied to each chemical individually.

4.9.5.2.4 Activity data (2.F.4.b)

In subsector Aerosols, annual sales data is directly reported by the producers. So, the activity data was the consumption of purchased aerosols and the HFC quantities of aerosol cans.

In Hungary manufacturing of aerosols is not occurring. While the amount of "filled into new manufactured products" was not estimated (NE), the amount of "in operating system" was filled in as the HFC quantity of sold aerosol cans in the current year and the half the sales of the previous year.

4.9.5.2.5 Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvements (2.F.4.b)

There was no recalculation in this year.

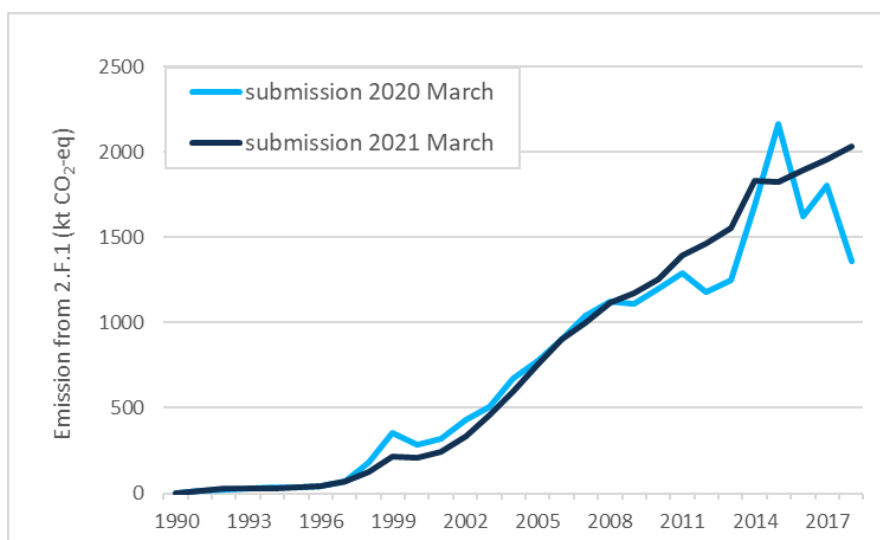
Uncertainties are estimated based on chapter 7.3.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines and taking into account that activity data is provided on one hand by individual companies, on the other hand national statistics are used.

For HFC-134a and HFC-152a in 2.F.4.b subcategory 'NE' was reported in CRF for 'filled into new manufactured products' as activity data. During the review 2019, ERT's question was referred to why this notation key was used by Hungary. In response to the recommendation Hungary has changed notation key 'NE' to 'NO' because in Hungary manufacturing of aerosols is not occurring.

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.F.4 Aerosol + MDI(HFCs)	10	50	50.99

4.9.6 Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvements (2.F.)

For submission 2021 March, 3 subcategories of 2.F. was recalculated. The most significant change was caused by recalculation of subcategory Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (2.F.1) due to improvements in the methodology. In addition, in case of 2.F.2 and 2.F.3 recalculation was applied due to revised activity data, emission factors and other minor changes. Information about these changes is available more detailed in recalculation sections of the relevant chapters.



4.9.10. Figure: Overview of recalculation of category 2.F.

A project to create a national greenhouse gas database is launched under the leadership of Ministry for Innovation and Technology. This will be a data entry and decision support IT system based on the emissions inventory. Recently, the methodological development of the F-Gas methodology has been completed, during which the methodology of the calculations for categories 2.F and 2.G has been verified. Most of the results found here have already been incorporated into this year's inventory.

4.10 Other products manufacture and use (CRF sector 2.G)

4.10.1 SF₆ use in Electronics industry (CRF sector 2.G.1)

Emitted gases: SF₆

Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key sources: none

4.10.1.1 Methodological issues (2.G.1)

SF₆ is mainly used as an insulation gas in electrical equipment, such as switchboards, switchgears. It was further used in the past as intermediate gas in double-glass heat insulation windows and production of optical bodies, etc. and in electronics industry for several years. In Hungary SF₆ is not used as a cover gas in coloured metal foundries.

The application of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines causes a major change within this sector although still the basic Tier 1 method is applied. Old Tier 1 calculation method accounted only for potential emissions, while the new Tier 1 method estimated actual emissions. As it was expected, emissions are lower using the new method (see Figure 4.10.1).

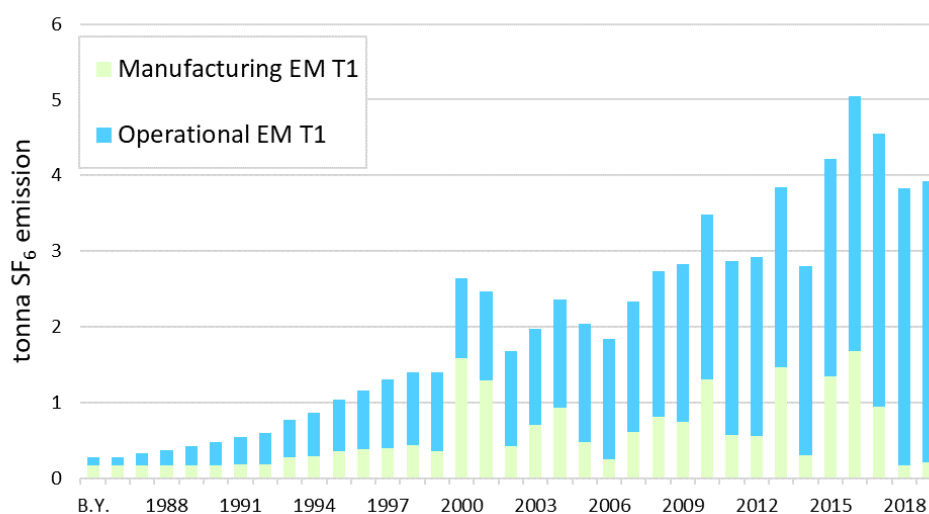


Figure 4.10.1. Trend of SF₆ emissions in 2.G.1 Electrical equipment sector (t)

4.10.1.2 Activity data (2.G.1)

Annual sales data is the basis for the calculation in the new method. as well. Data was collected from both manufacturers and the Hungarian Electrotechnical Association. The latter was appointed to data collection by 310/2008. Govt. Decree for data collection on import-export of SF₆. This is the same time-series of annual sales data that had been used by the old calculation of potential emissions in previous

submissions. However, during the review of time-series it came out that the largest equipment manufacturer did not report any export before 1998. Therefore, export data has been extrapolated using the import/export proportion of the last reported year (1998).

310/2008. Govt. Decree has now been replaced by 14/2015 (II.14) Govt. Decree that moves the responsibilities and the handling of the database to the newly established National Climate Protection Authority.

4.10.1.3 Emission factors (2.G.1)

Default emission factor from Tables 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are applied. As there is no information in the country what percent of electrical equipment are sealed pressure electrical equipment (MV switchgear) or closed pressure electrical equipment (HV switchgear) or gas insulated transformers. always the higher EFs are taken into consideration as conservative estimation.

Table 4.10.1. Emission Factors used in 2.G.1 sector

Manufacturing Emission Factor	0.085
Use Emission Factor	0.026
Fraction of SF ₆ remaining at retirement	0.930
Lifetime (years)	35

4.10.1.4 Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvements

General QA/QC procedures apply. Emission factors (and resulting time-series) have been verified with those included in "Update on global SF₆ emissions trends from electrical equipment – Edition 1.1 Ecofys Emission Scenario Initiative on Sulphur Hexafluoride for Electric Industry (ESI-SF6)". Latter EFs are lower than the EFs in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines but it is planned to potentially include in the calculation method this more up-to-date information after further verification. Uncertainties are estimated based on Table 8.5 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines, taking the highest value as conservative estimation. Activity data's uncertainties are estimated taking into account that activity data is provided by individual companies based on a legally binding data provision requirement.

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.G Other Product Manufacture and Use - SF ₆	3	40	40.11

From 2014, quantity of exported SF₆ was not taken into account, so consumption was in line with import data. This error was corrected in submission 2021, the differences due to the recalculation is included in the following table:

4.10.2. Table: Changes in the emissions from 2.G.1. due to recalculations for period 2014-2018

	submission 2021	submission 2020	difference
	[kt CO ₂ eq]		
2014	63.81	63.35	0.46
2015	96.11	96.06	0.05
2016	115.12	116.07	-0.94
2017	103.63	106.52	-2.88
2018	87.18	89.70	-2.52

4.10.2 Other applications (CRF sector 2.G.2.)

Emitted gas: SF₆

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: D

Key sources: none

4.10.2.1 Source category description (2.G.2)

SF₆ used mainly as an insulating medium in the radar systems of AWACS, in equipment in university and research particle accelerator, industrial and medical accelerators, adiabatic applications and in sound-proof windows. SF₆ used for sound-proof window production (only in the past due to the ban introduced by 842/2006/EC), scientific research and other non-defined purposes is included in sector 2.G.2.

4.10.2.2 Methodological issues

Equation 8.23 from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines is applied, so emissions are considered as 'prompt' emissions that is recommended in the case of any other applications. This means that emissions are distributed within two years, "because both sales and emissions are assumed to be continuous over the year; that is, chemical sold in the middle of year t-1 is not fully emitted until the middle of year t." (Chapter 8.3.2.2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines). Only emission from sound-proof windows is estimated separately.

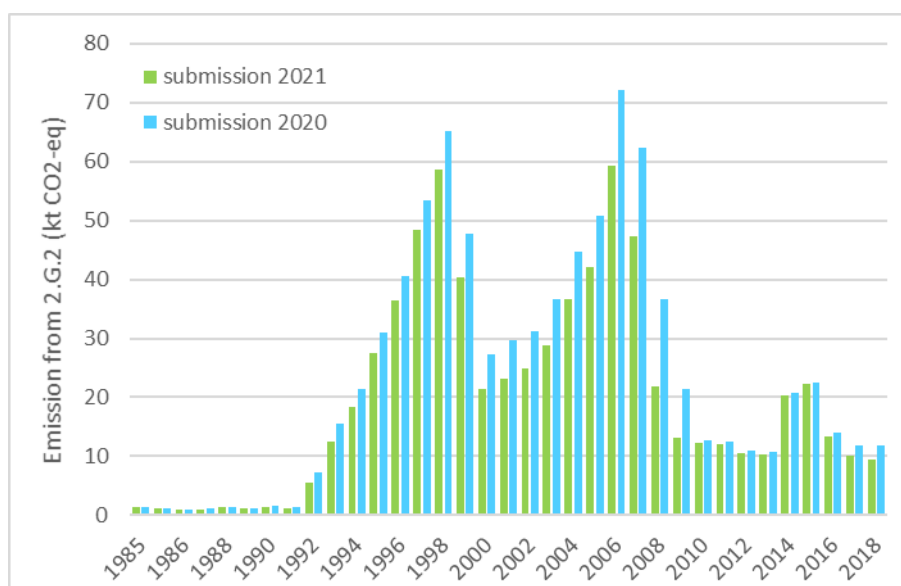


Figure 4.10.2. Emission of SF₆ from subcategory 2.G.2

Recommendation by ERT already had been drafted at review 2017. This was about reporting of emission from use of double-glazed sound-proof windows. The application of SF₆ in windows began in 1975, but in Hungary it may appeared later. The average lifetime is 25 years because the annual leakage rate of 1 percent is assumed. Emission was calculated according to the 2006 Guidelines (equations 8.20 to 8.22). Annual leakage rate of 1 percent is assumed and a rate of 33 percent for the filling operations.

As Hungary has no data about the whole amount of targeted windows, emission was established from produced data. Data about manufactured double-glazed windows are available from 1996, moreover Hungary has information about domestic trade from one of the biggest SF₆ wholesaler. For years 2007 and 2008 data are also available from the wholesaler by companies. From these data it could be concluded how much SF₆ companies were used for windows.

According to the years 2007 and 2008 the used SF₆ gas for windows is a percent of 7.5 of the whole amount of sold SF₆ gas. So, before 2007 this rate was considered in the calculations. This amount of SF₆ gas was filled to the sound-proof windows in Hungary.

The stock was established by summarized the annual filled quantity of the gas.

4.10.3. Table: Changes in the emissions from 2.G.2. due to recalculations for period 1990-2018

YEAR	submission 2021			submission 2020			difference		
	2.G.2	2.G.2.c	2.G.2.e	2.G.2	2.G.2.c	2.G.2.e	2.G.2	2.G.2.c	2.G.2.e
	SF ₆ emission (t)								
1985	0.06	0.06	NA,NO	0.06	0.06	NA,NO	0.00	0.00	NA,NO
1985-1987	0.05	0.05	NA,NO	0.05	0.05	NA,NO	0.00	0.00	NA,NO
1986	0.05	0.05	NA,NO	0.05	0.05	NA,NO	0.00	0.00	NA,NO

YEAR	submission 2021			submission 2020			difference		
	2.G.2	2.G.2.c	2.G.2.e	2.G.2	2.G.2.c	2.G.2.e	2.G.2	2.G.2.c	2.G.2.e
	SF ₆ emission (t)								
1987	0.05	0.05	NA,NO	0.05	0.05	NA,NO	0.00	0.00	NA,NO
1988	0.06	0.06	NA,NO	0.06	0.06	NA,NO	0.00	0.00	NA,NO
1989	0.05	0.05	NA,NO	0.06	0.06	NA,NO	0.00	0.00	NA,NO
1990	0.07	0.07	NA,NO	0.07	0.07	NA,NO	0.00	0.00	NA,NO
1991	0.05	0.05	NA,NO	0.06	0.06	NA,NO	-0.01	-0.01	NA,NO
1992	0.24	0.04	0.20	0.32	0.07	0.25	-0.08	-0.03	-0.05
1993	0.55	0.04	0.51	0.69	0.09	0.60	-0.14	-0.05	-0.09
1994	0.81	0.04	0.77	0.94	0.09	0.85	-0.13	-0.05	-0.08
1995	1.21	0.05	1.16	1.36	0.11	1.25	-0.15	-0.06	-0.09
1996	1.60	0.05	1.55	1.78	0.13	1.65	-0.18	-0.07	-0.10
1997	2.12	0.09	2.03	2.34	0.14	2.20	-0.22	-0.06	-0.16
1998	2.57	0.11	2.47	2.86	0.15	2.71	-0.28	-0.04	-0.24
1999	1.77	0.08	1.69	2.09	0.19	1.91	-0.33	-0.11	-0.22
2000	0.93	0.10	0.83	1.20	0.16	1.04	-0.26	-0.06	-0.20
2001	1.01	0.11	0.90	1.30	0.18	1.12	-0.29	-0.08	-0.22
2002	1.09	0.13	0.96	1.37	0.18	1.19	-0.28	-0.05	-0.23
2003	1.27	0.15	1.11	1.61	0.21	1.40	-0.34	-0.05	-0.29
2004	1.60	0.18	1.42	1.96	0.19	1.77	-0.36	-0.01	-0.35
2005	1.84	0.18	1.66	2.23	0.18	2.04	-0.38	0.00	-0.38
2006	2.59	0.27	2.32	3.16	0.32	2.85	-0.57	-0.04	-0.53
2007	2.08	0.31	1.76	2.73	0.24	2.49	-0.65	0.08	-0.73
2008	0.96	0.30	0.66	1.61	0.21	1.41	-0.65	0.09	-0.75
2009	0.58	0.06	0.51	0.94	0.08	0.87	-0.37	-0.01	-0.35
2010	0.54	0.19	0.35	0.55	0.21	0.35	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
2011	0.53	0.16	0.38	0.55	0.17	0.38	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
2012	0.46	0.16	0.31	0.48	0.17	0.31	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
2013	0.46	0.18	0.28	0.47	0.20	0.28	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
2014	0.89	0.16	0.73	0.91	0.18	0.73	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
2015	0.98	0.18	0.79	0.99	0.20	0.79	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
2016	0.58	0.15	0.43	0.61	0.18	0.43	-0.03	-0.03	0.00
2017	0.45	0.13	0.32	0.52	0.20	0.32	-0.07	-0.07	0.00
2018	0.41	0.11	0.30	0.52	0.22	0.30	-0.11	-0.11	0.00
2019	0.51	0.11	0.40						

SF₆ is reported in 2.E sector between years 2001-2005 based on the data provision of a semiconductor manufacturer company. They also declared that the SF₆ has been acquired domestically, so the amount was allocated from the time-series of annual sales of "SF₆ for other use" in order to avoid double-counting. The SF₆ wholesaler company reports the list of their customer too. So, the intended use of SF₆ might be determined based on the sector of the activity of the customers. The activity data (and

consequently the emissions calculated with present methodology. too) show strong interannual variations throughout the whole time series.

4.10.2.3 Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvement

General QA/QC procedures apply.

Uncertainties are estimated together with sector 2.G.2.

Emission from sound-proof windows was taken into account separately in response to the ERT's recommendation previous submission In submission 2021, recalculation was implemented because during last year's submission sound-proof windows were double-counted in category 2.G.2. That is, So, the estimated amount of SF₆ charged into windows was not subtracted from the total amount of SF₆ used in 2.G.2 during the previous recalculation.

4.10.3 Use of N₂O (CRF sector 2.G.3)

Emitted gas: N₂O

Methods: T3

Emission factors: CS, PS

Key sources: none

4.10.3.1 Source category description

This sub-sector includes emissions of N₂O from different product uses and the manufacturing (and other) losses from the production of these products. One of the two main important purposes is bulk N₂O use as an anaesthetic gas. Another is the use by household whipped cream cartridges. In Hungary, making whipped cream in siphons using N₂O cartridges was highly popular at the beginning of the time-series.

N₂O from these products is emitted directly into the atmosphere, so all the filling of these products used should be considered as emission.

The largest manufacturer of the region of bulk N₂O is operating in Hungary. The manufacturers of the whipped cream cartridges acquire the bulk N₂O also from this manufacturer.

4.10.3.2 Methodological issues

Emissions are reported using plant-specific data. Production and domestic sales data for both bulk N₂O and N₂O in whipped cream cartridges are available from the manufacturers for the whole time-series (presented in Figure 4.10.3). N₂O used for the preparation of whipped cream cartridges (2.G.3.b.i) is subtracted from bulk domestic N₂O use (2.B.b.ii), as the manufacturer declared that they acquire the gas from the manufacturer of bulk N₂O.

Manufacturing losses for the whole time-series is also available in the case of whipped cream cartridges. While in the case of bulk N₂O production data on losses is available only from 2008. In this year, extrapolation was performed in order to include emissions from losses for the years before 2008 too, for the improvement of the consistency of the time-series. Extrapolation was performed using data on losses from 2008 (as trend of the losses is decreasing later in time) and N₂O production as surrogate data. Please find the trend of production and emissions on the following figure (**Figure 4.10.3**).

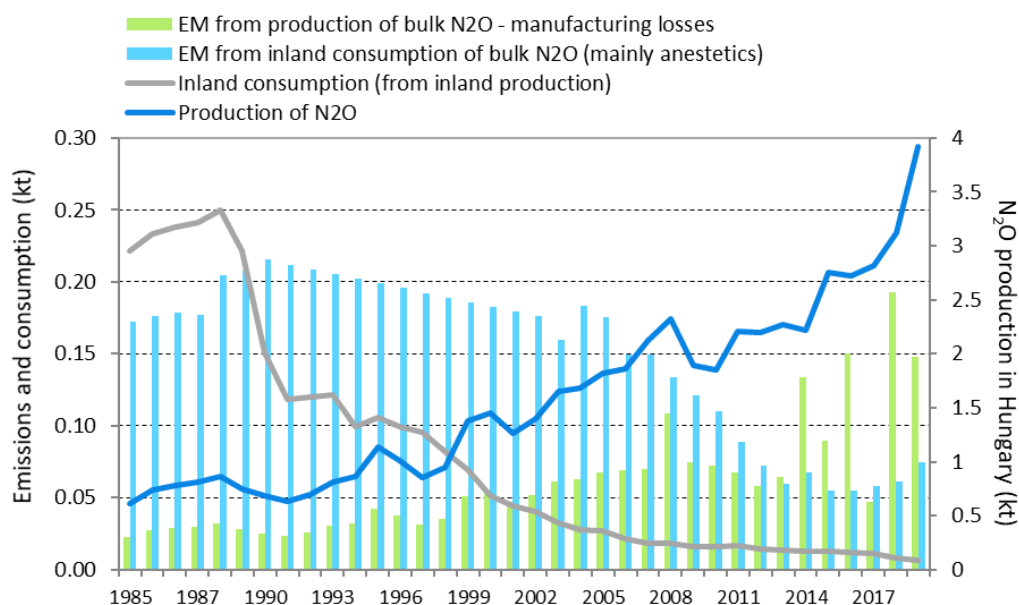


Figure 4.10.3. Trend of N₂O production and N₂O emissions from Product Uses

In 2014, an expert from the manufacturer of whipped cream chargers (cartridges) containing N₂O provided an estimate for the share of imported products on the Hungarian market, as well. In the 2014 submission, this amount has been included in the time-series. So, imports are estimated only within the subsector whipped cream, however in the case of other subsector (2.G.3.b.ii bulk use mainly for anaesthetics) imports are even less significant, as there is no notable bulk import as the Hungarian producer is the most important producer of the whole region. In addition, the wholesalers having a valid wholesaling authorisation for products containing nitrous-oxide issued by the National Institute of Pharmacy (the agency responsible for licensing and control of drugs) have been identified. Most of them have already declared that they acquire N₂O domestically (from the Hungarian producer).

The strong interannual variations are due to the interannual variations of the reported data, which is related to the production of the company and the volatility of the market.

The significant decrease on inland consumption (and consequently the emissions from inland consumption) was also reported by the companies which was investigated in this submission. The producer of N₂O has reported separately the consumption data of the firm producing N₂O cartridges and other inland consumption for the last four years. The previous assumption - "inland consumption" is equal to the total inland consumption – was not correct, because most of the N₂O leave Hungary in cartridges produced by a Hungarian company. Upon the new data request the producer company has provided the separated consumption data back to 2002.

In case of „Propellant for pressure and aerosol products” emission during charging of cartridges intended for export was not covered before. As the inland consumption is less year after year meanwhile export rises dramatically as it turned out from the corrected inland consumption data. It was necessary to include charging loss of it. Unfortunately, data about loss of N₂O charging of export cartridges is available since 2009. Until 2002 this emission could be calculated from the new consumption data of the company (amount of N₂O in cartridges for inland consumption is known for the whole time-series) combined with implied emission factor for 2009. It was assumed that N₂O cartridges were made only for inland consumption for the period 1985-1990. Before 2002 until 1990 linear interpolation was used for calculating other N₂O consumption (bulk use mainly for anaesthetics), and the rest of the inland consumption was assumed to be the consumption of the company producing cartridges. Inclusion of this new source resulted significant changes of emission in this subcategory. Data sources are summarized in the following table.

Table 4.10.4 Summary table of data sources in 2.G.3 sector

Data source for different periods	1985-1990	1991-2001	2002-2007	2008-2013	2014-
1 - N₂O production	Directly from the producer				
2 – Inland consumption of bulk N₂O	Directly from the producer				Sum of “3” and “4”
3 - Inland consumption for producing cartridges	Equal to “5”	Difference of “2” and “4”	Directly from the producer	Directly from the company	
4 - Other inland consumption	Difference of “2” and “5”	Linear interpolation between 1990 and 2002		Directly from the producer	
5 – N₂O amount used for charging cartridges for inland consumption	Directly from the company				
6 - Emission from charging cartridges for inland consumption	Directly from the company				
7 - Emission from charging cartridges for export	Assumed to be null	Difference of “3” and “5” (using average EF from period 2009-2014)		Directly from the producer	

4.10.3.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Production data is quite reliable because they are obtained directly from manufacturers. based on a legally binding data provision requirement, therefore the uncertainties are estimated as follows:

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.G Other Product Manufacture and Use - N ₂ O	3	3	4.24

4.10.3.4 Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvement

General QA/QC procedures apply.

Further investigation of data regarding imported products (especially whipped cream cans) might be performed. However, this source is reported only by few countries at the moment and the amount are expected to be insignificant compared to emissions reported under 2.G.3.b.ii. (production and domestic use of bulk N₂O) by Hungary.

There was no recalculation in this submission.

4.11 Other production (CRF 2.H)

4.11.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: NMVOC

In accordance with the NRF report of Hungary, indirect NMVOC emissions from category 2.H are reported in CRF tables. From category 2.H only NMVOC emissions are reported. NMVOC is emitted from 2.H.1 (Pulp and paper) and 2.H.2 (Food and beverages industry).

The calculation methodology for NMVOC emissions is described in detail in the current IIR report.

In review 2020 TERT notes, that Hungary reports certain emission data and recovery in subcategory 2.H but without creating the relevant subcategory 2.H.3 Other. This leads to problems in the assessment tool.

For these indirect emissions, Hungary has created subcategories 2.H.1. 2.H.2 and 2.H.3. and these cells has filled with appropriate values for submission 2021 March.

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5 AGRICULTURE (CRF sector 3)

5.1 Overview of sector

Agriculture production contributed to the greenhouse gas emission through the following processes:

- 3.A Enteric Fermentation by domestic livestock (CH₄);
- 3.B Manure Management (CH₄ and N₂O);
- 3.C Rice Cultivation (CH₄);
- 3.D Agricultural Soils (N₂O);
- 3.F Field Burning of Agricultural Residues;
- 3.G Liming (CO₂);
- 3.H Urea application (CO₂);
- 3.I Other carbon containing fertilizers (CO₂)

Category 3.E Prescribed Burning of Savannas is not relevant to Hungary therefore notation key 'NO' is used relating to all associated emissions in the CRF Tables. In spite of this the NIR contains a chapter on 4.E, following a recommendation from the UNFCCC annual review conducted in 2013.

The main greenhouse gas emissions from Agriculture are CH₄ and N₂O. Although CO₂ emissions from carbonate containing materials are also reported in the Agriculture sector, these emissions are less significant compared with non-CO₂ emissions. Other CO₂ emissions associated with agricultural production as energy consumption of agricultural activities (heat production, agricultural vehicles and machinery) are reported in the Energy sector (1.AA.4C Energy, Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing), while CO₂ emissions from agricultural soils are included in the LULUCF sector.

To give an overview of Hungarian agriculture the main characteristics are as follows:

Due to national conditions agriculture played a definitive role in the Hungarian economy in the past and even today. The share of agriculture in the GDP was 3.5 per cent in 2019 (HCSO, 2020). The agricultural land area was 57 per cent of the total (HCSO, 2020). According to the data of the Farm Structure Survey, 2016 (HCSO, 2017b), 9388 economic enterprises and 422 thousand private farms had been operated in Hungary. The farm structure of agricultural enterprises and private farms is rather different. The agricultural enterprises mostly managed at least 300 ha, whereas three quarters of the private farms managed one ha or less than one ha.

Currently 2912 agricultural enterprises and 259 thousand private farms deal with animal husbandry (HCSO, 2017). Although the number of private farms is more significant, the bulk of the GHG dominant livestock populations are owned by agricultural enterprises. Roughly two thirds of the cattle population and three quarters of the swine population are held by agricultural enterprises. The private farms are only dominant in sheep farming, as 86 per cent of sheep population is owned by them. The agricultural enterprises and private farms play approximately an equivalent role relating to poultry farming.

The main characteristics for current trends are as follows:

In Hungary, agricultural production practically stopped growing in the late 1980's. This was followed by a dramatic drop in the 1990s, as a result of the economic and political transition taking place in the country. The gross value of agricultural production decreased, by 20 to 40 per cent from the level of the 1980s. The drop was smaller for crop production (10-30%) than for animal husbandry. The output of the latter was only two thirds or less of the level of 1990 (Laczka and Soós, 2003). The volume index of gross agricultural production in 1993 reached a minimum of 69.1 per cent of 1990 level. The crop production has fluctuated considerably since 1993. It fell in 2002-2003 and 2007 due to drought. In contrast, the agricultural production was relatively high due to the significantly high crop production in 2004 and 2008. Animal husbandry remained at a low level between 1993 and 2004 and has been decreasing steadily since the year of the European Union accession (2004) (Laczka, 2007). In recent years swine population decreased furtherly, while cattle population increased as a result of the state incentives to promote the recovery of livestock sector. In 2019 the gross production of agriculture slightly increased, because the output volume of animal husbandry rose by 1.4%, while crop production decreased by 0.6% and in comparison to 2018. (HCSO, 2020)

5.1.1 Emission trends

In 2019, the agriculture sector contributed 11% to Hungary's total GHG emissions (excluding LULUCF). The trend in emissions (Figure 5.1.1) shows a decrease of 40.6% over the period BY-2019 as a result of a drop in activity data (Figure 5.1.2). The bulk of this decline occurred between 1985 and 1995, when agricultural production fell by more than 30 per cent, and livestock numbers underwent a drastic decrease. Between 1996 and 2008, agricultural emissions had stagnated around 6.2 Mt CO₂-eq with fluctuations of up to 5%. Agricultural emissions decreased both in 2009 and 2010, hitting the lowest point in 2010. There was a slight increase in emissions in 2011 reflecting the higher fertilizer use and crop production. Since 2012 agricultural emissions has increased mainly, due to the increasing Cattle livestock, milk production and fertilizer use. The increasing N-input from crop residues also contributed to the upward trend in emissions.

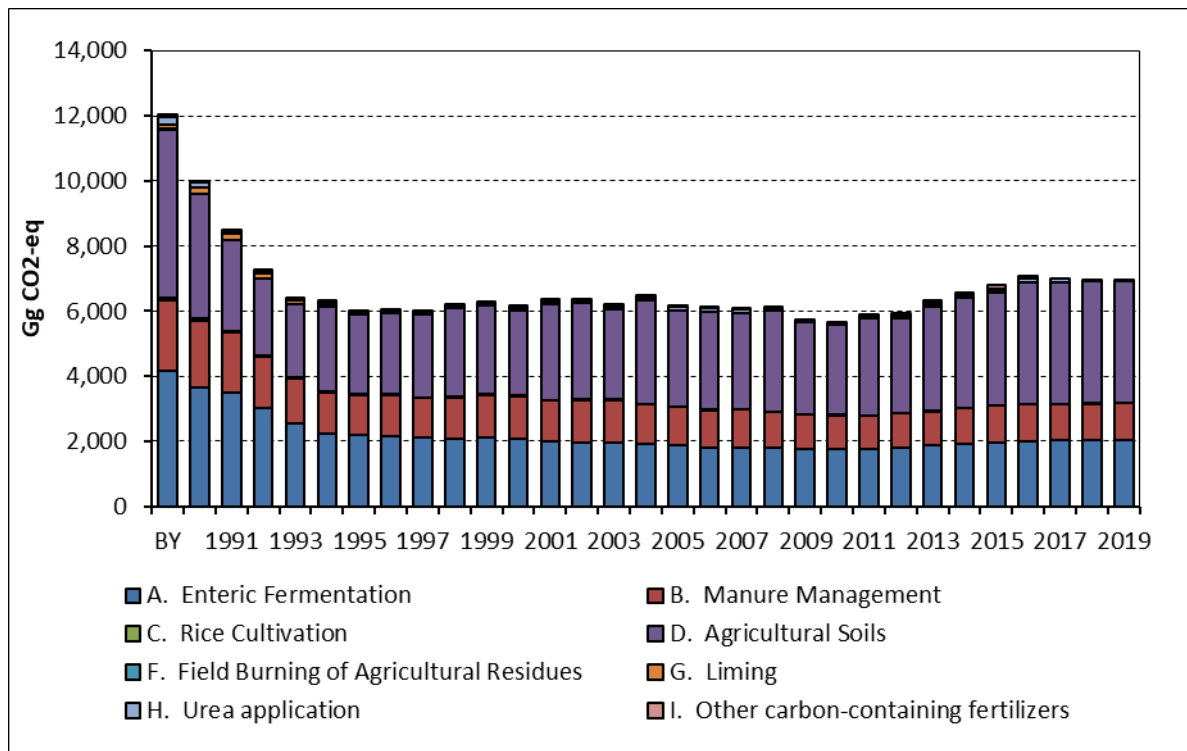


Figure 5.1.1 Trends in emissions from Agriculture BY-2019

Note: emissions from 3.C, 3.F, 3.G, 3.H and 3.I are small, but not zeros.

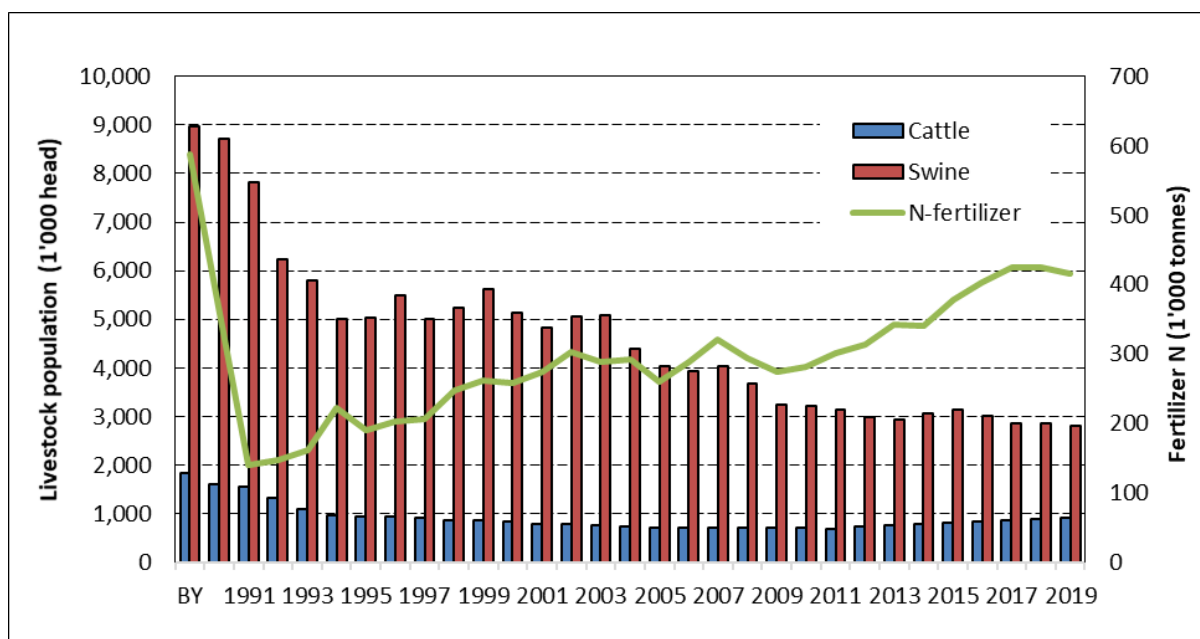


Figure 5.1.2 Main drivers of Agricultural emissions BY-2019

5.1.2 Emission trends by gas

From the BY to 2019, CH₄, N₂O and CO₂ emissions from agriculture decreased by 51, 31 and 47 per cent, respectively.

The decrease in CH₄ emissions is even more significant than N₂O, because CH₄ emissions are driven by the type and numbers of livestock. In Hungary's case, the amounts are largely determined by cattle and swine population. In 2019 cattle and swine accounted for 75 and 13% of combined total of emissions of CH₄ from enteric fermentation and manure management, respectively. After the sudden drop of livestock population at the beginning of the '90s it remained at that low level. Thus, CH₄ emissions had dropped by 46% from the base year level of 5,522 Gg CO₂-eq to 2,991 Gg CO₂-eq in 1994, when reached a plateau. In 2004, which is the year of the European Union accession for Hungary, animal livestock started to decrease moderately again, leading to the lowest level of CH₄ emissions at 2,374 Gg CO₂-eq in 2010 represent a reduction of 57% on the level of the BY. Since 2012 cattle populations increased resulting in a moderate increase in the emissions to 2,716 Gg CO₂-eq in 2019.

Emissions of N₂O show similar trends to those of CH₄ because the change of the regime resulted in a significant reduction in emissions. Agricultural N₂O emissions were 6,088 Gg CO₂-eq in the BY and decreased by 54% to 1993 to reach the lowest level in emissions at 2,814 Gg CO₂-equivalent. But unlike the livestock sector, there was a slight recovery in the crop production and nitrogen fertilizer use at the beginning of the second half of the 90s, resulting in a moderate increase in the emissions in the period between 1993 and 2004. Subsequently, in spite of the slightly increasing trends in nitrogen fertilizer use, N₂O emissions fluctuated, rather than increased, because the effect of the decreasing animal livestock overbalanced the increasing emissions from synthetic fertilizers. As a result, emissions amounted to 4,200 Gg CO₂-eq in 2019, representing a reduction of 31% cent on the BY level. N fertilizer use produces the bulk of agricultural N₂O emissions (27 per cent of the total emissions of the Agriculture sector in 2019).

Agricultural CO₂ emissions have dropped by 47% over the inventory period, which is the effect of the fall in urea use and liming. However, Agricultural CO₂ emissions are of low importance in the overall emissions, accounting for 0.4 per cent of the national total CO₂ emissions (excluding LULUCF).

The trends in emissions by gas are presented in Table 5.1.1 . Trends by gas and sub-categories are shown in Figure 5.1.3, Figure 5.1.4 and Figure 5.1.5.

Table 5.1.1 Emissions of CH₄, N₂O and CO₂ from Agriculture BY-2019

Year	GHG emissions (Gg)		
	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂
BY	221	20	407
1990	196	16	385
1991	184	12	274
1992	158	10	237
1993	135	9	195
1994	120	11	159
1995	117	10	117
1996	117	10	105
1997	114	10	95
1998	114	11	96
1999	116	11	95
2000	115	11	104
2001	110	12	108
2002	111	12	117
2003	111	11	127
2004	106	12	151
2005	104	11	142
2006	100	12	144
2007	101	11	149
2008	99	12	91
2009	96	11	98
2010	95	11	106
2011	95	11	129
2012	98	11	142
2013	100	12	174
2014	103	13	169
2015	106	13	203
2016	107	14	209
2017	107	14	223
2018	109	14	214
2019	109	14	217
Share of Hungarian total in BY	41%	55%	0.5%
Share of Hungarian total in 2019	33%	86%	0.4%
Trend BY-2019	-51%	-31%	-47%

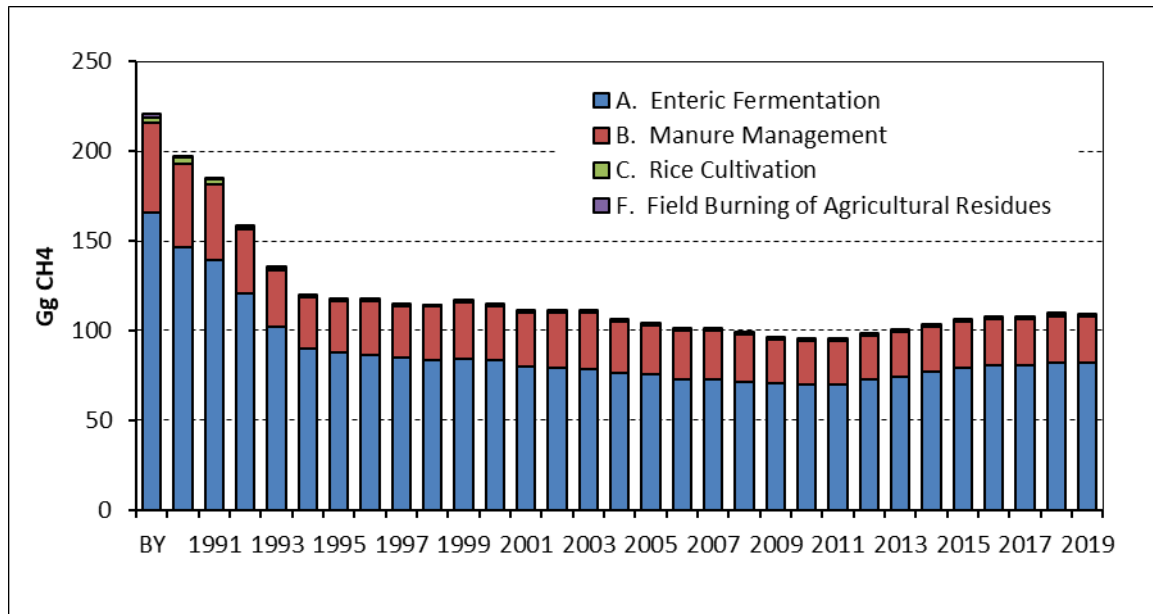


Figure 5.1.3 CH₄ emissions from Agriculture BY-2019

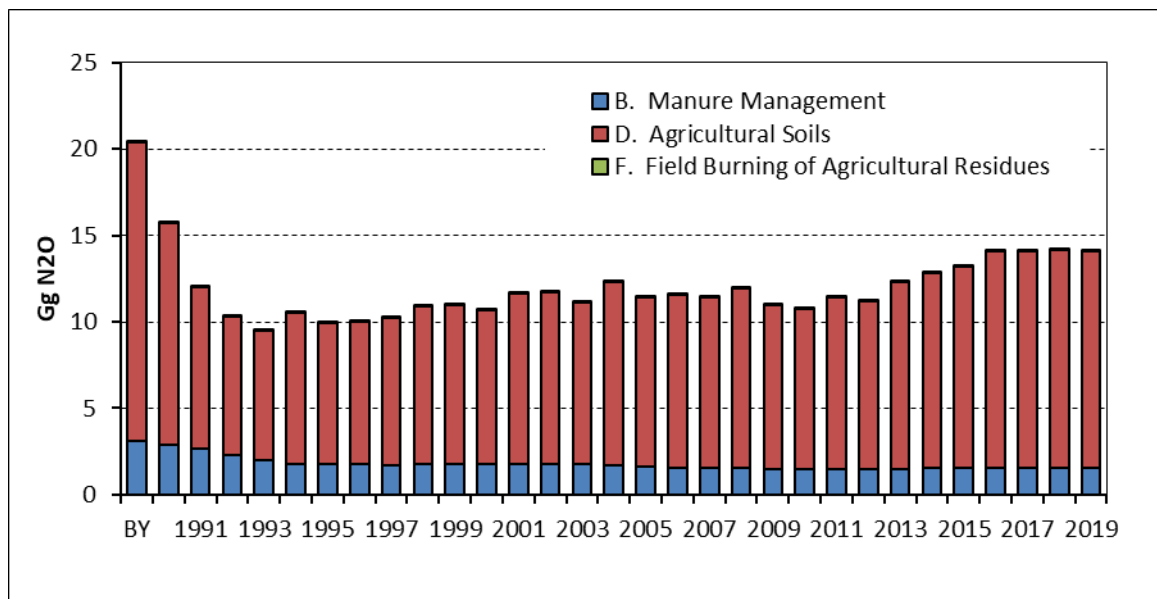


Figure 5.1.4 N₂O emissions from Agriculture BY-2019

Note: emissions from 3.C, 3.F, 3.G, 3.H and 3.I are small, but not zeros

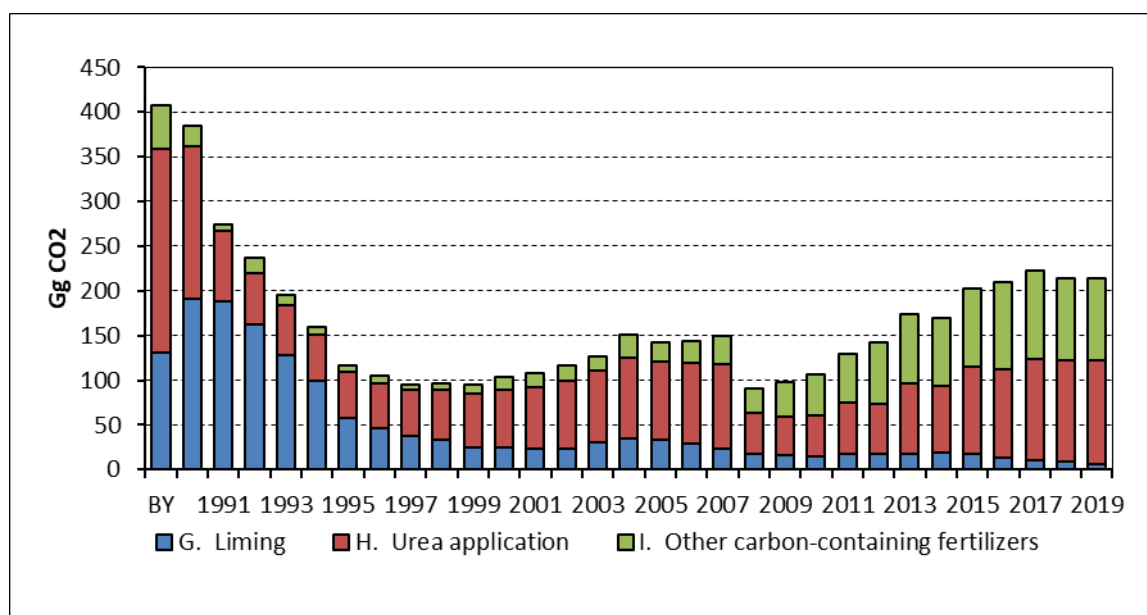


Figure 5.1.5 CO₂ emissions from Agriculture BY-2019

5.1.3 Emission trends by sub-category

Agricultural GHG emissions amounted to 12,018 Gg CO₂-eq in the BY and 7,133 Gg CO₂-eq in 2019, which means a reduction of 41%. Total emissions from the Agriculture sector in 2010 at 5,674 Gg CO₂-eq was the lowest level in the whole time-series.

Table 5.1.2 shows the trends in GHG emissions by source categories as well as their contribution to the overall national emissions (excluding LULUCF). The most important category is 3.D Agricultural Soils at 5.8%, followed by 3.A Enteric Fermentation at 3.2% and 3.B Manure Management accounting for 1.7% of national total GHG emissions in 2019. CRF category 3.C Rice Cultivation accounts for less than one-tenth of a per cent of the national total. As it reveals from the Figure 5.1.3-Figure 5.1.5 emissions from all categories are decreasing except 3.I. The reason for the declining trend in the emissions from Enteric Fermentation and Manure Management is the decrease in livestock numbers, especially cattle and swine. The total emissions from the Livestock, which is equal to the combined total of emissions from 3.A Enteric fermentation and 3.B Manure management (Indirect emissions included) expressed in CO₂ equivalents was 6,324 Gg CO₂-eq in the BY. This decreased by 50 per cent to reach 3,489 Gg CO₂-eq in 1994 and subsequently decreased by 5 per cent to 3,161 Gg CO₂-eq in 2019. Livestock accounted for 44% of GHG emissions in agriculture in 2019. The biggest contributor to Livestock emissions is cattle, with 31% share of agricultural total emissions.

Over the period BY-1993 emissions from 3.D Agricultural soils had dipped sharply from 5,145 Gg CO₂-eq in the base year to 2,224 Gg CO₂-eq represents a decrease of 57% from the BY to the 1993 level, when the state subsidies on fertilizers were halted and the amount of animal manure decreased due to the decreasing animal livestock. Emissions totaling 3,737 Gg CO₂-eq in 2019 represent a reduction of 27% from the base year level. The slight increase in emissions from agricultural soils over the period 1993-2019 is a result of compensatory processes, the slight and steady increase in emissions from nitrogen fertilizers were partly overbalanced by the decreasing emissions from organic manure. N₂O

emissions from 3.D in the BY and 2019 accounted for 43% and 52%, respectively of the total agricultural emissions, reflecting the restructuring of the Hungarian agriculture.

The trends of emissions from liming, urea application and carbon-containing fertilizers slightly differ from of the other sectors. Emissions from all of the CO₂ relevant sectors decreased at the beginning of the time-series, but emissions from urea application and carbon-containing fertilizers started to increase at the end of the '90s due to the increasing fertilizer use, while emissions from liming after a slight increase to mid-2000s decreased again continuously. The reason for the second drop in the emissions from urea use was the economic crisis in 2008, when the price of the urea increased thus the urea application fell sharply. Emissions from urea and carbon-containing fertilizers increased again over the period 2009-2019.

Table 5.1.2 GHG emissions BY-2019 from agriculture by subcategories

Year	GHG emissions (Gg CO ₂ -eq)								
	3	3.A	3.B	3.C	3.D	3.F	3.G	3.H	3.I
BY	12,018	4,151	2,172	81	5,145	60.73	130	229	48
1990	9,983	3,668	2,015	81	3,834	1.11	191	171	23
1991	8,459	3,480	1,854	61	2,790	0.59	188	80	7
1992	7,240	3,015	1,572	34	2,382	0.43	163	57	16
1993	6,388	2,548	1,386	34	2,224	0.37	128	55	12
1994	6,281	2,248	1,241	34	2,600	0.43	100	50	8
1995	6,001	2,202	1,232	27	2,423	0.35	58	51	8
1996	6,023	2,168	1,262	21	2,466	0.20	47	49	9
1997	5,998	2,116	1,226	15	2,545	0.20	38	51	7
1998	6,191	2,088	1,262	15	2,729	0.21	34	56	6
1999	6,260	2,111	1,312	15	2,728	0.21	24	60	10
2000	6,136	2,084	1,292	22	2,634	0.29	24	65	15
2001	6,332	2,002	1,260	16	2,945	0.21	23	69	16
2002	6,364	1,978	1,298	14	2,956	0.27	23	76	18
2003	6,192	1,957	1,311	17	2,779	0.31	30	80	17
2004	6,469	1,907	1,229	19	3,162	0.27	34	91	26
2005	6,137	1,882	1,171	18	2,923	0.26	33	87	22
2006	6,106	1,817	1,146	16	2,983	0.22	28	91	24
2007	6,076	1,821	1,155	18	2,933	0.28	24	95	31
2008	6,113	1,792	1,109	17	3,104	0.28	17	46	27
2009	5,755	1,767	1,049	18	2,823	0.33	16	43	39
2010	5,674	1,752	1,042	14	2,760	0.06	14	46	45
2011	5,890	1,745	1,036	18	2,961	0.25	18	58	54
2012	5,925	1,815	1,049	20	2,898	0.33	18	56	69
2013	6,326	1,864	1,058	18	3,212	0.30	18	79	77
2014	6,572	1,923	1,094	16	3,369	0.27	19	75	75
2015	6,788	1,974	1,124	19	3,468	0.26	18	97	87
2016	7,095	2,010	1,117	20	3,739	0.32	13	99	97
2017	7,106	2,022	1,100	19	3,742	0.34	11	113	99
2018	7,146	2,051	1,110	20	3,752	0.37	10	112	92
2019	7,133	2,048	1,113	18	3,737	0.31	8	116	93

Year	GHG emissions (Gg CO ₂ -eq)								
	3	3.A	3.B	3.C	3.D	3.F	3.G	3.H	3.I
Share in BY	10.9%	3.8%	2.0%	0.1%	4.7%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.04%
Share in 2019	11.1%	3.2%	1.7%	0.0%	5.8%	0.0%	0.01%	0.2%	0.1%
Trend BY-2019	-41%	-51%	-49%	-78%	-27%	-99%	-94%	-49%	93%

We note that "0" values for 3.F are due to rounding of small numbers.

5.1.4 Key Categories

Key category analysis is presented in Chapter 1.6. Table 1.2 contains the key categories of the agriculture sector.

5.1.5 Methodological issues

Methodologies of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines have been implemented throughout the agricultural inventory. However, in some cases, where there are gaps in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, methodologies provided in the 2019 Refinement were applied.

IPCC Tier 2 methods were used for the following categories:

- 3.A Enteric Fermentation in Cattle;
- CH₄ emissions from 3.B Manure Management associated with all livestock categories, except Rabbits;
- N₂O emissions from 3.B for Cattle, Swine, Poultry (Laying hens and Broilers) and Indirect emissions.
- N₂O emissions from 3.D.1.5 Mineralization/immobilization associated with loss/gain of soil organic matter;
- Indirect N₂O emissions from 3B and 3D are reported in line with the national NH₃ and NO_x inventories, which also meets the requirements of a Tier 2 methodology.

For the other categories IPCC Tier 1 methods were applied. Country-specific emission factors were used whenever sufficient information was available, otherwise the IPCC default factors were used. See the individual categories for further details.

5.1.6 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

The following chapter gives an overview of uncertainty estimates for CH₄, N₂O and CO₂ emissions from Agriculture.

Uncertainty estimates were performed using the Tier 1 approach based on the error propagation. Error propagation was calculated independently for the lower (2.5 percentile) and for the upper (97.5 percentile) range to treat the asymmetric confidence ranges. Uncertainties were combined in accordance with 2006 IPCC Guidelines Equation 3.1 and 3.2. The results of the Tier 1 approach are shown in Table 5.1.4.

The uncertainty of the activity data was calculated on the basis of the available data of the HCSO, the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook and expert judgement; the uncertainty of the emission factors was calculated following the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The uncertainty of the livestock population data for 2019 is presented according to the uncertainty assessment of the HCSO, in Table 5.1.3. The overall weighted mean of the uncertainties in the livestock population is ± 2.0 per cent. The uncertainty in the Swine population is the lowest at 0.9 per cent, while the uncertainty in Mules and Asses populations is the highest at approximately 35.0 per cent.

In the Hungarian agricultural GHG inventory, the uncertainties of N₂O emissions from agricultural soils are the highest. These high values derive from the uncertainties of the emission factors. The uncertainty and the distribution of these emission factors (EF₁, EF₄ and EF₅) strongly influence the uncertainty and the distribution of the agricultural emissions as well as the overall uncertainty of the Hungarian GHG inventory. For these emission factors default confidence limit ranges and lognormal distributions have been applied according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Table 5.1.3 Uncertainty of animal population data for 2019 (HCSO)

Livestock categories	2018 Dec	2019 Jun	2019 Dec	Annual mean	Uncertainty of the annual mean u(AD _i)	Weighted annual mean
	95% Confidence Interval (+/- 1,000 head)				%	1,000 head
Dairy Cattle	13.80	14.70	16.00	9.05	3.71	244
Non-Dairy Cattle	30.80	33.70	32.90	20.27	3.07	660
Buffalo	0.60	0.40	0.30	0.26	3.78	7
Sheep	123.50	120.90	115.30	73.75	6.70	1100
Goats	8.80	11.00	9.60	6.39	9.27	69
Horses	6.20	6.20	6.40	3.82	7.39	52
Mules and Asses	2.80	2.90	2.80	1.76	34.96	5
Swine	45.70	40.80	41.80	25.61	0.92	2796
Poultry	1,293.99	1,368.82	1,440.21	838.28	1.96	42875
Rabbit	22.70	31.00	21.90	17.39	1.45	1196
Overall (weighted mean)					2.03	

Table 5.1.4 Uncertainties of activity data, emission factors and emissions for key and particularly significant categories by Tier 1 approach

3 Agriculture	GHG	Uncertainty of activity data	Uncertainty of Emission Factor	Combined uncertainty of emissions
		%		
3.A Enteric Fermentation	CH ₄	±0	±13	±13
3.A.1 Enteric Fermentation/ Cattle	CH ₄	±0	±14	±14
3.A.2 Enteric Fermentation/ Sheep	CH ₄	±7	±40	±41
3.B Manure Management	CH ₄	±0	±14	±14
3.B.1 Manure Management/ Cattle	CH ₄	±0	±14	±14
3.B.3 Manure Management/Swine	CH ₄	±1	±30	±30
3.B Manure Management	N ₂ O	±0	-36/+131	-36/+130
3.B.13 Manure Management/ Other	N ₂ O	±21	-50/+100	-54/+102
3.B Manure Management/ Indirect	N ₂ O	±0	-84/+399	-84/+399
3D Agricultural Soil Emissions	N ₂ O	±0	-66/+187	-66/+187
3.D.a.1 Direct Soil Emissions/ Synthetic Fertilizer	N ₂ O	±5	-70/+200	-70/+200
3.D.a.4 Direct Soil Emissions/ Crop residues	N ₂ O	±25	-70/+200	-74/+202
3.D.3 Indirect Emissions	N ₂ O	±0	-72/+277	-72/+277

Note: In accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines particularly significant categories are those which contribute together more than 60% to the key category.

5.1.7 Quality Assurance and Quality Control

The agricultural greenhouse gas inventory is compiled by the HMS. The used activity data is mainly derived from the official database of the HCSO, in cases where HCSO's data are not available the EUROSTAT's, NFCSO's or the Research Institute for Agricultural Economics' data are applied.

Data and documentation are archived by the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the Hungarian Meteorological Service. The annual sector specific QA/QC procedures are as follows:

- Check of activity data for transcription and rounding errors, comparison with original data sources;
- Re-check of activity data, comparison with the latest submission of the activity data (following the revision of the data by data supplier);
- Check of reasons for data gaps;

- Verification of activity data with other data sources if it is possible;
- Consistency check of time-series of the activity data and the estimated emissions (reasons for jumps);
- Consistency check, following the methodological changes of the data collection;
- Check of the time-series consistency of the applied livestock characterization;
- Cross-check of data sources of the activity data if it is possible (e.g. total annual milk yield per cow, and total dairy cow population);
- Cross-check of the applied activity data between the different sub-categories;
- Check of emission factors, comparison with the IPCC default ones and comparison with the values applied by other countries (especially EU member states) according to the EU's NIR and S&A report of the UNFCCC;
- Check of the methodologies used for the development of county-specific emission factors, comparison with the IPCC methodologies or other methodologies if it is available;
- Check of the correct use of the units in the calculation sheets;
- Check for transcription errors between the calculation sheets and the CRF tables;
- Consistency check of sub-categories with totals;
- Check of recalculation differences.
- Listing of QA/QC findings and the actions taken in the spreadsheets;
- Recording of sources of activity data and equations in the spreadsheets;

Details of other source-specific quality checks can be found in the respective sub-chapters.

Since 2011 the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the HMS has also been participated in the preparation of the Air Pollution Emission Inventory under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE/LRTRAP). (As a party to the UNECE/LRTRAP Convention Hungary is required to report annually data on emissions of air-pollutants covered in the Convention.) This provides an additional opportunity to cross-check the activity data and emissions with the GHG-inventory to ensure the consistency between the two inventories.

Hungary as a member state of the EU has additional reporting obligations (e.g. Nitrate Directive and Nutrient Balance) arising from different Community policies. In some cases, the same data and coefficients are required for the background calculation of these reports. As an additional QA procedure, these data and methodologies are compared in the course of regular expert meetings.

Checks and reviews of national emission inventories reported by EU Member States under the Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (MMR) is also considered as a quality assurance activities.

In-depth reviews required by the 406/2009/EC EU Effort Sharing Decision are performed in every two years by external experts contracted by the EU, which covers the full inventory. First review was performed in 2012. The last comprehensive audit was in 2020, during which there were no recommendations for the agriculture sector.

All of the recommendations from the 2019 UNFCCC review were implemented for the 2020 submission. The final report of the UNFCCC review, 2020 has not been published yet.

5.1.8 Recalculations

The overall impact of recalculations in 3. Agriculture sector resulted in an insignificant $\pm 0.1\%$ changes over the timeseries. Revisions mostly attributed to the N_2O emissions. Changes in the CH_4 emissions are negligible. CO_2 emissions changed in 2018, they decreased by 0.29% and 0.6 Gg CO_2 eq.

The overall impact of recalculations in 3. Agriculture on the total emissions (excluding LULUCF) is negligible.

The main driver behind the changes is primarily the revision of the NH_3 , NO_x and N_2 emissions.

Reasons for recalculations by CRF categories are as follows:

3.D Agricultural soils

3.D.1 Direct N_2O emissions from agricultural soils

Over the period 2004-2018 amount of the straw used for bedding was revised resulting in negligible changes in the emissions from 3.D.1.2a Animal manure applied to soils and 3.D.1.4. Crop residues. The overall effect of this recalculation on the emissions is zero, because the slight increase in the 3.D.1.2a was offset by the decrease in the emissions from 3.D.1.4.

Revision of CO_2 emissions from 4.B.1 Cropland remaining Cropland /mineral soils for the 2020 submission led to an insignificant change in the direct N_2O emissions from 3.D. Emissions increased on a small extent over the period 1990-2005, there was no change in the emissions between 2006 and 2010 and over the period 2011-2018 emissions increased in some years and decreased in other ones. These changes ranged from -5.14 to 0.8 Gg CO_2 -eq.

3.D.2 Indirect N_2O Emissions from Managed Soils

Revision of NH_3 emissions from 3.D resulted in changes in the N_2O emissions from 3.D.2.1 Indirect N_2O emissions from managed soils/ Atmospheric deposition. Emissions increased by 2.5 Gg CO_2 -eq (1.6%) on average across the timeseries.

Revision of the emissions from 3.D.2.1 Indirect N_2O emissions from managed soils/ Atmospheric deposition is the direct consequence of the revision of emissions from F_{SOM} .

3.F Field Burning of Agricultural Residues

Revision was made to the emissions from 3.F Field burning of agricultural residues. CH_4 and N_2O emissions decreased in some years and increased by other ones. Changes ranged from -0.08 to 0.05 kt CO_2 -eq.

3.H Urea application and 3.I Other carbon-containing fertilizers

CO_2 emissions have changed due to correction of an error identified in the classification of fertilizer types. This error affected the urea, and carbon-containing fertilizers and has no effect on the total amount of the fertilizer N applied.

5.1.9 Planned improvements

Participation in the EU review mechanisms, which is part of the QA/QC processes for compiling EU inventory, provides an opportunity for examination of individual IPCC sectors and particular issues

relating to methodologies, country-specific emission factors and coefficients. Issues of planned improvements will be assigned largely in accordance with the outcome of the EU and UNFCCC review processes.

Data of the 2020 General Agricultural Census will provide an opportunity to update key data of the agricultural emission inventories. For the 2022 submission the up-date of data on manure management system usage is planned. As a result of the efforts of previous years, data on the anaerobic digested manure is expected to be available for the next submission. Therefore, the calculation of emissions from 3.B Manure management is planned to be improved taking into account the effects of anaerobic digestion.

As in previous years, the development of ammonia emissions is one of the main priority areas for the improvement of agricultural emission inventories. In the next submission the ammonia abatement due to covers of manure stores is planned to account. Recalculations of NH_3 emissions through the N-balance will affect the N_2O emissions as well.

N-excretion rates for the main animal categories as Cattle, Swine and Poultry also planned to be updated depending on the availability and processing of the data from the animal feeding monitoring program.

5.2 Enteric fermentation (CRF sector 3.A)

Enteric fermentation in animals is considered as significant source of CH₄. The most important process of generation is anaerobic cellulose degradation in the rumen of ruminants. Some CH₄ is generated in the colon of horses and rabbits, and in the caecum of poultry. In Hungary, the leading CH₄ emitters are cattle and sheep, with the most important category being non-dairy cattle. In addition to the number of animals, the level of production and feeding practices are the factors which primarily influencing the amount of CH₄ from enteric fermentation.

In 2019 75% of the total CH₄ emissions from agriculture derived from this source category.

5.2.1 Source Category Description

Emitted gas: CH₄

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: D, CS

Key source: Yes

Particularly significant sub-categories: Cattle

Figure 5.2.1 presents the estimates of CH₄ emissions for 3.A *Enteric Fermentation* by livestock categories. Emissions amounted to 166 Gg in the base year and have reduced by 51 per cent to 82 Gg in 2019 due to the decrease in cattle livestock. The bulk of this decrease occurred between 1985 and 1994, during which Hungary experienced a period of unprecedented drop in the agricultural production resulting in a dramatic decrease in animal populations. Despite the continuous decrease in the livestock populations, emissions stagnated in the years between 1995 and 2000, because the improving cow productivity overbalanced the effect of declining cattle population (Figure 5.2.2). In the period 2000 to 2010 emissions slightly decreased again reaching their lowest level in 2010. This decrease reflects the further decline in Cattle livestock. Since 2011, emissions started to increase, following the slightly rising cattle population and milk production. Emissions from 3.A mostly depend on cattle population and milk production. Enteric fermentation in Cattle produced 81% of emissions from 3.A in 2019.

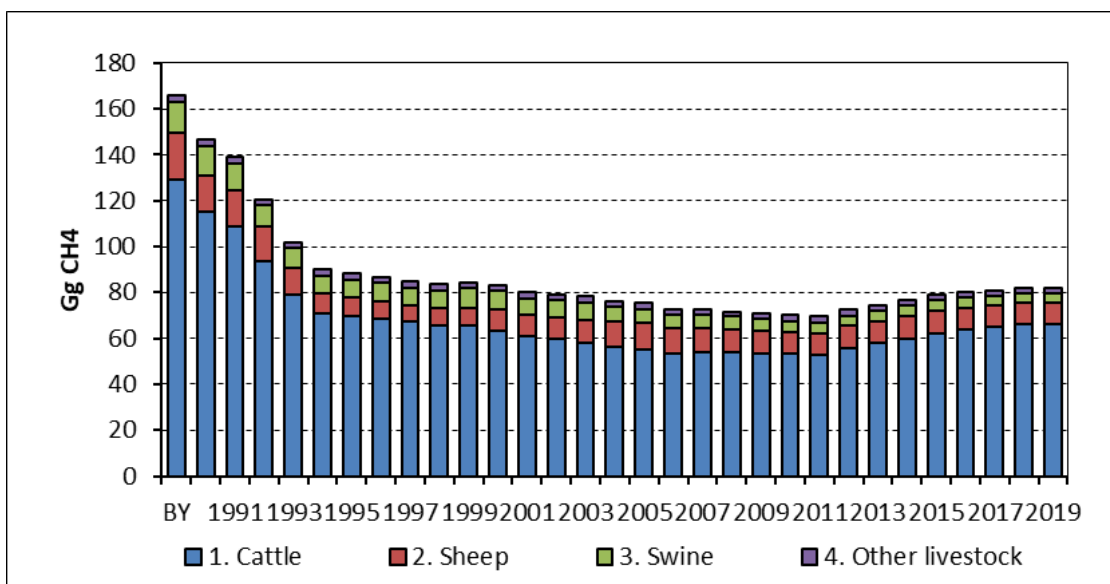


Figure 5.2.1 Trend in emissions from 3.A Enteric Fermentation by livestock categories BY-2019

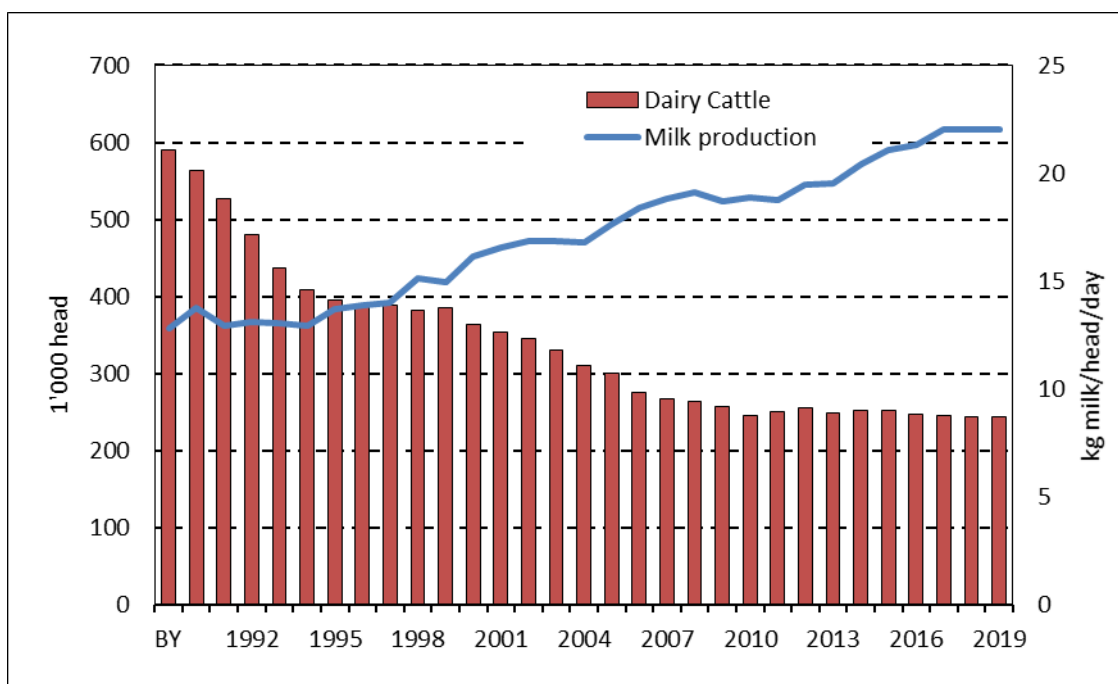


Figure 5.2.2 Dairy Cattle population and daily milk production per cow BY-2019

5.2.2 Methodological issues

Emissions from enteric fermentation were calculated using the Tier 1 method of 2006 IPCC Guidelines, except for the Dairy Cattle and the Non-Dairy Cattle categories, where country-specific emission factors were used in accordance with the Tier 2 method of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

5.2.2.1 Activity Data - Livestock Population

The HCSO provides national livestock survey data to the emission estimate.

Following a recommendation of the centralized review conducted in 2014 the HCSO has provide livestock data rounded to the nearest hundred instead of nearest thousand. The HCSO has been producing two censuses of animal numbers per year since 2009. One survey is conducted in June and the other in December. The annual average population for a year t was calculated by using the chronological mean of surveys data, as follows:

$$\text{NoA}_t = (0.5 * \text{NoA}_{\text{Dec},t-1} + \text{NoA}_{\text{June},t} + 0.5 * \text{NoA}_{\text{Dec},t}) / 2 \quad (\text{Equation 5.1.})$$

Where:

NoA_t = chronological mean of the annual population of a livestock category in a year t [1'000 head]

$\text{NoA}_{\text{Dec},t-1}$ = population of a livestock category in December of the year t-1 [1'000 head]

$\text{NoA}_{\text{June},t}$ = population of a livestock category in June of the year t [1'000 head]

$\text{NoA}_{\text{Dec},t}$ = population of a livestock category in December of the year t [1'000 head]

The method delineated above was suggested by the HCSO's expert (Tóth, 2004) to smooth out the seasonal changes in the livestock population.

Until the end of 2008 the HCSO collected data on animal livestock population three times a year, namely April, August and December. For the calculation of the annual average population for the years before 2009 the chronological mean was used similarly, based on the three surveys data.

The annual average livestock populations calculated as the *chronological means of the total animal populations* are reported in the CRF tables. Trends in livestock populations are provided in Table 5.2.1.

In response to a recommendation from the UNFCCC Review, 2019 data provided in Table 5.2.1 was cross-checked with the CRF Tables .

In the case of Non-dairy Cattle and Poultry enhanced characterization for livestock populations were used according to the requirements of the IPCC methodology. The annual average populations for these livestock were determined by sub-categories. Detailed livestock data by sub-categories for Cattle and Poultry are shown in Table 5.2.2 and Table 5.2.3.

Table 5.2.1 Livestock populations and trends BY-2019 (1'000 head)

Year	Dairy cattle	Non-dairy cattle	Sheep	Swine	Buffalo	Goats	Horses	Mules and Asses	Poultry	Other (Rabbit)
BY	589.5	1233.6	2498.3	8963.0	0.1	19.3	98.7	5.0	81738.8	2536.5
1990	563.6	1053.0	1958.3	8708.5	0.1	35.1	79.8	4.5	70325.6	2587.2
1991	526.6	1017.8	2008.7	7809.1	0.1	39.3	84.0	4.3	58827.4	2629.5
1992	479.5	833.9	1867.3	6237.4	0.1	50.0	78.8	4.3	52168.4	2389.5
1993	436.3	648.5	1457.7	5805.4	0.1	60.6	74.6	4.3	43429.1	2149.5
1994	408.5	554.4	1089.0	5006.9	0.1	71.3	85.1	4.3	44477.4	1909.4
1995	394.5	548.8	997.7	5023.0	0.2	76.1	74.6	4.3	44874.5	1669.4
1996	389.4	545.9	930.0	5493.5	0.3	80.9	73.5	4.3	38537.7	1148.9
1997	387.8	520.8	900.9	5012.7	0.4	85.7	75.6	4.3	40416.6	1071.3
1998	381.3	493.8	954.5	5246.7	0.5	90.5	76.7	4.3	42707.6	1051.8
1999	385.0	488.5	980.7	5609.0	0.6	95.3	77.7	4.3	40260.3	1040.4
2000	362.8	479.2	1192.2	5146.2	0.7	96.6	77.8	3.6	48562.1	942.5
2001	353.0	443.3	1162.8	4823.3	0.8	107.2	67.5	3.5	51074.0	1087.2
2002	344.5	433.7	1138.2	5050.0	0.9	96.7	63.2	3.4	51333.7	1179.7
2003	330.0	433.2	1226.5	5077.5	1.0	94.5	62.5	3.3	52486.2	1088.8
2004	309.3	424.3	1380.2	4385.0	1.1	84.5	64.5	3.2	50492.0	1181.7
2005	299.8	419.7	1446.7	4021.7	1.2	77.8	67.0	3.0	46404.7	1002.7
2006	275.2	428.2	1358.2	3943.7	1.3	81.2	64.8	2.3	44653.3	1084.3
2007	267.5	442.3	1300.7	4039.0	1.4	71.5	59.0	2.1	43159.7	1055.0
2008	263.8	436.2	1269.7	3664.7	1.4	72.8	58.3	2.0	45032.7	903.5
2009	257.5	444.3	1260.8	3248.0	1.5	65.0	59.8	1.9	44789.3	871.3
2010	244.5	454.0	1203.0	3208.0	2.5	79.3	65.5	3.1	46587.0	916.3
2011	250.6	440.2	1159.1	3131.3	3.7	83.8	73.0	3.5	46283.8	949.1
2012	256.0	474.8	1179.3	2981.5	3.4	86.0	76.2	3.5	43063.7	1367.1
2013	248.5	518.7	1204.9	2943.9	3.7	85.2	66.1	2.7	41674.3	1560.1
2014	252.0	538.5	1222.6	3064.9	3.7	76.7	63.0	2.1	42683.1	1643.2
2015	252.1	562.8	1193.9	3127.0	3.7	79.5	61.3	2.5	44459.1	1610.4
2016	247.0	592.2	1189.3	3020.8	5.4	84.0	56.5	3.2	44907.6	1300.4
2017	244.8	617.7	1160.3	2847.6	6.1	85.0	53.7	4.1	42711.1	1149.9
2018	242.7	635.8	1145.6	2865.1	6.6	75.3	51.9	4.6	43136.9	1204.6
2019	243.9	660.0	1100.3	2796.4	6.9	69.0	51.6	5.0	42875.1	1195.7
Trend BY-2019	-59%	-46%	-56%	-69%	6800%	257%	-48%	0%	-48%	-53%
Trend 2005-2019	-19%	57%	-24%	-30%	475%	-11%	-23%	69%	-8%	19%

Table 5.2.2 Livestock population and trends for non-dairy cattle (1'000 head)

Year	<1 year		1-2 year			>2 year		
	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non-Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	Beef Cow
BY	256.9	264.3	226.0	277.7	72.0	20.4	19.6	96.8
1990	212.6	241.2	169.6	256.9	65.6	17.1	15.7	74.4
1991	204.7	237.8	162.2	251.9	61.8	16.4	14.9	67.9
1992	164.1	206.5	110.7	219.5	55.1	13.1	11.0	54.0
1993	128.7	162.9	86.2	170.9	44.7	9.7	7.0	38.5
1994	109.1	143.9	68.3	151.2	41.2	8.0	5.0	27.8
1995	107.4	143.4	65.9	149.1	42.7	7.9	4.9	27.5
1996	105.5	139.3	70.1	144.3	43.8	7.8	4.8	30.3
1997	99.5	133.0	63.5	138.8	47.3	7.4	4.3	27.0
1998	98.7	131.8	41.5	137.5	49.5	6.9	3.7	24.3
1999	97.4	130.1	47.8	135.7	44.3	6.8	3.6	23.0
2000	96.0	132.6	36.2	136.7	41.9	5.8	2.7	27.4
2001	88.0	125.9	29.4	131.4	37.1	4.8	2.7	24.0
2002	85.0	124.7	27.0	130.0	37.2	4.7	2.2	22.9
2003	87.8	121.4	26.6	124.4	36.0	4.5	2.3	30.1
2004	81.5	113.7	25.3	122.4	34.2	6.0	2.7	38.5
2005	84.7	109.2	22.6	119.1	32.8	5.8	2.0	43.4
2006	84.6	106.5	30.3	116.9	30.6	5.5	2.5	51.3
2007	86.6	106.2	37.0	116.4	33.0	6.2	2.2	54.7
2008	78.9	109.5	32.1	114.7	32.0	6.0	2.3	60.6
2009	81.5	108.2	31.7	120.2	32.5	6.5	2.0	61.7
2010	75.7	108.2	35.0	120.7	35.5	7.2	3.2	68.5
2011	74.5	105.6	26.4	115.7	35.6	7.0	2.6	72.8
2012	86.9	113.5	31.8	117.5	35.6	7.0	4.2	78.3
2013	89.1	119.6	41.5	130.1	35.3	8.2	4.3	90.5
2014	90.2	122.9	44.2	131.2	37.0	8.4	2.7	101.9
2015	90.3	129.9	43.2	135.7	38.3	9.2	3.7	112.5
2016	98.6	133.3	38.3	138.1	39.1	10.1	4.7	129.9
2017	104.0	138.9	37.8	137.4	37.8	10.5	5.2	146.2
2018	107.8	140.7	43.0	140.4	34.0	11.3	3.3	155.3
2019	107.4	146.7	44.9	146.4	33.3	11.1	4.3	166.0
Trend BY-2019	-58%	-45%	-80%	-47%	-54%	-46%	-78%	72%
Trend 2005-2019	27%	34%	98%	23%	2%	90%	113%	282%

Table 5.2.3 Livestock population and trends for Poultry

Year	Animal Population 1,000 head					
	Laying hens	Broilers	Turkey	Ducks	Geese	Guinea Fowls
BY	24,484.7	50,939.4	1,420.2	2,717.6	1,814.1	362.8
1990	22,735.0	40,178.1	1,772.6	2,463.6	2,926.5	249.8
1991	23,460.1	29,487.6	1,252.7	2,216.7	2,167.5	242.6
1992	20,187.3	27,392.8	916.7	1,969.9	1,459.2	242.6
1993	19,314.4	19,289.5	1,080.1	2,008.4	1,494.1	242.6
1994	17,092.6	21,666.5	1,288.8	2,339.1	1,854.9	235.5
1995	15,732.5	23,349.4	1,599.1	2,144.6	1,833.9	215.0
1996	16,368.0	16,430.5	1,979.1	1,955.3	1,616.4	188.3
1997	15,491.1	18,816.0	2,156.9	2,139.8	1,634.8	178.0
1998	15,824.0	20,158.3	2,156.9	2,725.7	1,623.8	219.0
1999	15,255.0	17,749.4	2,084.3	3,222.1	1,689.9	259.6
2000	13,744.3	24,223.7	4,029.8	3,249.5	3,080.3	234.4
2001	15,396.5	25,290.0	3,449.3	3,790.2	2,915.5	232.5
2002	16,051.5	23,327.7	3,789.8	4,490.0	3,474.3	200.3
2003	16,384.8	23,645.2	3,495.8	4,770.7	3,986.3	203.3
2004	15,398.8	23,187.2	4,637.3	3,898.0	3,177.3	193.3
2005	14,232.3	22,058.3	4,036.5	3,704.0	2,183.2	190.3
2006	14,424.7	20,268.5	4,270.3	3,117.3	2,387.3	185.2
2007	13,063.8	20,359.0	4,430.8	2,780.5	2,374.5	151.0
2008	13,376.3	21,865.8	4,071.2	3,070.0	2,487.8	161.5
2009	12,732.3	22,364.5	3,422.3	3,736.3	2,384.8	149.3
2010	12,544.5	23,163.5	3,365.0	5,155.0	2,211.3	147.8
2011	11,453.4	23,878.3	3,152.8	5,208.1	2,455.5	135.9
2012	11,088.8	22,003.7	3,023.6	4,489.2	2,311.0	147.4
2013	11,839.9	19,959.2	2,432.8	4,533.1	2,774.7	134.6
2014	11,291.9	21,505.5	2,692.7	4,781.3	2,280.7	131.1
2015	11,722.5	22,963.7	2,928.3	4,687.6	2,027.5	129.6
2016	11,246.6	23,307.9	3,022.3	4,854.5	2,354.1	122.3
2017	10,748.7	22,990.4	2,888.4	3,952.7	2,016.1	114.8
2018	10,891.7	22,118.3	2,834.1	4,898.8	2,290.3	103.8
2019	10,732.0	22,176.7	2,825.0	4,768.1	2,270.9	102.6
Trend BY-2019	-56%	-56%	99%	75%	25%	-72%
Trend 2005-2019	-25%	1%	-30%	29%	4%	-46%

5.2.2.2 Emission Factors

5.2.2.2.1 Cattle

CH₄ emissions from enteric fermentation in Dairy Cattle and Non-dairy Cattle categories were calculated using the Tier 2 method (2006 IPCC Guidelines, Equation 10.21):

$$EF = (GE * (Y_m/100) * 365) / 55.65 \quad (\text{Equation 5.2})$$

Where:

EF	CH ₄ emission factor [kg CH ₄ head ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹]
GE	gross energy intake [MJ head ⁻¹ day ⁻¹]
Y _m	methane conversion rate [MJ MJ ⁻¹]
365	days of year [day yr ⁻¹]
55.65	energy content of methane [MJ kg ⁻¹ CH ₄]

5.2.2.2.1.1 Gross Energy Intake in Dairy Cattle

Tier 2 emission estimate requires feed intakes expressed in terms of gross energy (MJ/head/day), which is the amount of energy an animal needs for maintenance, activity, lactation and pregnancy. In the calculation of net energy requirements Holstein-Friesian and Hungarian Simmental cattle were distinguished, which are the most widespread dairy cattle breeds in Hungary.

To calculate the daily net energy requirements of cows the Hungarian Nutrition Codex (2004) was generally applied, which contains standards of animal feeding for Hungary. In Hungary, the American energy requirement system was adapted in 1986 with some minor changes, thus the Hungarian and the IPCC equations for the calculation of net energy requirements are basically very similar. The main difference between the Hungarian and the IPCC methodology is that, the Hungarian system does not differentiate the net energy for maintenance and activity, thus both energy requirements are taken into account in the net energy for maintenance. To ensure the closest conformity with the IPCC methodology and to avoid underestimate of emissions it was decided to take also into account the net energy for activity based on the IPCC methodology, using the Eq. 10.4 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Calculation of net energy for lactation according to the Hungarian standards also differs from the IPCC methodology. For this reason, it was determined based on both equations. Use of Hungarian standards indicated higher values than the IPCC methodology. Thus, the net energy for lactation was calculated using the Hungarian standards for the inventory purposes, because it was assumed that it is more reliable for the Hungarian species.

The net energy requirement for pregnancy was also determined based on the standards of the Hungarian Nutrition Codex (2004) as well as the IPCC methodology, and it revealed that there is no difference between the outcomes of the two methodologies. As a consequence, Eq. 10.4 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied for the sake of simplicity.

The Equation 10.16 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied to transform net energy requirements into gross energy intake. The value of digestible energy (DE%) was calculated as weighted average of digestibilities of components in the diet to the use of the aforementioned equation. Composition of the diet were taken from the dataset of the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN). This dataset provides annual data on the composition of the diet per 1000 kg milk basis, from which the feed intake can be calculated using the annual milk yields. This statistical data were combined with expert judgement on the composition of the diet and the seasonal changes in the feeding practices.

Digestibility values for the different fodder crops in the diet were taken from the 'feed database' provided in the Hungarian Nutrition Codex (2004). This database contains results of laboratory measurements for feeds used for animal nutrition in Hungary.

Parameters and equations used to estimate the gross energy intake for dairy cattle and their sources are listed in Table 5.2.4.

Calculation of net energy requirements requires further statistical data and parameters, which are summarized in Table 5.2.4. Net energy for maintenance depends on the average body mass of dairy cattle, which was determined for each year of the time-series based on the change of livestock composition and characteristics of species. In the 70-ies the Hungarian cattle herd consisted mainly of double used cows (Hungarian Simmental) and partly dairy cattle having smaller body mass (Jersey, Ayrshire). Since 1970 this cattle herd has been changed, continuously, crossing the above mentioned species with Holstein Friesian cattle. In 1985 the Hungarian cattle herd consisted mainly of Holstein-Friesian and Holstein-Friesian Cross-bred, but the Hungarian Simmental also had an importance. Proportions of Jersey and Ayrshire can be considered as negligible. Since 1985 proportion of Hungarian Simmental species has been dropped and as a result the annual milk yield increased from 4671 kg to 6429 kg in the period BY-2005, together with this change the average body weight in the herd also increased. The annual average body mass was calculated from the typical body mass of the two main species and their proportions in the certain year based on HCSO statistics. The typical body mass of Holstein-Friesian and Hungarian Simmental is assumed to be 650 and 550 kg in the calculation. The resulted body weights by years are shown in Table 5.2.5.

Table 5.2.4 Parameters and equations used to estimate the GE for Dairy Cattle

Activity data, parameters and coefficients	Unit	Source	Values/ Notes
Weight	kg	Kovács, 2013	Calculated annually, based on the ratio and the body mass of typical Hungarian breeds.
C_{pregnancy}		Table 10.7 of 2006 IPCC GLs	0.1
Digestible energy intake (DE)	%	Kovács, 2013	Calculated annually, based on feeding statistics from FADN and laboratory measurements (Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004).
C_a		Table 10.5 of 2006 IPCC GLs	0 for stall, 0.17 for pasture
Proportion for grazing		HCSO, agricultural surveys, NFCSO's Nitrate database	See also Chapter 6.3.
$NE_m = 2.96 + FM * 4.25 + W * 0.06$ <p>where, FM = farming method (1 = stalled; 2 = farming on good pasture; 3 = farming on average pasture) W = live-weight of Cow, kg</p>	MJ/day	Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004	Country-specific methodology according to the Hungarian net energy requirements standards. Calculated separately for Holstein-Friesian and Hungarian Simmental
NE_a	MJ/day	Eq. 10.4 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
$NE_i = NE_{i,milk} * \text{kg of milk per day}$ $NE_{i,milk} = 1.45 + 38.45 * \text{Milk fat} + 3.02 * \text{Milk protein}$ <p>where, Milk fat = Fat content of milk, % Milk protein = Protein content of milk, %</p>	MJ/day	Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004	Country-specific methodology according to the Hungarian net energy requirements standards.
Ne_p	MJ/day	Eq. 10.13 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
REM		Eq.10.14 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
GE	MJ/day	Eq. 10.16 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated

Net energy for lactation depends on the amount of daily milk production and fat content of milk. The daily average milk yield was calculated based on the HCSO's annual milk yield statistics. In 2019 the daily average milk production was 22 kg of milk per cow (Table 5.2.5). Data on fat content of milk was taken from the Eurostat statistics for the period 1998-2011, while for the period 1985-1997 the average of the values calculated for the period 1998-2011 were assumed due to lack of statistical data. Since 2012 this data has been provided by the HCSO.

Table 5.2.5 Body mass, digestible energy, milk yield, gross energy intake, N-excretion and the resulted emission factors for Dairy Cattle

Year	Body Mass, Average	Digestible Energy	Milk Yield	Gross Energy Intake	N-excretion	Emission Factor for 3.A
	kg/head	%	kg/head/day	MJ/head/day	kg N / head/year	kg CH ₄ / head/year
1985	626	68.29	12.28	251	74	107
BY	628	68.53	12.80	254	76	108
1986	628	68.55	12.91	255	77	109
1987	629	68.75	13.21	255	79	109
1988	631	68.79	13.50	257	79	110
1989	632	69.10	13.62	255	82	109
1990	633	69.26	13.78	255	83	105
1991	636	69.25	12.91	246	81	105
1992	639	69.38	13.10	246	82	105
1993	641	69.41	13.03	244	82	104
1994	641	69.42	12.92	243	82	104
1995	641	69.90	13.67	247	88	105
1996	640	69.93	13.87	249	89	103
1997	640	69.97	14.01	250	90	103
1998	641	70.26	15.10	257	94	105
1999	639	70.18	14.94	257	94	105
2000	641	70.51	16.13	264	97	107
2001	641	70.58	16.58	267	99	109
2002	641	70.62	16.86	270	100	110
2003	642	70.64	16.86	271	100	110
2004	642	70.40	16.80	271	103	110
2005	642	70.51	17.61	274	106	112
2006	642	70.63	18.37	281	109	113
2007	643	70.65	18.83	286	111	114
2008	643	70.48	19.10	289	112	115
2009	642	70.37	18.67	287	110	115
2010	642	70.31	18.84	288	110	115
2011	640	70.02	18.73	289	109	115
2012	639	70.10	19.46	295	112	118
2013	641	70.24	19.55	295	112	118
2014	641	70.42	20.39	300	115	120
2015	642	70.04	21.10	307	119	123
2016	643	69.87	21.28	310	120	126

Year	Body Mass, Average	Digestible Energy	Milk Yield	Gross Energy Intake	N-excretion	Emission Factor for 3.A
	kg/head	%	kg/head/day	MJ/head/day	kg N / head/year	kg CH ₄ / head/year
2017	643	70.05	22.02	314	123	126
2018	643	69.59	22.00	317	119	129
2019	643	70.10	22.05	314	125	125

5.2.2.2.1.2 Methane Conversion Rate for Dairy Cattle

Following a recommendation from the annual review conducted in 2013 country-specific value of Y_m for Dairy Cattle were developed based on the data on composition of diet used for the estimation of GE. Laboratory measurements on Y_m , similarly to most of the other country, is unavailable in Hungary. Therefore, until the 2019 submission country-specific values were calculated based on conclusions of the related publication of Soliva (2006). As a result of a question raised during the UNFCCC Review, 2019, for this submission the Y_m values were revised according to the latest scientific publications.

According to the most recently published scientific publications Y_m values depends on the feed type, quality and the animal characteristics as breed and genetics. In Hungary the most typical dairy cattle breed is Holstein-Friesian (87.5%) while the remaining Jersey, and Ayrshire, which breeds were mainly examined in the studies of Niu et al. (2018) and Hellwing et al. (2016). In the study of Niu et. al 68% of the data examined related to Holstein cows. In the publication of Hellwing et al. (2016) Holstein and Jersey cows were studied.

In line with these publications and the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (IPCC, 2019) annual value of the Y_m were determined based on the country-specific values of milk yield (MY), digestibility (DE) and Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF) in percentage of the dry matter intake (DMI).

Hungarian cattle are considered as low producing cows ($MY < 5000 \text{ kg yr}^{-1}$) at the beginning of the time-series and medium producing cows ($5000 \text{ kg yr}^{-1} < MY < 8500 \text{ kg yr}^{-1}$) since 1996. Proportions of concentrate in the diet have changed in a range between 21% and 36%; while digestibility has changed within a narrow range, between 68.3% and 70.7% over the time-series, due to the good-quality forage crops. (Hungarian cattle's diet contains mainly maize silage as forage.)

According to Niu et. al (2018) information on neutral detergent fiber (NDF) improve the prediction of the enteric methane (CH₄) production from cattle. Therefore, to get more accurate estimate of Y_m the values of NDF were determined based on the diet for the whole time-series. Percentage of NDF in DMI has decreased from 42% to 35% across the timeseries.

The annual values of Y_m were determined as it is shown in Table 5.2.6 .

Table 5.2.6 Assumptions made to estimate Methane Conversion Rates (Y_m) for Dairy Cattle

Milk Yield (MY) [kg head ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹]	Digestibility (DE) [%]	Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF) [%]	Enteric Methane Conversion Factor (Y_m) [%]
<5000	68%<DE<70%	40%<NDF	6.5
5000<MY<8500	68%<DE<70%	37%<NDF	6.3
5000<MY<8500	DE<70%	35%<NDF≤37%	6.2
5000<MY<8500	DE≤70%	NDF≤35%	6.1

Timeseries of background data to the estimation of the Y_m and the resulted values are shown in Table 5.2.7.

Table 5.2.7 Methane Conversion Rates for Dairy Cattle BY-2018

Year	Milk Yield (MY)	Digestibility (DE)	Neutral Detergent Fibre (NDF)	Forage in the diet	Enteric methane conversion factor Y_m
	kg head ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹	%	%	%	%
BY	4,671	68.5	41.8%	78%	6.5
1990	5,031	69.3	40.7%	72%	6.3
1991	4,711	69.3	41.0%	72%	6.5
1992	4,780	69.4	41.3%	71%	6.5
1993	4,757	69.4	41.4%	71%	6.5
1994	4,716	69.4	41.5%	71%	6.5
1995	4,991	69.9	40.2%	68%	6.5
1996	5,064	69.9	39.8%	68%	6.3
1997	5,112	70.0	39.6%	68%	6.3
1998	5,513	70.3	39.0%	66%	6.2
1999	5,454	70.2	38.6%	66%	6.2
2000	5,886	70.5	38.4%	64%	6.2
2001	6,051	70.6	37.9%	64%	6.2
2002	6,155	70.6	37.6%	64%	6.2
2003	6,154	70.6	37.6%	64%	6.2
2004	6,131	70.4	37.4%	64%	6.2
2005	6,429	70.5	37.1%	63%	6.2
2006	6,706	70.6	36.8%	62%	6.1
2007	6,874	70.7	36.7%	63%	6.1
2008	6,972	70.5	36.6%	65%	6.1
2009	6,815	70.4	36.6%	65%	6.1
2010	6,877	70.3	36.3%	66%	6.1
2011	6,835	70.0	35.8%	68%	6.1
2012	7,104	70.1	35.4%	67%	6.1
2013	7,135	70.2	35.6%	66%	6.1
2014	7,443	70.4	35.4%	64%	6.1
2015	7,702	70.0	35.4%	69%	6.1
2016	7,768	69.9	35.5%	71%	6.2
2017	8,038	70.1	35.1%	70%	6.1
2018	8,031	69.6	36.9%	75%	6.2
2019	8,048	70.1	35.2%	73%	6.1

5.2.2.2.2 Gross Energy Intake for Non-Dairy Cattle

Gross energy intakes for non-dairy cattle were derived from the study of Kovács, 2013, where the typical Hungarian diets for each sub-category of non-dairy cattle was determined. Besides, the seasonal changes in the diets were also taken into account for each sub-category. In the calculation the available data, the Hungarian dietary standards and expert judgments were combined to get the most reliable results. Similarly, to the dairy cattle values of net energy requirements and net energy for lactation for other cattle were calculated according to the Hungarian standards. Table 5.2.8

summarizes the parameters and equations used to estimate the gross energy intake for non-dairy cattle.

Table 5.2.8 Parameters and equations to estimate gross energy intakes for non-dairy cattle

Activity data, parameters and coefficients	Unit	Sources	Values/ Notes
Weight	kg	Kovács, 2013	Calculated based on the livestock composition.
Weight Loss			NO
WG (daily weight gain)	kg	Kovács, 2013	1 for male<1 year, 0.73 for female<1 year, 0.65 for heifers, 0.9 for bovines 1-2 years, 0 for mature
C, Coefficient for Eq. 10.6 of GI (IPCC, 2006)		2006 IPCC GLs	0.8 for females, 1.2 for bulls, 0 for mature
C_{pregnancy}		Table 10.7 of 2006 IPCC GLs	0.1
Digestible energy intake (DE%)	%	Kovács, 2013	Calculated based on fed diets and laboratory measurements
C_a		Table 10.5 of 2006 IPCC GLs	0 for stall, 0.17 for pasture
proportion for grazing		HCSO, agricultural surveys, NFCSO's Nitrate database	
NE_m	MJ/day	Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004	Country-specific methodology according to the Hungarian standards of net energy requirements
NE_a	MJ/day	Eq. 10.4 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
NE_i	MJ/day	Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004	Country-specific methodology according to the Hungarian standards of net energy requirements
NE_g	MJ/day	Eq. 10.6 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
NE_p	MJ/day	Eq. 10.13 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
REM		Eq. 10.14 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
REG		Eq. 10.15 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
GE	MJ/day	Eq. 10.16 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated

Net energy for maintenance depends on the live-weight, which was determined based on the study of Kovács, 2013. The typical body mass for each sub-category as well as the resulted gross energy intake and the emission factors for the BY and the year 2019 are shown in Table 5.2.9 and Table 5.2.10.

Table 5.2.9 Gross energy intakes and emission factors by Non-dairy cattle subcategories for the base year (BY)

BY		<1 year		1-2 year		>2 year			Beef Cow
		Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non-Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	
Live weight	kg	195	170	415	370	515	575	530	600
Digestible Energy	%	69	71	62	62	69	66	67	69
N-excretion	kg N / head · year	42	41	40	31	61	56	53	70
Gross Energy Intake	MJ / head · day	94	92	156	160	200	192	185	157
Concentrate ratio	%	31%	33%	10%	12%	18%	17%	17%	16%
Y _m	%	5.51	5.47	7.03	7.00	6.87	6.90	6.89	6.90
Emission Factor for 3.A	kg CH ₄ / head · year	24	23	72	73	90	87	84	71

Table 5.2.10 Gross energy intakes and emission factors by Non-dairy cattle subcategories for the year 2018

2019		<1 year		1-2 year		>2 year			Beef Cow
		Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non-Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	
Live weight	kg	195	170	415	370	515	575	530	600
Digestible Energy	%	69	70	61	62	68	65	65	67
N-excretion	kg N / head * year	44	42	46	41	66	60	57	75
Gross Energy Intake	MJ / head * day	94	94	161	163	192	199	191	162
Concentrate ratio	%	30%	33%	10%	12%	18%	17%	17%	17%
Y _m	%	5.53	5.48	7.03	7.01	6.87	6.90	6.89	6.90
Emission Factor for 3.A	kg CH ₄ / head * year	24	24	74	75	87	90	86	73

Methane conversion rate for Non-dairy cattle

Methane conversion rate for non-dairy cattle was calculated by linear interpolation in dependency of the proportion of concentrate in the dry matter intakes. In case of 'Bovines < 1 year' for the period of consuming only milk methane conversion rate zero was assumed in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The time period of consuming only milk for juveniles was assumed to be 60 days, which is in line with the Hungarian standards.

5.2.2.2.3 Other livestock categories

Detailed information required to develop the Tier 2 emission factor is not available for other important livestock category in Hungary, such as sheep. Therefore, the Tier 1 methodology for enteric fermentation for all livestock categories other than cattle is applied. The emission factors used are the IPCC default ones provided for developed countries in the Table 10.10 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. In the case of Rabbit and Poultry the IPCC methodologies do not provide emission factors. Emissions from enteric fermentation in rabbits are relatively small, accounting for 0.2 percent of the total emissions from enteric fermentations in all livestock, so development of a country-specific emission factor does not seem to be reasonable. The emission factor provided by the Italian NIR, 2008 is used, because Italy is the nearest neighbor of Hungary, who reports emissions from rabbits. It is assumed that the Hungarian housing and feeding practices do not differ from the Italian ones. Emission factor for poultry was taken from the literature; due to lack of IPCC default values. Sources of emission factors per livestock species are summarized in Table 5.2.11.

Table 5.2.11 Emission factors used for the calculation of the methane emissions from enteric fermentation

Animal category	CH ₄ -emission factor [kg head ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹]	Comments
Buffalo	55	IPCC default value for developed countries
Sheep	8	IPCC default value for developed countries
Goats	5	IPCC default value for developed countries
Horses	18	IPCC default value for developed countries
Asses & Mules	10	IPCC default value for developed countries
Swine	1.5	IPCC default value for developed countries
Poultry	0.015	expert judgement, according to Minonzio et al. (1998)
Rabbits	0.08	expert judgement, according to the NIR of Italy, 2008

5.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty of activity data (animal population) was estimated based on the confidence intervals for each animal category and livestock survey provided by the HCSO. The uncertainty of the mean annual averages was estimated according to the error propagation rules. (See Table 5.1.3) For the uncertainty of the country specific EFs $\pm 20\%$ were assumed, while for the default EFs $\pm 40\%$ were applied in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The combined uncertainty in emissions from the 3.A sector is ± 13 per cent. In response to a recommendation from the the latest UNFCCC review this chapter is supplemented with the following information. CH₄ EF for dairy cattle was estimated based on data for milk production and GE, for which uncertainties could be estimated to be less than $\pm 3\%$ and 10%, respectively. Data on milk production is readily available while the GE is checked against cattle feeding requirements arising from the biology of ruminants (e.g. ratio of crude protein, dry matter intake and proportion of silage in the diet).

5.2.4 Source specific QA/QC information

Consistency of Animal Populations

Since the centralized review conducted in 2014 the HCSO has provide animal populations rounded to the nearest hundred instead of nearest thousand (according to the recommendation of the ARR, 2014 para 47). Until 2014 the HCSO provided animal populations rounded to the nearest thousand; data for each livestock subcategory as well as the total livestock population were rounded by the HCSO.

It was not feasible to provide new animal populations rounded to the nearest hundreds for the full timeseries. The HCSO provided revised animal numbers backward to 2011.

In the case of animal categories for which enhanced livestock characterization is used rounding can cause slight differences between the rounded totals and the sum of the rounded values of subcategories.

As the IPCC methodology requires annual average animal populations, this fact can cause further seeming discrepancies in the case of enhanced livestock characterization, because of the error propagation.

In order to avoid inconsistencies in NIR tables arising from rounding and the use of annual average animal populations the following actions were taken:

- The HCSO has provided animal numbers rounded to the nearest hundred since the inventory year 2011. However, using rounded values to the nearest hundred instead of nearest thousand the error propagation cannot be completely avoided; only reduced.
- An adjustment of animal numbers of Non-dairy cattle and Swine subcategories was applied to the chronological means of totals to eliminate the differences between the chronological means of totals and the sum of the chronological means by subcategories for those years when a slight difference occurred. It is worth noting, that the aforementioned discrepancy also exists

in the case of the inventory year 2011, because the chronological means contain the livestock population in December of the previous year (i.e. 2010).

In the next figures we present an example of processing and adjustment of HCSO's livestock populations to get the required activity data to the emission estimate. The method used to derive Dairy cattle and Non-dairy cattle average annual populations for the year 2011 are outlined in the following steps below:

- STEP1 HCSO provides annual population survey data by subcategories (*Figure 5.2.3*).
- STEP2 Chronological means are calculated for each subcategory, as well as the total (*Figure 5.2.4*). See also Section 5.2.2.1.
- STEP3 Adjustment to the HCSO's total Cattle livestock is applied (*Figure 5.2.5*).

<i>STEP 1 Data provided by the HCSO (1'000 head)</i>			
	12/1/2010	6/1/2011	12/1/2011
Bovines less than one year old			
Calves for slaughter, male	40.0	46.7	47.8
Calves for slaughter, female	12.0	10.9	12.0
Other calves, male	26.0	30.6	29.5
Other calves, female	92.0	93.0	98.5
Bovines aged between one and two			
Male	30.0	25.6	24.5
Female for slaughter (heifers)	18.0	7.2	4.9
Other heifers	105.0	106.1	108.1
Bovines of two years and over			
Male	8.0	6.7	6.4
Female for slaughter (heifers)	3.0	2.6	2.2
Other heifers	37.0	35.2	34.8
Cows, dairy	193.0	206.0	196.9
Cows, beef	70.0	71.9	77.2
Cows, dual purpose	47.0	49.3	54.7
Cattle, total	682.0	691.7	697.4
<i>Cattle, SUM OF SUBCATEGORIES</i>	<i>681.0</i>	<i>691.8</i>	<i>697.5</i>
Difference	-1.00	0.10	0.10
Dairy Cattle	240.0	255.3	251.6
Other Cattle	442.0	436.4	445.8
Cattle, total	682.0	691.7	697.4
<i>Cattle, SUM OF SUBCATEGORIES</i>	<i>681.0</i>	<i>691.8</i>	<i>697.5</i>
Difference	-1.00	0.10	0.10

Figure 5.2.3 Cattle populations survey data provided by the HCSO for the inventory year 2011

	2011			
Bovines less than one year old				
Calves for slaughter, male	45.3			
Calves for slaughter, female	11.5			
Other calves, male	29.2			
Other calves, female	94.1			
Bovines aged between one and two				
Male	26.4			
Female for slaughter (heifers)	9.3			
Other heifers	106.3			
Bovines of two years and over				
Male	7.0			
Female for slaughter (heifers)	2.6			
Other heifers	35.6			
Cows, dairy	200.48			
Cows, beef	72.8			
Cows, dual purpose	50.08			
Cattle, total	690.7			
SUM OF CHRONOLOGICAL MEANS	690.5			
Difference for Cattle	-0.17			
Dairy Cattle	250.6	reported in the CRF Table		
Other Cattle	440.2	reported in the CRF Table		
Cattle, total	690.7	consistent with the HCSO's total		
Other Cattle SUM OF CHRONOLOGICAL MEANS	440.0			
Difference for Non-dairy Cattle	-0.18			

Figure 5.2.4 Chronological means for Cattle, 2011

STEP 3 Adjustment and conversion to activity data	2011		
	Original	Adjusted	Difference
<1 year			
Calves, male	74.5	74.5	0.03
Calves, female	105.6	105.6	0.04
1-2 year			
Bovines (male)	26.4	26.4	0.01
Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	115.7	115.7	0.05
>2 year			
Mature Non-Dairy (male)	7.0	7.0	0.00
Mature Non-Dairy (female)	2.6	2.6	0.00
First calf heifers	35.6	35.6	0.01
Beef Cow	72.8	72.8	0.03
Non-dairy Cattle	440.2	440.2	0.00
Non-dairy Cattle, SUM OF SUBCATEGORIES	440.0	440.2	0.17
Dairy Cattle	250.6	250.6	0.00
Cattle, total	690.7	690.7	0.00

Figure 5.2.5 Adjustment of average annual populations for Non-dairy cattle, 2011

The country specific value of the gross energy intake for Dairy Cattle was verified using values reported by the EU member states. Verification revealed the Hungarian value of 317 MJ head⁻¹ d⁻¹ for the year

2018 was consistent with the reported values by other EU member states. The average gross energy intake for the EU-28 member states was also 317 MJ head⁻¹ d⁻¹ according to the EU's NIR 2020 submission. The milk production in Hungary was slightly higher than in the EU-28. The milk production for the year 2018 was 19.8 kg for the EU-28, while 22.0 kg for Hungary. The feed digestibility was 69.9% in the EU-28, while 70.1% in Hungary.)

5.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

There are no recalculations in this source category in this submission.

5.2.6 Planned improvements

See Section 5.1.9

5.3 Manure management (CRF sector 3.B)

Emitted gases: CH₄, N₂O

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: D, CS

Key source: Yes

Particularly significant sub-categories, CH₄: Swine and Cattle

Particularly significant sub-categories, N₂O: Other AWMS and Indirect emissions

Animal manure is an important source of CH₄ and N₂O. The amount of CH₄ and N₂O emitted from the manure to the atmosphere depends on the conditions of manure management and use as well as on the composition of released excrements. CRF category 3.B comprises direct and indirect emissions during storage and treatment of manure before it is applied to land.

5.3.1 Source Category Description

In 2019 24% of agricultural CH₄ and 11% of agricultural N₂O emissions arose from the 3.B Manure management. The bulk of emissions were generated in cattle and swine husbandry (in 2019 they accounted for 548 and 305 Gg CO₂-eq, which equates to 49% and 27% of total GHG emissions from 3.B, respectively), due to the considerable share of deep bedding and liquid manure. The main sources of CH₄ emissions from 3.B are Swine and Cattle manure (Figure 5.3.1), and most of N₂O emissions are generated in the solid and 'other' systems containing 'Cattle and Swine deep bedding' and 'Poultry manure with or without litter'. Indirect emissions contributed 13% to the N₂O emissions from this sector. The uncovered manure tanks and the low proportion of grazing cattle are the main sources of the significant amount of N₂O emissions from volatilization of N in form of NH₃ and NO_x.

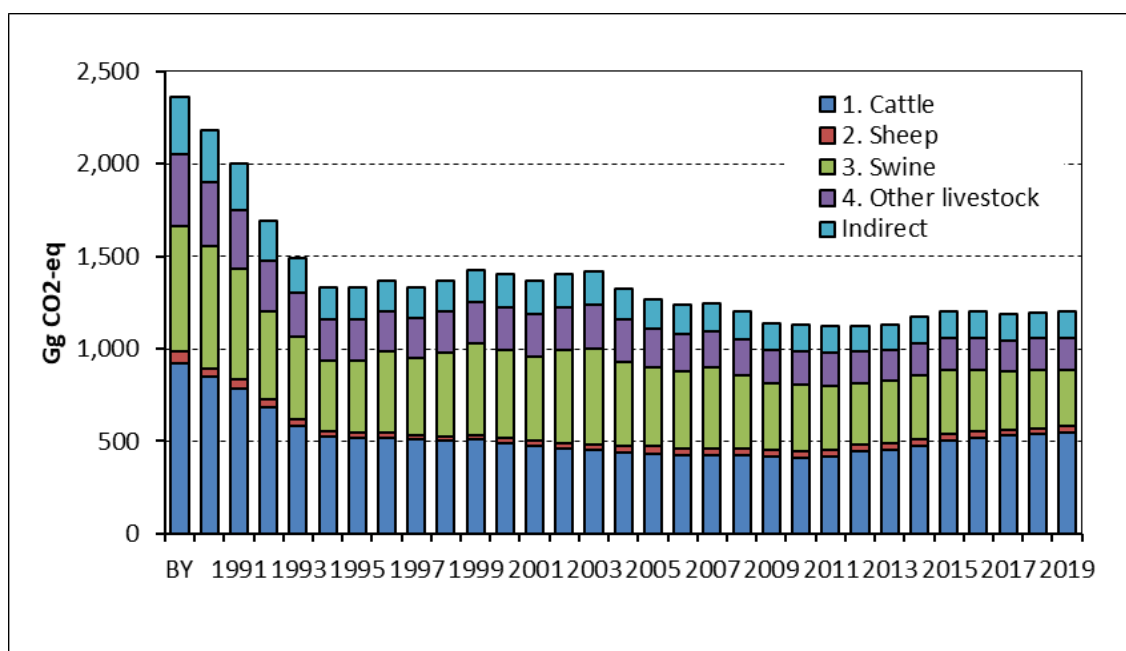


Figure 5.3.1 Emissions from 3.B Manure management by sources BY-2019

Emissions from 3.B Manure management have decreased by 49% since the BY (Table 5.3.1). Considering CH₄ and N₂O emissions separately, they have decreased by 48% and 50% over the inventory period, respectively. The significant decrease in the emissions reflects the decreasing swine and cattle livestock between 1985 and 1994. In the period 1995-2003 emissions fluctuated to some extent on yearly basis, following the annual changes in swine population. Emissions have decreased again in the period 2004 to 2010 reflecting again the falling swine livestock numbers over that period. Since 2011 emissions from 3.B slightly increased due to the increasing non-dairy cattle livestock. CH₄ and N₂O emissions from 3.B are shown in the tables below.

Indirect N₂O emissions due to leaching decreased continuously over the timeseries. The decrease in the emission levels reflects the drop in livestock population and the effect of measures to reduce nitrate leaching during manure storage.

Table 5.3.1 Trend in CH₄ emissions from 3.B Manure Management by livestock categories

Year	CH ₄ emissions from 3.B				
	Dairy-Cattle	Non-Dairy Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Other livestock
BY	14.73	10.35	0.74	20.40	3.51
1990	13.88	8.76	0.58	19.99	3.22
1991	12.50	8.40	0.60	18.02	3.04
1992	11.31	6.78	0.55	14.47	2.65
1993	10.20	5.26	0.43	13.54	2.45
1994	9.49	4.47	0.32	11.74	2.36
1995	9.19	4.43	0.30	11.84	2.26
1996	9.12	4.47	0.28	13.55	2.18
1997	9.10	4.28	0.27	12.92	2.17
1998	9.12	3.96	0.28	14.10	2.24
1999	9.23	3.94	0.29	15.69	2.17
2000	8.82	3.79	0.35	14.96	2.38
2001	8.67	3.47	0.34	14.73	2.47
2002	8.55	3.39	0.34	16.16	2.56
2003	8.20	3.40	0.36	16.98	2.58
2004	7.81	3.40	0.41	14.93	2.47
2005	7.71	3.34	0.43	13.94	2.17
2006	7.29	3.44	0.40	13.86	2.08
2007	7.26	3.58	0.38	14.38	1.90
2008	7.25	3.58	0.37	13.16	1.82
2009	7.04	3.72	0.37	11.76	1.68
2010	6.69	3.91	0.35	11.71	1.67
2011	6.92	3.85	0.34	11.56	1.60
2012	7.19	4.24	0.35	11.14	1.50
2013	6.95	4.79	0.36	11.12	1.38
2014	7.13	5.16	0.36	11.46	1.39
2015	7.39	5.59	0.35	11.57	1.42
2016	7.36	6.06	0.35	11.05	1.41
2017	7.36	6.32	0.34	10.42	1.34
2018	7.46	6.51	0.33	10.48	1.36
2019	7.31	6.78	0.32	10.23	1.36
Share in 3B CH₄ in BY	29.6%	20.8%	1.5%	41.0%	7.1%
Share in 3B CH₄ in 2019	28.1%	26.1%	1.2%	39.3%	5.2%
Trend BY-2019	-50%	-35%	-57%	-50%	-61%

Table 5.3.2 Trend in N₂O emissions from 3.B Manure Management by sources

Year	N ₂ O emissions from 3.B						
	Direct					Indirect	
	Dairy-Cattle	Non-Dairy Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Other livestock	Atmospheric deposition	Nitrogen leaching and run-off
BY	0.48	0.52	0.14	0.57	0.99	0.99	0.04
1990	0.50	0.44	0.11	0.53	0.90	0.90	0.04
1991	0.45	0.43	0.11	0.48	0.81	0.81	0.04
1992	0.42	0.35	0.10	0.39	0.69	0.69	0.03
1993	0.38	0.28	0.08	0.36	0.60	0.60	0.03
1994	0.35	0.24	0.06	0.31	0.55	0.55	0.02
1995	0.37	0.24	0.06	0.31	0.56	0.56	0.02
1996	0.37	0.24	0.05	0.34	0.55	0.55	0.02
1997	0.37	0.23	0.05	0.31	0.53	0.53	0.02
1998	0.38	0.22	0.05	0.33	0.55	0.55	0.02
1999	0.38	0.21	0.06	0.35	0.56	0.56	0.02
2000	0.37	0.21	0.07	0.33	0.58	0.58	0.02
2001	0.37	0.19	0.07	0.30	0.57	0.57	0.02
2002	0.36	0.19	0.07	0.32	0.57	0.57	0.02
2003	0.35	0.19	0.08	0.32	0.58	0.58	0.02
2004	0.34	0.19	0.09	0.28	0.55	0.55	0.02
2005	0.33	0.19	0.09	0.26	0.52	0.52	0.02
2006	0.32	0.19	0.09	0.25	0.51	0.51	0.01
2007	0.31	0.20	0.09	0.26	0.50	0.50	0.01
2008	0.31	0.20	0.09	0.24	0.49	0.49	0.01
2009	0.30	0.21	0.09	0.21	0.47	0.47	0.01
2010	0.28	0.22	0.09	0.21	0.47	0.47	0.01
2011	0.28	0.21	0.09	0.20	0.46	0.46	0.01
2012	0.29	0.23	0.09	0.19	0.46	0.46	0.01
2013	0.29	0.26	0.09	0.19	0.45	0.45	0.01
2014	0.30	0.27	0.09	0.19	0.46	0.46	0.01
2015	0.30	0.29	0.09	0.19	0.48	0.48	0.01
2016	0.30	0.31	0.08	0.18	0.48	0.48	0.00*
2017	0.30	0.33	0.08	0.17	0.47	0.47	0.00*
2018	0.29	0.34	0.08	0.17	0.47	0.47	0.00*
2019	0.30	0.35	0.08	0.17	0.47	0.47	0.00*
Share in 3B N2O in BY	15.4%	16.6%	4.5%	18.4%	31.9%	31.9%	1.3%
Share in 3B N2O in 2019	19.9%	22.9%	5.1%	10.9%	30.8%	30.8%	0.3%
Trend BY-2019	-36%	-32%	-45%	-71%	-53%	-53%	-90%

*We note that the '0.00' values are due to the rounding of small numbers rather than inferring that emissions are zeros.

5.3.2 Methodological issues

5.3.2.1 Calculation method

CH₄ emissions from manure management were estimated using Tier 2 methodology, except Rabbit, which contribution is less than 1% to the source category. Direct N₂O emissions were calculated using Tier 2 method for the important livestock categories in Hungary, such as Dairy Cattle, Non-dairy Cattle, Swine and Poultry. For these livestock categories country-specific nitrogen excretion rates, but IPCC default values of emission factors were applied. For the other livestock categories Tier 1 method was adopted. Indirect N₂O emissions were estimated based on the national air pollutant emissions inventory (i.e. reported NH₃ and NO_x emissions), which meet the requirement of the IPCC Tier 2 method. A detailed description of the methods applied for the calculation of NH₃ and NO_x emissions is given in the report 'Hungary's Informative Report, 2021' – Submission under the UNECE/CLRTAP.

5.3.2.2 Activity Data

5.3.2.2.1 Animal Waste Management System Distribution

Activity data on allocation of manure to animal waste management systems is based on processing and synthesizing of statistics from the HCSO's General Agricultural Censuses conducted in 2000 and 2010, Farm Structure Surveys, conducted in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2013, 2016, annual data for the period 2004-2016 from the Nitrate Database, reports on agricultural waste such as manure. Expert judgments were drawn on to the further stratification of primarily data e.g. to stratify liquid/slurry by natural crust cover and deep litter by mixing and frequency of removals.

In Hungary the first comprehensive study on animal waste management system distribution for emission inventory purposes was carried out by Ráky in 2003 based on the HCSO's General Agricultural Census 2000. This study focused on product producer farms and provides data by farm-size structure. The results of the HCSO's General Agricultural Census 2010 provided comprehensive information on the manure management system distribution again. The census provide data on housing practices for cattle, swine and laying hens, and in addition on grazing for all animal species for the year 2010. The surveyed housing systems are as follows:

Cattle

- Solid and liquid manure

- Liquid

- Other

Swine

- Partial grid floor

- Grid floor

- Deep litter

- Other

Poultry

- Deep litter

Cage with manure belt

Cage with pit

Battery cage with stilt house

Other battery cage

Other

Farm Structure Survey data was applied to get representative activity data from the different datasets published by farm size structure and it was applied as surrogate data to the interpolation of the 2000-2010 time-series. Farm structure survey conducted in 2013 and 2016 contained a more detailed data collection on grazing than former surveys. This data on proportion of grazing animals as well as grazing period was also taken into account in the inventory preparation.

Agricultural census is taken every 10 years, thus for the recent years statistics from the Nitrate Database provides the most reliable data on animal waste management system distribution. Annual statistics from the Nitrate Database are supplied by the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO) to the inventory. Data collection for the Nitrate Database is based on the Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 59/2008 (IV. 29). The Annex 6 of the Decree contains a questionnaire. Data supply obligation is prescribed for farmers, whose animal production exceeds the household requirements. The first version of this Decree (Government Decree No. 49/2001 (IV. 3)) entered into force in 2001. The collected data have been stored in a database since 2003. This database contains data on cattle and swine by sub-categories, poultry (laying hens, cocks and broilers, ducks, geese, turkey), sheep and goats, horse. Six different management systems were distinguished: liquid, solid, deep litter, grazing, farmyard/paddock and other. Amendments of this decree in 2008 resulted in a minor change in the structure of the data collection. Until 2007 only the livestock numbers for six housing systems were collected, while since 2008 the amount of the manure has also been surveyed. In 2009 a more detailed livestock characterization was introduced for cattle and swine. At the same time sheep and goats were separated into two different categories. The former paper questionnaires were replaced by on-line forms in 2014. This measure contributed to the improvement of compliance with data provision obligations. In 2013, Hungary revised the area of the so-called 'Nitrate Vulnerable Zones' (hereafter NVZs) in 2013. Thus, the areas designated as NVZs increased to approximately 68-69% of the country from the former 47%, further increasing the number of farms under the data provision obligations. In 2016 the data provision obligations of farmers were amended. The new regulations were developed in line with the data needs of emission inventories. The former six categories of management systems were improved by more detailed categories.

The number of the received questionnaire has been increasing since 2003, although the representativeness of this sample varies between different years and livestock categories. The dataset is most representative for cattle and poultry, about 80-90 per cent of these livestock are covered. It can be considered to be reliable for swine and sheep, too. About 50-60 per cent of the livestock is reported. It is least representative for goats and horse with 5-10 per cent coverage.

The applied data sources sometimes contain information on housing practices rather than manure management storage systems in many cases, therefore additional qualitative information was needed to define the relationship between the housing and manure management systems. Two studies (Mészáros, 2005 and Pazsiczky et. al, 2006) were applied to get additional information. Data on sheep and goats were updated by a survey for sheep and goats in 2011 (Borka et al., 2010).

The 2006 IPCC Guidelines require more disaggregated data on liquid manure and deep litter. Expert judgments of Mészáros, 2015 were drawn on to the further stratification of primarily data e.g. to stratify liquid/slurry by natural crust cover and deep litter by mixing and frequency of removals. Despite the abovementioned methodological differences between the applied databases, the trend in the animal waste management systems distribution can be tracked.

Trends in data on animal waste management system distribution

The most significant change occurred in the poultry manure management in the last decade. From 2000 to 2010, the proportion of the liquid manure had dropped from 26 per cent to 3 per cent for laying hens. Previously, the semi-solid manure was diluted by water and handled as liquid manure, but recently the semi-solid manure is rather dried than diluted and handled as solid manure. Thus, the liquid manure technology has been replaced by the drying technology as a result of environmental restrictions (Pazsiczyk et. al, 2006). The other notable change in the poultry manure management is the decrease of the proportion of grazing for geese. As a result of the bird-flu scare, the animals are kept in stalls rather than pastures.

For the other livestock category, a slight increase of liquid manure (cattle and swine) and the extensive housing technology i.e. grazing (cattle, sheep, goats and horse) can be identified. The former may be explained by the increasing proportions of the farms holding at least 100. Increasing proportion of grazing probably is the results of the high fodder prices and increasing proportion of beef cattle.

Activity data for the base year and 2018 are presented in Table 5.3.3 and Table 5.3.4, respectively. In case of cattle and swine extrapolation and surrogate data were used to complete the time-series. For the other livestock categories data for the year 2000 were used for the period 1985-1999 due to lack of information.

Table 5.3.3 Animal waste management distributions for the base year per livestock categories

BY	Liquid	Solid	Pasture	Anaerobic digesters	Other	Deep litter	Yard	Poultry manure with bedding	Poultry manure without bedding
Dairy Cattle	3.6%	40.9%	8.0%	NO	47.5%	44.0%	3.4%	-	-
Non-Dairy Cattle	2.5%	39.8%	16.1%	NO	41.6%	38.3%	3.3%	-	-
Swine	39.5%	59.0%	0.0%	NO	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%	-	-
Poultry	8.2%	22.0%	0.1%	NO	69.7%	-	-	58.0%	11.7%
Sheep	0.8%	44.9%	54.2%	NO	0.0%	-	-	-	-
Goats	0.8%	55.7%	43.4%	NO	0.0%	-	-	-	-
Horses	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%	NO	0.0%	-	-	-	-

Table 5.3.4 Animal waste management distributions for the year 2018 by livestock categories

2019	Liquid	Solid	Pasture	Anaerobic digesters	Other	Deep litter	Yard	Poultry manure with bedding	Poultry manure without bedding
Dairy Cattle	14.4%	34.8%	7.7%	IE	43.0%	38.3%	4.8%	-	-
Non-Dairy Cattle	2.5%	18.7%	20.4%	IE	58.3%	50.3%	8.0%	-	-
Swine	61.4%	26.3%	0.0%	IE	12.3%	8.8%	3.5%	-	-
Poultry	0.2%	18.8%	0.0%	IE	81.0%	-	-	65.2%	15.8%
Sheep	0.0%	56.5%	43.5%	NO	0.0%	-	-	-	-
Goats	0.00%	57.3%	42.7%	NO	0.0%	-	-	-	-
Horses	0.0%	60.3%	39.7%	NO	0.0%	-	-	-	-

In response to two recommendations regarding anaerobic digested manure from the 2019 UNFCCC review this section was supplemented with the following information:

The 2006 IPCC methodology provides a value in the range 0-100% for MCF of Anaerobic digested manure, which cannot be considered as an exact and appropriate value for the emission estimate.

In Hungary a data collection on agricultural wastes used in anaerobic digesters started in 2016, hence provisional data on the manure used in digesters is available. However, further quality check, data processing and gap-filling is needed to get consistent time-series on the percentage of the excreted N used in digesters. Therefore, due to the weaknesses in the methodology regarding the value of MCF for anaerobic digesters in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the ongoing data processing on the activity data Hungary decided to allocate the anaerobic digested manure according to the on-farm storage (liquid and solid MMS) in the former and this submission as well. According to our provisional data, mainly cattle and swine solid and liquid manure is used in digesters, and the proportion of manure used in digesters are very low. To indicate that some manure is used in digesters in the CRF Table 3B(a)s2 notation key 'IE' is reported for those years and animals where some manure is used in digesters according to our provisional data, and 'NO' for the others.

Following a recommendation from the 2019 UNFCCC Review, Hungary should indicate in CRF table 9 where the emissions from manure treated in anaerobic digesters are included. We would like to strengthen here, that CRF Table 3B(a)s2 is a background table to provide additional data to the derivation of the Tier 2 EFs for CH₄ emission from 3B Manure management, and the notation key 'IE' relates to the allocation of manure (activity data) and not the emission. This is why this information cannot be provided in CRF Table 9. (see also section 5.3.5.4 of the CRF Reporter User Manual) and this recommendation from the 2019 UNFCCC review cannot be implemented.

Following a recommendation from the 2020 UNFCCC Review this section is supplemented with the following information:

To eliminate the data quality issues regarding the data on the agricultural wastes used in anaerobic digesters the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (HEA) required a retrospective

data correction and resubmission for biogas plants. As a result of this data re-collection, the corrected data will be available for the 2022 submission.

In 2020 the Agricultural Ministry initiated a project for development of country-specific values of the MCF for animal manure used in anaerobic digesters. The new country-specific MCF values will be available for the 2022 submission as well.

In response to the recommendation A.2 of the UNFCCC review 2020 the two typos regarding the reference to CRF Table 3.Ba(s2) were corrected in this submission.

Following the recommendation A.11 of the UNFCCC review 2020, CRF Tables 3.B(a)s1 and 3.B(b) were supplemented with the explanation of notation key 'IE' for the 2021 submission.

5.3.2.2.2 Livestock Number

Livestock population data provided by the HCSO are used for the estimation. For more details on the calculation of the annual average population and the activity data see section 5.2.2.1. The enhanced livestock characterization were used for the key categories according to the IPCC methodology. The livestock population data for swine by sub-categories are shown in Table 5.3.5.

Table 5.3.5 Swine population and trends from the BY to 2019

Year	Animal Population 1,000 head						
	Piglets under 20 kg	Young pigs, 20-50 kg	Pigs for fattening over 50 kg	Breeding boars	Breeding sows	Guilts not yet mated	Sows mated for the first time
BY	2,015.2	1,718.2	4,341.0	25.2	690.9	76.1	96.4
1990	1,953.1	2,626.3	3,239.6	27.2	657.5	116.3	88.5
1991	1,612.3	2,349.7	3,090.6	25.1	563.0	104.0	64.4
1992	1,310.1	1,844.5	2,436.3	20.4	486.7	81.7	57.8
1993	1,222.7	1,744.1	2,245.4	18.0	446.0	77.2	52.0
1994	1,050.0	1,499.5	1,958.4	15.4	372.5	66.4	44.8
1995	1,107.2	1,458.5	1,921.6	15.3	404.7	64.6	51.1
1996	1,256.8	1,523.9	2,146.8	15.7	429.8	67.5	53.0
1997	1,187.5	1,302.1	2,039.4	14.3	356.3	56.7	56.3
1998	1,247.4	1,407.0	2,073.5	14.0	364.0	65.0	75.8
1999	1,281.3	1,503.1	2,299.8	14.8	396.9	56.3	56.8
2000	1,208.0	1,302.8	2,143.5	14.2	359.8	56.7	61.2
2001	1,260.5	1,108.0	1,984.5	12.5	342.2	54.7	61.0
2002	1,361.2	1,136.7	2,043.0	12.8	368.0	60.3	68.0
2003	1,281.8	1,157.8	2,150.9	12.0	362.3	56.0	56.7
2004	1,064.3	1,015.0	1,885.3	9.8	309.2	50.0	51.3
2005	998.7	916.5	1,701.9	10.0	291.5	50.7	52.5
2006	976.0	933.1	1,635.4	8.7	282.2	54.8	53.5
2007	1,015.3	934.2	1,700.3	7.8	279.0	52.0	50.3
2008	877.5	848.3	1,595.3	6.8	249.7	46.3	40.7
2009	757.4	795.4	1,374.1	6.0	226.5	45.0	43.5
2010	763.4	751.7	1,374.1	6.5	225.2	42.2	44.7
2011	751.5	748.6	1,326.9	5.7	217.6	43.4	37.8
2012	707.1	726.7	1,256.8	5.0	205.8	42.0	38.1
2013	724.0	683.6	1,250.4	4.8	194.2	44.1	42.8

2014	761.3	725.0	1,288.5	4.9	198.5	43.5	43.2
2015	784.2	741.4	1,308.3	4.7	201.1	44.8	42.5
2016	710.9	665.9	1,370.3	4.2	184.9	43.7	40.9
2017	683.0	636.8	1,271.5	3.4	175.0	43.7	36.9
2018	695.9	633.9	1,275.1	3.0	176.6	43.7	36.4
2019	690.2	626.4	1,228.9	2.7	167.9	45.3	35.0
Trend BY-2019	-65%	-76%	-62%	-90%	-74%	-61%	-61%
Trend 2005-2019	-31%	-32%	-28%	-73%	-42%	-11%	-33%

5.3.2.2.3 Annual Average Nitrogen Excretion Rates (N_{ex})

For the values of annual average nitrogen excretion rates country specific (Tier 2) coefficients derived based on the Equation 10.31 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used for Dairy Cattle, Non-dairy Cattle, Swine, Laying hens and Broilers.

In the calculation for breeding sows three different stages as gestation, lactation and the period 'between weaning and mating' were distinguished. The daily nitrogen intake/retention was determined for each period and annual values were calculated as the weighted mean using the length of the periods as weighting factors. According to the Hungarian practices the length of gestation and lactation are 114 and 21 days, respectively. While the period between two successive farrowing decreased gradually across the timeseries. Annual values are provided in Table 5.3.9.

For broilers four-phase feeding was assumed for the period 2005-2018 and three phases from 2004 backwards. Timeseries consistency was ensured based on the timeseries overlap approach of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (Volume 1, Chapter 5). Therefore, for the years 2005-2007 the three- and four-phase feeding systems were assumed, parallelly.

There was no need to distinguish between different stages in case of laying hens.

Nitrogen intake

To the above equation Nitrogen intakes were determined from the crude protein content of the dietary components for all subcategories of these animals. The crude protein intakes were multiplied by 0.16, which is the fraction of nitrogen in protein, to convert the protein content into nitrogen. In the case of cattle and swine subcategories (breeding sows and breeding boars excepted) crude protein content in the diet was calculated from the feed ingredients. Data on crude protein contents of each component were taken from the so-called 'feed database' containing the laboratory measurements of all kind of feed used for animal nutrition in Hungary. The feed database is available in the Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004. In the case of cattle, nitrogen intakes were determined in conjunction with the examination of gross energy intake (see also section 5.2.2.2).

In respect of breeding swine, laying hens and broilers data on crude protein content of the feed (CP%) in proportion of dry matter intake (DMI) was provided from the animal feed monitoring system operated by the AERI. Therefore, the nitrogen intake for a certain animal subcategory and stage was calculated using the Equation 10.32A of the 2019 Refinement:

$$N_{intake(T,i)} = DMI_{T,i} \cdot \frac{CP\%_{T,i}}{6.25}$$

Equation 5.3

Where:

$N_{intake(T,i)}$ = daily N consumed per animal of category (T) and stage (i), kg N animal⁻¹ day⁻¹

$DMI_{T,i}$ = dry matter intake per animal in a certain stage (kg DMI animal day⁻¹)

CP%_{T,i} = per cent crude protein in dry matter

6.25 = conversion from kg of dietary protein to kg of dietary N, kg feed protein (kg N)⁻¹

In Hungary a feed monitoring system started to operate in 2016, with a retrospective data collection for the year 2005. For the year 1990 standards of the DMI and CP% intakes taken from the Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 1990 were applied and interpolation was used to complete the timeseries.

According to the expert opinions and the depth interviews of the AERI, the Hungarian Nutrition Codex provided the most appropriate values of DMI and CP% for swine. While for broiler and laying

hens the breeder's guides seemed to be the most reliable sources before 2005. However, as the research of the AERI revealed, in the years between 2005-2007, the crude protein content of the laying hen and broiler diet could be slightly lower than as it is suggested in the breeder's guides. Therefore, timeseries overlapping was applied to avoid the timeseries inconsistency arising from the use of data from two different sources.

Table 5.3.6 shows the trends in the crude protein content in the diet of breeding sows and breeding boars. These trends in the CP% for sows are the result of two opposite effects. The rising productivity resulted in an increase in the protein demand and the nitrogen intake. This rising trend was maintained to 2010 after which the amino acid supplements lead to decreasing trends in the crude protein content in the breeding sow diet. Trends in the CP% for breeding boar shows a slight increase over the inventory period.

The trend in the N-intake of broiler is also driven by the abovementioned two contrary effects. The growing living weight result in an increase in the protein demand and the nitrogen intake. In 2007 the N-intake reached a peak. After that N-intake decreased gradually, due to the amino acid supplements. Finally, the N-intake started to increase slightly again in the last two years. The CP% of the diet which was the source of the N-intake estimate are provided in

Table 5.3.7.

The overall slightly decreasing trend in the N-intake of laying hens reflects the improvement of the feeding practices and the importance of the amino acid supplements (Table 5.3.8).

Table 5.3.6 Crude protein content in the diet of breeding sow and breeding boar in proportion of DMI BY, 1990-2018

Year	gestating sow	lactating sow	weighted average for breeding sow	breeding boar
			CP(%)	
BY	13.8	16.1	14.1	15.0
1990	13.8	16.1	14.1	15.0
1991	13.8	16.2	14.1	15.1
1992	13.9	16.2	14.2	15.1
1993	13.9	16.3	14.2	15.2
1994	13.9	16.4	14.2	15.2
1995	14.0	16.5	14.3	15.3
1996	14.0	16.5	14.3	15.3
1997	14.0	16.6	14.3	15.4
1998	14.1	16.7	14.4	15.4
1999	14.1	16.8	14.4	15.5
2000	14.1	16.8	14.5	15.5
2001	14.2	16.9	14.5	15.6
2002	14.2	17.0	14.5	15.6
2003	14.2	17.1	14.6	15.7
2004	14.3	17.1	14.6	15.7

Year	gestating sow	lactating sow	weighted average for breeding sow	breeding boar
	CP(%)			
2005	14.3	17.2	14.7	15.8
2006	14.3	17.2	14.7	15.8
2007	14.3	17.2	14.7	15.9
2008	14.3	17.2	14.7	15.9
2009	14.3	17.2	14.7	16.0
2010	14.3	17.2	14.7	16.0
2011	14.3	17.0	14.6	16.1
2012	14.0	17.1	14.4	16.1
2013	13.9	17.2	14.3	16.2
2014	13.7	16.9	14.1	16.2
2015	13.6	16.7	14.0	16.3
2016	13.4	16.7	13.8	16.3
2017	13.3	16.9	13.8	16.4
2018	13.4	16.9	13.9	16.4

Table 5.3.7 Crude protein content in the diet of broilers in proportion of DMI BY, 1990-2018

Year	CP% (breeder's recommendation)			Year	CP% (AERI's data collection)			
	starter	grower I.	finisher		starter	grower I.	grower II.	finisher
BY	23.0	20.0	18.5	2005	22.1	20.3	20.2	19.4
1990	23.0	20.0	18.5	2006	22.0	20.3	20.0	19.2
1991	23.0	20.0	18.5	2007	22.0	20.3	19.9	19.1
1992	23.0	20.0	18.5	2008	22.0	20.3	19.7	19.0
1993	23.0	20.0	18.5	2009	21.9	20.3	19.6	18.9
1994	23.0	20.0	18.5	2010	21.9	20.3	19.5	18.7
1995	22.9	20.0	18.6	2011	21.9	20.2	19.2	18.6
1996	22.9	20.1	18.6	2012	21.6	20.1	19.0	18.4
1997	22.8	20.1	18.7	2013	21.4	19.9	19.1	18.3
1998	22.8	20.2	18.8	2014	21.3	19.8	19.0	18.5
1999	22.7	20.2	18.8	2015	21.1	19.9	18.9	18.3
2000	22.7	20.3	18.9	2016	21.2	19.8	19.0	18.2
2001	22.6	20.3	19.0	2017	21.4	20.0	19.3	18.3
2002	22.6	20.4	19.1	2018	21.5	20.1	19.4	18.5
2003	22.5	20.4	19.1					
2004	22.5	20.5	19.2					
2005	22.4	20.5	19.3					
2006	22.4	20.6	19.3					
2007	22.3	20.6	19.4					

Table 5.3.8 Crude protein content in the diet of laying hens in proportion of DMI BY, 1990-2018

Year	CP% (breeder's recommendation)	Year	CP% (AERI's data collection)
BY	17.4	2005	17.2
1990	17.4	2006	17.2
1991	17.5	2007	17.2
1992	17.6	2008	17.1
1993	17.6	2009	17.1
1994	17.7	2010	17.1
1995	17.8	2011	17.4
1996	17.6	2012	17.5
1997	17.5	2013	16.8
1998	17.4	2014	16.7
1999	17.4	2015	16.7
2000	17.4	2016	16.7
2001	17.4	2017	16.6
2002	17.4	2018	16.4
2003	17.4		
2004	17.4		
2005	17.4		
2006	17.3		
2007	17.2		

N retention

N retained by gestating sows and lactating sows were calculated using the Equation 10.33A and 10.33B of the 2019 Refinement:

$$N_{retention,i} = N_{gain,i} + N_{piglets,i}$$

Equation 5.4

Where:

$N_{retention,i}$ = amount of N retained by the sow in the stage i (head · day⁻¹)

$N_{gain,i}$ = amount of N retained in the sow in the stage i (head · day⁻¹)

$N_{piglets,i}$ = amount of N in piglets in the stage i (heads · day⁻¹)

i = stage ($i=1$ gestation, $i=2$ lactation, $i=3$ period 'between weaning and mating')

$$N_{piglets,i} = 0.0256 \cdot LITSIZE_i \cdot WG_{piglets,i}$$

Equation 5.5

Where:

$LITSIZE_i$ = litter size, in the stage i , heads;

$WG_{piglets,i}$ = weigh gain of piglets, in the stage i , head-day-1;

0.0256 = N-content of weight gain (kg/kg) Lfl, 2013

For sows in the period between two successive farrowing and breeding boars the nitrogen retention was calculated based on the daily weight gain.

Background data as litter size, weaning weight and days between two successive farrowing are provided in Table 5.3.9.

Data was compiled by the HMS, based on the annual yearbooks of 'Results of Pig Breeding' 1985-2018, published by the NFCSO. Piglets weight at birth was assumed to be 1.3 kg.

Table 5.3.9 Background data to the calculation of nitrogen retention rate of breeding sows

Year	piglet weight at weaning	number of piglets at birth	number of piglets at weaning	period between two successive farrowing
	kg	heads	heads	days
BY	5.9	9.8	8.9	178.4
1990	6.3	10.1	8.8	178.1
1991	6.2	10.1	8.9	178.8
1992	6.2	10.2	8.8	181.2
1993	6.2	9.8	8.5	181.2
1994	6.2	9.8	8.4	182.2
1995	6.4	10.0	8.4	181.3
1996	6.5	10.1	8.5	181.0
1997	6.5	10.1	8.5	182.9
1998	6.2	10.2	9.1	181.6
1999	6.2	10.3	9.3	178.6
2000	6.3	10.4	9.3	180.2
2001	6.4	10.3	9.2	173.4
2002	6.5	10.2	9.1	173.3
2003	6.3	10.2	9.2	172.1
2004	6.4	10.2	9.2	170.7
2005	6.6	10.2	9.2	170.6
2006	6.7	10.3	9.2	170.4
2007	6.8	10.3	9.4	169.1
2008	7.0	10.4	9.4	168.9
2009	7.3	10.4	9.5	167.5
2010	7.6	10.5	9.5	166.6
2011	7.7	10.6	9.6	166.0
2012	7.7	10.7	9.8	162.6
2013	7.7	10.9	9.9	162.2
2014	7.7	11.1	10.0	162.0
2015	7.8	11.2	10.1	161.9

2016	7.8	11.3	10.2	161.8
2017	7.8	11.5	10.3	161.4
2018	7.9	11.4	10.2	161.8

Source: NFCSO

N retention for laying hens was calculated from the production data using the Equation 10.33D of the IPCC Refinement:

$$N_{retention} = \left[N_{LW} \cdot DWG + \left(\frac{N_{egg} \cdot EGG}{1000} \right) \right]$$

Equation 5.6

Where:

$N_{retention}$ = daily nitrogen retention of laying hens, kg N·head⁻¹·day⁻¹;

N_{LW} = average content of nitrogen in live weight, kg N·kg head⁻¹. Default value of 0.028 provided in the 2019 Refinement was applied;

DWG = average daily weight gain, kg·head⁻¹·day⁻¹;

N_{EGG} = average content of nitrogen in eggs, kg N·kg egg⁻¹. Default value of 0.0185 provided in the 2019 Refinement was used;

EGG = egg mass production, g egg·head⁻¹·day⁻¹.

Data on egg production was obtained from the HCSO (Table 5.3.10). Average daily weight gain (DWG) was calculated from the daily weight gain of the typical laying hen breeds, as Tetra, Lohman and Hy-Line. Data on the distribution of typical breeds in Hungary were provided by the Hungarian Poultry Board. The average egg weight was calculated similarly, based on the egg weight of the typical laying hen breeds.

Table 5.3.10 Background data to the calculation of nitrogen retention rate of laying hens

Year	Egg production
	[egg· head ⁻¹ ·year ⁻¹]
BY	206
1990	206
1991	189
1992	206
1993	218
1994	227
1995	220
1996	200
1997	212
1998	207
1999	202
2000	208
2001	213
2002	212
2003	210
2004	212
2005	208
2006	205
2007	218

Year	Egg production
	[egg· head ⁻¹ ·year ⁻¹]
2008	215
2009	215
2010	218
2011	214
2012	217
2013	208
2014	214
2015	218
2016	225
2017	227
2018	233

Source: HCSO, 2019

Nitrogen retention for broilers was calculated using the Equation 10.33E of the 2019 Refinement:

$$N_{retention} = \frac{(BW_{Final} - BW_{Initial}) \cdot N_{gain}}{production_period}$$

Equation 5.7

Where:

N retention= amount of N retained in animal (head) day⁻¹

BW_{Final} = Live weight of the animal at the end of the stage (kg)

BW_{Initial} = Live weight of the animal at the beginning of the stage (kg)

N_{gain} = the fraction of N (kg) retained per kg BW gain (kg^{kg⁻¹})

Production period = length of time from chick to slaughter (fattening duration)

N_{gain} was assumed to be 0.0304 kg kg⁻¹ based on Haenel et al., 2018 and Haenel és Dämmgen, 2009. This value relates to the 40 days fattening duration, but in order to ensure the time-series consistency this value was applied for the whole inventory period. Data on BW_{Final} was obtained from the slaughter house statistics of the AERI. This statistic provides data on living weight before slaughtering. The value of BW_{initial} was estimated to be 0.042 kg based on expert judgement. Fattening duration was estimated to be 49, 42 and 40 days for the years 1994, 2007 and 2018 based on the Breeders Management Manuals of Arbor Acres and Aviagen, respectively; and interpolation was used to complete the timeseries.

Table 5.3.11 Background data to the calculation of the nitrogen retention rate in broilers

Year	BW _{final}	Production period (fattening duration)
	kg	day
BY	1.9	49.0
1990	1.9	49.0
1991	1.9	49.0
1992	1.9	49.0
1993	1.9	49.0
1994	1.9	49.0
1995	1.9	48.5

Year	BW _{final}	Production period (fattening duration)
	kg	day
1996	1.9	47.9
1997	1.9	47.4
1998	1.9	46.8
1999	2.0	46.3
2000	2.0	45.8
2001	2.0	45.2
2002	2.0	44.7
2003	2.1	44.2
2004	2.0	43.6
2005	2.0	43.1
2006	2.1	42.5
2007	2.1	42.0
2008	2.1	41.8
2009	2.2	41.6
2010	2.2	41.3
2011	2.3	41.1
2012	2.3	40.9
2013	2.3	40.7
2014	2.4	40.4
2015	2.4	40.2
2016	2.4	40.0
2017	2.5	40.0
2018	2.5	40.0

Values of fraction of annual N-intakes that is retained by animals ($N_{\text{retention}}$) and their sources are summarized in Table 5.3.12. The resulted values of N-excretion for Dairy Cattle and Non-dairy Cattle are provided in Table 5.2.5, Table 5.2.9 and Table 5.2.10, respectively, while values of N excretion for Swine are presented in Table 5.3.13.

Table 5.3.12 $N_{\text{retention}}$ rates and their sources

Animal species	$N_{\text{retention}}$	Source
Dairy Cattle	0.20	2006 IPCC GLs
Non-Dairy Cattle	0.07	2006 IPCC GLs
Swine		
Piglets under 20 kg	0.48	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
Young pigs, 20-50 kg	0.34	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
Pigs for fattening over 50 kg	0.34	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
Breeding sows, weighted mean (2019)	0.34	country-specific (calculated based on the

		Hungarian production data, annually)
<i>Gestating Sows</i>	0.30	country-specific
<i>Lactating Sows</i>	0.42	country-specific
<i>Sows between weaning and mating</i>	0.26	country-specific
Breeding boars (2018)	0.08	country-specific (calculated based on the Hungarian production data)
Guilts not yet mated	0.34	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
Sows mated for the first time	0.34	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
Laying hens	0.27	country-specific (calculated based on the Hungarian production data, annually)
Broilers	0.55	country-specific (calculated based on the Hungarian production data, annually)

Table 5.3.13 Annual average Nitrogen excretion rates (N_{ex}) for Swine

Sub-categories	N_{ex}
	[kg head ⁻¹ year ⁻¹]
Piglets under 20 kg	3.0
Young pigs, 20-50 kg	8.6
Pigs for fattening over 50 kg	12.3
Breeding sows (weighted average, BY)	15.9
<i>Gestating Sows</i>	13.3
<i>Lactating Sows</i>	33.7
<i>Sows between weaning and mating</i>	13.4
Breeding sows (weighted average, 2019)	15.8
<i>Gestating Sows</i>	12.6
<i>Lactating Sows</i>	38.1
<i>Sows between weaning and mating</i>	12.9
Breeding boars (BY)	24.4
Breeding boars (2018)	22.1
Guilts not yet mated	9.9
Sows mated for the first time	13.8
Swine, weighted average (BY)	9.9
Swine, weighted average (2018)	9.4

For other livestock categories the default values of nitrogen excretion provided in Table 10.19 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used except Buffalo for which the EMEP/EEA Guidebook (EEA, 2019) were applied (Table 3.9). It should be noted that in the case of nitrogen excretion rate of Buffalo the 2006 IPCC Guidelines refer to the EEA, 2002, thus the use of the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook, which is the most up-to-date emission inventory guidebook of the EEA, seems to be reasonable. Nitrogen excretion rates for 'Other animals' and the related body weights are shown in Table 5.3.14 and Table 5.3.15.

Table 5.3.14 Annual average Nitrogen excretion rates (N_{ex}) for 'Other livestock'

Animal Category	N_{ex} [kg head ⁻¹ year ⁻¹]	Source
Buffalo	82*	2019 EMEP/EEA GB / 2006 IPCC GLs
Sheep	16	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Goats	18	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Horses	41	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Asses & Mules	14	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Poultry (2018)	0.72	Weighted average for 2018
Laying hens (2018)	0.76	Country-specific, calculated periodically
Broilers (2018)	0.56	Country-specific, calculated periodically
Turkey	1.84	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Ducks	0.82	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Geese	0.55**	2019 EMEP/EEA GB
Guinea Fowls	0.36	as default for Broilers
Rabbit	8.1	2006 IPCC GLs

*2006 IPCC GLs refer to the 2002 EMEP/EEA GB. Therefore, the 2019 EMEP/EEA GB as the more updated version of the GB was applied.

**There is no value provided in the 2006 IPCC GLs

Table 5.3.15 Typical animal mass (TAM) for other livestock

Livestock	Weight [kg]	Source/Note
Buffalo	380	Table 10A-6 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Sheep	48.5	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Goats	38.5	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Horses	377	Table 10A-9, Developed, 2006 IPCC GLs
Asses and Mules	130	Table 10A-9, Developed, 2006 IPCC GLs
Poultry	2.2	Weighted average for 2018
Laying hens (2018)	2.0*	Country-specific
Broiler (2018)	1.5*	Country-specific
Turkey	6.8	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Ducks	2.7	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Geese	3.5	2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook
Guinea fowls	0.9	Default for Broiler due to lack of information

Rabbit	1.6	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
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**Please note that Tier 2 is applied, therefore TAM is not used in the calculation. These values are reported for information.*

5.3.2.3 Estimation of CH₄ emissions

5.3.2.3.1 Emission factors for CH₄

As Manure Management is a key source the Tier 2 method was applied to calculate the CH₄ emission factors, except Rabbit, for which a default value of 0.08 is given in the Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used. According to the Equation 10.23 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines, development of country-specific emission factors involves determining a weighted average methane conversion factor (MCF) using the estimates of the manure managed in each AWMS and the volatile solid excretion (VS), which means the organic material in livestock manure. The CH₄ emission factor also depends on the maximum methane producing capacity (B₀) for the livestock categories. The values of these components in the above mentioned equation were calculated as it is delineated in the following sub-sections.

5.3.2.3.1.1 Volatile solid excretion per day (VS)

Country-specific values of VS for Cattle, Laying hens and Broilers were calculated according to the Equation 10.24 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Values needed for this calculation are the gross energy intake (GE), and its fractional digestibility, DE. The estimation of these values are detailed in Chapter 6.2.2.2. Metabolisable and digestible energy of feed for Laying hens and Broilers were calculated similarly, based on feeding practices. Forage composition parameters were taken from the Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004.

For the ash content of the manure the IPCC default value (8%) was applied due to lack of country-specific values. Similarly, the urinary energy which is also required to the Equation 10.24 was calculated as 0.04·GE according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

The time-series of volatile solid excretion rates and CH₄-emission factors for Manure Management for Dairy Cattle are shown in Table 5.3.16.

Table 5.3.16 Volatile solid excretion rates and CH₄-emission factors for Manure Management for Dairy Cattle 1985-2019

Year	VS	CH ₄ -Emission Factor
	kg DM/head/day	kg/ head/yr
BY	4.49	24.99
1990	4.41	24.63
1991	4.26	23.74
1992	4.24	23.58
1993	4.21	23.38
1994	4.19	23.23
1995	4.21	23.29
1996	4.23	23.42
1997	4.24	23.47
1998	4.33	23.92
1999	4.34	23.98
2000	4.40	24.30
2001	4.45	24.57
2002	4.50	24.83
2003	4.50	24.84
2004	4.54	25.25
2005	4.58	25.72
2006	4.68	26.50
2007	4.75	27.13
2008	4.83	27.47
2009	4.81	27.33
2010	4.84	27.36
2011	4.89	27.61
2012	4.99	28.10
2013	4.97	27.98
2014	5.02	28.31
2015	5.19	29.32
2016	5.27	29.81
2017	5.32	30.08
2018	5.43	30.75
2019	5.30	29.99

Table 5.3.17 and Table 5.3.18 contain the values of volatile solid excretion rate and the emission factors for non-dairy cattle for the BY and 2019, respectively.

Table 5.3.17 Volatile solid excretion rate and CH₄-Emission Factor for Non-Dairy Cattle in the BY

BY		<1 year		1-2 year		>2 year			
		Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non-Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	Beef Cow
VS excretion	kg DM·day ⁻¹	1.6	1.5	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.5	2.8
CH ₄ -Emission Factor	kg·head ⁻¹ ·yr ⁻¹	5	4	13	9	14	15	14	10

Table 5.3.18 Volatile solid excretion rate and CH₄-Emission Factor for Non-Dairy Cattle in 2019

2019		<1 year		1-2 year		>2 year			
		Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non-Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	Beef Cow
VS excretion	kg DM·day ⁻¹	1.6	1.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.0
CH ₄ -Emission Factor	kg·head ⁻¹ ·yr ⁻¹	7	7	16	10	15	17	16	13

For the other livestock categories, as Swine, Buffalo, Sheep, Horses, Asses and Mules, Ducks and Geese the IPCC default values provided for Eastern Europe or Developed countries in the Table 10A-6-10A-9 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used. IPCC default values for geese and guinea fowls are not available; hence values for ducks and broilers were used, respectively. In the case of swine the default VS for market swine provided in the Table 10A-7 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied. According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines the body mass of breeding swine and market swine are 180 and 50 kg, respectively. In Hungary, the average body mass of swine is about 64 kg, thus in the absence of country-specific value of VS the use of the market swine VS is reasonable.

5.3.2.3.1.2 Maximum CH₄ producing capacity (B₀) values

Due to lack of country-specific data default values listed in Tables 10A-4-10A-9 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were applied.

5.3.2.3.1.3 Methane conversion factors (MCF)

Default MCFs for different manure management systems by average annual temperatures provided in Table 10.17 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used. The annual mean temperature in most parts of Hungary is between 10 and 11 °C. Thus, MCFs values provided for cool climate zone were applied for Pasture/Range/Paddock, Solid and both Poultry manure.

The choice of MCFs for liquid manure and deep litter required the disaggregation of livestock categories by annual average temperatures. However, Hungary does not have either large animal populations or multiple climate regions. To the further stratification the annual mean temperature and animal livestock data by counties were used. The detailed climate data (i.e. annual mean temperatures for 19 counties of Hungary) were taken from the HMS climate database, while the detailed livestock data from the Farm Structure Survey, conducted in 2013. The resulted proportion of animal population by average annual temperature and livestock categories are provided in Table 5.3.19.

Table 5.3.19 Distribution of main livestock categories by average annual temperatures

Average annual temperature	Proportion of animal population				
	Dairy Cattle	Other Cattle	Swine	Laying Hens	Broiler
11	67%	67%	81%	69%	64%
≤10	33%	33%	19%	31%	36%

Beyond the average annual temperature, the IPCC methodology differentiates between liquid manure with natural crust cover and without, as well as 'deep litter < 1 month' and 'deep litter > 1 month'. According to the expert judgment from the NARIC Institute of Agricultural Engineering (Mészáros, 2015), 80% of cattle liquid manure is covered with natural crust in Hungary and 20% is not. In the case of swine manure 73% of sows' and 52% of fattening pigs' liquid manure are covered by natural crust and the remainder is not, which equates to 54% of total swine liquid manure on average. Therefore, the pig liquid/slurry was further stratified between 'with natural crust cover' and without. Poultry liquid manure was assumed to be not covered with natural crust. Duration of deep litter is generally longer than one month in Hungary.

IPCC Guidelines provide no methane conversion factor for Yard therefore the MCF of Solid was applied for yard manure. Methane conversion factors used in the inventory are provided in Table 5.3.20.

Table 5.3.20 Methane conversion factors for manure management systems

Manure Management System	MCF [%]
Pasture range and paddock	1
Solid storage and dry lot	2
Liquid system	
Cattle	12.2
Swine	14.4
Poultry	18.3
Other AWMS	
Cattle deep bedding	18.3
Swine deep bedding	18.6
Yard	2
Poultry manure with litter	1.5
Poultry manure without litter	1.5

5.3.2.4 Estimation of direct N₂O emissions from Manure Management

Default emission factors from 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used. In the case of cattle and swine liquid manure ‘with natural crust cover’ and ‘without natural crust cover’ were distinguished, similarly to the selection of MCF values (see section above for further details). Mixing of cattle and swine deep bedding does not occur in practice in Hungary (expert judgement, Fenyvesi, 2015). Therefore, for cattle and swine deep bedding ‘no mixing’ was assumed.

In the IPCC Guidelines emission factor is unavailable for Yard, therefore the emission factor for solid manure was applied. Emission factors used in the inventory to estimate N₂O emissions from manure management are listed in Table 5.3.21. In response to a recommendation from the UNFCCC review 2019, Table 5.3.15 was supplemented with the sources of the emission factor indicating where weighted averages of the IPCC default values were applied.

Table 5.3.21 Emission factors used for the estimation of N₂O emissions

Manure management system	N ₂ O-N emission factors [kg N ₂ O-N kg ⁻¹ N _{ex}]	Source
Solid storage and dry lot	0.005	Table 10.21 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines
Liquid system		
Cattle	0.004	weighted average; 80% with natural crust cover, 20% without; based on Fenyvesi, 2015
Swine (implied)	0.003	weighted average (weighted by animal sub-categories and natural crust)

Sows	0.003	weighted average; 52% with natural crust cover, 48% without; based on Fenyvesi, 2015
Fattening pigs	0.004	weighted average; 73% with natural crust cover, 27% without; based on Fenyvesi, 2015
Poultry	0.000	Table 10.21 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (without natural crust cover)
Other AWMS		
Cattle deep bedding	0.010	Table 10.21 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (No mixing)
Swine deep bedding	0.010	Table 10.21 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (No mixing)
Yard	0.005	as solid due to lack of default value provided in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines
Poultry manure with litter	0.001	Table 10.21 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines
Poultry manure without litter	0.001	Table 10.21 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines

5.3.2.5 Estimation of indirect N₂O emissions from Manure Management

5.3.2.5.1 Indirect N₂O emissions through volatilization losses from manure management

Following the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, indirect N₂O emissions due to volatilization of N from manure management were calculated using the Tier 2 methodology.

The country-specific value of fraction of N that is volatilized as NH₃ and NO_x (Fra_{CGASMS}) was calculated based on the NH₃ and NO_x emissions from 3.B Manure management reported to the UNECE under the LRTAP Convention. Hungary applies the 2019 EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook to calculate emissions of air pollutants from agriculture. Tier 2 methodology is applied for Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Laying hens and Broiler and Tier 1 for other livestock categories. NO_x emissions are calculated based on Tier 1 method. Derivation of the amount of manure nitrogen that is lost due to the volatilization of NH₃ and NO_x based on the Hungarian air pollutant emission inventory under the UNECE/LRTAP Convention is demonstrated in Table 5.3.22 for the year 2019. Timeseries of volatilization losses were calculated similarly for all years of the inventory period (Table 5.3.23).

Table 5.3.22 Volatilized N as NH₃ and NO_x from manure management systems for 2019

CRF code	Long name	NO _x (as NO ₂)	NH ₃	Total N volatilized [kg N]
3B1a	Manure management - Dairy cattle	0.16	6.82	5,667,118
3B1b	Manure management - Non-dairy cattle	0.14	7.39	6,129,120
3B2	Manure management - Sheep	0.01	1.79	1,479,266
3B3	Manure management - Swine	0.04	8.12	6,695,714
3B4a	Manure management - Buffalo	0.00	0.03	24,608
3B4d	Manure management - Goats	0.00	0.03	22,973
3B4e	Manure management - Horses	0.00	0.36	297,996
3B4f	Manure management - Mules and asses	0.00	0.01	8,693
3B4gi	Manure management - Laying hens	0.14	1.83	1,546,746
3B4gii	Manure management - Broilers	0.60	4.56	3,933,496
3B4giii	Manure management - Turkeys	0.08	1.58	1,326,014
3B4giv	Manure management - Other poultry	0.12	2.84	2,375,232
3B4h	Manure management - Other animals (Rabbit)	0.00	0.56	463,170
3B	Manure management	1.29	35.65	29,753,947

*We note that the '0.00' values are due to the rounding of small numbers rather than inferring that emissions are zeros.

Table 5.3.23 NH₃-N and NO_x-N volatilization losses of manure management systems 1990-2019

Year	Total N volatilized kg N	Frac _{GasMS} %
BY	63,220,838	22%
1990	57,215,467	22%
1991	51,719,526	21%
1992	44,015,241	21%
1993	38,250,455	21%
1994	35,074,309	21%
1995	35,424,564	22%
1996	34,753,809	22%
1997	33,839,345	22%
1998	35,032,569	22%
1999	35,508,674	22%
2000	37,008,958	23%
2001	35,992,489	23%

Year	Total N volatilized	Frac _{GasMS}
	kg N	%
2002	36,450,292	23%
2003	36,851,276	23%
2004	35,144,825	22%
2005	33,198,280	22%
2006	32,158,156	22%
2007	31,950,009	22%
2008	31,287,576	22%
2009	29,848,077	22%
2010	30,115,664	23%
2011	29,590,205	22%
2012	28,957,008	22%
2013	28,517,599	21%
2014	29,499,166	21%
2015	30,277,091	22%
2016	30,424,822	22%
2017	29,641,075	22%
2018	29,754,000	22%
2019	29,970,146	22%

To ensure transparency of reporting the volatilization losses, agricultural NH₃ emissions and NO_x emissions from 3.B Manure management are reported in CRF Table 6.

To estimate the indirect N₂O emissions from volatilization default value of 0.01 kg N₂O-N (kg NH₃-N + kg NO_x-N volatilized)⁻¹ for EF₄ given in Table 11.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used.

5.3.2.5.2 Indirect N₂O emissions through N-leaching and run-off from manure storage

In Hungary there are strict environmental obligations concerning the manure storage arising from the Nitrates Directive (91/676/EEC). The current regulations require to prevent/decrease N-leaching. Therefore, N-leaching from housing and manure storage systems not falling within the scope of nitrate regulations, and nitrogen leaching before the compliance deadlines of the regulations are reported here.

Information concerning Hungarian animal housing and manure storage systems was derived from the Nitrate Database, data from the national Farm Structure Survey (FSS), Codes of Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) and nitrate regulations.

National regulations concerning N-leaching from manure storage systems are as follows:

- Government Decree 27/2006. (II. 7.) on the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (Nitrate Decree), amending Government Decree 49/2001(IV.3);
- Decree 59/2008 (IV. 29.) FVM on the detailed rules of the action program required for the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources and on the procedures for data provision and registration (hereafter GAP Decree; database established from data provided under the regulation is called Nitrate Database);

- Decree 43/2007. (VI.1.) FVM on Designation of nitrate vulnerable zones by MePAR blocks (MePAR is the abbreviation of the Hungarian Land Parcel Information System).

The watertight construction of animal housings and manure storage systems is generally required under the GAP Decree. The use of impermeable barriers on the underlying strata, to prevent nitrate leaching is needed to ensure the compliance with the Nitrate Decree.

Areas and farms falling within the scope of Nitrate Decree are as follows:

- Farms operating on designated nitrate vulnerable zones and producing in excess of household needs. (Household needs is here defined as five livestock unit (LSU) or three LSU in the case of poultry; LSU is here defined as 500 kg live weight);
- Farms under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR);
- Large livestock farms (defined in Decree 41/1997/. (V. 28.) FM);
- Areas of manure storage systems and manure processing.

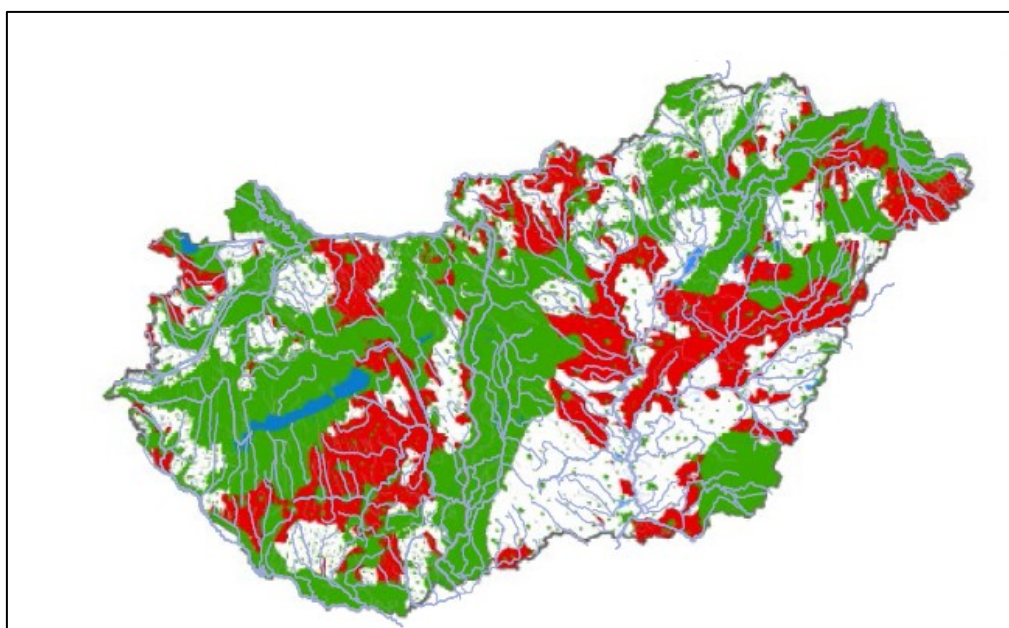


Figure 5.3.2. Maps of areas under the regulation of Nitrate Decree

(Legend: nitrate vulnerable zones designated in 2007 are marked with green color, while areas under the regulations of Nitrate Decree since 2013 are marked with red color)

The compliance deadline for nitrate regulations was 31 December 2014 for liquid/ slurry, and 22 December 2015 for solid manure storage systems in accordance with the amended Nitrate Decree.

(The Government Decree 49/2001(IV.3) contained earlier deadlines, between 2006 and 2014, which were extended in the amended regulation.)

Arising from the nitrate regulations amount of nitrogen leached was determined using the following assumptions:

- Measures for preventing N-leaching from manure management systems should have been started in 2001;
- Measures to improve manure management systems in order to prevent/ decrease N-leaching should have been finished according to the extended deadlines in the amended Nitrate Decree (i.e. at the end of 2014 or 2015);
- After the compliance deadline N-leaching could only occur on small farms (<5 LSU; or <3 LSU for poultry);

To summarize, N-leaching could occur from solid manure and deep litter of animals housed on small farms; and from solid manure, deep litter of animals housed on large farms before the compliance deadlines of nitrate regulations.

In 2000, one year before the introduction of the new legislation, a comprehensive survey was conducted to measure the proportion of farms where actions were needed in order to ensure the compliance with the nitrate regulations. The results of the survey were published in the study of Ráky (2003). For the year 2000 livestock on farms where N leaching could occur was estimated based on this study in the emission estimate.

For each year between 2000 and 2016 the livestock housed on farms with less than five or three LSU was determined based on FSS data. Besides, the fraction of non-compliance was estimated using linear interpolation between 2000 and the deadline of full compliance. (Smooth implementation of the nitrate regulations was assumed.) For the period 1985-1999 data for the year 2000 was applied due to lack of reliable statistics.

Annual amount of manure nitrogen that leached from manure management systems was determined according to the Eq 10.28 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, modified for the Hungarian legal circumstances as follows:

$$N_{leaching-MMS} = \sum_S \left[\sum_T \left[\left(N_{(T)} \circ Nex_{(T)} \circ \left(\frac{Frac_{small} + Frac_{NC}}{100} \right)_{(T)} \circ MS_{(T,S)} \right) \circ \left(\frac{Frac_{leachMS}}{100} \right)_{(T,S)} \right] \right]$$

(Equation 5.8.)

Where:

$N_{leaching-MMS}$ = amount of manure nitrogen that leached from manure management systems, kg N yr⁻¹

$N_{(T)}$ = number of head of livestock species/category T in the country

$Nex_{(T)}$ = annual average N excretion per head of species/category T, kg N animal⁻¹ yr⁻¹

$MS_{(TS)}$ = fraction of total annual nitrogen excretion for each livestock species/category T that is managed in manure management system S in the country, dimensionless

$Frac_{leachMS}$ = percent of managed manure nitrogen losses for livestock category T due to runoff and leaching during solid and liquid storage of manure;

Frac_{Small} = percent of livestock on small farms (<5 LU; or <3 LU for poultry);

Frac_{NC} = percent of livestock on large farms (>5 LU; or >3 LU for poultry), not meeting the requirements of nitrate regulations;

In the case of Buffalo, Goat, Horse, Mule and Asses, Guinea Fowls and Rabbit, which livestock categories have small share to the total emissions, the all livestock was assumed to be farmed on small farms (Frac_{Small}=100).

Time series of percent of livestock on small farms (Frac_{Small}) or large farms, which do not meet the requirements of nitrate regulation (Frac_{NC}), by livestock categories, are shown in Table 5.3.24.

Table 5.3.24 Fractions of livestock on small farms (Frac_{Small}) or large farms, which do not meet the requirements of nitrate regulation (Frac_{NC}) for 2000-2019

Year	Swine	Dairy Cattle	Non-Dairy Cattle	Sheep	Laying hens	Geese	Broiler	Turkey	Ducks
	Solid/Deep litter	Solid/Deep litter	Solid/Deep litter	Solid	Solid	Solid	Solid	Solid	Solid
2000	49	100	100	53	72	21	29	29	97
2001	47	95	94	51	71	20	28	27	92
2002	44	89	89	48	70	19	26	26	87
2003	42	83	82	46	69	18	24	24	81
2004	39	78	76	44	67	17	22	22	76
2005	36	72	70	43	65	16	20	21	71
2006	33	65	64	39	66	15	18	19	66
2007	30	59	58	35	68	15	17	17	61
2008	29	53	52	34	61	14	15	16	56
2009	27	47	47	32	55	13	13	14	51
2010	26	42	42	30	47	12	11	12	46
2011	24	35	36	27	46	10	10	11	40
2012	22	29	29	25	45	8	8	10	35
2013	20	23	23	22	43	7	6	8	29
2014	18	16	16	20	38	6	4	6	22
2015	16	9	10	17	32	4	2	4	15
2016	14	3	3	15	26	3	0	2	9
2017	14	3	3	15	26	3	0	2	9
2018	14	3	3	15	26	3	0	2	9
2019	14	3	3	15	26	3	0	2	9

The 2006 IPCC Guidelines provide a range of 1-20% for the default value of Frac_{leachMS}, but there is no animal and manure management specific default values available in the IPCC methodology. However, the difference of Frac_{LossMS} and Frac_{GasMS} given in Tables 10.23 and 10.22 seems to be as a proxy for Frac_{leachMS}, but according to the footnote of the Table 10.23, this difference contains the leaching losses as well as the N₂ emissions, therefore cannot be used as default values in the estimation.

Therefore, in the previous submissions, the default ($EF_{\text{leachateN}}=12.0$ as a proportion of TAN entering storage) provided for solid manure in the Table A1.12 of the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook was applied for $Frac_{\text{leachMS}}$, due to lack of country-specific measurements on the leaching losses from manure management systems and considering the low share of this emission. In line with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, as well as the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook N leaching from liquid/slurry was not assumed as a source of leachate. In the most up-to-date EMEP methodology, in the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook N-leaching is no longer taken into account in the N-flow, thus the related EF was omitted from the Guidebook. Therefore, to calculate the indirect N_2O emissions from Manure Management due to leaching/runoff in this submission the methodology and the default value of $Frac_{\text{LeachMS}}$ provided in the 2019 Refinement was applied (2% for Solid and 3.5% for deep litter).

In accordance with the Table 11.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines the default value of $0.0075 \text{ kg } N_2O\text{-N (kg N leaching and run off)}^{-1}$ for EF_5 was applied to estimate the indirect emissions from leaching/ run off.

5.3.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

5.3.3.1 CH_4 emissions

Uncertainty of activity data (animal population) was estimated based on the confidence intervals for each animal species and livestock survey provided by the HCSO. The uncertainty of the mean annual averages was estimated according to the error propagation rules.

Uncertainty of EFs for CH_4 emissions from manure management was assumed to be $\pm 20\%$ for Cattle and $\pm 30\%$ for all livestock categories except rabbit, for which $\pm 50\%$ was applied. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines provide $\pm 30\%$ for T1 and $\pm 20\%$ for T2 methods, thus the estimated uncertainties are in line with the IPCC values. The Tier1 uncertainty analysis gives an overall uncertainty of $\pm 14\%$ for the CH_4 emission from manure management.

5.3.3.2 Direct N_2O emissions

Uncertainties of $\pm 25\%$ are assumed relating to the N excretion of dairy cattle, non-dairy cattle, and swine, for which country-specific values are used. Uncertainties of $\pm 30\%$ are assumed for Poultry because country-specific N excretion rates are applied for Broiler and Laying hens, and $\pm 50\%$ for the other livestock categories in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The uncertainty of the manure management system usage ($MS_{T,S}$) data was assumed to be $\pm 25\%$ in accordance with the default value provided by 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The uncertainty of the EFs are $-50\%/+100\%$ according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, therefore the lower combined uncertainty of the direct N_2O emissions from Manure management is 36% and the upper one is 67%.

5.3.3.3 Indirect N_2O emissions

Currently, Hungary does not have uncertainty assessment on the reported air pollutant emissions. However, uncertainties in emission factor (EF_4) are likely to dominate these emissions, thus uncertainties in the volatilized nitrogen are comparatively less important in terms of emissions. Consequently, due to lack of country-specific uncertainties the default uncertainty ranges for the $Frac_{\text{GasMS}}$, and default uncertainty of the emission factor (EF_4), taken from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines

were applied. The lower combined uncertainty of the indirect N₂O emissions from Manure management is 84% and the upper one is 399%.

The overall combined uncertainty in the N₂O emissions from 3.B is -36%/+130%.

5.3.4 Source specific QA/QC

Nitrogen excretion rates for Cattle and Swine were verified using different calculation methodologies and compared with values used by other countries. For Dairy Cattle two different methodologies were used to verify the annual value of N excretion. Firstly, the N excretion was estimated based on the body mass and milk yields according to the methodology provided in Fébel and Gundel, 2007. This methodology indicates a value of 124 kg N/head/year for the year 2018, which is close to the value applied in the inventory.

In case of Non-Dairy Cattle and Swine the methodology provided in Fébel and Gundel, 2007 indicates lower values. However, the difference for Swine is insignificant. Nitrogen excretion rates were compared with the values reported by other EU Member States. This verification revealed that the Hungarian values are in the range of values reported by EU Member States.

Nitrogen excretion rate for Laying hens was compared with the default values provided in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, 2019 Refinement and the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook (EEA,2019). Default IPCC values are given in kg N (1000 kg animal mass)⁻¹ day⁻¹, hence the 'typical animal mass' (TAM) is required to determine the annual N excretion. The table below summarizes the default values and the resulted annual N excretion.

Table 5.3.25 Comparison of N excretion rates for laying hens between the IPCC Guidelines and the EMEP/EEA Guidebook

	2006 IPCC Guidelines		2019 Refinement		EMEP/EEA Guidebook (EEA, 2019)
	Eastern Europe	Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Western Europe	
Daily N excretion rate (kgN (1000 kg animal mass)⁻¹ day⁻¹)	0.82	0.96	0.81	0.87	0.96*
TAM (kg)	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.2
Annual N excretion (kg N head⁻¹ yr⁻¹)	0.54	0.63	0.56	0.6	0.77

*Calculated from the values provided in Table 3.9 and Table A1.5 of the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook.

The value of 0.76 kg N head⁻¹ yr⁻¹ used in the Hungarian inventory for the year 2018 is higher than the IPCC default values. The higher, 2.0 kg weight of laying hens in the Hungarian inventory justifies the higher annual N excretion rates. The 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebooks also uses higher default weight than

the IPCC Guidelines, resulting in similarly higher annual N excretion rate. The Table above reveals, that the value of 0.76 kg N head⁻¹ yr⁻¹ used in the Hungarian inventory is in the range of the default values provided in the different emission inventory guidelines.

Nitrogen excretion rates for broiler was also compared with the default values provided in the different emission inventory guidebooks. This comparison reveals that the most up-to-date guidebooks suggests higher values than the 2006 IPCC Guidelines due to the increase in the weight and the recently published defaults ranged from 0.4 to 0.5 kg N head⁻¹·yr⁻¹. However, the default daily N excretion rates combined with the country-specific TAM result in values ranging from 0.60 to 0.62 kg N head⁻¹·yr⁻¹, thus the value of 0.56 N head⁻¹·yr⁻¹ for the year 2018 in the Hungarian inventory can be considered as consistent with the default values provided in the recently published emission inventory guidebooks.

Table 5.3.26 Comparison of N excretion rates for broilers between the IPCC Guidelines and the EMEP/EEA Guidebook

	2006 IPCC Guidelines		2019 Refinement		EMEP/EEA Guidebook (EEA, 2019)*
	Eastern Europe	Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Western Europe	
Daily N excretion rate (kgN (1000 kg animal mass)⁻¹ day⁻¹)	1.1	1.1	1.12	1.14	1.1
TAM (kg)	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2	1
Annual N excretion (kg N head⁻¹ yr⁻¹)	0.36	0.36	0.45	0.50	0.40

*Values are taken from the Manure Management N-flow tool.xlsx

N₂O emissions are calculated and reported consistently with the NH₃ and NO_x inventory under the UNECE/LRTAP convention. To calculate the NH₃ and NO_x emissions the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook was applied.

5.3.5 Source-specific recalculations

There are no recalculations in this source category.

5.3.6 Planned improvements

Depending on the data availability further revision of feeding data for swine (other sub-categories than breeding animals), cattle, poultry and revision of inventory parameters according to the feeding monitoring program of AERI is planned.

Data collection and quality check in order to get data to allocate manure to 'Digesters' as MMS is going on in cooperation with the AERI and the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority. Due to lack of reliable MCFs for anaerobic digested manure in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, development of country-specific values are planned.

5.4 Rice cultivation (CRF sector 3.C)

5.4.1 Source Category Description

Emitted gas: CH₄

Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key source: none

Hungary is situated on the north edge of the rice production area. According to this the climatic conditions are unfavorable. The production area of rice involves the poorer quality soils. Since the production volume is very low in Hungary, the contribution of rice cultivation to the greenhouse gas emissions is minimal, only 0.7% of the entire CH₄ emissions from agriculture sector.

5.4.2 Methodological issues

In Hungary the rice is cultivated on poorer quality soil, without organic amendments, the fields are intermittently flooded. Aeration is applied as a pest control during the cultivation. (Apáti, 2003).

Methane emissions from rice cultivation were calculated according to the Equation 5.1 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. As CH₄ emissions from rice cultivation are not a key category in Hungary, the Tier 1 methodology with default emission factors was applied. The adjusted daily emission factor to the above equation was calculated based on Equation 5.2 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The required values of baseline emission factor (EF_c), water regime (SF_w), water regime in the pre-season (SF_p) to this equation were taken from Tables 5.11-5.13 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The adjusted CH₄ emission scaling factor for organic amendment (SF_o) was calculated using the Eq. 5.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The value of conversion factor (CFOA) was taken from Table 5.14 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Due to lack of detailed information 'straw incorporated shortly (<30 days) before cultivation' was assumed as a conservative approach.

In response to a recommendation from the in-country review conducted in 2016 this section was supplemented with the *Table 5.4.1* to present values of parameters used for calculating the EFs for irrigated rice cultivation.

Table 5.4.1 Parameters used for calculating the Emission Factors for CRF category 3.C

Parameters	Value	Unit	Source	Notes
EF_{i,j,k}, daily emission factor	1.86	kg CH ₄ ha ⁻¹ d ⁻¹	Eq. 5.2 of 2006 Gl.	
t_{i,j,k}, cultivation period, day	145	day	Calculated	Sowing: third ten days of April, or first ten days of May. Harvesting: between 10th of September and 10th of October
EF_c, baseline emission factor	1.3	kg CH ₄ ha ⁻¹ d ⁻¹	Table 5.11 of 2006 Gl.	
SF_w, water regime	0.78		Table 5.12 of 2006 Gl.	
SF_p, water regime, pre-season	1.22		Table 5.13 of 2006 Gl.	
SF_o, organic amendment	1.51		Eq. 5.3 and Table 5.14 for CFOA of 2006 Gl.	
SF_{s,r}, soil type, rice cultivar	1			There is no default value provided in the 2006 IPCC Gl. However, it should take into account if it is available according to the IPCC methodology.

As activity data, the total size of the production area was taken from the HCSO's statistics.

5.4.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

For the uncertainty of the activity data, $\pm 5\%$ has been estimated by expert judgement. Uncertainties of scaling factors and the baseline emission factor were taken from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. ($SF_w \pm 26\%$; $SF_o -4\%/+5\%$; $SF_p -14\%/+15\%$, $EF_c -63\%/+69\%$) Combination of uncertainties listed above resulted in $69\%/+75\%$ combined uncertainty for the adjusted daily emission factor. Therefore, the overall lower and upper uncertainty of 69% and 76% can be calculated for the emissions from rice cultivation.

5.4.4 QA/QC Information

See 6.1.5.

5.4.5 Source-specific recalculations

There were no recalculations in this category.

5.4.6 Planned improvements

There are no further improvements planned.

5.5 N₂O emissions from Agricultural soils (CRF sector 3.D)

5.5.1 Source Category Description

Emitted gas: N₂O

Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key source: Yes

Particularly significant sub-categories: Inorganic N fertilizers, Crop residue

In 2019 agricultural soils emitted 89% of the total N₂O emissions from the agriculture sector, and 77% of the national total N₂O emissions are generated in agricultural soils (Table 5.5.1). Emissions from agricultural soils contributed 5.8 percent (3,737 Gg CO₂-eq) to the national total GHG emissions in 2019).

The overall trend in emissions is decreasing. However, trends in emissions from crop production related sectors as 3.D.a.4 and 3.D.a.5 are different from the other subsectors. Emissions from 3.D.a.4 fluctuated significantly depending on crop production, which is determined by the weather conditions. Trends for 3.D.a.5 also seem to be fluctuating. However, emission from this source is low and uncertain.

Table 5.5.1 Trends in emissions from 3. D Agricultural Soils by subcategories

Year	N ₂ O emissions (Gg N ₂ O)									
	3.D.a	3.D.a.1	3.D.a.2	4.D.a.3	4.D.a.4	3.D.a.5	3.D.a.6	3.D.b	3.D.b.1	3.D.b.2
BY	15.76	9.25	3.25	0.76	2.50	0.010	NO	1.51	1.05	0.46
1990	11.66	5.63	2.98	0.65	2.39	0.012	NO	1.21	0.84	0.37
1991	8.51	2.20	2.78	0.63	2.88	0.012	NO	0.85	0.61	0.25
1992	7.25	2.33	2.39	0.56	1.97	0.012	NO	0.74	0.52	0.22
1993	6.79	2.53	2.10	0.45	1.70	0.012	NO	0.68	0.47	0.21
1994	8.02	3.49	1.89	0.38	2.25	0.012	NO	0.71	0.47	0.24
1995	7.44	3.00	1.87	0.36	2.19	0.012	NO	0.69	0.47	0.22
1996	7.58	3.19	1.83	0.35	2.20	0.012	NO	0.69	0.47	0.22
1997	7.85	3.24	1.76	0.35	2.50	0.012	NO	0.69	0.47	0.21
1998	8.42	3.90	1.80	0.35	2.37	0.008	NO	0.73	0.50	0.23
1999	8.42	4.12	1.82	0.35	2.12	0.008	NO	0.73	0.52	0.22
2000	8.08	4.05	1.83	0.38	1.80	0.008	NO	0.76	0.52	0.24
2001	9.09	4.32	1.80	0.37	2.60	0.008	NO	0.79	0.53	0.26
2002	9.10	4.76	1.84	0.36	2.14	0.008	NO	0.82	0.55	0.27
2003	8.51	4.54	1.85	0.37	1.75	0.008	NO	0.82	0.55	0.26
2004	9.77	4.60	1.78	0.38	3.00	0.008	NO	0.84	0.55	0.29
2005	9.04	4.09	1.71	0.38	2.87	0.000	NO	0.77	0.52	0.25
2006	9.22	4.54	1.68	0.37	2.63	NO	NO	0.79	0.54	0.25
2007	9.04	5.03	1.67	0.36	1.98	NO	NO	0.81	0.54	0.27
2008	9.67	4.62	1.63	0.35	3.07	NO	NO	0.74	0.47	0.27
2009	8.78	4.32	1.56	0.35	2.54	NO	NO	0.69	0.44	0.25

Year	N ₂ O emissions (Gg N ₂ O)									
	3.D.a	3.D.a.1	3.D.a.2	4.D.a.3	4.D.a.4	3.D.a.5	3.D.a.6	3.D.b	3.D.b.1	3.D.b.2
2010	8.57	4.42	1.57	0.35	2.23	NO	NO	0.69	0.45	0.25
2011	9.21	4.74	1.56	0.35	2.56	0.006	NO	0.72	0.46	0.26
2012	9.00	4.92	1.60	0.36	2.11	0.015	NO	0.72	0.46	0.27
2013	9.99	5.39	1.61	0.37	2.61	0.015	NO	0.79	0.49	0.29
2014	10.49	5.36	1.66	0.39	3.06	0.014	NO	0.81	0.50	0.31
2015	10.77	5.95	1.69	0.40	2.72	0.014	NO	0.87	0.55	0.32
2016	11.65	6.35	1.66	0.43	3.20	0.014	NO	0.90	0.56	0.34
2017	11.63	6.67	1.62	0.44	2.89	0.014	NO	0.92	0.59	0.34
2018	11.67	6.67	1.62	0.44	2.93	0.014	NO	0.92	0.58	0.34
2019	11.62	6.54	1.63	0.45	2.99	0.014	NO	0.92	0.59	0.33
Share of Hungarian total N ₂ O emissions in BY	42%	25%	8.7%	2.0%	6.7%	0.03%	NO	4.0%	2.8%	1.2%
Share of Hungarian total N ₂ O, in 2019	71%	40%	10%	3%	18%	0.1%		6%	4%	2%
Trend BY-2019	-26%	-29%	-50%	-41%	20%	37%		-39%	-44%	-27%

The total emissions from 3.D Agricultural soils have reduced by 27 per cent of the BY levels until 2019. A significant drop had occurred in the period 1985-1993 due to the significant decrease in synthetic fertilizer use and livestock population which resulted in less N-input. After reaching the lowest point of the emission levels in 1993 there was a slight increase until 1998 due to a small rise in synthetic fertilizer use. After that emission levels remained quasi stable in the period 1998-2013 as a result of compensatory processes between the different sources of N input. As the Figure 5.5.1 reveals emissions are primarily driven by the amount in synthetic fertilizer used. At the beginning of the time series the second most important source was the organic manure. In contrast, in the recent years N in crop residues has exceeded the amount of organic N, reflecting the restructuring in the Hungarian agricultural. Namely, the animal husbandry has declined in importance in the agricultural production, while crop production has become more meaningful. For more details on trends see also Section 5.1.1.

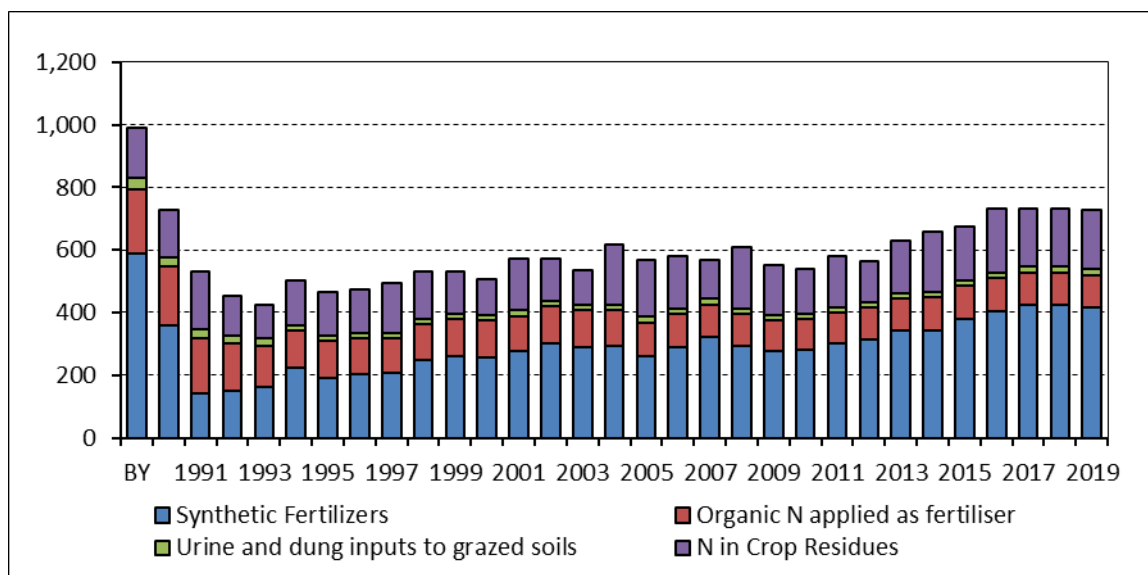


Figure 5.5.1 Trends in nitrogen input to soils

5.5.2 Methodological issues

5.5.2.1 Direct soil (CRF sector 3.D.a)

Direct soil emissions are the main source of N₂O in the Hungarian inventory. In 2019, 77% of the national total N₂O emissions originated from this sector, which includes N inputs from synthetic N-fertilizer (3.D.a.1), organic manures as animal manure use and sewage sludge application (3.D.a.2), emissions from urine and dung N deposited on pasture (3.D.a.3) and crop residues (3.D.a.4). Emissions from N mineralization associated with loss of SOM (3.D.a.5) are rather low, but also was taken into account to meet the principle of completeness. In response to the recommendation of the ESD review, 2016, N₂O emissions from 3.D.2.c Other organic fertilizers applied to soils (compost) have been reported since the 2018 submission. Organic soils are protected, thus not cultivated in Hungary. This is why, emissions from cultivation of histosols are not reported.

Emissions from these sources were calculated using Tier 1 methodology based on the Equation 11.1 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The N₂O-N was converted to N₂O by the factor (44/28) in line with the IPCC methodology. Terms of the Equation 11.1 were determined as it is detailed in the following subsections, while amounts of various N inputs to soils are provided in Table 5.5.6.

5.5.2.1.1 N input from synthetic fertilizer use (F_{SN})

Annual amount of synthetic N fertilizer applied to soils was estimated from the total amount of synthetic fertilizer sold to end users, annually. Collection of this data is executed according to the National Statistical Data Collection Program (OSAP) by the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics (RIAE). Although, this is sale statistics instead of consumption data, but so comprehensive survey on fertilizer consumption there is not available in Hungary. Moreover, this sale statistics contain the sold fertilizers by product line, which enables us to determine the amount of Nitrogen applied to soils by

fertilizer types, thus the detailed and more accurate calculation of volatilization and indirect emissions. Data on synthetic fertilizer applied (F_{SN}) for the period 1985-2019 are provided in Table 5.5.6.

5.5.2.1.2 Applied organic fertilizers (F_{ON})

The amount of organic N inputs applied to soils other than by grazing animals was calculated using Equation 11.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. In Hungary, this includes animal manure sewage sludge and compost as other organic fertilizers applied to soils.

Animal manure applied to soils (F_{AM})

Annual amount of animal manure N applied to soils (F_{AM}) was calculated using the equation 11.4 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. In Hungary manure is not used as feed, fuel or for construction, therefore fractions ($Frac_{FEED}$, $Frac_{FUEL}$, $Frac_{CNST}$) in the equation were assumed to be zero.

Consequently, annual amount of animal manure N applied to soils (F_{AM}) is corresponded to the managed manure nitrogen available for application to managed soils (N_{MMS_Avb}), which was calculated based on Eq. 10.34 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The first term of this equation is the managed manure N taking into account the losses in the manure management systems. Data and information on the calculation of managed manure N, volatilization, leaching and N_2O -N losses from manure management systems are provided in Chapter 5.3.

In the equation 10.34 reference is also made to $Frac_{LOSSMS}$, for which default values are provided in Table 10.23. According to the footnote b of this table N_2 emissions are also taken into account in the N losses from the manure management systems. Thus, the losses in equation 10.34 covers the N_2 emissions for most manure management systems.

Hungary uses Tier 2 and country-specific values to calculate the volatilization and leaching losses from the manure management systems, therefore the default values provided in Table 10.22 and 10.23 are not used in the inventory. Nevertheless, accepting the concept that the default total N losses from manure management systems covers the N_2 emissions, the N_2 emissions were subtracted to get the N content of animal manure applied to soils.

As the IPCC methodology does not provide emission factors to calculate N_2 emissions from the storage of manure the default EFs given in the Table 3.10 of the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook was applied. ($EF_{solid}=0.3$ kg N_2 / kg TAN and 0.003 kg N_2 / kg TAN.)

The timeseries of N_2 emissions are shown in Table 5.5.2.

Table 5.5.2 N_2 emissions calculated to estimate F_{AM} , for the BY and the period 1990-2019

Year	N_2 emissions [kg] from manure management systems
BY	28,673,105
1990	25,782,461
1991	23,508,985
1992	20,204,372
1993	17,289,654
1994	15,876,369
1995	16,003,018
1996	15,482,823
1997	15,190,000
1998	15,577,629
1999	15,425,648
2000	16,143,491
2001	15,846,636
2002	15,728,451
2003	15,681,383
2004	15,265,806
2005	14,557,768
2006	14,079,234
2007	13,795,494
2008	13,679,563
2009	13,132,382
2010	13,149,922
2011	12,806,872
2012	12,562,649
2013	12,300,859
2014	12,593,972
2015	12,898,963
2016	12,853,812
2017	12,740,971
2018	12,650,087
2019	12,816,396

The second term of the Equation 10.34 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines is the N input from bedding materials. Straw N amounts depend on livestock population and the housing systems. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines provide default values on the nitrogen contained in organic bedding materials for Cattle and Swine, which were used in our calculation. For other livestock categories default values taken from the Table 3.7 of the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook were applied. Data used in the calculations to estimate N from bedding materials with their sources is provided in Table 5.5.3.

Table 5.5.3 Nitrogen in bedding materials by animal category and manure management systems

Animal category	N content of bedding materials by manure management systems [kg N head ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹]		Source
	Solid	Deep Litter	
Dairy Cattle	7	13	p.10.66 of 2006 IPCC GLs.
Non-Dairy Cattle	4	8	p.10.66 of 2006 IPCC GLs.
Buffalo	6	-	2019 EMEP/EEA GB
Sheep	0.08	-	2019 EMEP/EEA GB
Goats	0.08	-	2019 EMEP/EEA GB
Horses	2	-	2019 EMEP/EEA GB
Mules	2	-	2019 EMEP/EEA GB
Swine	0.9	1.8	p.10.66 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Poultry	0.022*	-	Expert judgments

*Poultry manure with bedding

The timeseries of the resulted N inputs from bedding are shown in Table 5.5.4.

Sewage N (F_{SEW})

Data on annual amount of total sewage N that is applied to agricultural soils is available in the Urban Wastewater Information System (UWIS) since 2011. For the period 1994-2010 data were taken from the EUROSTAT statistics. The EUROSTAT provides data on sewage sludge disposal for agricultural use, but this statistic contains the sewage sludge disposal for recultivation as well as agricultural purposes. 40% of the reported disposed sewage sludge based on expert judgment was assumed to be applied on agricultural lands and the remaining 60% for recultivation. Activity data was extrapolated for the period 1988-1994. For the years 1988 backwards application of sewage was assumed to be 'not occurring', because of the low proportion of wastewater treatment in Hungary. The N-content of sewage sludge was assumed to be 4.2% in the calculation. Following a recommendation from the centralized review 2019, country-specific value on the N-content of the sewage sludge based on the measured data provided by the NFCSO were used in the estimate. Data on applied organic fertilizers (F_{ON}) was determined in coordinated with the Waste sector.

Compost N F_{COMP}

In response to a recommendation made the ESD Review conducted in 2016, N input from compost has been reported since the 2017 submission. In this category, N content of the composted waste is reported because of the lack of published data on compost applied to agricultural soils (i.e. all compost is assumed to be applied on soils). Activity data was taken from the 5.B sector. N content of the

composted municipal waste and composted sewage sludge was calculated, using the IPCC default parameters in Table 4.1 of volume 5 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

The resulted activity data for the period 1985-2019 are provided in Table 5.5.6.

5.5.2.1.3 Urine and dung from grazing animals (F_{PRP})

The term F_{PRP} is estimated using Equation 11.5. For the required values of the equation see Chapter 5.3. Annual amount of urine and dung nitrogen deposited by grazing animals on pasture, range and paddock (F_{PRP}) for the period 1985-2019 are provided in Table 5.5.6.

5.5.2.1.4 Crop residue N including forage/ pasture renewal (F_{CR})

Nitrogen input from crop residues was estimated in accordance with the Tier 1 methodology, Equation 11.7A of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Activity data on crop yields and annual area of harvested crops were taken from the HCSO. To estimate the N added to soils from crop residues and forage/pasture renewal mainly default parameters from the Table 11.2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used. Since yield statistics are reported as field-dry weight a correction factor was applied to estimate dry matter yields in accordance with Equation 11.7 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. In the case of wheat parameters provided for grains were used, because the default values given for wheat in the 2006 Guidelines are inappropriate for Hungarian wheat species. For rapeseed and sunflower seed, for which default values are unavailable in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, country-specific values of ratio of above-ground residues, dry matter to harvested yield crop and N content of above-ground residues for crop were used, while, N-contents of below-ground biomass for these crops were calculated using default values provided for 'beans and pulses' in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Dry matter contents of forage crops as lucerne-hay, red clover-hay, silo maize and grass hay were sourced from the Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004. Input factors used to estimate the N added to soils from crop residues are provided in Table 5.5.5.

The 2006 IPCC method accounts for the effect of residue burning or other removal of residues. Annual areas of burning for cereals ($Area_{burnt(T)}$) were estimated based on expert judgement. It was taken into account for the years before 1990, because burning of crop residues has been banned since 1986 in Hungary. A decreasing proportion of illegal field burning for cereals was assumed for the period between 1986 and 1990. Since this submission emissions from rice field burning due to plant protection reasons have already been reported, for the estimation of area of burnt rice fields see chapter 5.7.

Equation 11.7 requires fractions of total area of crops that is renewed annually. For annual crops $Frac_{Renew}=1$ was assumed, while for Lucerne hay (Alfalfa) and Red clover hay 25%, as the area of these forage crops are renewed on average every four years. In addition, $Frac_{Renew}=0.2$ was assumed for the forage/pasture renewal, assuming five year renewal frequency based on expert judgement (Monori, 2015).

In the fraction of above-ground residues of crops removed annually ($Frac_{Remove}$), straw used as bedding materials was taken into account. Proportion of straw used as bedding materials were subtracted here, to avoid double counting, as this N is taken into account in the term of F_{AM} . This fraction was calculated

consistently with the 3.B Manure management and the 3.D.a.2 Annual amount of animal manure N applied to soils (F_{AM}). In response to a recommendation from the 2017 UNFCCC review, this section has been supplemented with the following information on the derivation of the value $Frac_{Remove}$.

According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines survey of experts in country is required to obtain data on $Frac_{Remove}$. If data for $Frac_{Remove}$ are not available, assume no removal. While, in accordance with the p. 10.64 of the IPCC Guidelines where organic forms of bedding material (straw, sawdust, chippings, etc.) are used, the additional nitrogen from the bedding material should also be considered as part of the managed manure N applied to soils. However, the 2006 IPCC Guidelines referring to the EEA, 2002 states, that the volatilization losses from bedding is zero. It should be noted, that the most up-to-date version of the EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook does consider the bedding material as a source of ammonia. Consequently, the use of Tier 2 for the volatilization losses entail the detailed characterization of the flow of nitrogen through the manure management. In housing systems with bedding the bedding material is generally straw and the bedding material should be considered as a part of the nitrogen budget.

As Hungary uses a N-flow approach to calculate the emissions from 3.B and 3.D, which is in line with the IPCC Guidelines, the N_2O emissions from straw used for bedding is reported in CRF 3.D.a.2 Animal manure applied to soils, and this amount of N was taken into account in the value of $Frac_{Remove}$. The value of $Frac_{Remove}$ was calculated for all year from the N content of straw used for bedding divided by the sum of the N content of the above-ground biomass of grain crops of which straw is used for bedding (wheat, barley, rye and oats). For other crops the value of $Frac_{Remove}$ was zero.

Table 5.5.4 Nitrogen in bedding materials and $Frac_{Remove}$ for the BY and 1990-2019

Year	N input from bedding materials [kg]	N content of above-ground biomass of grain crops used as bedding material [kg]	$Frac_{Remove}$ (for Wheat, Barley, Rye and Oat)
BY	18,570,123	45,816,497	41%
1990	16,288,098	54,154,798	30%
1991	14,942,494	53,999,172	28%
1992	12,581,264	38,806,951	32%
1993	10,876,230	32,929,235	33%
1994	9,783,694	48,318,199	20%
1995	9,689,709	44,110,126	22%
1996	9,784,246	37,435,227	26%
1997	9,433,348	48,700,129	19%
1998	9,366,668	45,877,198	20%
1999	9,541,831	28,788,874	33%
2000	9,400,809	34,985,052	27%
2001	8,875,423	47,729,049	19%
2002	8,872,012	38,049,930	23%
2003	8,740,600	30,688,130	28%

Year	N input from bedding materials [kg]	N content of above-ground biomass of grain crops used as bedding material [kg]	Frac _{Remove} (for Wheat, Barley, Rye and Oat)
2004	8,192,852	53,247,162	15%
2005	7,747,940	45,797,614	17%
2006	7,497,933	40,484,154	19%
2007	7,513,438	38,025,633	20%
2008	7,282,126	50,820,104	14%
2009	7,040,591	40,763,617	17%
2010	7,083,712	35,366,925	20%
2011	7,031,314	37,476,309	19%
2012	7,084,448	37,608,560	19%
2013	7,150,026	44,180,338	16%
2014	7,338,911	46,829,467	16%
2015	7,481,042	47,625,106	16%
2016	7,557,012	50,157,836	15%
2017	7,543,533	46,362,040	16%
2018	7,680,253	44,676,710	17%
2019	7,787,529	46,831,375	17%

There is not comprehensive survey on the amount of crop residues burned as fuel in Hungary. Thus no removal for burning of fuel was assumed. Amount of N in crop residues, including N-fixing crops, and from forage/ pasture renewal, returned to soils are shown in Table 5.5.6.

Table 5.5.5 Parameters used to estimate emissions from crop residues

Crops	Dry matter fraction of harvested product (DRY)	Slope	Intercept	N content of above-ground residues (N _{AG})	Ratio of below-ground residues to above-ground biomass (R _{BG-BIO})	N content of below-ground residues (N _{BG})
Wheat ¹	0.880	1.09	0.88	0.0060	0.22	0.009
Maize (corn)	0.870	1.03	0.61	0.0060	0.22	0.007
Rice	0.890	0.95	2.46	0.0070	0.16	0.009
Barley	0.890	0.98	0.59	0.0070	0.22	0.014
Rye	0.880	1.09	0.88	0.0050	0.22	0.011
Oats	0.890	0.91	0.89	0.0070	0.25	0.008
Bean	0.900	0.36	0.68	0.0100	0.19	0.010
Peas	0.910	1.13	0.85	0.0080	0.19	0.008
Soya-bean	0.910	0.93	1.35	0.0080	0.19	0.008
Green peas	0.910	1.13	0.85	0.0080	0.19	0.008
Potatoes	0.220	0.10	1.06	0.0190	0.20	0.014
Sugarbeat	0.220	0.10	1.06	0.0190	0.20	0.014
Sunflower ²	0.800	NA	NA	0.0057	0.19	0.008

Crops	Dry matter fraction of harvested product (DRY)	Slope	Intercept	N content of above-ground residues (N_{AG})	Ratio of below-ground residues to above-ground biomass (R_{BG-BIO})	N content of below-ground residues (N_{BG})
Rape ²	0.700	NA	NA	0.0033	0.19	0.008
Lucerne-hay ³	0.864	0.29	0.00	0.027	0.40	0.019
Red Clover-hay ³	0.855	0.29	0.00	0.027	0.40	0.019
Maize (silo) ³	0.317	1.03	0.61	0.006	0.22	0.007
Meadows ³	0.874	0.18	0.00	0.015	0.54	0.012

¹2006 IPCC default for 'grains' was applied, as data for wheat are inappropriate for Hungarian species.

²Dry matter content and R_{AG} are country-specific based on Zsembeli et. al, 2011. $R_{AGsunflower}=3.0$, $R_{AGrape}=2.0$.

³Values of DRY are country-specific, sourced from Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004.

5.5.2.1.5 N mineralization associated with loss of SOM (F_{SOM})

F_{SOM} refers to the amount of N mineralised from loss in soil organic C in mineral soils through land-use change or management practices. To estimate the N mineralised as consequence of this loss of soil carbon the Equation 11.8 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied. The activity data was the carbon loss from management changes under 4.B.1 cropland remaining cropland/ mineral soils.

CRF category 4.B.1 covers conversions of set-aside croplands and non-setaside-croplands to each other in Hungary. Among these conversions non-set-aside croplands conversions to non-set-aside croplands and set-aside croplands conversions to non-set-aside croplands leads to carbon losses. These carbon losses calculated in the LULUCF sector based on the detailed land-use matrices were used as activity data to calculate the N-losses due to mineralization. (See also Section 6.6.2). According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, usage of disaggregated land-use categories of 4.B.1 cropland remaining cropland, in the calculation meets the requirement of Tier 2 methodology.

The default C:N ratio of the soil organic matter of 10 was used. The resulted annual values for F_{SOM} are provided in Table 5.5.6.

Table 5.5.6 Amount of N inputs to soils BY-2019

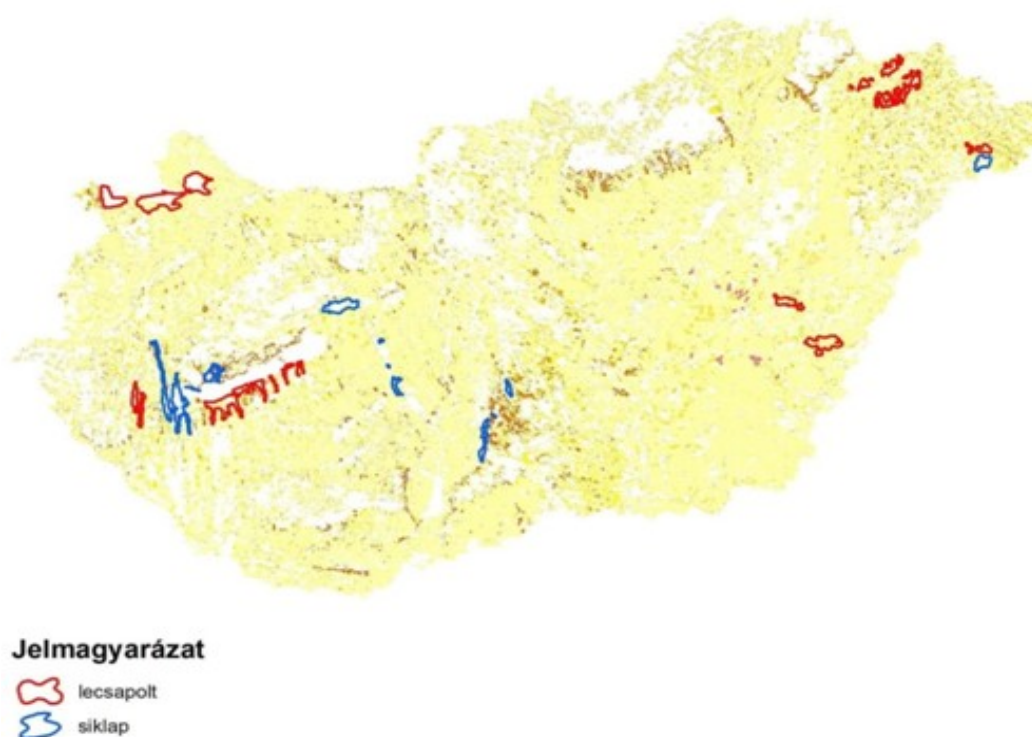
Year	Synthetic Fertilizers (F _{SN})	Organic N applied as fertilizer (F _{ON})			Urine and dung inputs to grazed soils (F _{PRP})	Crop Residues (F _{CR})	N mineralization associated with loss of SOM (F _{SOM})
		Animal manure (F _{AM})	Sewage (F _{SW})	Compost (F _{COMP})			
1000t N							
BY	589	206	NO	NO	36	159	0.45
1990	358	189	0.2	0.4	30	152	0.77
1991	140	176	0.2	0.4	30	183	0.77
1992	148	151	0.3	0.4	27	125	0.77
1993	161	133	0.3	0.4	22	108	0.77
1994	222	119	0.4	0.4	18	143	0.76
1995	191	118	0.6	0.6	17	139	0.76
1996	203	115	0.5	0.7	16	140	0.76
1997	206	111	0.4	0.7	16	159	0.76
1998	248	113	0.5	0.6	16	151	0.49
1999	262	115	0.4	0.8	17	135	0.49
2000	258	116	0.5	0.7	18	114	0.48
2001	275	113	0.4	0.7	18	165	0.48
2002	303	115	0.5	1.1	17	136	0.48
2003	289	116	0.5	1.5	17	111	0.48
2004	293	112	0.6	0.8	18	191	0.48
2005	260	106	0.9	1.4	19	182	0.03
2006	289	104	0.9	1.3	18	168	NO
2007	320	104	0.8	1.5	17	126	NO
2008	294	101	1.0	1.9	17	196	NO
2009	275	96	1.1	2.5	16	162	NO
2010	281	96	1.0	2.8	16	142	NO
2011	302	95	0.9	3.1	16	163	0.36
2012	313	98	0.8	3.3	16	134	0.93
2013	343	99	0.6	3.4	16	166	0.92
2014	341	101	0.6	3.8	17	195	0.92
2015	378	103	0.6	3.8	18	173	0.92
2016	404	100	0.7	4.4	19	204	0.92
2017	424	98	0.7	4.5	19	184	0.92
2018	424	98	0.7	4.5	19	187	0.92
2019	416	99	0.7	4.7	19	190	0.92

5.5.2.1.6 Area of drained/managed organic soils (F_{OS})

Cultivation of Histosols is not occurring in Hungary, therefore notation key 'NO' is reported for the N₂O emission in CRF Table 3.D. Following the recommendation in the 2013 annual review, and the 2016 in-country review, the NIR has been supplemented with the following justification.

In the Hungarian soil classification system Peat soils and Ameliorated peat soils could be identified as WRB Histosols. It should be noted that one of the features of the Hungarian genetic soil classification system is that the name of certain types of soils hints at the condition of the soil formation and not necessarily at their current characteristics. Thus, the translation of this name into English can cause some misunderstanding. I. e. words like 'swampy', or 'peat' in the name of the Hungarian genetic soil types does not definitely mean that the soil falls in the group of Histosols.

Total areas of Peat and Ameliorated peat soils are 41,612 and 90,685 ha based on AGROTOPO, the Hungarian agro-topographical map at scale of 1: 100,000. The delineated areas of Peat and Ameliorated Peat soils are shown on **Figure 5.5.2**.



Source: Research Institute for Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry (Hungary)

Note: 'lecsapolt' = Ameliorated peat soils, 'síkláp'=Peat soils

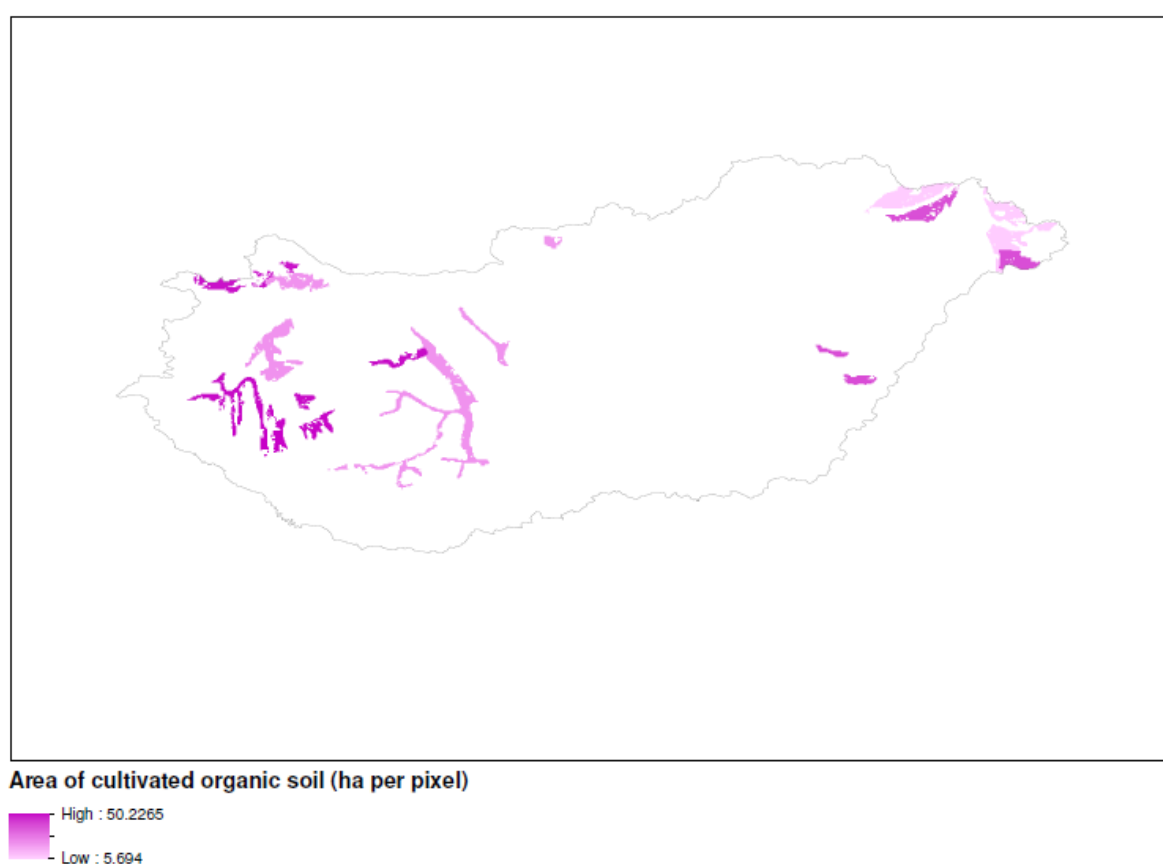
Figure 5.5.2 Peat soils and Ameliorated peat soils in Hungary

Peat soils form and can be restored under wetland conditions, which are 'ex lege' protected in Hungary in accordance with the Article 23 Paragraph (2) of the Act No LIII of 1996. (This law is in force currently, but Wetlands was protected decades ago.) Hungary also signed the Ramsar convention in 1971, thus the protection of wetlands is also encouraged based on this convention. As a consequence, areas of wetland soils are mainly national parks and landscape protection areas. **In summary, cultivation of organic soils/ Histosols is prohibited by law in Hungary.**

Before the 1950's attempts were made on the utilization of peat lands, by draining. The results of this activity are the Ameliorated peat soils. After draining, the organic carbon content of these soils

declined resulting from the oxidization of organic matters during more than 60 years of continuous cultivation. Consequently, as it is proved by measurements, these cultivated Ameliorated peat soils have an average humus content of 6%, which do not meet the definition of 'Histosols' or 'organic soils' used in the IPCC Guidelines.

The FAO database on GHG emissions indicates 229.2 kha cultivated organic soil for Hungary based on the Harmonized World Soil Map and the Global Land Cover 2000 dataset, but this area exceeds the total area of Peat soils and Ameliorated peat soils in Hungary (i.e. 132.3 kha altogether) delineated based on higher resolution national soil map regardless of land cover and land use. This significant overestimation indicates the high uncertainty in the estimated area from the harmonized international databases. Areas of cultivated organic soils based on FAO GHG emission database are shown on Figure 5.5.3



Source: FAO

Figure 5.5.3 Cultivated Histosols in Hungary based on FAO GHG emission database

The data of the Hungarian Soil Protection and Monitoring System (hereafter referred to as TIM) prove this fact, namely there are no cultivated organic soils in Hungary. Arising from the definition of Histosols in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the organic carbon contents of agricultural soils were analyzed to distinguish between Histosols (organic soils) and mineral soils.

The organic matter content of agricultural soils was derived from the measurements of the TIM. A summary about the TIM is also available in English, in Várallyay, 2005. The measured humus content data for **1014 sample points** was received from the Plant, Soil and Agri-environmental Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office. The humus content data based on laboratory measurements are available for the year 1998 and 2000. According to the data of the TIM, the humus content of the soil does not reach 20%, the lower limit of humus content in organic soils, in any of the TIM points. The Table 5.5.7 summarizes the measured humus content data for Ameliorated peat soils and Peat soils.

Table 5.5.7 Measured humus content for Ameliorated peat soils and Peat soils based on TIM

Code	EOV_X	EOV_Y	Humus content	Humus content	Average humus content	Hungarian genetic soil types	IPCC soil type
			1998	2000	1998, 2000		
			%	%	%		
I0908	489320	258154	5.69	4.97	5.33	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
I1614	531672	149870	6.01	6.7	6.36	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
I1707	590004	203609	5.36	6.04	5.70	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
I3008	520145	273846	5.69	4.61	5.15	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
I3819	512187	219795	6.77	5.3	6.04	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
I4019	526785	166020	5.65	5.9	5.78	Peat soils	Wetland
I4715	901096	276942	2.83	2.44	2.64	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
S4920	504239	148173	5.25	5.85	5.55	Peat soils	Wetland
S5008	502087	262733	5.24	5.6	5.42	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
S6303	675522	115685	5.11		5.11	Peat soils	Wetland
S6515	901822	285368	12.05	11	11.53	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland

Source: Soil and Agri-environmental Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO)

In 2009, the European Commission extended the periodic Land Use/Land Cover Area Frame Survey (LUCAS) to sample and analyze the main properties of topsoil in 23 Member States of the European Union (EU). The LUCAS Topsoil Data (EC JRC, 2013) providing measured organic carbon data for 20,000 sample points in Europe for the year 2009 were also analyzed and confirmed that organic soils are not cultivated in Hungary.

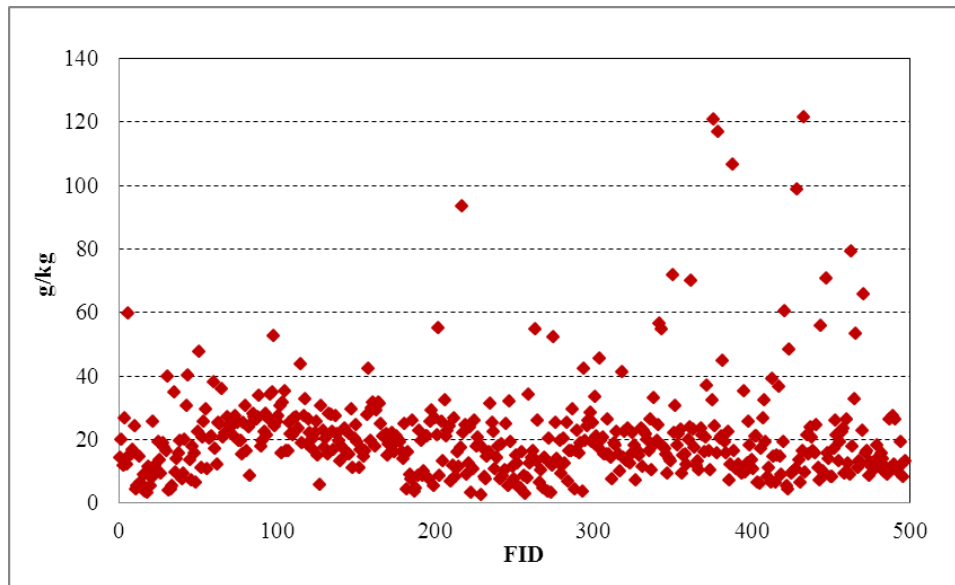


Figure 5.5.4 Organic carbon contents of soil samples in Hungary based on LUCAS Topsoil Survey, 2009

In the course of the LUCAS Topsoil Survey 497 samples were collected in Hungary, out of them 314 samples from annual croplands, 6 from permanent crops, 60 from woodlands, 4 from shrublands and 104 from grasslands. For more information on the survey and representativity issues see also Tóth G. et al, 2013. As the data on organic carbon content of soil samples revealed, only two samples have 12.06 and 12.15 per cent organic carbon content which might be classified into the group of Histosols, but none of them was from cultivated cropland. (The point IDs of these samples are 49422714 and 48782686, respectively.) The resulted organic carbon contents expressed in terms of g/kg are shown on Figure 5.5.4. Photos of sample plots where the samples having about 12% organic carbon content were collected are shown in Figure 5.5.5. According to the LUCAS survey, the land cover of these plots is grassland without tree/ shrub cover (Code: E20). Therefore, cannot be disturbance leading to loss of organic matter stored in the soil.



Figure 5.5.5 Photos of sample plots where soil samples with 12% organic carbon content were collected in the course of LUCAS Topsoil Survey, 2009

As a consequence of the facts due to the domestic legislation on one hand and based on data from soil surveys on the other, it can be confirmed that organic soils are not cultivated in Hungary. Soils in Hungary, which are classified as Histosols in international soil databases (e.g. FAO HWSD) are either on protected wetlands (Peat soils) or, if on managed croplands, they have lost most of their carbon content (Ameliorated peat soils) and cannot be classified as Histosols.

5.5.2.2 Indirect Emissions (CRF 3.D.b)

In addition to the direct emissions of N₂O from managed soils, emissions of N₂O also take place through two indirect pathways. The first of these pathways is the volatilization of N as NH₃ and NO_x, and the subsequent deposition of these gases and their products onto soils and water surfaces. The sources of N volatilization are not confined to agricultural fertilizers and manures, but also include fossil fuel combustion, biomass burning, and processes in the chemical industry. In the Hungarian inventory reporting of volatilization of N and the deposition of NH₃ and NO_x is confined to agricultural sources.

The second pathway of indirect emissions is the leaching and runoff from land of N from agricultural inputs.

5.5.2.2.1 Indirect N₂O emissions through atmospheric deposition of N volatilized

In response to a recommendation from the in-country review conducted in 2016 this section was supplemented with information on the EMEP/EEA methodology used to derive Fra_{C_{GAS}F} and Fra_{C_{GAS}M} including the parameters and equation used.

The Hungarian national system takes advantage of parallel inventory preparation and reporting of air pollutants under the LRTAP Convention ensuring efficiency and consistency in the compilation of emission inventories, because a wide range of substances using common datasets and inputs. Hungary applies the most up-to-date EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook to calculate the agricultural NH₃ and NO_x emissions. A detailed description of the method applied for NH₃ and NO_x is given in the report 'Hungary's Informative Report 2019 submitted under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution' (CLRTAP) (UNECE, 1999) and the National Emissions Ceilings Directive (EP and CEU, 2016).

The N₂O emissions from atmospheric deposition of N volatilized from managed soil was calculated based on Tier 1 methodology, following the Equation 11.9 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The activity data are the same as those under 3.D.a.

The method requires values for the fractions of N that are lost through volatilization (Fra_{C_{GAS}F}, Fra_{C_{GAS}M}) and the emission factor (EF₄). The volatilization rates for Hungary are country-specific based on the reported NH₃ and NO_x emissions.

Country-specific volatilization fraction of synthetic fertilizers ($Frac_{GASF}$) includes the NH_3 -N and NO_x -N losses from fertilizers calculated by fertilizer types.

Country-specific volatilization fraction of applied organic N fertilizer materials and urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals ($Frac_{GASM}$) includes:

- NH_3 -N and NO_x -N losses from livestock manure application on agricultural soils;
- NH_3 -N and NO_x -N losses from dung and urine deposited by grazing livestock;
- NH_3 -N and NO_x -N losses from sewage sludge applied to soils;
- NH_3 -N and NO_x -N losses from compost applied to soils.

To calculate the NH_3 -N losses the reported NH_3 emissions were multiplied by 14/17. In the air pollutant inventory NO_x is reported as NO_2 ; therefore, the NO_2 emissions were multiplied by 14/46 to get the NO_x -N losses.

NH_3 -N and NO_x -N volatilization losses from mineral fertilizer application

The parallel and consistent emission inventory compilation enables the use of country-specific data, which is more accurate than the use of the IPCC default value of $Frac_{GASF}$.

NH_3 and NO_x emissions from Sector 3 Agriculture are estimated according to the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook. For the calculation of NH_3 -N losses from synthetic fertilizers the tier 2 methodology was applied. This method uses specific NH_3 emission factors for different types of synthetic fertilizers depending on the soil acidity and climate. To summarize, NH_3 emissions can be calculated by means of the following equation:

$$E_{fert_{NH_3}} = \sum_{i=1} \sum_{j=1} m_{fert_{i,j}} \cdot EF_{i,j}$$

(Equation 5.9)

Where:

$E_{fert_{NH_3}}$ = NH_3 emission from fertilization ($kg a^{-1} NH_3$)

m_{fert_i} = mass of fertilizer type i consumed nationally ($kg a^{-1} N$)

$EF_{i=EF}$ for fertilizer type i in region j ($kg NH_3 (kg N)^{-1}$)

Definitions of climate zones of the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook are the same as those of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. According to the Guidelines, cool climate zone has an annual mean temperature below 15°C. The annual mean temperature in most parts of Hungary is between 10 and 11 °C, hence the emission factors given for cool climate zone were applied for the whole country.

Proportion of soil with normal pH and high pH was determined based on the most up-to-date high resolution (250m) soils map (Tóth, G. et al., 2015). Emission factors provided by soil pH in the EMEP/EEA Guidebook were weighted by the resulted proportions and weighted national average emission factors, given in Table 5.5.8, were calculated for each fertilizer types.

Table 5.5.8 Country specific emission factors for ammonia emission from fertilizers

Fertilizers	IEFi [kg NH ₃ kg ⁻¹ N]
Ammonium nitrate	0.025
Anhydrous ammonia	0.028
Ammonium phosphate, NP mixtures	0.074
Ammonium sulphate	0.134
Calcium ammonium nitrate	0.013
Other straight N compounds	0.015
Nitrogen solutions	0.096
Urea	0.160
NK mixtures	0.025
NPK mixtures	0.074
Implied EF (2019)	0.047

Mass of fertilizer i consumed nationally was derived from the sales statistics by product line.

Detailed data on fertilizer consumption by fertilizer types is not published in the Hungary's IIR, 2020 either this report because of data confidentiality. However, main driver in the trend of NH₃ emissions from inorganic fertilizers is the urea consumption and the time-series of urea use is published in this report.

For the calculation of NO_x emissions, the tier 1 methodology of the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook was applied, by means of the following equation:

$$E_{\text{pollutant}} = AR_{N_{\text{applied}}} \cdot EF_{\text{pollutant}}$$

(Equation 5.10)

Where:

$E_{\text{pollutant}}$ = amount of pollutant emitted (kg a⁻¹)

$AR_{N_{\text{applied}}}$ = amount of N applied in fertilizer or organic waste (kg a⁻¹)

$EF_{\text{pollutant}}$ EF of pollutant (kg kg⁻¹)

Emissions were calculated as a fixed percentage of total fertilizer nitrogen applied to soil. For all mineral fertilize types the default emission factor of. 0.04 kg NO₂ per kg applied fertilizer-N was used (EEA, 2019).

In 2019 the value of $Frac_{GASF}$ was 0.05, which is lower than the IPCC default value, because of the low proportion of Urea in the total fertilizer use.

NH₃-N and NO_x-N volatilization losses from organic N fertilizers and N deposited by grazing animals

Similarly, to $Frac_{GASF}$, $Frac_{GASM}$ is also an annual implied value of N-losses referring to NH₃-N as well as NO_x-N losses from organic manure that is volatilized as NH₃ and NO_x.

NH₃-N volatilization losses from livestock manure application

Default NH₃ emission factors of the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook for spreading of slurry and solid manure were applied in proportion of total ammoniacal nitrogen (TAN) as shown in Table 5.5.9.

Table 5.5.9 Emission factors for NH₃ emissions from animal manure application

Livestock	Manure type	proportion of TAN	EF spreading [kg NH ₃ -N (kg TAN) ⁻¹]
Cattle	slurry	0.6	0.55
	solid		0.68
Fattening pigs	slurry	0.7	0.4
	solid		0.81
Sows	slurry	0.7	0.29
	solid		0.45
Sheep	solid	0.5	0.9
Horses, Mules and Asses	solid	0.6	0.9
Laying hens	solid/slurry	0.7	0.69
Broilers	solid	0.7	0.38
Turkey	solid	0.7	0.54
Ducks	solid	0.7	0.54
Geese	solid	0.7	0.45

In the case of cattle and swine liquid manure, effects of different manure spreading technologies were also taken into account. In 2019 80% and 89% of the cattle and swine manure was applied using some kind of ammonia abatement manure spreading technologies. In 2019, the weighted average efficiency of the applied technologies was 44 and 52% on average, for cattle and swine manure.

NO_x-N emissions from animal manure spreading

NO_x emissions were calculated using the default emission factors for 3.D.a.2 Animal manure applied to soils. The default emission factors were calculated on the basis that all manure is stored before surface application without rapid incorporation.

NH₃-N and NO_x-N volatilization losses from sewage sludge application

For the calculation of NH₃ emissions the default emission factor (0.13 kg NH₃ per kg sewage sludge N) was applied (EEA, 2019).

NO_x emissions were estimated using the default emission factor of 0.04 kg NO₂ per sewage sludge Nitrogen (EMEP/EEA, 2019).

NH₃-N and NO_x-N volatilization losses from compost application

For the calculation of NH₃ emissions the default emission factor provided for other organic waste (0.08 kg NH₃ per kg N applied) was applied (EEA, 2019).

NO_x emissions were estimated using the default emission factor of 0.04 kg NO₂ per N applied (EMEP/EEA, 2019).

Derivation of N losses from mineral fertilizer and applied organic N fertilizer materials including grazing from the Hungarian air pollutant emission inventory is demonstrated in Table 5.5.10 for the year 2019. The timeseries of the volatilization losses were calculated similarly for the all years of the inventory period.

Annual NH₃-N and NO_x-N volatilization losses from synthetic fertilizers and organic N fertilizers (including grazing) for the BY and the period from 1990 to 2016 are provided in

together with the resulted values of Frac_{GASF} and Frac_{GASM}.

Table 5.5.10 Derivation of NH₃-N and NO_x-N volatilization losses from synthetic and organic N fertilizers (including grazing) for the year 2019

NFR code	Long name	NO_x (as NO₂)	NH₃	Total N volatilized [kg N]
3Da1	Inorganic N-fertilizers (includes also urea application)	16.64	19.46	21,087,678
3Da2a	Animal manure applied to soils	3.94	15.54	13,994,565
3Da2b	Sewage sludge applied to soils	0.03	0.10	88,503
3Da2c	Other organic fertilizers applied to soils (including compost)	0.19	0.37	363,237
3Da3	Urine and dung deposited by grazing animals	0.71	2.06	1,693,603
3D	Agricultural soils	20.79	37.52	37,227,586

Table 5.5.11 NH₃-N and NO_x-N volatilization losses from synthetic and organic N fertilizers (including grazing) BY and 1990 to 2019

Year	N losses from mineral fertilizer	N losses from applied organic N fertilizer materials and grazing	Frac _{GASF}	Frac _{GASM}
	kg N	kg N		
BY	32,967,447	33,842,341	0.06	0.14
1990	22,932,366	30,675,330	0.06	0.14
1991	10,113,426	28,606,785	0.07	0.14
1992	8,586,793	24,426,237	0.06	0.14
1993	8,377,202	21,465,985	0.05	0.14
1994	10,222,155	19,370,556	0.05	0.14
1995	10,617,988	19,461,479	0.06	0.14
1996	10,531,507	19,614,838	0.05	0.15
1997	11,036,074	19,035,062	0.05	0.15
1998	12,072,679	19,652,155	0.05	0.15
1999	12,906,199	20,034,556	0.05	0.15
2000	12,623,718	20,494,187	0.05	0.15
2001	13,455,514	20,144,192	0.05	0.15
2002	14,825,530	20,486,311	0.05	0.15
2003	14,526,641	20,683,267	0.05	0.15
2004	15,391,037	19,838,623	0.05	0.15
2005	14,113,368	18,980,265	0.05	0.15
2006	15,687,551	18,443,011	0.05	0.15
2007	16,298,925	18,174,470	0.05	0.15
2008	12,219,732	17,736,260	0.04	0.15
2009	11,281,073	16,902,502	0.04	0.15
2010	11,406,120	16,923,318	0.04	0.15
2011	12,582,043	16,581,119	0.04	0.14
2012	12,693,250	16,397,893	0.04	0.14
2013	15,168,532	16,151,445	0.04	0.14
2014	15,275,607	16,594,840	0.04	0.14
2015	17,828,675	16,938,917	0.05	0.14
2016	18,635,667	17,074,063	0.05	0.14
2017	20,768,060	16,657,196	0.05	0.14
2018	20,741,538	16,328,355	0.05	0.13
2019	21,087,678	16,369,330	0.05	0.13

5.5.2.2.2 Leaching and runoff

The N₂O emissions from the N lost through leaching and runoff was calculated using the Tier 1 methodology and Equation 11.10 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The activity data are the same as those under 3.D.a.

In accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for humid regions and in regions where irrigation is used, the default value of Frac_{LEACH-(H)}, 0.3 was applied. For dryland regions, where precipitation is lower than evapotranspiration throughout most of the year, Frac_{LEACH} was assumed to be zero. According to the

IPCC methodology the determination of proportion of irrigated areas and humid regions are required. Thus, the Equation 11.10 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines can be considered as the same as Equation 5.11.

$$N_2O_{(L)-N} = (F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{PRP} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM}) \cdot (Frac_{irr} + Frac_{wet}) \cdot Frac_{LEACH-H} \cdot EF_5$$

(Equation 5.11)

Where:

N_2O-N = annual amount of N_2O-N produced from leaching and run-off of N additions to managed soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg N_2O-N

F_{SN} = annual amount of synthetic fertilizer N applied to soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg $N\ yr^{-1}$

F_{ON} = annual amount of managed animal manure, compost, sewage sludge and other organic N additions applied to soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg $N\ yr^{-1}$

F_{PRP} = annual amount of urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg $N\ yr^{-1}$

F_{CR} = amount of N in crop residues (above- and below-ground), including N-fixing crops, and from forage, pasture renewal, returned to soils annually in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg $N\ yr^{-1}$

F_{SOM} = annual amount of N mineralized in mineral soils associated with loss of soil C from soil organic matter as a result of changes to land use or management in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg $N\ yr^{-1}$

$Frac_{irr}$ = fraction of irrigated agricultural areas

$Frac_{wet}$ = fraction of humid agricultural areas

$Frac_{LEACH-(H)}$ = fraction of all N added to/mineralized in managed soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs

EF_5 = emission factor for N_2O emissions from N leaching and runoff, kg N_2O-N (kgN leached and runoff) $^{-1}$

Derivation of fraction of irrigated areas ($Frac_{irr}$)

Proportions of irrigated areas were derived annually from HCSO's statistics on irrigated, utilized and total agricultural areas. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines require to distinguish the drip irrigated areas within the irrigated areas, because according to the methodology, N-leaching is assumed to be unlikely on drip irrigated areas. The HCSO publishes the total irrigated areas annually, which include the drip irrigated areas as well for the period 1989-2014. Unfortunately, the drip irrigated areas are not reported separately in this statistic. For the period before 1989 data on the total irrigated areas and within this the drip irrigated areas are available, separately. Therefore, since the 2016 submission it has been decided to account the total irrigated areas, i.e. areas of drip irrigation are not subtracted from the total irrigated areas, due to lack of reliable and consistent statistics on drip irrigation for the whole time-series. As the fraction of drip irrigation was 1.5% of the total irrigated areas on average for the period 1985-1989, inclusion of drip irrigation in the emission estimation probably causes a negligible overestimation of emissions.

Because it is assumed that N is applied only on utilized agricultural areas, annual fractions of irrigated areas were calculated as a fraction of utilized agricultural areas. (Calculation of irrigated areas as fraction of the total agricultural areas could result in an underestimation of the amount of N leached

and run-off.) Utilized areas were taken from the HCSO's censuses for the year 2000, 2010 and 2013. Annual areas for years between censuses data have been based on linear interpolation between data points. For the period before 1990 the total agricultural area was assumed to be utilized, as agricultural areas started to be abandoned as a result of the change of the regime in the 90's.

In 2019 108.3 thousand hectares (2.3% of the utilized agricultural areas) were irrigated. Although, the National Water Authority indicates a total area with water right permit 190.0 ha (about 4% of total agricultural areas) for 2014, according to the HCSO's statistics 57% of the irrigable areas were irrigated actually in 2019. In Hungary the fraction of irrigated areas is significantly lower than the average of the EU Member States' because of the limited and outdated irrigation system. In 2010 5.8% of the Member States' utilized agricultural areas were irrigated. In contrast this proportion was 2.4% for Hungary in that year according to the EUROSTAT statistics. Because of this low proportion of irrigation, the improvement of water management efficiency and irrigation systems are among the priorities of the Hungarian Rural Development Program for the period 2014-2020. Additionally, the large inter-annual fluctuations in the harvested crop productions also reflect the high dependence on weather conditions (e.g. droughts) partially due to the low proportion of irrigated areas.

The resulted fractions of irrigated areas are shown in Table 5.5.12.

Table 5.5.12 Derivation of activity data on irrigated agricultural areas, from the BY to 2019

Year	Total irrigated areas	Total agricultural areas	Utilized agricultural areas (UAA)	Irrigated areas as % of UAA
	ha	1000 ha	1000 ha	
BY	147,871	6186	6186	2.4%
1990	216,937	6132	6132	3.5%
1991	148,669	6116	5989	2.5%
1992	177,808	6091	5839	3.0%
1993	180,088	6080	5702	3.2%
1994	160,384	6064	5562	2.9%
1995	146,541	6048	5422	2.7%
1996	126,344	6028	5278	2.4%
1997	81,908	6008	5137	1.6%
1998	93,431	5990	4997	1.9%
1999	44,822	5972	4858	0.9%
2000	125,866	5745	4555	2.8%
2001	104,172	5729	4598	2.3%
2002	117,035	5698	4629	2.5%
2003	148,642	5667	4660	3.2%
2004	120,596	5632	4686	2.6%
2005	75,161	5604	4718	1.6%
2006	78,193	5570	4744	1.6%
2007	121,064	5536	4769	2.5%
2008	80,149	5503	4794	2.0%
2009	107,106	5471	4820	2.2%
2010	114,550	5261	4686	2.4%
2011	101,046	5256	4681	2.2%
2012	124,944	5257	4682	2.7%
2013	118,934	5259	4657	2.6%

Year	Total irrigated areas	Total agricultural areas	Utilized agricultural areas (UAA)	Irrigated areas as % of UAA
	ha	1000 ha	1000 ha	
2014	130,400	5266	4663	2.8%
2015	124,300	5266	4663	2.7%
2016	108,233	5286	4680	2.3%
2017	108,595	5305	4697	2.3%
2018	111,401	5298	4691	2.4%
2019	108,300	5271	4667	2.3%

Derivation of fraction of humid regions ($Frac_{wet}$)

To estimate the fraction of humid regions is also required to calculate the emissions from N-leaching. Proportion of humid regions was determined based on the analysis of the 30-year climate means (1981-2010) of the monthly precipitation and evaporation data from the HMS climate database.

According to the definition of the $Frac_{LEACH-(H)}$ in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the determination of 'rainy seasons' are required based on the data on precipitation and Pan Evaporation (E_{PAN}). The 2006 IPCC Guidelines define the 'rainy seasons' as periods when $rainfall > 0.5 \cdot Pan\ Evaporation$, which criteria is equal to that $P/E_{PAN} > 50\%$, where P is the monthly precipitation.

Table 5.5.13 Data for the derivation of 'rainy seasons' to calculate emissions from 3.D.2.2

Month	Potential Evaporation (PE)	Pan Evaporation (E_{PAN})	Precipitation (P)	P/ E_{pan}	P/PE
January	22.9	-	33.2	-	145%
February	29.4	-	32.8	-	112%
March	54	-	35.3	-	65%
April	83.7	93.8	44.4	47%	53%
May	115.2	128	63.7	50%	55%
Jun	129.1	141.6	73.6	52%	57%
July	157.8	172.3	65	38%	41%
August	148.1	148	63.3	43%	43%
September	94.2	93.1	54.7	59%	58%
October	61.2	62.7	42.6	68%	70%
November	33	-	49.8	-	151%
December	22.3	-	47	-	211%

Source: HMS

Pan Evaporation data is registered from April to October in Hungary. To avoid underestimation of emission it has been decided to examine the Potential Evaporation instead of Pan Evaporation for the remainder months, from November to March. Analysis of data in Table 5.5.13 reveals Jun and the period from September to March can be considered as 'rainy seasons' in Hungary, according to the definition of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines N-leaching could occur where:

$$\sum(\text{rain in rainy season}) - \sum(\text{PE in same period}) > \text{soil water holding capacity} \quad (\text{Equation 5.12})$$

Where:

PE = potential evaporation

Because the soil water holding capacity is generally greater than zero, the following equation can be derived from Equation 5.12:

$$\sum(P \text{ in rainy season}) - \sum(\text{PE in same period}) > 0 \quad (\text{Equation 5.13})$$

Where:

P=precipitation

Evaporation is the process whereby liquid water is converted to water vapor and removed from the evaporating surface. Water evaporates from different surfaces, such as water, soils and wet vegetation. On agricultural areas the soil and plants are the evaporating surfaces. Thus, evaporation on agricultural areas depends on the weather conditions, soil properties, management practices and crop type. Consequently, PE could be highly different within a country and cannot be expressed with a representative value. To analyze the climatic conditions of leaching and run-off the 30 year means of monthly precipitation and reference evapotranspiration (ET_0) from station data as high-resolution gridded data over Hungary were determined by the HMS. It is important to note that the 2006 IPCC Guidelines on p.11.23 also use the potential evapotranspiration instead of potential evaporation to distinguish between dryland and humid regions.

The FAO Penman-Monteith method was used to determine ET_0 for each month. The definition and concept of ET_0 is as follows:

'The evapotranspiration rate from a reference surface, not short of water is called the reference crop evapotranspiration or reference evapotranspiration and is denoted as ET_0 . The reference surface is a hypothetical grass reference crop with specific characteristics. The concept of the reference evapotranspiration was introduced to study the evaporative demand of the atmosphere independently of crop type, crop development and management practices. As water is abundantly available at the reference evapotranspiring surface, soil factors do not affect evapotranspiration (ET). Relating ET to a specific surface provides a reference to which ET from other surfaces can be related. It obviates the need to define a separate ET level for each crop and stage of growth. ET_0 values measured or calculated at different locations or in different seasons are comparable as they refer to the ET from the same reference surface. The only factors affecting ET_0 are climatic parameters. Consequently, ET_0 is a climatic parameter and can be computed from weather data. ET_0 expresses the evaporating power of the atmosphere at a specific location and time of the year and does not consider

the crop characteristics and soil factors. The method has been selected because it closely approximates grass ET_0 at the location evaluated, is physically based, and explicitly incorporates both physiological and aerodynamic parameters.' (FAO, ET_0 calculator.)

Consequently, in the Equation 5.13 the PE was replaced with the ET_0 , and the data of P/ET_0 for June and $\sum P/\sum ET_0$ for the period September to March were generated with a spatial resolution of 30 arc-seconds (≈ 1 km) to the analysis. The resulted maps are shown on Figure 5.5.6 and Figure 5.5.7. Subsequently, areas where in the 'rainy seasons', namely June, and the September-March period in Hungary, $\sum P/\sum ET_0 > 1$ were determined from GIS analysis of the gridded climate data and the resulted areas were superimposed on the CORINE 2012 land cover database.

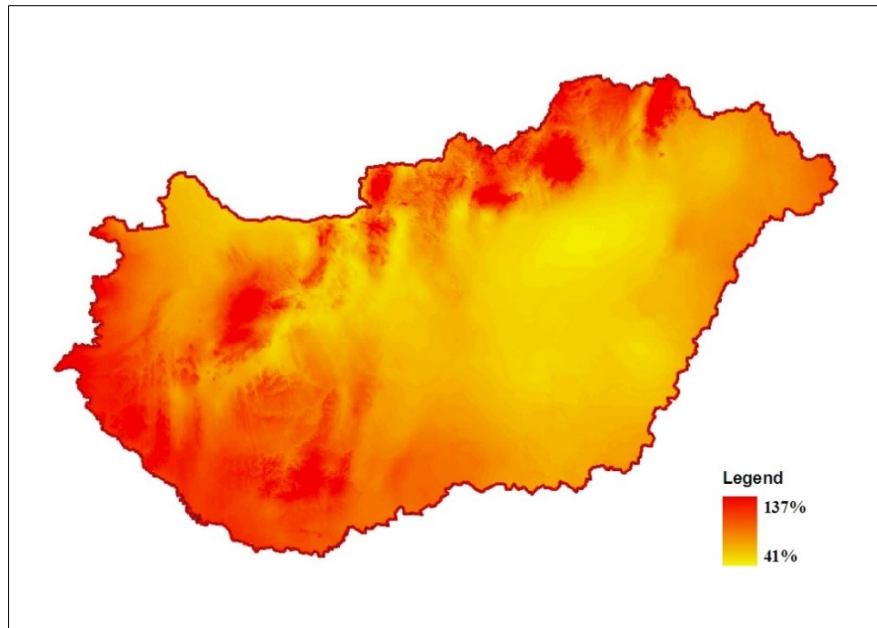


Figure 5.5.6 The ratio of average precipitation and average reference evapotranspiration (P/ET_0) for June

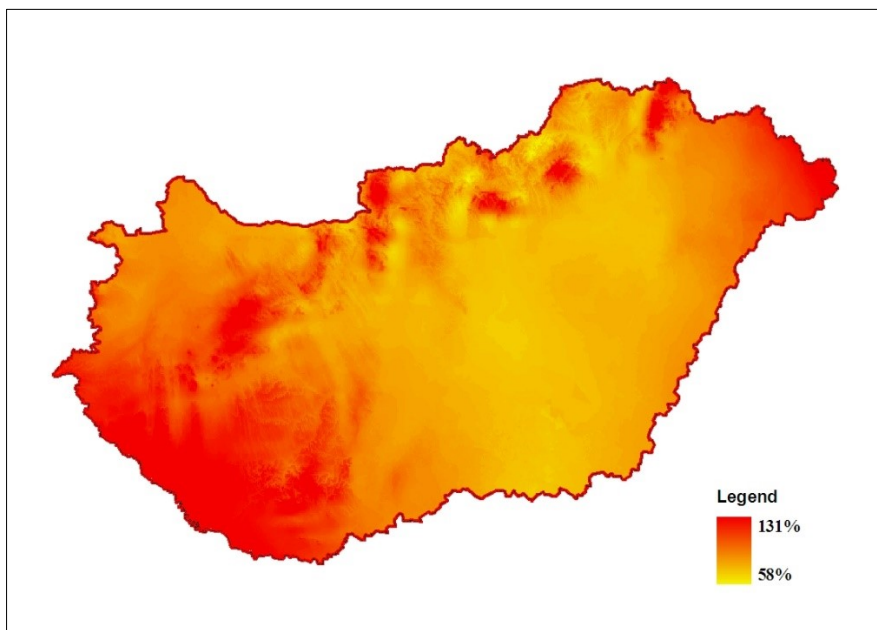


Figure 5.5.7 The ratio of total average precipitation and total average reference evapotranspiration ($\Sigma P/\Sigma ET_0$) for the period September to March

From the CORINE 2012 land cover database croplands, grasslands and agricultural mosaics (200<CLC codes<300) were considered to be agricultural lands.

As a result of the GIS analysis of climate and land cover maps (Figure 5.5.8 and Figure 5.5.9) fraction of agricultural lands where N-leaching could occur because of the potential existence of precipitation surplus is 1,516 ha in June, which equates to 0.02% of the agricultural lands in the CORINE database, and 659,439 ha (10.65%) in the September-March period (Table 5.5.14). As humid regions analyzed for the September-March period include the affected areas in June, the total fraction of humid regions is 10.65%. In other words, the resulted areas for Jun and September-March period were not added, because the humid regions in Jun are also humid in the September to March period.

Table 5.5.14 Resulted areas from GIS analysis of climate and CLC, 2012 land cover databases

	Area	
	ha	As % of the total area of the country
Total area of humid regions in June	22,460	0.24%
Total area of humid regions in September-March period	544,345	5.86%
Agricultural lands from CORINE, 2012	6,190,940	67%
	Area	
	ha	As % of the total area of agricultural lands
Humid agricultural lands in June	1,516	0.02%
Humid agricultural lands in the September-March period	659,436	10.65%
Total area of humid agricultural lands in 'rainy seasons' for Hungary	659,436	10.65%

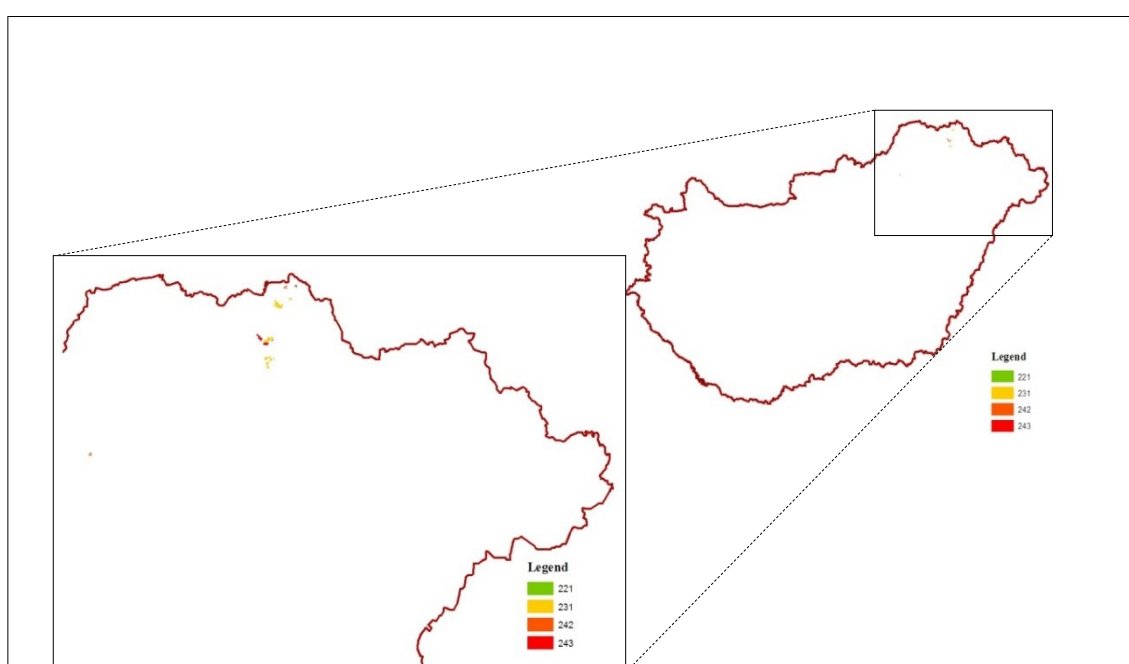


Figure 5.5.8 Humide ($P/ET_o > 1$) agricultural areas by CORINE land cover codes in June

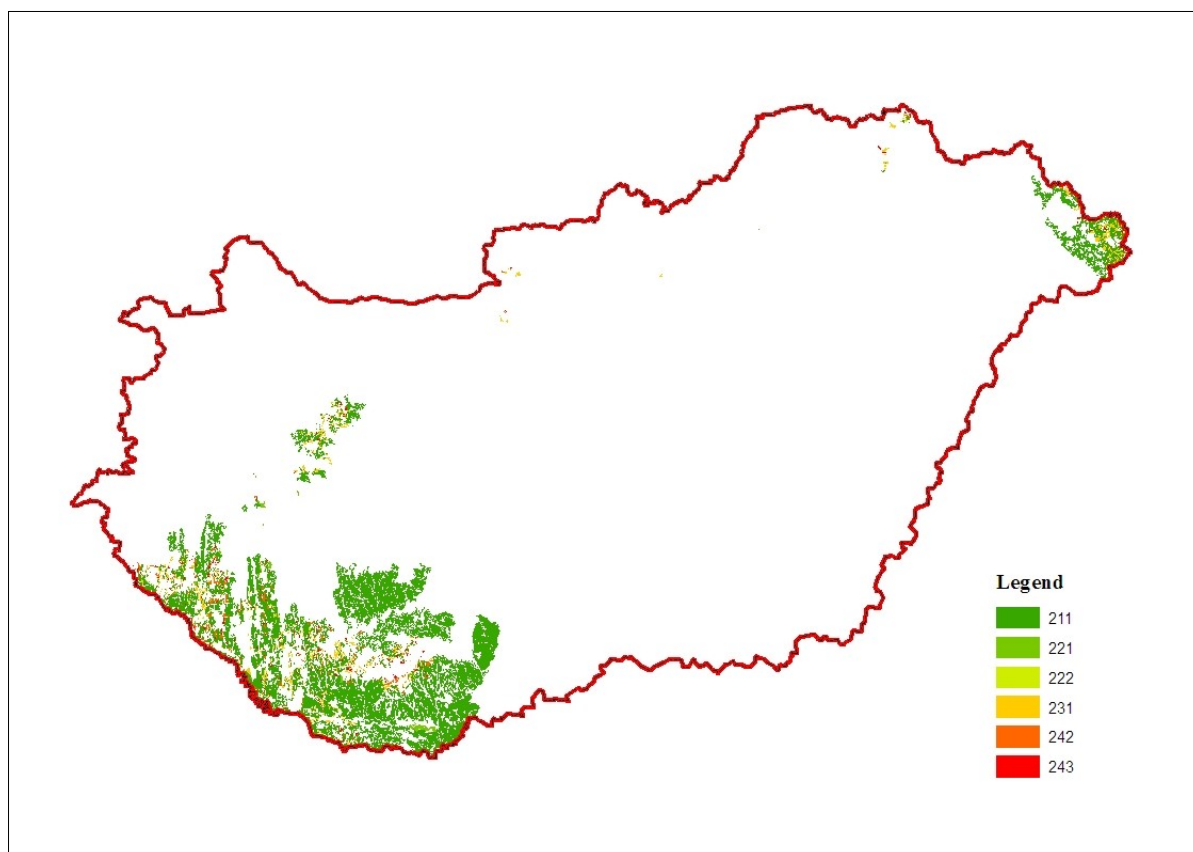


Figure 5.5.9 Humide ($\sum P / \sum ET_o > 1$) agricultural areas by CORINE land cover codes in the September-March period

5.5.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Implementation of the methodologies of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines resulted in significant reduction in the uncertainties in 3.D N₂O Emissions from Agricultural Soils. Uncertainties in this category are driven by uncertainties related to the emission factors. For the default emission factor for direct emissions (EF₁), a range from -70% up to +200% is assigned by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. This uncertainty range is significantly narrower than the former one provided in the GPG (IPCC, 2000), leading to significant reduction in the overall uncertainty in the N₂O emissions.

For the uncertainties in the activity data as F_{SN}, F_{ON}, F_{PRP}, F_{CRP}, F_{SOM} ±5%, ±36%, ±27%, ±25%, ±91% were calculated, respectively. The resulted combined uncertainty in the activity data for 3.D.a is ±8.7%, which is negligible comparing with the uncertainty in the emission factor. The estimated combined uncertainties in the emissions from 3.D.a were -71%/+200%.

To estimate uncertainties in indirect emissions the same values of uncertainties were applied for activity data as in the calculation of direct emissions. These uncertainties were combined with the uncertainties in the Frac_{GASM} (±50%) and Frac_{GASF} (±75%). Uncertainty in Frac_{GASF} was estimated based on the EMEP/EEA Guidebook (EEA, 2016). For the EF₄ the default uncertainty range provided in the

2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied. The resulting uncertainty for the indirect emission from agricultural soils ranges from -72% to +277%.

5.5.4 QA/QC Information and verification

Direct N₂O emissions

The main driver of the GHG-emissions from the agriculture sector is the N-fertilizer use in Hungary. Therefore, the verification of the amount of N-fertilizer applied is very essential in the QA/QC process in the Agriculture sector.

The amount of the N-fertilizer applied has been compared with the international statistics, namely FAO and IFA (International Fertilizer Industry Association). There is not any difference between the reported N-fertilizer used in the FAO statistics and the GHG-inventory. However, the IFA reports higher N-fertilizer use for the years before 2007. The reasons for it have already been investigated by the experts of the HCSO and the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics and IFA's.

The fertilizer consumption data used in the GHG inventory derives from the HCSO's official statistics. HCSO gets these data from the data collection of the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics. The Research Institute of Agricultural Economics collects data on the sold amount of the different types of fertilizers. The IFA used an expert judgement for the estimation of fertilizer consumption data made by the Yara's (a Norwegian chemical company) experts, recently. The IFA's methodology for expert judgement is based on the sowing area of the main crops, such as cereals, maize and sunflower and so on. The estimation took into account the area and the fertilizer need requirements of these crops. Unfortunately, the fertilizer consumption in Hungary is generally lower than the suggested amount, due to the high price of the fertilizer. So, this methodology of IFA resulted in an overestimation.

The HCSO's, the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics' and the YARA's experts consulted on this issue in 2012, and consequently the IFA revised the applied methodology. So, as an outcome of this consultation the IFA's data for the years 2007 onwards are not higher than the official statistic of Hungary.

Indirect N₂O emissions due to volatilization

NH₃-N and NO_x-N losses are calculated in compliance to the obligations under UNECE/CLRTAP. To estimate the NH₃ and NO_x emissions from 3.D methodologies of 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook were applied.

Indirect N₂O emissions due to leaching and run off

In response to a recommendation of the in-country review, conducted in 2016, this section was supplemented with verification information.

Verification of the applied data

Dry and humid/ irrigated regions were distinguished using the IPCC definitions, based on climate data and the HCSO's statistics on irrigated areas. Climate data was taken from the HMS's climate database. The HMS fulfill international and national quality standards concerning data collection and processing.

Statistics on irrigated areas was verified using data collection of different institutes and data on areas with irrigation licence and drought affected areas.

In the frame of the National Statistical Data Collection Programme (OSAP) the HCSO collects data on irrigated areas, annually. The HCSO provides another statistics on irrigated areas based on data collection of the Hungarian General Directorate of Water Management (OVF). Generally, the HCSO (OSAP) data indicates slightly higher irrigated areas (see Figure 5.5.10). However, in the last two years the OVF's data were higher. The HCSO's, OSAP data was used to estimate the proportion of irrigated areas until 2013, and the OVF's data for the years 2014-2019 to avoid underestimation of emissions.

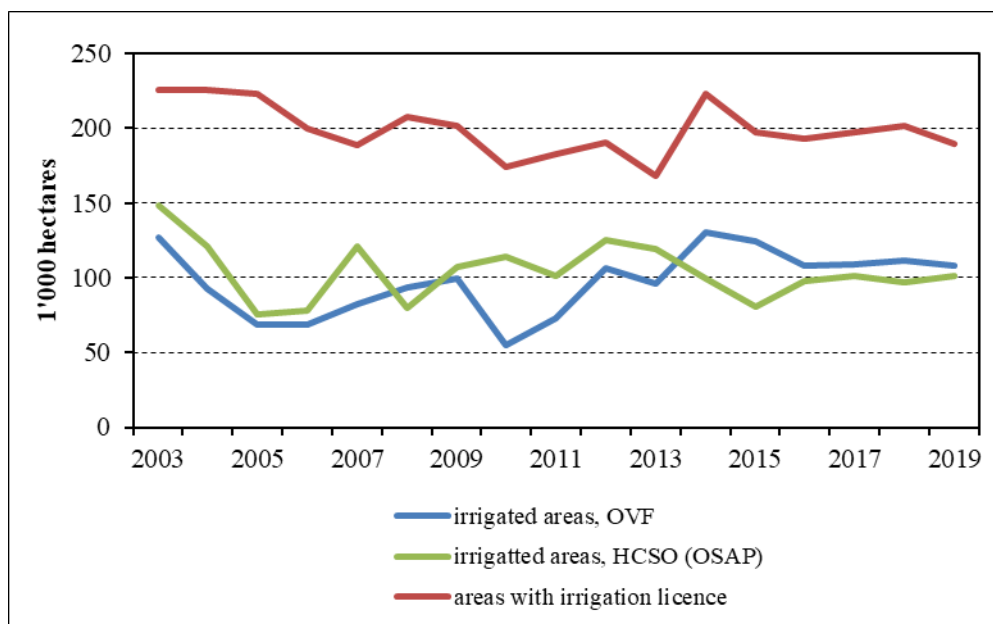


Figure 5.5.10 Irrigated areas and areas with irrigation licence, 2003-2019

In Hungary the water use for agricultural purposes must be permitted; statistics on areas with irrigation licence is published by the HCSO. Data on irrigated areas was compared to the areas with irrigation licence to check the reliability of the applied data. Areas of irrigated lands highly depends on the weather. On average 48% of areas with irrigation licence was irrigated in the period between 2003 and 2019. This proportion was the highest in 2015, when 63% of areas with irrigation licence was irrigated due to the dry weather. Areas with irrigation licence did not exceed the 4.8% of the utilised agricultural areas (Table 5.5.15). Therefore, indirect N₂O emissions from leaching and run off cannot be significantly underestimated due to underestimation of irrigated areas.

Table 5.5.15 Irrigated areas from different sources and areas with irrigation license in proportion to the utilized agricultural areas (2003-2015)

	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Irrigated areas, HCSO (OSAP)	1.6%	2.4%	2.2%	2.7%	2.6%	2.1%	1.7%	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%	2.2%
Irrigated areas, OVF	1.4%	1.2%	1.6%	2.3%	2.1%	2.8%	2.7%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%
Areas with irrigation license	4.7%	3.7%	3.9%	4.1%	3.6%	4.8%	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.1%

Verification of the results with scientific paper and measurement data

The results of the GIS analysis of climate data indicate that emissions from N-leaching and run-off could not be significant in Hungary, because the precipitation is lower than the evapotranspiration throughout most of the year. Beyond the water surplus the N-surplus is the other precondition for nitrate leaching.

The leaching process of nitrate was studied in a long-term field experiment in Hungary started in 1980. This experiment provides measurement data on N-leaching in Hungary, which was provided in the scientific paper of Füleky, 2014. The main statements of the paper are summarized here to strengthen the results of the IPCC methodology. According to the results of the field trials at annual fertilizer rates of 0-50 kgN ha⁻¹ y⁻¹ no nitrate accumulation was observed. Nitrate accumulation occurred when fertilizer N rate more than 100 kg ha⁻¹ y⁻¹ was applied, and the leaching of nitrate ions was detectable at 150 kgN ha⁻¹ y⁻¹ or higher N application. This result, that N leaching is not occurring at fertilizer rates lower than 150 kg ha⁻¹ y⁻¹, coincides with the outcome of other international studies (Füleky, 2014). To get a general picture about the existence of the potential N-surplus on the Hungarian agricultural lands, the average N fertilizer rates was estimated based on the total amount of N applied/mineralized ($F_{SN}+F_{ON}+F_{PRP}+F_{CR}+F_{SOM}$) from the inventory and the utilized agricultural areas, where the N is assumed to be applied. The outcome of this simple verification is shown on. The average N application rates at the time of the base year were about 150 kg N ha⁻¹ y⁻¹, which is the lowest limit for N-leaching according to Hungarian field experiments. At the beginning of the 90's it was below the accumulation threshold (100 kgN ha⁻¹ y⁻¹) and in the period 2000-2019 it was higher than the accumulation rate, but it remained below the threshold of N-leaching (150 kgN ha⁻¹ y⁻¹).

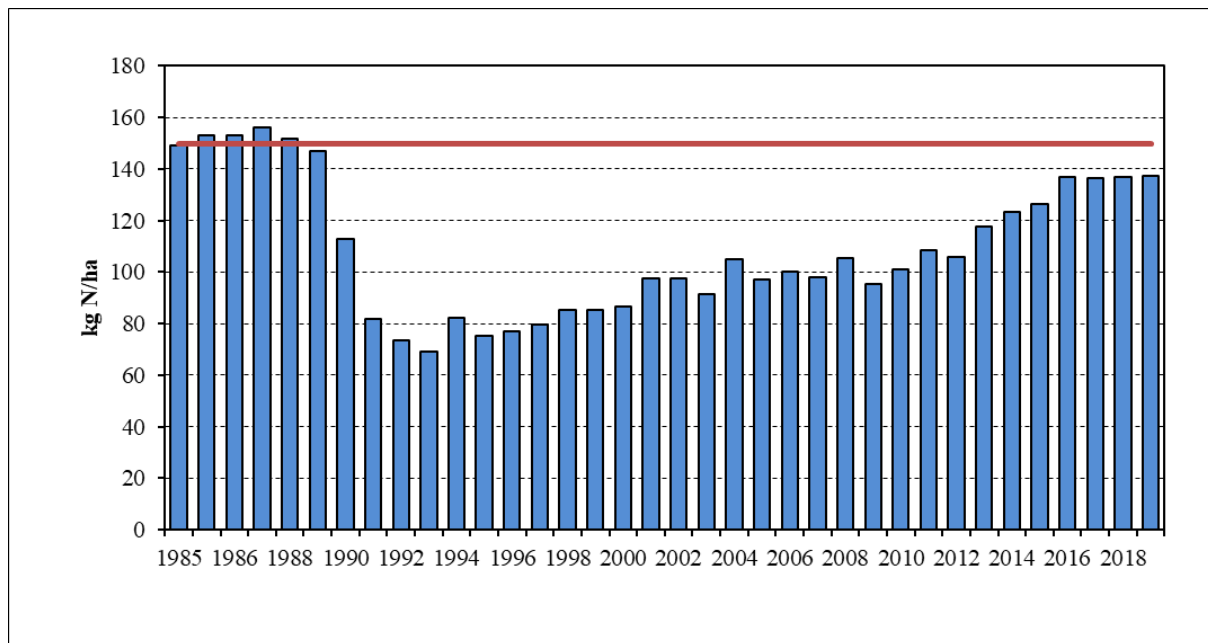


Figure 5.5.12 The average N-input per hectare for the period 1985-2019

Verification with other countries

According to the European field experiments 2-8% or 1-16% of the applied N was lost by leaching (Füleky, 2014). Therefore, the IPCC default value of 30% for $Frac_{LEACH-H}$ is probably too high even for countries with higher annual precipitation than Hungary. Thus, accounting lower proportion of N addition than the default 30% in the light of climate data as well as the amount of N applied seems to be reasonable. In spite of this $Frac_{LEACH-H}$ was assumed to be 30% in this inventory submission due to lack of country-specific value. Although, taking into account the proportion of humid and irrigated areas the resultant fraction of all N added to/mineralized in managed soils for 2019 is 4%, which is in line with the results of the European field experiments.

For the general procedure of the QC see 6.1.5.

5.5.5 Source-specific recalculations

3Da Direct N₂O emissions from managed soils

Over the period 2004-2018 amount of the straw used for bedding was revised resulting in negligible changes in the emissions from 3.D.1.2a Animal manure applied to soils and 3.D.1.4. Crop residues. The overall effect of this recalculation on the emissions is zero, because the slight increase in the 3.D.1.2a was offset by the decrease in the emissions from 3.D.1.4.

Revision of CO₂ emissions from 4.B.1 Cropland remaining Cropland /mineral soils for the 2020 submission led to an insignificant change in the direct N₂O emissions from 3.D. Emissions increased on a small extent over the period 1990-2005, there was no change in the emissions between 2006 and 2010 and over the period 2011-2018 emissions increased in some years and decreased in other ones. These changes ranged from -5.14 to 0.8 Gg CO₂-eq.

3Db Indirect N₂O Emissions from managed soils

Revision of NH₃ emissions from 3.D resulted in changes in the N₂O emissions from 3.D.2.1 Indirect N₂O emissions from managed soils/ Atmospheric deposition. Emissions increased by 2.5 Gg CO₂-eq (1.6%) on average across the timeseries.

Revision of the emissions from 3.D.2.1 Indirect N₂O emissions from managed soils/ Atmospheric deposition is the direct consequence of the revision of emissions from F_{SOM}.

5.5.6 Planned improvements

See Section 5.1.9

5.6 Prescribed Burning of Savannas (CRF Sector 3.E)

Category 3.E Prescribed Burning of Savannas is not relevant to Hungary therefore notation keys 'NO' is used relating to all associated emissions in CRF Tables.

5.7 Field burning of agricultural residues (CRF Sector 3.F)

5.7.1 Source Category Description

Emitted gases: CH₄, N₂O

Key source: none

In Hungary, the first legislation in order to control field burning of agricultural residues entered into force in 1986. According to the regulation No. 21/1986. (VI. 2.) of the Council of Ministers a burning permit was required from the local authority for crop residue burning. This legislation had been in force until 2001, when the Government Decree No. 21/2001. (II. 14.) was issued. The new decree banned the field burning of agricultural crop residues, unless otherwise provided by law. Plant health emergency was the special exception, when burning of crop residues had been allowed. This Government Decree was amended at the end of 2010. The Government Decree No. 306/2010. (XII.23.) is currently in force, which explicitly ban the field burning of crop residues. According to this, field burning of standing crops and crop residues are prohibited unless otherwise provided by law. The only exception is if there is a plant diseases on the agricultural field that can only be eliminated by field burning. In this case the plant protection authority – the county government office – in principle may issue a burn permit. In practice such permits are issued rarely. According to the information and data provided by the plant protection authority burn permits have been issued for only rice lands due to infection of *Pyricularia oryzae* or *Helminthosporium oryzae*.

In line with the legal legislation it was assumed that field burning of crop residues has been not allowed in Hungary since 1986. According to the estimation of the regional inspectors of the Central (Budapest) Soil and Plant Protection Service, less than 1% of the area sown by crops (i.e., not the entire arable area) is affected by illegal burning (Sári 2003, verbal communication), therefore it was taken into account only between 1985 and 1989, and it was considered as negligible in the period after 1990.

However, field burning due to plant protection reason is practically negligible, to ensure the consistency with the reporting to the UNECE on CRTAP and NECD, emissions from this this source have been reported for the first time in the 2020 submission.

5.7.2 Methodological issues

Until the middle of the 1980s, field burning was quite wide-spread. In the lack of reliable and quantitative information, it was assumed that the rate of field burning in crop cultivation areas had been gradually decreasing between 1985 and 1989, and was essentially eliminated in 1990.

Accordingly, for the mentioned period between 1985 and 1990 the following values for crops were used as the proportion of biomass burnt on field: $Frac_{BURN} = 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.04$ and 0.02 (it meant for all plants produced: $Frac_{BURN} = 0.05, 0.04, 0.03, 0.02$ and 0.01). To the emission estimation Equation 2.27 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied. As regards other parameters required for the calculation (dry matter, product/by-product ratio, C to N ratio), the default values given in Table 2.5 and Table 2.6 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used.

To estimate the emissions from rice field burning the plant protection authority provided data on the areas for which burn permits were issued for the period 2010-2016. Due to unavailability of data for other years the time series from the BY to 2009 was gap-filled by calculating an average proportion of the rice cropping area affected by plant diseases from the available data. The burnt areas for the years 2017 and 2019 was estimated similarly.

IPCC default dry matter fraction and residue to crop ration was applied. Fraction burned on fields was estimated as 100% of the biomass available. Default combustion factor (C_f) from the Table 2.6 of the 2006 IPCC GIs was used.

In 2019, 877 ha was burnt In Hungary, which equates to 0.02% of the areas covered by crops in 2019.

Table 5.7.1 Activity data to calculate emissions from 3F field burning due to plant protection reasons

Year	Rice field burnt (ha)
BY	3985
1990	3,974
1991	2,980
1992	1,656
1993	1,656
1994	1,656
1995	1,325
1996	1,031
1997	726
1998	937
1999	748
2000	1,067
2001	775
2002	696
2003	848
2004	932
2005	882
2006	799
2007	867
2008	839
2009	898
2010	257
2011	882
2012	1,037

Year	Rice field burnt (ha)
2013	1,089
2014	993
2015	932
2016	1,034
2017	916
2018	971
2019	877

5.7.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty in activity data was assumed as 40%. Uncertainty in the EF as 50%. Uncertainty in the emissions is estimated to be $\pm 51.2\%$. QA/QC Information

See 6.1.5.

5.7.4 Source-specific recalculations

Revision was made to the emissions from 3.F Field burning of agricultural residues. CH₄ and N₂O emissions decreased in some years and increased by other ones. Changes ranged from -0.08 to 0.05 kt CO₂ eq.

5.7.5 Planned improvements

There are no further improvements planned.

5.8 Liming (CRF Sector 3.G)

Emitted gases: CO₂

Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key sources: none

5.8.1 Source Category Description

Liming is a small source of CO₂ emissions in Hungary, which occur mainly from Limestone CaCO₃. The use of Dolomite CaMg(CO₃)₂ is rather low in Hungary, especially in the last decade. In Hungary the recommended methods for liming are as follows:

- Meliorative liming: chemical improvement of acidic soils, applying 5-15 tones carbonate lime per ha;
- Maintenance liming: low dose liming, improving the efficiency of meliorative liming and preventing the recurrence of soil acidity, with a dose of 1-2 tones carbonate lime per ha;
- Lime fertilization: improvement of the Ca supply of the regularly cultivated soil layer, preventing the development of soil acidity. Recommended doses: 1-2 tons per hectare.

In Hungary before the regime change meliorative liming was subsidized by the state, while maintenance liming and lime fertilization were not promoted. As a result, the maintenance liming and lime fertilization were rather rare activity in the large agricultural co-operatives and state farms. In the 90's, after the liquidation of the large-scale agricultural companies, the regular state subsidization for soil melioration was practically removed, and the meliorative liming decreased significantly. Currently, liming with doses higher than 2 tons per hectare must be licensed with the Soil Conservation Authority (County Governmental Offices dept. of Plant Protection and Soil Conservation under the supervision of the National Food Chain Safety Office). The licenses are valid for five years (i.e. the licensed amount of carbonate lime is allowed to apply to soils within a five-year period). Licenses contain information on the amount and the type of the applied chemical amendment.

The most frequent substances used for the improvement of acidic soils in Hungary are as follows:

- Hard and soft limestone powder;
- Beet potash: the by-product of sugar production (especially at the beginning of the inventory period; currently only one sugar factory is operating in Hungary, thus the amount of beet potash used for soil melioration is low.);
- Bog or lake lime;
- Industrial waste products (e.g. lime sludge).

CRF sector 3.G is a minor source of emissions in Hungary, accounting for 0.1% and 0.02% of the national total emissions in the BY and 2019, respectively. Emissions from 3.G decreased by 93 per cent between the BY and 2019. The bulk of this decrease occurred in the early 90's, reflecting the dramatic drop in the agricultural production and the effect of suspension of state support for soil reclamation. After the period of change in the regime (i.e. the 90s), agricultural production started to recover and the ownership feeling strengthened, promoting the soil conservation activities. In this period the carbonate lime usage slightly increased, leading to moderately growing emissions until peaking in

2004, when a slight decrease started again. In 2007, the economic downturn resulted in a further reduction in the applied lime and the resulted emissions, and emissions continued to decline until 2019. As Figure 5.8.1 reveals, this remarkably decreasing trend in the recent years can be explained by the significantly increasing trend in the use of 'Other carbonate containing fertilizers' (CRF category 3.H).

Trends in emissions from 3.G Liming are shown in Figure 5.8.2.

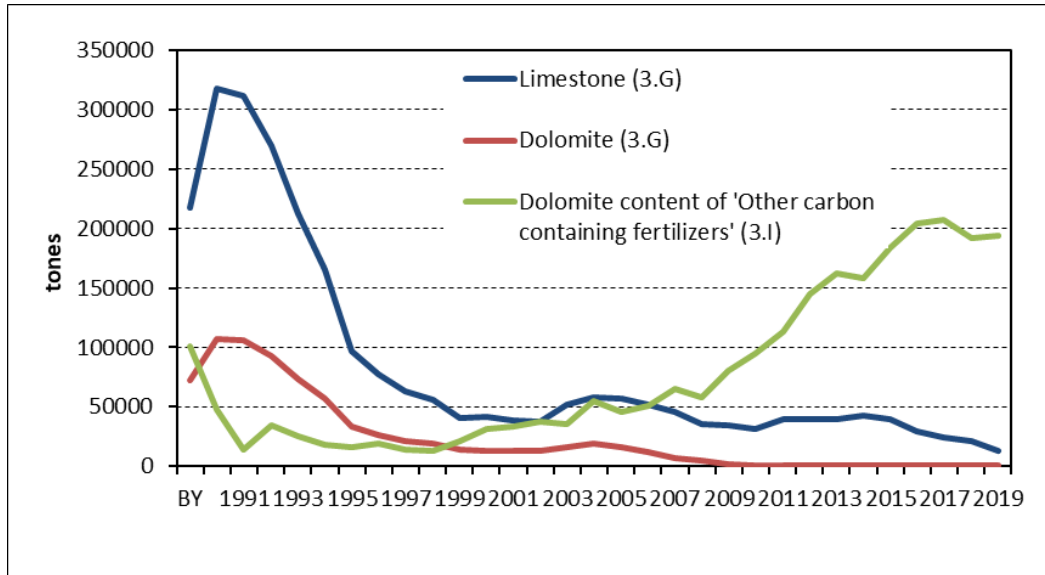


Figure 5.8.1 Trends in activity data for 3.G and 3.I

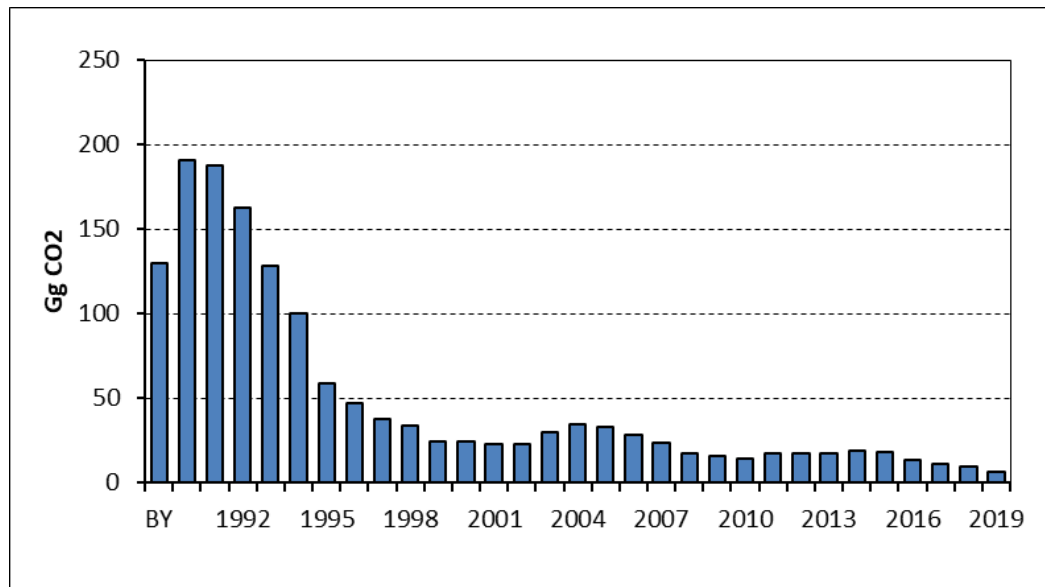


Figure 5.8.2 Trends in CO₂ emissions from 3.G Liming

As a result of a recommendation arising from the in-country review conducted in 2017, this chapter was supplemented with detailed information on the activity data used and time-series consistency issues.

5.8.2 Methodological issues

5.8.2.1 Calculation method

Emissions from additions of carbonate limes were estimated using the Equation 11.12 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines which is the Tier 1 method. Because of the relatively negligible share of liming in the national total GHG emissions the use of simple methodology is reasonable.

5.8.2.2 Activity Data

National usage statistics for carbonate lime is not available for the full timeseries in Hungary, which would be used optimally in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, as activity data to determine the CO₂ emissions from additions of carbonate lime. Therefore, method was developed to acquire activity data from statistics providing direct inference on lime application to resolve data gap for the beginning of the inventory period.

Meliorative liming (high dose liming)

For the period 1985-2006 annual statistics on soil melioration by soil type (acidic soils, salt-affected soils and sandy soils) was used to derive activity data to the emission estimate. For the period 1985-1999 areas of the improved soils were published annually in the statistical pocket-books of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. While for the years between 2000 and 2006 detailed statistics was available at the website of the AERI, including the areas as well as the amounts and the agent content of the applied chemical amendments by soil types. Nevertheless, the consistency and the representativity of the time series are ensured, as both institutions used the same data sources (regular national agricultural surveys that cover agricultural enterprises as well as private farms). Therefore, for the beginning of the inventory period experts of the Karcag Research Institute of the University of Debrecen, Centre for Agricultural and Applied Economic Sciences made expert judgment using the available statistics to provide activity data to the emission estimate. The main assumptions of the expert judgment were as follows:

- 67% of meliorated acidic soils were improved using limestone containing amendments;
- 27% of meliorated acidic soils were reclaimed by dolomite;
- 50% of meliorated salt-affected soils were reclaimed with limestone containing amendments;
- Liming was not assumed for sandy soils, as high organic matter containing amendments are added to these soils to increase their fertility, not carbonate containing materials;
- The average doses of lime and dolomite was applied (8 tones CaCO₃ and 7 tones CaMg(CO₃)₂ per hectares).

For the years between 2000 and 2006 the published usage data were taken into account, while the direct relationship between the reclaimed areas and the lime usage provided the basis for the expert judgment for the previous period (i.e. the overlap technique was used to ensure the time-series consistency). See also Section 5.8.4

Statistics used to derive annual amounts of limestone and dolomite content of liming matters for the period 1985-1999 are provided in Table 5.8.1. Data in bold show the original statistical data to distinguish from estimated amounts shown in italics in the Table.

Table 5.8.1 Statistics and calculated amount of limestone and dolomite use for the period 1985-2006

Year	Area (ha)				Amount of agent (t)			Amount (t)	
	<i>Acidic</i>	<i>Salt-affected</i>	<i>Sandy</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Limestone on Acidic soils</i>	<i>Dolomite</i>	<i>Limestone on Salt-affected soils</i>	<i>Limestone Total</i>	<i>Dolomite</i>
1985	30,709	3,068	2,718	36,495	164,600	58,040	12,272	176,872	58,040
1986	34,476	3,538	1,507	39,521	184,791	65,160	14,152	198,943	65,160
1987	61,084	4,633	1,224	66,941	327,410	115,449	18,532	345,942	115,449
1988	57,867	4,753	2,095	64,715	310,167	109,369	19,012	329,179	109,369
1989	57,696	1,046	1,197	59,939	309,251	109,045	4,184	313,435	109,045
1990	73,013	2,073	3,025	78,111	391,350	137,995	8,292	399,642	137,995
1991	31,352	202	305	31,859	168,047	59,255	808	168,855	59,255
1992	25,342	569	49	25,960	135,833	47,896	2,276	138,109	47,896
1993	7,555	50	488	8,093	40,495	14,279	200	40,695	14,279
1994	13,580	1,754	0	15,334	72,789	25,666	7,016	79,805	25,666
1995	10,346	100	15	10,461	55,455	19,554	400	55,855	19,554
1996	13,873	0	0	13,873	74,359	26,220	0	74,359	26,220
1997	11,861	82	85	12,028	63,575	22,417	328	63,903	22,417
1998	1,206	5	23	1,234	6,464	2,279	20	6,484	2,279
1999	20	0	0	20	107	38	0	107	38
2000	9,894	266	1,751	11,911	56,283	14,805	231	56,514	14,805
2001	11,173	90	504	11,767	53,613	24,091	445	54,058	24,091
2002	10,097	20	383	10,500	50,715	25,645	145	50,860	25,645
2003	11,309	1,142	3,371	15,822	52,608	14,354	1,713	54,321	14,354
2004	6,443	1,318	2,171	9,932	19,864	14,737	1,954	21,818	14,737
2005	7,310	1,079	1,920	10,310	48,514	3,607	651	49,165	3,607
2006	7,279	1,077	764	9,120	15,660	2,892	1,702	17,362	2,892

No data on land reclamation are available after 2006; hence other sources had to be used to estimate the limestone and dolomite contents of the applied liming matters. In Hungary liming with higher doses of lime than 2 tons per hectare must be licensed by the Soil Conservation Authority (County Governmental offices dept. of Plant Protection and Soil conservation, National Food Chain Safety Office). Since 2007 the NFCSO has recorded the content of the issued license in an electronic database and provided data annually, on the quantity and type of the used liming matters and the affected areas for emission inventory purposes. (For the first year of the data collection the dataset was incomplete, therefore the County offices of the NFCSO collected supplementary data on the agent content of carbonate lime from the hard copies of the issued licenses. Thus, for 2007 only the agent contents of the applied liming matters are available.)

Table 5.8.2 Carbonate lime usage for the period 2000-2019

Year	Liming maters							Amount (t)	
	Beet potash	Dolomite	Lime sludge	Hard limestone powder	Calcareous moorland	Bog lime	Soft limestone powder	Total CaCO ₃ content	Total CaMg(CO ₃) ₂
2000	22,505	17,723	NO	48,038	NO	NO	NO	56,514	17,723
2001	36,767	30,170	NO	34,313	NO	10,721	NO	53,732	30,170
2002	55,276	32,000	NO	18,457	NO	4,812	NO	50,715	32,000
2003	62,850	18,884	NO	29,237	NO	833	NO	54,070	18,884
2004	28,552	18,998	NO	9,430	NO	162	NO	21,818	18,998
2005	34,364	5,312	285	42,905	NO	NO	NO	48,969	5,312
2006	31,303	4,228	45	2,898	NO	NO	NO	17,318	4,228
2007	NO	133	NO	22,892	NO	NO	NO	20,603	133
2008	NO	77	NO	12,870	2,239	NO	NO	12,898	77
2009	7,323	1,439	NO	16,319	2,639	NO	713	20,527	1,439
2010	1,157	491	NO	28,231	2,014	NO	450	28,362	491
2011	3,088	807	NO	45,955	2,007	NO	463	46,173	807
2012	1,452	278	NO	20,843	NO	NO	NO	20,527	278
2013	4,197	570	NO	10,321	3,693	NO	NO	13,011	570
2014	1,738	836	NO	31,391	NO	NO	NO	30,690	836
2015	NO	851	NO	21,309	NO	4	NO	20,246	851
2016	60	1,112	NO	11,176	NO	NO	NO	10,648	1,112
2017	6	192	NO	4,297	NO	NO	NO	5,032	192
2018	1,545	59	NO	2,003	NO	NO	NO	2,675	60
2019	NO	NO	NO	19,660	NO	NO	4284	21,210	NO

As mentioned, for the period 2000-2006 very detailed statistics are available on land reclamation which is consistent with the data used for the period 1985-1999 as well as the statistics for the period 2007-2016. Data for the period 2000-2006 are provided in the structure of the statistics for the period 1985-1999 as well as 2000-2017 to demonstrate the time-series consistency. Carbonate containing chemical amendments could also contain various amounts of inert materials, or other non-carbonated ingredients, which was also taking into account in the estimate. The assumed agent contents of liming maters appearing in the statistics are summarized in Table 5.8.3. The CaCO₃ content of liming maters were determined consistently between data from the literature and statistics for the period 2000-2006.

Table 5.8.3 CaCO₃ content of the applied liming maters

Liming materials	CaCO ₃ content
Beet potash	45%
Bog lime	50%
Calcareous moorland	25%
Hard limestone powder	90%
Lime sludge	6%
Soft limestone powder	80%

Lime fertilization/ maintenance liming (low dose liming)

For the period 1985-1999 average doses of limestone and dolomite usage were assumed therefore additional liming as lime fertilization were not estimated. Besides, as mentioned, lime fertilization and maintenance liming were not typical in this period arising from the agricultural subsidization system. For the period 2000-2006 statistics on lime fertilization were available, while for the period 2007 to 2016 expert judgment was applied. The agent content of limestone applied for lime fertilization was assumed to be 53% of liming maters applied for soil reclamation.

Resulted activity data

Since meliorative and maintenance liming are periodic rather than annual activities, besides the liming licenses relates to five-year periods, activity data was calculated as five-year moving average of the statistical and the estimated usage data delineated above to smooth out inter-annual inequities.

5.8.2.3 Emission factors

IPCC default values of 0.12 for limestone, 0.13 for dolomite and 0.20 for urea were used.

5.8.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties in the activity data used to estimate emissions from 3.G, were estimated to be $\pm 10\%$. Uncertainties in the emission factors were assumed to be ranging from -20% to 0%. Thus, the estimated combined uncertainties in the emissions for 3.G is $\pm 22\%$.

5.8.4 QA/QC Information

Time-series consistency

In response to a recommendation from the in-country review conducted in 2016, this section has been supplemented with further information on addressing the time-series consistency issues arising from the use of different sources of activity data through the time-series.

IPCC 2006 Guidelines provide different splicing techniques to ensure time-series consistency. In the case of 3.G the applied methodology to form a complete time-series is the overlap technique provided in the Chapter 5.3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

The areas of carbonate lime usage are available *consistently* for the full period of 1985-2006 from the same data collection. For the period 2000-2006 the areas as well as the amount of the carbonate lime usage are available, therefore the period of 2000-2006 is suitable for overlapping. To resolve data gap relationship observed between the areas and the applied amount (i.e. doses) during the period of overlap was applied. (In accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the average of annual doses was used instead of the dose calculated from the total amount and the total areas over the period 2000-2006.)

Data on carbonate lime usage for soil *melioration* is available since 2000. However, data was sourced from different statistics. For the period 2000-2006 melioration statistics, while for the period since 2007 data acquired from liming licenses was applied. As the subject of liming licenses is liming with higher doses than 2 tonnes per hectare, which is the same as the definition of meliorative liming in the former statistics, consequently the data on meliorative liming are consistent for the full time-series.

Data on lime fertilization for the period 2007-2016 are estimated using expert judgement based on the statistics of the previous period.

The following further source specific QA/QC procedures have been carried out:

- The missing data were elaborated by scientific experts from the Karcag Research Institute of University of Debrecen.
- Activity data is checked for plausibility.

5.8.5 Source-specific recalculations

There are no recalculations for this source category in this submission.

5.8.6 Planned improvements

Considering that agricultural CO₂ emissions are of minor importance in Hungary improvements are not planned.

5.9 Urea Application (CRF Sector 3.H)

Emitted gases: CO₂

Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key sources: none

5.9.1 Source Category Description

Adding urea to soils during fertilization leads to a loss of CO₂ that was fixed in the industrial production process. Reporting of CO₂ emissions from urea application is a new element of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. This source category has been introduced because the CO₂ removal from atmosphere during urea manufacturing is estimated under the Industrial Processes and Product Use sector (IPPU).

CRF sectors 3.H is a minor sources of CO₂ emissions in Hungary, accounting for 0.2% of the national total CO₂ emissions in 2019. The overall trend in emissions from 3.H shows an overall decrease of 49% (Figure 5.9.1). CO₂ emissions from 3.H increased at the beginning of the inventory period until they peaked in 1988 and dropped by 82 % to 1996, reflecting the effects of the change in the regime and the suspension of agricultural subsidies. Between 1997 and 2007 emissions moderately increased, reaching a peak in 2007 due to the slightly rising fertilizer use.

The decline in the emission level and the drop in the urea use reflect the impact of the economic downturn in 2008, when the urea prices increased significantly on the world market as well as in Hungary. Besides, Péti Nitrogénművek Ltd., the only fertilizer producer in Hungary, came to a halt of the production due to the uncertain market conditions on 18th of October 2008. The production started again on 26th of February in 2009. (55% of the urea used in Hungary is produced by this company and 45% is import.) The loss of production also contributed to that the urea prices remained at a high level in Hungary in 2009 leading to further decline in urea consumption.

Fertilizer prices increased more than 60% because of the economic recession in 2008. In 2009 the fertilizer prices started to slightly decrease, but it remained at a high level in the first half of 2009, especially in spring, when the demand for fertilizers is the highest. Thus, the fertilizer consumption was significantly lower than in other years, additionally farmers favored the other fertilizers with lower N-content and lower price than the urea which resulted in further decline in the urea use in 2009. Emissions have since increased.

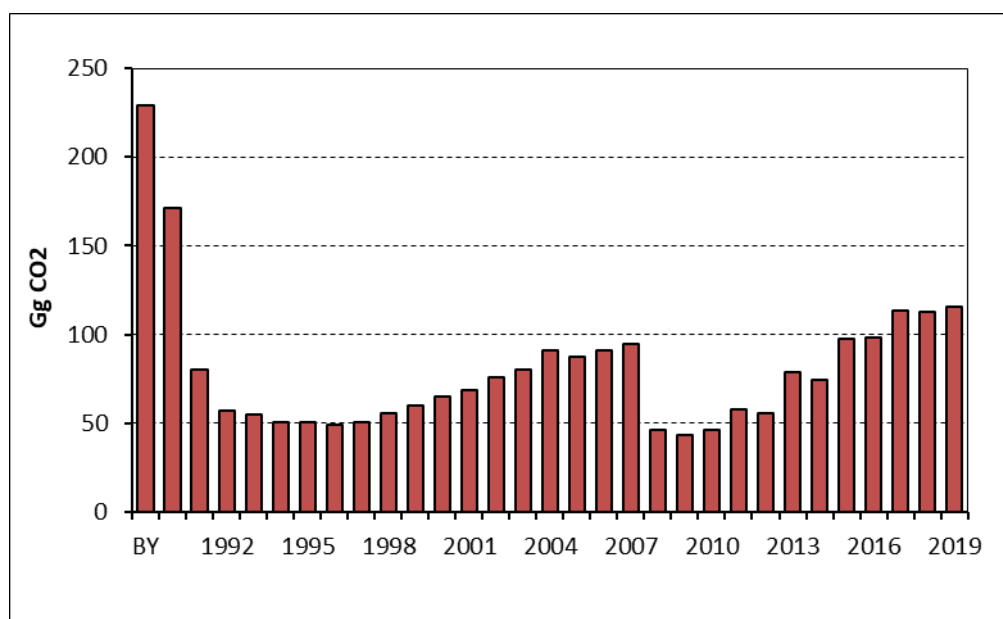


Figure 5.9.1 Trends in the CO₂ emissions from 3.H Urea use

5.9.2 Methodological issues

5.9.2.1 Calculation method

Emissions from CO₂ emissions from urea fertilization were estimated using the Equation 11.23 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, which is the basic Tier 1 method. Because of the relatively negligible share of CO₂ in total agricultural GHG emissions the use of simple methodologies is reasonable.

5.9.2.2 Activity Data

Annual consumption of urea was derived from the sales statistics by products reported annually by the Agricultural Economics Research Institute (AERI). AERI's statistics contain the amount of Urea and other ammonium solutions (UAN) and urea ammonium sulphate (UAS) fertilizers. To calculate CO₂ emissions from urea application the annual activity data was derived as the sum of the amount of urea and the urea contents of UAN and UAS fertilizers (Table 5.9.1).

Table 5.9.1 Urea applied to soils, BY-2019

Year	3.H	
	Urea	Urea in UAN and UAS
	tones	
BY	279,275	33,045
1990	223,511	9,875
1991	104,262	4,705
1992	73,913	4,301
1993	69,907	5,123
1994	61,536	7,291
1995	59,840	9,460
1996	58,906	7,958
1997	60,953	8,267
1998	64,530	11,709
1999	66,621	15,407
2000	64,955	23,191
2001	69,235	24,719
2002	76,284	27,236
2003	87,506	21,576
2004	105,415	18,289
2005	101,268	17,973
2006	102,229	21,930
2007	103,190	25,887
2008	30,114	32,394
2009	27,382	31,692
2010	35,211	27,840
2011	47,913	31,094
2012	41,874	33,850
2013	65,337	42,496
2014	52,618	48,993
2015	75,425	57,450
2016	74,761	59,665
2017	87,758	66,645
2018	74,769	78,460
2019	76,175	81,931

5.9.2.3 Emission factors

IPCC default value of 0.20 was used.

5.9.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties in the activity data used to estimate emissions from 3.H were estimated to be $\pm 5\%$ for urea. Uncertainties in the emission factors were assumed to be ranging from -20% to 0% . Thus, the estimated combined uncertainties in the emissions for 3.H were $\pm 21\%$.

5.9.4 QA/QC Information

HCSO publishes the nitrogen content of synthetic fertilizers sold, which report is also based on the RIAE's data collection. Consequently, data on the total annual amount of synthetic N fertilizer applied to soils (F_{SN}) under the category 3.D are consistent with data used to estimate emissions for CRF 3.H and 3.I.

Emissions from 3.H were cross-checked with the IPPU sector (CRF 2.B.1), to calculate emissions from urea manufacturing consistently.

5.9.5 Source-specific recalculations

An error identified in the classification of fertilizer types was corrected for the year 2018, which resulted in a revision of the activity data. Due to this revision CO₂ emissions decreased by 0.7%.

5.9.6 Planned improvements

Considering that agricultural CO₂ emissions are of minor importance in Hungary improvements are not planned.

5.10 Other carbonate containing fertilizers (CRF Sector 3.I)

Emitted gases: CO₂

Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key sources: none

5.10.1 Source Category Description

As some types of fertilizers contain liming matters to reduce the soil acidity and improve plant growth, CO₂ emissions from carbonate containing fertilizers has also been reported under the 3.I Other sector to ensure the completeness of the agricultural inventory.

Under the category *3.I Other Carbon containing fertilizers* CO₂ emissions from calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) are reported. According to the sale statistics CAN fertilizers sold in Hungary are predominantly the so-called 'Pétisó', which is a mixture of ammonium nitrate and very fine dolomite powder (NH₄NO₃ + CaMg (CO₃)₂). This fertilizer is the main product of the 'Nitrogénművek Zrt.' (Information about this fertilizer is available on the website of the producer company:

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http://www.nitrogen.hu/nat/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=4&Itemid=235&lang=en

CRF sectors 3.I is a minor sources of CO₂ emissions in Hungary, accounting for 0.04% and 0.14% of the national total CO₂ emissions in the BY and 2019, respectively. However, this is the only one source-category in the Agriculture sector, from which emissions increased significantly, compared to the BY. CO₂ emissions from 3.I increased by 90 per cent between the BY (48 Gg) and 2019 (91 Gg).

Emissions from carbonate containing fertilizers decreased sharply until 1991, reflecting the effect of suspension of state support of fertilizers. After the period of change in the regime emissions fluctuated annually, depending on the fertilizer's prices. Emissions reached the lowest level at -87% (6 Gg) in 1998. Emissions from other carbonate containing fertilizers grew steadily from 1999. The increase over the period 2008-2017 was largely, due to the increase in the production volume of Pétisó, thanks to investments at the producer company. Figure 5.10.1 shows the trend in CO₂ emissions from 3.I Other carbonate containing fertilizers for the BY and the period 1990 to 2019.

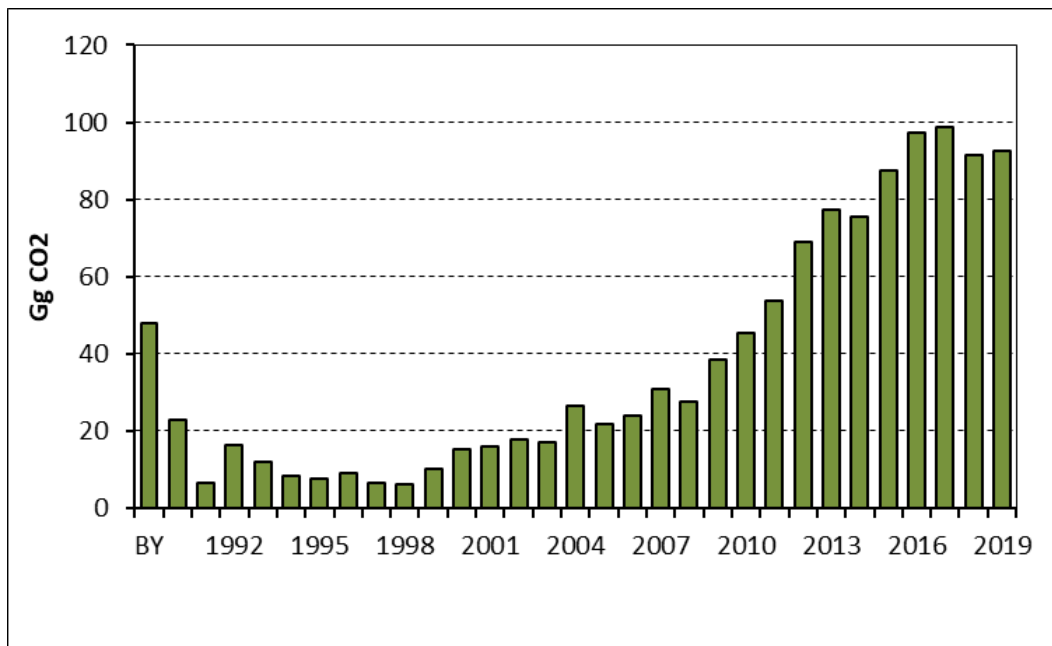


Figure 5.10.1 Trends in CO₂ emissions from 3.1 Other carbonate containing fertilizers

5.10.2 Methodological issues

5.10.3 Calculation method

Emissions from carbonate containing fertilizers were estimated using the Equation 11.12 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, because carbonate containing fertilizers contains dolomite in Hungary.

5.10.4 Activity Data

Annual consumption of fertilizers by fertilizer types such as carbon-containing fertilizers were derived from sales statistics by products reported annually by the Agricultural Economics Research Institute (AERI). AERI's statistics contain the amount of soled CAN fertilizers.

The activity data of the emission estimate was the average dolomite content of the soled CAN fertilizers, which was estimated as 25% of the amount of CAN fertilizers based on the chemical formula of 'Pétisó'.

Activity data used to estimate CO₂ emissions from categories 3.1 are summarized in Table 5.10.1.

Table 5.10.1 Activity data for 3.I

Year	3.I Carbon containing- fertilizers
	CAN fertilizers (tones)
BY	403,704
1990	190,768
1991	55,681
1992	137,037
1993	100,290
1994	71,020
1995	63,094
1996	76,704
1997	54,993
1998	52,513
1999	85,051
2000	126,920
2001	135,283
2002	149,058
2003	143,067
2004	221,375
2005	181,847
2006	202,130
2007	259,592
2008	230,307
2009	323,794
2010	379,529
2011	452,342
2012	580,401
2013	648,440
2014	632,993
2015	734,119
2016	816,018
2017	828,278
2018	769,126
2019	777,275

5.10.5 Emission factors

IPCC default value of 0.13 for dolomite was used, as carbon content of calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) fertilizers, which is reported here, is dolomite (see also the section above).

5.10.6 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties in the activity data used to estimate emissions from 3.I were estimated to be $\pm 5\%$ for carbon-containing fertilizers. Uncertainties in the emission factors were assumed to be ranging from -20% to 0%. Thus, the estimated combined uncertainties in the emissions for 3.I are $\pm 21\%$, respectively.

5.10.7 QA/QC Information

HCSO publishes the nitrogen content of synthetic fertilizers sold, which report is also based on the RIAE's data collection. Consequently, data on the total annual amount of synthetic N fertilizer applied to soils (F_{SN}) under the category 3.D are consistent with data used to estimate emissions for CRF 3.H and 3.I.

5.10.8 Source-specific recalculations

An error identified in the classification of fertilizer types was corrected for the year 2019, which resulted in a revision of the activity data. Due to this revision CO₂ emissions increased by 0.2%.

5.10.9 Planned improvements

Considering that agricultural CO₂ emissions are of minor importance in Hungary improvements are not planned.

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6 LAND-USE, LAND-USE CHANGE AND FORESTRY (CRF SECTOR 4)

6.1 Overview of sector

The greenhouse gas inventory of the Land-use, Land-use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) sector covers both CO₂ emissions and removals due to gains and losses in the relevant carbon pools of the predefined six IPCC land-use categories, and non-CO₂ emissions from biomass burning and disturbance of soils associated with land-use conversions.

6.1.1 Emission trends

We firstly note that the reported area of the non-forest land-use conversion categories, which is a key input for the estimation of emissions and removals and which should include areas under conversion for the (default) period of 20 years, excludes areas that were converted before 1985. This is because no estimates are available before 1985 with regard to either the nature or the direction of trends of conversion areas before that year. Therefore, data for these years could only be generated using assumptions applied in simple mathematical models such as extrapolating the trend of later conversions backwards or keeping conversion rates in 1985 constant beforehand. However, there is no guarantee that any of these assumptions would yield realistic time series. The conversion rates generated by these models thus yield emission and removal estimates with very high uncertainties. Therefore, we decided not to generate either area or emission and removal data for the years before 1985. An important consequence of this lack of data before 1985 is that the reported trend of both the areas and the calculated emissions and removals in the conversion categories before 2005 may involve artefacts. To avoid false conclusions arising from these artefacts, we only analyse trends beginning 2005. However, for reasons of transparency, and to also comply with the request of the ARR of 2017, the data before 2005 are also shown in all relevant graphs in the LULUCF and KP-LULUCF related sections of the NIR, but they are under a *shaded box* (like the one in Figure 6.1.1). We also report on the entire time series (i.e., for all years beginning 1985) of the area as well as emissions and removals of all LULUCF and KP-LULUCF categories in the CRF tables.

The estimates show that the LULUCF sector in Hungary was a net sink in the last decade. In 2019, total removals in the sector corresponded to about 9 per cent of total GHG emissions in Hungary (excluding LULUCF), with a rather high variability. This share has substantially increased since the base period because of the large drop of emissions in the non-land-use sectors. In general, Forest Land (FL) is the largest contributor to this net carbon sink, Wetlands (WL) and Settlements (SE) are net

source, whereas Grassland (GL) and Cropland (CL) are net sources in some years and net sinks in others (Figure 6.1.1). Depending on a category, the bulk of the emissions may be in either the “remaining” sub-category (e.g., Forest Land remaining Forest Land, or FL-FL) or in a land converted to another category (e.g., Land converted to Grassland, or L-GL).

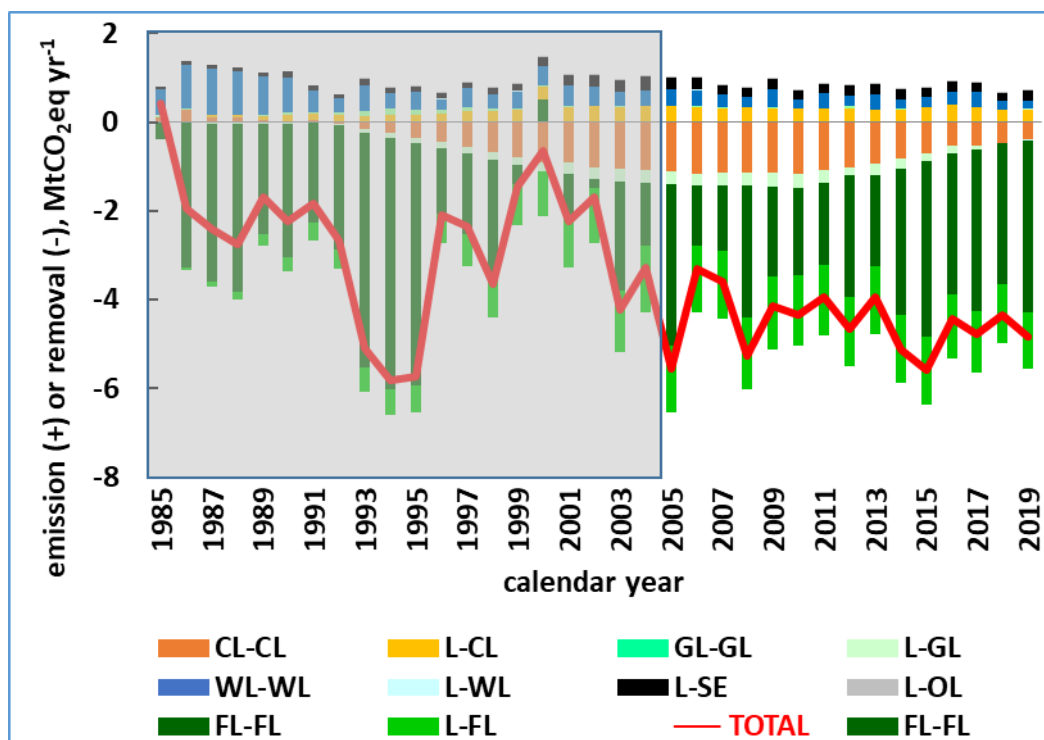


Figure 6.1.1 Trends in estimated emissions/removals from the LULUCF sector by land use and land use change subcategories since 1985. (CL-CL: Cropland remaining Cropland; L-CL: Land converted to Cropland; GL-GL: Grassland remaining Grassland; L-GL: Land converted to Grassland; WL-WL: Wetland remaining Wetland; L-WL: Land converted to Wetland; L-SE: Land converted to Settlements; L-OL: Land converted to Other Land, FL-FL: Forest land remaining Forest land; L-FL: Land converted to Forest land. In other sub-categories, no emissions and removals are estimated, see text. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained above.

Most removals are generated by biomass gains in the FL-FL and the Land converted to Forest Land (L-FL) categories. The net sink in this category is mainly due to the fact that the forest area has been increasing, and that the total woody increment of the growing stock in forest land has been larger than the annual harvest for the last three decades (see Figures 6.5.1, 6.5.4 and 11.1).

Although the reported levels of emissions and removals from the non-forest land-useland-use categories are smaller, soils in the Cropland and Grassland categories have added to the net sinks in the last decade or so (Figure 6.1.2) which reflects trends in land-useland-use changes (see also section 6.3 and 6.6.4).

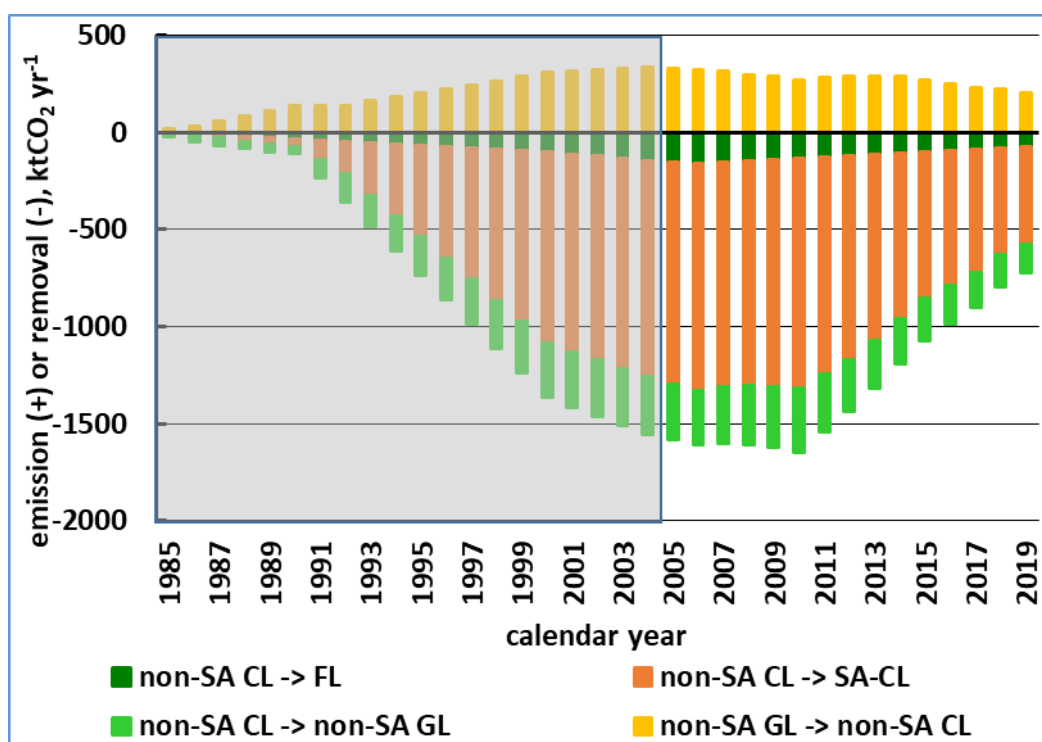


Figure 6.1.2. Emissions and removals in the most important land-uselands-use change categories due to soil carbon stock changes. (SA: set-aside.) The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained above.

6.1.2 Key categories

Key category analysis is presented in Chapter 1.6. Table 1.2 contains the key categories of the LULUCF sector.

6.1.3 Completeness

In this submission, Hungary reports on carbon stock changes as well as greenhouse gas emissions and removals from Forest Land (CRF 4.A), Cropland (CRF 4.B), Grassland (CRF 4.C), Wetland (CRF 4.D) and Settlements (CRF 4.E). N₂O emissions from N in mineral soils that is mineralized/immobilized in association with loss of soil C are reported in CRF Table 3.D for CL-CL. CRF Table 4(III) reports N₂O emissions for all other land-uselands-use and land-uselands-use change categories. (Hungary does not report N₂O immobilization associated with gain of organic matter resulting from change of land-uselands-use or management of mineral soils because we apply a combination of Tier1/Tier 2 to estimate carbon stock changes in soils.) N₂O emissions from fertilization in Wetlands (CRF 4(I)) do not occur in Hungary; N₂O emissions from fertilization in other land-uselands-use categories, where relevant, are reported under the Agriculture sector (CRF 3). In addition, CO₂ emissions from liming are reported in CRF table 3G, whereas CO, CH₄, N₂O and NO_x emissions from biomass burning are reported in CRF table 4(V).

For the sake of completeness, indirect N₂O emissions due to N mineralisation associated with loss of soil organic matter resulting from change of land-use/land-use or management of mineral soils are also reported (Of all the possible sources of such emissions, only those ones due to leaching/runoff occur.)

Apart from a few cases, emissions from Other land (CRF 4F) do not occur because, consistent with the national definition of this category, it contains unmanaged land for which only area data is reported, and rather small areas are sometimes converted to Other land. CH₄ emissions from drainage of soils and Wetlands are not reported, either, because this is an optional reporting category, therefore, the notation key NA and NO were used in CRF Table 4 (II).

6.1.4 Recalculations

In this submission, we have implemented a few number of recalculations relative to our submission in April 2020. There are two main reasons for the recalculations. One is related to that, in preparation for the last year of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, we want to make sure that our estimates are as accurate as possible. For this reason, we continued our work, which was started in 2020, to revise all forest-related data and developed a new calculation system that automates all calculations. During this process, we identified some incorrect data and formula. The other reason is that, as a follow-up to the review of our original submission in 2020, we have revised some other calculations, too.

We also note that, in some cases, e.g., concerning the land-use/land-use change matrix, while correct numbers were developed and used for the GHG inventory in previous reporting years, several incorrect values were uploaded to the CRF Reporter system due to technical reasons, and we have made efforts to correct these errors this year.

With respect to the scale of the recalculations, see the category level differences in the respective sections below.

6.1.5 Methodology

The description of the methodological details in the subsequent sections follows the structure of the national inventory reports as outlined in the Appendix to Annex I (Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual greenhouse gas inventories) of Decision 24/CP.19 (Revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention).

In estimating emissions and removals, we have been using the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (mainly for reporting under the UNFCCC) and the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement (under the second Commitment Period of the Kyoto Protocol, IPCC 2014a and IPCC 2014b) as a methodological basis since 2016.

In general, we apply Tier 2 methodology with country specific data where any such data is available. We also apply “best estimates”, i.e., we have made use of all data and information that exist within the country in relation to the GHG inventory. In all other cases, we refer to the source of the data applied (i.e., the 2006 IPCC GL for default data).

Due to the complexity of the LULUCF sector, the Hungarian national circumstances and data availability, the methodology of the estimation sometimes differs for the various land-use and land-use change categories, the various pools and emissions. Therefore, this report is completed with methodology matrices at the beginning of the section of each major land-use and land-use change sector which report Tier, other major methodological information, or if a pool (e.g., organic soils) or non-CO₂ emissions are estimated or not. Subsequent methodological sections only provide more detailed methodological description for those pools and non-CO₂ emissions for which estimation has been done.

The estimated emissions and removals are generally only reported in the CRF tables, but they are often also shown in graphs for the major land-use and land-use change categories.

6.2 Land-use definitions and classification systems

The land use categories in the Hungarian inventory are consistent with the requirements of IPCC (2006), Volume 4, Chapters 2 and 3. Consistently also with the definitions of national land-use categories, the following definitions are used for the various land-use categories:

Forest land is defined as land spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than five meters and a canopy cover of more than 30 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds, *in situ*. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land-use but, in addition to areas covered by trees, it includes areas under regeneration, roads and other areas that have no tree cover but are under forest management (see section 6.5.1 for details).

Cropland contains arable lands, kitchen gardens, orchards and vineyards, as well as set-aside croplands. *Arable lands* are any land area under regular cultivation irrespective of the rate or method of soil cultivation and whether the area is under crop production or not due to any reason, such as temporary inland waters or fallow. Areas under tree nurseries (including ornamental and orchard tree nurseries, vineyard nurseries, forest tree nurseries excluding those for the own requirements of forestry companies grown in the forest), permanent crops (e.g., alfalfa and strawberries), herbs and

aromatic crops are included. *Kitchen gardens* are areas around residential houses where, in addition to meeting the owners' demand, owners may produce some surplus of low amount which is usually traded. *Orchards* are land under fruit trees and bushes that may include several fruit species (e.g.: apples, pears, cherries, etc.). Included are non-productive orchards and orchards of systematic layout in kitchen gardens if the area is 200 m² or above in case of berries and 400 m² or above in case of fruit trees. *Vineyards* are areas where grapes are planted in equal row width and planting space and include non-productive areas and vineyards in kitchen gardens (e.g., trellises) if grapes are planted in equal row width and planting space, and the size of the area is at least 200 m². *Set-aside cropland* is land that is temporarily unmanaged but not converted to any other land-use.

Grassland is land under grass (artificial planting included) that includes meadows where the production is utilized by cutting, irrespective of whether it is used for grazing sometimes, and pasture that is utilized for grazing irrespective of whether it is cut sometimes or not. Grassland includes areas with trees which are utilized for grazing and set-aside grasslands (i.e., unmanaged grasslands) which are not in use for agricultural purposes.

Wetland includes the wetlands and water bodies as defined by the CORINE land-cover databases and contains inland marshes (low-lying land usually flooded in winter, and more-or-less saturated by water all year round), peat bogs (peat land consisting mainly decomposed moss and vegetable matter), water courses (natural or artificial water-courses including those serving as water drainage) and water bodies (natural or artificial lakes, ponds etc.).

Settlements are areas matching the 'Artificial surfaces' category of the CORINE land-cover database, which comprises the urban and other residential areas, industrial, commercial and transport units, as well as mines, dump and construction sites and artificial non-agricultural vegetated areas.

Other Land includes areas matching the 'Open spaces with little or no vegetation' category of the CORINE land-cover database, which comprises all area that is not included in any of the above categories.

6.3 Land identification

This chapter describes data sources, the national adaptation of the IPCC land-use categories and the resulting land-use change matrices that are used to estimate emissions and removals from the LULUCF sector.

Note that the reported total area of all land-use categories is equal to the total official land area of Hungary as published by the annual HCSO's land-use statistics (i.e., 9,303,266 ha) in each reporting

year. (There are very little changes in the annually reported total land area in land-use statistics, which are due to movements of the borders of Hungary based on bilateral agreements with neighbouring countries, and improvements of mapping techniques. To avoid inconsistency, the average of the annually published total areas is reported for each inventory year in this GHG inventory.)

6.3.1 Methodology of land identification

The development of the annual land-use and land-use change data in Hungary involves elements of both Approach 1 and 2. The identification of IPCC land-use categories, which is based on Hungarian statistical categories as well as the main data sources (together with a reference with respect to the Approach it allows for), is reported in Table 6.3.1.

Table 6.3.1. Identification of IPCC land-use categories in Hungary based on national statistical categories and data sources to meet respective data requirements. Acronyms used: HCSO: Hungarian Central Statistical Office; NFI: National Forest Inventory; CLC: Corine Land Cover; HLC85: satellite-based land-use change database of FÖMI (Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing; see text for details). CLC-change surveys were done for 1990-2000, 2000-2006, 2006-2012 and 2012-2018.

IPCC land-use categories	Category used in the respective database	Primary data sources (and associated Approach)
Forest Land	Land under Forest Management	NFI (maintained by the Forest Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office hereafter, or NFCSO, Approach 2)
Cropland	Arable land	HCSO's land-use statistics, and General Agricultural Censuses of 1991, 2000 and 2010, Vineyard and Orchard Censuses of 2001 and 2012 (Approach 1)
	Kitchen gardens	
	Orchards	
	Vineyards	
	Set-aside Cropland	HCSO's land-use statistics, General Agricultural Censuses of 1991, 2000 and 2010, CLC-change (Approach 1)
Grassland	Grassland (meadows and pastures)	HCSO's land-use statistics, General Agricultural Censuses of 1991, 2000 and 2010, CLC-change (Approach 1)

	Set-aside Grassland (Unmanaged Grassland)	HCSO's land-use statistics, General Agricultural Censuses of 1991 and 2000, CLC-change (Approach 1)
Wetlands	Wetlands and water bodies	CLC2012, HLC-change1985-1990, CLC-change (Approach 1/2)
Settlements	Artificial surfaces	CLC2012, HLC-change1985-1990, CLC-change (Approach 1/2)
Other Land	all areas not included above	HLC85, CLC90, CLC-change (Approach 1/2)

Land-use changes are identified using both national statistics and information on *changes* (between two consecutive surveys) from the Corine Land Cover (CLC) database. For *Forest Land*, the main source of national statistics is the National Forest Inventory (NFI) that includes information on conversions both from and to forests. Forestry statistics are in general available since 1985 and are detailed in Sections 6.5.1-6.5.2. However, for forest land converted to other land-uses, the rate of 1989 is the first data available, and it is used for all years 1985-1989. For mapping the main CLC land-cover categories to the IPCC categories, see Tables 6.3.2-6.3.5.

Table 6.3.2 Classification of the **CLC 1990** land-cover categories into IPCC land-use categories

CLC land-cover categories (Simplified nomenclatures)	IPCC category
311, 312, 313, 324 (310)	Forest land
211, 212, 213, 221, 222 (210, 220)	Cropland
231, 321 (230)	Grassland
111, 112, 121, 122, 123, 124, 131, 132, 133, 141, 142 (100)	Settlements

411, 412, 511, 512 (400, 500)	Wetlands
331, 332, 333 (330)	Other land

For other land-use change categories, it was necessary to use the statistics of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO) and other datasets while ensuring consistency between them. The annual statistics on land-use by the HCSO is published (in Hungarian) at its website (http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xstadat/xstadat_eves/i_omf001a.html). The HCSO's land-use statistics record the whole official area of the country divided into the following nine land-use categories: Arable land, Kitchen gardens, Orchards, Vineyards, Grassland, Forest, Reed, Fishpond and Uncultivated land area. Lands not in use for agricultural purposes in the year of the statistic (including set-aside areas (SA), unmanaged grassland (UGL), Settlements and some parts of Wetlands) are reported aggregately as Uncultivated land area. The data acquisition is based on questionnaires, and land-use data are available since 1853. There have been changes in the methodology since the beginning of the data collection (Kecskés, 1997), but the data set was adjusted considering these methodological changes to achieve consistency over time. The adjustment, which was implemented in consultation with the HCSO's expert, included the following steps and assumptions:

- Between 1965 and 1990 the system of landowners and data collection can be considered to be in steady state, therefore, the annual data was accepted without adjustment.
- Significant changes occurred in land ownership in the period 1990-2000 (i.e., after the political changes in the country), making the HCSO statistics less accurate. Therefore, except for orchards and vineyards, the annual dataset for all categories was replaced with values that were interpolations between the statistics of two General Agricultural Censuses of 1991 and 2000. For the vineyards and orchard category, the results of the more detailed and reliable census on vineyards and orchards were accepted instead of the results of the general agricultural census.
- For the period 2000-2010, the annual Cropland and Grassland areas were interpolated between the areas reported for the years of General Agricultural Censuses conducted in 2000 and 2010. Vineyard and Orchard areas were interpolated between the years for which the most detailed survey data are available (2001 and 2012).

For the period after 2012, an extrapolation is applied until new data is available.

Concerning the CLC data, the CLC-change 1990-2000 and CLC-change 2000-2006 databases (FÖMI, 2004; FÖMI, 2009a), as well as the CLC-change 2006-2012 (FÖMI, 2014) and CLC-change 2012-2018 databases were supplemented with the database (HCL85 and HLC-changes 1985-1990) on land-use changes of FÖMI (FÖMI, 2009b) that was developed for 1985-1990 using satellite images according to the requirements of the LULUCF GHG inventory, in order to get higher accuracy. Unlike the HCSO reports, the CLC data sets often include statistics on land cover change. It was assumed that, for any period between two CLC assessments (1990, 2000, 2006, 2012 and 2018) and where that was necessary, the difference between the area of the various land-cover categories corresponds to the change in the respective IPCC land-use change category.

For *non-set-aside Cropland (non-SA CL)*, *non-set-aside Grassland (non-SA GL)*, *Settlements (SE)*, *Wetlands (WL)* and *Other Land (OL)*, the above databases directly include the statistics necessary for the land-use change matrix. Separating set-aside lands is necessary for the estimation of carbon stock changes in soils. For this, the differences between Category 330 of the CLC databases and the Uncultivated land area category of the HCSO statistics (which include SE and WL together with set-asides) were taken as the *total area* of set-aside agricultural areas. This area (available since 1984) was then split into *set-aside croplands (SA CL)* and *unmanaged grasslands* (i.e., set-aside grassland, SA GL, for both total areas and annual changes) using *expert judgment*.

For land-use changes that were estimated using the CLC database, it was necessary to map the CLC codes to the respective IPCC categories. The CLC code 411 represents inland marshes, which contains '*Low-lying land usually flooded in winter and more-or-less saturated by water all year round*' in accordance with the CLC's nomenclature (<http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/COR0-landcover>). Therefore, conversions listed in Table 6.3.3 below can be the results of the change in total annual precipitation. The analysis of the total annual precipitation supports this assumption, because the total annual precipitation before the acquisition date of the satellite images, on which the CLC2000 data sets are based, highly exceeds the precipitation of the other years.

Table 6.3.3 Areas classified as '*Grassland converted to Wetlands*'

Period	CLC code	Explanation
1990-2000	231-411	Pastures converted to inland marshes
	231-512	Pastures converted to water bodies
	321-411	Natural grasslands converted to inland marshes
	321-512	Natural grasslands converted to water bodies
2000-2006	231-512	Pastures converted to water bodies
	321-411	Natural grasslands converted to inland marshes
	321-512	Natural grasslands converted to water bodies
2006-2012, 2012-2018	231-512	Pastures converted to water bodies

The Settlements converted to Wetland category mainly contains the area of sandpits and gravel pits. The area of these conversions is small, and the emissions from these land-use change conversions are probably zero.

Table 6.3.4. Areas classified as 'Settlements converted to Wetlands'

Period	CLC code	Explanation
1990-2000	131-512	Mineral extraction sites converted to water bodies
	133-511	Construction sites converted to water courses
2000-2006	131-512	Mineral extraction sites converted to water bodies
	133-512	Construction sites converted to water bodies
2006-2012, 2012-2018	131-512	Mineral extraction sites converted to water bodies
	132-512	Dump sites converted to water bodies
	133-512	Construction sites converted to water bodies

Conversions in Table 6.3.5 below also include conversions of water courses and water bodies which are not covered by soil and living biomass, therefore could not be source of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions.

Table 6.3.5. Areas classified as 'Wetland converted to Settlements'

Period	CLC code	Explanation
1990-2000	411-142	Inland marshes converted to sport and leisure facilities
	511-142	Water courses converted to sport and leisure facilities
	412-133	Peat bogs converted to construction sites
	511-133	Water courses converted to construction sites
2000-2006		

	411-122	Inland marshes converted to road and rail networks and associated land
	411-133	Inland marshes converted to construction sites
	411-142	Inland marshes converted to sport and leisure facilities
	512-122	Water bodies converted to road and rail networks and associated land
	512-131	Water bodies converted to mineral extraction sites
	512-133	Water bodies converted to construction sites
2006-2012, 2012-2018		
	411-122	Inland marshes converted to road and rail networks and associated land
	411-131	Inland marshes converted to Mineral extraction sites
	511-133	Water courses converted to construction sites

The classification of two CLC2018 categories, i.e., 2.4.2 Complex cultivation patterns and 2.4.3 Land principally occupied by agriculture, with significant areas of natural vegetation, represented a challenge as they involve rather small areas that could be classified, e.g., either as cropland or grassland. To estimate the share of these land-uses within the above two categories, data from the Lechner Knowledge Center (formerly FÖMI), obtained from high resolution studies, was used. For example, the shares of converting areas under code 2.4.3 to SE, CL, GL, FL, WL and OL were 0.299, 0.587, 0.009, 0.104, 0.000 and 0.000, respectively.

6.3.2 Land-use statistics and land-use change matrices

For the development of the area of the other land-use and land-use change categories, it was necessary to consider that the area of a category for a year may somewhat be different in the various statistical sources. Inconsistencies mainly occur because of differences in definition (including differences in the definition of land-use vs land cover) and data collection methodology. For example, the HCSO's and CLC forest land data only refer to areas that are covered by trees, whereas the forestry statistics also include areas that are managed in the forestry sector but are not covered by trees (see various sections on forests in Chapters 6.5.1-6.5.2 and 11 for more details).

Also, it was necessary to consider the possible uncertainty of the various data sources that is not only affected e.g., by the methodology used but also the size of the land pieces that are converted annually from one to another land-use category. This size shows large differences, e.g., the total area of the FL-L category is the smallest, whereas that of CL-L is about ten times larger. Even this latter area is only 0.169 percent of the total area. Also considering that the size of the converted units is

small, it can generally be stated that the use of remote sensing currently involves rather large uncertainties. Therefore, we mostly rely on data from administrative statistics where possible, which also involves uncertainties but probably less.

To develop, based on all the above, the most accurate overall area estimates for the entire AFOLU sector, the statistical sources on the various land-use and land-use change categories were treated hierarchically during the compilation of the annual land-use change matrices. Since the forestry statistics are regarded as the most accurate and forests are the most important for the overall accuracy in the LULUCF sector, the hierarchy of the available sources was established as follows:

- Forestry statistics
- CLC data
- HCSO land-use statistics.

In estimating the annual area of the non-forestry land-use change categories, first, periodic land-use changes (for the periods 1986-1992, 1992-2000, 2000-2006, 2006-2012 and 2012-2018) were estimated using the CLC database. (Note that data for various years, i.e., 1985 and 1990, from the original databases, see above, were converted to the above years, i.e., 1986 and 1992, respectively, to match with the years of the CLC database.) Annual land-use change values were then calculated from periodic ones using interpolation (until 2018) and extrapolation (after 2018) so that, for each land-use category, the net sum of the annual changes in the time period is equal to the difference between the area at the end and at the beginning of the given period. (For the forestry data where annual land-use change data is available, this data was used without any further adjustment.)

The arising net changes were in the second step compared with the net changes in the HCSO's land-use statistics calculated for the similar periods. The differences between the net change in the HCSO's land-use statistics and the land-cover change datasets were taken to happen due to conversions on set-aside grassland and cropland areas.

The total area of the land-use change categories were calculated applying the default assumption that transitions take place in a period of 20 years, and the areas in the conversion categories are not converted again during this 20-year transition period. All land in all conversion categories are moved to the respective 'remaining' category in the 21th year after the conversion.

Note that, as mentioned in Section 6.1.1 above, the reported area of the land-use conversion categories 1985-2004, which should include areas under conversion for the (default) period of 20 years, excludes areas that were converted before 1985 as we currently have no accurate information on conversion areas before 1985. Therefore, the trend of both the areas and the calculated emissions and removals before 2005 most probably involve artefacts. Thus, although we report on the entire time series of both areas and emissions and removals in the CRF tables, only data beginning 2005 are typically reported or analysed on the graphs with LUC information in this report.

The resulting time series of land-use data are shown in Figure 6.3.1, whereas areas in the 'land remaining' and 'land converted to' subcategories are reported in Figures 6.3.2 and 6.3.3.

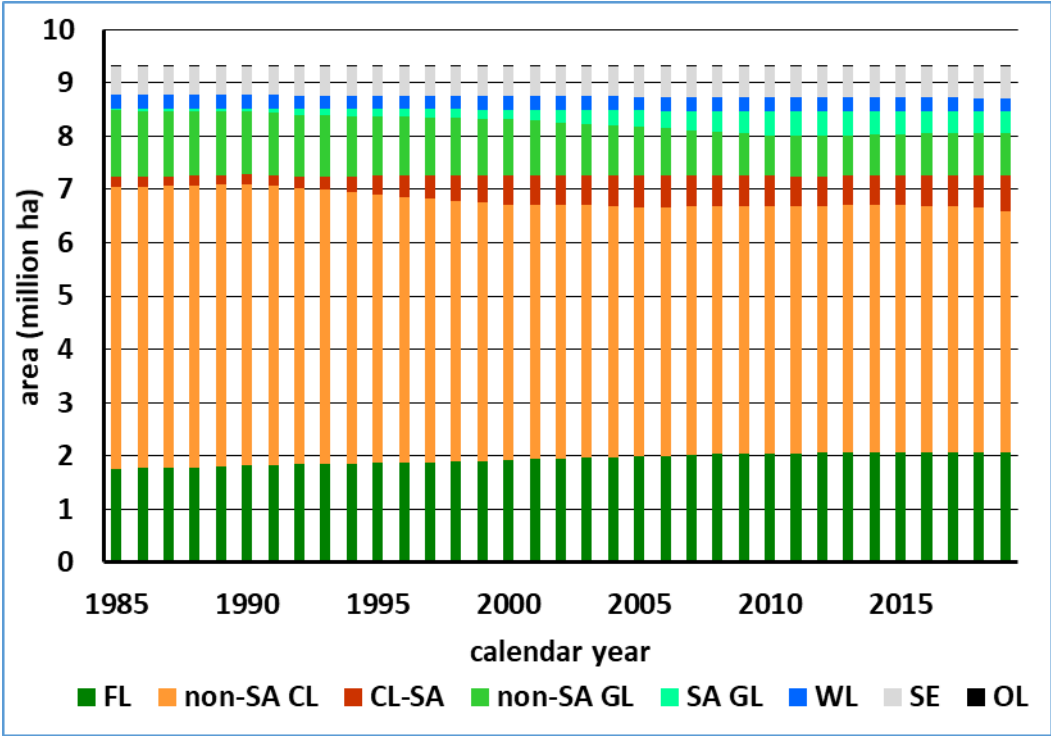


Figure 6.3.1. The evolution of the area of the land-use categories. Note that CL and GL categories are split into non-SA and SA subcategories in order that carbon stock changes can include to and from non-SA – SA conversions, and N₂O emissions due to such conversions can also be estimated.

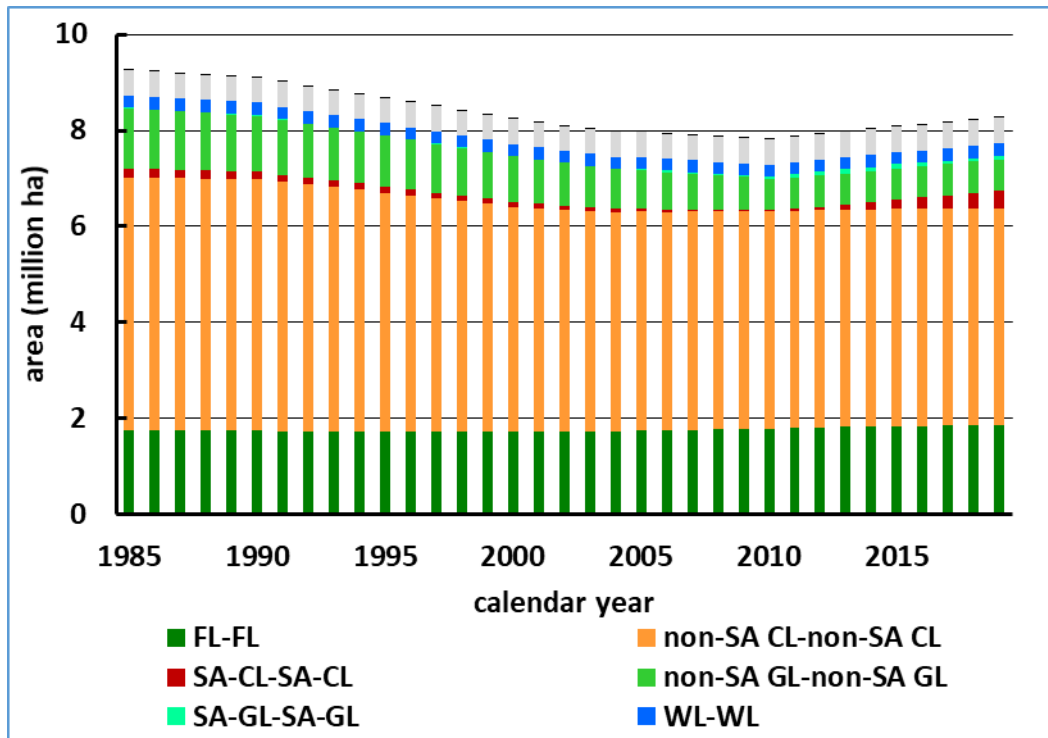


Figure 6.3.2. The evolution of the area of the 'land remaining' categories. Note that the CL and GL categories are split into non-SA and SA sub-categories as on Figure 6.3.1.

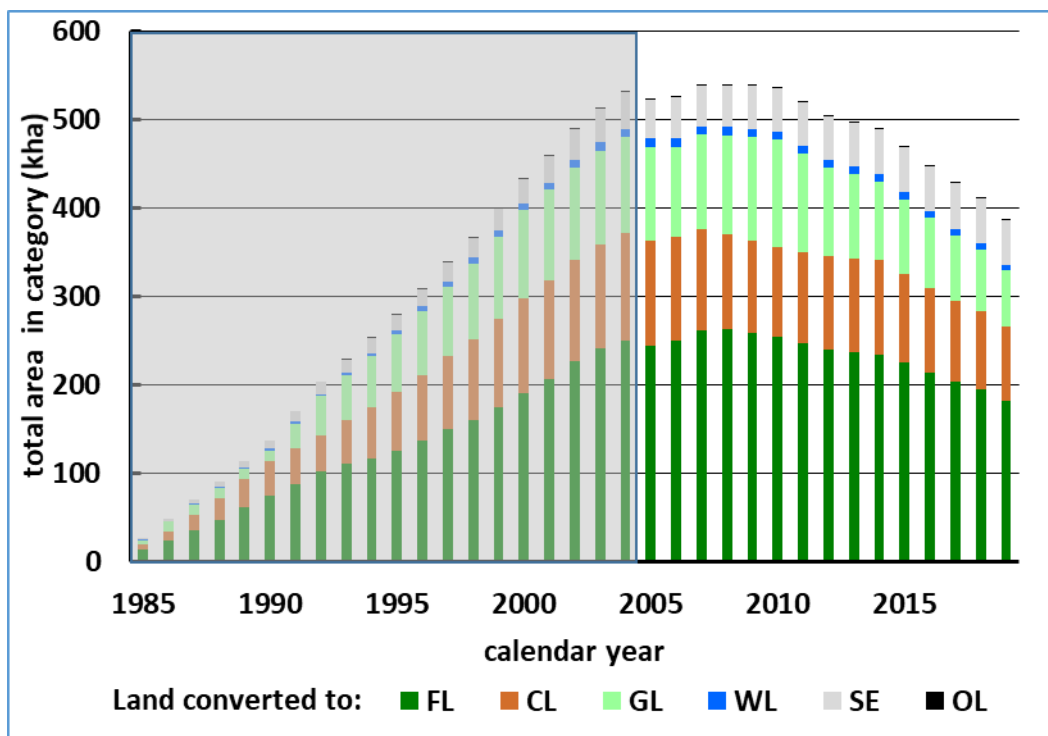


Figure 6.3.3. The evolution of the area of the ‘land converted to’ categories. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

The above area estimates of the various land-use and land-use change categories include *all* areas in the land-use change categories for the default transition period of 20 years. For reasons of transparency, Figure 6.3.4 demonstrates *annual* conversion areas, and Table 6.3.6 below reports matrices of the *annual* land-use changes over the period 1985 to 2019. Also, for reasons of transparency, the data in the table includes forests that were identified as new forests in previous inventories (“found forests”, FF). For further information on FF, see Section 6.5.2.

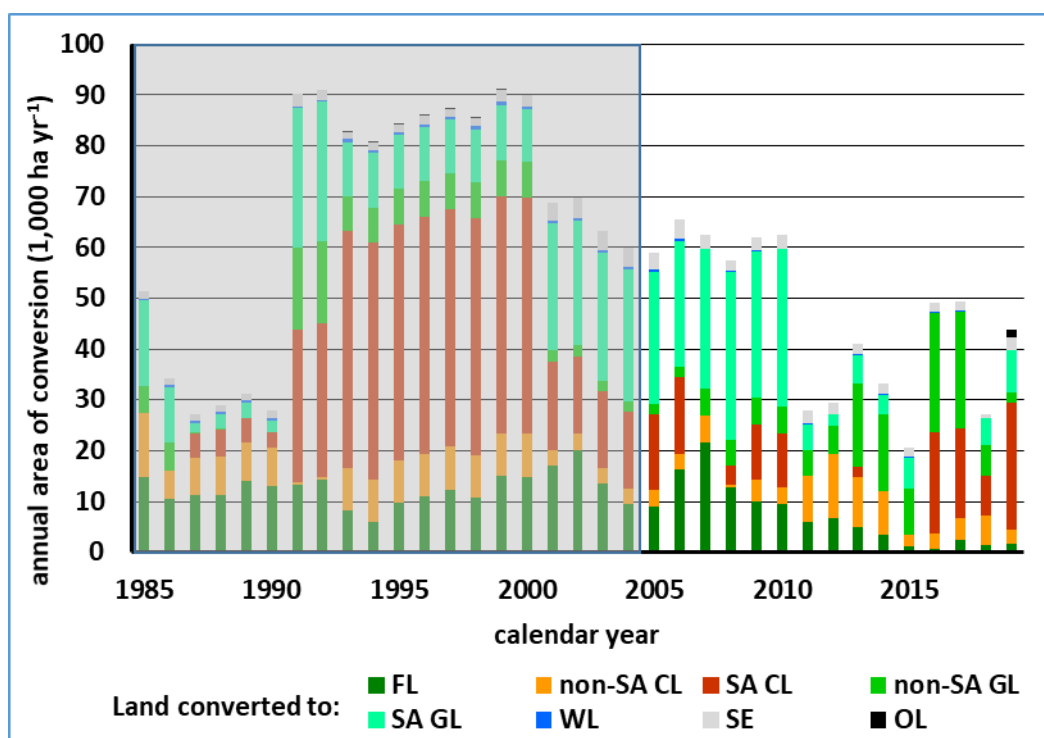


Figure 6.3.4. Annual area of the ‘land converted to’ categories. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

Finally, we note also that land-use and land-use change categories are further subdivided by climate, soil, management and input for the estimation of soil carbon stock changes, see relevant sections, e.g., Section 6.4.1 for more details.

Table 6.3.6. Annual land-use change matrix for the period of 1985-2019.

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
1984	1 741 288	5 289 600	202 647	1 264 900	25 000	251 775	525 612	2 444
FL	1 740 962	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 280 646	0	5 338	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	8 388	7 640	186 619	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	4 910	0	1 240 924	16 811	0	391	0
SA-GL	1 515	0	0	0	23 187	298	0	0
WL	16	0	0	0	0	251 745	14	0
SE	118	9	0	117	0	23	525 344	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1985	1 755 640	5 293 300	186 619	1 246 400	39 997	252 067	526 798	2 444
FL	1 755 314	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 284 346	0	5 338	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	5 223	540	180 856	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	4 910	0	1 228 224	11 011	0	391	0
SA-GL	558	0	0	0	39 142	298	0	0
WL	11	0	0	0	0	252 041	14	0
SE	84	9	0	117	0	23	526 563	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1986	1 765 833	5 289 900	180 856	1 233 700	50 152	252 363	528 018	2 444
FL	1 765 507	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 281 530	4 753	0	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	5 730	0	175 126	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	7 366	0	1 222 162	1 918	0	391	0
SA-GL	711	0	0	0	49 143	298	0	0
WL	12	0	0	0	0	252 337	14	0
SE	90	9	0	117	0	23	527 777	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1987	1 776 691	5 289 000	179 879	1 222 300	51 061	252 658	529 232	2 444
FL	1 776 365	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 279 930	5 453	0	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	5 774	0	174 105	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	7 366	0	1 209 762	2 918	0	391	0
SA-GL	724	0	0	0	50 039	298	0	0
WL	12	0	0	0	0	252 632	14	0
SE	90	9	0	117	0	23	528 991	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1988	1 787 607	5 287 400	179 558	1 209 900	52 957	252 954	530 446	2 444

Table 6.3.6. (ctd.)

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
1988	1 787 607	5 287 400	179 558	1 209 900	52 957	252 954	530 446	2 444
FL	1 787 281	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 279 130	4 653	0	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	7 989	0	171 570	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	7 366	0	1 197 162	3 118	0	391	0
SA-GL	1 395	0	0	0	51 264	298	0	0
WL	15	0	0	0	0	252 924	14	0
SE	114	9	0	117	0	23	530 182	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1989	1 801 435	5 286 600	176 223	1 197 300	54 382	253 246	531 636	2 444
FL	1 800 822	180	0	40	0	0	393	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 280 045	2 938	0	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	7 172	0	169 051	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	7 366	0	1 185 442	2 237	0	391	0
SA-GL	1 147	0	0	0	52 937	298	0	0
WL	14	0	0	0	0	253 218	14	0
SE	105	9	0	117	0	23	531 381	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1990	1 813 902	5 287 600	171 989	1 185 600	55 174	253 539	533 017	2 444
FL	1 812 085	454	0	98	0	0	1 266	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 237 950	30 021	16 013	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	7 354	0	164 636	0	0	0	0	0
GL	1 864	0	0	1 155 932	27 414	0	391	0
SA-GL	1 202	0	0	0	53 672	300	0	0
WL	14	0	0	0	0	253 511	14	0
SE	107	9	0	117	0	23	532 760	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1991	1 825 404	5 238 413	194 656	1 172 160	81 086	253 834	535 269	2 444
FL	1 823 956	512	0	108	0	0	827	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 188 704	30 079	16 013	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	8 163	0	186 493	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	0	0	1 142 482	27 424	0	391	0
SA-GL	1 447	0	0	0	79 339	299	0	0
WL	15	0	0	0	0	253 804	14	0
SE	116	9	0	117	0	23	535 004	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1992	1 838 339	5 189 225	216 572	1 158 720	106 763	254 127	537 075	2 444
FL	1 838 011	13	0	83	0	0	233	0
non-SA CL	3 349	5 131 728	46 503	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	3 356	0	213 216	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 138 312	10 550	0	297	0
SA-GL	70	0	0	0	106 095	597	0	1
WL	18	0	0	0	0	254 101	8	0
SE	244	28	0	178	0	16	536 609	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
1993	1 846 338	5 140 038	259 719	1 145 280	116 645	254 714	538 086	2 445

Table 6.3.6. (ctd.)

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
1993	1 846 338	5 140 038	259 719	1 145 280	116 645	254 714	538 086	2 445
FL	1 846 120	28	0	27	0	0	163	0
non-SA CL	3 349	5 082 525	46 519	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	1 498	0	258 221	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	984	8 269	0	1 124 928	10 802	0	297	0
SA-GL	0	0	0	0	116 048	597	0	1
WL	13	0	0	0	0	254 693	8	0
SE	176	28	0	178	0	16	537 688	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 445
1994	1 852 141	5 090 851	304 739	1 131 840	126 850	255 305	539 094	2 446
FL	1 851 783	53	0	61	0	0	244	0
non-SA CL	3 349	5 033 313	46 543	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	4 410	0	300 329	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 111 454	10 528	0	297	0
SA-GL	284	0	0	0	125 968	597	0	1
WL	21	0	0	0	0	255 276	8	0
SE	282	28	0	178	0	16	538 590	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 446
1995	1 861 421	5 041 664	346 872	1 118 400	136 496	255 889	540 077	2 447
FL	1 860 804	140	0	141	0	0	335	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 984 039	46 631	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	5 460	0	341 412	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 097 934	10 608	0	297	0
SA-GL	497	0	0	0	135 400	597	0	1
WL	24	0	0	0	0	255 857	8	0
SE	320	28	0	178	0	16	539 536	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 447
1996	1 871 746	4 992 476	388 043	1 104 960	146 009	256 471	541 114	2 447
FL	1 871 224	192	0	90	0	0	240	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 934 800	46 682	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	6 590	0	381 452	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 084 545	10 558	0	297	0
SA-GL	727	0	0	0	144 684	597	0	1
WL	27	0	0	0	0	256 436	8	0
SE	361	28	0	178	0	16	540 531	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 447
1997	1 883 569	4 943 289	428 135	1 091 520	155 242	257 049	542 014	2 448
FL	1 883 167	89	0	42	0	0	271	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 885 716	46 579	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	5 342	0	422 793	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 071 153	10 509	0	297	0
SA-GL	473	0	0	0	154 171	597	0	1
WL	23	0	0	0	0	257 017	8	0
SE	316	28	0	178	0	16	541 477	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 448
1998	1 893 962	4 894 102	469 372	1 078 080	164 680	257 630	542 991	2 449

Table 6.3.6. (ctd.)

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
1998	1 893 962	4 894 102	469 372	1 078 080	164 680	257 630	542 991	2 449
FL	1 892 515	98	0	332	0	0	1 017	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 836 519	46 588	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	8 725	0	460 647	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 057 423	10 799	0	297	0
SA-GL	1 160	0	0	0	162 920	599	0	1
WL	32	0	0	0	0	257 589	8	0
SE	439	28	0	178	0	16	542 331	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 449
1999	1 907 512	4 844 915	507 235	1 064 640	173 719	258 204	544 591	2 450
FL	1 906 326	112	0	93	0	0	982	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 787 318	46 602	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	8 602	0	498 633	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 598	8 269	0	1 044 222	10 254	0	297	0
SA-GL	828	0	0	0	172 292	598	0	1
WL	32	0	0	0	0	258 164	8	0
SE	434	28	0	178	0	16	543 935	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 450
2000	1 921 170	4 795 727	545 235	1 051 200	182 546	258 778	546 160	2 451
FL	1 919 873	153	0	251	0	0	893	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 768 881	17 396	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	8 641	0	536 594	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	2 597	2 985	0	1 020 123	24 957	0	538	0
SA-GL	0	0	0	0	182 058	487	0	0
WL	11	0	0	0	0	258 732	35	0
SE	185	1	0	119	0	30	545 825	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
2001	1 936 944	4 772 020	553 990	1 022 340	207 016	259 249	549 256	2 451
FL	1 935 088	317	0	260	0	0	1 280	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 747 392	15 177	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	11 167	0	542 823	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	3 057	2 985	0	991 254	24 506	0	538	0
SA-GL	0	0	0	0	206 528	488	0	0
WL	13	0	0	0	0	259 201	35	0
SE	218	1	0	119	0	30	548 888	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
2002	1 955 180	4 750 696	558 000	993 480	231 034	259 719	552 706	2 451
FL	1 953 928	54	0	93	0	0	1 105	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 726 331	14 915	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	5 775	0	552 225	0	0	0	0	0
GL	2 076	2 985	0	962 561	25 321	0	538	0
SA-GL	0	0	0	0	230 547	487	0	0
WL	8	0	0	0	0	259 675	35	0
SE	148	1	0	119	0	30	552 408	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
2003	1 967 573	4 729 371	567 139	964 620	255 868	260 192	556 052	2 451

Table 6.3.6. (ctd.)

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
2003	1 967 573	4 729 371	567 139	964 620	255 868	260 192	556 052	2 451
FL	1 966 187	109	0	175	0	0	1 103	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 704 952	14 969	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	2 311	0	564 829	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 446	2 985	0	933 619	26 033	0	538	0
SA-GL	0	0	0	0	255 384	484	0	0
WL	6	0	0	0	0	260 151	35	0
SE	103	1	0	119	0	30	555 799	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
2004	1 975 690	4 708 047	579 798	935 760	281 416	260 665	559 440	2 451
FL	1 974 831	149	0	56	0	0	654	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 683 588	15 009	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	1 944	0	577 854	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 379	2 985	0	904 878	25 980	0	538	0
SA-GL	0	0	0	0	280 925	491	0	0
WL	6	0	0	0	0	260 624	35	0
SE	98	1	0	119	0	30	559 191	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
2005	1 983 896	4 686 722	592 863	906 900	306 905	261 145	562 384	2 451
FL	1 982 569	116	0	54	0	0	1 157	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 662 296	14 976	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	8 011	0	584 852	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	2 483	2 985	0	876 020	24 875	0	538	0
SA-GL	0	0	0	0	306 418	487	0	0
WL	10	0	0	0	0	261 099	35	0
SE	177	1	0	119	0	30	562 057	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
2006	1 998 887	4 665 398	599 828	878 040	331 293	261 616	565 753	2 451
FL	1 997 534	91		202		0	1 061	0
non-SA CL	0	4 659 448	0	4 703		0	1 246	
SA-CL	20 696	0	579 132					
non-SA GL	0	5 183		845 052	27 521	0	285	
SA-GL	964			0	330 212	117		
WL	0	0		0		261 611	5	0
SE	0	47		188		53	565 465	0
OL							0	2 451
2007	2 019 194	4 664 769	579 132	850 145	357 733	261 781	568 062	2 451
FL	2 018 042	380		138		0	635	0
non-SA CL	0	4 654 838	3 981	4 703		0	1 246	
SA-CL	11 820	0	567 313					
non-SA GL	0	0		816 945	32 915	0	285	
SA-GL	689			0	356 927	117		
WL	0	0		0		261 776	5	0
SE	279	47		188		53	567 495	0
OL							0	2 451
2008	2 030 830	4 655 264	571 294	821 973	389 842	261 946	569 666	2 451

Table 6.3.6. (ctd.)

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
2008	2 030 830	4 655 264	571 294	821 973	389 842	261 946	569 666	2 451
FL	2 029 340	184		336		0	970	0
non-SA CL	0	4 638 599	10 716	4 703		0	1 246	
SA-CL	9 038	0	562 256					
non-SA GL	0	4 147		788 662	28 879	0	285	
SA-GL	776			0	388 949	117		
WL	0	0		0		261 941	5	0
SE	194	47		188		53	569 184	0
OL							0	2 451
2009	2 039 347	4 642 977	572 972	793 889	417 829	262 111	571 690	2 451
FL	2 036 995	670		526		0	1 155	0
non-SA CL	0	4 626 477	10 551	4 703		0	1 246	
SA-CL	8 150	0	564 822					
non-SA GL	0	2 609		760 095	30 901	0	285	
SA-GL	483			0	417 229	117		
WL	0	0		0		262 106	5	0
SE	766	47		188		53	570 636	0
OL							0	2 451
2010	2 046 394	4 629 803	575 372	765 512	448 130	262 276	573 327	2 451
FL	2 044 791	388		140		0	1 075	0
non-SA CL	0	4 623 854	0	4 703		0	1 246	
SA-CL	5 036	6 192	564 144					
non-SA GL	0	2 609		757 506	5 113	0	285	
SA-GL	751			0	447 262	117		
WL	0	0		0		262 271	5	0
SE	83	47		188		53	572 955	0
OL							0	2 451
2011	2 050 662	4 633 090	564 144	762 537	452 375	262 441	575 566	2 451
FL	2 048 948	248		852		0	614	0
non-SA CL	0	4 627 141	0	4 703		0	1 246	
SA-CL	5 815	9 665	548 665					
non-SA GL	0	2 609		757 551	2 093	0	285	
SA-GL	770			0	451 488	117		
WL	0	0		0		262 436	5	0
SE	99	47		188		53	575 179	0
OL							0	2 451
2012	2 055 632	4 639 709	548 665	763 294	453 581	262 606	577 329	2 451
FL	2 054 386	270		274		0	702	0
non-SA CL	0	4 635 722	2 024	980		0	983	
SA-CL	3 918	0	544 747					
non-SA GL	0	9 336		747 935	5 694	0	329	
SA-GL	863			14 948	437 770	0		
WL	0	0		0		262 589	17	0
SE	286	62		222		182	576 576	0
OL							0	2 451
2013	2 059 453	4 645 389	546 771	764 359	443 464	262 771	578 608	2 451

Table 6.3.6. (ctd.)

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
2013	2 059 453	4 645 389	546 771	764 359	443 464	262 771	578 608	2 451
FL	2 057 952	383		241		0	878	0
non-SA CL	0	4 643 500	0	980		0	910	
SA-CL	2 181	0	544 590					
non-SA GL	0	8 093		752 095	3 914	0	256	
SA-GL	959			13 632	428 872	0		
WL	0	0		0		262 754	17	0
SE	339	62		222		157	577 827	0
OL							0	2 451
2014	2 061 432	4 652 037	544 590	767 171	432 787	262 911	579 888	2 451
FL	2 059 732	521		413		0	766	0
non-SA CL	0	4 650 068	122	980		12	854	
SA-CL	791	0	543 799					
non-SA GL	0	1 759		759 044	6 156	12	200	
SA-GL	179			7 255	425 353	0		
WL	0	0		0		262 894	17	0
SE	117	62		222		157	579 329	0
OL							0	2 451
2015	2 060 819	4 652 410	543 921	767 914	431 509	263 076	581 167	2 451
FL	2 057 990	1 341		576		0	911	0
non-SA CL	0	4 630 811	19 883	980		12	723	
SA-CL	698	0	543 223					
non-SA GL	0	1 628		766 204	0	12	69	
SA-GL	40			21 692	409 777	0		
WL	0	0		0		263 059	17	0
SE	0	62		222		157	580 725	0
OL							0	2 451
2016	2 058 728	4 633 842	563 106	789 675	409 777	263 241	582 446	2 451
FL	2 054 853	2 367		878		0	630	0
non-SA CL	0	4 614 301	17 669	980		29	864	
SA-CL	1 973	0	561 133					
non-SA GL	0	1 786		787 651	0	29	210	
SA-GL	414			20 958	388 404	0		
WL	33	0		0		263 191	17	0
SE	0	62		222		157	582 005	0
OL							0	2 451
2017	2 057 273	4 618 516	578 801	810 689	388 404	263 406	583 726	2 451
FL	2 053 896	785		1 817		0	776	0
non-SA CL	0	4 609 726	7 809	980		0	0	
SA-CL	1 098	0	577 703					
non-SA GL	0	5 143		800 407	5 139	0	0	
SA-GL	243			2 980	385 182	0		
WL	0	0		0		263 406	0	0
SE	0	62		222		157	583 284	0
OL							0	2 451
2018	2 055 237	4 615 716	585 512	806 407	390 321	263 564	584 060	2 451

6.4 Generic methodological steps to estimate emissions and removals

In this section, general methodological description is provided for those methodological elements that are used for more than one land-use and/or land-use change sub-categories. Activity data and emissions/removal factors are usually sub-category specific, and their description can be found in the respective sections below.

Concerning pools, the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (its Table 1.1. in Chapter 1 of Volume 4) define carbon pools in a generic manner. In Hungary, pools are defined in a bit different, and more specific way to match them with available data in order that the estimation is as accurate and precise as possible and practicable. These definitions are the same in sections both 7 and 11 of the NIR, i.e., those for reporting under the UNFCCC and under the Kyoto Protocol, respectively. In the estimations, we apply the following definitions (see also section 6.5.3):

Above-ground biomass (AB): all biomass of living trees, including bark, branches, twigs and leaves that can be found above the height of potential cutting of the stem at its bottom by a chainsaw. This height is usually a few cm above ground; only 1-2 cm for small trees, 5-10 cm for trees at thinning age, and can be 10-30 cm for trees of the age of the final harvest. Note that, in the Hungarian forests, the understory and shrub layers usually have very little biomass.

Below-ground biomass (BB): all living parts of the living trees below that above-mentioned potential cutting height. These parts thus include stumps (up to the heights defined above for AB), coarse roots (i.e., roots thicker than 2 cm) and fine roots.

Litter (LI): all dead plant mass, whether above-ground or below-ground, that is smaller than around 1 cm in diameter (in case of branches) and 2 cm (in case of dead roots). Note that the above diameter thresholds were chosen to match definitions in the quantitative assessment of the carbon content of the litter for the Hungarian forests (Heil et al., 2012).

Deadwood (DW): all dead plant mass, above-ground and below-ground, that is not litter (i.e., above the 1 cm threshold for standing and lying dead trees, including stumps, and 2 cm for dead roots).

Soil (SO): includes the organic carbon in the topsoil down to a depth of 30 cm that excludes deadwood and litter. Inorganic carbon, as well as organic carbon in the below-ground deadwood and litter pools are excluded, but organic carbon in the topsoil layer is included. (Carbon stocks below 30 cm usually do exist in the Hungarian soils, however, consistently with IPCC (2006), they are not considered in this greenhouse gas inventory, rather, they are assumed to be in carbon equilibrium.)

6.4.1 Soil carbon stock changes

Soil carbon stocks may change due to conversion of land to other land-use, conversion of land within a land-use sub-category to another sub-category (non-set-aside to set-aside or vice versa), together referred to below as conversion sub-categories, or change of the management within a specific land-use sub-category over time. These two types of sub-categories are together referred to below as soil carbon stock change sub-categories. For the entire land-use sector, the sum of all soil carbon stock changes is estimated using the below formula:

$$\Delta C = \sum_i \Delta C_i$$

where

ΔC = total carbon stock changes in mineral soils due to land conversion or changes of soil management, tC; and

i = a "from" - "to" soil carbon stock change category (by climate, soil, management and input type as appropriate).

Except for those situations that are mentioned explicitly (including the Tier 1 assumption for forests, i.e., assuming no carbon stock change), the estimation follows the Tier 1/2 approach in which ΔC_i was estimated using the first formula in Equation 2.25 of the 2006 IPCC GL:

$$\Delta C_i = (SOC_0 - SOC_{0-T})_i / D$$

where

ΔC_i = annual area-specific soil organic carbon stock change in a soil carbon stock change sub-category, tCh^ayr⁻¹;

SOC_0 = SOC soil organic carbon stock in the inventory year, tC;

SOC_{0-T} = SOC soil organic carbon stock T years prior to the inventory year, tC;

T = number of years over a single inventory time period, yr, T = 1 yr; and

D = default time period for transition between equilibrium SOC values, yr (the default value of 20 years is applied).

For estimating SOC (for both the inventory year and T year before) for a soil carbon stock change category i , the second formula in Equation 2.25 of the 2006 IPCC GL was used together with Tier 1/2 data:

$$\text{SOC} = A * \text{SOC}_{\text{REF}} * F_{\text{LU}} * F_{\text{MG}} * F_{\text{I}}$$

where

A = land area in the inventory year, ha

SOC_{REF} = area-specific reference soil organic carbon, tCh^{-1}

F_{LU} , F_{MG} and F_{I} are specific land-use, management and input stock change factors for which default values are used. (Note that F_{LU} changes from year to year due to land-use change, whereas F_{MG} and F_{I} change due to changes in management.)

The A land area values are respective values in the land-use change matrix in the inventory year and include all area in the year in a 'remaining' category, or all areas for conversion category i that have been in the category for a maximum period of default length of 20 years (see section 6.2 for details).

The above means that we applied Formulation B (in Box 2.1, p. 2.34) of Section 2, Volume 4 of the 2006 IPCC GL.

According to the above formulas, the SOC values were all estimated from the SOC_{REF} values for which country-specific values were developed in the course of a research project (Zsembeli et. al, 2013). The estimation was based on the Hungarian Soil Protection and Monitoring System (hereafter referred to as TIM). Based on physiographical-soil-ecological units, 877 representative observation points were selected in this system on agricultural lands (Figure 6.4.1). The representative sampling sites had been selected by regional soil experts on the basis of all available soil information (profile descriptions, results of laboratory analysis, long-term field observations, maps, etc.) and on their local experiences. The soil carbon stocks were determined from humus content (H, %) values (Füleky-Filep, 1999), which were measured for the uppermost 30 cm of the soil (in several layers), using a standard conversion value of 0.58 tC/ha / H%:

$$\text{SOC} = \text{H\%} * \mathbf{0.58}.$$

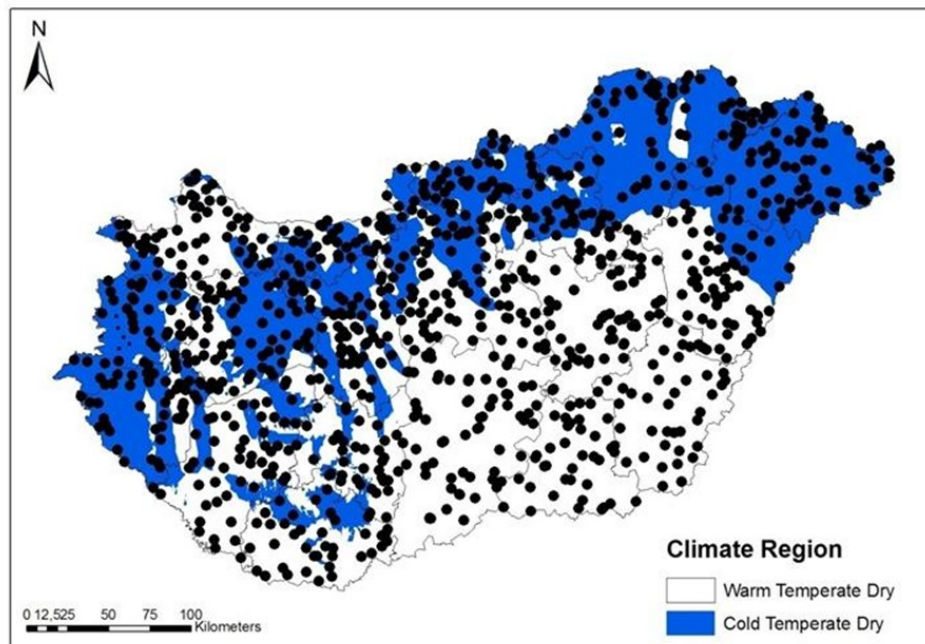


Figure 6.4.1. Sample plots of the Soil Protection and Monitoring System (TIM) by climate zones.

The soil types of the investigated TIM points and the area of the different soil types were determined using a Hungarian digital soil map (called AGROTOPO map). This map used the Hungarian national soil classification system which classifies soils by genetic types. The 79 national soil types identified from the TIM and the soil map cannot directly be allocated to the IPCC soil types, therefore, they were converted into the soil types of the FAO soil classification system in a dedicated study (Michéli, 1999). Then, the FAO (WRB) soil types were converted to the IPCC soil types using the IPCC soil carbon tools. Altogether, 14 different WRB soil types were identified that corresponded to 3 IPCC soil types, i.e., high activity clay soil, sandy soil and aquic soils.

The sample plots were also classified into the IPCC climate zones by the Hungarian Meteorological Service, using the methodology of the GPG (IPCC, 2003), based on the climate map of the Hungarian Meteorological Service. Note that, as the mean annual temperature in Hungary is about 10 degrees Celsius and that there is no big topographical variation within the country, the difference between the sites in the cold and the warm IPCC climate zones is only a few tenth of a degree. The warm climate zone in Hungary is mainly situated in a lowland called the Great Hungarian Plain (GHP). The lowlands along the rivers were inundated almost every spring before the river flows were regulated. (The Danube and Tisza, i.e., the main rivers of Hungary that cross the GHP, have been mostly regulated since the 19th century in Hungary.) The regular flooding had resulted in the formation of wetlands and high organic content of the soil, but most of these wetlands were drained 1-2 centuries ago. The other typical types of vegetation were forest and forest steppe which, centuries ago, also contributed to the evolution of the organic carbon content of the soil. Therefore, the soil organic carbon content varies less due to climate, and more due to soil type, land-use and the history of soil formation.

This needs to be duly considered because, in the methodology applied as described above, SOC changes are calculated as differences in SOC that are estimated as averages at different time points. Considering these averages, the Guidelines (Volume 4, Chapter 2.3.3.1, page 2.38 of IPCC, 2006) require that sites included in a soil carbon stock change sub-category should have similar histories and management as well as similar ecological properties (including topographic position and soil physical properties) for both time points. Unfortunately, the Zsembeli et al. (2013) study only partially complied with these requirements.

To improve accuracy for FL, CL and GL, which are the most important land-use categories with respect to land-use changes, the average SOC values were re-calculated in 2015 based on the following considerations. First, SOC values were separately computed for the major 'from-to' conversion sub-categories for which activity data (i.e., area) is available using data from areas for which the conversion is *possible* (see Table 6.4.2 below). This is necessary because, in Hungary, conversion may not be possible in all sub-categories and soils types. For example, there are some croplands on aquic soils in Hungary but there are no forests on such soils, therefore, it would be inappropriate to calculate the average SOC for the entire cropland and for the entire forest area and then estimate carbon stock changes for cropland-forest land conversions and vice versa using average SOC values for cropland and forest land. Instead, the average SOC for cropland *for the case of forest-cropland conversions* was calculated for only about 84.6% of all cropland, i.e., only for non-aquic sites that could be used to establish forests and on which forests actually occur, that is, where forest-to-cropland and cropland-to-forest conversions are possible. For similar reasons, for forest-grassland conversions, the SOC content of forest soils were re-calculated considering forest and grassland areas between which conversion is possible.

To check where conversions are possible, we analysed the distribution of the area of the various soil carbon stock change sub-categories by climate and soil type (Table 6.4.1). The data shows that CL and GL have similar distributions, while the distribution of FL somewhat differs from that of the others, and that SOC_{REF} (i.e., SOC for forests) is significantly different for the various soil and climate types. The data suggests that forests occupy the poorer sites within the possible CL-FL and GL-FL conversion paths, and that SOC differences due to conversions should not be calculated along an *average* CL-FL carbon stock change trajectory.

Table 6.4.1. The relative distribution of area and estimated SOC_{REF} by soil and climate type for those areas that could be converted to and from other land-uses.

soil type	climate type	Land use type			SOC _{REF}
		FL	CL	GL	(tCha ⁻¹)
HAC	CD	0,54	0,38	0,39	48
	WD	0,36	0,56	0,56	58
sandy	CD	0,10	0,03	0,02	15
	WD	0,01	0,03	0,03	21

Based on the above considerations, we developed conversion-specific SOC values for land-use categories (Table 6.4.2 (a)). An important element of this development is to only consider non-aquatic situations for conversions because the vast majority of conversions occur on soil with typically no groundwater (at least not in the soil layers where roots and the carbon can be found whose change has to be accounted for). Although it is not currently possible to remove all possible bias due to lack of data, and further analysis is necessary, we consider them estimates “as far as practicable”. Using these SOC values, it was possible to develop what might be called a specific soil carbon stock change conversion matrix (Table 6.4.2 (b)) which, for FL, CL and GL, includes conversion-specific differences between average SOC values. For the SOC of land under Settlement, 80% of the SOC of the pre-conversion category was used, based on the Tier 1 approach by the 2006 IPCC GL. For Wetland (which is only involved in very small conversions in terms of area), no methodology is provided in the 2006 GL. For the sake of completeness only, the SOC of Wetland is set to equal to that of Grassland. The changes of SOC to and from Other land is set to zero. Using these considerations, SOC changes involving SE and WL could also developed and are included in the below matrix.

Table 6.4.2. (a) Area-specific SOC of sub-categories considering the possible combination of „from” and „to” land-use (non-SA: non-set-aside; SA: set-aside), and (b) the matrix of the calculated average annual area-specific SOC change values (over $D=20$ years, $tC\ ha^{-1}yr^{-1}$). (Values for OL are not reported as conversions to and from OL are NO. Values for WL are also reported only for the sake of completeness.)

(a)

LU sub-category	SOC, tC/ha
FL	48,1
FL (to-from CL)	51,7
FL (to-from GL)	52,1
FL (other)	48,1
non-SA CL	49,8
<i>non-SA CL non-aquic</i>	40,8
non-SA GL	65,2
<i>non-SA-GL non-aquic</i>	52,2
OL	49,1
SA-CL	61,4
<i>SA-CL non-aquic</i>	50,3
SA-GL	65,2
<i>SA-GL non-aquic</i>	52,2
SE - FL	38,5
SE - non-SA CL	39,9
SE - SA CL	49,1
SE - non-SA GL	52,1
SE - SA GL	52,1
SE - WL	52,1
SE - OL	39,3
WL	65,2

(b)

FROM	TO						
	FL	non-SA CL	SA CL	non-SA GL	SA GL	SE	WL
FL		-11,1	-1,5	2,6	2,6	-9,6	20,3
non-SA CL	11,1		11,8	18,7	18,7	-9,9	18,7
SA CL	1,5	-11,8		7,0	7,0	-12,3	7,0
non-SA GL	-2,6	-18,7	-7,0		0,0	-13,7	0,0
SA GL	-2,6	-18,7	-7,0	0,0		-13,7	0,0
SE	9,6	9,9	12,3	13,7	13,7		13,7
WL	-20,3	-18,7	-7,0	0,0	0,0	-13,7	

Once the conversion-specific average SOC change values are fixed, the calculations of the carbon stock changes in the various conversion sub-categories depend on, and are thus sensitive, to the estimated annual area of these sub-categories. Uncertainties in this regard are, however, reduced for longer periods (for which the area of the conversions can be more accurately estimated) and for trends.

6.4.2 N₂O emissions from mineral soils

According to the IPCC 2006 Guidelines, N mineralizes in mineral soils when there is loss of soil organic C stocks through land-use change or management practices, and this loss also leads to N₂O

emissions. For each land-use and land-use change sub-category and for each year when carbon is lost from mineral soils, these emissions were estimated, for each climate, soil, management and input type as appropriate, using the following Equations of the 2006 IPCC GL:

Equation on page 11.10:

$$N_2O = N_2O-N * 44/28$$

where

N_2O = N_2O emissions, kg N_2O yr⁻¹

N_2O-N = annual direct N_2O-N emissions produced from managed soils, kg N_2O-N yr⁻¹;

Equation 11.1:

$$\text{Direct } N_2O-N = F_{SOM} * EF_1$$

where

F_{SOM} = annual amount of N in mineral soils that is mineralized, in association with loss of soil C from soil organic matter as a result of changes to land-use or management, kg N yr⁻¹

EF_1 = emission factor for N_2O emissions from N inputs, kg N_2O-N (kg N input)⁻¹ (the value 0.01 was taken from Table 11.1 of the 2006 IPCC GL); and

Equation 11.8:

$$F_{SOM} = \Delta C_{\text{Mineral}} / R * 1000$$

where

$\Delta C_{\text{Mineral}}$ = average annual loss of soil carbon for each land-use type (LU), tonnes C; and

R = C:N ratio of the soil organic matter. Due to lack of more specific data for the area, the default value of 15 is used for situations involving land-use change from Forest Land or Grassland to

Cropland, and the default value of 10 is used for situations involving management changes on CL-CL (page 11.16 of the 2006 IPCC GL).

The method of estimating indirect N₂O emissions from N mineralisation associated with loss of soil organic matter resulting from change of land-use or management on mineral soils due to leaching/runoff is also based on the methodology as suggested by the 2006 IPCC GL, and uses Equation 11.10 (only the part of the equation for leaching/runoff; for each csmi sub-category):

$$\text{Indirect N}_{2\text{O}(\text{L})\text{-N}} = F_{\text{SOM}} * \text{Frac}_{\text{LEACH-(H)}} * \text{EF}_5$$

where

F_{SOM} = as above;

$\text{Frac}_{\text{LEACH-(H)}}$ = fraction of all N added to/mineralised in managed soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs that is lost through leaching and runoff, kg N (kg of N additions)⁻¹ (the value 0,3 and 0 were taken from Table 11.3 of the 2006 IPCC GL for cold & dry and warm & dry, respectively);

EF_5 = emission factor for N₂O emissions from N leaching and runoff, kg N₂O–N (kg N leached and runoff)⁻¹ (the value of 0.0075 for EF_5 was taken from Table 11.1 of the 2006 IPCC GL).

6.4.3 Non-CO₂ emissions from wildfires

Except for slash burning in forests, and in accordance with Government Decrees No. 21/2001(II.14) and No. 306/2010. (XII.23.), the on-site burning of living biomass is prohibited in Hungary. Therefore, the controlled burning of biomass is reported as “not occurring” for Hungary for land-use categories other than Forest Land, and only emissions from wildfires in Forest Land, Cropland and Grassland are reported. Except for forests (where emissions from wildfires are separately reported for FL-FL and L-FL), all such emissions are reported in the “remaining land” categories that include any emissions in the conversion categories.

In estimating these emissions, the Tier 1 method and Equation 2.27 were used as follows:

$$L_{\text{fire}} = A * M_B * C_f * G_{\text{ef}} * 10^{-3}$$

where:

L_{fire} = amount of greenhouse gas emissions from fire, tonnes of each GHG

A = area burnt, ha

M_B = mass of fuel available for combustion, tonnes ha⁻¹

C_f = combustion factor, dimensionless

G_{ef} = greenhouse-gas specific emission factor g (kg.d.m.)⁻¹.

Data on the areas affected by wildfires (A) is derived from the statistics of the National Directorate General for Disaster Management. Data on the areas affected by wildfires has been collected since 1998, but in the system of data collection a methodological change has been introduced in 2007, therefore, more details and complete data are only available since then. To avoid inconsistency arising from the methodological changes, data for the period 1998-2007 had to be adjusted. For the period 1998-2007 the average of the areas affected by wildfires over the period 2007-2009 were applied to the trends. For the period 1985-1997 the average of the emissions since 1998 are reported, due to lack of data.

The amount of M_B and C_f is sector-specific, see the relevant sections for details.

6.4.4 Conversion-related carbon stock changes of the biomass pools

Conversion-related biomass carbon stock changes occur due to land conversions (e.g., converting land to Forest land) but, in some cases, also on land remaining land (e.g., with converting perennial crops to annual ones and when wetland areas are opened for peat extraction). The estimation of carbon stock changes in these cases is done using Equation 2.16 of the 2006 IPCC GL:

$$\Delta C = A_{\text{conv}} * (B_{\text{After}} - B_{\text{Before}}) * CF$$

where

ΔC = carbon stock change, tonnes C yr⁻¹

A_{conv} = the area undergoing conversion, ha yr⁻¹

B_{After} = biomass after the conversion, t biomass d.m. ha⁻¹

B_{Before} = biomass before the conversion, t biomass d.m. ha⁻¹

CF = conversion factor, tonnes C tonnes biomass⁻¹.

Note that “biomass” here means the sum of above-ground and below-ground biomass. The estimation of the above variables is described in the relevant sections.

6.4.5 Conversion-related carbon stock change of the dead organic matter pools

The carbon stock of both litter and deadwood may change due to conversion of land to other land-use. For these pools, carbon stock change is estimated as the sum of gains and losses using a modified form of Equation 2.23 of the 2006 IPCC GL:

$$\Delta C_{\text{DOM}} = A_{\text{new}} * (C_{\text{new}} - C_{\text{old}}) * T_{\text{old-to-new}}$$

where

ΔC_{DOM} = annual carbon stock change in litter or deadwood, $\text{tCh}^{-1}\text{yr}^{-1}$;

A_{new} = area undergoing conversion from old to new land-use category, ha;

C_{new} = area-specific equilibrium carbon stock in the new land-use category, tC ha^{-1} ;

C_{old} = area-specific equilibrium carbon stock in the old land-use category, tC ha^{-1} ;

$T_{\text{old-to-new}}$ = time period of the transition from old to new land-use category, year. In case $C_{\text{new}} > C_{\text{old}}$, the default value of 20 years is applied, a one-time loss is assumed in the year of the conversion in case $C_{\text{new}} < C_{\text{old}}$.

6.5 Forest Land (CRF sector 4.A)

This section describes forests and forestry in Hungary, as well as methodologies of estimating GHG emissions and removals in the forestry sector. The description covers all information related to reporting under the UNFCCC, but this information is used together with supplementary information in Section 11 where some information is reported in more details. Thus, the consideration of both sections may be necessary to understand methods and data in this section.

6.5.1 Category description

Forest land is managed in Hungary by a well-developed and relatively stringent planning and inspecting system. A general description of this system together with a general description of the Hungarian forests can be found at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/download.php?id_file=40461. Additional information on the Forest Monitoring and Observation System can be found at at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/download.php?id_file=40587.

Forests in Hungary are predominantly managed in units of relatively homogenous tree cover, i.e., stands (or sub-compartments), with a mean area of about four ha. The geographical location of all

known stands, which are sometimes called sub-compartments, can be identified (in Hungarian) at <http://erdoterkep.nebih.gov.hu/>. Further data and information, mainly in Hungarian, can also be found at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/erdeszeti_foosztaly_menu_116. Additional data and information that are used for the GHG inventory and that are not at the website are found in the documentation of the forest inventory. Finally, additional information concerning data, methods and demonstrating specific procedures (often specifically developed for the Expert Review Teams) can be found at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/Supplementary_Information_news_547.

Forest management has a long history in the country, and most forests are more-or-less intensively managed. The area of forests that could be considered as “unmanaged” under the UNFCCC is negligible. There are some forests where no forestry operations have taken place for about two decades to a century. These are called forest reserves, however, their strictly protected so called “core zones” only occupy a few hundred ha and even these forests are managed in one way or another as we also consider forest monitoring, inspecting, forest protection, forest tourism and game management as forest management activities, and these may take place even in forest reserves. Therefore, all reported forests of Hungary are considered as managed under the UNFCCC.

Forest land is subdivided into sub-categories under the UNFCCC and the KP according to these provisions. The definitions that are generally applied to identify the areas of these sub-categories, and to estimate emissions and removals in these sub-categories, are the following (see also section 6.2 above):

“Forest land”, as also reported in section 6.2 above, is defined in Hungary as land spanning at least 0.5 hectares with forest trees (actually or potentially) higher than five meters at maturity and a canopy cover at maturity of (actually or potentially) more than 30 percent. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land-use. Both the *Forest Land remaining Forest Land, FL-FL* and the *Land converted to forest land (L-FL)* sub-categories include areas covered by trees, as well as areas under regeneration, roads and other areas that are under forest management but are not covered by trees (see Table 6.5.1 below).

“Afforestation” (since 1990 under the KP, or AR, which includes **“reafforestation”**) is an activity that leads to the conversion of non-forest land to forest land. From a domestic administrative point of view, the afforestation process can take place in a period of 3-15 years, i.e., until the young stand is deemed established itself successfully, depending on tree species and site. Notwithstanding this, the default transition period of 20 years is used in the GHG inventory to include areas in the L-FL category consistently with the default IPCC methodology. Note that, usually, the area of newly established forests included in the L-FL category under the UNFCCC, which contains all administered forestations, is different from that of the *AR since 1990 category* under the KP in some years, the difference being that AR only includes areas where the requirement of “direct human induced activity” is fully met in our databases (see also Chapter 11). Also, unlike in L-FL (where both forest sub-compartments and other sub-compartments are included, beginning 1985), areas under AR only include forest sub-compartments and only afforestations since 1990.

“Deforestation” is an activity (under the Kyoto Protocol) that leads to the conversion of forest land to non-forest land. In Hungary, such conversions take place within one year. Partly because of this reason, we account for all emissions due to deforestation in each conversion sub-category in the year of the deforestation itself. All deforested land in each year is registered both in the *forest land converted to other land-uses (FL-L)* category under the UNFCCC and all “deforestation since 1990” (D) category. Note that, both area covered by trees and all other land that is moved from Forest land to another LU category are reported under both the UNFCCC and the KP. See Chapter 11 for more details.

Using the above definitions, forest land covers a bit more than one fifth of the terrestrial area of the country. The *total area of land under forest management*, which is considered in the land-use change matrix as forest land area, includes both forest sub-compartments that are at least potentially covered by trees and un-stocked areas like roads, openings, wildlife forage grounds, glades, buildings etc. that indirectly serve forest management purposes. The area of forest land using this definition was 2,054.3 thousand ha by the end of 2019. To be consistent with the land-use change matrix, forest land in the CRF tables also equals to this forest land area. However, due to historical reasons and because the area actually covered by trees is smaller than this, we also report other area statistics, too. The *total area of all forest sub-compartments*, which is the potentially stocked area, amounted to 1,938.5 thousand ha in 2019. (As the biomass carbon stock changes take place in the forest sub-compartments, the correct implied emission factors and m³/ha data should reflect the area of forest sub-compartments.) The *area actually covered by trees*, which is the actually stocked area and which appears in several official Hungarian statistics, amounted to 1,867.5 thousand ha in 2019. This area is calculated from that of the forest sub-compartments by adjusting for gaps and overlaps in the canopy closure, which are measured during surveys as “canopy closure” (%). Finally, the area under Article 3.4 Forest Management (FM) under the Kyoto Protocol amounted to 1,763 kha (forest sub-compartments only) and 1,878.4kha (forest+other sub-compartments) in 2019 (**Table 6.5.1**).

Table 6.5.1. The area of forest land, forest compartments and land covered by trees, as well as that under the FM (ha) over time.

Reporting year	Total forest area				
	under UNFCCC (forest and other subcompartments)	under UNFCCC (forest subcompartments)	under UNFCCC (area covered by trees)	under forest management (FM) under KP since 1990 (forest subcompartments)	under forest management (FM) under KP since 1990 (forest+other subcompartments)
	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha
1985	1 755 640	1 643 276	1 493 135		
1986	1 765 833	1 650 576	1 505 764		
1987	1 776 691	1 658 660	1 513 582		
1988	1 787 607	1 667 352	1 526 395		
1989	1 801 435	1 674 815	1 530 587		
1990	1 813 902	1 681 467	1 551 375	1 674 202	1 809 420
1991	1 825 404	1 694 546	1 563 585	1 676 746	1 813 234
1992	1 838 339	1 708 804	1 570 750	1 682 251	1 820 590
1993	1 846 338	1 713 763	1 589 760	1 690 726	1 824 425
1994	1 852 141	1 719 146	1 599 669	1 691 632	1 826 627
1995	1 861 421	1 727 223	1 608 811	1 693 273	1 831 479
1996	1 871 746	1 737 818	1 616 716	1 696 934	1 836 250
1997	1 883 569	1 748 358	1 627 588	1 701 801	1 841 379
1998	1 893 962	1 758 645	1 642 288	1 705 765	1 842 572
1999	1 907 512	1 773 247	1 656 399	1 706 859	1 844 558
2000	1 921 170	1 787 372	1 657 827	1 709 574	1 847 774
2001	1 936 944	1 803 922	1 689 401	1 713 456	1 850 521
2002	1 955 180	1 823 377	1 686 740	1 716 861	1 855 065
2003	1 967 573	1 836 429	1 723 805	1 722 668	1 856 427
2004	1 975 690	1 844 988	1 749 246	1 724 338	1 856 373
2005	1 983 896	1 853 642	1 769 988	1 725 261	1 858 397
2006	1 998 887	1 869 452	1 805 802	1 727 635	1 861 680
2007	2 019 194	1 890 866	1 825 953	1 731 999	1 867 793
2008	2 030 830	1 903 360	1 840 171	1 739 172	1 872 208
2009	2 039 347	1 912 917	1 853 170	1 744 289	1 877 205
2010	2 046 394	1 922 108	1 862 002	1 750 567	1 877 986
2011	2 050 662	1 927 702	1 861 033	1 753 423	1 880 612
2012	2 055 632	1 933 604	1 861 691	1 756 871	1 884 422
2013	2 059 453	1 938 139	1 863 679	1 761 861	1 887 546
2014	2 061 432	1 941 016	1 867 062	1 765 629	1 889 392
2015	2 060 819	1 940 720	1 869 325	1 767 921	1 887 572
2016	2 058 728	1 939 342	1 869 189	1 765 862	1 885 745
2017	2 057 273	1 940 052	1 869 213	1 764 885	1 883 771
2018	2 055 237	1 939 175	1 867 479	1 764 617	1 880 678
2019	2 054 281	1 938 544	1 867 558	1 762 628	1 878 365

The total area of forests has changed considerably since 1930, from about 11% to 21% today, because of systematic afforestations of around 800 thousand ha and very little deforestation. The reason for these area dynamics is mainly that the country is much less forested than other countries (or e.g., the European Union). Also, the Hungarian Forest Law is really rather rigorous, and it is also rather strictly implemented and inspected with respect to deforestations. Forest owners who make a deforestation are obliged to cover the costs of a new afforestation of the same area to offset that deforestation, and these costs are always used to make the afforestation elsewhere. The area of forest sub-compartments deforested (i.e., areas with tree cover before the conversion), which is the main source of emissions due to biomass loss, was under 1000 ha/year until 2015, which is only about 0.07% of the forest area and about 2.3% of the average rate of afforestation. After that year, a three-four times larger area, including area not covered by trees for which emissions from soils are also estimated, has been moved to the other land-use categories annually (**Table 6.5.2**).

Table 6.5.2. *The area of, and emissions from, conversion of forest land to other land-use categories. The annual area has been slightly fluctuating, e.g., because of varying rate of highway building. (Emissions from biomass and soils are also reported here for information only. Emissions from other sources are also estimated and reported, see tables below.)*

Inventory year	Conversions from FL to other land use			
	Area (ha)		CO ₂ emissions (Gg CO ₂)	
	forest subcompartments	forest and other subcompartments	from biomass	from soils
1985	326	326	41	0,6
1986	326	326	41	1,1
1987	326	326	41	1,7
1988	326	326	41	2,2
1989	326	326	41	2,8
1990	613	613	77	3,8
1991	240	1 817	30	7,0
1992	126	1 447	16	9,4
1993	329	329	41	9,7
1994	218	218	27	10,1
1995	358	358	45	10,6
1996	346	617	43	11,2
1997	522	522	65	11,9
1998	402	402	50	12,5
1999	395	1 447	49	13,9
2000	719	1 187	90	15,8
2001	521	1 297	65	17,3
2002	638	1 856	79	19,9
2003	593	1 252	74	21,9
2004	944	1 387	117	23,8
2005	411	859	51	24,7
2006	509	1 327	63	26,5
2007	245	1 353	30	27,7
2008	294	1 152	27	28,9
2009	450	1 490	58	29,8
2010	208	2 351	28	31,2
2011	276	1 604	46	30,6
2012	782	1 713	132	27,8
2013	532	1 246	62	28,8
2014	602	1 501	85	30,4
2015	1 383	1 699	117	31,6
2016	2 116	2 829	151	34,3
2017	1 711	3 875	168	38,0
2018	2 218	3 378	217	36,2
2019	2 307	2 631	228	37,1

Some of the above net increase of the forest area is also due to the fact that surveys that are done for forest management planning purposes have identified new forests each year for most of the last three decades, and the area of these forests (called “**found forests**”) was added to the area under forest management. We include them in the Article 3.4 FM category (see also Chapter11).

The history of these forests is usually unknown. The mean age of the found forests has been above 20 years (see below), but the age of the individual stands at the time of finding them varies (which makes it impossible to accurately estimate the estimated point of time of the conversions). We decided not to estimate the carbon stock changes of these forests before finding them, rather, to treat them as an error (i.e., an underestimation) in our estimates for the following reasons: (1) to be conservative; (2) because the total area of these forests is not small but not large, either; (3) to avoid estimations with rather high uncertainties (e.g., due to the unknown pre-conversion land-use, no biomass or soil carbon stock before conversion can be estimated); and (4) it is not practicable to deal with rather small and uncertain amounts that occurred in the past and the assumption about which does not really add to our understanding of the relevant trends of emissions and removals.

The above trends have all been characteristic for the Hungarian forestry since 1985, affecting both area and standing volume. **Figure 6.5.1** demonstrates these statistics for the FL-FL and L-FL categories.

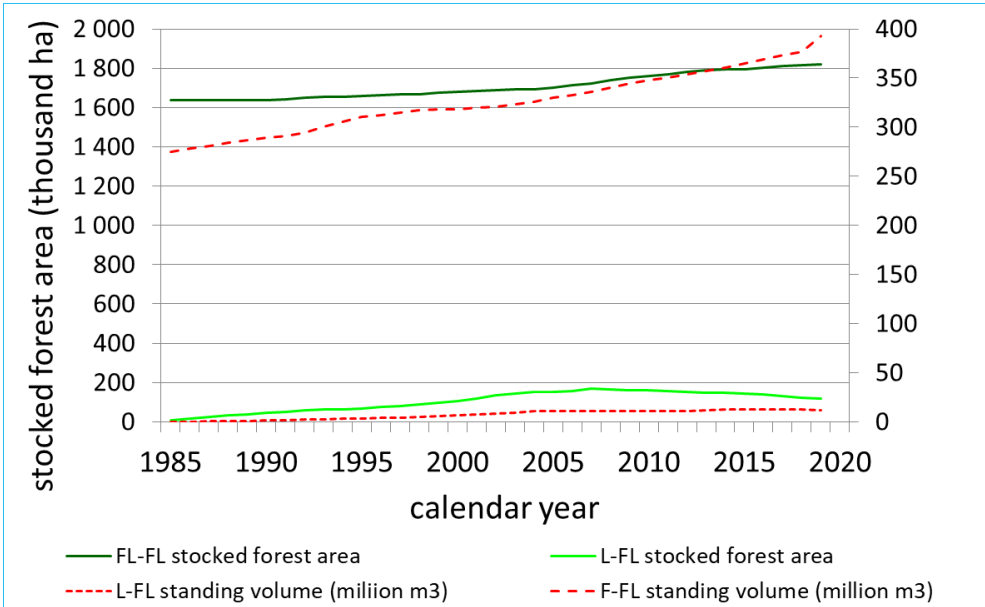


Figure 6.5.1. The area and standing volume of stocked forest on land remaining forest land (FL-FL) and land converted to forest land (L-FL). Note that the values of L-FL are rather small but not zero (see text below).

The data demonstrate that Hungarian forests have had a positive carbon stock change balance for the last three decades, mainly due to the above large-scale afforestations, but also due to the

distribution of the forest area by species as well as over age and site fertility classes, because much less wood has been removed from the forests than the woody increment, and also because of the success to manage forests in a sustainable way in other respects, too.

Considering methodological issues in general, activity data for estimating GHG emissions and removals was taken from the *National Forest Database and related forestry databases* (NFD). These databases contain data on forest sub-compartments by species or species group and age class. Most emission/removal factors, e.g., wood density, are available by species or species group as country specific data (arising from appropriate research projects). Some data are taken from literature, while only IPCC default values were available for other factors (see below). Expert judgment is rarely applied, and they are mentioned each time when such an expert judgment is used.

The following sections describe land identification and how carbon stock changes as well as non-CO₂ emissions are estimated.

6.5.2 Land identification

Forest land information is summarized at the following web address:

http://www.nfk.gov.hu/Forest_resources_and_forest_management_in_Hungary_news_549. The forestry-related databases of National Land Center, Forestry Department (NLC FD) are described in English in detail at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/download.php?id_file=40461

and http://www.nfk.gov.hu/download.php?id_file=40470. In short, a continuous forest inventory is conducted by the Central Agricultural Office Forestry Directorate and related government services. These services have a staff of about 150 forest engineers. The inventory data is stored by stand in a computerized database, i.e., the NFD.

Consistent with Section 6.3 above, land in the forestry sector is identified using a combination of Approach 1 and 2 of Chapter 3 of Volume 4 of the 2006 IPCC GL. The basis of land identification is a field-based, GIS-supported, continuous forest inventory whose main aim is to support the development of forest management plans and the inspection of forestry activities in the forests. The units of the planning are the sub-compartments. Due to this planning, practically all *sub-compartments* (i.e., forest stands) *are surveyed once in every 10 years* (see in more details at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/download.php?id_file=40470), which makes it possible to track the fate of all stands, and thus that of all forest land. The survey produces detailed maps (analog maps from the late 1970s and digital ones based on GIS-interpretation since 2005), as well as a detailed dendrometrical description of the forest stands (e.g., species, mean breast height diameter, mean height, stock volume, number of trees, basal area, crown closure, volume increment etc.). For statistics on tracking forest land, see detailed annual accounts at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/Official_statistics_news_546. (Note that the statistics are only produced in

Hungarian and are demonstrated at the cited webpage as “statistics for the report under the Kyoto Protocol”, but they cover all known forests in the country.)

Note that all changes in volume stocks of all forests due to any causes from growth through harvests and natural disturbances to deforestation (see below) are captured by the above surveys.

From stand-level information, statistics are produced for all forests each year. Data for stands not surveyed in a particular year is updated using growth and yield models each year. In addition to the area information, the forest inventory statistics include, and have always included, all losses of volume stocks due to all deforestations. *Carbon stock changes due to deforestations and afforestations, and those in all other forest areas are reported separately in this inventory.* This is possible by the fact that the operation units of the forest authority (i.e., Forestry Department) estimate and report the annual amount of both deforestations and afforestations within the limits of their area of operation, and these estimates are then totaled to get an estimate for the entire country.

The forest inventory system in Hungary was, just like that in most other countries, designed and run in the last several decades to to be predominantly be able to capture the (entire) *area* that is deemed to be forest according to laws and regulations in effect at any given point in time, and not to capture *changes* of this area. Therefore, any *changes* were only registered as a result of different *mechanisms* that were *required by domestic law*, such as subsidizing afforestations, or inspecting the implementation of the Forest Act in effect, i.e., closely monitoring deforestations. The forest inventory was thus not explicitly designed to capture forest area changes, although it especially aimed at identifying and minimizing deforestations, and in fact effectively resulted in a limited extent of forest area reductions that could not be captured. However, to meet international reporting requirements, conversions involving forests have been registered at stand level since 2008.

The vast majority of the increase of the forest area in the FF sub-category over the past decades is due to the following processes and causes (with expert judgment of their possible extent in the last decade in parenthesis):

- natural expansion of the forest area, i.e., natural establishment of stands (about 20% of the cases), sometimes resulting in an increase of the size of an area due to surpassing the thresholds of “forest” as detailed above,
- re-classification of land (i.e., areas of former “croplands”, “grasslands” or “settlements” etc. that were found during a survey to be covered by trees, possibly due to unregistered earlier afforestation, or where the above thresholds of “forests” had been surpassed since the previous survey, about 60% of the cases), and
- geodesic re-measurements of the area of previously existing stands at subsequent surveys (about 20% of the cases).

The identified changes of the total forest area in any inventory year are thus only partly physical and actual increases of the “forest” area but are partly due to the continuous development of the ability

of the forest inventory and the land-use inventory in general to identify forests with increasing accuracy.

Most stands in the FF category have been identifiable individually since 2008 (see Table 6.5.3 below and also Figure 6.5.2). A complete assessment of FF with respect to the area and carbon stock changes is presented in Chapter 11.2.2.

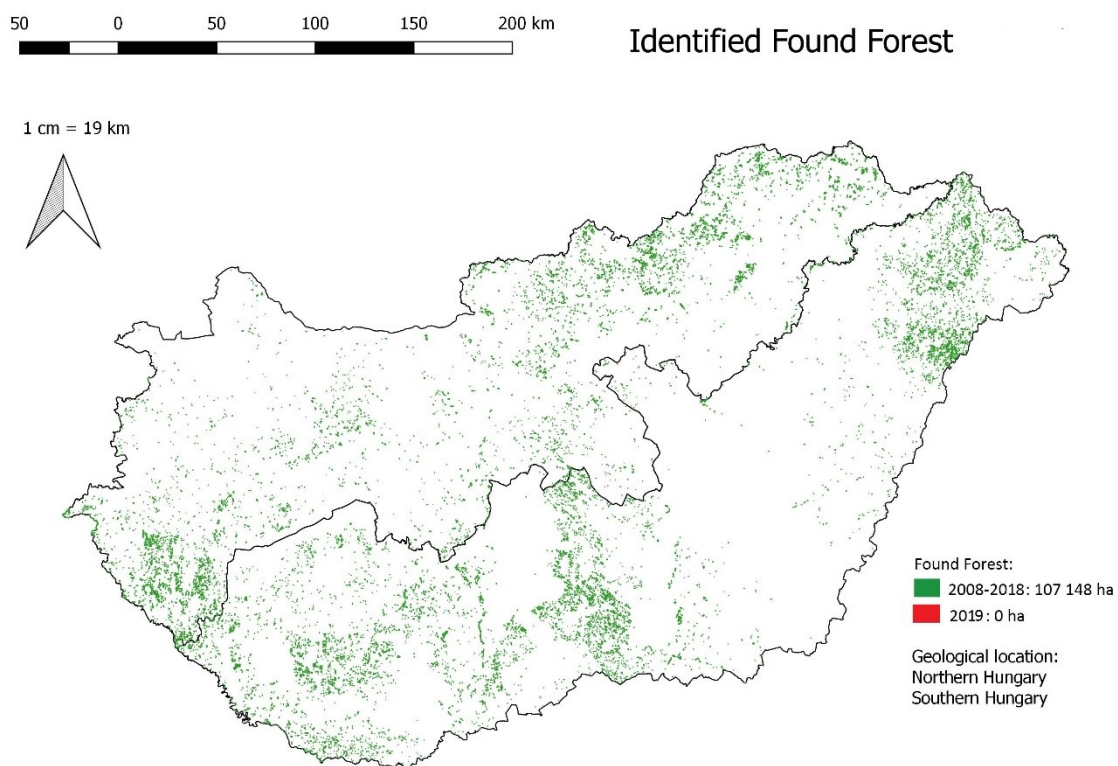


Figure 6.5.2. The distribution of found forests (FF) 2008-2019, with an enlarged portion of a specific region directly showing found forest areas for several years/periods.

One important issue with found forests (FF) is the need to meet a specific requirement of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (section 4.2.1.1) when using the stock difference method (Equation 2.5 of Chapter 2, Volume 4). According to this requirement, when estimating biomass carbon stock changes (and we apply this stock change method, see below), “subsequent inventories must also allow identical area coverage in order to get reliable results”. The area of the sub-category FF has been relatively large in most inventory years, i.e., on average about half of annual afforestations (see Figure 11.1), therefore, it must be, and is indeed kept, for each inventory year separate from the area of forests that were known at the beginning of the inventory year. (Note that, from a statistical and database

management point of view, only those areas can be regarded as “forest” in any inventory year that the forest inventory system “knows” that they exist.) Under the UNFCCC these FF become parts of the forest land in the next inventory year because the definition of FL-FL starts over in each calendar year.

Table 6.5.3. *The algorithm of allocating area to the various land-use and land-use change categories, together with the estimated area (ha) by inventory year for the last several years. In the formulas, t_1 means the beginning of the inventory year (i.e., the end of the preceding year), whereas t_2 means the end of the inventory year. The light-yellow color in some cells of the table (with column title “from DB”) shows that the data in those cells are taken from the database (i.e., they are the result of other calculations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table. FL = Forest Land; FL-FL = Forest land remaining forest land; L-FL = Land converted to forest land; FF = found forest; D = deforestation. Δ is used to denote changes of the value of a land-use sub-category between two points of time, or changes estimated by using another methodology if the data is taken from the database. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding errors; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)*

Inventory year	AREA, ha													
	FL			new D	new FF	L-FL (cumulative)						FL-FL		
	FL = FL-FL + L-FL + new FF					t1	new	moved to FL-FL	D on L-FL	Δ	t2	t1	t2, w/o FF	t2, w/ FF
	t1	t2	Δ	Δ	Δ									
from DB; t2 of prev. year	from DB	t2-t1	from DB	from DB	from DB; t2 of prev. year	from DB	from DB	from DB	from DB	new - moved	t1 + Δ	FL - L-FL	FL - L-FL - new FF	FL - L-FL
2008	2 019 194	2 030 830	11 636	1 152	5 567	167 556	7 220	8 484	0	-1 264	166 292	1 851 638	1 858 970	1 864 537
2009	2 030 830	2 039 347	8 517	1 490	6 489	166 292	3 518	7 285	0	-3 768	162 525	1 864 537	1 870 332	1 876 822
2010	2 039 347	2 046 394	7 048	2 351	3 138	162 525	6 261	6 494	0	-233	162 292	1 876 822	1 880 964	1 884 103
2011	2 046 394	2 050 662	4 267	1 604	4 223	162 292	1 647	6 334	0	-4 687	157 605	1 884 103	1 888 834	1 893 057
2012	2 050 662	2 055 632	4 971	1 713	5 520	157 605	1 164	6 739	0	-5 575	152 030	1 893 057	1 898 082	1 903 603
2013	2 055 632	2 059 453	3 821	1 246	4 369	152 030	697	3 045	0	-2 347	149 683	1 903 603	1 905 401	1 909 771
2014	2 059 453	2 061 432	1 978	1 501	2 058	149 683	1 422	2 713	0	-1 292	148 391	1 909 771	1 910 982	1 913 041
2015	2 061 432	2 060 819	-613	1 699	841	148 391	245	3 946	300	-4 001	144 390	1 913 041	1 915 587	1 916 428
2016	2 060 819	2 058 728	-2 091	2 829	578	144 390	160	6 240	387	-6 467	137 924	1 916 428	1 920 227	1 920 804
2017	2 058 728	2 057 273	-1 455	3 875	1 583	137 924	838	7 854	165	-7 180	130 743	1 920 804	1 924 947	1 926 530
2018	2 057 273	2 055 237	-2 037	3 378	0	130 743	1 341	7 745	113	-6 517	124 226	1 926 530	1 931 010	1 931 010
2019	2 055 237	2 054 281	-955	2 631	0	124 226	1 676	8 219	94	-6 637	117 589	1 931 010	1 936 692	1 936 692

6.5.3 Methodology to estimate biomass carbon stock changes

For the estimation of carbon stock changes of the **biomass carbon pools**, we apply the **definitions** in Section 6.4. Additionally, we define “**wood volume**”, or simply “**volume**” as the total above-ground volume of trees taller than two meters. Note that, in Hungary, the metric “merchantable volume” is not used, and the total above-ground volume is estimated from measured breast-height diameter and total tree height using country-specific volume functions.

With respect to **carbon stock changes in the biomass pools**, only those of trees are estimated using different approaches for the various categories under the UNFCCC and under the KP as the carbon stock of the understory vegetation is negligible. For FL-FL, the basis for all approaches is that, first, we calculate carbon stocks for *all* forests for year N and year N-1. From this, the *difference* of carbon stocks is calculated (i.e., we use the stock difference method, Equation 2.5 of Chapter 2, Volume 4 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines). However, this must be corrected to obtain carbon stock change by

excluding the stock of the *newly found* forests. For the formulas applied, see below; they are also highlighted in Table 7.3.6 (and in Table 11.4 for FM under the KP). Carbon stock *changes* are separately calculated for the other forest-related categories, i.e., L-FL using a category-specific method (see section 7.3.2), for FL-L under the UNFCCC (the latter being equal to D under the KP, using the stock difference method, see sections 6.5.2 and 6.5.3) as well as for AR under the KP (also using the stock difference method, see sections 11.3.1.1 and 11.3.1.2).

In Hungary, the stock difference method is used because, due to the nature of the Hungarian forestry statistics, estimates of total above-ground volume of all forests in the country are available annually. The NFD contains aggregate annual statistics on total growing stocks by species and age classes. These statistics are produced by a bottom-up approach, i.e., growing stocks of stands are aggregated by species and age classes. The stock difference method is also used because, due to the relatively high uncertainties related to annual increment, harvest and mortality statistics, this method is deemed more accurate than the gain-loss method. Systematic errors, i.e., most types of bias, are considerably reduced when consecutive growing stock values are deducted to obtain stock changes. (Note, however, that since growing stocks and their changes incorporate the effects of all processes mentioned above, no particular inferences on emissions and removals can be made separately for any of these processes.)

To estimate carbon stock changes of *all forests*, the first part of Equation 2.8 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines is used:

$$\Delta C_B = (C_{t_2} - C_{t_1}) / (t_2 - t_1)$$

where

ΔC_B = carbon stock changes of biomass (tonnes C)

C_t = carbon stock at time t (tonnes C)

t_1 and t_2 = (final day of) two consecutive years.

To estimate biomass carbon stocks, the second part of Equation 2.8 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines has been *adapted* to the Hungarian conditions (by excluding BEF term from the equation, see below) in the following form:

$$C_t = [V_t * D] * (1 + R) * CF$$

where:

V_t = growing stock (i.e., above-ground volume of all trees) at time t (m^3)

D = basic wood density, tonnes m^{-3}

R = root-to-shoot ratio (dimensionless)

CF = carbon fraction of biomass (tonnes C tonnes biomass $^{-1}$).

Tree volume in the forest inventory is calculated from measured diameter and height of sample trees using the volume functions by Kiraly (1978) which are in turn based on the volume tables by Sopp et al. (1974). These functions were derived from field measurement of many felled trees, and directly provide total aboveground volume information which includes the volume of stem, all branches, twigs and bark, i.e., all above-ground parts of the trees. Thus, no (biomass or volume) expansion factors are included in the calculations (i.e., their value is taken to be equal to 1).

Growing stock is estimated during the continuous survey of the forest inventory from various stand measures (such as height, diameter, basal area, and density) depending on species, age, site and stand quality. More accurate methods are usually used for stands of higher volume stocks. Given that, as mentioned above, growth and yield functions are used in years between surveys to update volume stocks of each stand, volume and carbon stocks are available for each stand and for each inventory year. (Note that, according to Somogyi, 2008b, the growth of trees accelerated in Hungary recently. Yield tables cannot be regularly updated, however, this growth increase is equivalent to a small underestimation of the updated volume stock changes and net CO₂ removals, thus, the approach is conservative.)

For inventory years prior to 2008, we only identified the total area of FF (i.e., found forests), and conducted a sampling of management plans to establish their specific growing stock (m^3/ha). From these values, total growing stock of FF could be estimated for each inventory year by using the total FF area. The mean growing stock of all FF that were identified before 2007 is 129.6 m^3/ha . For years 2008 and later, we are able to directly estimate the volume stock of all FF land, and thus we are able to report that the average growing stock is 126.9, 122.0, 123.4, 123.2, 127.7, 116.7, 134.3, 150.2, 141.1, and 159.9 m^3ha^{-1} for the years of 2008-2019, respectively. The mean age of FF is 25.5, 22.2, 24.7, 22.9, 22.8, 22.0, 23.7, 27.8, 25.5 and 26.9 years for the years of 2008-2017, respectively. In 2018 and 2019, no new forests were found.

Concerning wood density, a new set of basic wood densities was introduced in 2010. This dataset (Table 6.5.4), which is used across all reporting years, includes basic wood densities based on a thorough revision of data reported in literature combined with re-measurements of wood densities for some species in a dedicated project (Somogyi, 2008a). Note that, to be consistent with the approach to use total aboveground volumes, the basic wood densities applied were measured from samples taken from all above-ground parts of the sample trees, including branches and bark.

Table 6.5.4. Basic wood density values for the main tree species and species groups in Hungary (Somogyi, 2008a).

Species or species group	Basic wood density (t/m ³)
Quercus robur	0.57
Quercus pertaea	0.61
Other quercus	0.55
Quercus cerris	0.64
Fagus silvatica	0.59
Carpinus betulus	0.58
Robinia pseudoacacia	0.59
Acer sp.	0.52
Ulmus sp.	0.58
Fraxinus sp.	0.56
Other hard broadleaves	0.5
Hybrid poplars	0.34
Indigenous poplars	0.36
Salix sp.	0.36
Alnus sp.	0.43
Tilia sp.	0.48
Other soft broadleaves	0.48
Pinus silvestris	0.42
Pinus nigra	0.47
Picea abies	0.39
Larix decidua	0.49
Other conifers	0.37

With respect to below-ground biomass, a general value for the root-to-shoot ratio (R) is applied. Due to lack of proper country-specific data, and in order to be consistent with previous estimates, IPCC default values (Table 4.4 of Chapter 4 of Volume 4 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines) were considered by expert judgment). Considering that the majority of the forests in Hungary is young, and that the average volume stocks of FL-FL (calculated on the basis of volume and the area of forest sub-compartments) is 177.7 m³ ha⁻¹ (in 1990) and 209.1 m³ ha⁻¹ (in 2019), which demonstrates that stands predominantly grow on medium-quality sites, a conservative value of R of 0.25 is used for all species. The IPCC default values have relatively high uncertainty, but we believe that the probable

value for the Hungarian forests is significantly higher than 0.25, which is thus a conservative value as long as forests are net sinks.

Concerning the carbon fraction of dry wood, the IPCC default values, i.e., 0.48 and 0.51 tonnes C tonnes biomass⁻¹ (Table 4.3 of Chapter 4 of Volume 4 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines) were used for broadleaves and coniferous species, respectively. (These values, just like wood density and R, were consistently applied for the entire time series.)

Note that losses of carbon in biomass on land converted to forests are also reported in section 6.5.5 below using the methodology described in section 6.4.4 above.

6.5.4 Forest Land remaining Forest Land (CRF sector 4.A.1)

6.5.4.1 Category description

The main inventory estimates for the FL-FL category can be found in Table 6.5.5, whereas Table 6.5.6 summarizes methodological information for this category. (Note that, in order to be consistent with the CRF tables, only the area of forest and other sub-compartments is reported in this table.)

Table 6.5.5. *The area of forest and other sub-compartments as well as emissions (+) and removals (-) in the FL-FL sub-category by gas and inventory year.*

Inventory year	Emissions (+) and removals (-) in the FL-FL sub-category by gas and inventory year					
	Area	CO ₂	CH ₄	CO	N ₂ O	NO _x
	(ha)	(Gg)	(Gg)	(Gg)	(Gg)	(Gg)
1985	1 635 800	-735	0.678	10.653	0.027	0.351
1986	1 635 604	-3 289	0.692	10.896	0.028	0.358
1987	1 635 796	-3 596	0.662	10.401	0.027	0.343
1988	1 636 004	-3 830	0.646	10.177	0.026	0.335
1989	1 636 181	-2 530	0.645	10.153	0.026	0.334
1990	1 636 340	-3 055	0.597	9.416	0.024	0.310
1991	1 643 085	-2 719	0.572	8.961	0.023	0.296
1992	1 650 604	-3 289	0.515	8.005	0.021	0.265
1993	1 652 519	-5 445	0.433	6.575	0.017	0.220
1994	1 655 188	-5 855	0.435	6.541	0.017	0.220
1995	1 659 319	-5 734	0.458	6.923	0.018	0.232
1996	1 663 674	-1 784	0.500	7.570	0.020	0.254
1997	1 666 360	-2 018	0.494	7.361	0.019	0.249
1998	1 668 902	-2 924	0.475	7.022	0.018	0.238
1999	1 675 285	-871	0.316	7.035	0.017	0.202
2000	1 680 168	146	0.497	7.237	0.028	0.317
2001	1 684 317	-1 307	0.429	6.863	0.024	0.274
2002	1 689 771	-591	0.422	6.704	0.023	0.270
2003	1 691 481	-2 606	0.398	6.560	0.022	0.254
2004	1 692 890	-1 571	0.287	6.421	0.016	0.183
2005	1 701 791	-3 746	0.662	6.383	0.037	0.422
2006	1 711 891	-1 548	0.279	6.192	0.015	0.178
2007	1 723 310	-1 727	0.577	5.719	0.032	0.368
2008	1 737 068	-3 321	0.262	5.788	0.014	0.167
2009	1 750 392	-2 436	0.248	5.316	0.014	0.158
2010	1 759 816	-2 156	0.276	6.075	0.015	0.178
2011	1 770 097	-2 108	0.633	6.994	0.035	0.420
2012	1 781 574	-3 115	0.536	6.745	0.030	0.342
2013	1 788 456	-2 315	0.382	6.903	0.021	0.249
2014	1 792 625	-3 440	0.463	6.650	0.026	0.301
2015	1 796 330	-4 030	0.680	6.436	0.038	0.442
2016	1 801 418	-3 230	0.334	6.368	0.018	0.215
2017	1 809 308	-3 769	0.611	6.522	0.034	0.404
2018	1 814 949	-3 177	0.347	6.765	0.019	0.224
2019	1 820 955	-3 888	0.521	6.493	0.029	0.346

Table 6.5.6. Methodological summary for the Forest Land remaining Forest Land category.
(CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Table(5) I, II, V
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
FL-FL	E/R	CS	D/EJ	AD: CS; EF:CS	Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source)	Mineral: Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source)	Fertilization: IE
						Organic: AD: CS	Drainage and re-wetting: NO
						EF: D	Biomass burning (slash burning + wildfires): AD: CS; EF: D
Uncertainty	Results of the Tier 2 (Monte Carlo) analysis under FM are applicable	N/A				Results of the Tier 2 (Monte Carlo, where applicable) analysis under FM are applicable	

6.5.4.2 CO₂ emissions and removals

The methodology to estimate emissions and removals in the forestry sector is based on that of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Whenever it was possible, country specific data was used (Tier 2), and IPCC default values (Tier 1) and expert judgment were only used in a few cases. Emissions and removals from the biomass and soil carbon pools are quantified and reported, however, due to lack of data, only assumptions are applied with respect to the other carbon pools to comply with requirements for completeness.

6.5.4.2.1 Biomass

Carbon stock changes of the biomass pool in the FL-FL category are calculated from those of the entire Forest Land, D and L-FL sub-categories. The methodology applied for the various sub-categories is as described in section 6.4 above. The input data from these categories, together with the formulas that are used to derive the FL-FL estimates are included in Table 6.5.7 below. The calculation method used ensures that the stocks of the new FF are excluded from calculating net removals. However, the net removals of all FF are included in the net removals of the FL-FL category. These removals for the areas that are found in the inventory year are not estimated based on a dedicated survey in the newly found forests, rather, using an area specific mean net removal value (just like an “implied emission factor”) of the entire FL-FL category (calculated as the ratio of the total net removals and total area of forest sub-compartments), multiplied by the total area of found forests.

Table 6.5.7 Algorithms and data sources of calculating carbon stock changes for FL-FL under the UNFCCC, together with sample data for the last few years. For the calculation of emissions and removals from other categories in the table, see also the respective sections. The light yellow color in some cells of the table (with column title “from DB”) shows that the data in those cells are taken from the database (i.e., they are the result of other calculations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table from the respective cells. NE means net emissions, and IEF means “implied emission factor”. Symbol Δ is used to denote changes estimated as either differences between the value of a land-use category at two time points or using another methodology. All other notations are as in Table 6.5.3. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding errors; for precise numbers, see the respective CRF tables.)

Inventory year	ΔC of BIOMASS under the UNFCCC, GgCO ₂													
	FL		new FF (identified in the inventory year)		D, new		FL		L-FL			L-FL net	FL-FL	
	gross Δ	IEF	stock	IEF	Δ	IEF	net Δ = NR	IEF	gains	IEF	losses	Δ	NR	IEF
	from DB	NR/area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)	from DB	stock /area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)	from DB	Δ /area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)	gross ΔFL - new FF stock - D	NR/area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)	from DB	gains /area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)	from DB, only for information in this table	gains+ losses, only for information in this table	net ΔFL - L-FL gains (includes NR of all FF)	NR/area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)
2008	-5 048	-0.002652	-876	-0.1573	26	0.0886	-5 950	-0.003126	-1 229	-0.151193	123	-1 105	-4 721	-0.002532
2009	-4 139	-0.002163	-980	-0.1510	61	0.1350	-5 179	-0.002707	-1 172	-0.139197	62	-1 110	-4 007	-0.002135
2010	-3 603	-0.001875	-479	-0.1527	29	0.1382	-4 111	-0.002139	-1 187	-0.133816	100	-1 087	-2 924	-0.001552
2011	-3 566	-0.001850	-644	-0.1524	47	0.1709	-4 257	-0.002208	-1 117	-0.123025	31	-1 086	-3 139	-0.001658
2012	-4 578	-0.002368	-871	-0.1579	132	0.1682	-5 581	-0.002886	-1 072	-0.114579	24	-1 048	-4 509	-0.002369
2013	-3 692	-0.001905	-630	-0.1441	62	0.1161	-4 384	-0.002262	-1 061	-0.104631	16	-1 045	-3 323	-0.001740
2014	-4 632	-0.002386	-341	-0.1659	85	0.1407	-5 058	-0.002606	-1 072	-0.100426	22	-1 050	-3 986	-0.002084
2015	-5 059	-0.002607	-156	-0.1855	117	0.0844	-5 332	-0.002747	-1 052	-0.093299	4	-1 048	-4 280	-0.002233
2016	-4 159	-0.002144	-101	-0.1747	151	0.0715	-4 411	-0.002275	-1 020	-0.080604	3	-1 017	-3 391	-0.001765
2017	-4 776	-0.002462	-313	-0.1975	171	0.0997	-5 259	-0.002711	-987	-0.066831	13	-974	-4 272	-0.002217
2018	-3 919	-0.002021	0	#DIV/0!	218	0.0982	-4 136	-0.002133	-958	-0.058143	23	-936	-3 178	-0.001646
2019	-4 589	-0.002367	0	#DIV/0!	228	0.0987	-4 817	-0.002485	-929	-0.049681	28	-901	-3 888	-0.002007

The resulting carbon stock changes in FL-FL, in combination with those in L-FL (see below) demonstrate that the biomass of the forests in Hungary has been a sink for the last three decades. This is consistent with the fact that the total current annual increment (CAI) for the country has been estimated to be much higher than the annual harvests for all historical years (Figure 6.5.3).

The net volume stock changes, and thus the net carbon stock changes display some variability which is a partly consequence of the relatively stable CAI estimates and the rather variable harvest estimates. It is also to note that the reported variability is considered to partly represent true variability. The applied survey method (i.e., continuous inventory, the use of yield tables for updating between two consecutive surveys etc.) both reduces and removes some variability. Other components of the true variability, which are related to the annual variation of true increment of the stands due to weather, cannot be captured by our estimation system. However, the inter-annual variability of the FL-FL carbon stock change estimates is not an artefact, and reflects relatively small changes in relatively large carbon stocks (these carbon stock changes being, in the last couple of years, less than one percent of the total biomass carbon stocks).

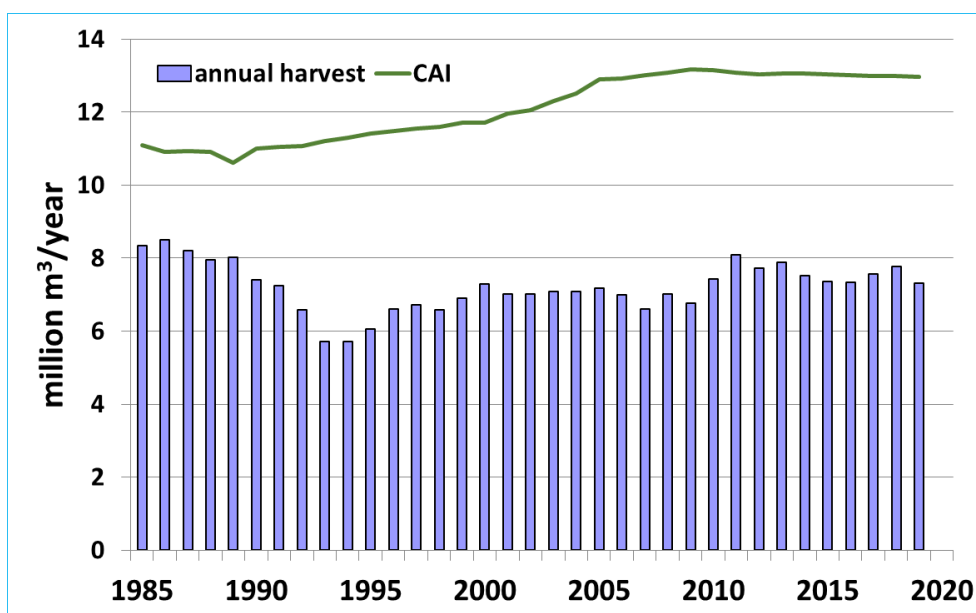


Figure 6.5.3 Annual harvest and current annual increment (CAI) in Hungary for the entire time series. Data source: National Forest Database.

6.5.4.2.2 Dead organic matter

Of all dead organic matter (DOM), we can report on the carbon stock changes of the deadwood (DW) pool based on measurements by the National Forest Inventory (see Chapter 6.5.5.2.). The method of the estimation is described in Chapter 6.5.5.2.2. The estimates show that the total amount of the above-ground and below-ground deadwood has been slowly but steadily increasing since 1985 (Figure 6.5.4).

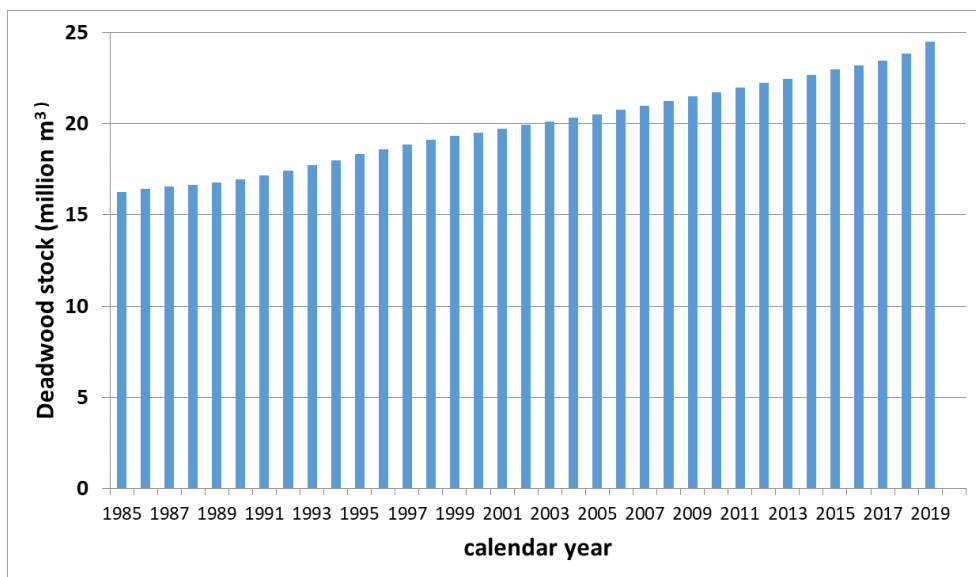


Figure 6.5.4. The amount of the sum of the above-ground and below-ground deadwood stock in the Hungarian forests (except for afforested land). Data source: National Forest Inventory.

This increase of the amount of deadwood stock, and also that of litter, in the Hungarian forests is mainly due to two reasons. One is the high level of sustainability of the management of existing forests, which means that, for many years, less wood has been harvested than what is grown (Figure 6.5.3). The difference of increment and harvests is large enough to claim not only sustained yield as detailed above, but also to assume that a lot of the uncut trees die due to the well-known process of self-thinning in stands where density has become high, which results in the increase of the amount of deadwood. Also, for the last several decades, close-to-nature forest management has been promoted in Hungary, and clear-cuts were restricted, especially after the adoption of the most recent Forest Act of 2009. This Act requests that semi-natural forests be managed in an increasingly natural way, which includes leaving more deadwood in the forest after harvests than before, that gaps in the canopy be created and maintained, and that species mixture be enhanced. As a result of the implementation of these requirements, we can safely assume the accumulation of both deadwood and litter in the Hungarian forests for the last several decades.

Another reason of the increase of the amount of deadwood and litter in all forests is that about one-third of all forests are afforestations since 1930 (i.e., before 1985), and most of these forests are still in their intensive growing phase, which means that carbon stocks of DOM pools have not saturated yet.

Finally, no major disturbances or other processes have occurred that could have resulted in substantial emissions from the DOM. Therefore, although no quantitative estimates can be made on the increase

of the amount of DOM, the Tier 1 assumption can safely be made for litter, at least on average in the long run, that this pool is not a source.

The application of this assumption, as in most other countries, is due to the prohibitive costs and the very high variability which would require a very high number of plots and measurements that would still not necessarily reduce uncertainty to an acceptable level. Our neighbouring country, Austria e.g., demonstrated in its NIR of 2020¹ that the uncertainty of the litter and soil pools of forest land is very high, and that Monte-Carlo-simulations showed that these two pools have by far the highest contributions (3/4 to 4/5) to the total uncertainties of the emissions/removals of the total forest land subcategory.

There are very few examples for a litter monitoring that could be used for the actual estimation of carbon stock changes in the litter pool. One example is the one of the Netherlands where five different datasets were combined for the purposes of the GHG inventory², yet, it was concluded that: "The results of the Monte Carlo analysis consistently showed a carbon sink in litter; however the magnitude was very uncertain (Figure 4.5). Therefore, the more conservative estimate was used to set the accumulation of carbon in litter in Forest Land remaining Forest Land to zero.... Consequently, under the KP accounting the litter carbon pool under Forest Management is considered to be not a source."

Some countries apply modelling (e.g., the YASSO model) to estimate soil and litter carbon stock changes. However, to correctly apply such a model, proper parametrization or validation is required, and while we are also thinking about applying such a model, we are not yet ready to do it especially considering the still high uncertainty of applying such a model.

¹ page 411 in: AUSTRIA'S NATIONAL INVENTORY REPORT 2020. Submission under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and under the Kyoto Protocol. URL:

<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/aut-2020-nir-15apr20.zip>

² pages 38-40 in: Greenhouse gas reporting for the LULUCF sector in the Netherlands.

Methodological background, update 2019. E.J.M.M. Arets, J.W.H. van der Kolk, G.M. Hengeveld, J.P. Lesschen, H. Kramer, P.J. Kuikman & M.J. Schelhaas. Statutory Research Tasks Unit for Nature & the Environment, Wageningen, February 2019. URL:

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwih77Gb7NnsAhXK_qQKHwkcBN8QFjAAegQIAhAC&url=https%3A%2F%2Fedepot.wur.nl%2F472433&usg=AOvVaw0FMmuFuzUNAMeVTRMNMZkk

Therefore, by also considering the practicability principle, and applying the combination of literature review and sound scientific reasoning, we limit our analysis to demonstrating that this pool is not a source.

The above-mentioned monitoring in the Netherlands demonstrates that, in correlation with the increase of the biomass carbon stocks, the carbon stocks of both the deadwood and the litter pools are also increasing. Given the similarities between the forests of the two countries (not necessarily concerning forest types but other relevant characteristics such as age distribution which determine the trends over large forested areas), the above correlation also applies to Hungary, and since our biomass carbon stocks have been increasing for several decades now, it follows that the litter carbon stocks have also been increasing.

As mentioned above, there is evidence from our NFI that the deadwood C stock is increasing in forest land remaining forest land. Litter is a pool that contains dead mass of plants from two main sources: one is leaves and the other is dead woody parts such as twigs and cones that have not been accounted for in the deadwood pool. This means that the amount of carbon in the deadwood and litter pools are correlated, and thus an increasing deadwood C stock means an increasing litter C stock.

As a final argument, we repeat that the main reason for the increase of the deadwood C stock in Hungary is the ageing of the forests (in general, there is less litter fall in young forests than in older ones) and the low intensity of harvest relative to the current annual increment. When harvests are less than current annual increment, self-thinning kicks in sooner or later, producing more and more of both deadwood and litter. On the other hand, there are no processes in the Hungarian forests that would lead to the loss of litter (or deadwood). The Hungarian forests have been sustainably managed (at least with respect to area and biomass) for decades, and transition to the forest land remaining forest land of formerly afforested areas, as well as that of found forests also to land under FM, ensure that the increase of both the area and the carbon stock in the FM category is larger than losses (note that losses due to deforestation are accounted for in the D category).

6.5.4.2.3 Soils

As noted above, the Tier 1 assumptions applied for mineral soils in the forest land remaining forest land, i.e., that these mineral soils are in carbon equilibrium. However, because the amount of dead organic matter increases, the DOM input into the soils increases which ensures that, even if slowly, the carbon stocks of the soils increase. Although there are some events in some forests that lead to emissions (e.g., natural disturbances, harvests etc.), there is a carbon sink in large areas. We are currently not able to estimate the net effect of these processes, therefore, carbon stock changes are not reported quantitatively, but we can conclude based on reasoning (see details in Chapter 11) that, overall, mineral soils can be considered to be not a source.

With respect to organic soils, we conducted a dedicated project (Illés et al. 2013) to identify the forest area on organic soils. In this project, we measured the depth and carbon content of various layers in a

sample of about 130 stands where it was suspected that we identify organic soils. The results of the project show that, in fact, the total area of forests on organic soils in the country amounts to 6.46 kha (the distribution of stands of organic soil is demonstrated on Figure 6.5.5). There is no rewetting in Hungary. The emissions from the current organic soils, which were typically drained several decades ago, were earlier calculated by multiplying this area by the default emission factor of $0.68 \text{ tCO}_2\text{ha}^{-1}$. The formula is still applied (i.e., it is the same as Equation 2.26 of the 2006 IPCC GL), however, we apply a more recently published default emission factor, which is the IPCC default EF given in Table 2.1 of the Wetlands Supplement for Drained Forest land, temperate zone. This value, i.e., $2.6 \text{ tCO}_2\text{ha}^{-1}$, is higher than the previous default, and we recalculated (in 2017) our emission estimates using this value for the entire time-series in order to be conservative.

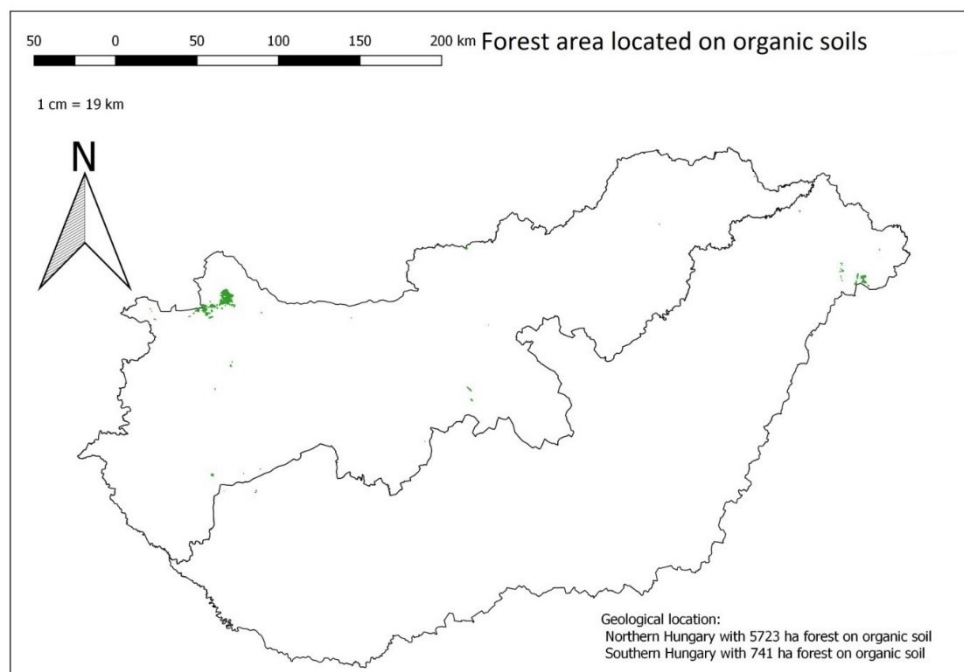


Figure 6.5.5. The distribution of forest stands on organic soil in Hungary (based on Illés et al., 2013).

6.5.4.2.4 Harvested Wood Products

The following data sources were used for the estimation of the carbon stock changes of the harvested wood products (HWP) pool:

- international databases:
 - UNECE/FAO TIMBER database, 1964-2010, as of January 2012;
 - Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) by ITTO, 2011-14;

- domestic forestry databases:
 - Halász Aladár, Erdőgazdaságunk, faiparunk és faellátásunk helyzete és fejlődése 1920-1958-ig; Közgazdasági és jogi könyvkiadó, Budapest, 1960., 333 p.;
 - Halász Aladár: Faellátásunk helyzete és fejlődése; Mezőgazdasági Könyvkiadó Vállalat Budapest, 1966., 322 p.;
 - Halász Aladár: A magyar erdészet 70 éve számokban 1920-1990; FM Erdőrendezési Szolgálat Budapest, 1994., 204 p.,
 - OSAP (Országos Statisztikai Adatgyűjtési Program, or National Statistical Data Collection Program, by the National Food Chain Safety Office) and
 - production and export/import data of the National Statistical Office (KSH).

Data are available since 1900 for the production categories as well as by domestic removals, import and export, however, due to concerns for data accuracy, only data since 1964 have been used. Some data as examples are shown in Table 6.5.8.

The methodology used was first published by Király and Kottek (2014). Exports and imports were treated according to Equations 2.8.1 (for industrial roundwood) and 2.8.2 (for wood pulp) of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement. The amounts of volume that are accounted for as input to the HWP pool exclude firewood as its carbon stock is accounted for using the instantaneous oxidation method.

Annual volumes of wood products were converted to carbon using the default conversion factors from Table 2.8.1 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement. To estimate net carbon stock changes of the HWP pool, the Tier 2 first order decay calculation method was used, i.e., Equation 12.1 from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, together with default half life time values as required by Equation 2.8.5 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement, i.e., two years for paper, 25 years for wood panels and 35 years for sawn wood. Instantaneous oxidation assumed for wood in solid waste disposal sites.

Table 6.5.8. Volume or mass of wood in selected inventory years by product and production categories used in the calculation of the carbon stock changes of the HWP pool.

Wood product category	Type of quantity	Unit	Calendar year												
			1990	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Industrial roundwood	Removals	1000 m ³	3 518	2 822	2 365	2 746	3 018	2 987	3 169	3 119	3 065	2 950	2 862	3 038	2 892
	Import	1000 m ³	958	261	195	262	250	208	207	224	284	315	225	353	275
	Export	1000 m ³	1 159	725	691	875	881	858	975	871	680	683	634	547	624
Wood pulp	Production	1000 m.t.	46	0	0	0	4	6	2	24	19	22	21	21	28
	Import	1000 m.t.	152	107	91	88	109	94	106	131	142	130	141	149	140
	Export	1000 m.t.	3	0	0	0	4	6	2	24	10	0	0	0	2
Coniferous sawnwood	Production	1000 m ³	331	89	88	13	122	90	33	36	73	61	65	61	62
Non-Coniferous sawnwood	Production	1000 m ³	767	118	87	77	100	153	76	84	95	112	109	111	104
Veneer sheets	Production	1000 m ³	14	34	27	28	95	46	37	63	14	38	41	46	47
Plywood	Production	1000 m ³	14	19	17	5	38	43	26	61	47	34	46	58	67
Particle board (including OSB)	Production	1000 m ³	317	606	257	487	243	226	133	349	418	412	662	698	669
Hardboard	Production	1000 m ³	0	120	112	152	167	160	177	166	168	124	177	209	201
MDF (medium density fibreboard)	Production	1000 m ³	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fibreboard, compressed	Production	1000 m ³	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other board	Production	1000 m ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paper and paperboard	Production	1000 m.t.	443	424	435	640	696	641	675	765	793	823	852	846	873

Note that, in Hungary, the estimated carbon stock changes are relatively small due to the fact that the annual amounts of carbon entering this pool (i.e., through non-firewood wood products from harvests) and exiting it (i.e., through products ending their life cycle) are about the same in subsequent years.

See also section 11.5.2.5 for other details.

6.5.4.3 Non-CO₂ emissions

Estimated non-CO₂ emissions include those from burning of slash on-site and those from wildfires. Non-CO₂ emissions from these sources are not significant and are only reported for the sake of completeness and that of time series consistency with previous years. CO₂ emissions from these sources are accounted for in the biomass pool, because we apply the stock-change method. The carbon in the non-CO₂ emissions, i.e., the carbon of CO and CH₄, has been accounted for in the carbon stock change of the biomass pool, these gases are nevertheless reported because of their high global warming potential, because the double counting of the carbon is negligible and also to comply with the 2006 IPCC GL.

6.5.4.4 Non-CO₂ emissions from burning of slash

The estimation of the amount of emissions is done according to section 6.4.3 with the following modification:

$$M_b = V_b * D$$

where

V_b = volume burnt, m³ (only includes biomass, reported in Table 6.5.9), and

D = wood density, kg biomass m⁻³ (values used here are the same as those used to estimate carbon stock changes in biomass, see Table 6.5.4 above); and

$$V_b = V_H * C_f$$

where

V_H = total harvest, m³ of wood removed from forest (taken from harvest statistics), and

C_f = combustion factor, dimensionless, for which we use average country-specific values by species (*Rumpf, 2013*). Although these estimates are also based on expert solicitation, they are considered more accurate than the expert judgment applied previously and are in line with in legislature on burning in forests.

Finally, when estimating non-CO₂ emissions from the above data, default IPCC G_{ef} values were used in our calculations in Equation 2.27 (see Section 6.4.3).

Table 6.5.9. The amount of harvested volume, slash burnt and forest fires based on all available data.

Reporting year	The amount of controlled burning and forest fires based on all available data					
	Harvested volume (m3)	Slash burned on site (t)	Number of wildfires in forest	Area of forest subcompartments burnt in forest and agricultural fires EFFIS (ha)	Area of forest subcompartments burnt in forest fires (ha)	Wood volume burnt in forest fires (m3)
1985	8 345 562	99 560	NE	NE	NE	NE
1986	8 500 991	101 835	NE	NE	NE	NE
1987	8 193 145	97 202	NE	NE	NE	NE
1988	7 960 397	95 109	NE	NE	NE	NE
1989	8 031 779	94 892	NE	NE	NE	NE
1990	7 415 162	88 002	NE	NE	NE	NE
1991	7 255 202	83 750	NE	NE	NE	NE
1992	6 589 097	74 816	NE	NE	NE	NE
1993	5 723 745	61 452	NE	NE	NE	NE
1994	5 717 468	61 131	NE	NE	NE	NE
1995	6 049 151	64 698	NE	NE	NE	NE
1996	6 603 733	70 750	NE	NE	NE	NE
1997	6 713 101	68 793	NE	NE	NE	NE
1998	6 578 931	65 630	NE	NE	NE	NE
1999	6 900 612	65 749	229	756	756	3 000
2000	7 287 456	67 632	811	1 595	1 595	80 000
2001	7 010 979	64 142	419	na	1 223	57 000
2002	7 013 167	62 653	382	1 227	1 226	57 000
2003	7 085 514	61 312	375	845	1 054	49 000
2004	7 094 753	60 013	104	247	354	2 000
2005	7 167 426	59 651	150	3 531	3 530	170 000
2006	7 005 190	57 872	97	625	625	3 000
2007	6 609 099	53 444	139	4 636	2 057	160 660
2008	7 024 025	54 091	54	2 404	402	2 730
2009	6 773 537	49 679	87	6 463	845	7 000
2010	7 424 046	56 780	7	878	239	5 324
2011	8 080 206	65 363	569	8 055	1 189	149 651
2012	7 731 605	63 038	712	14 115	4 303	120 918
2013	7 874 792	64 518	259	1 955	407	36 457
2014	7 517 408	62 152	367	4 454	756	79 768
2015	7 354 188	60 153	421	4 730	1 593	192 394
2016	7 338 350	59 516	161	974	218	24 049
2017	7 576 110	60 950	575	1 454	1 222	150 353
2018	7 766 751	63 224	530	906	275	22 832
2019	7 315 179	60 687	2 088	6 541	844	115 887

6.5.4.4.1 Non-CO₂ emissions from wildfires

Wildfires are very erratic in nature and are not a really significant phenomenon in Hungary. Beginning 1999, the Fire Department started to provide data on the number and area of forest wildfires, however, until 2006, these numbers are not deemed accurate, and the emissions based on these are only rough estimates.

In 2006, Hungary joined the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS, <http://effis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>), and a new database was established. Thus, beginning 2007, the Fire Department locates the fires, surveys the affected area, and, subsequently, the Forest Authority identifies the affected forest sub-compartments. This identification is done on site, after the fire. The Forest Authority also develops data, based on area estimates by the National Directorate for Disaster Management of the Ministry of the Interior, on the growing stock that was burnt in fires. This way, the activity data is double-checked, and the emissions can be accurately calculated based on the standing volume.

The amount of wood volume burnt in wildfires between 1999-2006 are calculated by the ratio of fire-affected area and the burned growing stock per unit area of wildfires of 2007-2008.

With the exclusion of some areas affected by forest fires that are subsequently considered and reported as Deforestation (D), the vast majority of burnt areas remain under forest management by law, and the Forest Authority prescribes and inspects the reforestation/regeneration of these areas.

The estimation of the amount of emissions is done according to section 6.4.3 with the modification that is also applied for slash burned, see above. The amount of V_b , i.e., the amount of volume burnt in the areas affected is reported in Table 6.5.9 above (i.e., $C_f = 1$). Finally, when estimating non-CO₂ emissions themselves from the above data, default IPCC G_{ef} values were used in Equation 2.27 (see Section 6.4.3).

6.5.5 Land converted to Forest land (CRF sector 4.A.2)

6.5.5.1 Category description

In Hungary, mainly former croplands are afforested. Converting grasslands to forests occurs less frequently (in about 15% of all conversions), whereas converting other areas to forests is marginal, therefore, we predominantly report carbon stock changes from converting croplands and grasslands to forest land.

Land converted to forest land includes areas that, apart from soils, do not contain much carbon in either of the carbon pools before they are afforested. These areas are subject to the effect of intensive photosynthesis after the afforestation which, possibly after some lag, usually results in the increase of carbon in all carbon pools. An exception to this is cropland where perennial biomass is present before the afforestation. Concerning soils, cropland usually has less carbon than forest land. Thus, converting land to forest land generally increases the amount of carbon in each pool, although at different rates, due to tree growth after the afforestation.

Figure 6.5.6 reports estimated emissions and removals for the various pools, whereas Table 6.5.10 summarizes methodological information. See also Section 11 for other details.

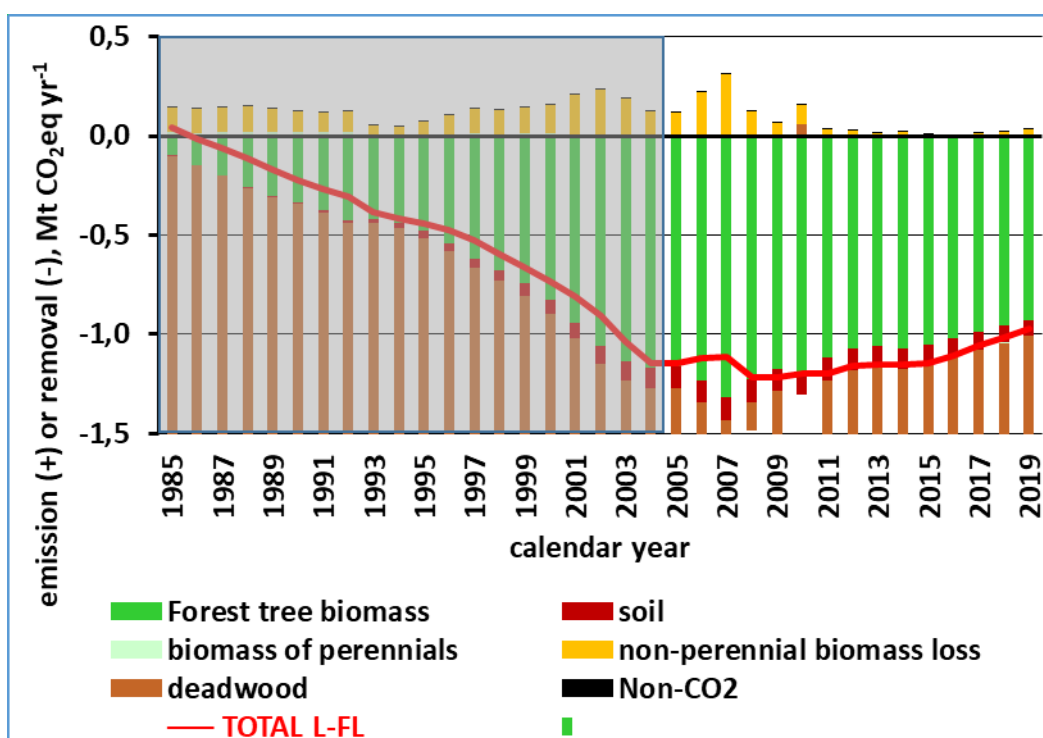


Figure 6.5.6. The sources of emissions and removals in the various pools in the L-FL category. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

Table 6.5.10. Methodological summary for Land converted to Forest Land. (CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes				Table(5) I, II, V	
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI		SOIL
L-FL	E/R	Post-conversion: CS	D/EJ	AD: CS; EF:CS	AD: CS; EF:CS	Mineral: AD: CS	Fertilization: IE
						EF: CS	Drainage and re-wetting: NO
						Organic: not occurring	Biomass burning: NO
Uncertainty	Tier 2 (Monte Carlo)		NE				

6.5.5.2 CO₂ emissions and removals

6.5.5.2.1 Biomass

6.5.5.2.2 CO₂ emissions and removals from the biomass pool are estimated from carbon stock changes due to gains in the trees appearing after the afforestations and losses of biomass before the conversion, if any. Whereas a country-specific method is applied for the estimation of gains, Equation 16 of the 2006 IPCC GL are used to estimate losses (see section 6.4.4). For both procedures, the estimation of the conversion area is necessary.

6.5.5.2.3 Area of conversion

The area is taken from the “initial planting of afforestations” statistics of the NFCSO Forestry Directorate by target stand-type (Quercus sp., Quercus cerris and other hard broadleaved, Fagus, Robinia, Hybrid Poplar and Salix sp., Indigenous poplars and other soft broadleaved, and Conifers). For the period 2008-2019 the data is taken from the AR database. Data for 1990-2007 was taken from a historical dataset of the Forest Authority that is primarily used to have a subsidy-supporting roll. The area of L-FL cannot be identified on sub-compartment-level in this period. Therefore, for the entire period, modeling was used to develop the growing stock, increment and removal data based on total annual conversion area and age-mean volume function (see below).

Table 6.5.11 below demonstrates the evolution of total area of the category over time (similar tables are used for the estimation by the above species groups). The table shows the area *entering* the category as new afforestation in the second column (under year 1). The area in a year is then rolled over to 19 additional inventory years (in the subsequent columns and rows). The total area in the category in a year (in the last column) is thus the sum of all areas in all ages classes. Each area is moved to the FL-FL category after the period of the default 20 years except for some L-FL areas that have been deforested and that are moved to the D category.

Table 6.5.11. The total area of land that is successfully converted to forestland (for all species combined) by year of conversion (blue cells), and total land in the category. Incoming areas are

reported in the first year of conversion, and areas reported in the column "20 years after conversion" are transferred to the FL-FL category the next year.

Inventory year	area of successfully converted land (i.a. area actually covered by trees, ha) in age class (yr)																				Total in inventory year (ha)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1985	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 274
1986	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14 566
1987	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22 245
1988	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30 499
1989	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37 587
1990	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43 906
1991	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50 068
1992	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56 624
1993	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59 586
1994	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62 226
1995	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66 065
1996	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72 136
1997	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79 777
1998	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	0	87 312
1999	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	0	95 309
2000	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	0	104 301
2001	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	0	116 367
2002	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	0	129 989
2003	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	7 274	0	141 024
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2005	7 033	6 956	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	7 293	147 739
2006	12 849	7 033	6 956	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	7 679	153 295
2007	17 403	12 849	7 033	6 956	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	8 254	163 019
2008	7 220	17 403	12 849	7 033	6 956	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	7 088	161 985
2009	3 518	7 220	17 403	12 849	7 033	6 956	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	6 318	158 415
2010	6 261	3 518	7 220	17 403	12 849	7 033	6 956	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	6 162	158 358
2011	1 647	6 261	3 518	7 220	17 403	12 849	7 033	6 956	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	2 962	6 556	153 842
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2013	697	1 164	1 647	6 261	3 518	7 220	17 403	12 849	7 033	6 956	11 035	13 622	12 066	8 992	7 996	7 535	7 641	6 071	3 839	2 640	146 185
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A conversion of land to forest, i.e., an afforestation activity, is deemed to have begun when soil preparation has been started. Typically, the first ("initial") planting of the propagation material on the area happens in a short time after soil preparation is done. Beating up may be carried out depending on the success rate of the initial planting.

Post-conversion biomass

Carbon stock changes in the biomass pool of the newly established trees are estimated using an empirical model of growing stock over age on a unit area of afforestation. To estimate the volume data, we have developed species-specific simplified models for the young forests using a sample of young stands of varying age (known based on the year of the afforestation) for which volume was

known. This volume was available either from direct assessment or from yield tables (in this last case, height was measured). The models were derived by a set of regression analyses between *age* and *volume* separately for the above 7 target stand-types (Figure 6.5.7 below is an example of a regression obtained for *Quercus* sp.). (It was necessary to use age as predictor, instead of mean height, because only age and volume are available for each stand for young individual stands in the category.) We used 3rd degree polynomial regressions for species of long rotation age, and linear regressions for species of short rotation age. The curves were forced to start from the pole. All regression coefficients are above 0.9, and the regression parameters are significant for each species. (Note that these curves represent rather constant growing conditions, and it is only worth checking the validity of, or revise, these curves rarely.)

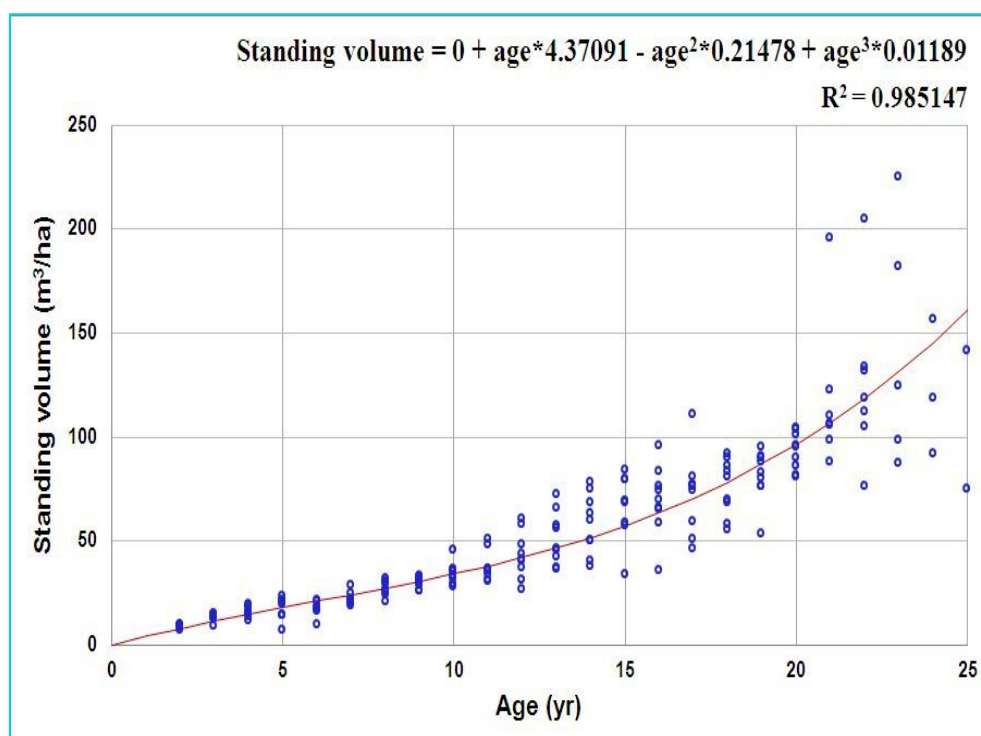


Figure 6.5.7. An example of the regression between age and stand volume using data of *Quercus* sp.. The regression curve was developed by also using stands somewhat older than 20 years to increase the robustness of the regression curve, but the curve is only used for stands between ages 1 and 20 years in the L-FL category.

Volume stock *change* from a specific year of age to the next one is equal to the *difference* between the volume stocks of the respective consecutive ages as estimated from the regression curves. These differences for the various age classes and species are multiplied by the area of the same classes. The estimated changes reflect the effects of tree growth, artificial thinnings and self-thinnings, and are smoothed ones, i.e., they do not represent any inter-annual variation due to e.g., variation of growing conditions. More importantly, however, the above procedure ensures that the volume

stocks of the respective classes are not applied in the calculations, and no transition of volumes are directly applied (either for L-FL or FL-FL) when stands are moved from the L-FL category to the FL-FL category.

In estimating *carbon* stock changes in these forests, the conversion of volume to carbon happens the same way as described above when discussing the second part of Equation 2.8 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

6.5.5.2.4 Pre-conversion biomass

Emissions arising from removing perennial biomass carbon during conversions to forest are estimated using data from a study that estimated the amount of carbon lost by removing all above-ground biomass due to conversion *for a unit area*. This loss was measured to be 4.7 tC/ha in case of orchards and 9.39 tC/ha in case of vineyards. The average age of the converted areas is 15 and 15.9 years, respectively, which are half of the length of the rotation period of these perennials (Juhos and Tókei, 2013). The respective amounts of carbon lost from annual biomass, which are IPCC defaults, are 4,7 and 2.94 tC ha⁻¹ (see the respective sections on Cropland and Grassland for more details). The amount of *total loss* of carbon is estimated by multiplying the above values with the the area actually converted. (In practice, carbon stock changes from biomass of perennials on CL-FL are estimated by first estimating all carbon stock changes from cropland with perennials to all other categories, the methodology of which is reported in section 6.6.2.1.1, and then multiplying it with the proportion of the area of perennial CL-FL to the total area of perennial CL converted to all other land-use category. For forest land, this proportion varies between 12 and 19%.)

Note that, according to the default method (Equation 2.12), the pre-conversion below-ground biomass is not considered a loss, and indeed it remains in the ground and adds to the carbon stocks of the deadwood, litter and soil pools.

6.5.5.2.5 Dead organic matter

Beginning 2018, we report estimated carbon stock changes in the deadwood pool the following way:

$$\Delta C_{DW} = \sum_{i,j} A_{i,j} * \Delta v_{i,j} * (1+R) * D * CF$$

where

$A_{i,j}$ = area of species group i ($i = 1 \dots 7$) in age class j ($j = 1 \dots 20$), ha;

$\Delta v_{i,j}$ = annual volume stock increase of species group i in age class j , tC * ha⁻¹ * yr⁻¹,

R = root-to-shoot ratio (same as for biomass, see above);

D = wood density as for woody biomass (same as for biomass, see above);

CF = carbon fraction as for woody biomass (same as for biomass, see above).

The area-specific $\Delta v_{i,j}$ values are based on data collected from 7629 sampling points in a sampling-based inventory of the National Forest Inventory. The measurements were made in all forests (mostly in the FL-FL category) between 2010 and 2017. (The amount of data from plots in afforested areas was not enough to develop reliable regression fitting, see below.) Data were collected for standing dead trees with diameter breast height equal to or larger than 7cm, and lying dead tree with a minimum length of 1m and a diameter of at least 10 cm. (This means that only above-ground values were measured with definitions that are a bit different from those for living trees. This justifies the use of R, and the differences in the definitions render the carbon stock change estimates conservative.) Area-specific measurements were aggregated in seven tree stand types by age, and so seven lines were fitted to the data over age (Figure 6.5.8). The data show that the increase of deadwood carbon stock lasts from until about 30 years (in case of fast growing species like poplars) to well over 100 years (in case of slow-growing species like oaks); beyond available data, zero increase was assumed. However, as areas are in the L-FL category only for 20 years, we use data for only the 1-20 years of age part of the regression lines for each species. Also, most regression lines do not start at zero stocks because some stocks remain in the stands after a regeneration. In all cases, we assumed that the initial stocks are zero on afforested areas, and the increase (change over time) is the same as in the FL-FL category.

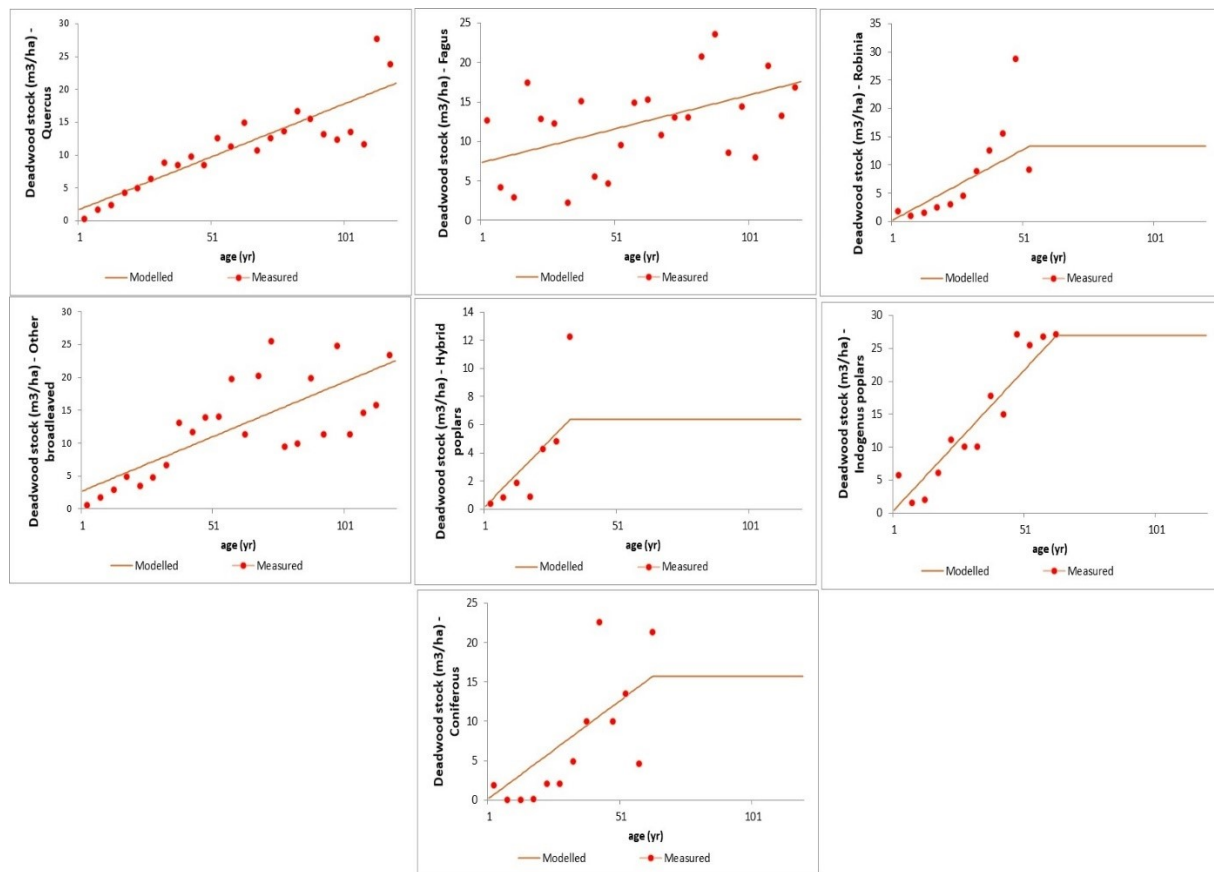


Figure 6.5.8. Data and fitted regression line for the seven tree species groups over age. Beyond the oldest age categories with data, horizontal lines, i.e., $\Delta v = 0$, were used in the calculations.

Concerning afforestations, it is a general experience that the deadwood pool does not contain carbon on cropland and grassland before the conversion. This is corroborated by the fact that, for crop sanitary and other reasons, biomass (dead or alive) is removed during harvests, and there is usually not enough time on abandoned croplands for the woody biomass to develop substantial dead organic matter before the land is converted. Somogyi et al. (2013) also measured zero carbon stocks on pre-conversion land in their study.

Concerning the assumption that the rate of increase is the same on afforested land and FL-FL land, our argumentation is based on the theory that if the initial stock is not zero, then the net change is the result of input to the pool and the loss from the decay of the initial stock. This means that the rate of increase on an afforested land, where the initial stock is zero, should be larger than on an FL-FL land. It follows that, while also limiting the accounting for the increase to the first 20 years of the afforestation, the approach we take is conservative.

For litter, the estimation is done by applying the methodology described in section 6.4.5 above. We assume that the carbon stock in the litter pool before the conversion is zero. For the equilibrium carbon stock in the forest land after the conversion, we apply the same value, 8.78 t/ha (Heil et al.,

2012), that is used for the estimation of emissions due to deforestation events (i.e., conversions of forest land to other land-uses), see section 6.5.6.1.2. We assume that the equilibrium carbon stock level is reached in 20 years.

6.5.5.2.6 Soil

The estimation of carbon stock changes in soils is done according to section 6.4.1.

The results of the estimation are corroborated by recent estimates according to which converting land from cropland to forest does not entail any net emissions from soil, rather, net removals (see Somogyi, 2005, Somogyi-Horváth, 2006a, Somogyi-Horváth, 2006b, and Somogyi et al., 2013), and that converting grassland to forest may lead to some emissions (see Horvath, 2006). However, because most of the huge amount of marginal lands that are afforested are former croplands, and also because of biodiversity concerns, the overwhelming majority of conversions occur on abandoned croplands (see above), overall, no major emissions from soils are expected due to conversion of land to forest land (Figure 6.5.9).

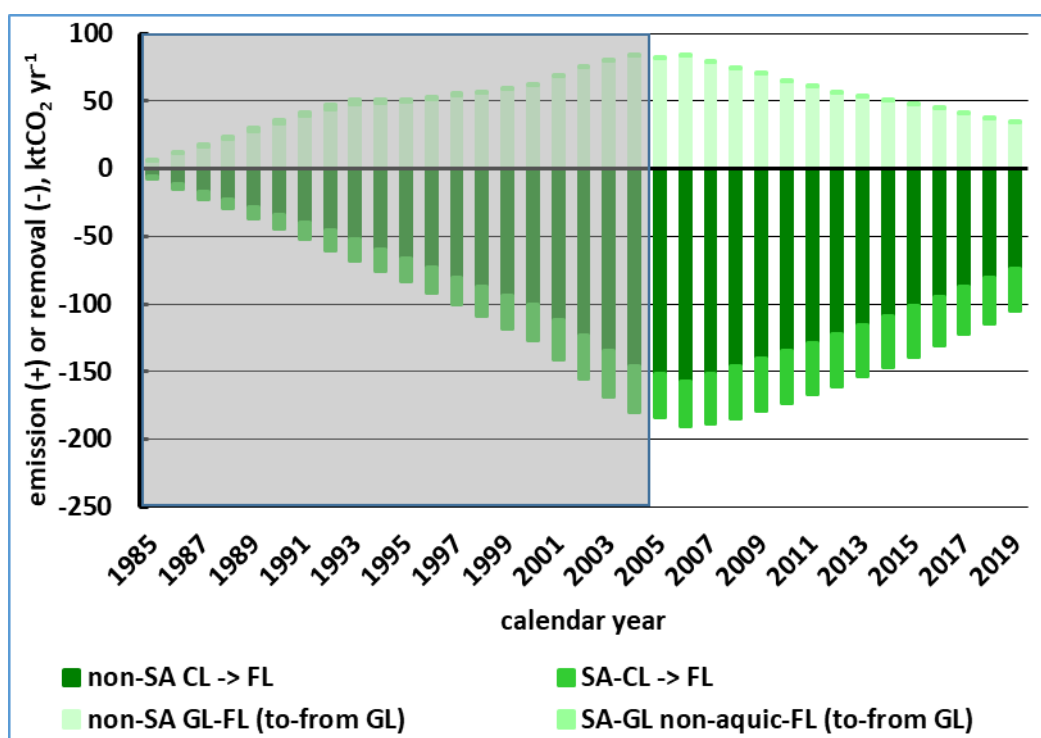


Figure 6.5.9. Emissions and removals from converting land to forest land (non-SA: non-set-aside; SA: set-aside). The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

Concerning organic soils, there are no afforestations on such soils, therefore, no emissions occur from this source.

6.5.5.3 Non-CO₂ emissions

6.5.5.3.1 Emissions from wildfires

In Hungary, very few forest fires occur in the Land converted to Forest Land category. However, following the former recommendation of the inventory review, non-CO₂-emissions are separately reported for L-FL and FL-FL (see above).

6.5.5.3.2 Direct and indirect N₂O emissions from mineral soils

The estimation of both direct emissions from mineral soils associated with loss of carbon resulting from change of land-use or management and indirect N₂O emissions from leaching/runoff is done according to section 6.4.2, using the appropriate carbon loss data for the sub-category. Note that, consistent with what is reported for soils above, emissions only occur when grasslands are converted to forests.

6.5.6 Forest Land converted to other land-uses (CRF sector 4.B.2.1, 4.C.2.1, 4.E.2.1)

The area of forest land converted to other land-uses has been small in Hungary for the last decades, and the conversions only include conversions to cropland, grassland and settlements. Conversions from forest land to any other land-use type are generally prohibited by the Forest Act and can take place only after the Forest Authorities grant the specific permission. All areas of conversions are surveyed, and emissions are estimated using the land conversion database of the Forest Authorities (see at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/Official_statistics_news_546, in Hungarian). However, these statistics are only available since 1985, and the average of the period 1985-1989 is used for the previous years for which estimates are also needed to run up the calculation of the estimation of emissions from soils.

The area of FL-L is the same as for the D category and has been identified in a detailed procedure that is reported in section 11.1.3.2. For further information on deforestation in Hungary, see Section 11.3.1.1.

6.5.6.1 CO₂ emissions and removals

Table 6.5.12 reports CO₂ emissions and removals estimated for the biomass, deadwood, litter and soil pools, whereas Table 6.5.13 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

Table 6.5.12 Total emissions from biomass, deadwood, litter and soils from the FL-L category. The light-yellow color in some cells of the table (with column title "from DB") shows that the data in those cells are taken from the database (i.e., they are the result of other calculations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table. NE means net emissions. All notations are as for Tables 6.5.3 and 6.5.6. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding errors; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)

Inventory year	Emissions and Removals from FL-L, GgCO ₂				
	biomass	mineral soils	organic soils	litter	dead-wood
	from DB	from DB	from DB	from DB	from DB
2008	26	43	NO	11	3
2009	61	46	NO	19	5
2010	29	50	NO	33	9
2011	47	49	NO	12	3
2012	132	47	NO	33	9
2013	62	50	NO	18	5
2014	85	53	NO	21	6
2015	117	55	NO	45	13
2016	151	58	NO	68	20
2017	171	65	NO	61	18
2018	218	68	NO	72	22
2019	228	69	NO	74	23

Table 6.5.13. Methodological summary. (CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Table(5) I, II, V
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
FL-L	E/R	Post-conversion: 0	0	CS	CS	D	Drainage: NO
		Pre-conversion: CS	CS				Biomass burning: NO
	Uncertainty	NE					

6.5.6.1.1 Biomass

For biomass, the methodology described in section 6.4.4 is applied. For all conversions of FL to CL, GL, WL, SE and OL, it is assumed that the biomass carbon stock after the conversion is zero, so all carbon in the biomass of the deforested land, estimated as described in section 6.5.3, is completely emitted as CO₂.

For the biomass pool in the other sub-compartments, the emission factors B_{Before} (in the equation in section 6.4.4. Conversion-related carbon stock changes of the biomass pools) are the following: for the utilization of forest types, the annual B_{Before} emission factor is the same that is used for the “forest sub-compartments”; for the other types we assumed that the pre-conversion biomass is equal to the default biomass of the land-use category which the particular areas were classified to. The post-conversion value corresponds to the biomass on the “converted-to” land-use category.

6.5.6.1.2 Dead organic matter

Emissions from deadwood and litter are estimated by multiplying the area of annual deforestations by the average stock value. In these calculations, just like with biomass, we assume that all deadwood and litter are completely removed from the area, i.e., carbon in these pools are emitted, in the year of the deforestation.

The total deforested area includes, in addition to the area of the forest sub-compartments, the area of the fraction of the other sub-compartments that is re-classified as FL (see section 11.1.3.2). However, due to the nature of the non-forest land-use categories in the other sub-compartments, no litter or deadwood is assumed to be present in these areas either before or after the conversion, therefore, emissions from the litter and deadwood pools in these areas is assumed to be zero and the activity data in the below calculations is the sum of the area of forest sub-compartments and those parts of the other sub-compartments that were classified as Forest land.

The area-specific value of the amount of deadwood comes from the National Forest Inventory. Since the amount of deadwood in the sampled years do not show a decreasing trend (see Figure 6.5.4), we believe that the average area-specific data calculated from these samples are suitable for estimating the emissions from deadwood for the entire time series.

In estimating total carbon stock changes from the estimated volume, we used the methodology of stock change as detailed above and applied the assumption that the average wood density of the deadwood is the same as for the woody biomass.

Considering litter, the dedicated case study by Heil, Kovács and Szabó (2012) provided an estimate of the mean litter content (excluding coarse litter between about 1 cm and 10 cm) of the Hungarian forests. In this study it was found that the average amount of carbon in litter is 8.78 tC/ha.

We note that, because of the small scale of deforestations each year, and because litter and especially DW are relatively small carbon pools, this simple but anyway Tier 2 approach can be regarded as an accurate methodology as far as practicable. We also note that the above value is considerably smaller than the IPCC default values reported in Table 2.2 of Chapter 2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for mature forests. This is partly because of the differences in the definition of litter in this NIR and the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (i.e., coarse woody debris is excluded from our definition of the litter), partly because the IPCC default values are for mature forests whereas most of our forests are not mature, and possibly partly due to other methodological differences such as the carbon content of litter.

It is additionally assumed that neither deadwood nor litter are produced any more after Forest land to non-forest land conversions, thus, no removals are accounted for in these pools after the conversions.

Finally, we note that carbon stock changes in litter and deadwood in wetlands converted to forest land and dead wood in settlements converted to forest land are also included in our time series.

6.5.6.1.3 Soil

The estimation of carbon stock changes in mineral soils was done according to section 6.4.1. No forest land on organic soils is converted to other land uses.

For each piece of land converted (including both forest and other sub-compartments), the same amounts of annual carbon stock changes are accounted for 20 consecutive years. Thus, for any conversion type and for any inventory year, the total annual carbon stock changes of the newly

deforested areas, as well as those of the previous 1-19 years are added up. Carbon stock changes for the conversion types are also added up to get the aggregated emissions for the entire FL-L category.

For the forest sub-compartments (see section 11.1.3.2), the post-conversion land use type is known, therefore, values in Table 6.4.2 above can directly be used. Concerning other sub-compartments, in addition to the assumption for the re-classification of the area to areas by land use types, we had to make assumptions concerning the conversion type as it is not known what land use type a specific area is converted to from any of the pre-conversion land use types. The assumption applied is that the difference between amount of area-specific carbon before and after the conversion is the largest value of all the possible conversion types. For example, for an area within the other sub-compartments classified as Wetland (WL) before the conversion, we applied the emission factor for the WL – non-set-aside cropland conversion in Table 6.4.2 because it involves the largest area-specific C loss.

The areas identified, and the resulting total CO₂ emissions from all pools are included in Table 6.5.14.

Table 6.5.14. The area, as well as CO₂ emissions from soils on land converted from forest to other land-uses.

Inventory year	FL converted to CL			FL converted to SE			FL converted to GL			All conversions from FL to other land use		
	Area (ha)		CO2 emissions (Gg)	Area (ha)		CO2 emissions (Gg)	Area (ha)		CO2 emissions (Gg)	Area (ha)		CO2 emissions (Gg)
	all	forest subcompartments		all	forest subcompartments		all	forest subcompartments		all	forest subcompartments	
1985	94.8	94.8	0.193	210.5	210.5	0.371	20.9	20.9	-0.062	326.1	326.1	0.502
1986	94.8	94.8	0.386	210.5	210.5	0.742	20.9	20.9	-0.124	326.1	326.1	1.004
1987	94.8	94.8	0.579	210.5	210.5	1.114	20.9	20.9	-0.188	326.1	326.1	1.505
1988	94.8	94.8	0.773	210.5	210.5	1.485	20.9	20.9	-0.251	326.1	326.1	2.007
1989	94.8	94.8	0.967	210.5	210.5	1.856	20.9	20.9	-0.312	326.1	326.1	2.510
1990	180.0	180.0	1.335	392.6	392.6	2.548	40.3	40.3	-0.428	612.9	612.9	3.456
1991	453.6	59.9	2.264	1265.6	167.0	4.780	97.8	12.9	-0.715	1817.0	239.8	6.328
1992	511.8	44.4	3.312	827.3	71.8	6.239	107.9	9.4	-1.020	1447.1	125.6	8.531
1993	12.7	12.7	3.341	233.1	233.1	6.650	82.7	82.7	-1.218	328.6	328.6	8.774
1994	28.4	28.4	3.402	162.5	162.5	6.936	27.3	27.3	-1.236	218.2	218.2	9.103
1995	53.2	53.2	3.514	244.1	244.1	7.367	60.5	60.5	-1.362	357.8	357.8	9.519
1996	140.4	78.7	3.805	335.4	188.1	7.958	140.9	79.0	-1.701	616.7	345.9	10.062
1997	192.1	192.1	4.203	239.6	239.6	8.381	90.3	90.3	-1.890	522.0	522.0	10.694
1998	88.9	88.9	4.383	271.4	271.4	8.859	41.7	41.7	-1.969	402.0	402.0	11.273
1999	98.1	26.8	4.582	1016.9	277.9	10.652	331.9	90.7	-2.769	1446.9	395.4	12.466
2000	111.8	67.8	4.802	981.6	594.9	12.383	93.1	56.4	-2.987	1186.6	719.1	14.198
2001	152.8	61.4	5.109	893.0	358.6	13.958	251.2	100.9	-3.570	1297.0	520.9	15.497
2002	317.0	108.9	5.751	1279.7	439.5	16.215	259.6	89.2	-4.191	1856.4	637.5	17.775
2003	54.3	25.7	5.856	1104.7	523.4	18.162	93.1	44.1	-4.406	1252.1	593.3	19.612
2004	109.0	74.2	6.071	1102.7	750.5	20.107	175.0	119.1	-4.828	1386.7	943.8	21.350
2005	148.7	71.2	6.174	654.4	313.2	20.890	55.7	26.7	-4.900	858.8	411.1	22.164
2006	115.8	44.4	6.210	1156.6	443.4	22.558	54.2	20.8	-4.968	1326.7	508.6	23.800
2007	90.7	16.4	6.194	1061.1	192.5	24.058	201.7	36.6	-5.389	1353.5	245.5	24.863
2008	379.6	96.8	6.765	634.7	161.9	24.806	137.5	35.1	-5.701	1151.9	293.8	25.870
2009	183.8	55.5	6.938	970.3	293.0	26.146	335.9	101.5	-6.422	1490.0	450.0	26.661
2010	670.4	59.4	7.922	1154.8	102.3	27.490	526.1	46.6	-7.588	2351.3	208.3	27.824
2011	388.5	66.8	7.780	1074.6	184.9	27.153	140.5	24.2	-7.695	1603.5	275.9	27.239
2012	247.6	113.1	7.237	614.1	280.4	26.777	851.6	388.9	-9.476	1713.2	782.4	24.538
2013	270.2	115.4	7.747	702.4	299.9	27.604	273.5	116.8	-9.944	1246.1	532.1	25.407
2014	382.6	153.4	8.450	877.6	351.8	28.865	241.2	96.7	-10.467	1501.3	601.9	26.849
2015	520.6	423.7	9.380	766.0	623.4	29.785	412.5	335.7	-11.334	1699.1	1382.8	27.831
2016	1340.8	1003.1	11.779	911.4	681.8	30.801	576.4	431.2	-12.322	2828.6	2116.2	30.258
2017	2367.3	1045.1	16.127	630.3	278.3	31.490	877.8	387.5	-14.209	3875.4	1710.9	33.408
2018	785.0	515.4	17.499	775.6	509.2	32.379	1817.0	1193.0	-18.459	3377.6	2217.6	31.420
2019	934.0	818.8	19.148	1010.1	885.6	32.367	687.0	602.3	-19.309	2631.1	2306.8	32.206

6.5.6.2 Non-CO2 emissions

6.5.6.2.1 Emissions from wildfires

The estimation of non-CO₂ emissions from fires is based on the fact that deforestations in Hungary are done by clear-cutting the areas and removing most biomass from there.

As deforestations rarely occur in the country, the probability that wildfires affect these areas is negligible. In the last years, no wildfires occurred on land that later (in the same year) was converted to other land-use. Therefore, emissions from wildfire are reported as not occurring in this category.

On the other hand, controlled burning (burning of slash) occurs on this land. The methodology to estimate emissions from this source is the same as described in section 6.4.3. Activity data is available for both the area and the volume of forest land converted to other land-use.

6.5.6.2.2 Direct and indirect N₂O emissions from mineral soils

The estimation of both direct emissions from mineral soils associated with loss of carbon resulting from change of land-use or management and indirect N₂O emissions from mineral soils due to leaching/runoff is done according to section 6.4.2.

6.5.7 Category-specific uncertainties and time-series consistency

For this category, we conducted an uncertainty analysis in 2012. The main objective of that uncertainty analysis, complying with that of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, was to identify possible major sources of errors, and to indicate based on the prioritization of the uncertainty of the estimates where efforts on development should concentrate in future inventories. The uncertainty analysis focused on the uncertainty of carbon stock change estimates of the biomass of forests for the categories under the Kyoto Protocol, therefore, the detailed results can be found in Chapter 11 (Section 11.3.1.5). As the methods of quantitative estimation are similar to respective categories under the UNFCCC, and because KP and UNFCCC categories significantly overlap, we regard the results reported there relevant for the uncertainties of emissions and removals under the UNFCCC, and only some additional notes are made here.

In general, information on uncertainties includes, among others, information on completeness, accuracy, and non-quantifiable elements. Concerning *completeness*, some minor emissions and removals could not be estimated because of the reasons provided in the respective sections above (and/or were approximated by assumptions), however, it is highly probable that their exclusion only results in conservative estimation, i.e., overestimation of net emissions, and underestimation of net removals.

The reported estimated emissions and removals are generally considered accurate and precise as far as practicable and are based on the best available data and methods. Where uncertainty seems to be high, and for *non-quantifiable factors*, the principle of conservativeness is always applied. Conservative estimates are used for volume stocks and their change, for the root-to-shoot ratio, and in the case of carbon stock changes in the soil, litter and deadwood pools. Where no country-specific values are

available, IPCC default values are used. Whenever more accurate methods could be identified, these were applied (see section 6.1.4 on recalculations above).

It is probable that total forest area is somewhat underestimated, which is shown by the fact that the forest inventory has identified new forest areas (“found forests”) each year for the last two decades or so. As long as forests in Hungary are a sink, this underestimation of the forest area can only lead to the underestimation of net removals. Nevertheless, the detection and monitoring of forest area has been continuously improving and will continue to improve.

It is also probable that, due to conservativeness built into the methods of the national forest inventory to comply with traditional requirements for sustained yield, both volume stocks and volume stock changes are underestimated. This assessment is also supported by preliminary statistical results of a sample-based inventory (i.e., the National Forest Inventory) which indicate higher volume stocks and higher annual volume increment than the continuous forest inventory that is currently used for the purposes of the GHG inventory. Finally, wood harvests also seem to be underestimated a bit due to illegal cuttings which, according to some expert judgments, may account for up to 250,000 m³ annually. This amount is additional to, but small relative to, the annual official figure of annual harvests of around 7-8 million m³. Although this means that actual wood harvests are somewhat underestimated, so is volume stock increment but to a larger extent, thus, net volume stock changes net removals are most probably underestimated.

We have continuously been improving not only our stand statistics, but also our country-specific emission factors. As reported in the previous NIRs, the accuracy was improved earlier, among others, by introducing new, more realistic, country-specific basic wood density values, slash fraction, soil C/N values and the biomass of orchards and vineyards that have been removed during conversions of cropland to forest land and grassland.

Accuracy cannot always be quantified partly because the error distributions are unknown due to lack of measured data, and partly because calculation errors or assumptions cannot be quantified. However, calculation errors during the development of the GHG inventory are highly unlikely due to the double-checking of the data processing as described in the next section.

For carbon stock changes in biomass, the system of calculations allows for the use of a simple sensitivity analysis. This is especially true if only the major sources of CO₂ emissions and removals are considered, which represent the bulk of all emissions and removals. The reason for this is that the equation used for the calculation is simple: only volume stock changes, wood density, root-to-shoot ratio, and carbon fraction factors are involved.

With respect to net *annual* CO₂ emissions (i.e., net removals), actual values may deviate from estimated values as the stock volume inventory for the whole country is not able to capture all inter-annual variability of timber growth and harvests, which can be high due to the variability of meteorological conditions. Note that the inter-annual variability of the estimated net removals in the

Forest Land sector is due to a number of reasons, including the continuously, although slowly, changing structure of the forests by species, site fertility and age, and the annual variability of weather, harvests and mortality. All these effects have rather different delayed effects on the inventory estimates, and these effects may be rather small relative to the total volume stocks. These effects can reinforce or naturalize each other when combined.

It can be concluded that, with regard to carbon stock change estimation, errors are rather limited in our estimation, and it is expected that current estimates rather well reflect actual emissions and removals associated with forest land.

With regard to non-CO₂ emissions, the estimation is accurate and precise as far as practicable for the years for which we have data on wildfires and controlled burning, as well as for forests on organic soils. Data collection considerably improved in the last few years.

Finally, both methods and data are applied consistently throughout the entire reporting period. This results in a consistent time series of both the area and the GHG information. Please refer to Section 11.3.1.5 for further details.

6.5.8 Category-specific QA/QC and verification

The calculations to obtain emission and removal estimates are generally based on the activity data taken from the National Forest Database, and the databases of the Forest Authorities on afforestations and deforestations. These databases are the most accurate ones in the country on the forests. The first complete and country-wide inventory was accomplished in 1976. Forests have been continuously monitored since that year, and the responsible authorities have been applying computer-based information technology for data management since the early '80-s. The database is updated annually, and the data is checked by many people at subsequent procedures from field assessment to data processing. The constant development of field methods and informatics, the improvement of checks, and the increasing requirements to ensure the quality of work resulted in the increasing accuracy of the Database in recent years.

The GHG inventory has currently been completed by the Forestry Department of the National Land Authority (formerly Forestry Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office), i.e., the institute that runs the National Forest Database and other mentioned databases.

As a quality assurance, double-checking of the data processing of the calculations involved in the GHG inventory and the correct application of IPCC assumptions and methodologies have been performed at the national level by the Hungarian Forest Research Institute of the National Agricultural Innovation and Research Center for years. The separation of the two roles (i.e., the preparation and the QA of the GHG inventory) improved the data quality. Final checks and

integration of the data into the GHG inventory was performed by the Hungarian Meteorological Service, i.e., the institute responsible for the entire national GHG inventory.

Data verification was and is continuously conducted concerning activity data (see the comparison of volume stock changes with trends of wood volume increment and harvest in Section 6.5.4.2.1, and also previous NIRs of Hungary). All information used for the development of the GHG information is archived by the inventory agency. Thus, the correctness of the estimation methodology is in principle *verifiable*.

For other activities, see section 6.6.5 where activities are listed that have also been conducted in the forestry sector.

6.5.9 Category-specific recalculations

As noted in section 6.1.4, we have done a number of recalculations in the forestry sector to improve the accuracy of our estimates and to correct upload errors. These recalculations for FL-FL and L-FL as well as for the HWP pool, their reason and scale are detailed in Tables 6.5.15, 6.5.16. and 6.5.17., respectively. Note that the scale of difference expressed in percent may be misleading due to the reference which in the case of (gross or net) removals can be close to zero and does not necessarily represent a useful reference for the calculation of percentages.

Table 6.5.15. *The reason and scale of the difference between the value of the estimates in this submission and the previous submission for the FL-FL category for some recent inventory years (Note that zero means, there is no recalculation for that year).*

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year											Reason for recalculation
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
2020	4.A.1 Carbon stock change, Gains	kt C	810	558	536	505	754	563	901	1082	870	994	0	recalculation due to several corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	906	664	588	575	849	631	938	1099	881	1028	0	
		difference, %	%	11,8	19,2	9,8	13,9	12,6	12,2	4,1	1,6	1,3	3,4	
2020	4.A.1 Carbon stock change, Losses	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to several corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		difference, %	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.1 Carbon stock change, Net change	kt C	810	558	536	505	754	563	901	1082	870	994	0	recalculation due to several corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	906	664	588	575	849	631	938	1099	881	1028	0	
		difference, %	%	11,8	19,2	9,8	13,9	12,6	12,2	4,1	1,6	1,3	3,4	
2020	4.A.1.i Forest subcompartments, Gains	kt C	810	558	536	505	754	563	901	1082	870	994	0	recalculation due to several corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	906	664	588	575	849	631	938	1099	881	1028	0	
		difference, %	%	11,8	19,2	9,8	13,9	12,6	12,2	4,1	1,6	1,3	3,4	
2020	4.A.1.i Forest subcompartments, Losses	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to several corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		difference, %	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.1.i Forest subcompartments, Net change	kt C	810	558	536	505	754	563	901	1082	870	994	0	recalculation due to several corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	906	664	588	575	849	631	938	1099	881	1028	0	
		difference, %	%	11,8	19,2	9,8	13,9	12,6	12,2	4,1	1,6	1,3	3,4	
2020	4.A.1.i Forest subcompartments, Net carbon stock change in litter	kt C	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	corrected notation key
2021		kt C	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
		difference, %	%	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	
2020	4.A.1.i Forest subcompartments, Mineral soils	kt C	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	corrected notation key
2021		kt C	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
		difference, %	%	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	

Table 6.5.16. The reason and scale of the difference between the value of the estimates in this submission and the previous submission for (a) the L-FL category overall, (b) for CL-FL, (c) for GL-FL, (d) for WL-FL and (e) for SE-FL for some recent inventory years (Note that zero means, there is no recalculation for that year).

(a)

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year										
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2020	4.A.2 Carbon stock change, Gains	kt C	335	320	324	305	292	289	292	287	278	269	261
2021		kt C	335	320	324	305	292	289	292	287	278	269	261
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2 Carbon stock change, Losses	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	-4	-6	0	0	0	0
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	-4	-6	0	0	0	0
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,2	-1,2	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2 Carbon stock change, Net change	kt C	301	303	297	296	286	285	286	286	277	266	255
2021		kt C	302	303	297	296	286	285	286	286	277	266	255
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2 Carbon stock change, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	9	9	9
2021		kt C	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	9	9
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2 Carbon stock change, Mineral soils	kt C	32	31	32	31	31	30	29	27	25	24	22
2021		kt C	46	49	52	52	53	53	53	51	49	48	23
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	45,5	54,2	62,8	68,1	74,4	80,1	84,1	88,5	94,0	100,2	0,1
2020	4.A.2.1, Total area	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	122	117	111	106
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	122	117	111	106
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2.1, Area of mineral soil	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	122	117	111	106
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	122	117	111	106
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2.1, Gains	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	243	236	230	223
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	243	236	229	223
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2.1, Losses	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	-4	-5	0	0	0	0
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	-4	-5	0	0	0	0
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,2	-1,2	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2.1, Net change	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	241	243	242	236	226	218
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	241	243	242	236	226	218
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2.1, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	8	8	7
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	8	8	7
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2.1, Net carbon stock change in litter	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	54	51	49	47
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	54	51	49	47
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2020	4.A.2.1, Mineral soils	kt C	50	49	47	46	44	42	40	38	36	33	0
2021		kt C	72	73	74	74	74	74	73	71	68	66	0
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	42,3	49,6	57,2	62,9	69,7	76,3	81,9	86,3	91,2	97,9	0,0

(b)

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year										Reason for recalculation	
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2018
2020	4.A.2.1.i Cropland converted t, Total area	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	122	117	111	106	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	122	117	111	106	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.1.i Cropland converted t, Area of mineral soil	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	122	117	111	106	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	122	117	111	106	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.1.i Cropland converted t, Gains	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	243	236	230	223	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	243	236	229	223	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.1.i Cropland converted t, Losses	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	-4	-5	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	-4	-5	0	0	0	0	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,2	-1,2	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.1.i Cropland converted t, Net change	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	241	243	242	236	226	218	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	241	243	242	236	226	218	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.1.i Cropland converted t, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	8	8	7	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	8	8	7	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.1.i Cropland converted t, Net carbon stock change in litter	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	54	51	49	47	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	54	51	49	47	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.1.i Cropland converted t, Mineral soils	kt C	50	49	47	46	44	42	40	38	36	33	0	recalculation due to technical problems during the importing procedure in the
2021		kt C	72	73	74	74	74	74	73	71	68	66	0	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	42,3	49,6	57,2	62,9	69,7	76,3	81,9	86,3	91,2	97,9	0,0	

(c)

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year											Reason for recalculation
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
2020	4.A.2.2.i Grassland converted, Total area	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	19	18	17	16	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	19	18	17	16	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.2.i Grassland converted, Area of mineral soil	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	19	18	17	16	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	19	18	17	16	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.2.i Grassland converted, Gains	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	38	36	35	33	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	38	36	35	33	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.2.i Grassland converted, Losses	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-1,4	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.2.i Grassland converted, Net carbon stock change	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	38	36	34	32	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	38	36	34	32	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.2.i Grassland converted, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.2.i Grassland converted, Net carbon stock change in litter	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	8	7	7	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	8	7	7	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
2020	4.A.2.2.i Grassland converted, Mineral soils	kt C	-20	-19	-18	-17	-15	-14	-14	-13	-12	-11	0	recalculation due to technical problems during the importing procedure in the
2021		kt C	-27	-26	-25	-24	-23	-23	-23	-22	-21	-20	0	
		%	33,3	36,9	40,1	44,8	50,4	56,7	63,7	67,3	70,4	77,5	0,0	

(d)

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year											Reason for recalculation
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
2020	4.A.2.3.i Wetlands converted t, Total area	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	14,3	15,3	17,1	18,0	
2020	4.A.2.3.i Wetlands converted t, Area of mineral soil	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	14,3	15,3	17,1	18,0	
2020	4.A.2.3.i Wetlands converted t, Gains	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		%	1,4	1,5	1,8	1,8	1,8	1,8	16,3	17,3	19,1	20,0	23,3	
2020	4.A.2.3.i Wetlands converted t, Net change	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		%	1,4	1,5	1,8	1,8	1,8	1,8	16,3	17,3	19,1	20,0	23,3	
2020	4.A.2.3.i Wetlands converted t, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		%	1,4	1,5	1,8	1,8	1,8	1,8	16,3	17,3	19,1	20,0	23,3	
2020	4.A.2.3.i Wetlands converted t, Net carbon stock change in litter	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	14,3	15,3	17,1	18,0	
2020	4.A.2.3.i Wetlands converted t, Mineral soils	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		%	20,8	20,7	20,8	20,8	20,8	20,8	20,8	20,8	20,8	20,7	-2,0	

(e)

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year											Reason for recalculation
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
2020	4.A.2.4.i Settlements converte, Total area	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	
2020	4.A.2.4.i Settlements converte, Area of mineral soil	kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kha	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	
2020	4.A.2.4.i Settlements converte, Gains	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	5	5	5	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	5	5	5	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	
2020	4.A.2.4.i Settlements converte, Net carbon stock change	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	5	5	5	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	5	5	5	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	
2020	4.A.2.4.i Settlements converte, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	
2020	4.A.2.4.i Settlements converte, Net carbon stock change in litter	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	
2020	4.A.2.4.i Settlements converte, Mineral soils	kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
		%	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,8	0,0	

Table 6.5.17. *The reason and scale of the difference between the value of the estimates in this submission and the previous submission for the HWP pool.*

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year											Reason for recalculation
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
2020	HWP		0.267	0.267	0.279	0.263	0.267	0.276	0.265	0.265	0.267	0.267	0.267	corrected notation key weighted average (additional info)
2021	4.G.D.1 Solid Wood, Activity data		0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	0.3	0.2	-4.0	1.9	0.3	-2.9	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	
2020	4.G.D.1.2 Wood panels pan, Activity data		0.274	0.279	0.284	0.273	0.271	0.286	0.264	0.271	0.270	0.271	0.271	corrected notation key weighted average (additional info)
2021			0.278	0.278	0.278	0.278	0.278	0.278	0.278	0.278	0.278	0.278	0.278	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	1.2	-0.5	-2.2	1.9	2.4	-2.9	5.3	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	
2020	4.G.D.1.1 Sawnwood, Activity data		0.259	0.255	0.273	0.253	0.262	0.266	0.266	0.259	0.263	0.262	0.262	corrected notation key weighted average (additional info)
2021			0.258	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.258	
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	-0.6	0.9	-5.7	2.0	-1.8	-3.0	-3.0	-0.5	-2.1	-1.7	-1.7	

6.5.10 Category-specific planned improvements

We will continue the revision of our area and volume stock database to ensure that estimates are as accurate as possible by reporting year 2022, i.e., by the end of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.

6.6 Cropland (CRF sector 4.B)

6.6.1 Description of category

Although the area of croplands decreased in the last four decades (roughly 800,000 hectares were abandoned or converted to another category of land-use), croplands with their 56% proportion of the total area of the country still represent the main land-use category in Hungary (see Figure 6.3.1 above). All lands with annual crops, orchards and vineyards (i.e., perennial woody crops) and kitchen gardens are classified as cropland. Set-aside croplands are also reported in this category (Figure 6.6.1.) The distribution of the removals by sub-categories is reported in Figure 6.6.2.

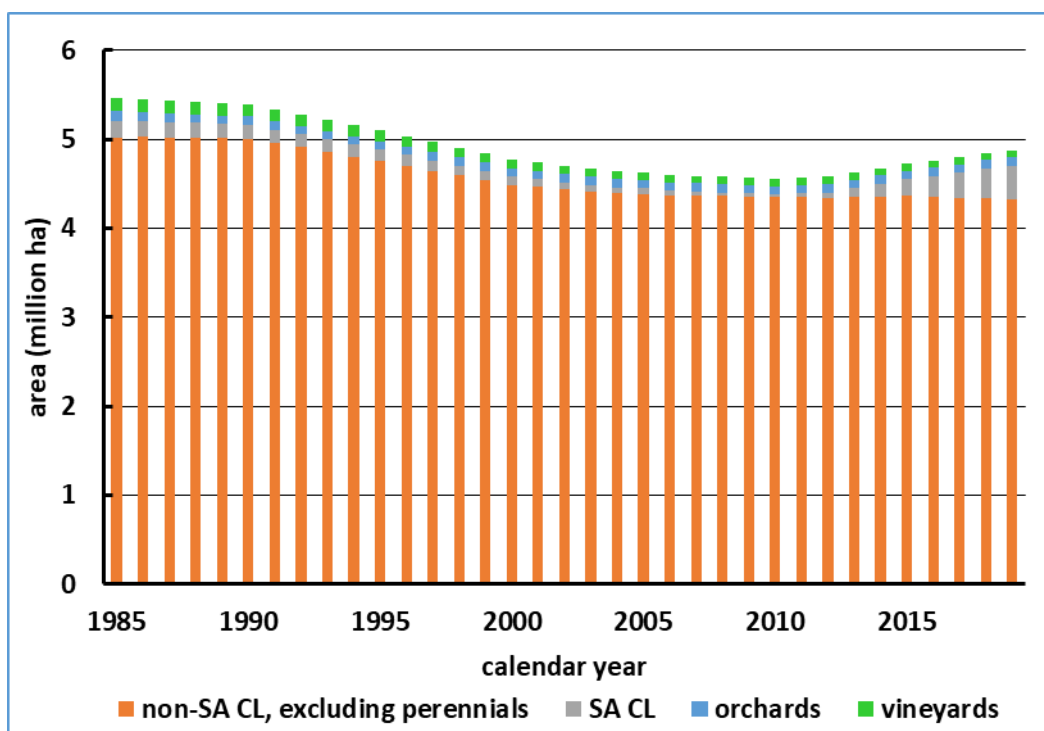


Figure 6.6.1. The distribution of Cropland area since 1985.

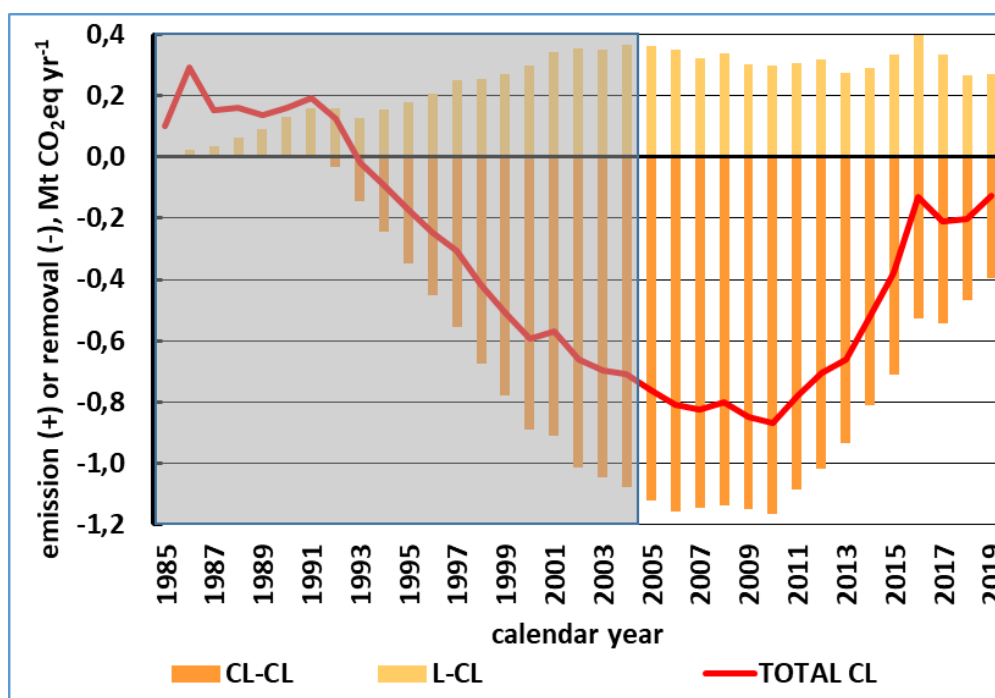


Figure 6.6.2. Emissions and removals in Cropland 1985-2019. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

6.6.2 Cropland remaining Cropland

Figure 6.6.3 reports emissions and removals, whereas Table 6.6.1 reports methodological information for this sub-category. Figure 6.6.4 is reported to demonstrate that most removals in the Cropland category (including the CL-CL category) arise due to changes in land-use either between sub-categories or within a sub-category, i.e., from non set-aside to set-aside land and back.

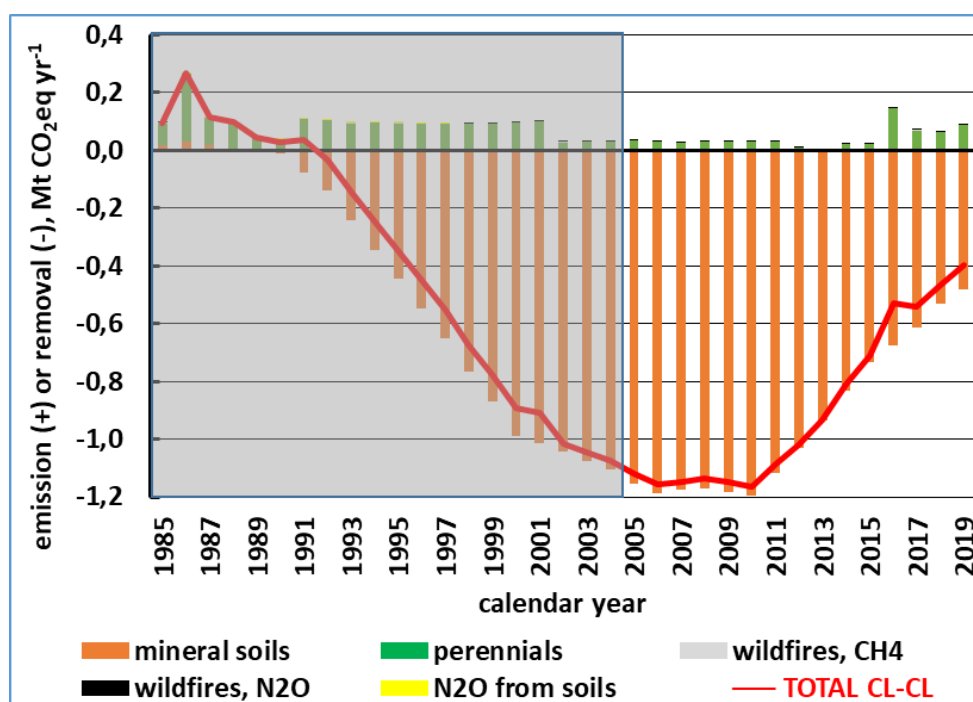


Figure 6.6.3. Emissions and removals in CL-CL 1985-2019. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

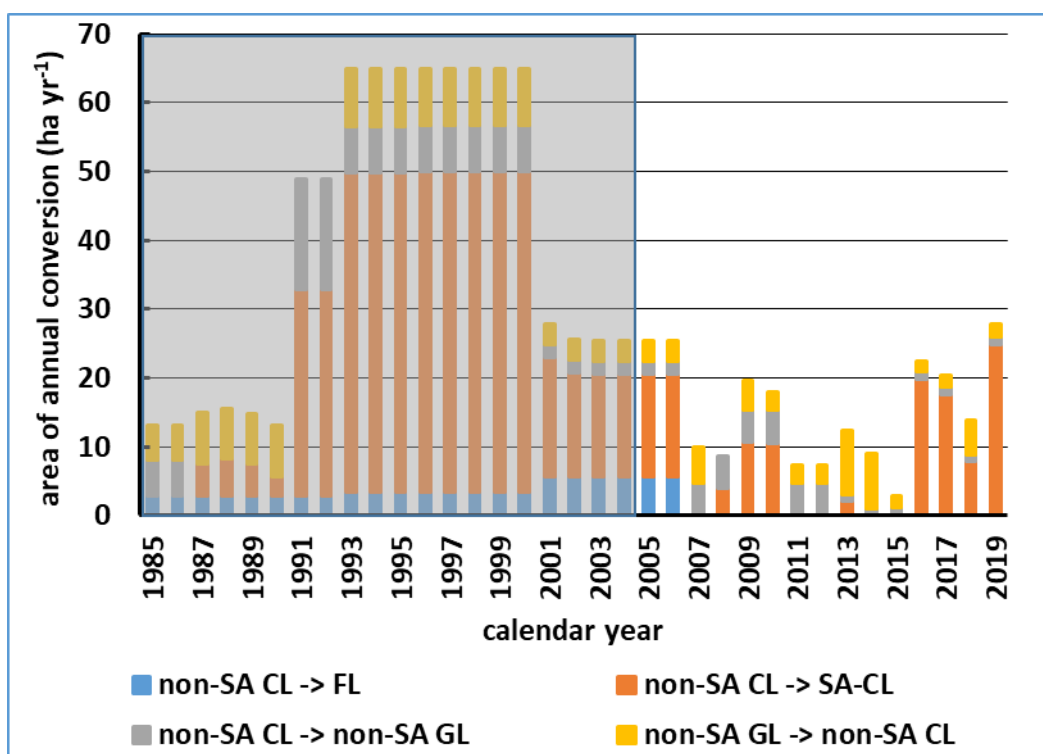


Figure 6.6.4. The trend of annual area of the most important land-use change categories involving croplands.

Table 6.6.1. Methodological summary for CL-CL (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor).

CL-CL	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Table (4)III, (4)IV	Table (4)V	
		BIOMASS		DOM		SOIL			
	annual	perennial	DW	LI	mineral	organic			
	E/R	Tier 1: 0	AD: CS; EF: CS and D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO	D	Wildfires: AD: CS; EF: D Biomass burning: NO
	Uncertainty	NE		NE			NE		

6.6.2.1 Biomass

Consistent with the 2006 IPCC GL, carbon stock changes of biomass are only estimated for perennial woody crops of orchards and vineyards (the biomass of annual crops is assumed to be in equilibrium). This chapter thus reports on emissions and removals from biomass in areas that remained orchards or vineyards in the inventory year. (Carbon stock changes from loss of perennial biomass due to land-use change are accounted for in the respective conversion sub-categories.)

Carbon stock change of biomass (ΔC_{Biom}) was estimated applying Equation 2.15 of the 2006 IPCC GL:

$$\Delta C_{\text{Biom}} = \Delta C_{\text{G}} + \Delta C_{\text{Conversion}} - \Delta C_{\text{Loss}}$$

where

ΔC_{Biom} = annual change in carbon stocks of biomass, tonnes C yr⁻¹

ΔC_{G} = annual increase in carbon stocks due to biomass growth, tonnes C yr⁻¹

ΔC_{L} = annual decrease in carbon stocks due to biomass loss, tonnes C yr⁻¹

$\Delta C_{\text{Conversion}}$ = annual carbon loss due to converting perennials to other land-use, tonnes C yr⁻¹.

The estimation is done separately for orchards and vineyards and for growth and losses, and for losses due to conversions where perennials are converted to annual croplands or other land-use.

6.6.2.1.1 Growth and loss

Carbon stock changes due to growth and loss were estimated using Equation 2.7 of the 2006 IPCC GL:

$$\Delta C_{\text{Biom}} = \Delta C_{\text{G}} - \Delta C_{\text{L}}$$

Orchards and vineyards are assumed to be grown in rotations of 30 and 31.8 years, respectively. For the entire period, ΔC_{G} was estimated using Equation 2.9 of the 2006 IPCC GL:

$$\Delta C_{\text{G}} = A_{\text{perennials}} * G_{\text{TOTAL}} * CF$$

where

$A_{\text{perennials}}$ = area of orchards and vineyards, respectively (taken from the statistics of the HCSO) in the inventory year, ha (all areas included that were perennials at the beginning of the inventory year),

G_{TOTAL} = county-specific net biomass accumulation rate (0.313 and 0.626 t biomass ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ for orchards and vineyards, respectively), and

CF = carbon fraction (the default value of 0.5 tC t biomass⁻¹ is used).

G_{TOTAL} was estimated in the detailed study of Juhos and Tókei (2013). As it was not possible to measure below-ground biomass, G_{TOTAL} only includes above-ground biomass (which is the application of the default assumption, according to which there is no change in below-ground biomass of perennial trees in agricultural systems).

The annual decrease in carbon stocks from biomass loss due to regenerating perennials was estimated using Equation 2.16 of the 2006 IPCC GL:

$$\Delta C_L = A_{\text{regenerated_perennials}} * B_{\text{Before}} * CF$$

where

$A_{\text{regenerated_perennials}}$ = the area of regenerated orchard or vineyard in the inventory year =
 = $(A_{\text{perennials}} - A_{\text{conv}}) / \text{RPL}$, ha

A_{conv} = area of orchards and vineyards that are converted to other land-use categories in the inventory year (see below), ha

RPL = length of rotation period, 30 years (orchards) and 31.8 years (vineyards), and

B_{Before} = biomass of the regenerated orchard or vineyard at the end of the rotation period, t biomass, and is equal to G_{TOTAL} (tC ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) * RPL (years). (Since all biomass is considered lost during the regeneration, the “fraction of biomass lost in disturbance” term, or f_d , in the original equation of the 2006 IPCC GL is taken to be equal to 1.)

Note that the above methodology implies that removals due to slight increases of the area of perennials (this has only happened in a few years and on small areas) are all accounted for in the CL-CL category (i.e., the assumption is applied that all increases of the area of perennials are due to conversions from annual cropland).

6.6.2.1.2 Conversions

Total emissions from biomass from converting orchards and vineyards are estimated applying the methodology described in section 6.4.4 (i.e., Equation 2.16 of the 2006 IPCC GL) with

$B_{\text{After}} = 0$, and

B_{Before} and CF as above.

A_{conv} was estimated using an estimated proportion of converted perennials, P_P , that remained in the Cropland category:

$$A_{\text{conv}} = A_{\text{perennials}} * P_P.$$

P_P for Cropland was estimated from the land statistics database (see section 6.3.2 for details).

The areas removed are calculated from actual reduction, if any, of the total areas and thus the estimation of these areas is fully consistent with that of areas where growth occurs.

6.6.2.2 Dead organic matter

For DOM, the Tier 1 method is applied. This method assumes that the dead wood and litter stocks are not present in Cropland or are at equilibrium as in agroforestry systems and orchards. Thus, the carbon stock changes are not reported for these pools.

6.6.2.3 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1. For CL-CL, what may cause changes of the mineral soil carbon stocks are the following: changes in management, changes in input, and converting non-set aside to set-aside and back. Using country-specific SOC_{REF} and default F_{LU} , F_{MG} and F_{I} values, the effect of all these changes and conversions is included in the calculations.

6.6.2.4 Non-CO₂ emissions

The amount of non-CO₂ emissions is estimated according to section 6.4.2 (for N₂O emissions from soils) and 6.4.3 (for emissions from wildfires).

For the mass of available fuel (M_B) in the wildfire calculation, no proper country-specific values have been derived yet, therefore, a default value of 10 t d.m. ha⁻¹ was assumed. This is a value from Table 2.4 of the 2006 IPCC GL for maize, which is quite a representative crop in Hungary, and can be considered as a conservative value as wheat and other crops of less biomass are also abundant. For the combustion factor C_f , and for the GHG-specific emission factors, default data (for maize residues in Table 2.6, and those in Table 2.5, respectively) are used.

6.6.3 Land converted to Cropland

Figure 6.6.5 reports emissions and removals, whereas Table 6.6.2 reports methodological information for this sub-category. Note that non-CO₂ emissions from wildfires, if any, are reported as IE and accounted for in the CL-CL category. Emissions from burning is NO.

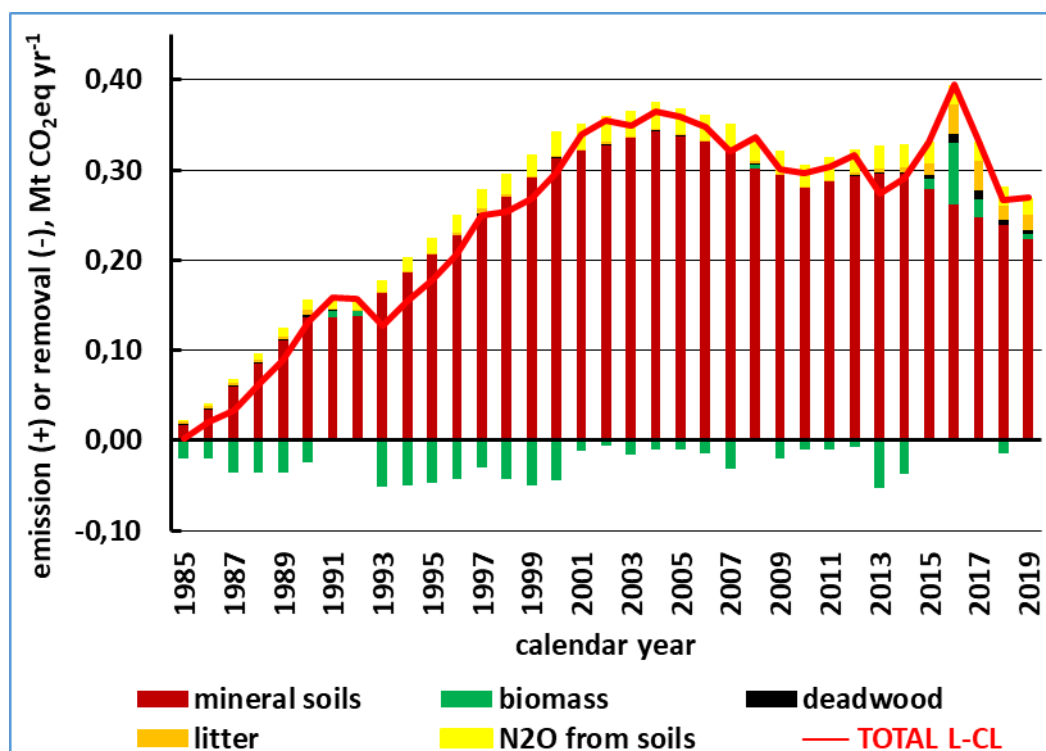


Figure 6.6.5. Emissions and removals in L-CL since 1985. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

Table 6.6.2. Methodological summary for L-CL. (CS=country specific; D: default; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

	Type of information	"FROM" category	BIOMASS	DOM		SOIL		Table (4)III, (4)IV	Table (4)V
				DW	LI	mineral	organic		
L-CL	E/R	FL	AD: CS; EF: CS	AD: CS; EF: CS		AD: CS; EF: CS/D		D	slash burning: IE (FL-FL)
		GL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D			IE (CL-CL)
		WL	NO	NO		NO			IE (CL-CL)
		SE	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D			IE (CL-CL)
		OL	NO	NO		NO			IE (CL-CL)
	Uncertainty	NE		NE		NE			

6.6.3.1 Forest Land converted to Cropland

For the methodology to estimate carbon stock changes in the biomass, DOM and soil pools, see Sections 6.5.6.1.1, 6.5.6.1.2 and 6.5.6.1.3, respectively. Note that the total emissions from these pools were split between FL-CL and other conversions by the area of these conversions. The share of FL-CL to all FL-L is, on average, 22% but increased to 61% in 2017.

6.6.3.2 Grassland converted to Cropland

6.6.3.2.1 Biomass

Equations 2.15 of the 2006 IPCC GL were applied as follows:

$$\Delta C_B = \Delta C_G + \Delta C_{\text{CONVERSION}} - \Delta C_L$$

where:

ΔC_B = biomass carbon stock change due to land-use conversion, tC year⁻¹

ΔC_G = annual increase in carbon stocks in biomass due to growth on the 'converted to' land, tonnes C yr⁻¹

ΔC_L = annual decrease in biomass carbon stocks due to losses, tonnes C yr⁻¹

$\Delta C_{\text{CONVERSION}}$ = initial change in carbon stocks in biomass on the 'converted to' land, tonnes C yr⁻¹, estimated using Equation 2.16 of the 2006 IPCC GL as described in section 6.4.4.

For A_{Conv} , data from the annual land-use change matrix was used. B_{before} was estimated from the proportion of Grassland area of cold dry and warm dry climate types ($P_{\text{CD}} = 0.41$, $P_{\text{WD}} = 0.59$) and respective specific default Grassland biomass (in order that all biomass is accounted for, the

following total above- and below-ground biomass values were taken from Table 6.4 of the 2006 IPCC GL: $B_{CD} = 6.5 \text{ t biomass ha}^{-1}$ and $B_{WD} = 6.1 \text{ t biomass ha}^{-1}$, respectively). The resulting biomass is: $B_{\text{before}} = P_{CD} * B_{CD} + P_{WD} * B_{WD} = 6.26 \text{ t biomass ha}^{-1}$ (see section 6.7.2.1 for more details). In accordance with the Tier1 assumption, B_{after} in the equation is 0, and the carbon fraction is the default value of $0.47 \text{ tC t biomass}^{-1}$ (page 6.29 of the 2006 IPCC GL). For ΔC_G , the value of 4.7 tC ha^{-1} was used, whereas ΔC_L was assumed to be equal to 0.

6.6.3.2.2 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

6.6.3.3 Wetlands converted to Cropland

This land-use change is not occurring in Hungary.

6.6.3.4 Settlements converted to Cropland

For the rather small conversion areas in this category, only carbon stock changes in mineral soils are estimated. The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

6.6.3.5 Other Land converted to Cropland

This land-use change is not occurring in Hungary.

6.6.4 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

An uncertainty analysis of the emission and removal estimates for the Cropland category using a Tier 1 approach was reported in the NIR of 2014. As there were recalculations for the entire LULUCF sector, the uncertainty analysis should be updated, however, we focused our capacities on the improvement of the land transition matrix, some other activity data, some emission factors and some methodological issues, and the updating of the uncertainty analysis was not possible.

Part of our efforts to improve the emission and removal estimates was dedicated to further improve the time series consistency. However, whereas this inventory is more consistent than before, further improvements are possible and, resources allowing, will be pursued.

6.6.5 Category-specific QA/QC and verification

Emissions/removals were estimated by the National Food Chain Safety Office, whereas the QA/QC was done by an external expert. This division of tasks made it possible to separate the work related to emission estimation and the QA/QC procedures.

The LULUCF QC measures are based on the QC procedures as described by Chapter 5 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

The main checks carried out are to the following issues:

Activity data:

- Methodological issues of the collection of the land-use / land-cover data.
- The differences between the different land-use datasets.
- Consistency of the activity data. In the case of inconsistency (methodological change in the data collection) the dataset is adjusted in consultation with the data provider.
- Data inputs for transcription errors.
- The units of activity data in the calculation sheets throughout the emission calculation.
- Consistency of the total area of Hungary in the land-use change matrices and the CRF tables.
- The comparison of activity data with data from other sources, if possible.

Methodology:

- The applied methodologies and emission factors against the 2006 IPCC GL.
- The correctness of the equations and factors in the calculation sheets.
- The consistency of the applied methodology throughout the entire time series.

Emissions and removals:

- Reported emissions for transcription errors between the calculation sheets and the CRF tables.
- Recalculation differences and reasons for recalculations.

6.6.6 Category-specific recalculations

This year, only a few recalculations were made for the CL category as detailed in Table 6.6.3.

Table 6.6.3. The reason and scale of the difference between the value of the estimates in this submission and the previous submission for the CL category for some recent inventory years.

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year										
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2020	4.B.2 Carbon stock change, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-5	-11	-12	-6
2021		kt C	-1	-1	-3	-1	-2	-1	-2	-5	-11	-13	-6
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	20,7	31,1	389,1	35,0	30,2	5,2	8,8	0,8	0,6	10,6	0,8
2020	4.B.2.1, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-5	-11	-12	-6
2021		kt C	-1	-1	-3	-1	-2	-1	-2	-5	-11	-13	-6
	<i>difference, %</i>	%	20,7	31,1	389,1	35,0	30,2	5,2	8,8	0,8	0,6	10,6	0,8

6.6.7 Category-specific planned improvements

Planned improvements include the implementation of specific elements of the Tier 2 uncertainty estimation, including the development of uncertainty estimates of some soil carbon stock change factors.

6.7 Grassland (CRF sector 4.C)

6.7.1 Description of category

In 1985, the livestock of grazing animals included 2 million cattle, 1 million geese and 3 million sheep. The decade beginning 1980 both saw the highest number of grazing livestock in the country and was the period of the most intensive management of the Hungarian grasslands with respect to fertilizer doses and irrigation. The number of grazing animals and the intensity of grassland management started to decrease after about the mid-1980's and reached its bottom in the middle of the 1990's. All this also affected the area of grassland which considerably decreased after 1985, but started to increase again beginning 2011, and amounted to roughly 9 percent of the official area of Hungary in 2019 (Figure 6.7.1). Of the emissions and removals due to changes to and from grasslands, those that are accounted for in the Grassland category are reported in Figure 6.7.2.

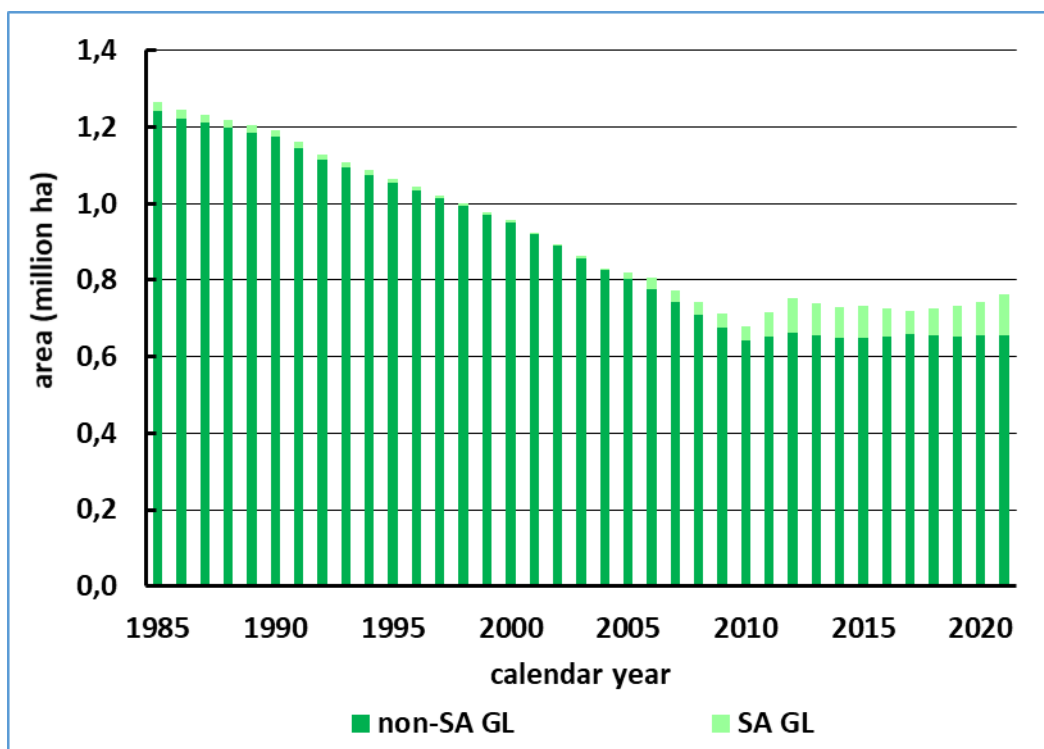


Figure 6.7.1. The area of the Grassland category since 1985.

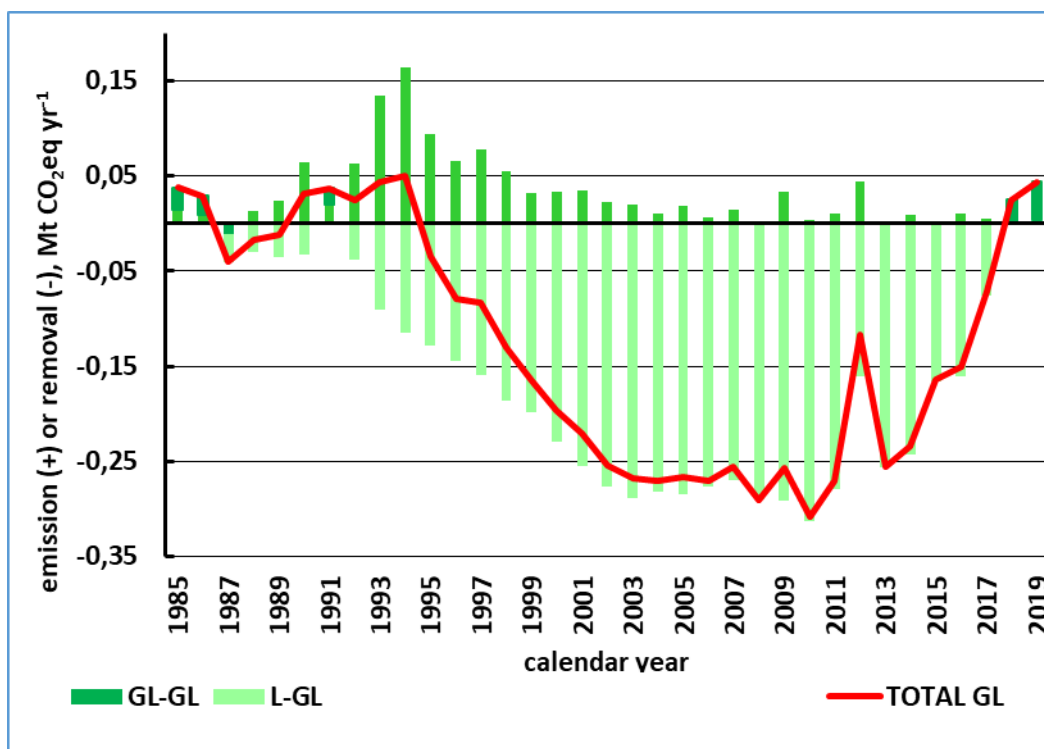


Figure 6.7.2. Emissions and removals in the Grassland category since 1985. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

6.7.2 Grassland remaining Grassland

Figure 6.7.3 reports emissions and removals, whereas Table 6.7.1 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

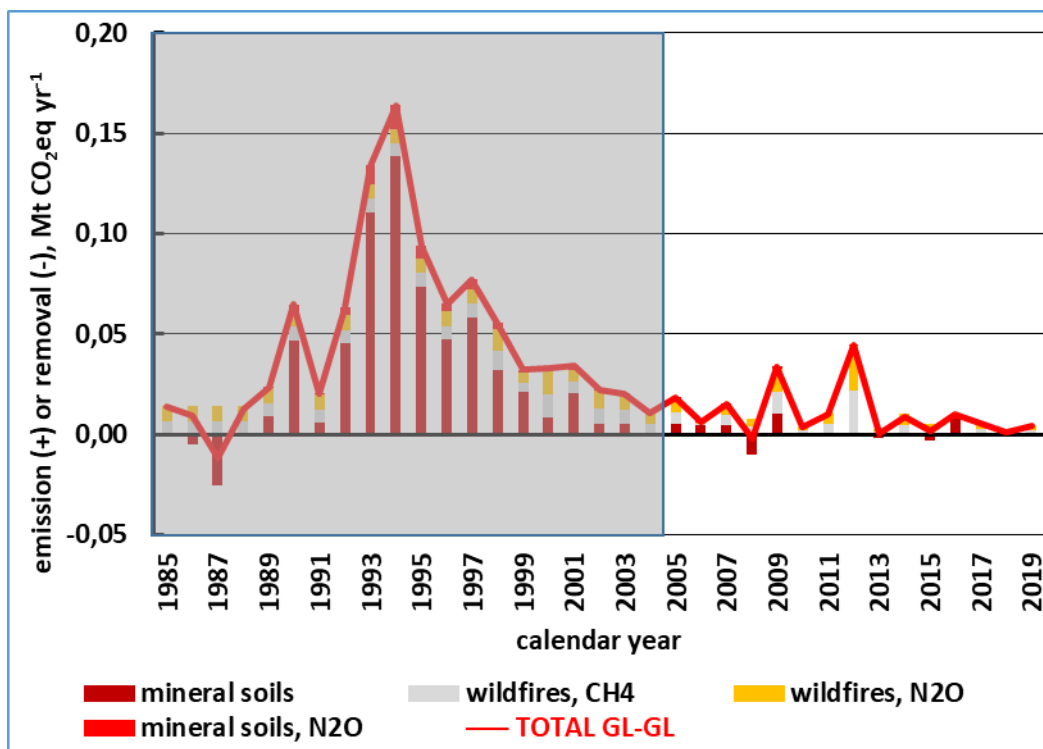


Figure 6.7.3. Emissions and removals in the GL-GL category since 1985. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

Table 6.7.1. Methodological summary for GL-GL (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor).

GL-GL	Type of information	Carbon stock changes						Table (4)III, (4)IV	Table (4)V
		BIOMASS		DOM		SOIL			
		annual	perennial	DW	LI	mineral	organic		
E/R	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0	AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO	D	Wildfires: AD: CS; EF: D Biomass burning: NO	
Uncertainty	NE		NE				NE		

6.7.2.1 Biomass

Grasslands are meadows and pastures some of which are grazed or harvested annually, while others are unmanaged, and where tree cover is non-existent or very low. Due also to its relatively small area and dynamics, the biomass of GL-GL is not a key category. Therefore, we adapt the Tier 1 method of the 2006 IPCC GL which assumes no change in biomass. In line with this, 'NO' is reported for the biomass of this category. Note that, due to the increase of set-aside grassland, a rather slow increase in woody biomass might have been occurring, thus, applying the Tier 1 method might slightly underestimate carbon removals.

Note that a domestic study (Tasi et al. 2016) reports highly variable above-ground biomass, but no estimates for the below-ground biomass. The change of grassland management, such as from non-set-aside grassland to set-aside grassland and vice versa, does not lead to a change in grassland productivity in biomass. This information together with expert judgment suggests that the total biomass is around the default IPCC value. Therefore, we apply the IPCC default value for the biomass of grasslands.

6.7.2.2 Dead organic matter

As the dead organic matter pool and its carbon stock changes are relatively small, the Tier 1 method is applied which assumes that the dead wood and litter stocks are at equilibrium, and the carbon stock changes for these pools are thus not estimated.

6.7.2.3 Soils

Some direct local results have already been published concerning CO₂-emission from grasslands (Nagy et al. 2007, Zsembeli et al. 2006). However, in lack of country-wide monitoring results the Tier 2 IPCC method is applied which, together with emission factors, is described in section 6.4.1. Data demonstrate that high activity clay mineral soils are dominant, similar to the case of croplands. (These include salt affected soils that are very characteristic to Hungary and that are partly utilized as grasslands, mainly depending on the extent of salinization.)

Concerning management, sufficient statistics are lacking for the period 1985-2002. As an approximation, the management, hence the quality of grasslands is determined for this period based on the number of grazing animals and the level of management costs for each soil type and climate region, taking into consideration the spatial distribution of the number of livestock by species. The spatial distribution of quality, utilization and load of grasslands were estimated and overlaid on the genetic soil maps and climatic zone maps mentioned in section 6.4.1. Based on this, the following two broad categories are used to characterize the management of the Hungarian grasslands: nominally managed (non-degraded) grasslands (with no input), which includes pastures, rangelands and other unmanaged grasslands, and improved grasslands with medium input. The area of the latter can be calculated from HCSO data based on the area of grasslands treated with chemical fertilizers (Table 6.7.2) and that of irrigated grasslands which are available for some inventory years since 2003. The proportion of irrigated grasslands is less than 0.1 per cent, therefore, the area of grasslands

treated with chemical fertilizers is considered to represent improved grasslands in Hungary, and the rest is taken as nominally managed.

Table 6.7.2. *The area of grasslands treated with chemical fertilizer as well as the amount of active ingredient applied to grasslands for recent years (source: HCSO: https://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xstadat/xstadat_eves/i_omn030.html).*

Year	Grasslands treated with chemical fertilizer [ha]	Amount of active ingredient used (kg/ha)		
		N	P	K
2003	22361			
2004	21290			
2005	no data			
2006	no data			
2007	10114			
2008	16412			
2009	8962			
2010	8774			
2011	11441			
2012	11494	50,3	1,2	1,4
2013	12387	51,9	2,7	3,3
2014	11675	68,3	2	2
2016	13233	50,5	2	3,9
2017		57,8	4,2	5,5
2018		52,6	5,9	5,1

The management of grasslands was reduced due to the introduction of Agro-environmental Management Program in 2002-2003 and was limited to slightly intensive planted grasslands. This program resulted in the natural succession of pastures that is characterized by the propagation of weeds and soil degradation. The management of grasslands is limited to their grazing and cutting.

All the above information formed a sufficiently good basis for the expert judgment that was necessary to develop the required proportions (Table 6.7.3).

Table 6.7.3. *The distribution of grasslands in Hungary by management and input in 2016.*

Management	Input	Proportion of total grassland area (%)
non-degraded	-	98.3
improved	medium	1.74

For the above climate, soil, management and input categories, the applied reference soil organic carbon stocks were the same as those reported in Table 6.4.2 above. The land-use factor (F_{LU}) is 1.0 for all grasslands, whereas the selected management factors (F_{MG}) are reported in Table 6.7.4 and the level of input (F_I) was assumed to be 1.0 for both the nominally managed grasslands and the improved grassland (IPCC 2006).

Note that the above methodology may result in zero carbon stock change estimate in some years. To demonstrate that it is the result of a calculation, it is reported as zero and not as "NO".

Table 6.7.4. *Management factors (F_{MG}) applied for Grassland*

Management regime	F_{MG}
Nominally managed (non-degraded)	1.00
Improved	1.14

6.7.2.4 Non-CO₂ emissions

The amount of non-CO₂ emissions is estimated according to section 6.4.2 (for N₂O emissions from soils) and 6.4.3 (for emissions from wildfires).

For the mass of available fuel (M_B) in the wildfire calculation, no proper country-specific values have been derived yet, therefore, the value of 6.26 t d.m. ha⁻¹ was assumed, which is the same that we use in the GL-CL conversions (see section 6.6.3.2.1 above). For the combustion factor C_f , the conservative

value of 1 is used (Table 2.6 of the 2006 IPCC GL fails to report appropriate values), whereas for the Gef emission factors the IPCC default values in Table 2.5 are used.

6.7.3 Land converted to Grassland

Figure 6.7.2 reports emissions and removals, whereas Table 6.7.5 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

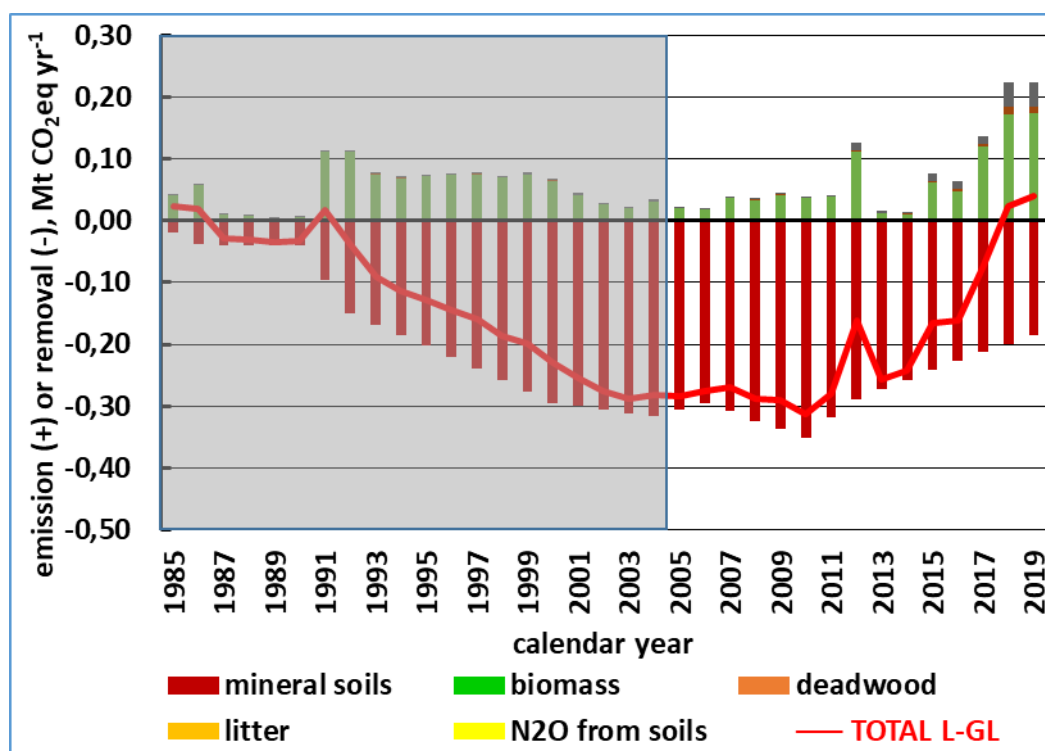


Figure 6.7.4. Emissions and removals in the L-GL category since 1985. The data under the grey box is shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

Table 6.7.5. Methodological summary for L-GL. (CS=country specific; D: default; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

L-GL	Type of information	"FROM" category	BIOMASS	DOM		SOIL		Table (4)III, (4)IV	Table (4)V
	E/R			DW	LI	mineral	organic		
		FL	AD: CS; EF: CS	AD: CS; EF: CS		AD: CS; EF: CS/D		D	Wildfires: IE (GL-GL)
		CL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D			
		WL	NO	NO		NO			
		SE	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D			
		OL	NO	NO		NO			
	Uncertainty	NE		NE		NE		NE	

6.7.3.1 Forest Land converted to Grassland

For the methodology to estimate carbon stock changes in the biomass, DOM and soil pools, see Sections 6.5.6.1.1 and 6.4.4, 6.5.6.1.2 and 6.5.6.1.3, respectively. The total emissions from these pools estimated using this methodology was split between FL-GL and other conversions by the area of these conversions. The share of FL-GL to all FL-L varies between about 4 and 50% and was 22 % in 2019.

6.7.3.2 Cropland converted to Grassland

6.7.3.3 Biomass

Carbon stock changes in biomass in this category are the sum of those from converting Cropland with annual crops to Grassland and those from converting Cropland with perennials to Grassland.

For annual crops, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is the same as reported in sections 6.4.4 and 6.6.3.2.1, and symbols applied there are used here, too.

For A_{Conv} , data from the annual land-use change matrix was used.

B_{before} for annual croplands, the default 10 t biomass/ha, was taken from text to Table 5.9 of the 2006 IPCC GL, whereas B_{after} was estimated from the proportion of Cropland area of cold dry and warm dry climate types ($P_{CD} = 0.41$, $P_{WD} = 0.59$) and respective specific default Grassland biomass (total above- and below-ground biomass, Table 6.4 of the 2006 IPCC GL: $B_{CD} = 6.5$ t biomass ha^{-1} and $B_{WD} = 6.1$ t biomass ha^{-1} , respectively): $B_{after} = P_{CD} * B_{CD} + P_{WD} * B_{WD}$ (see section 6.7.2.1 for more details). In accordance with the Tier 1 assumption, B_{after} in the equation is 0, and the carbon fraction is the default value of 0.47 tC t biomass $^{-1}$.

For ΔC_G , the same biomass value of 6.26 tC ha^{-1} , together with the default carbon fraction of 0.47 tC t biomass $^{-1}$ was used as for the pre-conversion biomass of B_{before} in the CL-GL category, whereas ΔC_L was assumed to be equal to 0.

When converting Cropland with perennials to Grassland, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is consistent with the one reported in section 6.6.2.1.1. P_p for Grassland was also estimated from the CORINE land cover change database (see Table 6.7.6 and section 6.2 for details).

Table 6.7.6. *The area of cropland-grassland conversions since 1985.*

Year	Area (ha)			
	Annual cropland converted to grassland	Vineyard converted to Grassland	Orchard converted to Grassland	Total CL-GL
1985	4938	80	320	5338
1986	4420	532	386	5338
1987	-393	197	197	0
1988	-334	210	124	0
1989	-161	123	39	0
1990	-110	110	0	0
1991	15684	329	0	16013
1992	15690	323	0	16013
1993	5713	994	0	6707
1994	5699	1008	0	6707
1995	5721	986	0	6707
1996	5727	980	0	6707
1997	5737	970	0	6707
1998	5728	979	0	6707
1999	5747	960	0	6707
2000	6020	687	0	6707
2001	1132	715	0	1847
2002	1615	169	64	1847
2003	1600	180	68	1847
2004	1603	177	67	1847
2005	1575	198	75	1847
2006	1607	175	66	1847
2007	4476	165	62	4703
2008	4449	185	69	4703
2009	4453	182	68	4703
2010	4442	190	72	4703
2011	4391	108	204	4703

2012	4685	18	0	4703
2013	979	0	1	980
2014	939	41	0	980
2015	928	31	21	980
2016	723	257	0	980
2017	859	120	0	980
2018	873	107	0	980
2019	830	150	0	980

6.7.3.3.1 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

6.7.3.4 Wetlands converted to Grassland

This land-use change is not occurring in Hungary.

6.7.3.5 Settlements converted to Grassland

The land cover change databases indicate rather small areas of Settlement converted to Grassland (ranging between 23 and 191). These areas are predominantly biological re-cultivation of abandoned surface mines. In general, the biological re-cultivation results in an increase in the carbon stocks. For the sake of consistency and completeness, carbon stock changes in mineral soils are estimated using the method and emission factors that are reported in section 6.4.1.

6.7.3.6 Other Land converted to Grassland

This land-use change is not occurring in Hungary.

6.7.4 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

An uncertainty analysis of the emission and removal estimates for the Grassland category using a Tier 1 approach was reported in our NIR of 2014. As there have been recalculations for the entire LULUCF

sector since then, the uncertainty analysis should be updated. However, we have focused our capacities for the last several years on the improvement of the land transition matrix, some other activity data, some emission factors and some methodological issues, and thus the updating of the uncertainty analysis was not possible.

6.7.5 Category-specific QA/QC and verification

See section 6.6.5.

6.7.6 Category-specific recalculations

This year, only a few recalculations were made for the GL category as detailed in Table 6.7.7.

Table 6.7.7. *The reason and scale of the difference between the value of the estimates in this submission and the previous submission for the GL category for some recent inventory years.*

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year											Reason for recalculation
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
2020	4.C.2 Carbon stock change, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	0	-1	-1	0	-4	-1	-1	-4	-5	-4	-14	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	-2	-3	0	-6	-1	-1	-4	-5	-5	-14	
		<i>difference, %</i>	<i>20,7</i>	<i>31,1</i>	<i>389,1</i>	<i>35,0</i>	<i>30,2</i>	<i>5,2</i>	<i>8,8</i>	<i>0,8</i>	<i>0,6</i>	<i>10,6</i>	<i>0,8</i>	
2020	4.C.2.1, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	0	-1	-1	0	-4	-1	-1	-4	-5	-4	-14	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	0	-2	-3	0	-6	-1	-1	-4	-5	-5	-14	
		<i>difference, %</i>	<i>20,7</i>	<i>31,1</i>	<i>389,1</i>	<i>35,0</i>	<i>30,2</i>	<i>5,2</i>	<i>8,8</i>	<i>0,8</i>	<i>0,6</i>	<i>10,6</i>	<i>0,8</i>	

6.7.7 Category-specific planned improvements

Planned improvements for this category include Tier 1 (and possibly Tier 2) uncertainty estimation.

6.8 Wetland (CRF sector 4.D)

6.8.1 Description of category

Wetlands account for only about 2.8 per cent of the total area of Hungary (Figure 6.3.1) and include inland marshes, peat bogs, and natural and artificial water courses and water bodies. Wetlands are *ex lege* protected in Hungary that is among the signatories of the Ramsar Convention. The preservation and the sustainable use of Wetlands became standard practice decades ago. In 2017, altogether 29 wetland areas (with a total area of 256,948 ha) were included the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance and managed accordingly (<http://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/sitelist.pdf>).

The methodology of identifying Wetlands (see section 6.3) does not allow for the separation of managed and unmanaged Wetlands (the latter having a rather small share), but the area of Wetlands could be split into remaining and 'converted to' sub-categories. As wetlands are mainly precipitation dominated, their extent to a certain degree depends on the seasonal and annual variability in precipitation, and due to the nature of land-use and land-use change statistics, this variability could not be entirely reflected in the annual land-use change matrices.

Anthropogenic emissions from wetlands are not significant in Hungary because both the managed and total Wetland area have been small and quite constant for decades, therefore, the Tier 1 method is applied for the estimation of the emissions. To ensure completeness, emissions from both land conversions to water bodies (as conversions to 'flooded land') and peat extraction are reported. The Hungarian Mining Authority (HMA) provides data on the establishment of new peat extraction sites and on the amount of peat extracted annually. The effect of peat bogs conversion to peat extraction sites seems to be insignificant, because peat mining is a very rare activity due to the strict natural protection law. No new extraction sites have been established since 2006.

6.8.2 Wetland remaining Wetland

Table 6.8.1 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

Table 6.8.1. Methodology summary for WL-WL (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor; NO: not occurring).

	Type of information	Carbon stock changes		CO2 emissions, on-site	N2O emissions, on-site	CO2 emissions, off-site	Table (4)I, II, III, IV	Table (4)V
		BIOMASS	DOM	SOIL				
WL-WL	E/R	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0	AD: CS; EF: D	AD: CS; EF: CS/D	AD: CS; EF: D	Direct N2O emissions from N inputs to managed soils: NO; Emissions from peat extraction: D; Direct and indirect N2O emissions from N mineralization: D	Wildfires: NO Biomass burning: NO
	Uncertainty	NE		NE		NE		

In WL-WL, the main sources of emissions are related to peat extraction. Biomass carbon stock changes unrelated to peat extraction, which are negligible, are not estimated. For the sake of completeness, soil carbon stock changes in “other wetlands” (i.e., wetlands with predominantly grassy vegetation) are estimated using the methodology described in section 6.4.1. Note that this methodology may result in a zero carbon stock change estimate in some inventory years. To demonstrate that it is the result of a calculation, it is reported as zero and not as “NO”.

6.8.2.1 Carbon stock changes as well as CO₂ emissions (on-site and off-site)

According to Equations 7.3. and 7.4 of the 2006 IPCC GL, one source of CO₂ emissions (for all production phases) from peatlands is emissions from peatland extraction (both on-site and off-site) and from biomass clearing:

$$CO_2-C_{WW \text{ peat on-site}} = [(A_{\text{peatRich}} * EF_{CO_2 \text{ peatRich}}) + (A_{\text{peatPoor}} * EF_{CO_2 \text{ peatPoor}})] / 1000 + \Delta C_{WW \text{ peat B}}$$

where

$CO_2-C_{WW \text{ peat on-site}}$ = on-site CO₂-C emissions from peat deposits, Gg C yr⁻¹

A_{peatRich} = area of nutrient-rich peat soils managed for peat extraction, ha

A_{peatPoor} = area of nutrient-poor peat soils managed for peat extraction, ha

$EF_{CO_2 \text{ peatRich}}$ = CO₂ emission factors for nutrient-rich peat soils managed for peat extraction or abandoned after peat extraction, tonnes C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹

$EF_{CO_2 \text{ peatPoor}}$ = CO₂ emission factors for nutrient-poor peat soils managed for peat extraction or abandoned after peat extraction, tonnes C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹

$\Delta C_{WW \text{ peat B}}$ = CO₂-C emissions from change in carbon stocks in biomass due to vegetation clearing, Gg C yr⁻¹.

Data for A_{peatRich} and A_{peatPoor} was obtained from the HMA for the period 1995-2019 (Table 6.8.2). For the years 1985 to 1994 data on area conversions are not available, therefore, proxy data, i.e., data of

1995 was used for the estimation. For the emission factors, IPCC default values, i.e., 1.1 and 0.2 tonnes C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹, from Table 7.4 of Volume 4 of the 2006 IPCC GL, were used for nutrient-rich and nutrient-poor peats, respectively, irrespective of the current status (in operation vs abandonment) of the various peat extraction sites.

Table 6.8.2. Area of land converted annually to peat extraction (ha)

Year	Area of land converted annually to peat extraction (ha)	
	Mire and Peat	Peat
1995	NO	169.32
1996	NO	68.37
1997	12.16	73.87
1998	NO	802.15
1999	205.15	211.97
2000	88.67	28.13
2001	NO	NO
2002	NO	105.45
2003	NO	NO
2004	4.12	NO
2005	NO	34.45
2006	NO	18.53
2007	NO	NO
2008	NO	NO
2009	NO	NO
2010	NO	NO
2011	NO	NO
2012	NO	NO
2013	NO	NO
2014	NO	NO
2015	NO	NO
2016	NO	NO
2017	NO	NO
2018	NO	NO
2019	17.9	NO

We note here that the expert review team (ERT) noted during the review in 2017 that the various situations that occur after extraction has ceased, such as abandonment, restoration or land conversion, result in different levels of emissions according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the Wetlands Supplement. The ERT also noted the small impact of these lands on the national level of emissions but encouraged Hungary to undertake further research on site-specific information on the practices taking place at peat extraction sites after extraction ceases, if resource allocation allows the country to do so. Indeed, while this may be a task for further years, we currently have neither appropriate data nor data collection capacity to improve our estimates, and consider the impact mentioned above highly insignificant.

Concerning the methodology to differentiate between nutrient rich and nutrient poor sub-categories, the basis for the classification is the type of organic material in the soil. The database we have allows us to apply two classes here: “mire” that we regard as being poor in nutrients, and “peat” that we regard as being rich in nutrients.

Carbon stock change in biomass due to vegetation clearing was estimated using Equation 2.16 (see Section 6.4.4). In Hungary, the typical biomass of peat bogs, i.e., B_{before} in this equation, is grass as demonstrated in different studies (e.g., Hubayné, 2005 and Dömsödy, 2006). Therefore, B_{before} was estimated from the proportion and average specific biomass for cold dry and warm dry climate types: $B_{\text{before}} = P_{\text{CD}} * B_{\text{CD}} + P_{\text{WD}} * B_{\text{WD}}$ ($P_{\text{CD}} = 0.41$, $P_{\text{WD}} = 0.59$, $B_{\text{CD}} = 6.5 \text{ t biomass ha}^{-1}$ and $B_{\text{WD}} = 6.1 \text{ t biomass ha}^{-1}$, respectively; see more details in Section 6.7.3.3). B_{after} in the equation is 0, and the carbon fraction is the IPCC default value of $0.47 \text{ tC t biomass}^{-1}$.

Off-site emissions from managed peatlands were estimated using Equation 7.5 (by modifying it, i.e., deleting the division by 1000, to correct for appropriate dimensions):

$$\text{CO}_2\text{-C}_{\text{WW peat off-site}} = \text{Wt}_{\text{dry_peat}} * \text{Cfraction}_{\text{wt_peat}}$$

where

$$\text{CO}_2\text{-C}_{\text{WW peat off-site}} = \text{off-site CO}_2\text{-C emissions from peat removed for horticultural use, tC yr}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Wt}_{\text{dry_peat}} = \text{air-dry weight of extracted peat, tonnes yr}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Cfraction}_{\text{wt_peat}} = \text{carbon fraction of air-dry peat by weight, tonnes C (tonnes of air-dry peat)}^{-1}$$

$\text{Wt}_{\text{dry_peat}}$ was estimated from the annual statistics (based on measured values) of the amount of peat extracted (provided by the HMA, Table 6.8.3) and the density of the peat, also provided by the HMA by extraction site. The density values are rather uncertain and showed rather large variation. In order not to underestimate emissions, the largest density value measured in samples in the various sites (i.e., $0.8 \text{ tonnes biomass m}^{-3}$) was used to convert volume extracted to biomass extracted. For

$C_{fraction_{wt_peat}}$, the area-weighted value of 0.42 tonnes C (tonnes of air-dry peat)⁻¹ is used, which was calculated based on the area of nutrient rich and nutrient poor sites and respective data from Table 7.5 of the 2006 IPCC GL.

Table 6.8.3. Annual amount of peat extracted.)

Year	Amount of peat extracted	
	Estimated by HMA, m ³	Converted to mass, tonnes
1985	464 000	371 200
1986	797 000	637 600
1987	860 000	688 000
1988	795 000	636 000
1989	704 000	563 200
1990	637 000	509 600
1991	395 000	316 000
1992	263 000	210 400
1993	464 000	371 200
1994	275 000	220 000
1995	321 000	256 800
1996	202 000	161 600
1997	346 000	276 800
1998	240 000	192 000
1999	313 000	250 400
2000	330 000	264 000
2001	355 000	284 000
2002	341 000	272 800
2003	247 000	197 600
2004	273 000	218 400
2005	294 000	235 200
2006	297 000	237 600
2007	226 000	180 800
2008	188 000	150 400
2009	323 000	258 400
2010	169 500	135 600
2011	268 700	214 960

2012	185 700	148 560
2013	285 200	228 160
2014	166 000	132 800
2015	286 000	140 831
2016	217 000	173 600
2017	273 600	218 880
2018	142 000	113 600
2019	146 300	117 040

6.8.2.2 N₂O emissions

The 2006 IPCC GL provides a Tier 1 methodology to estimate N₂O emissions due to peat extraction. These emissions were only estimated for nutrient rich sites using Equation 7.7:

$$N_2O_{WW\text{ peatExtraction}} = (A_{\text{peatRich}} * EF_{N_2O\text{ peatRich}}) * 44/28 * 10^{-6}$$

where

$N_2O_{WW\text{ peatExtraction}}$ = N₂O emissions due to peat extraction, Gg N₂O yr⁻¹

A_{peatRich} = area of nutrient rich peat extraction sites, ha (see above)

$EF_{N_2O-N\text{ peatRich}}$ = emission factor for drained nutrient-rich wetlands, kg N₂O–N ha⁻¹yr⁻¹ for which the IPCC default value of 1.8 kg N₂O–N ha⁻¹yr⁻¹ from Table 7.6 was used (the multiplier 10⁻⁶ is necessary in the equation to obtain the result in units of Gg N₂O yr⁻¹).

1.1.1.1 Land converted to Wetland

Table 6.8.4 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

Table 6.8.4. Methodology summary for Land converted to Wetland (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor; NO: not occurring).

	Subcategory	"FROM" category	BIOMASS	DOM		SOIL		Table (4)I, III, IV	Table (4)V	
				DW	LI	mineral	organic			
L-WL	E/R, land converted to peatland	not estimated (insignificant amounts; if any, included in E/R in land converted to flooded land)								
	E/R, land converted to flooded land	FL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Direct and indirect N ₂ O emissions from N inputs to managed soils: NO; Direct and indirect N ₂ O emissions from N mineralization/immobilization: NO	Wildfires: NO; Biomass burning: NO	
		CL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO			
		GL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO			
		SE	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO			
		OL	NO	NO		NO	NO			
Uncertainty	NE		NE				NE			

6.8.2.3 Grassland converted to Wetland

The general methodology of identifying the area of Land converted to Wetlands is described in section 6.3.1.

6.8.2.4 Biomass

Equation 7.10 of the 2006 IPCC GL was applied as follows:

$$\Delta C_{LWfloodLB} = A_{Conversion} * (B_{after} - B_{before}) * CF$$

where:

$\Delta C_{LWfloodLB}$ = biomass carbon stock change due to land-use conversion to Wetland, tC year⁻¹

$A_{Conversion}$ = annual area of land converted to Wetland, ha year⁻¹

B_{after} = carbon stocks of biomass after the conversion to Wetland, tonnes C ha⁻¹

B_{before} = carbon stocks in biomass before the conversion to Wetland, tonnes C ha⁻¹

CF = carbon fraction, tC (t biomass)⁻¹.

To estimate the amount of biomass cleared in the year of conversion, the annual areas of Cropland or Grassland converted to Wetlands need to be used because these are the types of conversions that have so far occurred in the time series since 1985.

B_{after} is zero, and B_{before} was estimated the same way as described for wetland prepared for peat extraction above. For more details see “Grassland converted to Cropland” in Chapter 6.6.3.2.

6.8.2.5 Settlements converted to Wetland

The area of Settlements converted to Wetlands is very small. The CLC codes which were classified into this category are reported in Table 6.3.2. This land-use change category mainly contains the area of sandpits and gravel pits, extraction and construction area which are not covered by soil and biomass. Therefore, emissions from these land-use change conversions are most probably, and taken to be, zero.

6.8.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

An uncertainty analysis of the emission and removal estimates for the Wetland category using a Tier 1 approach was reported in our NIR of 2014. As there were some recalculations for the entire LULUCF sector in 2016, the uncertainty analysis should be updated, however, we focused our capacities on the improvement of the land transition matrix, some other activity data, some emission factors and some methodological issues, and the updating of the uncertainty analysis has not been possible yet.

Part of our efforts to improve the emission and removal estimates was dedicated to further improve the time series consistency. However, whereas this inventory is more consistent than before, further improvements are possible.

6.8.4 Category-specific QA/QC and verification

See section 6.6.5.

6.8.5 Category-specific recalculations

This year, no recalculations were made for the WL category.

6.8.6 Category-specific planned improvements

As with other categories, we are planning to conduct a Tier 2 uncertainty estimation for this category, too.

6.9 Settlements (CRF sector 4.E)

6.9.1 Description of category

Settlements account for 6.3 per cent of the area of Hungary, and only for a tiny fraction of emissions of the sector.

6.9.2 Settlements remaining Settlements

As this category is not a key category, the Tier 1 assumption of no change in carbon stocks in all pools is applied.

6.9.3 Land converted to Settlements

Table 6.9.1 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

Table 6.9.1. Methodology summary for Land converted to Settlements (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor; NO: not occurring).

	Type of information	"FROM" category	BIOMASS	DOM		SOIL		Table (4), III, IV	Table (4)V
				DW	LI	mineral	organic		
L-SE	E/R	FL	AD: CS; EF: CS	AD: CS; EF: CS		AD: CS; EF: CS/D		Direct and indirect N2O emissions from N inputs to managed soils: NO; Direct and indirect N2O emissions from N mineralization: D	Wildfires: NO; Biomass burning: NO
		CL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D			
		GL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D			
		WL	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D			
		OL	NO	NO		NO			
	Uncertainty	NE		NE		NE			

6.9.3.1 Forest land converted to Settlements

For the methodology to estimate carbon stock changes in the biomass, DOM and soil pools, see Sections 6.5.6.1.1, 6.5.6.1.2 and 6.5.6.1.3, respectively. The total emissions from these pools estimated using this methodology was split between FL-SE and other conversions by the area of these conversions. The share of FL-SE to all FL-L varies between about 36 and 88%, and it was 44% in 2019.

6.9.3.2 Cropland converted to Settlements

6.9.3.2.1 Biomass

Carbon stock changes in biomass in this category are the sum of those from converting Cropland with annual crops to Settlement and those from converting Cropland with perennials to Settlement.

For annual crops, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is the same as reported in Sections 6.4.4 and 6.6.3.2.1, and symbols applied there are used here, too.

For A_{Conv} , data from the annual land-use change matrix was used.

For B_{before} for annual croplands, the default 10 t biomass/ha, was taken from text to Table 5.9 of the 2006 IPCC GL. In accordance with the Tier 1 assumption, B_{after} in the equation is 0, and the carbon fraction is the default value of 0.47 tC t biomass⁻¹. ΔC_L was assumed to be equal to 0.

When converting Cropland with perennials to Settlements, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is the same as reported in section 6.6.2.1.1. P_p for Settlements was also estimated from the CORINE land cover change database (see Table 6.9.2 and section 6.2 for details).

Table 6.9.2. The distribution of the area of cropland annually converted to Settlements.

Year	Annual area of conversions (ha)			
	Cropland converted to Settlements	Vineyard converted to Settlements	Orchard converted to Settlements	Total CL-SE
1985	40	10	789	838
1986	48	67	724	838
1987	25	25	789	838
1988	16	26	797	838
1989	5	15	818	838
1990	0	14	825	838
1991	0	41	797	838

1992	0	40	798	838
1993	0	80	858	938
1994	0	81	857	938
1995	0	79	859	938
1996	0	79	859	938
1997	0	78	860	938
1998	0	78	859	938
1999	0	77	861	938
2000	0	203	734	938
2001	0	212	1753	1965
2002	19	50	1896	1965
2003	20	53	1892	1965
2004	20	52	1893	1965
2005	22	59	1884	1965
2006	19	52	1894	1965
2007	18	49	1179	1246
2008	21	55	1171	1246
2009	20	54	1172	1246
2010	21	56	1169	1246
2011	60	32	1154	1246
2012	0	14	1233	1246
2013	1	0	982	983
2014	0	30	880	910
2015	16	23	815	854
2016	0	191	533	723
2017	0	89	775	864
2018	0	0	0	0
2019	0	112	850	962

6.9.3.2.2 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

6.9.3.3 Grassland converted to Settlements

6.9.3.3.1 Biomass

The methodology of estimating carbon stock changes applied for Grassland converted to Settlement is the same as reported in section 6.6.3.2.1. B_{before} was estimated from the proportion of Grassland area of cold dry and warm dry climate types ($P_{\text{CD}} = 0.41$, $P_{\text{WD}} = 0.59$) and respective specific default Grassland biomass (total above- and below-ground biomass, Table 6.4 of the 2006 IPCC GL: $B_{\text{CD}} = 6.5$ t biomass ha⁻¹ and $B_{\text{WD}} = 6.1$ t biomass ha⁻¹, respectively); $B_{\text{after}} = P_{\text{CD}} * B_{\text{CD}} + P_{\text{WD}} * B_{\text{WD}}$. Here, too, in accordance with the Tier 1 assumption, B_{after} in the equation is 0.

6.9.3.3.2 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

6.9.3.4 Wetland converted to Settlements

6.9.3.4.1 Biomass

Wetlands converted to Settlements are typically inland marshes (rarely peat bogs) the biomass of which is typically grass (Dömsödi, 2006) and water bodies with no biomass. Therefore, the emissions from biomass were estimated using the methodology that is applied for the Grassland converted to Settlement, see Section 6.9.3.3.1) which, for water bodies, may somewhat overestimate the amount of biomass lost and is thus conservative.

6.9.3.4.2 Organic soils

For these conversions, Equation 2.26 was used to estimate the annual carbon loss:

$$L_{\text{organic from water-bodies}} = A_{\text{entire category}} * P_{\text{water-bodies}} * EF_{\text{water-bodies}}$$

and

$$L_{\text{organic from marshes-bogs}} = A_{\text{entire category}} * P_{\text{marshes-bogs}} * EF_{\text{marshes-bogs}}$$

where

L_{organic} = annual carbon loss from organic soils of water bodies and marshes-bogs, respectively, from converting Wetland to Settlements, tCyr^{-1}

$A_{\text{entire category}}$ = area of the entire category of Wetland converted to Settlements, ha

$P_{\text{water-bodies}}$ = proportion of the area of water bodies relative to $A_{\text{entire category}}$, %

$P_{\text{marshes-bogs}}$ = proportion of the area of marshes-bogs, relative to $A_{\text{entire category}}$, %

$EF_{\text{water-bodies}}$ = emission factor for water bodies, $\text{tCha}^{-1}\text{yr}^{-1}$

$EF_{\text{marshes-bogs}}$ = emission factor for marshes and bogs, $\text{tCha}^{-1}\text{yr}^{-1}$

The P values were identified according to section 6.3.1, whereas for the emission factors the default IPCC (2006) values of 0.25 (cold temperate) and 2.5 (warm temperate) $\text{tCha}^{-1}\text{yr}^{-1}$ (Table 6.3) and 10.0 $\text{tCha}^{-1}\text{yr}^{-1}$ (Table 5.6) were used, respectively.

6.9.4 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

An uncertainty analysis of the emission and removal estimates for the Settlements category using a Tier 1 approach was reported in our NIR of 2014. As there were recalculations for the entire LULUCF sector since then, the uncertainty analysis should be updated, however, we focused our capacities on the improvement of the land transition matrix, some other activity data, some emission factors and some methodological issues, and the updating of the uncertainty analysis has not been possible yet.

Part of our efforts to improve the emission and removal estimates was dedicated to further improve the time series consistency. However, whereas this inventory is more consistent than before, further improvements are possible.

6.9.5 Category-specific QA/QC and verification

See section 6.6.5.

6.9.6 Category-specific recalculations

This year, only a few recalculations were made in the SE category as detailed in Table 6.9.3.

Table 6.9.3. The reason and scale of the difference between the value of the estimates in this submission and the previous submission for the SE category for some recent inventory years.

Submission year	Category, quantity	Unit	Inventory year											Reason for recalculation
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
2020	4.E.2, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	161	189	157	176	186	192	209	193	192	166	164	recalculation due to minor corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	163	193	174	179	189	192	211	194	192	167	164	
		difference, %	0,9	2,0	10,5	1,5	1,9	0,3	0,6	0,1	0,1	0,7	0,1	
2020	4.E.2 Carbon stock change, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	-2	-3	-1	-2	-3	-3	-4	-7	-8	-3	-6	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	-2	-4	-6	-3	-4	-4	-4	-7	-8	-4	-6	
		difference, %	20,7	31,1	389,1	35,0	30,2	5,2	8,8	0,8	0,6	10,6	0,8	
2020	4.E.2.1, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	-2	-3	-1	-2	-3	-3	-4	-7	-8	-3	-6	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	-2	-4	-6	-3	-4	-4	-4	-7	-8	-4	-6	
		difference, %	20,7	31,1	389,1	35,0	30,2	5,2	8,8	0,8	0,6	10,6	0,8	
2020	4.E.2.1.1 Forest Land converte, Net carbon stock change in dead wood	kt C	-2	-3	-1	-2	-3	-3	-4	-7	-8	-3	-6	recalculation due to corrections in formulas
2021		kt C	-2	-4	-6	-3	-4	-4	-4	-7	-8	-4	-6	
		difference, %	20,7	31,1	389,1	35,0	30,2	5,2	8,8	0,8	0,6	10,6	0,8	

6.9.7 Category-specific planned improvements

Planned improvements in this category include Tier 1 (and possibly Tier 2) uncertainty estimation.

6.10 Other Land (CRF sector 4.F)

The Other Land category includes the sparsely vegetated areas, which account for only 0.03 percent of the total area of the country (see Figure 6.3.1). The area in the Other Land category is unmanaged (excludes unmanaged grasslands) with very little conversions from and to Other land.

6.11 Uncertainty and time-series consistency

As mentioned above for the various sub-sectors, uncertainty estimation for the Forest Land category was earlier calculated using the Monte Carlo simulation, whereas uncertainties for the other LULUCF sub-sectors were earlier calculated using the Tier 1 method. As a summary of the results, the uncertainty analysis for the LULUCF sector using the IPCC Tier 1 methodology indicates an overall uncertainty level of -46/+42% in the 2012 inventory. This value is determined largely by the uncertainty in estimates of CO₂ removals in the Forest Land category, which is the major source of removals in the Hungarian LULUCF inventory and for which the input data and the methodology are the most reliable. However, the Land converted to Grassland category has the highest overall uncertainty ($\pm 188\%$) among all land-use and land-use change categories. The impact of non-CO₂ emissions on LULUCF uncertainty is negligible because they account for only 1.5% of the total net removals.

While it is believed that the above estimates are more-or-less relevant in general, our intention is to repeat the uncertainty analysis sometimes in the future, and maybe apply a Tier 2 (Monte Carlo) method for the entire sector, in addition to a Tier 1 estimation.

6.12 Sector specific QA/QC and verification

See section 6.6.5.

6.13 Sector specific recalculation

This year, no recalculations were made in the OL category.

6.14 Sector specific planned improvements

One of the main plans is to conduct an uncertainty analysis sometimes in the future.

7 Waste (CRF sector 5)

Recent key developments:

- In contrast with other sectors, emissions from the waste sector are by 7% higher now than in the base year.
- However, the growth in emissions had stopped in the last decade, and a reduction of 18% could be observed between 2005 and 2019.
- Amount of disposed municipal waste decreased by 50% between 2005 and 2019.
- Emissions from wastewater handling have a pronounced decreasing trend due to a growing number of dwellings connected to the public sewerage network.

Major changes from previous submission:

- 5A: Activity data (amount of MSW deposited) for years 1970-1975 have been revised.
- Methane oxidation factors from 2004 have been revised as recommended by the ERT.
- Emissions from the refinery have been reallocated to 1A1b.
- Activity data for protein consumption and biogas production has been updated.

7.1 Overview of sector

This section discusses the emissions from solid waste disposal (CH₄), biological treatment of solid waste including composting and anaerobic digestion at biogas facilities (CH₄, N₂O), waste incineration (CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O), and domestic and industrial wastewater treatment (CH₄ and N₂O). One peculiarity of the sector is that most part of the carbon-dioxide emissions is generated from biological (biogenic) sources and this CO₂ emissions are either reported as carbon stock change in the LULUCF sector or do not need to be accounted for (e.g. annual crops).

The waste sector with 3,436.7 Gg CO₂ equivalent represented 5% of total national GHG emissions in 2019. In the base year, total GHG emissions from the waste sector amounted to 3,225.20 Gg CO₂ equivalent which accounted for 3% of total national GHG emissions. The largest category was solid waste disposal on land, representing 85% in 2019, followed by wastewater treatment and discharge (9%), biological treatment of solid waste (5%), and incineration of waste without energy recovery (1%). In contrast with other sectors, emissions from the waste sector are slightly higher now than in the base year. However, the growth in emissions stopped in the last decade, and a reduction of 18% could be observed between 2005 and 2019. The degradation process in solid waste disposal sites is quite slow which means that waste that were disposed many years earlier have still an influence on current emission levels. However, the amount of disposed waste had dropped significantly since 2005 (e.g. landfilled municipal waste decreased by 50%) consequently methane emissions started to decrease as well. GHG emissions from wastewater handling have a pronounced decreasing trend due to a growing

number of dwellings connected to the public sewerage network. All these developments are summarized in Figure 7.1.1.

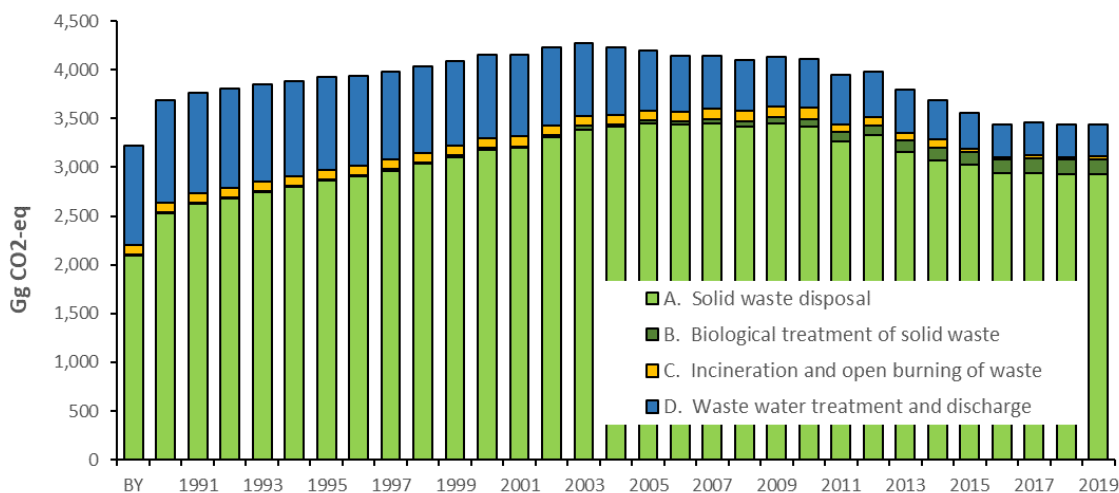


Figure 7.1.1 Trend of emissions of the different categories in waste sector

A major but decreasing part of **municipal solid wastes (MSW)** is treated by managed disposal and a smaller part by reuse, incineration or other means. The average specific municipal household waste generation rate decreased from 1.3 to 1.0 kg/capita/day in the last few years. The total amount of MSW was 3,791 Gg in 2019. Out of this, 1,358 Gg (36%) was recovered by recycling and composting, 515 Gg (14%) was incinerated for energy purposes, and 1,919 Gg (51%) went to landfills. (In previous years, before 2010, 30-228 Gg waste was treated in other ways which meant mostly mechanical biological treatment (MBT) that produced refuse-derived fuel that could be used in power plants and cement factories.)

Figure 7.1.2 summarizes recent changes in generation and treatment of municipal waste for the period 2004-2019. The following beneficial trends could be observed:

- The increase of waste generation stopped around 2006, and started to decrease quite significantly afterwards (-20% between 2006 and 2019);
- Share of landfilling decreased from 84% to 51% between 2004 and 2019. However, in comparison with the Western-European situation, the share of waste disposal is still relatively high;
- Importance of both recycling (including export) and composting increased significantly; currently they represent 28% and 9%, respectively.

Please note that the above general information relates only to municipal solid waste whereas in the calculations also other waste types (e.g. industrial, construction) are included.

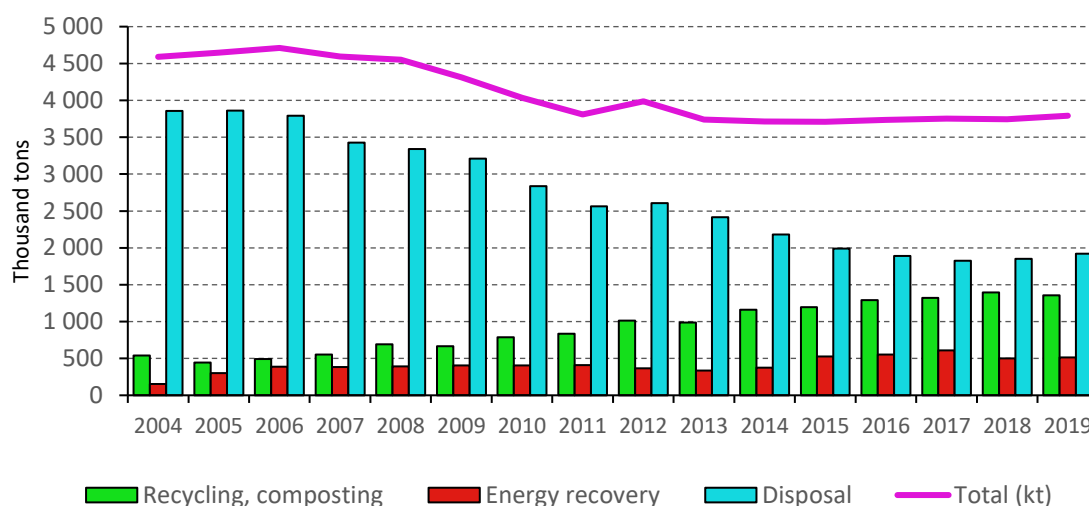


Figure 7.1.2 Main trends in municipal waste handling

7.2 Solid waste disposal in landfills (CRF sector 5A)

Emitted gas: CH₄

Key source category: Level, Trend 1

7.2.1 Source category description

In case of managed disposal, the waste is disposed in landfills where it is compacted and covered. Under these circumstances, anaerobic degradation occurs, during which methane and carbon dioxide is emitted. In advanced disposal sites, the generated methane is recovered by incineration or flaring. Degradation requires several decades and occurs at varying rates. Since waste disposal is continuous, gas generation can also be considered continuous on a country scale.

The CO₂ generated in landfills is of biogenic origin and is thus excluded from the inventory. Under the conditions prevailing in landfills, CO₂ generated from wastes containing carbon of fossil origin is insignificant and direct incineration does not occur in landfills. Illegally disposed wastes are not considered here, partly as they are disposed in batches, in thin layers without compaction, in a fashion well-penetrable for oxygen. Therefore, degradation is aerobic and only carbon dioxide is produced. In accordance with the IPCC Guidelines, no CO₂ emission has to be included in this category.

7.2.2 Methodological issues

Emissions were calculated using the default first order decay methodology. For the calculations, the IPCC Waste Model from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used with the “waste by composition” option. The FOD method produces a time-dependent emission profile which reflects the true pattern of the degradation process.

Activity data

The FOD method requires a quite long time series. The default first year in the IPCC Waste Model is 1950. As the eldest data which could be found in statistical publications were for 1975, extrapolation had to be made. For this purpose, a similar pattern as in Figure 7.2.1 had been used. This figure was taken from a university textbook sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

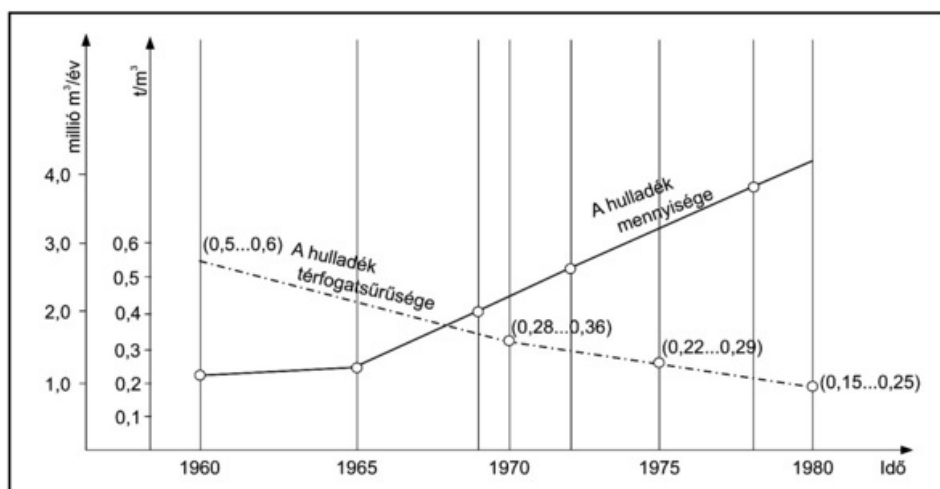


Figure 7.2.1 The loosening trend of municipal solid waste in Budapest. The solid line denotes the amount of waste while the dotted line shows the decrease of volume-density. Source: (<http://www.hik.hu/tankonyvtar/site/books/b108/>).

Before 2001, the amount of removed solid waste was reported in volume units (m³), therefore these data had to be converted to mass unit using the gravimetric density (t/m³) as an important physical characteristic of the waste. Between 1975 and 2000, the value of this parameter decreased from 0.3 t/m³ to 0.2 t/m³ based on the data of the Statistical Office. Both international and national studies suggested that the mass of municipal solid waste increased hardly while waste volumes increased drastically all over the world, which is reflected in decrease of the gravimetric density. These changes are attributable to the increasing amounts of paper and plastic in the packaging sector. In other words, this is the so-called loosening trend in MSW which can be seen clearly in Fig. 7.2.1. To summarize the above, the following densities can be used for conversion from volume to waste units:

Table 7.2.1 Waste densities suitable for conversion

	1975-1985	From 1990	2000
Density (t/m ³)	0.3	0.22	0.2

(As the statistical office publishes data in mass units from 1990, practically there was no need for the compiler institute to do this conversion for the recent years.)

For the period 1950-1975, the following assumptions were made. The first data found in statistical publication was from 1975, i.e. 6,241 thousand m³. This value was converted using a density of 0.3 t/m³ which resulted in a mass value of 1,872 kilotonnes. The IPCC Guidelines suggest using surrogates, e.g. population in cases where domestic data do not cover the last 50 years. In this submission amount of disposed waste between 1950 and 1975 is assumed to be proportional to urban population. Urban population increased by more than 50 per cent between 1950 and 1975 based on information from

the statistical office. GDP might have been an alternative but then the increase would have been steeper. (GDP grew by 128 per cent, whereas urban population changed by 31 per cent between 1960 and 1975. A little experiment carried out a few years ago showed, however, that the model is not that sensitive for early years. Even when halving the landfilled amount in 1950, the resulting change in emissions was minus 2% to 3% between 2000 and 2011.)

The next published data for landfilled waste we found was 9,952 thousand m³ for 1980. Using the same conversion, this amount is equivalent to 2,986 kilotonnes. For the years between 1975 and 1980, simple interpolation was carried out. The next data was from 1985, i.e. 13,791 thousand m³. Using the same density, it equaled to 4,137 kt from which the incinerated amount (244 kt) was subtracted. Again, an interpolation was made between 1980 and 1985. Then, from 1986, the now yearly published statistical data were converted from volume to mass with a diminishing waste density (from 0.29 t/m³ in 1986 to 0.24 t/m³ in 1989).

From 1990, yearly data in mass units published by the central statistical office was used.

From 2005, data from the Waste Management Information System maintained by the Ministry of Environment and Water were analyzed and used for calculations. This database contains very detailed information on waste management practices in Hungary. The Waste Management Information System (EHIR) can be accessed via internet as well (<http://web.okir.hu/en/ehir>). Data availability has been improved significantly, at least for recent years.

For activity data collection, the main data sources were the following:

- From 1975: Statistical Yearbooks
- 1990-2004: Statistical Yearbooks, Environmental Statistical Yearbooks, Eurostat;
- 2005- Waste Management Information System, Statistical Yearbooks, Eurostat

Beside municipal waste, also industrial waste disposal is taken into account in emission estimations. In the waste information system, disposed waste is categorized by waste types in line with European legislation. The waste types in the database are defined both on the basis of the six-digits European Waste Catalogue (EWC) codes and on the basis of the statistical waste nomenclature European Waste Classification (EWC-Stat), which is a substance-oriented nomenclature and which has been specially created for EU waste statistics (See Eurostat Manual on Waste statistics).

For this submission, we used mainly the latter categorization with only a few exceptions. Especially the following waste categories were included in the calculations:

- Health care and biological wastes (W05)
- Paper and cardboard wastes (W072)
- Wood wastes (W075)
- Textile wastes (W076)
- Animal and vegetal wastes (W091 Animal and mixed food waste +W092 Vegetal wastes +W093 Animal faeces, urine and manure);
- Mixed ordinary wastes (W101 Household and similar wastes + W102 Mixed and undifferentiated materials + W103 Sorting residues)
- Mineral waste from construction & demolition (W121).

As exceptions from the above, EWC codes are applied for the following categories:

- EWC 200307 (bulky waste): it is assumed that half of it is wood waste;

- EWC 200201 (biodegradable waste from garden and park wastes): this made possible to include garden / park waste as a separate category into the IPCC Waste model.

Sludges: Here we take also into account data reported by wastewater treatment plants (and collected by the General Directorate of Water Management). In contrast to the “normal” waste management data, sludges are reported not in fresh amount but in tonnes of dry matter.

The categories above are considered as degradable, all other categories are considered as inert.

Currently, about half of the disposed waste can be considered as degradable (i.e. falls into the above waste categories) within which mixed ordinary (mostly municipal) waste is the dominant category representing 57% of all disposed waste in 2019. The other half was inert waste where combustion wastes dominated with a share of 32% in 2019. The amount of all disposed waste decreased quite significantly after 2005 as demonstrated with the following figure.

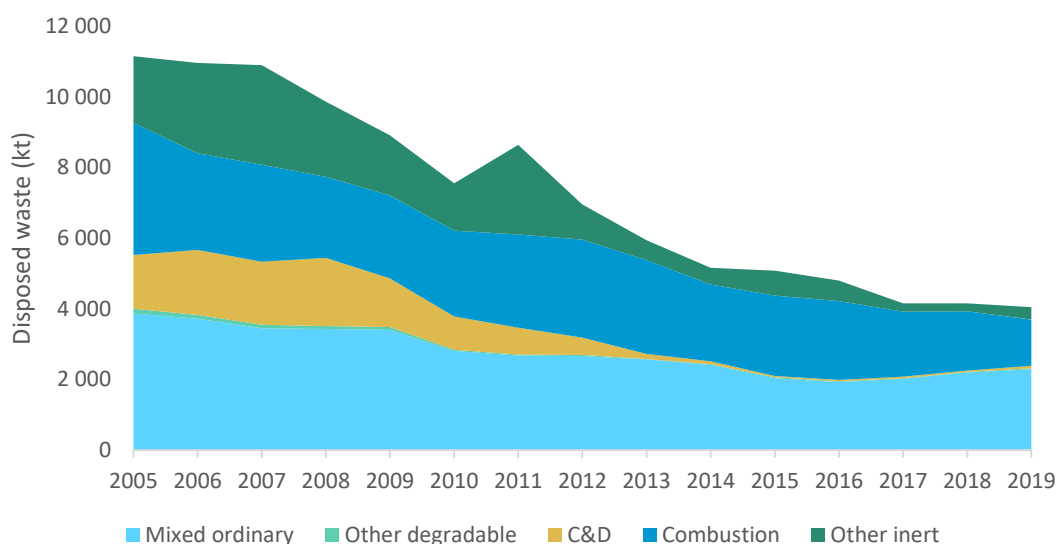


Figure 7.2.2 Decreasing trend in waste disposal based on data from the EHIR database (2005-2018)

As reliable information on waste treatment in the EHIR database is only available from 2005, data on disposed waste needed to be extrapolated back to 1950. The following proxy data were used for this extrapolation.

- For paper, wood, textile, animal and vegetal (and other industrial wastes):
 - 1990-2004: primer energy use with the assumption that energy efficiency measures might go hand in hand with improved material usage in industry (i.e. who is wasting energy might be wasting materials too).
 - 1960-1990: volume index of GDP was used as proxy. For the preceding 10 years (1950-1959) the amount was kept constant.
- For clinical waste:
 - 1960-2004: Number of active hospital beds. Similarly, as above, the amount was kept constant for the preceding 10 years.
- For construction and demolition waste:

- 1989-2004: volume indices of value added in the construction sector were used as proxy;
- 1960-1989: similar to industrial waste, the volume indices of GDP were used as proxy. For the preceding 10 years (1950-1959) the amount was kept constant.

Other parameters used in the calculations:

As regards **waste composition** of mixed (municipal) waste, up to the inventory year 2014, statistics only existed for the waste collected in Budapest and in good quality only from 1990. Having no other choice, these yearly data were used for the entire country. Again, as the FOD method requires data starting in 1950, further assumptions had to be made. For 1950, the regional default values representative for Eastern Europe were taken from Table 2.3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (i.e. food 30.1%, paper 21.8%, wood 7.5%, textiles 4.7% etc.), and interpolation was carried out between these and the measured values for 1980.

In the Hungarian statistics, the following waste composition categories have been used for a longer period of time: paper, plastic, textile, glass, metal, degradable organic, hazardous waste, other non-organic. Recently, hygienic waste (e.g. nappies) has been added to the categories. These categories are mainly in line with the requirements of the models. We have added wood to MSW composition categories with a share of 2.5% for the period 1990-2004, and data from the waste statistics were used directly from 2005. Emissions from garden/park waste were calculated separately.

As detailed information on waste composition became available from about 70 waste disposal sites from the 2014 inventory year onwards, it was decided to use the weighted average of the reported waste composition data as country-wide average in this submission. Comparing the estimated DOC values calculated from the different waste composition data, we can see a quite good agreement for 2014. However, in recent years, DOC seems to be higher in the capital than in other parts of the country mainly due to higher share of disposed degradable organic waste (food and green waste) in Budapest. The result of this comparison is shown in the figure below.

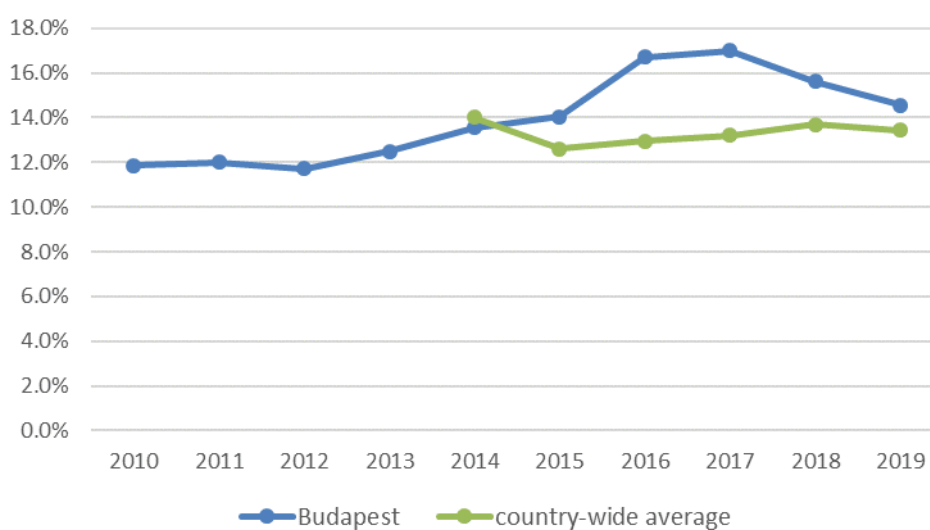
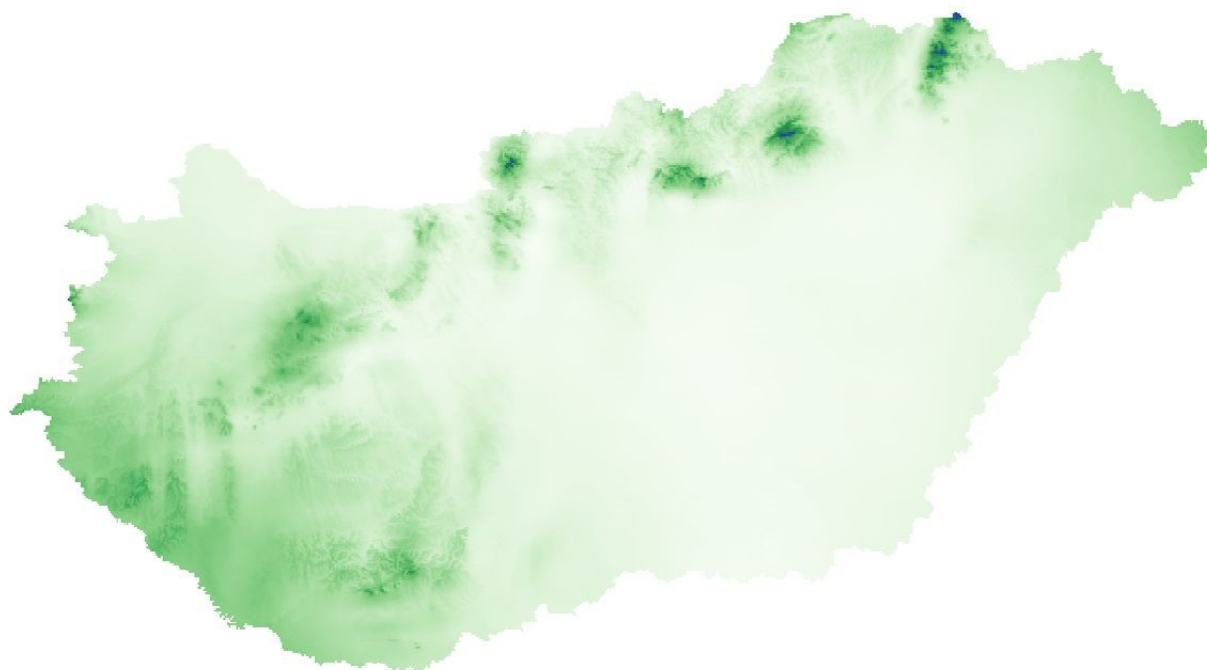


Figure 7.2.3 Comparison of DOC estimated from waste composition in Budapest vs country-wide average

In the IPCC waste model, the following waste categories were used:

- Food = degradable organic waste in mixed ordinary waste + separately collected animal and vegetal wastes (i.e. W091, W091, W093);
- Garden/park waste = biodegradable waste from garden and park wastes (EWC 200201);
- Paper = paper, cardboard and composite part of mixed ordinary waste + separately collected paper and cardboard wastes (W072);
- Wood = wood in mixed ordinary waste + separately collected wood wastes (W075) + half of bulky waste (EWC 200307);
- Textiles = textiles in mixed ordinary waste + separately collected textile wastes (W076);
- Nappies = share of hygienic waste in mixed ordinary waste + separately collected health care and biological wastes (W05);
- Sludge = mainly sludges from domestic wastewater plants.
- Construction and demolition waste = mineral waste from construction & demolition (W121).

Default parameters of the IPCC waste model typical of **dry temperate climate** were used. In accordance with Table 3.4 in the 2006 IPCC Guideline, a climate zone can be defined as dry when the mean annual precipitation (MAP) is lower than the potential evapotranspiration (PET). Now, the climatological average of MAP/PET is between 0.48 and 1.11 with a mean of 0.6. Values higher than 1 occur only on 0.04% of our territory (see the map below with greenish and blue colors representing $P/PET < 1$ and $P/PET > 1$, respectively.)



The methane generation rate constants (k) were between 0.04 and 0.06 depending on waste type with an average value of 0.05. The default 50% fraction of methane in developed gas was kept, and so was the 6 month of delay time. Basically, the default values given in the IPCC 2006 Guidelines were chosen

for DOC, too. (In previous submissions we used one category (“degradable organic waste”) for food and non-food (e.g. garden waste) fraction of the municipal solid waste, therefore a value (0.16) between the default values representative for food (0.15) and garden (0.2) was chosen for degradable organic carbon (DOC) content. As garden waste is reported now separately, there is no need any more for changing the default DOCs.)

Table 7.2.2 Used DOC content and methane generation rate constant of different waste categories

	DOC IPCC 2006	DOC Used values	Methane generation rate constant (k)
Paper	0.4	0.4	0.04
Textiles	0.24	0.24	0.04
Food	0.15	0.15	0.06
Garden	0.2	0.2	0.05
Wood	0.43	0.43	0.02
Sewage sludge	0.05	0.5*	0.06
Hygienic waste	0.24	0.24	0.05
Construction and demolition	0.04	0.04	0.05
DOCF	0.5	0.5	

*Calculated on dry matter basis

In earlier submissions, constant methane correction factor of 1.0 valid for well managed landfills was used for the entire time series. This approach could be regarded as overly conservative as it did not take into account the modernization process in solid waste disposal practices and available information on landfill sites. Let us quote a study “Landfills in Hungary” under a research framework “Organising for EU Enlargement: A Challenge for the Member States and the Candidate States”

State-of-the-art: the Hungarian landfills

In Hungary the typical form of managing waste is disposal: 85 per cent of collected waste is disposed of into landfills. According to a PHARE project designed to assess all landfills in the country, there were 2700 operational landfills, out of these only 728 were registered landfills serving all the municipalities in Hungary in 2002 (European Commission, 2001). Only 6 are so far in line with the *acquis* and a further 67 seem to be aligned to a large extent. In particular, a great number of low capacity local landfills do not conform to the *acquis* and there are a large number of illegal ones. Measures are being implemented to close down all the illegal or non-EU compliant landfills. The objective laid down in the National Waste Management Plan is to establish regional collection and management systems with a maximum of 100-120 landfills. At the end of 2004, the regional collection and management systems planned in the framework of ISPA programme cover one-third of the country. A further objective is that the abovementioned cover-rate should reach 100 per cent by 2009.]

In 2002, a comprehensive survey of landfill sites was carried out with the support of PHARE. During this project, stock was taken of no less than 2,667 landfill sites of which 1,300 were already closed. Out of the operating 1,367 sites, only 42 met current environmental requirements. It was suggested, though, that further 216 sites could operate temporarily till 2009, and the rest should be closed. One of the outcomes of the project was a database of landfills with several attributes such as depth, volume, insulation, cover etc. The database contained information among others on controlling, lining, compacting, leachate drainage, biogas collection. Summarizing the data based on total volume of

disposed waste (and not on number of landfills), 15% of the disposal could be classified as managed (controlled), 16% as unmanaged shallow, and the remaining 69% as unmanaged deep.

Based on the above information, it didn't seem to be appropriate anymore to allocate all waste disposals to the managed category for the entire time series. Instead, all disposed waste is allocated now to the uncategorized category between 1950 and 1974. For the next period, between 1975 and 2000, the outcome of the above mentioned PHARE project is used, i.e. 85% of the disposed waste is considered as unmanaged (mostly deep), and the remaining 15% as managed. From 2001 on, all disposals are regarded as managed reflecting also the fact that a domestic act on waste management came into force in 2000 (Act No. XLIII of 2000 on waste management).

Naturally, changes did not occur from one day to another. Still, the development was quite rapid. Hungary started a modernization program relating disposal sites: the number of SWDSs decreased from about 2700 to 701 in 2000, then to 340 in 2005, to 213 in 2008, and to 69 in 2011. Currently (2012), 72 disposal sites are in operation.

Parallel to the closure of obsolete sites, the general level of management of the remaining disposal sites must have been improved.

Some domestic statistics indicate that only about 4% of municipal waste was still disposed uncontrolled in the early 2000's, therefore we decided to use MCF=1 for all years after 2000 which might be a little conservative estimate for the transition years.

As a consequence of this new approach, the formerly used parameters, especially the constant MCF value of 1.0 had to be replaced as follows:

- 1950-1974: MCF=0.6 for uncategorized SWDS, OX=0.
- 1975-1985: MCF=0.77 representing 15% managed, 16% unmanaged shallow and 69% unmanaged deep disposal. OX=0. (This means MCF=0.72 in the unmanaged category, and MCF=1.0 in the managed category.)
- 1986-2000: MCF=0.77-0.81 keeping the same share of managed/unmanaged sites but gradually decreasing shallow disposal. (This means MCF=0.72-0.78 in the unmanaged, and MCF=1.0 in the managed category.) OX=0
- 2001-2003 MCF=1.0 OX=0
- 2004-2009 MCF=1.0, OX=0.05-0.1.
- 2009- MCF=1.0, OX=0.1.

As for the oxidation factor, previously the default zero value was applied for the entire time series. However, based on the IPCC Guidelines, the use of the oxidation value of 0.1 is justified for covered, well managed SWDS to estimate both diffusion through the cap and escape by cracks/fissures.

The Hungarian Waste Information System that serves as our main source of information for activity data from 2004 contains two categories for disposals:

D1 Deposit into or onto land, e.g. landfill

D5 Specially engineered landfill, e.g. placement into lined discrete cells which are capped and isolated from one another and the environment

Landfills categorized as D5 can be regarded as well-managed modern landfills that comply with the EU Landfill Directive and where daily and temporary soil covers are applied therefore an oxidation value of 0.1 is justified. The following table shows, how the share of disposal into well-managed landfills increased in the last years.

Table 7.2.3 *The ratio of managed vs. well-managed landfills*

	D1	D5
2004	50%	50%
2005	48%	52%
2006	34%	66%
2007	36%	64%
2008	44%	56%
2009	29%	71%
2010	17%	83%
2011	35%	65%
2012	12%	88%
2013	2%	98%
2014	1%	99%
2015	1%	99%
2016	1%	99%
2017	0%	100%
2018	0%	100%
2019	0%	100%

Also managed landfills (D1) are covered in Hungary but not necessarily immediately after waste was deposited. In some instances the application of a soil cover oxidation might be delayed owing to modernization efforts or post-closure management. In 2017, for example, all managed (D1 and D5) landfills in Hungary were covered. For the period before 2003 Hungary does not have information on covering of managed landfills and therefore 0 per cent oxidation is assumed.

A 2009-report on the implementation of the EU Landfill Directive indicates that in the period 2007-2009 all managed landfills already met the requirements from the EU Landfill Directive and are therefore covered. Based on the conclusion of the above mentioned report from 2009 onwards OX=0.1 is assumed.

The amount of recovered CH₄ was calculated on the basis of energy production data obtained from the Energy Centre Hungary. These data in energy unit (TJ) were converted to mass unit as the amount of recovered methane by using the net calorific value from Table 1.2 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (Volume 2, Chapter 1), which is 50.4 TJ/Gg. Data collection has also been started also on flaring. Disposal sites were contacted and asked for amount of flared landfill gas and methane content when available. In case site-specific methane content was not available, it was assumed that the share of methane in biogas was 50%. The collected data are summarized in the table below.

Table 7.2.4 *Data on flaring and biogas utilization (2001-2019)*

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Flaring Mm ³	3.060	3.115	2.868	2.893	3.230	7.753	7.353	9.500	4.357
CH ₄ kt	1.0970	1.1167	1.0282	1.0371	1.1580	2.7794	2.6362	3.4058	1.5620
Biogas TJ	-	-	-	-	2	46	85	86	119
CH ₄ kt					0.04	0.91	1.69	1.71	2.36
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Flaring Mm ³	4.050	4.271	6.283	7.929	7.438	2.107	0.692	0.958	0.750
CH ₄ kt	1.4519	1.5310	2.2525	2.8994	2.7642	0.8566	0.2045	0.225	0.269
Biogas TJ	199	462	190	471	576	674	771	631	530
CH ₄ kt	3.95	9.17	3.77	9.35	11.43	13.37	15.30	12.52	10.52

2019	
Flaring Mm3	0.877
CH4 kt	0.314
Biogas TJ	438
CH4 kt	8.7

Recovered methane has been subtracted from the calculated emissions.

The following figure summarizes the used activity data and the results of our calculations.

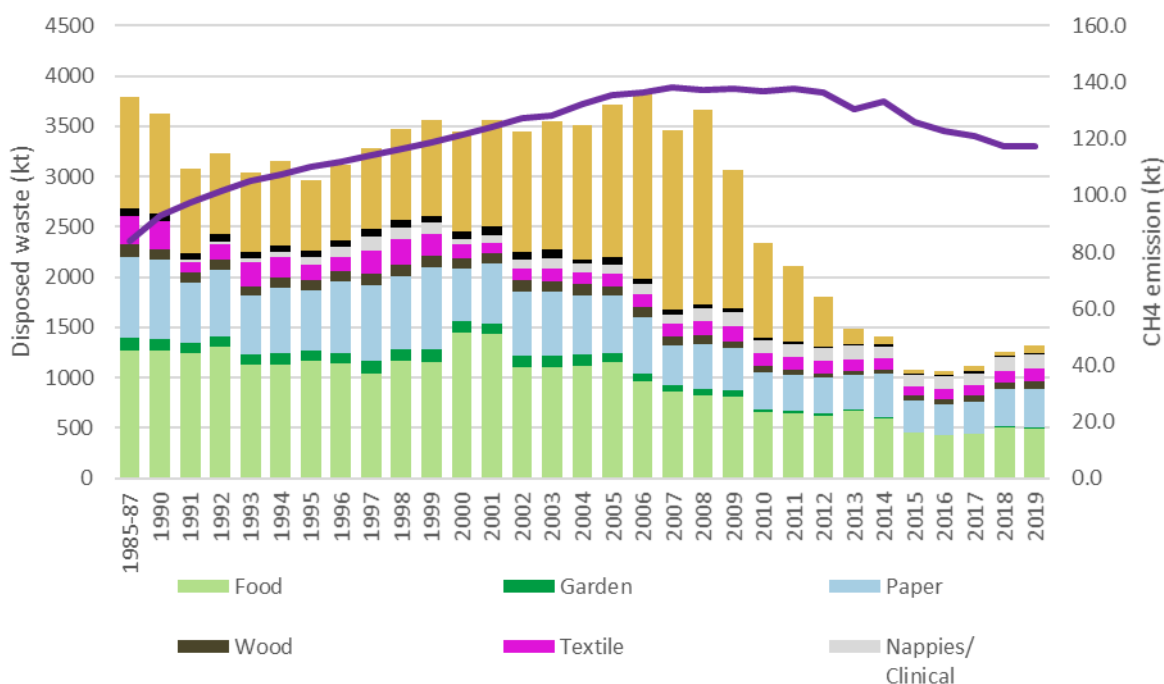


Figure 7.2.4 Summary of activity data and the resulting emissions

7.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty can be estimated using Table 3.5 of the 2006 Guidelines. Accordingly, the following values were obtained:

Quantity of disposed municipal solid wastes	>±10%
Degradable organic carbon	±20%
Fraction of Degradable Organic Carbon Decomposed	±20%
CH4 correction factor (=1)	-10 %, +0 %
CH4 content of landfill gases (0.5)	±5%
CH4 recovery	one order of magnitude
Half-life	±25%

The time series can be regarded as consistent.

(In the past, complete and obligatory data reporting on the collection of municipal solid waste did not exist in Hungary and the published data were estimations partly based on representative surveys. During the initial part of the calculation period, the authority procedures for waste recording were not uniform. In this system, which was based on self-reporting (self-registering), data were processed at varying detail and quality levels due to the lack of legal and technical regulations related to individual waste types. In addition, an overall central registry of industrial waste was missing and the rules related to such wastes were not laid down in any legal instruments).

7.2.4 QA/QC information

The compiler institute has now direct access to the Waste Management Information System maintained by the ministry responsible for environment. Data from different sources are compared. Our most detailed data source is the Waste Management Information System (EHIR) maintained now by the Ministry of Agriculture. This contains among others data on amount, type, consistency, management practices, mode of treatment. Converting these data to an Excel file, we get about 16,000 rows for one year. After analyzing these data, comparisons are made with the aggregated data published by the Hungarian Statistical Office, and also by EUROSTAT. Should we detect any problem, both the statistical office and the ministry can be contacted. The calculations with the IPCC Waste Spreadsheet Model have been saved and archived for future reviews.

7.2.5 Recalculation

Methane oxidation factors from 2004 have been revised as recommended by the ERT. From 2004 to 2009 MCF=1.0 and OX=0.05-0.1 were applied. From 2009 onwards MCF=1.0 and OX=0.1 were used. For the period before 2003 Hungary does not have information on covering of managed landfills and therefore 0 per cent oxidation is assumed. Landfills categorized as D5 can be regarded as well-managed modern landfills that comply with the EU Landfill Directive and where daily and temporary soil covers are applied therefore an oxidation value of 0.1 is justified. Also managed landfills (D1) are covered in Hungary but not necessarily immediately after waste was deposited. A 2009-report on the implementation of the EU Landfill Directive indicates that in the period 2007-2009 all managed landfills already met the requirements from the EU Landfill Directive and are therefore covered. Based on the conclusion of the above mentioned report from 2009 onwards OX=0.1 is assumed.

In addition, smaller changes were made to activity data, the amount of MSW deposited for years 1970-1975 have been revised.

Due to the above-mentioned recalculations, the new emission estimates are higher in recent years by 0,5% and in the base year by 1%. The general trend remained basically the same.

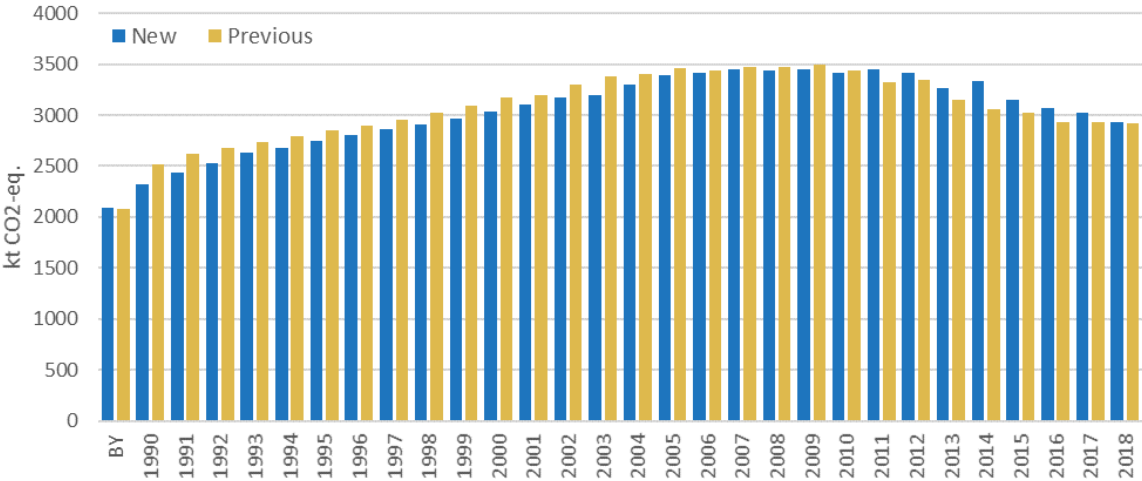


Figure 7.2.5 Changes in emissions due to recalculation

7.2.6 Planned improvements

It is planned to analyze the latest most detailed waste composition analysis available.

7.3 Biological treatment of solid waste (CRF sector 5B)

Emitted gases: CH₄, N₂O

Key source: none

As composting is showing a growing tendency recently, GHG emissions were calculated and reported for this category also in the submissions in the first commitment period using the IPCC 2006 methodology.

7.3.1 Methodological issues

The Tier 1 method from 2006 Guidelines was used with default emission factors.

Table 7.3.1 Activity data and emissions from biological treatment of solid waste

	Composting			CH ₄ (kt)	N ₂ O (kt)	Biogas facilities	
	MSW (kt) wet weight	dry weight	Sludge (kt)			Biogas (TJ)	CH ₄ (kt)
1985			20	0.20	0.01		
1986			20	0.20	0.01		
1987			20	0.20	0.01		
1988			20	0.20	0.01		
1989			20	0.20	0.01		
1990			20	0.20	0.01		
1991			20	0.20	0.01		
1992			20	0.20	0.01		
1993			20	0.20	0.01		
1994			20	0.20	0.01		
1995			28	0.28	0.02		
1996	18	7	29	0.36	0.02		
1997	19	8	26	0.34	0.02		
1998	18	7	23	0.30	0.02		
1999	18	7	32	0.39	0.02		
2000	17	7	30	0.37	0.02	6	0.01
2001	17	7	27	0.34	0.02	4	0.00
2002	47	19	37	0.56	0.03	4	0.00
2003	47	19	56	0.75	0.04	62	0.06
2004	39	16	24	0.40	0.02	107	0.11
2005	41	16	53	0.69	0.04	102	0.11
2006	58	23	43	0.66	0.04	129	0.13
2007	64	26	51	0.77	0.05	250	0.26
2008	85	34	62	0.96	0.06	490	0.51
2009	90	36	90	1.26	0.08	734	0.77
2010	148	59	82	1.41	0.08	898	0.94
2011	183	73	81	1.55	0.09	1336	1.40
2012	183	73	90	1.63	0.10	1105	1.15
2013	187	75	93	1.68	0.10	2042	2.13
2014	236	94	97	1.92	0.12	2018	2.11
2015	231	92	99	1.92	0.11	1954	2.04
2016	294	118	102	2.19	0.13	1965	2.05
2017	309	124	103	2.26	0.14	2297	2.40
2018	310	124	99	2.23	0.13	2127	2.22
2019	353	141	92	2.33	0.14	2126	2.22

The amount of composted municipal waste was received from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. In 2019, 352.805 Gg waste was composted which represented 9% of all generated MSW.

As regards the amount of composted sludge, the time series was constructed using the following data sources:

- Data published by the statistical office;
- Composting related information from the Waste Management Information System (the same database that is used for SWDS);
- Data from the Wastewater Information System or for recent years from the Urban Wastewater Information System (the same databases that are used for emission calculations for wastewater treatment);
- For the period 1985-1993 we used a constant value corresponding to the amount reported for 1994.

In 2019 91.55 kt (dm) sludge was composted.

As generally the calculations were carried out on **dry weight basis**, and the corresponding emission factors from Table 4.1 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were applied (i.e. 10 g CH₄/kg dry waste and 0.6 g N₂O/kg dry waste), some of the original data had to be converted to dry weight. Sludge data in the Waste Management Information System are categorized on the basis of their dry matter content which allowed this conversion. For composted municipal waste, 60% moisture content was assumed (see Remarks in Table 4.1 in the IPCC Guidelines).

Our starting point for estimating methane emission from anaerobic digestion at biogas facilities was produced biogas from the energy statistics. The energy values (TJ) were then converted to mass of methane (kt) using the default calorific value of biogas, i.e. 50.4 TJ/Gg. Emissions of CH₄ due to unintentional leakages at biogas facilities were then assumed to be 5% as suggested by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Although not used in the calculation, we also reported activity data (annual waste amount treated in kt dm). For the period 2015-2018, a very detailed database on various feedstock used for anaerobic digestion was analyzed. This database contained information on more than 40 types of feedstock, including fresh weight and dry matter content which could then be used directly. (Unfortunately, we found some data problems for 2015-17 therefore for this submission only data from 2018 was used.) For the remaining part of the time series, data on produced biogas (TJ) taken from the IEA/Eurostat Annual Questionnaire was used with a conversion factor of 7.3 TJ/kt dm (which was derived from the data for 2018).

7.3.2 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

No category specific information is available.

7.3.3 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

The used data from Eurostat was compared with data from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office.

7.3.4 Recalculations

None.

7.3.5 Planned improvements

None.

7.4 Incineration of waste (CRF sector 5C)

Emitted gases: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O

Key source: none

7.4.1 Source category description

This subsector covers only emissions from thermal waste treatment without energy recovery (D10). Emissions from waste incineration for energy purposes (R1) are allocated to the energy sector.

During waste incineration, mainly CO₂ is emitted out of which only the fossil part contributes to the total emissions. (Biogenic CO₂ emissions were calculated as well but these were included only as memo items). Methane emissions are insignificant and N₂O generation is also minimal.

In 1986 a decree on the protection of air quality came into force, under which waste incineration (of any kind) required authorization. In 2001, decree 21/2001 (II.14) came into force explicitly prohibiting the open burning of waste, including in household furnaces. The same prohibition was included in the current Government Decree on air protection (306/2010 (XII. 23.)). Based on a Government Decree on air protection (306/2010 (XII. 23.)), open burning of waste (or incineration of waste in an installation that does not comply with the legislation setting the conditions for incineration of waste), with the exception of household waste paper and incineration of untreated non-hazardous wood waste is prohibited.

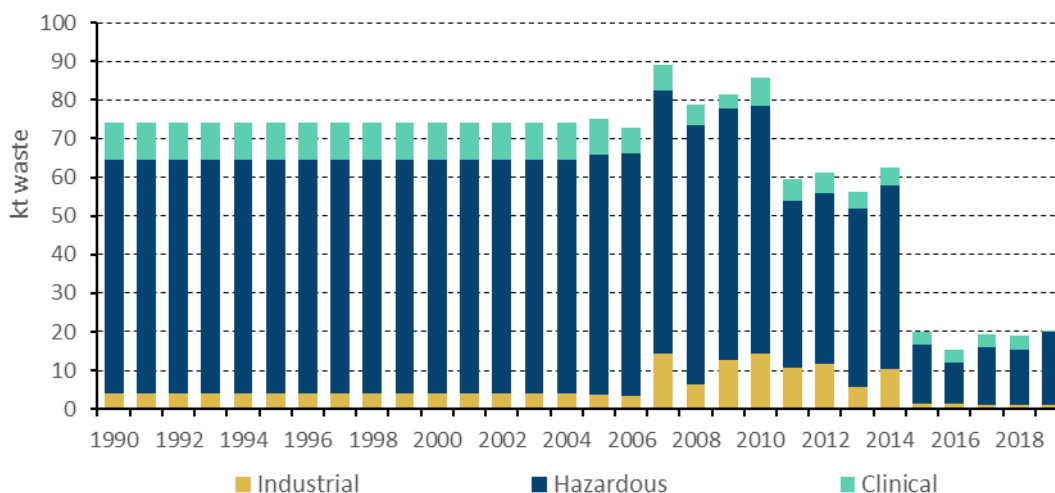


Figure 7.4.1 Activity data in waste incineration

7.4.2 Methodological issues

For estimating CO₂ emissions, the Tier 2 method was applied as country-specific data on waste amount, composition and management practices was used. The very detailed Hungarian Waste Management Information System made it possible to disaggregate the activity data (amount of incinerated waste) into different waste types according to the European Waste Catalogue (EWC codes) and European Waste Classification (EWC-Stat). It might be an interesting fact that 82 to 97 per cent of all incinerated waste in this source category was hazardous waste of which most part was liquid. Therefore, it was decided that all incineration would be reported in the “Hazardous Waste” category in the CRF. However, different emission factors were applied in the emission calculations for the following waste types:

- clinical waste: defined as EWC-Stat code W05 (Health care and biological wastes)
- fossil liquid waste: defined as liquid wastes with EWC-Stat codes W011 (spent solvents) and W013 (used oils);
- hazardous (non-liquid, non-clinical) waste: defined as all other hazardous waste;
- other waste: all other incinerated waste

Having these country-specific waste amount and composition data, the carbon content of the incinerated waste and the fossil fraction thereof could be determined by using default values from Table 2.5 and Table 2.6 in the 2006 Guidelines (Volume 5. Ch. 2). For liquid waste, the default carbon content of 80% was applied from Table 5.2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. For hazardous waste, the average of 5-50 per cent was used, i.e. 0.275. The same value was applied for all other wastes.

The CH₄ emission factor of 300 kg/kt was derived from the default emission factor of 30 kg/TJ for industrial wastes (Table 2.3 in Chapter 2) with an assumed calorific value of 10 TJ/kt.

The following table summarizes the used emission factors for the different waste types.

Table 7.4.1 The used GHG emission factors

Waste type	Carbon EF	Ref.	CH4	Ref.	N2O	Ref.
Fossil liquid	0.8	Table 5.2	0.56	Page 5.20	9.8	Table 5.5 (waste oil)
Clinical	0.25	Table 2.6	300	Chapter 2	100	Table 5.6 (industrial waste)
Hazardous (non-liquid, non-clinical)	0.275	Table 2.6	300	Chapter 2	100	Table 5.6 (industrial waste)
Other waste	0.275		300	Chapter 2	100	Table 5.6 (industrial waste)

The CH₄ emission factor of 300 kg/kt was derived from the default emission factor of 30 kg/TJ for industrial wastes (Table 2.3 in Chapter 2) with an assumed calorific value of 10 TJ/kt.

7.4.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Consistency of the time series needs to be investigated, as constant values are used for the years before 2004.

7.4.4 QA/QC information

Data taken from the Hungarian Waste Management Information System for the calculations are compared with the relevant data published by the domestic statistical office and by Eurostat. As most part of waste incineration occurs with energy recovery, even if the resulting emissions are accounted for in the energy sector it is worth mentioning here that the IEA and ETS data were cross-checked, and also the biggest incinerator plant is contacted once in a while for verification purposes.

7.4.5 Recalculations

Emissions from waste incineration in the refinery have been reallocated to 1A1b.

The differences between the current and the previous submission are: no change in the beginning of the time series, and 18 kt (38%) increase in 2018 mostly due to reallocation of emissions from the refinery to 1A1b.

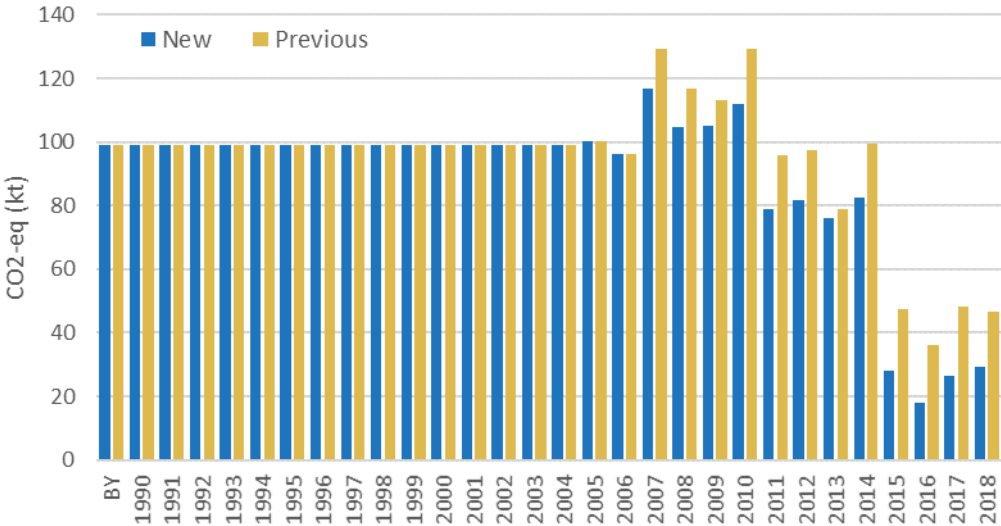


Figure 7.4.2 The overall effects of recalculation

7.4.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

7.5 Wastewater treatment and discharge (CRF sector 5D)

Emitted gas: CH₄, N₂O

Key source: CH₄: Level

7.5.1 Source category description

This sector covers emissions generated during municipal and industrial wastewater treatment. When the wastewater is treated anaerobically, methane is produced. Wastewater handling can also be a source of nitrous oxide, therefore N₂O emissions from human sewage are also part of the inventory.

7.5.2 Methodological issues

While estimating the methane emissions of wastewater handling, the key parameter is the fraction of wastewater treated anaerobically. Methane emissions from wastewater treatment were calculated using partly basic statistical data, partly very detailed facility level information on wastewater discharge together with the specific emission factors recommended by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. For recent years, wastewater data (COD values for the industrial sector, proportion of different treatment methods) based on measurements conducted by the authorities and emitters were obtained from the regional inspectorates for environment, nature and water. Besides, the inventory compilers consulted with experts, visited a few wastewater plants and checked the calculations of the neighboring countries as well.

General background information

Based on data of the Wastewater Information System that contains about 1500 emission reports per year, from an analysis of the period 2005-2013 the following conclusions could be drawn:

- 140 to 240 million cubic meter wastewater from industrial facilities was discharged into rivers and seas. On average, 60% of this amount had either no treatment or only mechanical treatment beforehand (trend decreasing);
- The average COD content of the above, only partially treated wastewater was as low as 0.05 kg/m³.
- On average, about 30 million m³ industrial wastewater was collected via the public sewerage system, and treated in centralized plants, consequently domestic and industrial wastewater treatment could not be separated entirely. Around 80% of this amount went into the public sewerage system after at least biological treatment.
- The average COD content of the above, mostly treated industrial wastewater was definitely higher with 0.6 to 0.8 kg/m³ in 2008-2012.
- Domestic and commercial wastewater treatment plants, (that also treat industrial wastewater), discharge yearly 440 to 580 million m³ into open water.
- The share of the collected wastewater treated at least biologically or at more advanced treatment plants increased from 35% in 1990 to 65% in 2005, and to 96-98% in 2010-2017;
- In line with the above development, the average BOD₅ content of the discharged wastewater decreased from 0.15 kg/m³ in 2005 to 0.02 kg/m³ in 2013.

Activity data

For domestic wastewater, the activity data - the quantity of total organic waste (TOW) - was calculated by multiplying the population of the country by the IPCC default value of Biochemical Oxygen Demand that is BOD₅ = 60 g/person/day (Table 6.4 in Volume 5 Chapter 6 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines). This default BOD value was confirmed by Hungarian experts of the Ministry of Environment and Water as well and was used uniformly for the entire times series and for the whole country.

Total organics produced by industrial facilities is partly taken into account with the default correction factor I (=1.25) corresponding to additional industrial BOD discharged into sewers thus accounted for in the domestic category. From 2015 on, total organic load as reported by wastewater treatment plants to the statistical office are also taken into consideration. The average difference between the calculated and the reported total BOD values was 3% with a growing tendency.

As described above, the degree of utilization of modern, centralized WWT plants increased, and tertiary treatment became the dominant technology.

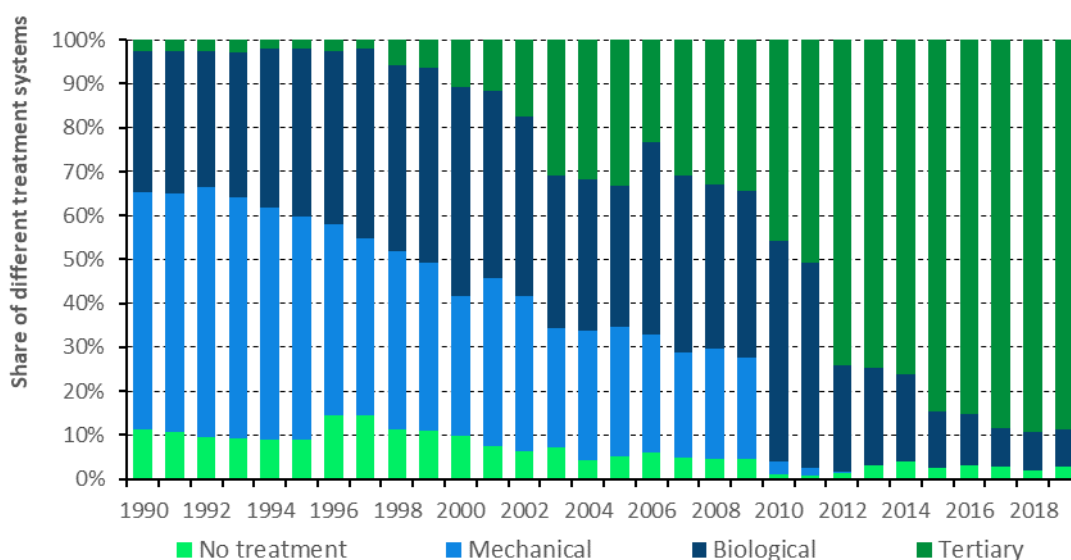


Figure 7.5.1 The evolution of the different treatment systems (1990–)

Source of data: Hungarian Central Statistical Office:

http://www.ksh.hu/docs/eng/xstadat/xstadat_annual/i_uw005.html

The activity data in the industrial wastewater category were the total output of wastewater [1000m³/year], the emitted total organic wastewater [kg COD/year] and in some cases the organic load (kg BOD/day) which were collected by the regional inspectorates and further processed by the (former) Research Institute for Environmental and Water Management (VITUKI). However, limited data were available on the industrial wastewater generation in individual sectors, especially for the initial years of the calculation period.

Activity data for the industrial wastewater category were partly taken from the Wastewater Information System database. For earlier years, before 2008, activity data were extrapolated using proxy data, i.e. volume of water supplied to other than household consumers published by the statistical office. (see http://www.ksh.hu/docs/eng/xstadat/xstadat_annual/i_uw004.html) For the period 1985-1990, constant values are used.

For a few years now, we have received a very detailed database containing all domestic wastewater treatment plants (around 800) collected by General Directorate of Water Management, an independently operating institute and a central government body under the direction and supervision of the Minister of Interior.

This database contains among others information on the amount of treated wastewater by treatment type, but also other inventory relevant parameters such as BOD, COD, and Nitrogen content of both the influent and the effluent, and information on sludge treatment.

Few years ago, we had also the possibility to look also into detailed reports of wastewater facilities of different industrial plants. Special emphasis was given to industries with high COD output, e.g. food and beverage, paper and pulp, chemical industry etc. By analyzing organic load data before treatment, we were able to introduce the following country-specific data on industrial wastewater as summarized in Table 7.5.1 below:

Table 7.5.1 *The used data for industrial wastewater*

	BOD
	[kg/m ³]
Pulp and paper	2
Starch	1.14
Sugar	3.4
Pharmaceutical	1.5
Beer	1.5
Meat	1
Dairy products	1.5
Vegetable oils	0.85
Wine	5.27
Fruits	2.9
Chemical industry	0.25
Coke production*	5
Oil refinery*	1

**refers to COD*

As for industrial wastewater, generally COD values are used, the above BOD values were converted using a conversion factor of 2.4. Please note, as we expect more data from individual facilities, the above data might be subject of changes.

Emission factors

For the calculation of the emission factor (EF), default maximum CH₄ producing capacities of 0.25 kg CH₄/kg COD and 0.6 kg CH₄/kg BOD were used for industrial and domestic wastewater, respectively.

The choice of a proper methane conversion factor (MCF) was somewhat more difficult. To calculate the weighted average of MCF, additional information was collected on the share of population with no connection to the public sewerage system. Using these additional activity data, the following assumptions were made:

- In accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, for people using septic systems or any other domestic means (no connection to public sewerage network), it can be assumed that half of the BOD settles, therefore MCF=0.5 was chosen. (Table 6.3 in the 2006 Guidelines). In the base year, the portion of population (or dwellings) connected to public sewerage system was 38%,

now it's around 81%. It must be noted, however, that the percentage of dwellings connected to public sewerage network is still below the Central-European average.

- As a refinement of the above, for those dwellings where neither public nor domestic sewerage exists and probably latrines are used, MCF=0.1 was used in accordance with the above referenced table from the 2006 Guidelines.
- The share of population connected or not connected to a sewerage system was estimated based on all dwellings.
- Usually, collected wastewater undergoes aerobic treatment in treatment plants. Default MCF for centralized, aerobic treatment plant is zero. (Table 6.3 in the 2006 Guidelines) Still, an MCF value of 0.05 was applied to secondary treatment up to 2004, thus to allow some emissions in case of incidental overload, and more importantly, to reflect modernization in the sector. (In a previous submission, the default MCF value of 0.1 was applied for direct discharge into rivers and lakes. This was abolished following a recommendation of a European review team, since it can be assumed that flowing rivers (such as the Danube) are not oxygen-deficient.)
- For industrial wastewater, MCF of 0.05 (i.e. the middle of the range for aerobic treatment from Table 6.8 in the Guidelines) is used from 2000, and the highest value of the range (MCF=0.1) for the beginning of the time series (until 1995), and interpolated values between 1995 and 2000.

Methane recovery

Based on the energy statistics, sewage sludge gas utilization started in 2001 in Hungary. As unintentional leakage might occur during anaerobic digestion of sewage sludge, some CH₄ emission are added to this category. The same methodology was used as for the category 5B Biological treatment of solid waste, i.e. 5% leakage was assumed.

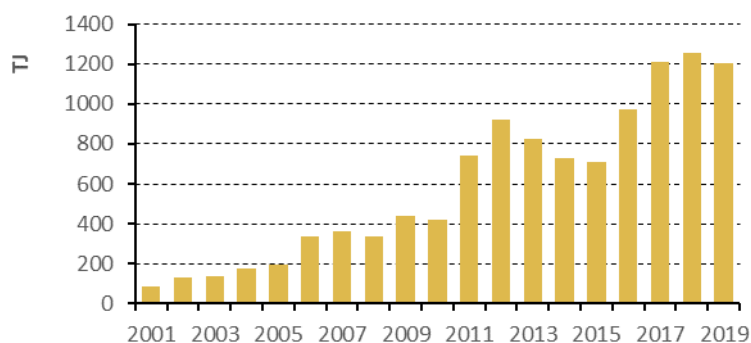


Figure 7.5.2 Sewage gas production (TJ)

As regards flaring, we were not aware of any official database therefore individual wastewater treatment plants were contacted. About 10 WWTPs reported flaring activity. The aggregate amount of flared methane expressed both in Nm³ and kt is included in Figure 7.5.3. Methane density was assumed as 0.717 kg/m³. As it can be seen, the amount of flared methane is far below 1 kt. (Please note that flared methane is not part of the emission estimates.)

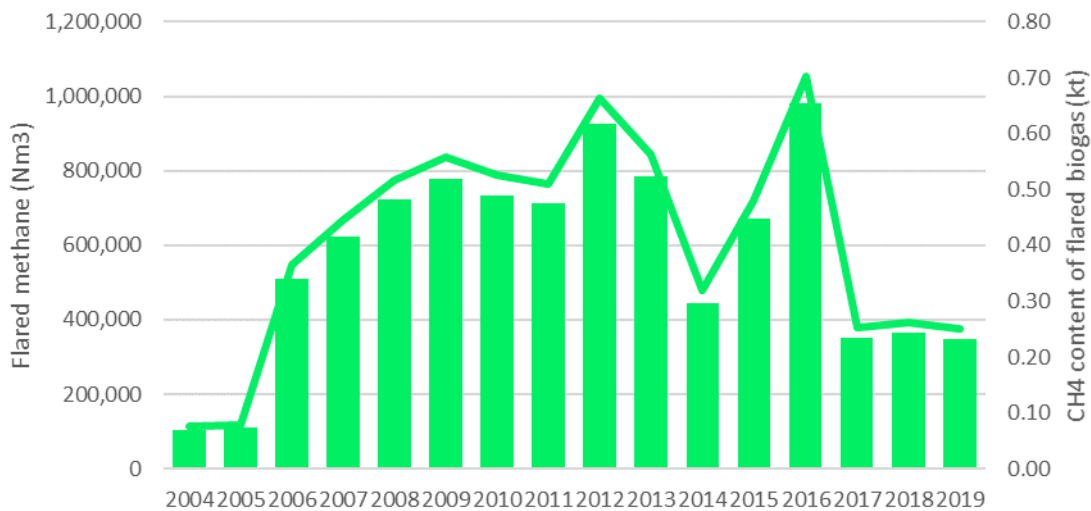


Figure 7.5.3 Flared methane in WWTPs (2004-2019)

The above considerations, used parameters and the resulting emissions are summarized in the Figure below. It seems obvious that the decrease in emission is mostly due to the growing share of households connected to the public sewerage system that increased from 43.7% in 1990 to 86.7% in 2019.

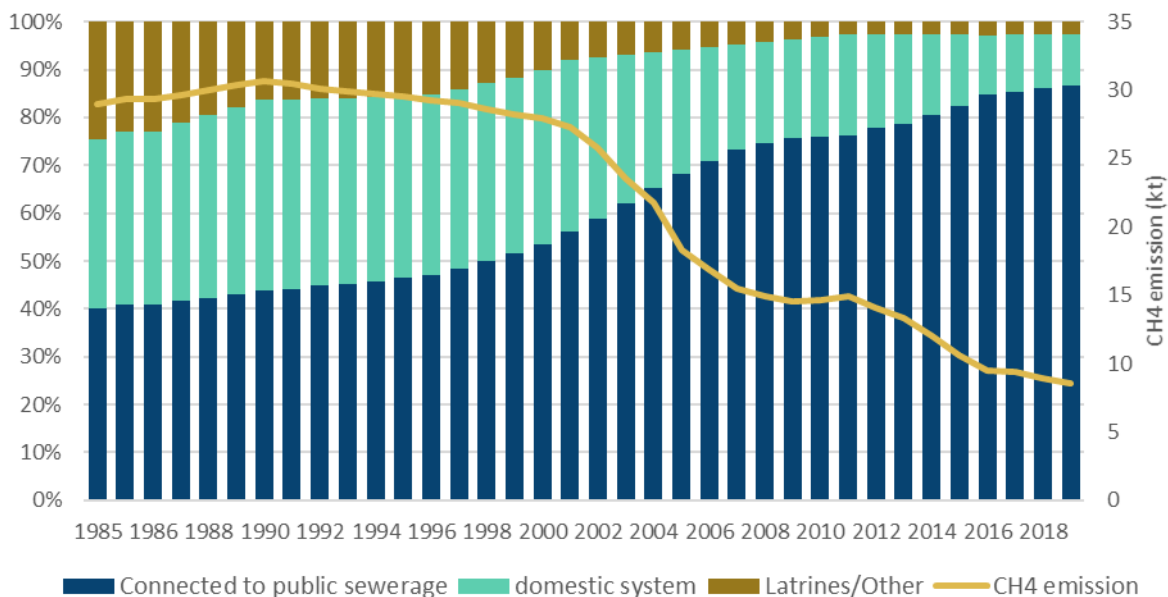


Figure 7.5.4 Domestic wastewater treatment (1985-2019)

As regards emissions from sludge treatment, our approach is as follows. It is assumed that whenever anaerobic digestion of sludge takes place, the generated methane (reported as sludge gas in the energy statistics) is recovered and used for energy purposes. The amount of methane recovered for energy is reported in CRF Table 5D but this amount was not subtracted from the total emissions as no additional methane emission from sludge digestion was taken into account in the above calculations.

It has to be emphasized that emissions from sludge treatment (besides leakage at biogas facilities) are taken into account in other emission categories:

- Landfilled sewage sludge is accounted for in the 5A Solid waste disposal in landfills category;
- Composted sewage sludge is taken into account in the 5B Biological treatment of solid waste category;

N₂O emissions from wastewater has been significantly revised for the previous submission. Considering direct emissions, the calculation method for nitrous oxide emissions from advanced centralized wastewater treatment plants remained the same, i.e. the method described in Box 6.1 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used. We have, however, changed our approach for indirect N₂O emissions on the basis of newly collected data. Based on measurements of the total nitrogen content of incoming wastewater, we have re-evaluated the total N content in wastewater. It turned out that there is no need to apply the parameters for non-consumed protein and for industrial a commercial co-discharged protein.

For example, modern (third category) domestic wastewater plants measured 30.9 kt nitrogen in the influent in 2015 based on information collected by General Directorate of Water Management and further processed by the compiler institute. We know that 85% of all wastewater went in such advanced WWTPs. We also know that 83% of the population is connected. Based on protein consumption (100.1 g/cap/day), the estimated N in the effluent would be 58 kt (without applying the parameters F_{non-con} and F_{ind-com}). Using this figure with the degree of utilization of modern centralized WWT plants (85%) and the connection rate of the population (83%), we would get $55 \times 85\% \times 83\% = 40.2$ kt that is higher by more than 20% than the measured value, therefore it seems that there is no need for these two additional F parameters. (We got similar results for the period 2011-2018 where measured data were available.)

Consequently, we have recalculated the basic activity data (i.e. available nitrogen in the effluent) by using the same protein consumption data but not taking into account the default parameters for non-consumed protein and for industrial a commercial co-discharged protein. And we went one step further. As we have measured data for the nitrogen content in both the influent and the effluent (see Table 7.5.2), their difference was considered as removed nitrogen in the treatment process that won't be discharged to aquatic environments anymore, therefore it was subtracted from the calculated value of N in effluent.

Table 7.5.2 Measured N content in wastewater in advanced WWT plants (tertiary treatment)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total N in influent (kt)	18.36	23.59	24.68	28.58	30.86	33.82	34.13	39.01	36.11
Total N in effluent (kt)	4.28	4.75	4.63	4.85	5.34	5.45	5.62	6.57	6.10

For a comparison, the table below summarizes the overall performance of all domestic wastewater treatment plants in Hungary on the basis of data collected by the statistical office. As it can be seen,

BOD removal efficiency is 97%, N-removal efficiency is around 82%. (These data are not yet used in the calculations.)

Table 7.5.2a Summary table of the overall performance of domestic WWTPs in Hungary

	2015	2016	2017	2018
BOD_in_kt	213.7	233.0	244.6	245.2
COD_in_kt	404.9	419.3	441.2	444.9
COD/BOD	1.89	1.80	1.80	1.81
BOD_effl_kt	6.3	6.8	7.2	7.6
BOD_removal	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
N_influent_kt	39.2	43.2	42.9	43.6
N_effluent_kt	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.9
Removal (%)	81%	83%	83%	82%

Our results are summarized in Table 7.5.3 and Figure 7.5.5. Total N was estimated from the statistics "per capita amount of available proteins" with the parameter "fraction of nitrogen in protein, default = 0.16 kg N/kg protein". The used emission factor for N₂O effluent was also a default one from Table 6.11 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (i.e. 0.005 kg N₂O-N/kg-N). In the reported N₂O emissions in the CRF Table 5.D, however, also emissions from advanced treatment plants are included (see "N₂O plants" in Table 7.5.3) which was calculated applying Equation 6.9 from the Guidelines with country-specific and yearly changing values for P (human population) and T_{plant} (degree of utilization of modern, centralized WWTP plants), and defaults for F_{ind-com} and EF_{plant}. This is why the IEF is somewhat higher than 0.005.

Table 7.5.3 Protein consumption and all the resulting N₂O emissions

Year	Protein [g/day]	Total N [kt]	N_removed [kt]	N_effluent [kt]	N ₂ O plants [kt]	N ₂ O effluent [kt]	N ₂ O Total [kt]
1985	106.1	65.7	0.0	65.7	0.00	0.52	0.52
BY	107.3	66.1	0.0	66.1	0.00	0.52	0.52
1986	106.4	65.6	0.0	65.6	0.00	0.52	0.52
1987	109.4	67.1	0.0	67.1	0.00	0.53	0.53
1988	107.8	65.9	0.0	65.9	0.00	0.52	0.52
1989	108.8	66.2	0.0	66.2	0.00	0.52	0.52
1990	104.7	63.4	0.5	62.9	0.00	0.49	0.49
1991	100.5	60.9	0.5	60.4	0.00	0.47	0.48
1992	101.1	61.2	0.4	60.8	0.00	0.48	0.48
1993	94.8	57.4	0.5	56.9	0.00	0.45	0.45
1994	91.3	55.2	0.3	54.8	0.00	0.43	0.43
1995	87.0	52.5	0.3	52.2	0.00	0.41	0.41
1996	84.4	50.9	0.4	50.5	0.00	0.40	0.40
1997	87.7	52.8	0.3	52.4	0.00	0.41	0.41

1998	87.2	52.4	1.0	51.4	0.00	0.40	0.40
1999	89.5	53.6	1.1	52.4	0.00	0.41	0.41
2000	96.6	57.7	2.2	55.5	0.00	0.44	0.44
2001	93.9	55.9	2.4	53.5	0.00	0.42	0.42
2002	93.5	55.6	3.7	51.8	0.00	0.41	0.41
2003	103.0	61.0	7.7	53.3	0.01	0.42	0.43
2004	101.0	59.7	8.1	51.6	0.01	0.41	0.41
2005	105.4	62.2	9.3	52.9	0.01	0.42	0.42
2006	104.6	61.6	6.7	54.9	0.01	0.43	0.44
2007	101.3	59.5	8.8	50.7	0.01	0.40	0.41
2008	100.6	59.0	9.5	49.5	0.01	0.39	0.40
2009	99.5	58.3	9.9	48.4	0.01	0.38	0.39
2010	95.8	56.0	12.7	43.3	0.01	0.34	0.35
2011	93.6	54.6	14.1	40.5	0.02	0.32	0.33
2012	93.4	54.2	18.8	35.3	0.02	0.28	0.30
2013	92.1	53.3	20.1	33.2	0.02	0.26	0.28
2014	95.7	55.2	23.7	31.5	0.02	0.25	0.27
2015	100.1	57.6	25.5	32.1	0.03	0.25	0.28
2016	103.2	59.2	28.4	30.9	0.03	0.24	0.27
2017	106.5	60.9	28.5	32.4	0.03	0.25	0.28
2018	109.9	62.8	32.4	30.3	0.03	0.24	0.27
2019	109.9	62.7	30.0	32.7	0.03	0.26	0.29

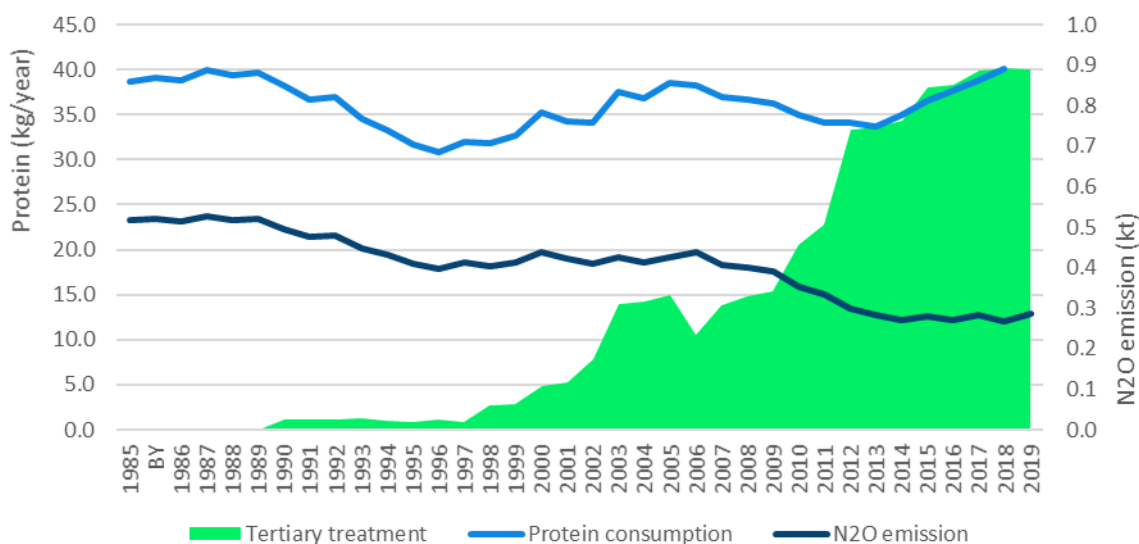


Figure 7.5.5 Increasing share of tertiary treatment leads to decreasing N2O emissions

7.5.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Based on the above considerations, the uncertainty of the calculation of the emissions from household wastewater is relatively high. In the industrial sector, data became more reliable in the recent years as

a result of the new reporting requirements. However, they do not cover all the emitters, although the most important wastewater emitting sectors are included.

Uncertainty of the emissions from household wastewater treatment:

Per human populations	-5 % to +5 %
BOD/capita	-30 % to +30 %,
Maximum methane production capacity B0	-30 % to +30 %

Uncertainty of the emissions from industrial wastewater treatment:

Quantity of industrial wastewater:	-25 % to +25 %
Wastewater /unit of production COD/ unit of wastewater:	-50 % to +100 %
Maximum CH4 production capacity Bo :	-30 % to + 30 %

Uncertainty of N2O emissions

Emission factor	order of 2
Per capita protein consumption	±10%
Used factors	±20%

Source: according to the recommendations of the Revised Guidelines and 2006 Guidelines, on the basis of expert estimates

The time series of emissions are most probably consistent.

7.5.4 QA/QC information

The data collected by the environmental authorities were checked by an independent institution (VITUKI) that further processed the data. Data from the database of facility level wastewater information that are used ultimately by the inventory compiler institute undergoes basic checks, e.g. duplications are removed, outliers are analyzed and corrected whenever necessary.

7.5.5 Recalculation

Protein consumption and biogas production data has been updated resulting 2% increase in emissions for 2018.

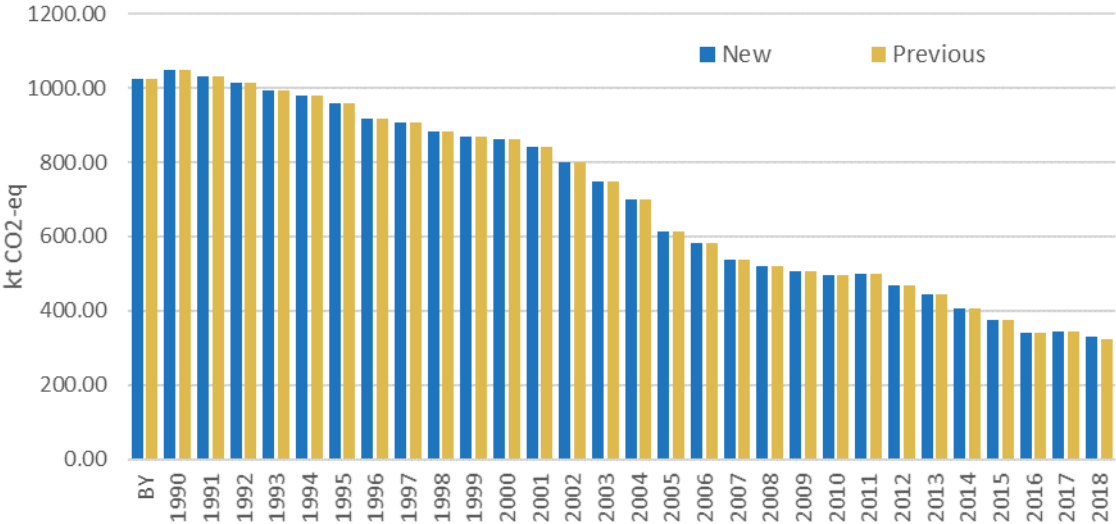


Figure 7.5.6 Total effect of recalculations in the wastewater category

7.5.6 Planned improvements

More analyses of the industrial wastewater treatment facilities are planned to confirm or modify data in Table 7.5.2 above. More importantly, should the Refinement of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines be accepted, we plan to implement the revised methodology in a future submission.

8 CHAPTER 8: OTHER (CRF SECTOR 6)

CRF Table 6 comprises NO_x emissions from 3B Manure management and total NH₃ emissions from 3. Agriculture to ensure the consistency with the reporting to the UNECE under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP) and the EU Directive on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants.

9 CHAPTER 9: INDIRECT CO₂ AND NITROUS OXIDE EMISSIONS

Not applicable in this submission.

10 RECALCULATIONS AND PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

Since the 2015 submission, the methodologies provided in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories have been used in a consistent manner. The switch to the new methodological framework led to recalculations in every sector for the whole time series. The most fundamental changes were implemented for the 2015 submission. This time, rather the usual refinements have been carried out. Recalculations of some data-series of the inventory occur and can be justified by several reasons. Just to name a few, QA/QC procedures, ERT recommendations, changing for higher Tier methodologies can lead to a recalculation. As a basic rule, whenever new information emerges that improves the quality or accuracy of the emission data, the emissions are recalculated.

The overall effect of all recalculations described below was +544.99 kt CO₂-eq or 0.5% and +1395,98 kt CO₂-eq or 2.2% of the total emissions in the base year and 2018, respectively.

ENERGY

General: The latest versions of the Annual IEA/Eurostat Questionnaires submitted in November 2020/January 2021 were used as activity data. All the changes in the energy statistics are reflected in the current inventory. For example, gasoline consumption was revised back to 2016.

1.A: Country-specific carbon emission factors have been introduced for natural gas for the whole time series.

1.A: Emissions from all autoproducer plants have been (re-)allocated to the relevant economic sector where they operate for the period 2013-2019. During this process, some double-counted emissions were observed and removed (especially in connection with oil refining).

1.A.1.b: Emissions from waste incineration in the refinery have been re-allocated from the waste sector from 2007 on.

1.A.3.b: We have switched to the latest version of the COPERT model (version 5.4.36, October 2020) for the whole time series.

1.A.3.b: CO₂ from fossil part of FAME biodiesel is now reported separately. (In the previous submission it was included in diesel oil emissions, so it is basically not a recalculation, rather a transparency improvement).

1.A.3.e: Activity data (natural gas used for gas transmission) have been revised (1985-2010). ETS data reported by compressor stations for the years 2005 to 2010 were taken into account which affected the extrapolated data back to 1985.

1.B.2: This is where the most significant recalculation occurred. Methane emissions from natural gas transmission, storage and distribution have been re-evaluated on the basis of information on technological losses determined by experts of the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority for the purpose of cost review of the domestic natural gas systems for the current price control cycle. Specific data on fugitive natural gas losses were received separately for transmission, storage, and distribution for the years 2016-2019. For the beginning of the time series (1985-1993), default emission factors from the 2019 IPCC Refinement were taken. For the intermediate years, interpolation techniques were applied.

1.A.4.b: As stealing was a non-negligible part of distribution losses (especially in earlier years), amendments in the above fugitive source categories led to revisions of natural gas consumption in the residential sector.

The overall effect of the above recalculations are as follows:

- emissions from combustion activities decreased by 174.25 kt CO₂-eq (-0.2% of total emissions) in the base year, and by 119.8 kt CO₂-eq (-0.2% of total emissions) in 2018.
- fugitive emissions increased by +770.9 kt CO₂-eq (0.7% of total emissions) in the base year, and by 1,046.0 kt CO₂-eq (1.6% of total emissions) in 2018.

INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES AND PRODUCT USE

2.A.4.d.i – Carbonates used for waste gas scrubbing. Activity data for 2018 was corrected because of a misspelling. Emission data was not affected by this mistake.

2.B.1 – Ammonia production. In its last review the ERT suggested to use country/plant specific carbon content factor (CCF) in this sector. Default CCF was replaced by a newly calculated country specific CCF for the years 1985-2006, and plant specific CCF values reported by the producers are used from 2007 onward. CO₂ emissions were recalculated for the whole time series.

2.B.1 – Ammonia production. In the 2020 review, a revised estimation of CO₂ recovery for years 2005 and 2016-2018 was proposed and accepted by ESD. CO₂ recovery was recalculated based on the exported amounts of urea and the stoichiometric ratio of CO₂ to urea. The recalculation was performed for the whole time period resulted in recalculations of CO₂ emissions from 2.B.1 ammonia production.

2.B.8 – Petrochemical and carbon black production. From 2018, CO₂ emissions have been reported in the ETS system from formaldehyde production. As the company have been producing formaldehyde from 1998, CO₂ emissions are reported calculated on a new subsector sheet 2.B.8.g.i formaldehyde production from 1998 onward.

2.C.1.a – Steel production. From 2009 a double count was performed regarding the CO₂ emissions from EOF production. Corrected CO₂ emissions are reported from 2009 onward.

2.C.1.d – Sinter and pellet. From 2016 a double count was performed regarding the CO₂ emissions from produced sinter. Corrected CO₂ emissions are reported from 2016 onward.

2.D.3.a, d-i – Indirect emissions from solvent use. Calculation of CO₂ from default carbon content applied for NMVOC emissions was corrected for the whole time series.

2.F.1 – In category 2F1, Hungary had switched from the mass – balance method to the EF approach. For the latest years (between 2016 and 2019) Hungary used data of the actual reported equipment and before 2016 the import values were used, as basis for the new activity data. In addition, in category 2.F.1.b/e, minor adjustments have been made because of the EF method.

2.F.2 – Revision of activity data (import, export and production of foams between 2017 and 2018).

2.F.3 – Recalculation was implemented in this submission as there the lifetime years was determined as 15, while in Hungary - according to the legislations - the lifetime of fire extinguishers including F-gases is 20 years. However, an additional error has been recognized after submission 2020, which caused changes for later years as well. The effect of recalculations is summarized in the following table.

2.G.2 – Recalculation due to calculation errors when allocated activity data.

The overall effect of the above recalculations was almost negligible for non F-gases: -68.2 kt CO₂-eq or -0.1% in the base year, and -66.5 kt CO₂-eq or -0.1% of the total emissions in 2018. As for F-gases, the new figures for 2018 are higher by 671.8 kt CO₂-eq (1.04% of total emissions).

AGRICULTURE

The overall impact of recalculations in the Agriculture sector resulted in an increase of 0.06% and 4.3 Gg CO₂ eq in the BY and an increase of 0.01% and 0.7 Gg CO₂-eq in 2018.

There was no revision for the CH₄ emissions in the BY and 2019. However, over the period 2010-2016 CH₄ emissions has changed insignificantly (less than 0.01%) because of the revision of emissions from 3.F Field Burning of Agricultural Residues. N₂O emissions increased by 0.06% and 2.1 Gg CO₂-eq on average across the timeseries.

The main reasons for the change between the two submissions were as follows:

- Revision of NH₃ emissions from 3.D resulted in changes in the N₂O emissions from 3.D.2.1 Indirect N₂O emissions from managed soils/ Atmospheric deposition. Emissions increased by 2.5 Gg CO₂-eq (1.6%) on average across the timeseries.
- Revision of CO₂ emissions from 4.B.1 Cropland remaining Cropland /mineral soils led to an insignificant change in the direct N₂O emissions from 3.D. Emissions increased on a small extent over the period 1990-2005, there was no change in the emissions between 2006 and 2010 and over the period 2011-2018 emissions increased in some years and decreased in other ones. These changes ranged from -5.14 to 0.8 Gg CO₂-eq.
- Over the period 2004-2018 amount of the straw used for bedding was revised resulting in negligible changes in the emissions from 3.D.1.2a Animal manure applied to soils and 3.D.1.4. Crop residues. The overall effect of this recalculation on the emissions is zero, because the slight increase in the 3.D.1.2a was offset by the decrease in the emissions from 3.D.1.4.
- Revision was made to the emissions from 3.F Field burning of agricultural residues. CH₄ and N₂O emissions decreased in some years and increased by other ones. Changes ranged from -0.08 to 0.05 kt CO₂ eq.

WASTE

5.A: An interpolation error in backward activity data (1970-75) was corrected. Following the recommendation of the UNFCCC review, the applied values of OX have been revised;

5.C: Emissions from waste incineration in the refinery have been reallocated to the source category 1.A.1.b. Also, an error in reported CO₂ emission of one incinerator has been corrected;

5.D: Some activity data (protein consumption and biogas production) have been revised.

The overall effect of all recalculations was below the threshold of significance.

11 KP-LULUCF

11.1 General information

According to relevant provisions, Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (KP) must submit information on land-use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) that is supplementary to what is contained in the report under the UNFCCC (i.e., Section 6). These provisions set principles to govern the treatment of LULUCF activities; require a consistent definition for terms such as “forest”, as well as definitions for activities under Article 3.3 and agreed activities under Article 3.4; and describe how modalities, rules and guidelines are implemented relating to the accounting of activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4. Good practice guidance concerning the methodology for estimating GHG emissions and removals are given in IPCC (2013).

Hungary started to report LULUCF-related information in 2006 in its Initial Report under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol

(http://unfccc.int/files/national_reports/application/pdf/hungaryareport_v4fin_c3.pdf) where, among others, Hungary reported the election of an activity under Art. 3.4, i.e., Forest Management (FM) for the first commitment period, and broadly defined both FM and “forest”.

This part of the NIR provides supplementary information for the actual inventory year under the KP based on the above legal documents. *Information on forests not contained in this chapter, and/or reference from this Chapter, can be found in Chapter 6 of the NIR.*

Hungary only elected FM under Art. 3.4 for the first commitment period (it is obligatory to report on FM in the second commitment period), and no other activity has been elected for the second commitment period. Therefore, this part of the NIR mainly covers issues related to the forestry sector. Information on other land-use related activities (e.g., cropland management) is limited to relevant information about land-use conversions.

11.1.1 Definition of forest and any other criteria

As reported in our both Initial Reports (i.e., 2006 and 2016), Hungary has elected elements and single minimum values for „**forest**” according to Table 11.1. We note that these elements have not been changed since, and are the same as for, the first commitment period.

Table 11.1.1 Definition of “forest” with prescribed characteristics and the justification of the chosen values.

Characteristics	Chosen value	Justification
Single minimum land area	0.5 ha	identical with value reported to FAO earlier
Single minimum width of forest area	10 m	defined by the methodology of current forest inventory
A single minimum tree crown cover value	30%	identical with value reported to FAO earlier
A single minimum tree height value	5 meters	identical with value reported to FAO earlier

Concerning the **minimum size** of land area, it is the minimum size, by law, of forest stands. The mean size of stands in the country is around four ha. There are also patches of areas covered by trees of forest species in the country that are smaller than 0.5 ha, however, these patches are not surveyed currently.

Concerning **minimum width**, our forests are most often much wider than that, i.e., the chosen value occurs quite rarely. The width of 10 m typically allows for only 3-4 rows of trees.

Concerning **minimum crown cover**, the vast majority of the forests are on sites that allow for closed canopy closure already in young stands, and this closure is usually kept well above 50% until final harvest and regeneration. There are some stands in the country on sites where forests would not necessarily occur under natural conditions (and thus have low crown closure), however, the proper and intensive management of even these stands ensures that they would usually have more than 50% crown closure. None of these stands would be cultivated if the management of these stands were not profitable, which requires a relatively high crown closure.

The above also holds true for **minimum tree height**. It only happens on very few extreme sites that trees cannot reach a mean height of five meters at maturity.

In addition to managerial aspects, the above elected definitions match those applied in the forest inventory and monitoring: the definition was elected also to attain the highest possible accuracy in reporting. Moreover, the selected values are consistent with those reported to FAO and used in other international statistics.

The above elements of the definition of “forest” under the KP are exactly the same as those under the UNFCCC. Note, however, that additional information is needed to define “forest” under the KP, e.g., *when* a certain piece of land becomes “forest” due to an afforestation or reforestation activity, and which areas are accounted for under FM. These additional pieces of information are detailed in the following sections.

With respect to origin, forests in Hungary are:

- planted, when the propagation material (seeds, cuttings or seedlings) is artificially put in the soil;
- semi-natural, when the propagation material comes from the mature, harvested trees of managed forests during an assisted natural regeneration, or when parts of these trees (roots and stumps) serve as sources of the regenerating shoots of a new generation of trees after harvest; and
- natural, when the entire regeneration process, which includes the production of propagation material of any sort, happens due to natural processes.

Based on the above, Hungary defines “**planted forests**” under the provisions of Decision 2.CMP/7 as forest plantations with artificially regenerated, short rotation (<40 years) species and long rotation species of coppice origin. All other forests, whether managed or not (such as forest reserves, see section 11.1.3.3 below) are considered “**natural forests**”.

11.1.2 Elected activities under Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol

As stated in both of our Initial Reports, as well as above, Hungary only elected FM under Article 3, paragraph 4 for the first commitment period, and no other activities under Art. 3.4 have been elected for the second commitment period.

11.1.3 Description of how the definitions of each activity under Article 3.3 and each elected activity under Article 3.4 have been implemented and applied consistently over time

Under the UNFCCC, emissions and removals from forests must be reported for “managed forests”. As reported in Chapter 6, all forests can be regarded as “managed”. Beginning 2016³, all forests in each new inventory year that are identified in the reporting year and are classified as “found forests” (FF) are included under FM.

The total area within the forestry sector under the KP is split among the following categories for each inventory year:

- AR: land under afforestation or reforestation since 1990
- D: land that has been deforested since 1990
- FM: all other forest land that was known to exist 31 December 1989 less D plus FF.

In the remaining parts of this section, first we define each activity, then provide details of the methodology of the estimation of emissions and removals. Note that for the development of carbon stock changes of most pools, most methodological information is discussed in Sections 6.4 and 6.5.

³ This decision is consistent with the suggestion of the ARR of 2013.

Both the definitions and methods of estimation are consistently applied throughout the period 1990-2017.

The evolution of the area of AR, D and FF is demonstrated in Figure 11.1, whereas that of FM is demonstrated in Figure 11.3 below.

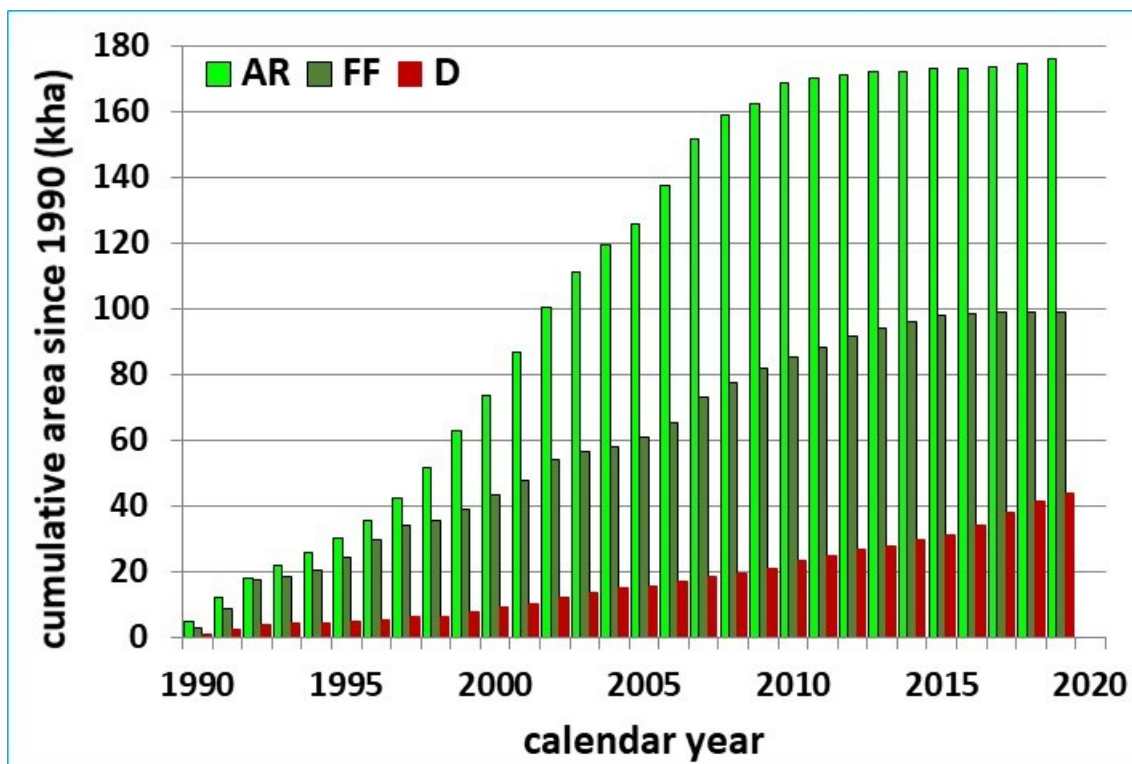


Figure 11.1.1. The evolution of the cumulative area of AR, FF and D since 1990.

11.1.3.1 Definition and identification of “AR since 1990”

In general, AR is an activity with the objective to establish “forest” as defined above on land that was not covered by such a “forest” before. The category “AR since 1990” includes all forest that has been established through direct human induced activity since 1990. AR land has so far only been deforested in Hungary in a few cases since 2015. As required by relevant provisions, AR can only include forest that can be demonstrated to have originated due to direct human induced activity. As a combined effect of these processes, in most years, the area of this category increases less than the L-FL category which includes increases of forest area due to both human-induced and natural causes.

In Hungary, afforestations are done in three steps. The first step is to do site preparation and, after that, to plant the propagation material in the area (initial planting). The second step is a period of one to several years, depending on species and site fertility, when the newly established stand is tended and when beating-up is done if deemed necessary. Finally, the third and last step occurs when the afforestation is deemed “mature” by authorities. At this point, the stand is inspected, and, if it is found to have established itself and is expected to be able to survive, grow and develop to a fully mature forest, it is regarded as a “certified forest” (however, under the UNFCCC, it is only moved to the FL-FL category 20 years after the planting has taken place, see section 6). The whole process from site preparation to certification can last from one to 10-15 years, depending on species, site, weather and other factors, see **Table 11.7** below. In any event, an area becomes part of AR when the first step is completed.

Note that we began to identify “AR since 1990” areas by considering the database of the above certificates. It was found during the analysis that some of the certified areas have not yet entered, or could not be identified in, the NFD (i.e., in the database of stands), which contains growing stock information, and which is used for the estimation of emissions and removals. This may mean e.g., that the afforestation proved to be unsuccessful. Therefore, we only included the smaller of the two sets in the “AR since 1990” category, i.e., the one for which we have data in the NFD, and for which a proof exists that the afforestation was indeed successful.

In relation to the KP, which sets a specific cut-off point (1 January 1990) in requesting countries to account for afforestations/reforestations, it is important to precisely define afforestations considering this cut-off point. In Hungary, in order to be conservative, “afforestations since 1990” are those, and only those, areas where both site preparation, as well as the planting of the propagation material started to happen after 1 January 1990. In a similar fashion, new AR areas by an inventory year are those, and only those, areas where both site preparation as well as the planting of the propagation material started to happen after 1 January of the inventory year. In general, site preparation and planting do occur in the same season anyway, shortly one after the other.

It is also important to define the cut-off point after which an afforestation counts as an area “subject to 3.4 FM”. Indeed, due to provisions of the Hungarian Forest Act, all afforestations become subject to FM right away as they enter the AR category. Thus, all forests under AR since 1990 are subject to 3.4 FM.

We also note here that the category “AR since 1990” includes the areas of stands that were actually afforested (i.e., the area of forest sub-compartments), but not adjacent roads or other areas that are not covered by trees, see section 11.2.2 below.

Finally, we note again that the statistically captured forest area keeps increasing at a rate that is higher than the area of land under AR. This is because not all increases are due to direct human induced activities, and that we find forests (i.e., FF) each year as already mentioned.

11.1.3.2 Definition and identification of “D since 1990”

D areas are those that have been clear-cut and removed from areas under forest management in order that the area can be used for non-forestry purposes (i.e., for road building and other land-use).

An area enters the D category right away, i.e., in the year, of the clear-cut which is made in order that the area can be used for non-forestry purposes.

In Hungary, deforestations have not been done frequently since 1990 nor were they done before that. The *location* of D areas has only been registered since 2008, i.e., the beginning of the first commitment period under the KP, as it was of no importance for the forest inventory earlier, and the exact location of most deforestations prior to 1 January 2008 are thus not known. Because all deforestations have to be identified under the KP, we set up a system to identify at least the total area of deforestations from all available information even before 2008. This system allows for estimating and accounting for all emissions from deforestations. (Note that all possible emissions are accounted for on D land in the year of the deforestation, therefore, no emissions can be expected on any of the land that was deforested before 2008, and no removals are accounted for, either, on this land in order to be conservative. Therefore, we believe that the ignorance of the location of land deforested before 2008 presents no risk at all of underestimation of emissions.)

The total area of deforestations was established based on statistical data collection back to 1990 using the certificates of the deforestations as all conversions from forest area must be approved by forestry authorities. For this authorization, the follow-up of the utilization of the deforested areas, but also to estimate emissions, ID-s, the type by utilization (within the “forest land” land-use category until the deforestation) and polygons of the deforested sub-compartments (whether forest or other sub-compartments), together with the date of deforestation are recorded in a specific database.

However, it was suspected that these certificates are fully available only since 2003. Therefore, a sample-based study was conducted that indeed showed that the total area of the deforestations before 2003 that could be retrieved from the National Forestry Database, which contains data of forest stands only, was higher than the one that could be developed from the hard copy files of the certificates. This means that in fact some certificates, thus, some deforestation areas could not be identified by only using these certificates. Therefore, the area established by the certificates before 2003 was multiplied by a factor of 1.18, which was established in the above study and was deemed representative for the whole country, to estimate the area of the total deforestations before 2003.

Beginning 2020, as a follow-up of the review in that year, we started to separately report areas of the so called “forest compartments” (i.e., areas with forest stands) and “other compartments” that usually do not, but sometimes can, contain trees. **Table 11.2** below reports the proportion of the

“other” sub-compartments by utilization type (under forest management) between 2008 and 2019 for the D category, and for FM as a comparison. To report further details, we report Figure 11.2 below which is a map demonstrating examples for types of sub-compartments in four inserts with enlarged parts of the map. In these parts, we have colored the polygons that were deforested in 2019 by sub-compartment and type by utilization for the other sub-compartments to clearly distinguish the forest sub-compartments from the other sub-compartments. For the type of utilization of the other sub-compartments, see the legend.

Table 11.2. Share of area of other sub-compartments by utilization type between 2008-2019 for (a) FM and (b) D.

(a)

Utilization type on deforested "other sub-compartments"	Share of area on FM											
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Christmas tree plantation	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Area for twig production for decorative	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Forest research area	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Plant nursery	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Lane	19%	19%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	19%	19%
Glade	28%	28%	28%	28%	27%	27%	26%	26%	26%	26%	26%	26%
Area serving game feeding	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
Area covered by scrubs	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	12%	13%	13%	13%	13%	14%	14%
Not managed forest	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Park	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Infertile area	16%	15%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	18%	18%	19%
Artificial water body	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Forestry office building	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Private forest road	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Forest railway	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%
Timber yard	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Mine	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lake or watercourse	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other facilities under forest management	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Forest ski resort	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

(b)

Utilization type on deforested "other sub-compartments"	Share of area on D											
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Christmas tree plantation	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	8%	0%	0%
Area for twig production for decorative	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	18%	0%	0%
Forest research area	0%	0%	0%	5%	4%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Plant nursery	2%	15%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	7%	41%	0%	0%
Lane	7%	4%	4%	2%	4%	5%	8%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%
Glade	65%	10%	12%	19%	37%	23%	27%	38%	8%	4%	11%	22%
Area serving game feeding	7%	15%	18%	29%	8%	20%	20%	26%	7%	2%	24%	6%
Area covered by scrubs	7%	6%	3%	2%	12%	24%	20%	14%	12%	2%	3%	3%
Not managed forest	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Park	0%	3%	32%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Infertile area	5%	5%	15%	35%	4%	9%	8%	4%	6%	1%	17%	1%
Artificial water body	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Forestry office building	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	3%	0%
Private forest road	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	5%	0%	1%
Forest railway	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	6%	0%	0%	16%	38%	58%
Timber yard	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Mine	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lake or watercourse	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	38%	0%	0%	1%
Other facilities under forest management	0%	10%	8%	1%	3%	5%	3%	0%	15%	0%	2%	7%
Forest ski resort	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	7%	9%	5%	2%	21%	2%	4%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%

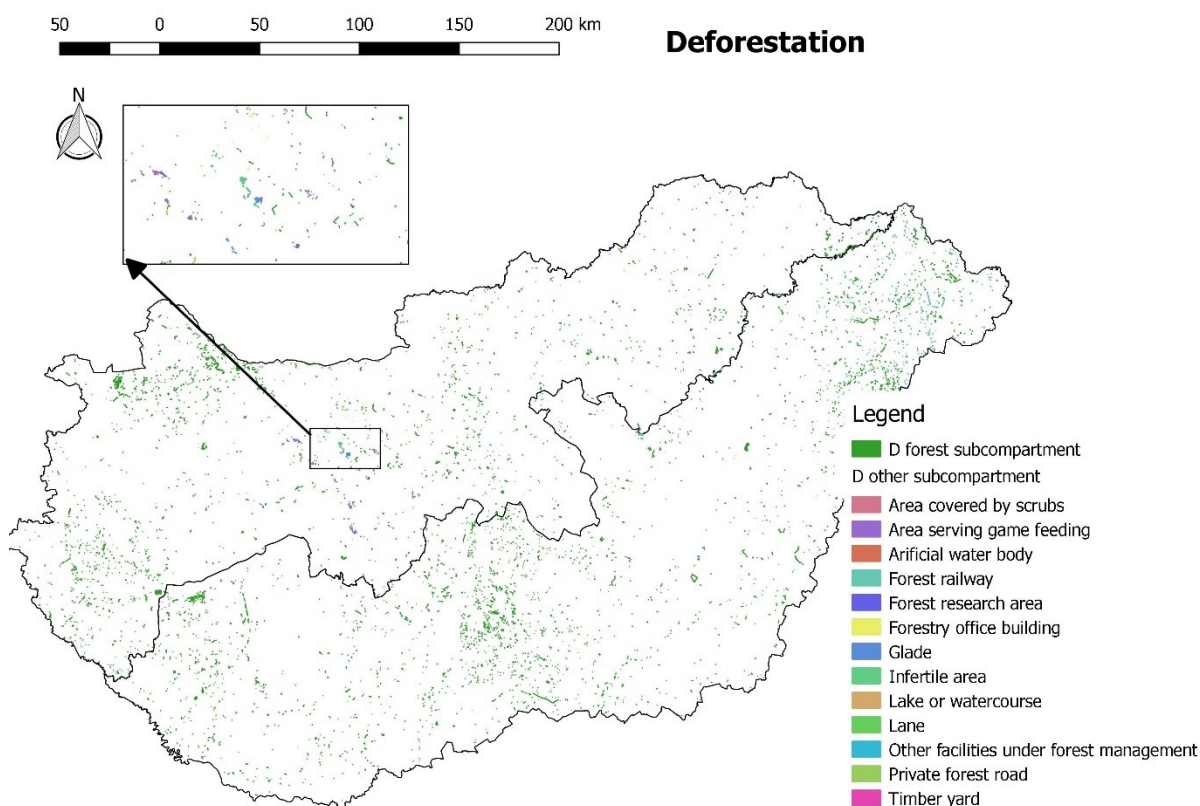


Figure 11.2. The spatial distribution of deforested land since 2008, with an enlarged portion directly showing deforested areas in a specific region for specific types of utilization of areas undergoing deforestation in 2019.

Based on the above, we have been able to report the complete time series of the estimated total area of D since 1990 (**Table 11.3**). Concerning activity data for the calculation of the various emissions and removals from deforestation, it must be considered that, in addition to emissions from the biomass and DOM pools which are assumed to occur in the year of deforestation, emissions from soils also take place. These emissions are estimated using the default transition period of 20 years. Therefore, three types of areas within the D category have to be used. The first is the total area since 1990 which is now reported in the CRF tables using two sub-categories, i.e., the forest sub-compartments and all other sub-compartments (a total of 41,13 kha in 2018). The second is the annual area of all sub-compartments which was 3378 ha in 2018. The third area statistics is the area, which also includes forest and other sub-compartments, that is considered to be in transition. **Table 11.3** below reports statistics for all three area types by year. (Note that the third statistics is not necessarily equal to the area in transition in the FL-L category because for this category, unlike with D, the accumulation of annual areas in transition starts in 1985 rather than 1990.)

Table 11.3. Complete time series of the estimated area of the D since 1990 category for the first and second commitment periods (until 2018) under the Kyoto Protocol.

Inventory year	Deforestation since 1990				
	Cumulative area (ha)			Area in transition (forest + other subcompartments, ha)	
	forest sub-compartments	other sub-compartments	total	forest sub-compartment	other sub-compartment
2008	8 422	11 017	19 439	19 439	0
2009	8 872	12 057	20 929	20 929	0
2010	9 080	14 200	23 280	22 667	613
2011	9 357	15 528	24 884	22 454	2 430
2012	10 139	16 459	26 598	22 721	3 877
2013	10 671	17 173	27 844	23 638	4 206
2014	11 273	18 072	29 345	24 921	4 424
2015	12 656	18 389	31 044	26 263	4 782
2016	14 772	19 101	33 873	28 474	5 398
2017	16 483	21 266	37 748	31 828	5 920
2018	18 700	22 426	41 126	34 804	6 322
2019	21 007	22 750	43 757	35 988	7 769

To estimate emissions and emissions, an important step was to categorize all types of the other sub-compartments into land use categories by utilization type as if they belonged to one of the general land-use types (**Table 11.4**). This categorization makes it possible to estimate the amount of carbon in each pool before and after the conversion by the respective land-use types.

Table 11.4. Reclassification of the utilization type on deforested other sub-compartments.

Utilization type on deforested "other sub-compartments"	LU category
Christmas tree plantation	FL
Area for twig production for decoration	CL
Forest research area	FL
Plant nursery	CL
Lane	GL
Glade	GL
Area serving game feeding	CL
Area covered by scrubs	GL
Not managed forest	FL
Park	FL
Infertile area	OL
Artificial water body	WL
Forestry office building	SE
Private forest road	SE
Forest railway	SE
Timber yard	SE
Mine	SE
Lake or watercourse	WL
Other facilities under forest management	SE
Forest ski resort	GL
Unknown	FL

Finally, the demonstration that regenerated areas under FM are not accounted for as D can be found in section 11.4.2 below.

11.1.3.3 Definition and identification of “FM since 1990”

The definition of “forest management” in Hungary is well described in the Forest Act. The relevant forest act that was mainly in effect for the period of 1990-2008 was passed by Parliament in 1996 (Act LIV of 1996 on Forests and the Protection of Forests, see at http://www.nfk.gov.hu/download.php?id_file=40588. Article 7 of this Act stated that “For the purposes of this Act, forest management shall be qualified as the entire range of activities aimed at maintaining, guarding and protecting forests, ensuring their public function, increasing forest assets, and exercising the forest usufructs in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.” The relevant section of Article 2, in turn, reads: “Forests should be used and exploited in such a manner and at such a rate, which allows the prospects of management to endure also for future generations (hereinafter referred to as: sustainable forestry), so that the forests preserve their biological diversity, naturalness, fertility, ability to regenerate, viability, furthermore, that they satisfy the protective and economic needs in harmony with the requirements of society, and fill their role of serving the purposes of nature conservation and environmental protection, health and welfare, tourism, research and education.” The most recent forest act was passed in 2009 (Act XXXVII of 2009 on Forests, Protection of Forests and Forest Management), which further reinforced provisions to protect forests and avoid deforestations and initiated a transition to close-to-nature forestry at an increased rate. (The text of the Act, currently in Hungarian can be found at http://net.jogtar.hu/jr/gen/hjegy_doc.cgi?docid=A0900037.TV.)

“Forest management” in general includes all kinds of activities in the forest from protecting forests through their multi-purpose utilization of a wide variety of social and ecological functions and services of the forests. All these activities often require that all forests are managed rather intensively, although the intensity is quite different in the various stands depending on site, species, and the local objective of managing the stand. Managing forests involves preparing forest management plans, afforesting, intensive thinning, harvesting and regenerating as well as forest protection, maintenance of roads and road building, inspecting of forestry operations and others. The intensity of management is characterized by the length of the operational cycle of returning to each forest sub-compartment (of about four ha in average as mentioned above), which varies from about a few weeks (in afforested or regenerated areas where tending is necessary) to a year (in young poplar stands for tending) to five years (between pre-commercial thinnings in young stands of fast growing species) to maximum 15-20 years (between thinnings in older stands of slow growing species). Forest management planning covers all forests, and forest management plans are made for 10(-12) years. That all forests (in the sense of the above “forest” definition) are managed in one way or another in Hungary is partly an economic and practical necessity because of the high rate of wood utilization, and because the density of the population, which requires all kinds of products and services from the forests, is quite high according to official statistics (105 capita km⁻², KSH 2018).

We also note that there are practically no remnants of virgin forests, old growth forests or other primary forests in the country. There are some 70 so-called forest reserves in the country, whose total area amounts to some 12 kha. Forest operations in these reserves are limited to a so-called protection zone (altogether about 8 kha), which thus makes up most of the area of these reserves, and which surrounds the so-called core zone (altogether about 4 kha) where no traditional operation is conducted whatsoever. However, there is usually some activity even within these core areas such as protection by fencing, wildlife management, forest protection, research and education, and tourism. All protected forests are also included in the so called “Natura 2000” protection network of the European Union that involves various protection measures.

Activities that are carried out in all Hungarian forests also include preparing forest management plans, surveying and inspecting stands regularly.

Because one or several of the above activities are carried out in each known stand each year, all forests in Hungary are regarded as “*managed since 1990*”.

The above also means that Hungary applies a *broad definition* of “Forest Management” under Art. 3.4 of the KP.

Land under the “FM since 1990” activity is identified by establishing FM in 31 December 1989 (which equaled the total FL at that point), and then subtracting D areas and adding FF areas in subsequent years, if any. It thus excludes D areas, but includes all land that, with the exception of AR, increased forest area (see also Chapter 6.2). In most cases, FF are young and are thus in their intensive growing phase. Note that as very little information was available on the origin of these forests, it was deemed to be impossible to demonstrate “direct human induced activity” in their establishment, therefore, we excluded these forests from FM in the first commitment period. However, as it seems improbable that these forests are unmanaged, and to comply with the requirements of ARR 2013, we now include all FF in our FM estimates.

11.1.3.4 Separating AR from FM

As stated above, as soon as site preparation and planting or seeding of propagation material is done, all AR lands become “forest” from the viewpoint of the definition of “forest” under the KP. From a domestic administrative point of view, when an AR land becomes a “forest” under the Hungarian regulations, it right away becomes an area subject to FM. Thus, since the category “AR since 1990” includes all areas that have been afforested since 1990, these areas could also be regarded as 3.4 FM. These areas are, however, not considered as FM areas to avoid double counting.

Because of this separation, double counting is avoided. Full consistency with the report under the UNFCCC is achieved by first establishing the area of AR and then developing FM as all forests (“FL” in the report under the UNFCCC) minus the total of the “AR since 1990” minus “D since 1990” plus FF (see below). In this way, AR since 1990 that would otherwise classify as FM is automatically excluded from FM.

11.1.3.5 Separating D from FM

This issue is covered under section 11.4.2 below.

11.1.4 Description of precedence conditions and/or hierarchy among Article 3.4 activities, and how they have been consistently applied in determining how land was classified

As Hungary only elected FM under Article 3.4, no precedence or hierarchy issues arise.

11.2 Land-related information

The information below is supplementary to that reported in Section 6.2.

11.2.1 Spatial assessment unit used for determining the area of the units of land under Article 3.3

The spatial assessment unit in Hungary that is applied for the purposes of reporting under the KP is 1 ha. This is ensured by the forest inventory that includes information of stands as small as 0.5 ha, i.e., areas that are smaller than 1.0 ha. Individual stands that are larger than 0.5 ha are also mapped at a spatial assessment unit of around 0.5 ha.

11.2.2 Methodology used to develop the land transition matrix

The land transition matrix is developed the following way:

- Areas under annual AR activities are identified on a per stand basis each year, and the area of these stands are summed up.
- Areas under D activity are identified since 1 Jan 2008 on a per stand basis each year, and the area of these stands is summed up.
- Both before and since 2008, all additional changes in the forest area were also identified that were not due to AR or D activities (i.e., FF).
- The total (known) forest area at the end of each year (since 1990) is identified on the basis of the NFD that includes appropriate records of each known stand in the country.
- By identifying the total forest area as well as all additions to, and reductions from, the forest area of the previous year, the constant elements (i.e., FM) can be identified. Land under FM was first identified at 31 December 1989. FM area has subsequently been reduced by the area of the deforested stands and increased by the area of FF.

As noted above, this procedure ensures the consistency of land identification under all KP activities, as well as FL under the UNFCCC. We identified all changes in the land-use statistics and classified them so that, eventually, all land can be accounted for in the respective categories since 1990. (See also section 6.2 above.)

To demonstrate that the land-use and land-use change information as reported under the UNFCCC is consistent with information under the various activities under the KP, below is a summary of the method of establishing the area of FM with the relevant data at the country level.

Note that, as discussed in Chapter 6.2 above, we report the total "Forest land" area in the CRF table under the UNFCCC, which is more than the total area of all *stands* (the difference being forest roads and other areas not covered by trees). The reason for reporting total forest land area under the UNFCCC is that it is only possible to account for all land area of the country in the CRF tables under

the UNFCCC if this area is to be consistently reported together with the area of all other land-uses so that the total of all these areas add up to the total land area of the country. However, for KP reporting purposes, we can only use and report, for FM, AR and D, the total area of *stands*, or *sub-compartments*, which is included in the above “forest land” but excludes areas outside of the stands such as roads. (The area of stands also includes areas *within* the stands that are occasionally, and mostly only temporarily, not covered by trees, however, these are reported under the KP.) We note that, in order to be conservative, emissions from all carbon pools are estimated for the total area of the FL-L category, i.e., the total of the area of stands plus the area not covered by trees.

The time series data of the total area all forests, along with that of the land that is strictly covered by trees (“calculated area covered by trees”) is reported in Table 6.5.1 of the NIR. **Table 11.5** below summarizes changes of area under AR and D, whereas Figure 11.3 below is a draft graphical representation of all changes of the area of all mandatory and elected activities under the KP (using the area of forest sub-compartments). These changes represent actual changes (for AR, D and FM) due to the activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the KP, but also include those processes mentioned above that have resulted in the creation of the FF category.

Table 11.5 The size of annual land conversions (in terms of sub-compartments) for (a) D, (b) AR and (c) FF for the years of the first and second commitment periods.

(a) D

Inventory year	FL converted to Cropland	FL converted to Grassland	FL converted to Settlement	All conversions from FL to other land use
	Area (forest and other subcompartments, ha)			
2008	380	138	635	1 152
2009	184	336	970	1 490
2010	670	526	1 155	2 351
2011	388	140	1 075	1 604
2012	248	852	614	1 713
2013	270	274	702	1 246
2014	383	241	878	1 501
2015	521	413	766	1 699
2016	1 341	576	911	2 829
2017	2 367	878	630	3 875
2018	785	1 817	776	3 378
2019	934	687	1 010	2 631

(b) AR

Inventory year	Cropland converted FL	Grassland converted to FL	Settlement converted to FL	All conversions to FL from other land use
	Area (forest subcompartments, ha)			
2008	6 674	389	0	7 063
2009	3 177	273	0	3 450
2010	5 429	321	0	5 750
2011	1 413	211	0	1 623
2012	1 012	134	17	1 164
2013	539	119	39	697
2014	879	387	136	1 402
2015	179	40	26	245
2016	152	9	0	160
2017	683	143	0	826
2018	1 098	243	0	1 341
2019	1 402	222	40	1 663

(c) FF

Inventory year	Found Forests
	Area (forest+other subcompartments, ha)
2008	5 567
2009	6 489
2010	3 138
2011	4 230
2012	5 522
2013	4 370
2014	3 348
2015	841
2016	578
2017	1 664
2018	0
2019	0

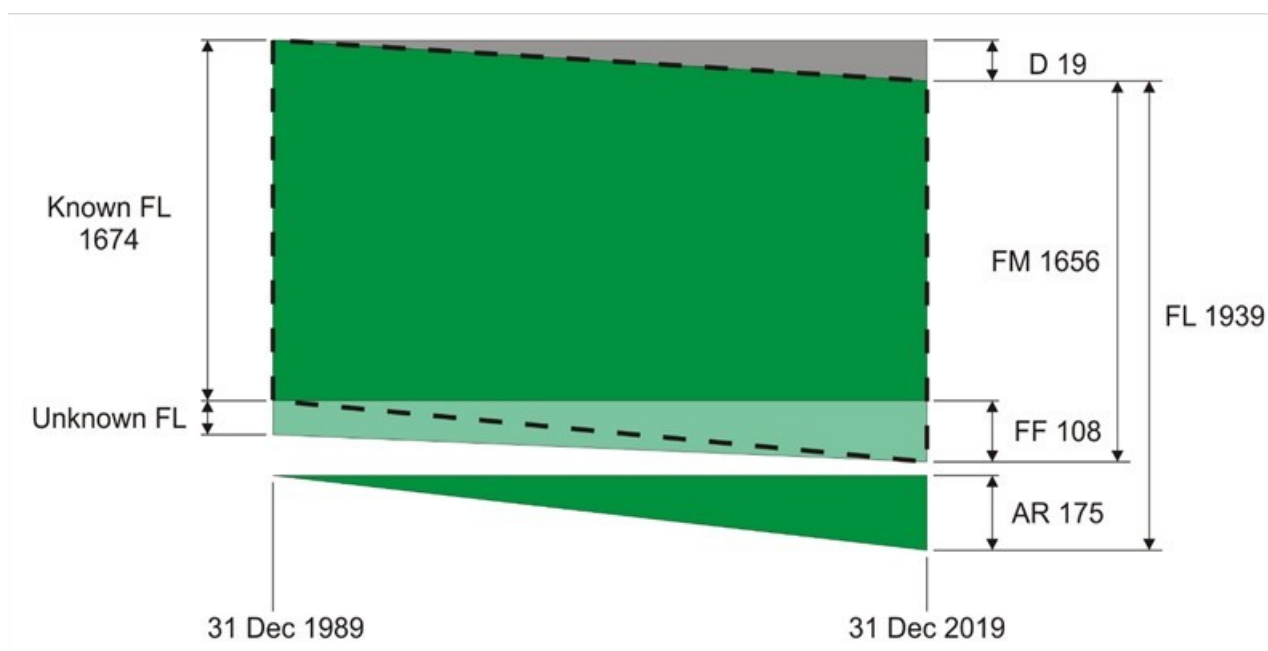


Figure 11.3. Graphical demonstration of changes of the area of the various activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the KP since 1990 (numbers after the activities are in kha). The area denoted by the dashed lines shows the development of the area over time identified by the NFD in each inventory year except for the AR area. For any given inventory year (i.e., at any vertical intersection of the graph), the distance between the dashed lines shows the area of FM including that part of the FF that was identified up to the inventory year. Data under various activities are total areas of sub-compartments (they may be slightly different from respective numbers as reported elsewhere due to rounding-off, and so they do not represent official statistics). See text for other details.

Based on the definitions and the graph as outlined above, the areas of the sub-compartments under Article 3.3 and 3.4 activities are derived as shown by the formulas and data in **Table 11.6** (only rounded numbers are used for the entire area of the various activities; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the KP CRF table).

Table 11.6. The evolution of areas under the relevant land-use categories under the KP, together with data for total forests and found forests for the first commitment period, as well as the algorithm (i.e., formulas, in the heading) of developing the data. The table shows all changes according to the formulas in which t1 means the beginning of the inventory year (i.e., the end of the preceding year), whereas t2 means the end of the year. The light yellow color in some cells of the table (with column title “from DB”) shows that the data in those cells are taken from the database (i.e., they are the result of other compilations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table. All other notations are as in Tables 6.5.3. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding-off errors; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)

Inventory year	AREA (forest sub-compartments), ha															
	All Forest Land (FL)			D since 1990			FF since 1990			AR since 1990			FM since 1990			
	FL = FM + AR(cum.) + FF(cum.)			t1	Δ	t2	t1	Δ	t2	t1	Δ (net=new-D on AR)	t2	t1	t2		
	t1	t2	Δ	from DB; t2 of prev. year	from DB	t2-t1	from DB; t2 of prev. year	from DB	t1 + Δ	from DB; t2 of prev. year	from DB	t1 + Δ	from DB; t2 of prev. year	from DB	t1 + Δ	FL89t2 - D + FF; t2 of prev. year
2008	1 890 866	1 903 360	12 494	8 128	294	8 422	72 779	5 567	78 346	151 401	7 221	158 621	1 739 465	1 744 739		
2009	1 903 360	1 912 917	9 557	8 422	450	8 872	78 346	6 489	84 835	158 621	3 520	162 141	1 744 739	1 750 778		
2010	1 912 917	1 922 108	9 191	8 872	208	9 080	84 835	3 138	87 974	162 141	6 267	168 408	1 750 778	1 753 708		
2011	1 922 108	1 927 702	5 594	9 080	277	9 357	87 974	4 223	92 197	168 408	1 641	170 049	1 753 708	1 757 655		
2012	1 927 702	1 933 604	5 902	9 357	782	10 139	92 197	5 520	97 717	170 049	1 162	171 211	1 757 655	1 762 393		
2013	1 933 604	1 938 139	4 535	10 139	532	10 671	97 717	4 369	102 087	171 211	697	171 908	1 762 393	1 766 231		
2014	1 938 139	1 941 016	2 878	10 671	602	11 273	102 087	2 058	104 145	171 908	132	172 040	1 766 231	1 767 687		
2015	1 941 016	1 940 720	-296	11 273	1 383	12 656	104 145	841	104 986	172 040	1 535	173 574	1 767 687	1 767 472		
2016	1 940 720	1 939 342	-1 378	12 656	2 116	14 772	104 986	578	105 564	173 574	242	173 816	1 767 472	1 766 439		
2017	1 939 342	1 940 052	710	14 772	1 711	16 483	105 564	1 583	107 147	173 816	756	174 572	1 766 439	1 766 549		
2018	1 940 052	1 939 175	-877	16 483	2 218	18 700	107 147	0	107 147	174 572	1 341	175 913	1 766 549	1 764 616		
2019	1 939 175	1 938 544	-631	18 700	2 307	21 007	107 147	0	107 147	175 913	1 676	177 589	1 764 616	1 762 627		

The above calculation demonstrates that (1) all land is accounted for; (2) double counting is avoided; (3) all areas that are not in sub-compartments but are included in the “forestry area” (i.e., 2,054,281 - 1,938,544 = 115,737 ha in 2019 see also Table 6.5.1) are included in, and accounted for, under “Other” of the KP CRF table (Table NIR 2. LAND TRANSITION MATRIX).

11.2.3 Maps and/or database to identify the geographical locations, and the system of identification codes for the geographical locations

Hungary applies **Reporting Method 1** of IPCC (2013). This means that, in reporting area as well as emissions and removals, we identify regions for which we developed total areas under the various KP activities.

Two geographical locations are separated under the requirement of Annex II of 2/CMP.8 that the geographical location of the boundaries that encompass the lands subject to activities under Article 3.3 and FM under Article 3.4 must be reported. These locations are called North-Hungary and South-Hungary (see Figure 11.4 below). These geographical locations are separated along the borders of municipalities (which in turn follow partly other administrative, partly natural borders), and were found appropriate for the purposes of this reporting. (The boundaries are the same as in the first

commitment period.) The identification codes used in the CRF tables are the following: North-Hungary, 1; South-Hungary, 2. „North” consist of the North Hungarian Mountains, the agglomeration of Budapest, the Trans-danubian Mountains (north to Lake Balaton) and the Little Hungarian Plain. The Great Hungarian Plains and the Trans-danubian Hills (South to Lake Balaton) belongs to „South”.

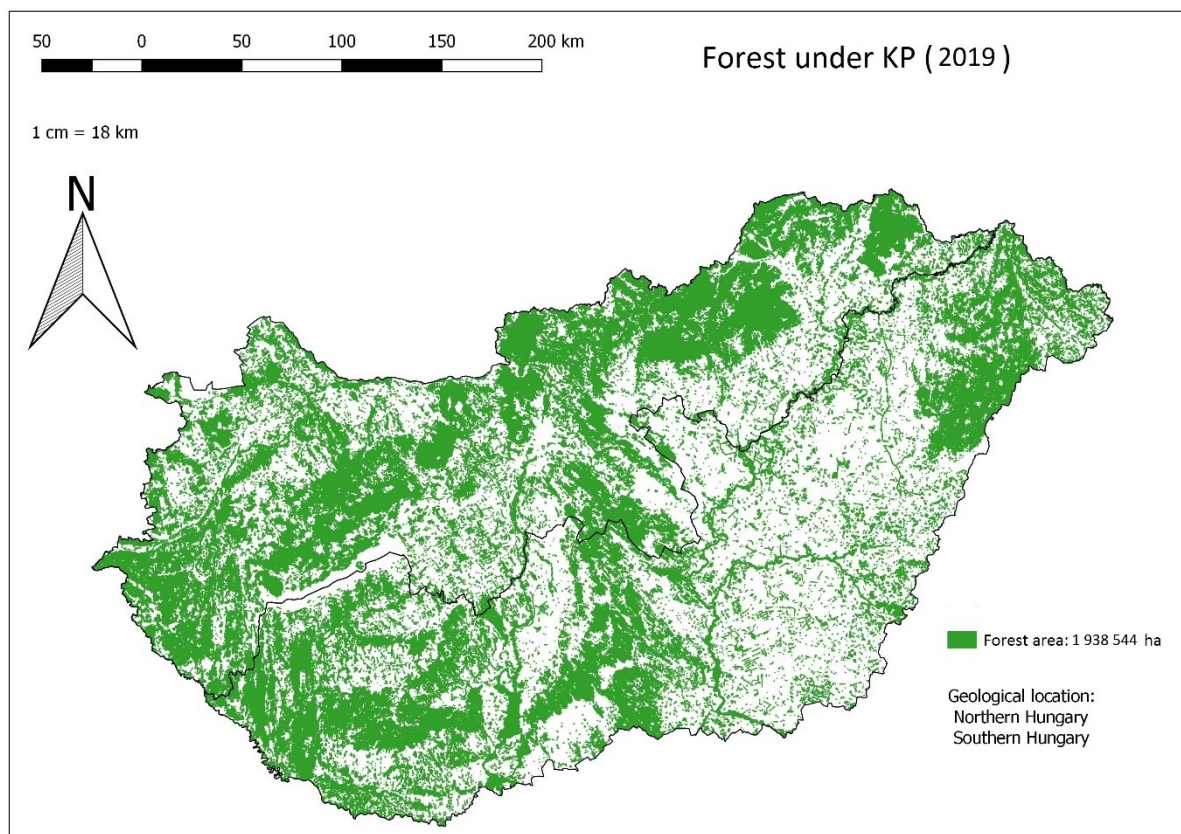


Figure 11.4. Map of Hungary with forests (green patches) and the border of the two geographical locations.

For each year, all area (i.e., each stand) is allocated to one of the above geographical locations, thus, aggregate data (e.g., volume stocks, volume stock changes etc.) for these locations can be developed for each year. The identification system of sub-compartments is made up of three elements which are registered for every sub-compartment. These elements are: the municipality (village, or town) to which the sub-compartment is administered, the compartment (a larger piece of forest, e.g., a hillside or a valley) and the sub-compartment (which is part of a compartment). The sub-compartment is the basic unit of forest management, its mean size being approximately four ha. The number of municipalities was 3166 in 1990 and 3195 in 2017, so the borders of the municipalities are considerably stable over time. (The borders of municipalities are declared and mapped by the Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing, FÖMI, Hungary.) Since every sub-

compartment exactly belongs to one and only one municipality, and municipalities are unambiguously mapped, data for the geographical locations can be developed from the above stand level data by appropriately summing them up (see below).

11.3 Activity-specific information

11.3.1 Methods for the estimation of carbon stock changes and GHG emissions and removals

11.3.1.1 Description of the methodologies and the underlying assumptions used

11.3.1.1.1 Definition of pools as applied in Hungary

For all carbon pools, we apply the same definitions under the Kyoto as those under the UNFCCC. See Sections 6.4 and 6.5.3 for details.

11.3.1.1.2 Methodological issues

As AR and FM are different from L-FL and FL-FL, emissions and removals to be reported on land under AR and D are different from those under the respective categories under the UNFCCC. Therefore, these emissions and removals must be estimated using specific procedures. However, it is mainly the land to be accounted for that is different, and the methodology of the estimation is in general the same as that described in section 6.4 and 6.5. This methodology is accurate and precise as far as practicable.

In case of Hungary, the methodology is pool and GHG-dependent. The coverage of emissions and removals estimation and its main methodological elements are detailed in Tables 11.7 and 11.8, respectively.

Table 11.7. Emissions and removals by source on land under (a) AR, (b) D and (c) FM.
(a)

Inventory year	Emissions and Removals from FM since 1990, ktCO ₂					
	biomass	mineral soils	organic soils	litter	dead-wood	burning + wildfires (CH ₄ +N ₂ O)
2008	-4 803	demonstrated that not a source	62	demonstrated that not a source	demonstrated that not a source	11
2009	-4 044		62			10
2010	-2 891		62			11
2011	-3 070		62			26
2012	-4 481		62			22
2013	-3 138		62			15
2014	-3 938		62			18
2015	-4 154		62			27
2016	-3 240		62			13
2017	-3 988		62			24
2018	-2 917		62			13
2019	-3 725		62			20

(b)

Inventory year	Emissions and Removals from AR since 1990, ktCO ₂ eq						
	post-conversion biomass	pre-conversion biomass	mineral soils	organic soils	litter	dead-wood	burning + wildfires (CH ₄ +N ₂ O)
2008	-1 146	123	demonstrated that not a source	NO	demonstrated that not a source	-42	0.240
2009	-1 135	62		NO		-43	0.219
2010	-1 220	100		NO		-45	0.381
2011	-1 187	31		NO		-45	1.353
2012	-1 100	24		NO		-46	0.341
2013	-1 246	16		NO		-46	0.627
2014	-1 120	22		NO		-45	1.422
2015	-1 178	4		NO		-46	1.556
2016	-1 171	3		NO		-46	1.168
2017	-1 271	13		NO		-46	2.106
2018	-1 219	23		NO		-47	1.557
2019	-1 092	28		NO		-47	2.337

(c)

Inventory year	Emissions and Removals from D since 1990, ktCO ₂ eq					
	biomass	mineral soils	organic soils	litter	dead-wood	burning + wildfires (CH ₄ +N ₂ O)
2008	26	43	NO	11	3	0.042
2009	61	46	NO	19	5	0.097
2010	29	50	NO	33	9	0.043
2011	47	49	NO	12	3	0.095
2012	132	47	NO	33	9	0.229
2013	62	50	NO	18	5	0.132
2014	85	53	NO	21	6	0.178
2015	117	55	NO	45	13	0.170
2016	151	58	NO	68	20	0.264
2017	171	65	NO	61	18	0.294
2018	218	68	NO	72	22	0.362
2019	228	69	NO	74	23	0.319

Table 11.8. Methodological summary for (a) FM, (b) AR, (c) D. (CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor; NO: not occurring)

(a)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Non-CO ₂ emissions
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
FM	E/R	CS	D/EJ	Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source)	Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source)	Mineral: Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source); Organic: AD: CS; EF: D	N ₂ O (N fertilization): IE N ₂ O (drainage and re-wetting): IE C (liming): not occurring Burning: D, CS
	Uncertainty	Tier 2 (Monte Carlo)		N/A		Tier 2 (Monte Carlo, where applicable)	

(b)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Non-CO ₂ emissions
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
AR	E/R	Post-conversion: CS Pre-conversion: CS	D/EJ D	CS	CS	Mineral: Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source); Organic: not occurring	N ₂ O (fertilization): IE IE Drainage and re-wetting: NO C (liming): not occurring Burning: D, CS
	Uncertainty	Tier 2 (Monte Carlo)		N/A		Tier 2 (Monte Carlo) where applicable	

Table 11.8 (ctd.). Methodological summary for (a) FM, (b) AR, (c) D. (CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

(c)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Non-CO ₂ emissions
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
D	E/R	Post-conversion: 0	0	CS	CS	D	N ₂ O (disturbance): mineral soils: D; Organic soils: NO C (liming): D Burning: D, CS
		Pre-conversion: CS	CS				
	Uncertainty	Tier 2 (Monte Carlo)					Tier 2 (Monte Carlo) where applicable

Biomass

Carbon stock changes of trees are estimated using the stock change method (in a fashion similar to categories under the UNFCCC), which automatically ensures that all processes, i.e., all changes due to gains, i.e., growth, and all changes due to losses, i.e., harvest, natural disturbances like fires etc., are taken into account. The estimation of emissions and removals on lands under the AR and D activities are directly estimated from the carbon stocks of consecutive calendar years, i.e., from carbon stocks as of 31 December 2007-2019 for AR, and of the inventory years 2008-2019 for D.

The forests included in the AR category are identified and mapped at the sub-compartment (stand) level. Growing stocks and stock changes in the afforested areas are estimated by using field measurements and applying yield tables by appropriate species and site classes. These yield tables (which are true yield tables and different from the volume stock functions applied for the L-FL category) are planned to be updated once information is available that the growing conditions may have deteriorated. (We note here that, according to Somogyi, 2008, the growth of trees accelerated in Hungary recently. Not adjusting the yield tables for this acceleration means an underestimation of the removals, thus, it is conservative.)

The parameters of the equation used for the estimation are as detailed in section 6.5.3. In lack of country-specific measurements, the same root-to-shoot value of 0.25 is assumed for stands of land under AR (i.e., for young forests) as for all other forests. This can be regarded as rather conservative because young trees usually have higher root-to-shoot ratios than mature trees. As forests in the AR category are net sinks, this assumption leads to an underestimation of removals on AR land.

It must also be noted here that the forest inventory is designed to provide information on the actual *situation* (i.e., stocks) of stands *in each year*. However, the borders of the stands often change due to reasons of ownership or changes of professional standards (e.g., better complying with site patterns), and it is not possible to keep track of most of these *changes* at the stand level, rather, only at higher administrative units (including the geographical locations). This means that the carbon stock *changes* cannot typically be estimated bottom-up from the stand level, rather, they are calculated from carbon stocks of consecutive years at aggregate levels (i.e., species and species groups), and thus

estimated bottom-up from the stand level for categories of AR and D. The same applies to all forests, for which of course the estimation of carbon stocks is split for the two geographical locations.

Consistent with section 6.3, the emissions and removals for lands under FM are indirectly estimated from those of all forest land (FL-FL + L-FL) as well as AR and D. (Emissions and removals from FL-FL and L-FL in an inventory year exclude carbon stocks of FF found in that inventory year.) This procedure is applied, among others, in order that the estimates under the UNFCCC and under the KP are consistent, that carbon stock changes are neither underestimated nor overestimated, and that double counting is avoided. With this approach, total net removals (NR, i.e., net gains) for FM are calculated using NR of FL under the UNFCCC (FL-FL plus L-FL, which includes NR of FF, but excludes NE (net emissions) of deforested land) and NR on land under AR (Table 11.9).

Total NR of forests under FM in 2019 =

+ Total NR of FL-FL in 2019

+ Total NR of L-FL in 2019

- NR of AR in 2019

Table 11.9 *The development of emissions and removals in FM land, together with the algorithm (i.e., formulas) of the calculations, since 2008. The light yellow color in the table shows that the data is taken from the database (i.e., it is the result of other calculations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table. All other notations are as in Tables 6.5.3 and 7.3.7. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)*

Inventory year	ΔC of biomass UNDER THE KP, ktCO ₂					
	FL (includes FF and AR since 1990)		AR since 1990		FM since 1990	
	NR	IEF	Δ	IEF	Δ	IEF
	from DB	NR/area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)	from DB	NR/area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)	FL - AR - FF C stock found in year	NR/area (Gg CO ₂ /ha)
2008	-5 950	-0.00313	-1 146	-0.00723	-4 803	-0.00275
2009	-5 179	-0.00271	-1 135	-0.00700	-4 044	-0.00231
2010	-4 111	-0.00214	-1 220	-0.00724	-2 891	-0.00165
2011	-4 257	-0.00221	-1 187	-0.00698	-3 070	-0.00175
2012	-5 581	-0.00289	-1 100	-0.00642	-4 481	-0.00254
2013	-4 384	-0.00226	-1 246	-0.00725	-3 138	-0.00178
2014	-5 058	-0.00261	-1 120	-0.00651	-3 938	-0.00223
2015	-5 332	-0.00275	-1 178	-0.00678	-4 154	-0.00235
2016	-4 411	-0.00227	-1 171	-0.00674	-3 240	-0.00183
2017	-5 259	-0.00271	-1 271	-0.00728	-3 988	-0.00226
2018	-4 136	-0.00213	-1 219	-0.00693	-2 917	-0.00165
2019	-4 817	-0.00248	-1 092	-0.00615	-3 725	-0.00211

For AR, we have also developed a methodology to account for emissions from pre-conversion biomass losses due to afforestation. This is necessary as some of the afforestations take place in former orchards and vineyards. (The majority of the AR area is nevertheless done in former cropland with annual crops and grasslands with no woody vegetation.) To estimate these emissions, the country-specific loss rates of 9.4 and 18.8 tdm/ha are used for orchards and vineyards, respectively, consistent with data used under the UNFCCC (see section 6.6.2.1.1 on accounting for gains in carbon stocks of perennial crops on croplands). This loss, which is a mean value for all types of orchards and vineyards converted to forest, is assumed to be accumulated in 30 and 31.8 years, respectively, so the mean annual accumulation rates are 0.3 and 0.59 tdm/ha*yr.

For AR, we also estimated the loss of carbon from the pre-conversion biomass of other vegetation (predominantly the remains of annual crops, and herb vegetation on abandoned croplands and grasslands). The estimation was done the same way as described in the sub-section Pre-conversion biomass of Section 6.5.5.2.1.

Dead organic matter

For the deadwood and litter pools, too, the same approach was taken for the categories under the KP as for categories under the UNFCCC. See methodological details in section 6.5.6.2.2 for D. For FM and AR, the option is applied that it is demonstrated that the dead organic pools in these categories are not a source, see section 11.3.1.2 below.

Soil

For soils, the approach described in detail in section 6.5.4.2.3 was taken for D, however, only emissions were accounted for, whereas removals were not. For FM and AR, the option is applied that it is demonstrated that the dead organic pools in these categories are not a source, see section 11.3.1.2 below.

Non-CO₂ emissions

Non-CO₂ emissions are estimated based on the amount of harvests, and experience that almost all natural forest fires occur on FM land, and only very few on AR land. The methodology is the same as described in the various sections of Chapter 6. The resulting data are reported in Table 11.7.

We note here, too, that, as a follow-up of the review of our report in 2017, we added the estimates of indirect N₂O emissions from leaching/runoff on both AR and FM land, using the same methodology that is described in section 6.4.2.

11.3.1.2 Justification when omitting any carbon pool or GHG emissions/removals from activities under Article 3.3 and elected activities under Article 3.4

For FM and AR, Hungary does not explicitly quantify emissions and removals for three forest carbon pools, i.e., soil, deadwood and litter, but demonstrates that these pools are not a source. To demonstrate that soils are not a source, a conservative approach is taken based on the IPCC 2006 GL methodology using country-specific and other data. The demonstration for DW and LI is based on expert judgment which is a practicable method in our situation (see below).

Demonstration for FM and AR that the soil carbon pool is not a source

This demonstration, which is separately done for AR and FM land, is necessary because, until this point, there has not been any forest soil carbon monitoring program in Hungary. The below demonstration involves all available country-specific data and information, i.e., Tier 2 elements. This data notwithstanding, we continue to apply the conservativeness approach used before, i.e., we always apply the information from various options, when there is any, that leads to higher emission estimates and lower removal estimates. Overall, the data suggests that the demonstration can be done with a high certainty.

(Note that, under the UNFCCC, it was not possible to estimate soil carbon stock changes for FL-FL, but it was possible for the L-FL category using a Tier 1 method. However, this estimation was regarded as not accurate enough to develop an acceptable carbon stock change estimate under the KP. Nevertheless, the estimates for the L-FL category will be cited below to further support the demonstration.)

A major research project was run 2009-2011 with the aim to develop more country-specific data for the demonstration, and all information from that project is used to support the demonstration.

The results of the project were published in a peer-reviewed research journal (Somogyi et al., 2013), therefore, only a summary of the most important arguments is presented.

The demonstration is based on an approach that the forest area is stratified into strata of rather different emissions or removals so that both the area and specific emission or removal factors of the strata, which mainly depend on the types of forestry operations conducted in the strata, can be identified. Stratification is used to most efficiently use information and data that is available in the

country, including forestry statistics that are developed each year. The strata that are defined in this demonstration are based on relevant KP activities and available country-specific data.

The strata applied are the following:

for AR:

- areas where afforestations and reforestations occurred since 1990 on cropland, and
- areas where afforestations and reforestations occurred since 1990 on grassland,

for FM since 1990:

- land where final cutting and artificial regeneration following professional standards occur,
- land where final cutting and natural regeneration following professional standards occur,
- land where no final cutting occurs, only thinnings and other operations that cause no disturbance to the soil.

The area of each above stratum is known each year from the national forestry database. The area of AR on cropland is calculated using the relative amount of land that was cropland and that was grassland prior to the afforestation. The data shows a high share of cropland as a predominant land-use before afforestations with a mean value of 83.1% in the period 2008-2019. The mean share of grassland converted to forest land in the period 2008-2019 is 16.9%.

For FM land, there are specific statistics available for the above first two FM strata, from which the area of the third stratum is deducted from the total FM area.

Concerning the area-specific emission and removal factors, field measurements (in the above-mentioned project and an earlier one), modelling, literature review, expert judgment and reasoning are applied.

For the AR land since 1990 that was converted from cropland and grassland, equations from local case studies (Horváth, 2006, Somogyi, 2005 and Somogyi et al. 2013) were earlier used for demonstration. These implied an area-specific carbon stock increase of $0.555 \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$ in 20 years for CL-FL and an area-specific emission rate of $0,13 \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$ for GL-FL for the default period of 20 years that is used for mineral soils for the estimation of carbon stock changes in land-use conversions. When country-specific carbon stock change values are used (see section 6.4.1 and Table 6.4.2), the area-specific carbon stock increase is the same is for the non-SA CL conversion and for the GL-FL conversion, but only 0.075 for the non-SA CL-FL conversion. Since these latter conversions also occur, to be consistent with the IPCC default method, and to simplify the demonstration, we use the IPCC method (section 6.4.1) with this latter country-specific data for the demonstration. This method makes the resulting estimate for AR, which is still a net removal value, even more conservative than before (see also Table 11.11 below).

Concerning land under FM since 1990 where final cutting and artificial regeneration following professional standards occur, artificial regeneration means that a stand is replaced by a new one by applying operations that closely resemble those of conversions. These operations may include disturbances associated with final cutting and skidding of timber, soil preparation, erosion (on steep slopes), and planting or seeding. The amount of loss may depend on tree species, site and the technologies applied.

Until 2011, we used an area-specific emission value of 6 tCh^{-1} for the specific carbon loss for this stratum. It was assumed that all emissions due to disturbing soils take place in the year of the start of the regeneration, i.e., the above specific value is applied to the total area of the harvested forests in the inventory year.

To check the plausibility of the above emission value, we compared it to the respective IPCC default factor. According to the 2006 IPCC GL, if a forest land is converted to a full-till cropland without additional input of organic carbon (when forests are regenerated, no additional organic carbon input is applied), it loses some 18% of the original (i.e., reference) carbon stock, for which we assume the mean value (Table 11.10) that results from classification of the area by climate type and soil type, and from applying IPCC default soil carbon stock values (IPCC, 2006, see section 6.4.1 for details). Based on the above default loss rate and reference carbon stock, the overall loss in a conversion is equal to $48.09 \times 0.18 = 8.6 \text{ tCh}^{-1}$, thus, not much higher than the above value of 6 tCh^{-1} , but smaller than the Tier 2 estimate of forest land – non-set-aside cropland conversions for 20 years, which (according to Table 6.4.2 (b)) is $11.1 \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$.

Table 11.10. The distribution and carbon stock of forest soils in Hungary by climate and soil types (for details, see section 6.4.1).

Soil characteristics	WD HAC	CD HAC	WD sandy	CD sandy	Total
Distribution of area (%)	35.7%	53.6%	0.9%	9.8%	100.0%
SOC _{ref} (tC/ha)	58	48	21	15	48.09

Beginning the reporting year of 2011, we started to use a different specific carbon loss for this stratum which we consider more appropriate for the Hungarian conditions, and which is based on the recent project by Somogyi et al. (2011, 2013). In this project, several case studies were conducted to estimate the potential area-specific emissions. To model these emissions, the carbon stocks of paired stands before and after regeneration (1-15 years of age) were compared, and differences were regarded as carbon stock changes. In stands of slow growing species, sessile oak was used again, whereas intensively growing poplars were used to represent fast growing species. According to results, there are indeed areas where carbon stocks decrease after afforestation, with a rather high variability.

There are, however, several other factors to consider, too. One is that carbon stocks also increase due to the transfer of carbon from the dead roots of trees of the mature stand, which were harvested before the regeneration, to the soil pool. In a mature stand, it is not uncommon to have 320 m³ of above-ground wood volume (this value was only chosen for the sake of demonstration). If basic wood density is 0.5 t m⁻³ (a good approximation of national average), then the above-ground biomass is 160 t ha⁻¹, which translates to a carbon stock of 80 tCha⁻¹. After applying a root-to-shoot ratio of 0.25 (that we consistently apply for the belowground biomass pool, see above), we get a carbon stock of 20 tCha⁻¹ in the roots of the mature trees. Because the root-to-shoot ratio is a conservative one, this estimate is again a rather conservative estimate, but it must also be considered that some of this carbon can be found in the coarse roots and stump. Most of the carbon that is transferred from the roots to the soil is found in the topsoil layers, and the transfer takes place a few years after felling the trees, i.e., after the death of the roots. The full decomposition of most of this dead-wood-turned-soil-carbon may take decades.

Note that the emissions from dead roots due to decomposition are fully accounted for in the biomass pool as both gains due to increments and losses due to harvests and mortality are taken into account when estimating carbon stock changes of the biomass pool by using the stock change method.

That carbon stocks of the soil do not decline much, rather, increase after regenerations, show that emissions from soils due to direct human induced disturbances from soil preparation are more than offset by the transfer of carbon from the dead roots to the soil. However, this transfer could not be measured separately from emissions which thus remain rather uncertain.

It must also be highlighted that most forest soils in Hungary, just like those elsewhere, are deeper than the 30 cm for which the estimation / demonstration of carbon stock changes must be done according to the IPCC methodology. The set depth of 30 cm is rather artificial and has nothing to do with soil processes. Also, soil preparation may mix up various soil layers, which may also result in an increase of soil carbon in plains where soil layers of relatively large organic content are covered by layers of lower soil organic carbon content (discussed to some extent by Somogyi et al., 2013). Therefore, estimates and the demonstration for the 30 cm layer may not have to do anything with actual processes.

Considering all the above, combined with the specific soil conditions of Hungary, we reduced the mean area-specific emissions that is applicable for conversions for this demonstration. To stay conservative, however, we keep this rate at a still highly conservative value of 5 tCha⁻¹ until further evidence.

For land under FM since 1990 where harvesting and natural regeneration is made following professional standards, natural regeneration means that the area is regenerated exclusively through the propagation material that is locally produced by the trees of the mature stand. With a few exceptions, when seeds or seedlings from elsewhere are planted under the mature stand, and which sometimes involves some, but not intensive soil preparation, this type of regeneration usually makes

it unnecessary to do any soil preparation, thus, only some small amounts of carbon may be lost due to inevitable damages caused by removing timber from the area. However, this loss, if any, is assumed to be quickly offset by the growth of the dense new generation of trees, if not offset right away by inputs from deadwood (mostly dead branches of harvested trees) and dead roots (of the same harvested trees) originating from the harvest of the mature stand.

Because of the above, this stratum is assumed to have no overall emissions, i.e., a specific carbon loss of **0 tCh⁻¹**.

Here we again present one specific result from the above-mentioned research project (Somogyi, 2013, Figure 11.5). We measured carbon stock changes of soils in several stands of Black locust, which is the most widespread tree species in Hungary. It seems that in stands where artificial regeneration took place, carbon stocks declined, however, regenerating the stands from roots, which is considered one form of natural regeneration in Hungary, resulted in both increase (in two case studies) and decrease (in one case study), or at least a much higher C stock than in the comparable stand after artificial regeneration (in the fourth case study). Thus, the above assumption is supported by some evidence.

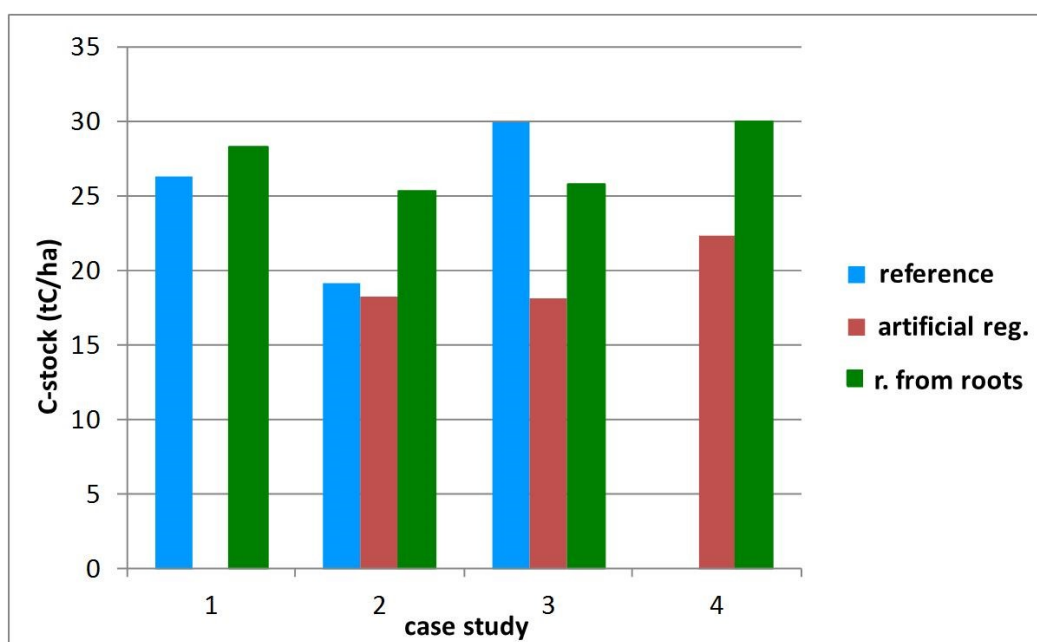


Figure 11.5. Soil carbon stock before (“reference”) and after regeneration (artificial regeneration: “artificial reg.”, and regeneration from roots: “r. from roots”) of chronosequences of Black locust stands in four case studies. (Somogyi et al., 2013).

Finally, the stratum of **all other land under FM since 1990** includes stands that are between regeneration and the beginning of the subsequent regeneration and final cutting and that may only

be affected by normal silvicultural operations such as thinnings. This stratum is by far the biggest one by area, and it includes all forests that cannot be classified into any of the previous categories. In these forests, the predominant process is the slow but steady growth of trees together with the associated slow but steady sequestration of carbon in the soil. These stands may occasionally and locally be disturbed by abiotic or biotic natural agents, or by thinnings, and some carbon may thus additionally be lost due to natural decomposition of dead biomass. However, these disturbances generally only affect trees but not the soil, the roots of the harvested trees slowly decompose and some of their parts become part of the soil, and the overall balance of all these processes is a net gain.

Therefore, these areas will be assumed to have a rather small but positive net carbon stock change per unit area. The value assumed until 2020, based on a literature review (see below and Somogyi et al., 2013), was a net removal of 0.05 tCha^{-1} . In 2020, however, we have modified the removal factor to represent the “central” estimate of this factor for the Hungarian conditions (instead of representing a conservative value). This figure, which is **$0.181 \text{ tCha}^{-1}\text{yr}^{-1}$** , comes from a not-yet-published analysis of soil C stock estimates from 186 plots from our TIM soil monitoring system (see section 6.4.1) between 1992 and 2016 that allow for the calculation of differences of C stocks in two consecutive surveys. Based on the revised figure, which is a preliminary one and of course has high uncertainty (the standard deviation or $SD=1.81$), but which is nevertheless a kind of “central” estimate, the sink side of the balance is much higher than the conservative one that we reported in our NIRs earlier.

The summary of the data for AR and FM, and all of the above strata for 2019 are found in Table 11.11. The data in the table should only be regarded as values whose only role is to establish the sign of the net results for the demonstration. In other words, the estimated values, including the total carbon stock change value, are not regarded as accurate, and are not intended to be the basis for accounting, rather, they are only intended to serve the demonstration of the correctness of the assumption that soils are not a source.

Table 11.8 The area, emission and removal data for the various AR and FM strata and for their total in 2019. For the calculations for years preceding this inventory year, see our previous NIRs. See text for other details.

Forest Land Stratum under the KP		Estimated area	Emission (+) and removal (-) factor (IEF in italics)	Total emissions (+) or removals (-)
		(kha)	(tC ha ⁻¹)	(ktC)
Land under AR since 1990 (that is still in the transition phase from pre-conversion land use to forest land use)	that was converted from cropland	13,0*0.831 =10,8	estimated using the same stock change method that is applied to mineral soils for all conversion categories, i.e. according to section 6.4.1 of the NIR	-17.4
	that was converted from grassland	13,0*0.169 =2,2		2.1
	Total	113.0		-0.14
Land under FM since 1990	where final cutting and artificial regeneration is made following professional standards	16.4	5	82.1
	where harvesting and natural regeneration is made following professional standards	1.5	0	0
	that are between regeneration and the beginning of the subsequent regeneration and final cutting, and that may be affected by normal silvicultural operations such as thinnings	176,3 - 16.42408 - 1.453511 = 174,5	-0.181	-315.8
	Total	1762.6	-0.1326	-233.7

The result of the calculations for the current inventory year is a sink for both AR and FM for both 2019 and previous years (Table 11.12), so it can safely be stated that, overall, the mineral soils of forests of the FM land are not a source. For reasons of transparency, Table 11.12 below reports not only the time series for AR and FM estimated using the above methodology but also that for L-FL using the Tier 1 methodology and the estimated areas of non-SA CL-FL and SA CL-FL conversions, the sum of which is larger than the area of AR.

Table 11.12. *The time series of net removals of soils for AR and FM using the methodology in the demonstration that AR and FM soils are not a source, and for L-FL using the Tier 1 methodology under the UNFCCC.*

Inventory year	Total emissions (+) or removals (-) (ktC)		
	AR	FM	L-FL
2008	-20,0	-235,4	-31,9
2009	-20,5	-235,5	-31,5
2010	-21,2	-226,9	-31,7
2011	-20,7	-217,6	-31,2
2012	-20,4	-224,1	-30,6
2013	-20,0	-225,8	-29,7
2014	-19,4	-234,4	-28,5
2015	-19,1	-236,4	-27,0
2016	-18,4	-236,0	-25,4
2017	-17,6	-233,2	-24,0
2018	-16,6	-228,8	-22,5
2019	-15,4	-233,7	-20,7

To further support the confidence in the above derivation for FM, i.e., why the above reasoning leads to highly conservative estimates, and therefore, highly certain conclusions that soils are not a source in lands under all KP activities, we note the following additional arguments:

- Concerning the value applied for artificially regenerated FM land, the assumed value of 5 tCha⁻¹ for the emissions in this land is the absolute maximum that one could assume based on the idea of completely converting forest to any another land-use. However, even if regenerating (including tilling once) may mean high disturbance, no till certainly occurs continuously after the regeneration is done, which means that repeated emissions of ploughing do not occur in forests, thus, total carbon stock losses must be much smaller in forest land remaining forest land than converting a forest land to cropland. Also, there are many types of artificial regeneration applied, including ones that do not involve any types of high-disturbance operations like ploughing. Currently, however, no statistics exist with respect to the share of the various regeneration types. According to experience, the operations leading to high emissions have been continuously replaced by less intensive ones (even due to economic reasons). The selected area-specific emission estimate of 5 tCha⁻¹ is with high probability a rather high overestimation, and it is applied for the sake of the demonstration only.
- It is documented in many scientific publications that forests accumulate C in their soil. We selected a rather comprehensive study published recently by Berg et al. (2007) that states that “The amount of carbon sequestered in humus increases in forests and it appears that the average rate for Sweden is of the magnitude 100 to 200 kg C ha⁻¹yr⁻¹.” (Note that this accumulation occurred in the humus layer of podsol soils, the depth of which never reached 12 cm.) Hungary is situated in a warmer region and has definitely higher tree growth rates, which involve higher ecosystem turnovers. Therefore, the assumed sequestration rate of 181 kg C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ is highly plausible.

- We highlight the fact that carbon stock change estimates are rather uncertain for both Hungary and any other country. This means that the uncertainty range of the above estimates, which cannot be quantified at the moment, is in our view so wide that makes no accounting reasonable. This is one major reason we opted for the demonstration. Our demonstration is, however, heavily biased on the emission side, thus increasing the confidence in the final conclusion that soils are not a source.
- Finally, we note that, although we do not use either our Tier 1 or Tier 2 estimates for accounting, the method of the above demonstration is capable of serving one important aim, which is the final goal of preparing greenhouse gas inventories, i.e., to identify sources of emissions due to direct human induced activity in order that the impacts of these activities can be reduced. By having identified such processes broadly in our demonstration, we are now able to develop policies to reduce the emissions mentioned above.

In summary, by applying a method whereby all steps included conservative or even highly conservative estimates, we can conclude that the sum of all emissions and removals is negative emissions for both AR and FM, i.e., we demonstrated that the Hungarian forests are not a source. By applying conservative values, and demonstrating how and why they are conservative ones, leads to a high level of confidence in the conclusion.

Finally, once again, all the above is only meant to demonstrate that the Hungarian forests are not a source. The final result of the reasoning is not meant to be interpreted as an accurate scientific estimate of the rate of removals, or values used for accounting emissions or removals under the KP.

Demonstration that the deadwood and litter carbon pools are not a source

Concerning DW, the reported estimates for both AR and FL-FL demonstrate that this pool is not a source for AR and FM, respectively. For FM this means that we assume that FL-FL is a good representation of FM. In a similar fashion, we assume that L-FL, for which we report estimated net sink for the litter pool, is representative for AR.

For the litter pool on FM land, we currently do not have a monitoring that could provide accurate estimates for the amount of carbon stock *change*. Therefore, we apply the result of the demonstration in section 6.5.4.2.2, which is based on some measurements but mainly on sound scientific knowledge and reasoning, assuming again also that the results for FL-FL hold true for FM. Based on the above we conclude that neither the deadwood nor the litter pool are a source in both AR and FM land.

11.3.1.3 Information on whether or not indirect and natural GHG emissions and removals have been factored out

According to the report of the IPCC Expert Meeting on Revisiting the Use of Managed Land as a Proxy for Estimating National Anthropogenic Emissions and Removals (5-7 May 2009, Sao Paulo, Brazil), there are currently no scientifically sound methods to separate out indirect and natural GHG emissions and removal (IPCC, 2010). On the other hand, this is not necessarily needed if appropriate proxies are used. The above-mentioned meeting, among others, stated that, although not perfect, the currently applied proxy, i.e., the so called “managed land” proxy is one that approximates the effects of direct human induced activities.

We also note that, especially for FM, this separation is taken care of by the various steps of the accounting, thus, no additional separation is necessary, and we have indeed not have done any.

11.3.1.4 Changes in data and methods since the previous submission (recalculations)

Recalculations were made for all categories under the KP this year (Table 11.13). The reasons for this are the same or similar as those for the UNFCCC reporting. For other details, see Chapter 6.1.4. Partly due to these recalculations, a technical correction was made for the FM category (see later).

Table 11.13. The scale of the difference between the value of the estimates in this submission and the previous submission for the various categories under the KP: (a) AR, (b) D, (c) FM.

(a)

AR	Submission	Unit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Changes in biomass carbon stock													
Gains	2020	t CO2	-1 159 932	-1 154 485	-1 293 655	-1 258 094	-1 234 042	-1 246 085	-1 092 472	-1 223 476	-1 169 952	-1 273 818	-1 199 444
	2021	t CO2	-1 146 486	-1 135 179	-1 220 002	-1 186 807	-1 099 571	-1 246 075	-1 119 880	-1 177 638	-1 170 967	-1 271 352	-1 219 269
	difference	%	1,2	1,7	5,7	5,7	10,9	abs<0.1	-2,5	3,7	abs<0.1	0,2	-1,7
Losses	2020	t CO2	123 405	62 466	99 960	31 161	23 783	15 769	21 917	3 616	3 099	13 404	22 567
	2021	t CO2	123 405	62 466	99 960	31 161	23 783	15 769	21 653	3 616	3 099	13 404	22 567
	difference	%	=	=	=	=	=	=	-1,2	=	=	abs<0.1	=
Net change	2020	t CO2	-1 036 527	-1 092 019	-1 193 695	-1 226 933	-1 210 260	-1 230 316	-1 070 555	-1 219 860	-1 166 852	-1 260 414	-1 176 877
	2021	t CO2	-1 023 080	-1 072 713	-1 120 042	-1 155 646	-1 075 789	-1 230 306	-1 098 228	-1 174 023	-1 167 868	-1 257 948	-1 196 702
	difference	%	1,3	1,8	6,2	5,8	11,1	abs<0.1	-2,6	3,8	abs<0.1	0,2	-1,7
Changes in DW stock													
Net change	2020	t CO2	-41 711	-42 763	-44 604	-45 049	-45 635	-46 043	-45 483	-46 490	-46 317	-46 427	-50 008
	2021	t CO2	-41 711	-42 763	-44 604	-45 049	-45 635	-46 043	-45 483	-46 490	-46 317	-46 427	-46 597
	difference	%	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	6,8
Non-CO2 from controlled burning (CH4)													
CH4 emissions (differences are the same for N2O)	2020	t CH4	5,8	5,1	7,0	8,1	8,2	7,9	25,5	24,6	24,8	29,1	32,8
	2021	t CH4	5,8	5,1	7,0	8,1	8,2	7,9	25,5	24,6	24,8	29,1	32,8
	difference	%	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
Non-CO2 from wildfires (CH4)													
CH4 emissions (differences are the same for N2O)	2020	t CH4	0,0	0,1	2,2	24,5	0,0	7,2	8,7	12,9	3,4	21,6	4,7
	2021	t CH4	0,0	0,1	2,2	24,5	0,0	7,2	8,7	12,9	3,4	21,6	4,7
	difference	%	NA	=	=	=	NA	=	=	=	=	=	=

(b)

D	Submission	Unit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
C stock changes in biomass loss													
Net change	2020	t CO2	27 089	57 989	27 827	45 753	131 555	61 503	84 522	116 666	151 429	167 858	216 576
	2021	t CO2	27 087	57 984	27 800	45 750	131 544	61 502	84 519	116 666	151 429	167 852	216 576
difference		%	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1	abs<0.1
C stock changes in biomass loss													
Net change	2020	t CO2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	t CO2	26 017	60 758	28 791	47 255	131 558	61 779	84 689	116 755	151 285	170 579	217 672
difference		%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
C stock changes in mineral soils													
Net change	2020	t CO2	30 945	33 043	35 363	34 880	33 951	35 277	37 230	39 055	42 509	47 535	0
	2021	t CO2	41 662	45 379	43 755	42 680	44 818	47 821	49 655	52 137	58 710	61 306	61 377
difference		%	34,6	37,3	23,7	22,4	32,0	35,6	33,4	33,5	38,1	29,0	NA
C stock changes in LI													
Net change	2020	t CO2	9 456	14 485	6 705	8 902	25 184	17 127	19 375	44 511	68 118	55 071	71 383
	2021	t CO2	13 372	23 499	58 885	15 120	40 419	18 897	22 796	45 246	68 880	66 739	72 148
difference		%	41,4	62,2	778,3	69,8	60,5	10,3	17,7	1,7	1,1	21,2	1,1
C stock changes in DW													
Net change	2020	t CO2	2 700	4 131	1 911	2 546	7 230	4 935	5 637	13 081	20 214	16 506	21 442
	2021	t CO2	3 818	6 702	16 781	4 325	11 604	5 445	6 632	13 297	20 440	20 003	21 909
difference		%	41,4	62,2	778,3	69,8	60,5	10,3	17,7	1,7	1,1	21,2	2,2
Non-CO2 from controlled burning (CH4)													
Net change	2020	t CH4	1,0	2,3	1,0	2,3	5,5	3,2	4,3	4,1	6,4	7,1	8,7
	2021	t CH4	1,0	2,3	1,0	2,3	5,5	3,2	4,3	4,1	6,4	7,1	8,7
difference		%	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=

(c)

FM	Submission	Unit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
C stock changes in biomass													
Net change	2020	t CO2	-3 039 165	-2 062 111	-1 858 041	-1 709 788	-2 603 958	-1 877 952	-3 282 803	-3 796 184	-3 039 636	-3 357 333	-2 935 906
	2021	t CO2	-2 998 436	-1 965 444	-1 876 067	-1 689 678	-2 475 330	-1 754 957	-3 086 353	-3 608 765	-2 735 469	-3 024 216	-2 482 930
difference		%	1,3	4,7	-1,0	1,2	4,9	6,5	6,0	4,9	10,0	9,9	15,4
CO2 emissions from organic soils													
Net change	2020	t CO2	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623
	2021	t CO2	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623	61 623
difference		%	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
Non-CO2 from controlled burning (CH4)													
Net change	2020	t CO2	252	231	264	297	283	292	262	254	249	250	256
	2021	t CO2	252	231	264	297	283	292	262	254	249	250	256
difference		%	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
Non-CO2 from wildfires (CH4)													
Net change	2020	t CO2	7	14	9	326	239	79	171	397	54	324	50
	2021	t CO2	7	14	9	326	239	79	171	397	54	324	50
difference		%	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=

11.3.1.5 Uncertainty estimation

Uncertainties are associated with each step of the estimation of emissions and removals. Some of the uncertainties are already assessed above, and uncertainties are also covered to some extent in Chapter 6.5.7. Uncertainties are further assessed in a detailed procedure below. This section describes methods and results of uncertainty estimation both for categories under the Kyoto Protocol and those under the UNFCCC as it seems more practicable to describe similar systems once and highlight differences.

One of the objectives of the uncertainty analysis is to demonstrate that emissions are not underestimated. It is therefore underlined here, too, that, whenever the inherent uncertainties of our estimation procedure justify that, we always take a conservative approach to avoid the underestimation of emissions and to minimize those sources of uncertainties that we are aware of.

Another, by far not unimportant, aspect of dealing with uncertainties is to identify and quantify them in order that the inventory can be developed so that the more important and/or less certain

estimates can be improved first. One principle in this identification and quantification is that we should first identify and quantify, and then prioritize uncertainties that could effectively be reduced by practicable policies and measures.

Concerning identification, we believe that the most important sources of uncertainties in the estimation of GHG emissions and removals due to the various KP activities include the following (the ones that are regarded less important, based on the magnitude of their size, are in brackets):

- identification of land under the various 3.3 and 3.4 activities over time,
- growing stock and its changes,
- basic wood density,
- root-to-shoot ratio,
- (carbon fraction of wood),
- carbon loss from soils, and carbon stock changes in the deadwood and litter pools due to forestry operations,
- (forest fires and other disturbances within their normal, i.e., usual, range),
- forest fires and other disturbances outside their normal range (such events, however, have not occurred in our forests in the last decades).

We note here that the uncertainty of some forest characteristics, e.g., the size of the area of land under the various activities, is rather unimportant *in the process of estimating emissions and removals* in our system because they do not directly enter the algorithm of the GHG estimation. However, when estimating the stand-level values during surveys, the area is used to upscale sampling plot information (or unit area information in case of using yield tables). Whether a land is identified or not, i.e., whether carbon stock changes on that land must be estimated or not, is also important, see the first bullet point above. In this respect, we believe that our data collection system can be regarded as conservative and may in this sense result in an underestimation of removals and overestimation of emissions as demonstrated in section 11.2.2 above.

With respect to the estimation related to the biomass on FM land, data from the forest monitoring system is used, the primary objective of which has been to obtain accurate information on the status and development of all forests in the country, and to assist forest management by developing forest management plans at the sub-compartment and forest enterprise level. The forest inventory was designed to collect data at the stand level, but to provide accurate estimates at various aggregate levels. To achieve efficiency and practicability, different levels of accuracy are applied in the survey of individual sub-compartments depending on the age of the trees and the estimated amount and value (quality) of their growing stock.

Due to needs for accurate emission and removal estimates from D, the data collection system has been developed since 2008 so that an accurate and detailed field survey is applied to areas to be deforested, thus, a fairly high accuracy has been achieved with respect to the biomass lost in deforestations.

Concerning the estimation of carbon stock changes on AR lands, volume is estimated using yield tables, as well as ground surveys. Where the volume of the stand makes it practical to take field measurements, sampling and actual measurements are applied according to the forest monitoring protocol. The same way, where the growth of the stands is still slow and, due to the height of the trees and the thickness of the stand, the model estimates of yield tables are used as it is simply impractical to take field measurements. Because of all the above, the emission and removal estimates for biomass on AR lands can be regarded as accurate and precise as far as practicable, but with somewhat higher uncertainty than for FM or D. Also, as mentioned before, a low root-to-shoot ratio is assumed for the AR stands, thus, below-ground biomass values are most probably underestimated. As long as AR land is a net sink, this yields a conservative estimation. Concerning the dead organic matter pools, a conservative approach was also used.

For FM, we conducted (in 2012) a thorough uncertainty estimation based on the above list. It focuses on source and sink categories in the various activities under the Kyoto Protocol. We assume that the uncertainty estimates developed apply to the respective categories under the UNFCCC. (Concerning the estimation of the uncertainty of L-FL under the UNFCCC, a different method should have had to be applied as the methodology of estimating removals for the L-FL category is different from that for AR. However, we focused on the estimation of the uncertainty of the estimates at the activity level under the Kyoto Protocol, and assume that, some methodological differences notwithstanding, similar uncertainties will apply to both AR and L-FL.)

The analysis involves calculations of the emissions and removals at the same levels that are used for the GHG inventory, but to obtain information on the error distributions, we applied some calculations at the stand level (see below), too. The quantifiable uncertainties were calculated using a (Tier 2) Monte Carlo (MC) analysis. The methods of the uncertainty calculations are demonstrated first for forest area, then for carbon stock changes by pool and emissions by sources.

Forest area

As greenhouse gas information in general is related to the area of the various categories, it is important to estimate the error of area identification. This was done by assuming that the location of the borders of the stands as polygons have a maximum error of 6 m. A dedicated study showed that, in calculating the error of the size of the area, it did not matter if we used actual polygons or rectangles of the same size (see Figure 11.6 below). Thus, we could simulate the errors of the area for all stand assuming a normal distribution and using the mean size of the areas as the mean of the distribution, and the maximum and minimum areas as their range.

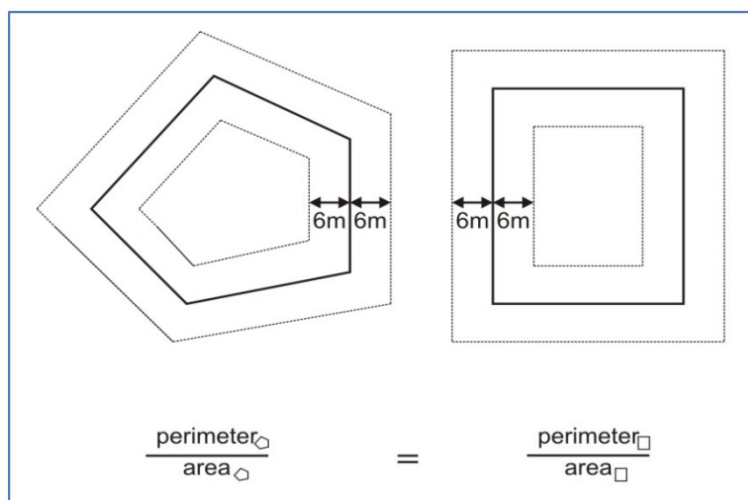


Figure 11.6. Possible largest, mean and smallest area of a stand if perimeters are assumed to be off (thin lines) from those in the database (i.e., those in the middle, thick lines) by a maximum 6 m in both directions (left). To simplify calculations, we used rectangles to actually estimate the error of the area (right).

Biomass pools

For all activities, we have calculated the uncertainties of the GHG inventory in the MC analysis using aggregated volume stock changes and error estimates at the *species level* (i.e., for 22 subdivisions). The estimation of the errors at this level using stand level volume stock information is described in a dedicated document that can be found at

http://www.nfk.gov.hu/download.php?id_file=40459. In essence, the National Forestry Database (NFD) contains a volume stock per unit area (m^3/ha) data for each species of each of the circa 450 thousand stands. For each species, total volume stock is obtained by multiplying this species data with the area of the stands. The uncertainty of the total volume stock of a species thus depends on the uncertainty of the volume stock per unit area and that of the area data. The uncertainty of the volume stock per unit area data arises from sampling errors (when field surveys are made once in 10-12 years) and errors using yield tables (when volume stocks are updated for each year between consecutive surveys). The size of the two errors combined was assessed in a study using detailed field measurements in 642 stands. The study concluded that for stands of each slow growing species, the uncertainty of the volume stock per unit area for *individual stands* older than 40 years was typically between $\pm 30\text{-}40\%$. For these stands, the uncertainty in the MC analysis was assumed to be $\pm 40\%$. For stands younger than 40 years, the assumed uncertainty was $\pm 80\%$. For one fast growing species, i.e., Black locust, similar values were assumed for ages above 20 years and below, respectively. The resulting overall uncertainty at the species level can be found in Table 11.10.

For basic wood density, we used a $\pm 10\%$ uncertainty based on Somogyi (2008), assuming a triangular distribution whereas default data in Table 3A.1.8 of Annex 3A.1 of the GPG for LULUCF 2003 and Table 4.3 of the 2006 IPCC GL and triangular distributions were used for other factors such as root-to-shoot ratio and carbon fraction.

Deadwood and litter

Emissions from these pools are estimated for deforested areas. The mean amount of deadwood (11.51 m³/ha) and its uncertainty ($\pm 8\%$) was estimated using a statistical sampling as part of the National Forest Inventory (<http://portal.nebih.gov.hu/en/erdoletar/>). Other parameters to estimate carbon content are the same as for biomass above.

The amount of carbon stored in the litter pool (8.78 t C/ha) and its uncertainty ($-94/+308\%$, a rather asymmetrical interval) was derived by the literature review and expert judgment by Heil et al. (2012).

Soil

As reported above, emissions from soils are only estimated for deforested land. For the area of this land, the same uncertainty was assumed as above.

The uncertainties of the F_{LU} , F_I and F_{MG} factors were taken from Table 3.3.4 of the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003). For the uncertainty of the SOC_{ref} , country-specific values were used (Zsembeli et al. 2011, see Table 11.5). For all these factors, triangular distributions were assumed.

The estimation of N₂O emissions due to disturbances required the application of C:N ratio as well as the EF1 emission factor. The uncertainty of the former was set to be between $-48.6/+172.5\%$ (i.e., a rather asymmetrical range) based on the expert judgment by Heil et al. (2012). The uncertainty of the EF1 factor ($80/+380\%$, again, very asymmetric) was taken from pages 3.47-3.48. of the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003). Because of these asymmetrical values, it was not possible to apply the triangular distributions, and, as the emissions are small, we applied Approach 1 error propagation methods to estimate the resulting uncertainties.

Burning slash and wildfires

The estimation of the uncertainty of emissions from burning slash and wildfires is based on the formulas as reported in previous NIRs (i.e., not exactly as it is currently done as described in section 6.4.2 as the uncertainty estimation was done when the methodological basis was the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003) (however, this probably does not much affect the developed uncertainty estimates). Preliminary estimates of uncertainties of the various factors were provided by Rumpf (2013). As the fraction of harvested volume burnt could not be modeled using a triangular distribution, the error propagation method was used to estimate its effect. Based on expert judgment, the uncertainty of the fraction of the amount burnt in wildfires is estimated to be $\pm 20\%$ (Debreceeni, 2011). The uncertainty of factors that are the same way necessary to calculate biomass carbon as with other categories is as above. Finally, the uncertainty of the emission ratios is from Table 3A1.15 of the Annex of the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003; CH₄: $\pm 25\%$, CO: $\pm 33.3\%$, N₂O: $\pm 28.6\%$, NO_x: $\pm 22.31\%$), whereas that of the N/C is assumed to be $\pm 100\%$ based on the default value of Table A1-1 of Annex1 of the IPCC Revised 1996 Guidelines. The uncertainty of the fraction oxidized on site was set to $\pm 10\%$.

Concerning error distributions, normal distribution was assumed for the volume data, whereas triangular distributions were assumed for the emission factors.

All input data that were applied for the Monte Carlo analysis are summarized in Table 11.14.

Table 11.14. Input data for the uncertainty analysis

pool	gas	variable	KP category	UNFCC category	assumed type of the pdf of errors	uncertainty value	source
area	CO2	area of forest subcompartment	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	normal	+/- 6 m in border lines	expert judgement (Mezei 2011)
biomass	CO2	m3/ha values of tree species on forest subcompartment level	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	normal	+/- 40 % (stands older than 40 years old), +/- 80 % (younger stands)	analyses of forest planning sampling data
	CO2	wood density	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	triangular	+/- 10 %	Somogyi (2008)
	CO2	carbon fraction	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	triangular	+/- 4.17 % (deciduous species), +/- 7.84 % (conifers)	GL for LULUCF 2006 Table 4.3
	CO2	root-to-shoot ratio	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	triangular	-50 / +100 %	GPG for LULUCF 2003 Annex 3A.1 Table 3A.1.8
	CO2	carbon content of orchards and vineyards	AR (losses)	L-FL (losses)	triangular	+/- 40 %	expert judgement (Juhos and Tökei 2012)
deadwood	CO2	area of forest subcompartment	D	-	normal	+/- 6 m in border lines	expert judgement (Mezei 2011)
	CO2	m3/ha value on country level	D	-	normal	+/- 8 %	data of National Forest Monitoring and Observation System
	CO2	carbon fraction	D	-	triangular	+/- 10 %	GPG 2003 Appendix 3A.1 Table 3a1.4
	CO2	wood density	D	-	triangular	+/- 10 %	Somogyi (2008)
litter	CO2	t C/ha	D	-	N/A	-94/+308 %	expert judgement (Heil et al. 2012)
slash burning	CH4, CO2, N2O, NOx	m3/ha values of tree species on forest subcompartment level	AR, D, FM	FL-FL	normal	+/- 40 % (stands older than 40 years old), +/- 80 % (younger stands)	analyses of forest planning sampling data
	CH4, CO2, N2O, NOx	burned slash fraction on forest subcompartment level	AR, D, FM	FL-FL	N/A	-100 % / +98-269 % (depending on the tree species; in the case of beech +2608 %, however, it means very little absolute volume value because only 1000 m3 beech wood is burnt on site on country level)	expert judgement (Rumpf 2012)
wildfires	CH4, CO2, N2O, NOx	burned fraction of the total standing volume on subcompartment level	AR, FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 20 %	expert judgement (Debreceni 2011)
slash burning, wildfires	CH4, CO2, N2O, NOx	fraction oxidized on site	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 10 %	expert judgement (Kottek and Tobisch 2012)
	CH4, CO2, N2O, NOx	carbon fraction	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 4.17 % (deciduous species), +/- 7.84 % (conifers)	GL for LULUCF 2006 Table 4.3
	CH4, CO2, N2O, NOx	wood density	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 10 %	Somogyi (2008)
	CH4, CO2, N2O, NOx	emission ratio	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	CH4: +/- 25 %, CO2: +/- 33.3 %, N2O: +/- 28.6 %, NOx: +/- 22.31 %	GPG 2003 Annex 3A.1 Table 3A.1.15
	N2O, NOx	N/C ratio	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 100 %	GPG_1996annex1ri, Table A1-1
soil	CO2, N2O	FLU, FI, FMG on country level	D	FL-L	triangular	FMG: +/- 9 %; FLU: +/- 10 %; FI: +/- 7 %	GPG Table 3.3.4 and area of climate and soil types (Zsembeli et al. 2011)
	CO2, N2O	SOCref on country level	D	FL-L	triangular	WD-HAC: +/- 85 %; CD-HAC: +/- 103 %; WD-SANDY: +/- 113 %; CD-SANDY: +/- 87 %	study of Zsembeli et al. (2011)
	N2O	C/N ratio in forest soils	D	FL-L	N/A	-48.6 / +172.5 %	expert judgement (Heil et al. 2012)
	N2O	EF1	D	FL-L	N/A	-80 / +380 %	GPG p. 3.47-3.48

Results

We report all results in Table 11.15 below. According to the results, the combined uncertainty of the net removal estimates of categories under the KP amount to between about $\pm 15\%$ (for D) and $\pm 30\%$ (for FM), and the uncertainty of the activity data (volume stock change, volume and area) is the source of roughly the half of all uncertainties except for FM where it has a larger share. For AR we estimated uncertainties somewhere in between the above estimates.

As the absolute value of total emissions from D are smaller than that of the removals from AR and FM by a factor of two, the uncertainty of emissions from D is considered satisfactory. The confidence interval of the emissions from D is rather asymmetrical mainly due to the asymmetrical confidence interval of the uncertainty of the carbon stock change estimate from litter. The overall uncertainty of the emissions from D is also mainly affected by the litter uncertainty, but the biomass and soil uncertainties are also considerable. Although the factors used to estimate emissions from litter and soil can be considered country-specific, they are mainly based on expert judgment (Heil et al. 2012) but also partly representative sampling (Zsembeli et al. 2011).

For both AR and FM, the combined uncertainty practically comes from that of the biomass stock change due to the fact that other emissions are very small. Concerning the uncertainty of the biomass stock change estimates, they are affected by the uncertainty of the area, volume stock change, wood density, root-to-shoot ratio and carbon fraction estimates. Of all these, the uncertainty of the area is very small (0.03 % at the country level), and that of the wood density, root-to-shoot ratio and carbon fraction cannot really be affected by any policy, nor it is practicable to obtain more accurate estimates.

The uncertainty of the volume stock change at the stand level is due to sampling errors, measurement errors, and errors resulting from the use of yield tables. The resulting uncertainty of the volume stock changes at the level of various species or species group varies between 15-290%. The results suggest that efforts should be taken to reduce the uncertainty of data at the stand level. The distribution of the uncertainty could also be studied in relation to the age as well as other characteristics of the stands (e.g., the mixing rates, heterogeneity of the stand structure etc.)

Table 11.15. Aggregate results of the Monte Carlo analysis for AR (a), D (b) and FM (c).**(a) AR**

Sink/source	Gas	E/R	E/R	Activity data		Emission factor		Combined		Contribution to overall uncertainty
		Gg	GgCO ₂ eq.	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	%
biomass (stock-change)	CO ₂	-1256.35	-1256.353	-12.1	11.5	-17.65	11.83	-21.4	16.5	>99
slash burning	CH ₄	0.015256	0.320375	-3.2	3.1	-66.52	97.75	-66.6	97.8	<1
slash burning	CO	0.133504	0	-3.2	3.1	-67.32	98.35	-67.4	98.4	<1
slash burning	N ₂ O	0.000105	0.032513	-3.2	3.1	-83.34	110.66	-83.4	110.7	<1
slash burning	NO _x	0.003792	0	-3.2	3.1	-83.84	110.46	-83.9	110.5	<1
wildfires	CH ₄	0.03601	0.756219	-18.4	19.3	-18.09	24.00	-25.8	30.8	<1
wildfires	CO	0.315125	0	-18.4	19.3	-25.81	30.39	-31.7	36	<1
wildfires	N ₂ O	0.000248	0.076745	-18.4	19.3	-76.11	87.80	-78.3	89.9	<1
wildfires	NO _x	0.008951	0	-18.4	19.3	-75.90	90.46	-78.1	92.5	<1
TOTAL			-1255.167							100

(b) D

Sink/source	Gas	E/R	E/R	Activity data		Emission factor		Combined		Contribution to overall uncertainty
		Gg	GgCO ₂ eq.	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	%
Deadwood	CO ₂	2.397653	2.397653	-8.7	9.2	-9.52	12.10	-12.9	15.2	0.045
litter	CO ₂	8.879759	8.879759	-2.3	2.3	-93.67	307.49	-93.7	307.5	71.385
biomass (stock-change)	CO ₂	45.75307	45.75307	-9.9	10.5	-11.14	15.71	-14.9	18.9	22.245
slash burning	CH ₄	0.005822	0.12227	-9.2	10	-51.18	93.27	-52	93.8	0.002
slash burning	CO	0.050951	0	-9.2	10	-51.79	93.57	-52.6	94.1	0.000
slash burning	N ₂ O	4E-05	0.012409	-9.2	10	-63.84	101.71	-64.5	102.2	0.000
slash burning	NO _x	0.001447	0	-9.2	10	-64.04	101.61	-64.7	102.1	0.000
soil	CO ₂	12.99638	12.99638	-2.3	2.3	-29.91	19.46	-30	19.6	6.192
soil	N ₂ O	0.000833	0.258115	-4.9	4.8	-57.79	552.18	-58	552.2	0.131
TOTAL			70.420							100

(c) FM

Sink/source	Gas	E/R	E/R	Activity data		Emission factor		Combined		Contribution to overall uncertainty
		Gg	GgCO ₂ eq.	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	%
biomass (stock-change)	CO ₂	-1560.13	-1560.134	-28.3	27.1	-13.83	11.91	-31.5	29.6	>99
slash burning	CH ₄	1.118271	23.4837	-0.7	0.7	-39.09	39.09	-39.1	221.3	<1
slash burning	CO	9.785924	0	-0.7	0.7	-39.49	39.49	-39.5	221.4	<1
slash burning	N ₂ O	0.007688	2.383262	-0.7	0.7	-48.79	48.79	-48.8	223.4	<1
slash burning	NO _x	0.277964	0	-0.7	0.7	-49.20	49.20	-49.2	223.3	<1
wildfires	CH ₄	0.486317	10.21265	-6.7	5.8	-20.64	20.91	-21.7	22.3	<1
wildfires	CO	4.255726	0	-6.7	5.8	-27.29	27.49	-28.1	28.1	<1
wildfires	N ₂ O	0.003343	1.036439	-6.7	5.8	-78.01	78.08	-78.3	87.7	<1
wildfires	NO _x	0.120882	0	-6.7	5.8	-78.31	78.39	-78.6	86.2	<1
TOTAL			-1523.018							100

11.3.1.6 Information on other methodological issues

It is important to highlight that we always use the best methods and data that is currently available. This often, but not always, represents Tier 2 or 3. In order not to underestimate emissions and overestimate removals, a highly conservative approach is applied in all steps of the inventory whenever the application of higher Tiers is not possible. This approach is characterized by always selecting data and methods that overestimate emissions and underestimate removals.

Generally, the area, harvest and forest fire statistics are based on annual nationwide assessments, whereas the emission factors and models applied do not consider the inter-annual variability of the physical processes. Therefore, the estimated emissions and removals partly, but not completely, reflect the inter-annual variability of the true processes. (The annual stock data mainly reflect actual harvests, but partly only modelled increment data.) It also needs to be underlined that the net removal values for either FM or AR represent rather small changes (i.e., net removals) relative to rather large stocks (i.e., the total carbon stocks of the biomass of all forests in the respective categories). It is due to the nature of such relatively small net values that they have a rather high inter-annual variability and are not a result of some artefacts.

We consistently use the same methods for estimating carbon stock change and non-CO₂ greenhouse gas emissions for the whole 1990-2019 period, and data reported under the KP is consistent with those under the UNFCCC.

With respect to the methodological Tiers applied in this report, at least the same or higher Tiers are applied for the categories under the KP as in our report under the UNFCCC. In general, higher tier, or at least methods of higher accuracy, are applied with respect to the identification and estimation of areas in the various land-use and land-use change categories under the KP. In general, too, Tier 2/3 is applied for AR, D and FM land: the land area identification is country-specific, and so is the estimation of volume, as well as that of the biomass conversion factor from volume to above-ground biomass. For the expansion of above-ground to total biomass, a Tier 1 factor is applied. The application of such a Tier 1 default factor is well compensated by selecting a conservatively low root-to-shoot factor, which may result in a bias in the estimation, but this bias is conservative as it is towards lower net removals.

Concerning QA/QC, estimations and QC have been done by the Forestry Department of the National Land Center whereas the QA activities have been done by the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, in a similar fashion to the system applied for the preparation of the GHG inventory under the UNFCCC.

Almost all forestry data that have been used for the development of the GHG emission and removal estimates are collected, processed, aggregated and archived by the Forestry Department of the National Land Center. Experts of the Department participated in a training earlier on the requirements and methods of developing the GHG inventory for the forestry sector. This system ensures that all background data are collected and processed at the required quality, and the

number of possible sources of errors and uncertainties are reduced. On the other hand, the expert of the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, which has been involved in the QA activities, used to develop the GHG inventory for the country, and is a lead author of various IPCC methodological Guidelines thus, he is knowledgeable about the needs, method and challenges of the development of the inventory. Some data and experience of the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, as well as the Institute of Site Fertility of the West-Hungarian University, were also incorporated in the GHG inventory.

11.3.1.7 The year of the onset of an activity, if after 2008

The Kyoto CRF tables, as well as data and calculations as demonstrated above, clearly and transparently report both the areas and the associated emissions and removals under Article 3.3 that have entered the accounting system. For Art. 3.4 FM, activities on all land are assumed to be started before the beginning of the first commitment period. As a consequence, the Hungarian accounting system fully complies with paragraph 23 in Annex to Decision 2/CMP.7.

11.4 Article 3.3

11.4.1 Information that demonstrates that activities under Article 3.3 began on or after 1 January 1990 and before 31 December 2013 and are direct human-induced

For D and AR, field certificates of conversions exist by stand for the majority of the stands. These are archived and documented. Such certificates are only prepared for conversions that are inspected and proved to have taken place, i.e., where human activity has indeed occurred. These certificates are in general documented since 1 January 1990. Also, forest management plans are prepared for all stands in the AR category (see under section 11.5.1).

11.4.2 Information on how harvesting or forest disturbance that is followed by the re-establishment of forest is distinguished from deforestation

In Hungary, all forests must be regenerated after clearing mature stands by law (as defined by all Forest Acts since 1879, the latest one in 2009). Regeneration usually means that a cut-and-regeneration sequence of operations is applied, which involves that most of the area that is cut in a year is void of mature trees for many years. Moreover, regeneration may start one or two years after the final cut is made. When the regeneration is established, it may take years, even a decade, for the seedlings to reach a height of one-two meters, and a full crown closure. In general, less time is needed to reach a crown closure of 30% (i.e., the minimum requirement to meet the definition of forests), but more time may be needed in parts of the regenerations where the first attempt is not successful (where seedlings cannot establish themselves due to, e.g., bad weather conditions, weed

competition, browsing by game and others). In general, the rate of closure and whether an area is cleared (deforested) or is under regeneration can only be monitored in the field.

There are country specific professional standards (as defined in the Implementation Rules of the Forest Act, 2009, practically unchanged for years) that set the time limits when regenerations (and afforestations) are deemed as successful. According to these Rules, regeneration must be started not later than 31 May of the second year after land becomes subject to regeneration. "Successfulness" of regeneration means that it is believed that, except for rare extreme events, trees will continue to normally develop after the regeneration has been deemed successful so it can already be regarded a forest. This stage is defined by the following criteria:

- species composition is within the limits as requested by the forest management plan
- an even distribution of trees over the entire area
- healthy tree individuals overall
- the number of trees with main shoots is more than a species-specific minimum value, usually between four and eight thousand trees per hectare
- no invasive tree species is widespread in the stand
- minimum height of the main species reaches 1.5 m.

This stage is to be reached by time limits that are also defined by the above Rules. The time limits depend on species and site conditions and can vary quite substantially (see Table 11.13 below). All areas that had to be regenerated have always been regenerated within these limits so far. In case the regeneration of an area is unsuccessful, it becomes part of the D category.

Table 11.16. *Time limits of completing regenerations and afforestations (years after the area becomes subject to regeneration, e.g., after clear-cutting).*

Species and origin	Time limit (years) for regeneration type: shelterwood cutting or selection cutting
Quercus pubescens Quercus virgiliana	12
Quercus petraea Quercus robur Quercus cerris Quercus frainetto Fagus silvatica	10
Other species	8
	Time limit (years) for other types of regeneration
Quercus pubescens, seed origin Quercus virgiliana, seed origin	14
Quercus petraea, seed origin Quercus robur, seed origin Quercus frainetto, seed origin Fagus silvatica, seed origin	12
Coniferous sp. Other hard broadleaves, seed origin	10
Other species, seed origin	8
Any species of shoot origin	5

All AR and D areas, as well as those under regeneration are identified by categorizing the above-mentioned forest compartments. These compartments have been surveyed since 1 Jan 2008 for all information that is relevant for assigning them to the respective Kyoto forest categories (AR or D and, in case of regenerations, FM), as well as their location within each geographical area. It is also possible to identify each compartment in both the underlying database of this report (which is part of the documentation) and on the forest management maps since 2008.

Harvests on afforested area have so far mainly been final cuttings in stands that have reached their rotation age. In case an area is regenerated that was afforested or reforested earlier but after 1989, the same rules apply by law than for all other forests. These rules require that harvested forests must be regenerated. All areas under regeneration are continuously surveyed by the Forest Authorities, and tough penalties are applied to those that violate relevant provisions.

11.4.3 Information on the size and geographical location of forest areas that have lost forest cover but which are not yet classified as deforested

In Hungary, the Forest Authorities disclose a report each year on the current status of forests and forestry. This report includes the area of stands under regeneration. As Table 11.17 below demonstrates, this area varies around 120 kha on average but increased somewhat later (and started to decline after 2016). The same reports also state the area of final harvests each year which varied around 20-25 kha in the last three decades. From these numbers one can conclude that the average time a stand is regarded as “under regeneration” is about five-six years. For areas “under regeneration”, the same thresholds and criteria are in effect as for an afforested area (see section 11.4.2 and Table 11.16 above, and section 6.5.5 of the NIR). Thus, the above mean length of period of five-six years is regarded as a normal value for regenerations. (Note here, too, that individual stands can be classified “under regeneration” for a much shorter or longer time depending on species, site fertility, weather and other local conditions that determine the success of the regeneration.)

Table 11.17. *The total area of stands under regeneration as reported by annual reports on forests and forestry.*

Reporting year	Area of stands under regeneration (ha)
1985	120 043
1986	126 120
1987	128 265
1988	130 333
1989	132 956
1990	132 816
1991	136 330
1992	135 582
1993	133 522
1994	127 611
1995	120 067
1996	116 716
1997	115 768
1998	112 926
1999	110 286
2000	112 814
2001	113 825
2002	115 740
2003	117 197
2004	117 855
2005	118 989
2006	119 854
2007	120 419
2008	123 717
2009	125 344
2010	127 783
2011	131 453
2012	141 205
2013	149 997
2014	155 822
2015	165 357
2016	166 030
2017	165 052
2018	160 352
2019	159 382

11.4.4 Information related to the natural disturbances provision under article 3.3

As reported in our Initial Report in 2016, Hungary does not intend to apply the provisions to exclude emissions from natural disturbances for the accounting for afforestation and reforestation under

Article 3.3 (and forest management under Article 3.4) of the Kyoto Protocol during the second commitment period.

11.4.5 Information on Harvested Wood Products under article 3.3

As requested by para 26 of Annex to 2/CMP.7, carbon stock changes in the HWP pool are reported and accounted for in the Hungarian inventory. The methodology of estimation is described in Section 11.5.2.5. In applying the methodology it was assumed that, due to lack of data, we are unable to separate harvest from AR and FM and all harvesting is allocated to land under forest management and that all forests in Hungary are managed. Therefore, according to page 2.118 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement, “in case it is not possible to differentiate between the harvest from AR and FM, it is conservative and in line with good practice to assume that all HWP entering the accounting framework originate from FM”, thus we report carbon stock changes together for the two categories. In contrast, harvest from D is separated and excluded, and treated as instantaneous oxidation.

In 2019, for HWP from D Paper&paperboard for 2008-2015, incorrect/missing notation keys were corrected in the Initial stock, gain, losses rows.

11.5 Article 3.4

11.5.1 Information that demonstrates that activities under Article 3.4 have occurred since 1 January 1990 and are human-induced

As mentioned above, all forests are rather intensively managed in Hungary. The basis for the management is forest management plans that are prepared for all forests of the country, i.e., all stands of both the AR and the FM category. These plans, which are parts of the underlying documentation, contain information, among others, on the status of the stand during the survey, long-term objectives, plans for short-term operations (for as long as a maximum 10-year period) and information on the last harvesting operations. These plans thus demonstrate that activities under Article 3.4 have occurred since 1 January 1990 and are human-induced.

11.5.2 Information relating to Forest Management

11.5.2.1 Conversion of natural forest to planted forest

Hungary does not apply the Carbon Equivalent Forest Conversion provision (paragraphs 37 – 39) of Annex to Decision 2/CMP.7 contained in document FCCC/KP/CMP/2011/10/Add.1, p.19.

Nevertheless, below we report the required information:

- plantations in Hungary are stands of exotic species (e.g., *Robinia pseudoacacia*, a species of North-American origin) or hybrids (e.g., *Populus x euramericana* clones), or that are intensively managed monocultures of indigenous species (e.g., *Salix* sp.) where the management is done for biomass production with a rotation age is much shorter than in stands that are managed for industrial wood production, protection or social services;
- natural forests are the rest of the forests;
- in general, based on the relevant provisions of the Forest Act of 2009, natural forests are replaced with plantations only in exceptional cases on insignificant areas.

11.5.2.2 Forest Management Reference Level

As reported in our Submission of information on forest management reference levels (URL: https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/ad_hoc_working_groups/kp/application/pdf/awgkp_hungary_2011.pdf), the forest management reference level (FMRL) for Hungary, a member state of the EU, was developed in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission in 2011. First, annual net emissions for FM were estimated for 2000-2008 and projected until 2020, assuming a 'business as usual' scenario, for the total of the above- and below-ground biomass carbon pools using two models of EU modelling groups, i.e., the G4M (Global Forestry Model) (from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, or IIASA) and the EFISCEN (European Forest Information Scenario Model of the European Forest Institute) models. Then, the emissions and

removals estimated by the models in this run for the period 2000 to 2008 were calibrated/adjusted using an offset, defined as the difference between the average of the historical forest management net emissions for 2000–2008, included in the National GHG Inventory of 2011, and the average of the mean values from the two models for the same period. (The offset was applied to the model results in order to make the projection and the historical forest management values more consistent.)

Note that, at the request of the team that reviewed the original FMRL submission, the models were re-run during the technical assessment of the FMRL submission of Hungary, producing a somewhat different output. Then, the above calibration was also repeated, yielding the FMRL value that was officially approved by the Report of the technical assessment of the forest management reference level submission of Hungary submitted in 2011 (FCCC/TAR/2011/HUN), and is used in Appendix to Decision 2/CMP.7.

The only forest pools included in the construction of the FMRL were the above- and below-ground biomass pools. Later, emissions from organic soils, and non-CO₂ emissions from wildfires were added, but the dead organic matter (litter and dead wood) and the mineral soil organic carbon pools were not included as they are demonstrated that they are not a source. The contribution of HWP to the FMRL of Hungary was estimated using the approach proposed in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1, chapter II, annex I (see section 11.5.2.5 below).

Due to a number of methodological changes since the above estimation and review, a technical correction of the FMRL has become necessary. This is described in the next section.

11.5.2.3 Technical Corrections of the FMRL

Pursuant to Paragraphs 14 and 15 of Annex to Decision 2/CMP.7 (Land-use, land-use change and forestry) contained in document FCCC/KP/CMP/2011/10/Add.1, p.15, a technical correction (TC) was necessary for the above FMRL. TC in this reporting year is due to: (1) change of the method used for GHG reporting as compared to the methods used for the development of the original FMRL and its assessment; (2) change of the area under FM over time due to the inclusion of found forests (FF) into the FM category; (3) changes in the estimates of various components of the total FM emissions. Below we discuss these issues in the above order.

Change of the method used for GHG reporting as compared to the methods used for the FMRL assessment

The method used for GHG reporting for biomass for FM is different than that for the development of the FMRL, since Hungary applies the IPCC stock-difference method for FM while the FMRL was assessed by applying two process models (i.e., G4M and EFISCEN). Because of this, Hungary applied an ex-post calibration/adjustment already at the time of the FMRL submission using an offset,

defined as the difference between the average of the historical FM net emissions for 2000–2008 (estimated using the stock change method) and the average of the mean values from the model for the same period. Hungary has continued to use the stock change method since this ex-post calibration. Even if there were no additional change of method or data for the historical time series for FM had not been changed since the first ex-post calibration, this calibration would have to be kept. However, since historical data before 2009 was recalculated (due to the inclusion of emissions from FF 2000-2008 into the FM category, but also due to revision of historical emissions of the FM category itself), the TC of the above offset is necessary. A further TC for the second commitment period (CP) is necessary to take into account the carbon stock changes of FF since 2008.

With respect to these emissions from FF, they were included in the model estimate for 2000-2008 but were excluded from the FM estimate reported for 2000-2008, which necessitates a TC (in the form of a correction of the ex-post calibration, see below). Also, emissions from FF that occurred after 2008 were not included in the original model projection for the CP. Therefore, the FMRL has to be technically corrected.

Change of the area under FM over time. The difference in the reported FM area and the area used in the FMRL assessment for 2018

There is a difference in the area assumed in the above model that was used to develop the FMRL, and the reported area for both the period 2000-2008 and the CP. This means that the FMRL should be technically corrected to take these differences into consideration.

However, it must first be highlighted that the difference is partly due to the fact that two different area types are used in the various reports. While the statistics “forest area covered by trees” was reported for, and used in, the model (for reasons of modelling which could only consider areas covered by trees), the statistics “area of forest sub-compartments” are reported and used for FM in our submissions (see Table 6.5.1 above). To remove the difference arising from using two different area types, we converted the above “forest area covered by trees” as used by the model to “area of forest sub-compartments” using data for Forest Land for which we have data for both statistics for 2000-2018. The latter is, on average, by about 4,41 percent larger than the former one, with small annual variation. By adjusting the area used in the model by this amount one gets almost about the same area of forest sub-compartment for the period 2000-2008, with identical values for 2005 (rows #6 and #7 in Table 11.18 below). The calculation demonstrates that all forest area, including that of FF during 2000-2008 (about 34 kha), was included in the model estimates. The adjustment also explains away $1705-1633=72$ of the $1763-1633=130$ kha difference in 2019 (using rows #6 and #3, and rows #7 and #3 of Table 11.18, respectively).

The remaining difference of area of about 58 kha in 2019 result from two factors plus an error term. One factor is deforestation for which (concerning areas covered by trees) the value assumed by the model (about 18 kha since 2008, i.e., the difference between values for 2019 and 2008 in row #3) turned out to be higher than the actually estimated number (concerning forest sub-compartments, about 9 kha since 2008, in that last column of row #8 in Table 11.18).

The other factor affecting the above remaining difference between areas is due to the fact that, as a follow-up of the recommendation by the ARR2013, we integrated the FF sub-category into the FM since 1990 category beginning 2014. As forests had also been found after 2008 (although not after 2017), the area of FM was continually increasing (unless the annual D was larger than FF, see Table 11.5). The estimated amount of FF between 2005, i.e., about the middle year of the 2000-2008 period, and 2019 is 41 kha (row #11 in Table 11.18). This amount plus the adjusted modelled value of 1715 in 2019 (row #10 in Table 11.18) make 1756 kha. This is by 9 kha smaller than the estimated FM area of 1763 kha in 2018 (row #7 in Table 11.18). We regard this remaining difference as a small error that can partly be attributed to the fact that changes are non-linear over time with respect to both D and FF which creates variation around modelled values in the short term, i.e., for any single inventory year. The area of forest sub-compartments estimated for the model using the above procedure may also include error that could have contributed to the remaining difference.

Table 11.18. Derivation of revised FM area for the TC. All areas are kha.

Row #	Category	Source or equation using row#	2000	2005	2008	2010	2015	2019	
1	FM area used by G4M: area covered by trees	Hungary FMRL Submission, 2011	1 649	1 646	1 644	1 642	1 627	1 613	
2	FM area used by EFISCEN: area covered by trees		1 662	1 659	1 657	1 657	1 655	1 652	
3	Average of models: area covered by trees	= average of #1 & #2	1 656	1 653	1 651	1 650	1 641	1 633	
4	Estimated FL area: area covered by trees	Table 6.5.1 of the NIR	1 658	1 770	1 840	1 862	1 869	1 868	
5	Estimated FL area: forest subcompartments	Table 6.5.1 of the NIR	1 787	1 854	1 903	1 922	1 941	1 939	
6	Revised FM area used by model model: forest subcompartments	= #3 * mean value of (#5 / #4)	1 728	1 725	1 723	1 722	1 713	1 705	
7	Estimated FM area: forest subcompartments	Table 6.5.1 of the NIR	1 710	1 725	1 739	1 751	1 768	1 763	change since 2008
8	estimated cumulative D (=FL-L) from FM since 2000: forest subcompartments	Table 6.5.2 of the NIR	0,72	3,8	4,9	5,5	8,8	13,8	8,9
9	assumed (in revised model) cumulative D from FM since 2000: forest subcompartments	= #6 value in a year - #6 value in 2000		3,3	5,5	6,5	15,8	25,0	19,5
10	Adjusted model of FM area since 2000: forest subcompartments	= #6 in 2000 - #8	1 728	1 725	1 724	1 723	1 720	1 715	
11	estimated FF since 2000: forest subcompartments	NFDB; Table 11.2 (d) of the NIR	5,6	23	35	45	62	64	29
12	calculated FF since 2000 = difference between estimated and adjusted FM area: forest subcompartments	= #10 - #7	-19	1	16	28	48	48	32

The technical correction

All details of the TC for 2019 can be found in Table 11.19 below. Its first section reports data that was already reported in our FRML submission and its Revision. Then, the table reports emissions and removals from FM as estimated in this reporting year. Finally, the last part of the table lists all possible factors that might trigger TC according to Table 2.7.1 of the 2013 IPCC KP Supplement, reports the TC, and calculates the technically corrected FMRL.

For TC components that are not relevant in Hungary in an inventory year, NA is reported.

For the reduction of the area of FM due to deforestation, zero TC is made. In theory, it would be possible to estimate the effect of this smaller D value on the FMRL in terms of emissions. However, it is a rather difficult task in practice, it is not practicable to do in our case, and as the 2013 IPCC KP Supplement noted (page 2.94), "Some Parties did not consider the impact of future deforestation rate on the evolution of the FM area, assuming this has a conservative impact on the FMRL value." To be conservative, i.e., to avoid reducing the FMRL value by using the larger D rate, we decided not to attempt to conduct this estimation.

For the other terms, the TC is either equal to estimated emissions in the second part of Table 11.19, or it is calculated according to the formula reported in the the respective row in the table.

The revision of the ex-post calibration (for biomass) due to the inclusion of FF in FM before 2009 and due to recalculations is reported for the period 2000-2008. This revision of the ex-post calibration could be directly done using the revised historical FM values as they included the FF emissions and recalculations.

In contrast, the correction due to the inclusion of FF found since 2008 was possible by developing annual emissions for the respective forest sub-compartments using volume data queried from the National Forestry Database. From this data, the annual volume stock change of all FF can be calculated according to the generic stock change formula by the 2006 IPCC GL, and then projection could be made for the 2013-2020 period using simple linear extrapolation. The annual carbon stock change was in turn calculated from the annual volume stock change by multiplying it by the conversion factors applied for forests for similar calculations, i.e., as required in the equations in section 6.5.3, these conversion factors include wood density, root-to-shoot ratio and carbon fraction.

Finally, the TC of the FRML due to addition of a new pool (i.e., the organic soil) and due to recalculations of several other emission estimates (including the revision of the HWP contribution earlier due to the revised methodology as reported in the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement, see section 11.5.2.5 below; see also Tables 11.10 is included in Table 11.19 as explained there.

The total TC for 2019 is the sum of all the above corrections.

The result of the calculations is that the total TC for 2019 is -169 ktCO₂e, and the technically corrected FMRL is -1 169 ktCO₂e.

Table 11.19. Elements of the Technical Correction and the technically corrected FMRL. All numbers are ktCO₂eq.

Row #	FMRL or its components		average 2000-2008	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	average 2013-2020	TC based on average 2000-2008 or 2013-2020 values	
1	FMRL as approved earlier	Step 1: models' results (only include CO ₂ from biomass)	EFISCEN	-1 394	-1 413	-1 406	-1 300	-365	522	-103	
2			G4M	-2 225	-2 055	-2 382	-2 020	-1 981	-1 611	-1 845	
3			<i>Average of models</i>	-1 809	-1 734	-1 894	-1 660	-1 173	-545	-974	
4		Step 2: ex-post processing	Offset	biomass	53					53	
5				non-biomass pools and GHG sources (excludes organic soils)	28					28	
6				<i>Total offset</i>	82					82	
7				<i>Adjusted model results</i>	-1 728	-1 652	-1 812	-1 578	-1 091	-463	-892
8		Step 3: adding HWP using first-order decay function	Offset due to difference in accounting between instantaneous oxidation and first order decay function from HWP		-175					-108	
9			<i>Adjusted model results</i>		-1 903					-1 000	
10	FM estimate or projection in the resubmission in reporting year 2021	biomass; includes FF 2000-2008 but excludes FF since 2008		-1 753	420	-3 854	-1 876	-3 609	NA	NA	
11		biomass; FF since 2008		NA	NA	NA	-121	-245	-370	-282	
12		CO ₂ emissions from organic soils		62	62	62	62	62	62	62	
13		non-CO ₂ emissions		17	20	27	12	15	15	15	
14		HWP		-20	16	-69	62	-76	47	-46	
15	Technical correction (relative to FMRL as approved earlier, row #9) in reporting year 2021 due to:	<i>Changes in the method used for GHG reporting of FM or Forest Land remaining Forest Land (FL - FL) after the adoption of FMRL: see #18 and #19 below</i>									IE
16		<i>Changes in any of the following methodological elements used to establish the FMRL (as reported in the FMRL submission) after the adoption of FMRL:</i>									NA
17		reduction of area of the FM land in 2008 due to D: loss of sink included in the original FMRL (<i>conservative estimate</i>)									0
18		change of Offset in Step 2: ex-post processing because of revised historical FM time series (due to incorporating the FF category into the FF category as a follow-up of AR2013, and due to recalculations) = (#10 - #3) - #4									4
19		inclusion of emissions from biomass due to addition of new FF area to the FM after 2008: emissions not included in the original FMRL = #11									-282
20		recalculation of historical harvesting rates									NA
21		climate data assumed by models for projecting									NA
22		new pool (i.e., organic soils) not included in original FMRL = #12									62
23		recalculation of historical non-CO ₂ emissions = #13 - #5									-13
24		revision of HWP estimates = #14 - #8									62
25		<i>Other possible methodological inconsistency</i>									NA
26	<i>all factors combined:</i>									-169	
27	Technically corrected FMRL in reporting year 2021			= FMRL approved earlier + total TC in reporting year 2021 =						-1 169	

11.5.2.4 Information related to the natural disturbances provision under Article 3.4

As reported in the Initial Report, Hungary did not elect the option to apply the natural disturbances provision.

11.5.2.5 Information on Harvested Wood Products under Article 3.4

From a methodological point of view, historical emissions and removals from HWP under FM are treated similarly than those under the UNFCCC, see Section 6.5.4.2.4.

The estimation was done with annual historical production data, specific half-lives for product types, application of the first-order decay function using equation 12.1 from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, with default half-lives of two years for paper, 25 years for wood panels and 35 years for sawn wood and instantaneous oxidation assumed for wood in solid waste disposal sites. Historical data dated back to 1964. It was assumed that, except for wood harvested in deforestations, all harvested wood is allocated to forest management and that all forests in Hungary are managed. The estimates include exports.

As a result of the above procedure, the net emission estimates from the HWP pool in the FM category under the KP are only different from those under the UNFCCC in that while the latter includes harvested wood products produced from all harvests from all forests, the former excludes harvested wood products from the Deforestation category.

Concerning the contribution of the HWP pool to the FMRL, data was developed for all other years until 2020 using a projection with the below steps (following the example provided in Box 2.8.2 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement):

1. For harvests, the same projection of an increasing trend was used as those in the development of the projection of net removals of the forests under FM (Figure 11.7).
2. Annual changes (in percent) of the projected total annual wood harvest rates were calculated between subsequent years.
3. The averages of the historical inflow rates of the most recent five years before the projected years (i.e., 2005-2009) were calculated for the sawnwood, wood-based panel and paper and paper board categories.
4. These averages were increased using the annual changes under item 2 above to get projected inflow values for each HWP pool (Figure 11.7).
5. The projected inflow values were used in Equation 2.8.5 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement to estimate carbon stocks, as well as gains and losses.

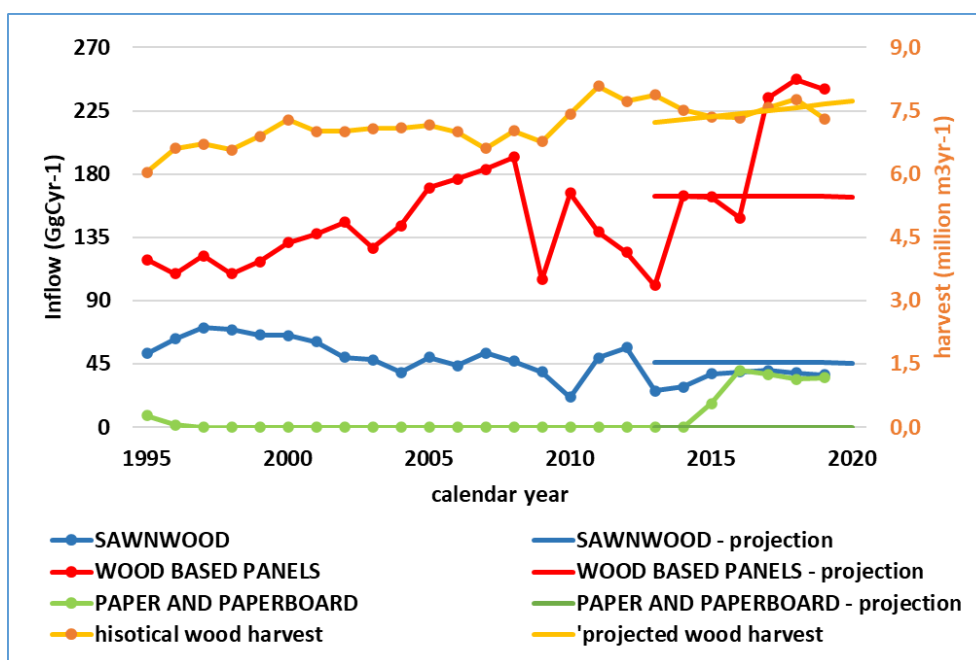


Figure 11.7. Historical rates of inflow that were used to develop the projected ones, and the historical and projected (in 2011) trend of rates of inflow and total wood harvests.

For the technical correction of the FMRL (see section 11.5.2.3 above), the average of the carbon stock changes for years 2013-2020 (projected as described above) was used.

For the sake of transparency, some additional information is provided below to demonstrate how the provisions in paragraph 16 of the Decision 2/CMP.7 are observed:

- "Emissions that occur during the second commitment period from harvested wood products removed from forests prior to the start of the second commitment period shall also be accounted for."

These emissions are only relevant for the non-firewood wood products and are estimated using the first order decay approach that accounts for wood removed from forests prior to the start of the second commitment period.

- "In the case the forest management reference level is based on a projection, a Party may choose not to account for the emissions from harvested wood products originating from forests prior to the start of the second commitment period, ..."

Hungary's FMRL is based on a projection, and Hungary has chosen not to account for the emissions from HWP originating from forests prior to the start of the second CP (i.e., Hungary has chosen one option of the "may" clause above). Mathematically, for any particular year in the commitment period, estimates of the emissions from the HWP pool from harvests before the start of the second CP are included in both the FMRL (in form of a projection) and the annual total emissions from the

FM category (in the annual estimates) and, under the assumptions of the construction of the FMRL, the difference between sums of the two estimates taken for the entire CP should result in zero credits/debits. This approach is one way to not account for the the emissions from HWP originating from forests prior to the start of the second CP.

- "... and shall ensure consistency in the treatment of the harvested wood products pool in the second commitment period in accordance with paragraph 14 above."

Consistency is ensured by the application of the above-described estimation and accounting methodologies through the entire CP.

- "Emissions from harvested wood products already accounted for during the first commitment period on the basis of instantaneous oxidation shall be excluded."

This requirement is met by only including during the second CP emissions from the non-firewood harvested wood product sub-categories (i.e., sawnwood, wood-based panels, as well as paper and paperboard) that have been produced from harvests after the start of the second CP.

- "The treatment of harvested wood products in the construction of a projected forest management reference level shall be on the basis of provisions outlined in paragraph 29 below and shall not be on the basis of instantaneous oxidation."

This requirement is fully met by applying the first order decay functions, and other methodological elements as described in the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement.

11.5.3 Information relating to Cropland Management, Grazing Land Management, Wetland drainage and Rewetting, and Revegetation, if elected, for the base year

Hungary did not elect either Cropland Management, nor Grazing Land Management, nor Wetland drainage and Rewetting, nor Revegetation, therefore, this is a non-issue.

11.5.4 Information relating to Forest Management

11.5.4.1 That the definition of forest for this category conforms with the definition in item 11.1 above

FM land only includes managed forest areas that are included in the FL category, for which the definition of "forest" is applied as required by the Forest Act, as it is demonstrated above in section 11.1.

11.5.4.2 That forest management is a system of practices for stewardship and use of forest land aimed at fulfill relevant ecological (including biological diversity), economic and social functions of the forest in a sustainable manner (paragraph 1(f) of the annex to decision 16/CMP.1 (land-use, land-use change and forestry))

All the principles defined in paragraph 1(f) of the annex to decision 16/CMP.1 (land-use, land-use change and forestry) are among the principles of forestry of Hungary as set by law. The text of the most recent Forest Act (in Hungarian) can be found at http://net.jogtar.hu/jr/gen/hjegy_doc.cgi?docid=A0900037.TV.

11.5.4.3 Emissions and removals from Forest Management

The methodology is described in section 11.3.1.1, General methodological notes, whereas the estimated emissions and removals are reported in the KP CRF tables.

11.6 Other information

Not applicable.

11.7 Information relating to Article 6

Not applicable.

11.8 NIR tables

Activity	CHANGE IN CARBON POOL REPORTED ⁽¹⁾							GREENHOUSE GAS SOURCES REPORTED ⁽²⁾									
	Above-ground biomass	Below-ground biomass	Litter	Dead wood	Soil		HWP ⁽⁴⁾	Fertilization ⁽⁵⁾		Drained, rewetted and other soils ⁽⁶⁾		Nitrogen mineralization in mineral soils ⁽⁶⁾	Indirect N ₂ O emissions from managed soil ⁽⁶⁾	Biomass burning ⁽⁶⁾			
					Mineral	Organic ⁽⁵⁾		N ₂ O	CH ₄ ⁽⁷⁾	N ₂ O	N ₂ O			N ₂ O	CO ₂ ⁽⁸⁾	CH ₄	N ₂ O
Article 3.3 activities																	
Afforestation and reforestation	R		NR	NR	NR	NO	IE	IE	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	IE	R	R	R
Deforestation	R	R	R	R	R	NO	IO	IE	NO	NO		R	R	IE	R	R	R
Article 3.4 activities																	
Forest management	R	R	NR	NR	NR	R	R	IE	NO	NO	NO	NO	IE	R	R	R	R
Cropland management	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA					NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grazing land management	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA					NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Revegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA					NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wetland drainage and rewetting	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA					NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	ARTICLE 3.3 ACTIVITIES			ARTICLE 3.4 ACTIVITIES				Other ⁽⁹⁾	Total area at the end of the previous inventory year ⁽¹⁰⁾
	Afforestation and reforestation	Deforestation	Forest management ⁽⁹⁾	Cropland management (if elected)	Grazing land management (if elected)	Revegetation (if elected)	Wetland drainage and rewetting (if elected)		
	(kha)								
Article 3.3 activities									
Afforestation and reforestation		174.24	0.32						174.56
Deforestation			41.13						41.13
Article 3.4 activities									
Forest management			2.31	1878.37					1880.68
Cropland management ⁽⁹⁾ (if elected)		NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
Grazing land management ⁽⁹⁾ (if elected)		NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
Revegetation ⁽⁹⁾ (if elected)		NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
Wetland drainage and rewetting ⁽⁹⁾ (if elected)		NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
Other ⁽⁹⁾		1.68	NO	NO	NA	NA	NA	7205.23	7206.90
Total area at the end of the current inventory year		175.92	43.76	1878.37	NA	NA	NA	7205.23	9303.27

KEY CATEGORIES OF EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS	Gas	CRITERIA USED FOR KEY CATEGORY IDENTIFICATION			Comments ⁽⁴⁾
		Associated category in UNFCCC inventory ⁽¹⁾ is key (indicate which category)	Category contribution is greater than the smallest category considered key in the UNFCCC inventory ⁽²⁾ (including LULUCF)	Other ⁽³⁾	
Specify key categories according to the national level of disaggregation used ⁽¹⁾					
Afforestation and Reforestation					
CO ₂	CO ₂	Land converted to forest land		Yes	NO led as key in the UNFCCC inventory.
Deforestation					
CO ₂	CO ₂	led to grassland, Land converted to settlements		No	NO led as key in the UNFCCC inventory.
Forest Management					
CO ₂	CO ₂	Forest land remaining forest land		Yes	NO led as key in the UNFCCC inventory.

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12 INFORMATION ON THE ACCOUNTING OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL UNITS

Annual Submission Item	Reference / Information
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 11: Standard electronic format (SEF)	The SEF Report is submitted as a separate file created by the UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.8.3 The filename is: [RREG1_HU_2020_2_1.zip].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 12: List of discrepant transactions	No discrepant transactions occurred in 2020. R2 report has been generated with UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.8.3. The filename is: [RREG2_HU_2020_1.xlsx].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 13 & 14: List of CDM notifications	No CDM notifications occurred in 2020. R3 report has been generated with UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.8.3. The filename is: [RREG3_HU_2020_1.xlsx].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 15: List of non-replacements	No non-replacements occurred in 2020. R4 report has been generated with UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.8.3. The filename is: [RREG4_HU_2020_1.xlsx].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 16: List of invalid units	No invalid units exist at 31 December 2020. R5 report has been generated with UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.8.3. The filename is: [RREG5_HU_2020_1.xlsx].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 17 Actions and changes to address discrepancies	No discrepancies have occurred in the reporting period.
15/CMP.1 annex I.E Publicly accessible information	Publicly available information accessible on the website of the Hungarian National Registry are the following: - Account information detailed in 13/CMP.1 par. 45 are available at: http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/hu_accinfo_en.xls - Article 6 project information detailed in 13/CMP.1 par. 46 are available at: http://ji.unfccc.int/JI_Parties/DB/BBOE0EE02Y77126OGTQ91OS4GBWMZN/viewDFP - Holding and transaction information detailed in 13/CMP.1 par. 47 are available at: https://ec.europa.eu/clima/sites/clima/files/ets/registry/docs/hu_cp2_sef_2020_en.xlsx - List of legal entities authorized by party detailed in 13/CMP.1 par. 48 is available at: http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/hu_legal_en.xls
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 18 CPR Calculation	The commitment period reserve is calculated in accordance with 11/CMP.1 (and paragraph 18 of decision 1/CMP.8), based on the inventory of 2019 (NIR submission 2021).

12.1 Calculation of the commitment period reserve (CPR)

The commitment period reserve is calculated in accordance with decision 11/CMP.1 (and paragraph 18 of decision 1/CMP.8):

"Each Party included in Annex I shall maintain, in its national registry, a commitment period reserve which should not drop below 90 per cent of the Party's assigned amount calculated pursuant to Article 3, para-graphs 7 and 8, of the Kyoto Protocol, or 100 per cent of eight times its most recently reviewed inventory, whichever is lowest."

At the time of the preparation of this document the "most recently reviewed inventory" is the inventory of 2018 (National Inventory Submission 2020). However, the inventory of 2019 (National Inventory Submission 2021) is already available and by the time this document will be assessed, the inventory of 2019 might already be the "most recently reviewed inventory", so CPR is calculated based on 2019's data. (Please note that the above choice of the most recently reviewed inventory has no effect on the CPR.)

Calculations:

(a) On the basis of assigned amount:

90% of the assigned amount of Hungary

$434,486,280 \times 0.9 = 391,037,652$ tonnes CO₂-eq

(b) On the basis of the inventory of 2019 (NIR 2021)

eight times the inventory of 2019:

$64,433,168 \times 8 = 515,465,346$ tonnes CO₂-eq

Based on the above calculations, the commitment period reserve amounts to **391,037,652 tonnes** CO₂-eq.

13 INFORMATION ON CHANGES IN NATIONAL SYSTEM.

None.

14 INFORMATION ON CHANGES IN NATIONAL REGISTRY

The following changes to the national registry of HU have occurred in 2020. Note that the 2020 SIAR confirms that previous recommendations have been implemented and included in the annual report.

Reporting Item	Description
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(a) Change of name or contact	None
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(b) Change regarding cooperation arrangement	No change of cooperation arrangement occurred during the reported period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(c) Change to database structure or the capacity of national registry	There has been a new EUCR release (version 11.5) after version 8.2.2 (the production version at the time of the last Chapter 14 submission). Due to the new release, some changes were applied to the database. The updated database model is provided in Annex A. No change was required to the application backup plan or to the disaster recovery plan. No change to the capacity of the national registry occurred during the reported period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(d) Change regarding conformance to technical standards	The changes that have been introduced with version 11.5 compared with version 8.2.2 of the national registry are presented in Annex B. It is to be noted that each release of the registry is subject to both regression testing and tests related to new functionality. These tests also include thorough testing against the DES and are carried out prior to the relevant major release of the version to Production (see Annex B). No other change in the registry's conformance to the technical standards occurred for the reported period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(e) Change to discrepancies procedures	No change of discrepancies procedures occurred during the reported period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(f) Change regarding security	The use of soft tokens for authentication and signature was introduced for the registry end users.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(g) Change to list of publicly available information	No change to the list of publicly available information occurred during the reported period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(h) Change of Internet address	No change to the registry internet address during the reported period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(i) Change regarding data integrity measures	No change of data integrity measures occurred during the reported period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(j) Change regarding test results	No change during the reported period.

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15 INFORMATION ON MINIMIZATION OF ADVERSE IMPACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH 14

Information on how Hungary as a Party included in Annex I of the Convention is striving, under Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol, to implement its commitments mentioned in Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol in such a way as to minimize adverse social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties, particularly those identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention.

Firstly, being an EU Member State, the Hungarian climate policy is largely determined by EU legislation. Therefore, the information provided by the European Union on the subject matter in its respective reports is relevant in case of Hungary. In accordance with Article 3, paragraph 1 of the Kyoto Protocol Hungary is committed to limit its anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of greenhouse gases listed in Annex A of the Protocol to such level that they are in line with Hungary's reduction targets while aiming at further emission reduction. Hungary is guided by the principle that ambitious national reduction targets shall be supported by a climate policy ensuring that adverse impacts on developing countries, such as carbon leakage are avoided. Hungary fully supports the endeavors, measures and implements regulations of the European Union targeting the avoidance of such impacts and fostering sustainable development, while in the same time also a specific policy framework has been put into practice. The policy framework is laid down in Hungary's second National Climate Change Strategy (NCCS-II) for the period 2018-2030, with an outlook to 2050. The NCCS-II – as a review of the first climate change strategy – was adopted by the 23/2018 Parliamentary resolution on 30 October 2018. Similarly to other multisectoral, horizontal strategies, NCCS-II is a strategy paper to facilitate sectoral planning. It sets out an individual set of goals and specific action lines, but does not “overwrite” any of the sectoral development efforts. According to the topics of mitigation–adaptation–awareness raising, NCCS-II includes the Hungarian Decarbonisation Roadmap laying down the (HDR) goals, priorities and action lines to reduce GHG emission. NCCS-II also covers the assessment of the expected effects of climate change in Hungary and its natural, social and economic consequences. It also includes National Adaptation Strategy (NAS) which is based on the climate vulnerability assessment of ecosystems and industries. The duties of Hungarian decarbonisation and climate change adaptation are supplemented by the Climate Awareness Raising Programme (“Partnership for Climate” Awareness-Raising Plan). The NCCS II. defines long-, mid- and short-term goals and action lines in the field of mitigation, adaptation and awareness raising. In January 2020, a “climate package” was adopted by the Hungarian Government including the first Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) in order to implement the NCCS-II, and the draft long term climate strategy called National Clean Development Strategy which sets the basic principles for the country's 2050 climate neutrality goal. The planning of the 1st CCAP was carried out in parallel with the preparation of the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), and the renewal of the National Energy Strategy. In February 2020 the government has adopted another action plan regarding climate change: the Climate and Nature Protection Action Plan, which consists eight points. The second Climate Change Action Plan is currently under approval.

For the time being Hungary alone does not carry out any relevant large scale development project, however as a Member State, it fully supports the EU's activities in this regard.

The Hungarian Ministry of Innovation and Technology and the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency are currently implementing a project financed by the EU Structural Reform Support Programme with the aim of strengthening the implementation of Hungary's National Climate Change Strategy.

The main goal of the project is to establish a coherent monitoring, evaluation and verification framework for all climate and energy policies, actions, strategies at national-level.