

# BIOGRACE II

Harmonised Greenhouse Gas Calculations  
for Electricity, Heating and Cooling from Biomass



## User manual for the **BioGrace greenhouse gas calculation tool for electricity, heating and cooling**

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

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

<u>Functions of the tool</u>	This chapter details the different ways of using this tool. You will find why this tool was developed and what it can do.
<u>How does the tool work?</u>	This chapter explains how the tool is designed and the general principles of the calculations.
<u>How to understand and pilot the results?</u>	This part describes how the result module, in head of each pathway, works. It also explains how to choose between disaggregated default value and actual default value.
<u>How can I use the tool to calculate my own actual value?</u>	These chapters allow you to make the best use of the tool depending on your personal objective.
<u>How can I use the tool to understand the default values?</u>	
<u>How can I create a new pathway with the tool?</u>	
<u>How to use the LUC sheet?</u>	A step by step tutorial may help you to declare a land use change in one of your pathways.
<u>How to use the Esca sheet?</u>	Information about “Improved agricultural management” can help you take into account carbon stock changes related to improved practices.
<u>How to use the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions GNOC sheet?</u>	A step by step tutorial may help you to calculate the N <sub>2</sub> O emissions of your pathway using the Global Nitrous Oxide Calculator (GNOC).
<u>How to use the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions IPCC sheet?</u>	A step by step tutorial may help you to calculate the N <sub>2</sub> O emissions of your pathway using the IPCC TIER 1 methodology.
<u>How to use the Calculate efficiency sheet?</u>	A step by step tutorial may help you to use this sheet.
<u>How to use the Co-digestion sheets?</u>	A step by step tutorial may help you to calculate new default values for co-digestion of several substrates in a biogas plant.
<u>How to use the Final conversion only sheet?</u>	A step by step tutorial may help you to understand the purpose of this sheet.
<u>Glossary</u>	This section provides you with the definition of the specific wording used in the tool or in this document.

<sup>1</sup> Please find the **BioGrace II calculation rules** document as part of the zip file in which you downloaded the Excel tool and this user manual.

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## 1 Functions of the tool

Different kind of stakeholders, such as employees at energy companies, national and local governments and consultancies, have an interest in understanding GHG calculations for electricity, heating, and cooling from biomass. For this reason Excel was used to set up the BioGrace II GHG calculation tool. The calculations as set up in the Excel tool and presented in this document use the methodology as given in the following three documents (further referred as “the EC reports”):

- Commission Staff Working Document - State of play on the sustainability of solid and gaseous biomass used for electricity, heating and cooling in the EU [SWD(2014) 259];
- Report on sustainability requirements for the use of solid and gaseous biomass sources in electricity, heating and cooling [COM/2010/11];
- JRC scientific report on the default and input values for GHG emissions of biomass [Report EUR 26696 EN] – further referred as the JRC report.

The present document gives insight on how to understand and use this tool.

Three main functions have been identified when developing the tool:

1. **Give details on EC reports default value calculations:** the calculation sheets have been developed to detail the exact and comprehensive methodology applied to calculate default values presented in the JRC report.
2. **Adapt existing pathways for actual value calculations:** adapting some input numbers of the calculation sheet allows easy calculations with own actual value, and EC-reports-compatible. Own standard values (or conversion factors - see **part 3.3**, definition in the glossary **part 7**) may also be inserted in the calculations (for example, adding a specific chemical input). The tool can also be used to estimate the contribution to total GHG emissions of any process or any improvement actions.
3. **Create a new pathway:** next to the two main functions, it is also possible to create a whole new pathway within the tool. Some advice on how to do this is given at the end of this tutorial. However, the tool does not offer user-friendly functionalities for this function; the user should first have obtained a thorough understanding of the tool before creating a new pathway.

Each function is described in more detail in their specific chapters. General information about the tool is given in the following chapter before detailing how to use the tool for the functions mentioned above.

## 2 General presentation of the tool

### 2.1 First and fast navigation within the tool

The tool is organised in several Excel sheets.

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

The second sheet, “**Directory**”, shows all the links to the Excel sheets with explicit names; for instance, “Wood chips from forestry residues” is linked to the “Ch-F\_r” sheet.

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

- LUC sheet assesses the GHG impacts of possible Land Use Changes,



- **Esca** sheet for carbon stock changes due to improved agricultural practices.
- **N<sub>2</sub>O emissions GNOC** sheet estimates N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in accordance with the Global Nitrous Oxide Calculator (GNOC).
- **N<sub>2</sub>O emissions IPCC** sheet estimates N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in accordance with the IPCC TIER 1 methodologies<sup>2</sup>.
- **Bg-co-dig\_actual** sheet estimates the Production of electricity and/or heat, or cooling from biogas from biowaste.
- **Bm-co-dig\_actual** sheet estimates the Production of electricity and/or heat, or cooling from biomethane from wet manure.
- **Co-dig\_default** sheet estimates calculates the default emissions for biogas or biomethane in case they stem from co-digestion of different substrates in a biogas plant.
- **Calculation efficiencies** sheet is used to calculate net heat and electricity efficiencies.
- **Final conv. only** sheet enables a company who has bought biomass or any energy carrier, and wants to use it for heat/electricity/cooling, to evaluate its final GHG emission reduction.

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

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

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## Production of electricity and/or heat, or cooling from wood chips from forestry residues

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### Overview Results

Energy carrier (including emissions from the fuel in use)				Default values		Final energy		Allocation factors & references	
All results in g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ wood chips	Non-allocated results	Total (allocated results)	Actual/Default	JRC report		Electricity	Heat	Allocation factors	
Cultivation e <sub>pc</sub>				0,0		All results in g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> per MJ as indicated		Production chain	
Feedstock is a residue				0,00		Allocation factor	Allocation factor	100,0% to energy carrier	
Processing e <sub>p</sub>				1,9		Allocated results	Allocated results	0,0% to co-product(s)	
Forest residues collection				1,86		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	CHP	
Forest residues seasoning				0,00		per MJ chips	per MJ chips	#DIV/0! to electricity	
Chipping				0,38		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0! to heat	
Transport e <sub>td</sub>				22,8		per MJ electr.	per MJ heat	Fossil fuel references	
Transport of forestry residues				0,00				186 g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> /MJ <sub>electricity</sub>	
Transport of wood chips				22,77				80 g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> /MJ <sub>heat</sub>	
Emissions from the fuel in use e <sub>fu</sub>				0,5				47 g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> /MJ <sub>cooling</sub>	
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions at final conversion				0,50		GHG emission reduction			
Land use change e <sub>l</sub>						Electricity	Heat		
Bonus or e <sub>sca</sub>						#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!		
e <sub>ccr</sub> + e <sub>ocs</sub>				0,0			Cooling		
Totals				25,1					

### General settings

<b>Main output</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Heat <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling (including heat and / or electricity) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity and heat	<b>Conversion efficiencies</b> Electrical efficiency Thermal efficiency Temp of useful heat (°C)	<b>Pathway configuration</b> Transport distance (chips): above 10 000 km	! When using this GHG calculation tool, the BioGrace calculation rules must be respected. The rules are included in the zip file (containing the complete tool) and also at <a href="http://www.BioGrace.net">www.BioGrace.net</a>
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### Calculation per phase

Values calculated from complete pathway		
Overall yield per MJ input	0,9268	MJ <sub>wood chips</sub> / MJ <sub>fuels input</sub>

This value is used in the calculations below to convert MJ<sub>feedstock</sub> into MJ<sub>wood chips</sub>. The purpose of this box is to facilitate copying rows or steps from one pathway to another, because this value is included in all pathways in cell C38.

Chipping	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info per kg chips
Yield		Emissions per MJ wood chips	
Wood chips	0,976 MJ <sub>wood chips</sub> / MJ <sub>fuels</sub>	g CO <sub>2</sub>	
Moisture content	30%	g CH <sub>4</sub>	
Energy consumption		g N <sub>2</sub> O	
Diesel	0,0040 MJ / MJ <sub>wood chips</sub>	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>	
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from use of diesel (chipping)			
		Total	
		Result g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>wood chips</sub>	5,09

The two sheets: “user defined standard values” and “standard values” present the generic data necessary for the calculations.

The “Standard values” sheet refers to conversion factors used for the calculation of the JRC report default values. Their main data are GHG emission coefficients, which are the emissions of the main GHG gases associated with 1 MJ or 1 kilogram inputs (N-fertilizers, chemicals, electricity, natural gas, etc.). It also contains other data necessary for the conversion steps of the calculation: Lower Heating Values (LHV) for fuels and energy products, fossil energy inputs, fuel efficiency for transport, etc. These data are also to be used in case the user creates a new pathway.

The “user defined standard values” sheet is provided in case the user wants to use conversion values that are not included in the list of standard values (see [paragraph 3.3](#) detailing how to use the tool for this specific use). Please note that BioGrace has formulated rules on when own standard values can be used, these rules can be found in the [BioGrace calculation rules](#).



4	<b>User Defined Standard Values</b>		<b>GHG emission coefficient</b>					
5	parameter:	Comments	gCO <sub>2</sub> /kg	gCH <sub>4</sub> /kg	gN <sub>2</sub> O/kg	gCO <sub>2-e</sub> /kg	gCO <sub>2</sub> /MJ	gCH <sub>4</sub> /MJ
6	unit:							
7	<b>User defined standard values</b>							
8	Example 1 (diesel from standard values)						93,95	0,0000
9	Example 2 (methanol from standard values)						97,74	0,3036
10	Example 3 (Urea ammonium nitrate (UAN) )		3906,3	6,79	6,2289	5906,25		
11						0		
12						0		
13								

Finally, the “**user specific calculations**” sheet is provided to keep track of all intermediate calculations made by the user of the tool, and ease the work of the verifiers in case of certification supervision. Any kind of calculation can be put in that sheet, for instance calculations to convert inputs into other units.

## 2.2 Colour-coding of Excel cells in calculation sheets

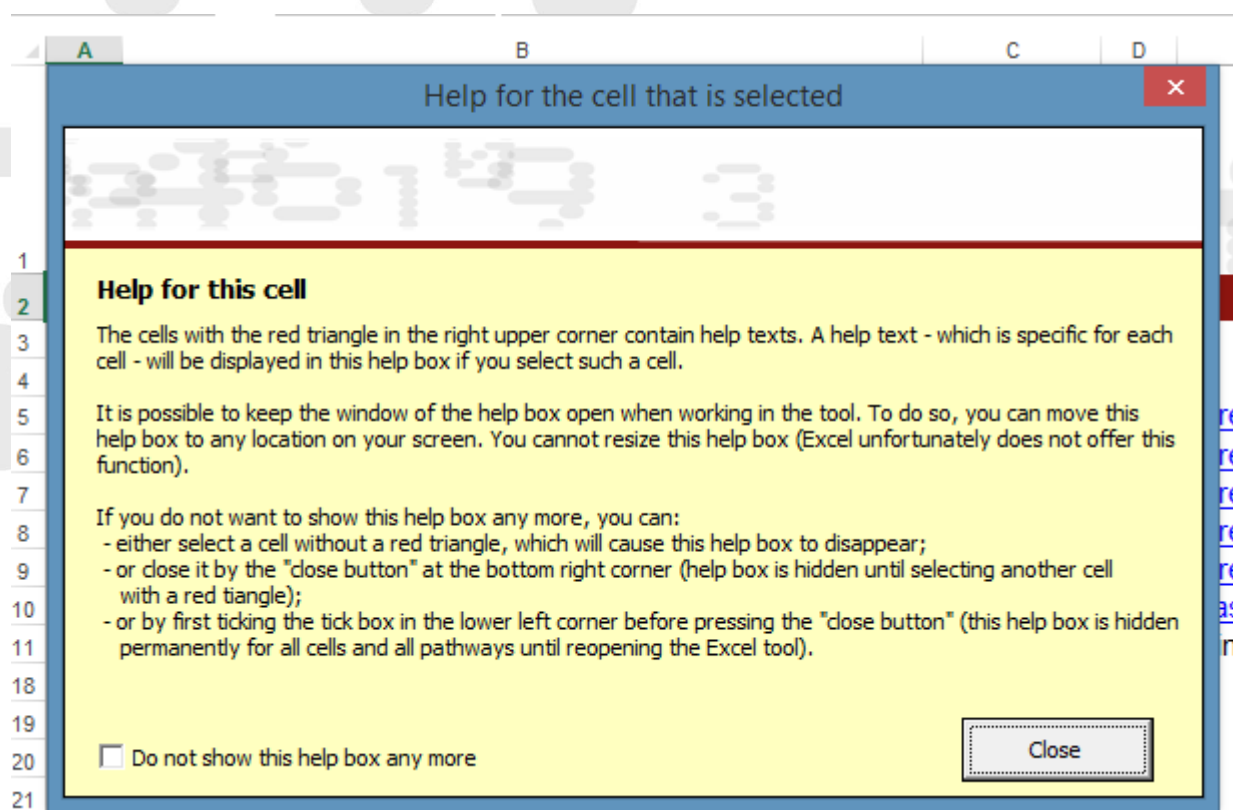
**Generalities:** The tool is built on a very simple colour-code for cells.

- Cells in **red and bold font with white background** are used for input numbers. The existing values are the ones used for the JRC report default value calculation. These cells can be changed by any user to test or adapt any pathway.
- Cells in **black font with grey background** are used for calculations and information that should not be changed (except when adapting a pathway by adding new inputs or modifying the standard value called (see the section on how to modify or add an input)).
- Cells in **white font with blue background** offer calculation results for a module or for an aggregation of modules.

**Please note!:** in case a calculation is made that will be used to show the GHG performance of a bioenergy as part of fulfilling the sustainability criteria of the EC reports, the function “track changes” should be turned on. On each of the Excel sheets for the bioenergy production pathways you can find (on the right, near the top of the sheet under the general settings) an orange “button” which is named “Track changes: ON” or “Track changes: OFF”. You should leave this button to “Track changes: ON” (which is the standard setting when you open the tool). This will cause that a change in a cell will be marked by a yellow background-colour and a red box around the cell. This function keep track of changes from the original document, which will help the work of the verifiers in case of certification supervision.

### 2.3 Comment and help boxes in the tool

When you open the BioGrace tool, a popup box called “Help for the cell that is selected” appears (see figure below). This box gives you all needed information to understand and manage the comments included in the cells of the tool.



As explained in the help box, comments appear with the usual format of Excel comments, as a small red triangle in the right corner of the commented cells. These comments are helpful to understand:

- how the calculations for the JRC report default value were made,
- the purpose of some intermediate calculations made in the tool,
- how to use the tool properly, following the [BioGrace Calculation Rules](#).

In order to make the BioGrace II tool more user friendly, it is possible to disable this help box. In such a case, the help box will not appear anymore when selected a cell with a comment. To be able to read the comment again, the user has to save and close the Excel tool and reopening it. More information on the management of the help box is provided in the above figure.

## 2.4 How GHG calculations are made within this tool

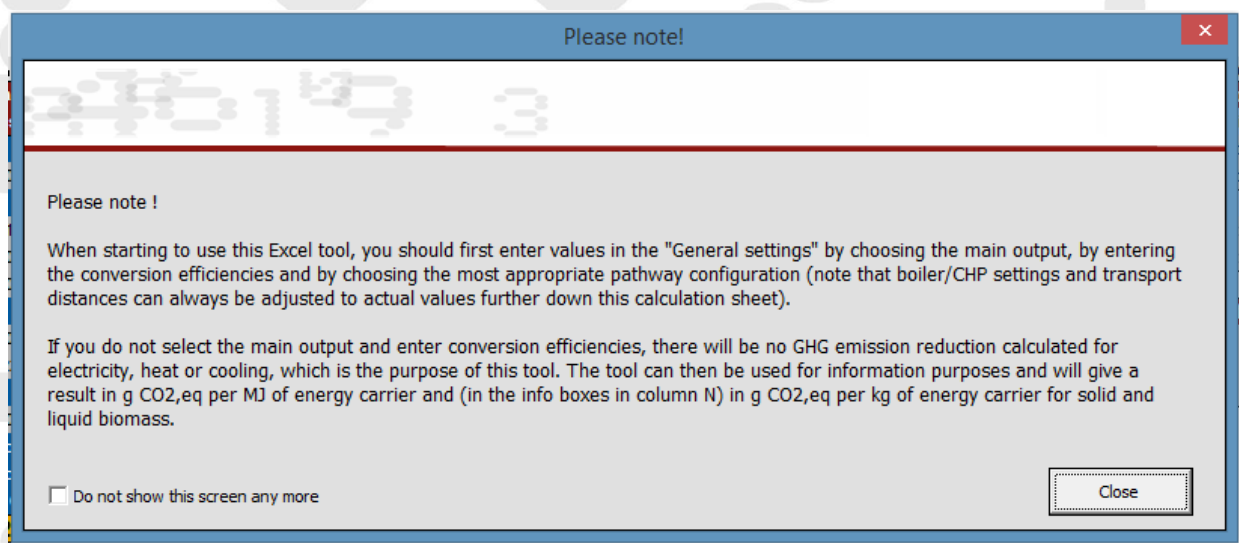
### 2.4.1 General principles

The EC reports and the calculations in the BioGrace II tool follow a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) perspective to evaluate the GHG emissions of one MJ of final energy. This means that:

- The functional unit is “the production and use of one MJ of final energy”.
- All life cycle steps from biomass production to final energy use are taken into account. Each step of the life cycle is presented in the calculation sheet within a dedicated module representing one step in the bioenergy production pathway.
- The last step of most of the pathways (all pathways except for the biomethane pathways) is the final conversion (combustion) of the final energy carrier (final type of biomass) into electricity, heat, cooling or electricity and heat. For this final conversion, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are calculated.
- A module gathers the inputs' consumptions and calculates the emissions of the three main gases contributing to climate change (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O). Details of the contribution of each gas in the results are presented in the last step of the calculation in order to have a high traceability of the contributions as required in the ISO norm.
- GHG emissions of each module are then summarized to obtain the GHG emission of the whole pathway. Details of the modules aggregated under each of the JRC report defined step are given under *2.4.6 Presentation of the Overview Results* module .
- Detailed calculation formulas can be seen by clicking each cell in the sheet. Methodological rules can be understood either from looking at the formula calculated or by reading the “help boxes” attached to some specific cells (whenever available). All the different rules cannot be defined here. For more details, please refer to the EC reports, and to the **BioGrace calculation rules**.

### 2.4.2 Presentation of the “General settings” box

Each pathway is composed of a “General settings” box. When a user opens a sheet for the first time, a comment box called “Please note!” appears (see below) to explain the purpose of the “General setting” box.



As explained in the comment box, in order to calculate GHG emission reductions, the user must provide information regarding the type of final energy produced (called Main output), its characteristics (called Conversion efficiencies) and, for some pathways, about the general features of the pathway (called Pathway configuration). The conversion efficiencies can be calculated using the “Calculate efficiencies” sheet (see paragraph 0 There are 3 sheets in the tool for the calculation of GHG emissions related to co-digestion of biomass:

- **Co-dig\_default** sheet can only be used for the purpose of calculating a new default value for the production of biogas or biomethane from codigestion of a combination of the following substrates (maize, wet manure and biowaste);
- **Bg-co-dig\_actual** sheet can be used to calculate actual GHG emissions for the production of electricity and/or heat, or cooling from biogas from a combination of any biomass;
- **Bm-co-dig\_actual** sheet can be used to calculate actual GHG emissions for the production of electricity and/or heat, or cooling from biomethane from a combination of any biomass.

### 2.4.3 How to use the Co-dig\_default sheet?

This sheet can only be used for the calculation of actual values. For more information on the calculation rules related to this sheet, please have a look at the document [BioGrace II calculation rules](#). A step by step description of the use of this sheet is presented in the table below.

#### Step by step description of the use of this sheet:

- **Step 1- Fill in the description of the process:** the description includes 3 types of information: the final energy carrier, the type and origin of the energy used in digestion (if “biogas” has been chosen as final energy carrier) or the upgrade process (if “biomethane” has been chosen as final energy carrier), and the


type of digestate storage.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
11	<b>Combination of default GHG values for codigestion</b>						
13	Feedstock type	Maize	Wet manure	Biowaste			
14	Final energy carrier	Bioogas					
15	Energy provision in digestion	Electricity and heat from CHP					
17	Digestate storage	Closed digestate					

- Step 2: Provide information on the actual feedstock share and the moisture content of each feedstock used.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
25	<b>Actual feedstock share</b>						
26	Share (M)		10000	20000	5000	kg <sub>wet mass</sub>	
27	Moisture content		65%	85%	62%	%	
29	<b>Calculated value</b>						
30	Feedstock share in energy content (S)		55,11%	19,68%	25,21%	%	
32	<b>Calculated emission factor</b>		g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> per MJ biogas				40,63

- Step 3- In case of biogas as final energy carrier; fill in the “General settings” box. In this box the user should provide information on the final energy produced: the main type of output, and the process efficiency associated with the final conversion of the pathway.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
36	<b>General settings (only for biogas pathways)</b>						
38	<b>Main output</b>			<b>Conversion efficiencies</b>			 When i rules r (contain
39	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity			Electrical efficiency			
40	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat			Thermal efficiency			
41	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooling (including heat and/or electricity)						
42	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity and heat			Temp of useful heat (°C)			

- Step 4: The total GHG emission reductions are given in the results box.

### 2.4.4 How to use the Bg-co-dig\_actual and Bm-co-dig\_actual sheets?

These sheets are built in the same way as other pathways for the production of biogas or biomethane, except that they are especially designed to calculate GHG emissions from the digestion of several feedstock.

Therefore, the step by step description below will focus on the first steps of these sheets for calculation of GHG emissions from upstream and from transport of substrates.

#### Step by step description of the use of this sheet:

- Step 1- Describe the upstream GHG emissions related to non-waste feedstock: the description includes 5 types of information: the type of substrate, the amount of substrate, the upstream GHG emissions per kg of substrate, the moisture content, and the LHV.

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Upstream emissions							
Upstream emissions (cultivation or point of generation of waste/residue)							
Type of substrate	Total amount kg <sub>wet</sub> / year	Upstream emissions g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / kg <sub>wet</sub>	moisture content	LHV <sub>dry</sub> MJ / kg <sub>dry</sub>	Total amount MJ / year	Feedstock share % (energy basis)	Upstream g
					0	#DIV/0!	
					0	#DIV/0!	
					0	#DIV/0!	
					0	#DIV/0!	
Total Input	0 kg <sub>wet</sub> / year				0 MJ / year		
Average upstream emissions (per MJ input)							
Average upstream emissions (per MJ biogas)							
Biogas yield							
Overall biogas yield					MJ Biogas / year		
Specific biogas yield	#DIV/0!				MJ Biogas / MJ input		
						Result	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>

- Step 2: Provide the overall biogas yield (see figure above).
- Step 3: Provide information related to the transport of all substrates (even for waste biomass). Select the most convenient truck type from the dropdown list and specify the distance of transport (in km).

Transport of substrates						
Transport emissions (transport of substrates as given in step above)						
Type of substrate	Total amount kg / year	Total amount MJ / year	Type of truck Select truck type from dropdown list	Transport distance (km)	Transport emissions g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / year	
0	0	0	Truck (40 ton) for manure (Diesel)		0,0	
0	0	0	Truck (40 ton) for dry product (Diesel)		0,0	
0	0	0			0,0	
0	0	0			0,0	
Total Input	0 MJ / year					
Total emissions (per year)					0,0 g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / year	
Average transport emissions (per MJ input)					#DIV/0! g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>input</sub>	
Average transport emissions (per MJ biogas)					#DIV/0! g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>biogas</sub>	
					Result	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Biogas</sub> #DIV/0!

- Step 4: Complete the rest of the sheet as for any other pathway for the production of biogas and biomethane.

How to use the Calculate efficiencies sheet?). As explained in the comment box, the most appropriate pathway configuration should be selected, but these configurations can also be adapted with actual values further down the calculation sheet.

## General settings

Main output	Conversion efficiencies	Pathway configuration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Heat <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling (including heat and / or electricity) <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity and heat	Electrical efficiency: 25,0% 85,0% 58,0% 150,0%	Transport distance (chips): above 10 000 km

When using this GHG calculation tool, the BioGrace calculation rules must be respected. The rules are included in the zip file (containing the complete tool) and also at [www.BioGrace.net](http://www.BioGrace.net)

Track changes: ON

Providing information on the final conversion (main output, efficiency of the process, etc.) makes it possible to calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in MJ final energy”.

Finally, the “Track change” button, presented in paragraph 2.2 Colour-coding of Excel cells in calculation sheets, is part of the “General settings” box.



### 2.4.5 Presentation of the “Values calculated from complete pathway” box

In each pathway, calculations start with a box called “Value calculated from complete pathway”. This box contains either one or two values, depending on the pathway. These values correspond to the overall yield (for two different units, in case of two values) for the total pathway. These values are used in the calculations to convert “MJ feedstock” into “MJ final energy carrier”.

31	Calculation per phase				
32					
33	Values calculated from complete pathway				
34	Overall yield per (hectare cropland, year)	182 314	MJ <sub>wood pellets</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	These values are used in the calculations below to convert MJ <sub>feedstock</sub> into MJ <sub>wood pellets</sub> . The purpose of this box is to facilitate copying rows or steps from one pathway to another, because these values are included in all pathways in cells C34 and C35.	
35	Overall yield per MJ input	0,7419	MJ <sub>wood pellets</sub> / MJ <sub>SRP input</sub>		
36					

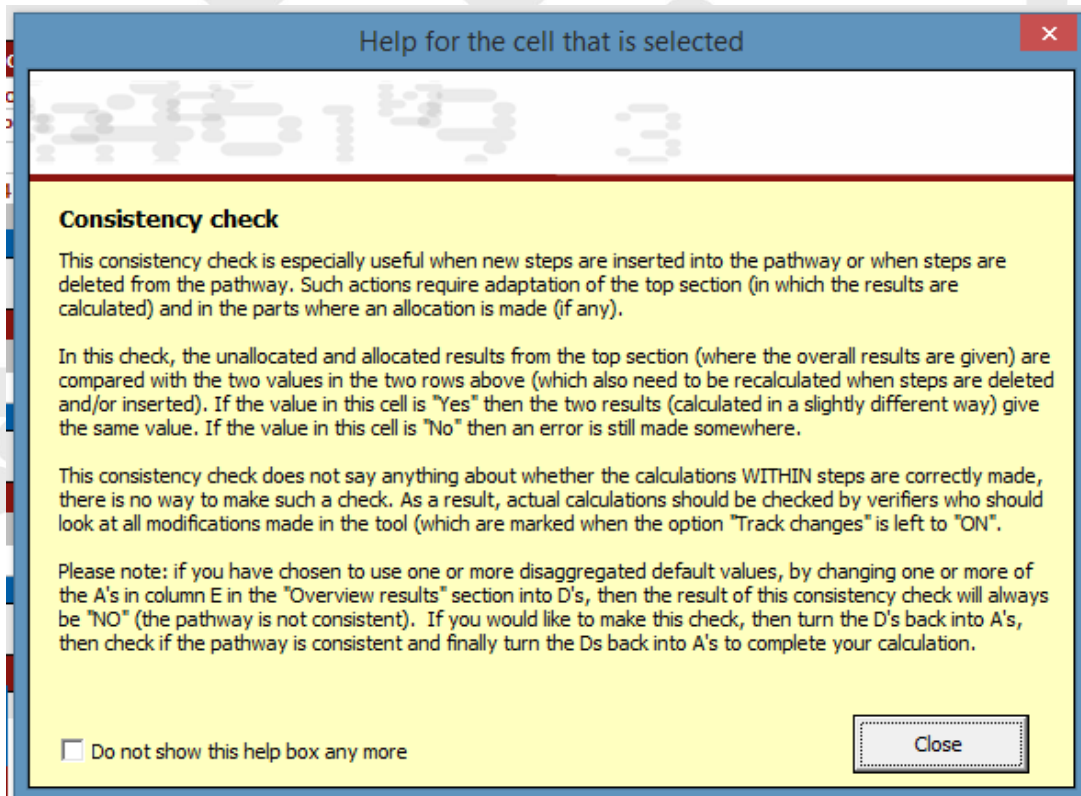
As explained in the box, the purpose of this box is to facilitate copying rows or steps from one pathway to another; because these values are included in all pathways in cells C36 and C37 (more detailed information on copying rows or steps are provided in paragraph 3-Function 1: Adapting pathways to calculate an actual value)

### 2.4.6 Presentation of the “Consistency check” box

Each pathway ends with a “consistency check” box. This box aims at checking that calculations have been made properly when the pathways have been changed.

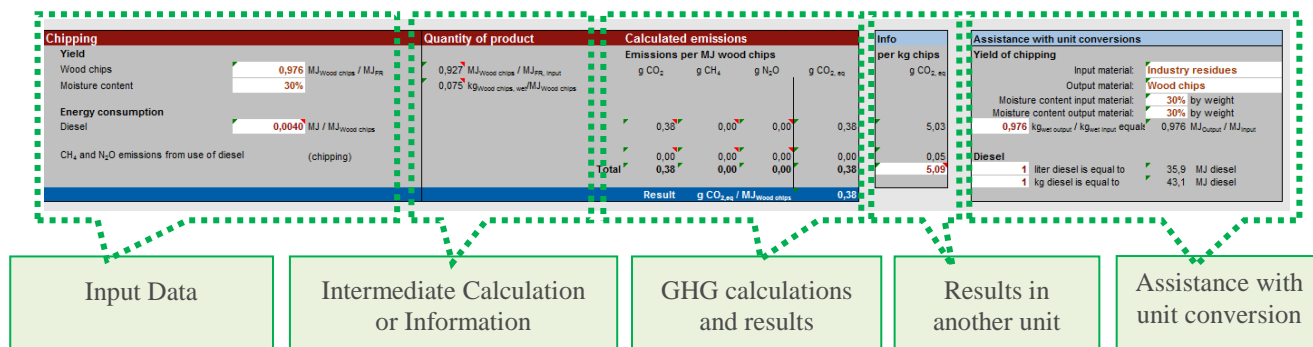
160	Consistency check			
161	Total emission without allocation	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>CHIPS</sub>	44,78	
162	Total emission with allocation	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>CHIPS</sub>	44,78	
163	Is pathway consistent?	Yes		
164	End of pathway			
165				

A comment box explaining the purpose of this consistency box is provided in the “Yes” or “No” cell placed at the bottom right corner of the box.



### 2.4.7 Presentation of a module

Each pathway is composed of several modules which correspond to different steps of the pathway.



A module contains the following data (see figure above):

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

- Names and quantity of inputs, of yields, etc, are given here. Three main types of input data are listed in the module:

- **Yield of the step**, using the appropriate unit. These yields are given for the main product, and also for all the existing co-products. No co-product mentioned means that this step doesn't have any co-product.
- **Energy consumption** (electricity, heat and diesel consumption): Heat or electricity can either be bought or come from a boiler or a CHP. In such cases, more complex calculations are made to calculate the GHG emissions, with if necessary, allocations. The use of boilers and CHPs is further explained in paragraph 2.4.11.
- **Other inputs** such as chemical, transports, etc.
- **Units**: this is the key information to take into account. Beware that the units are often given per MJ of products. As explained in paragraph 2.4.9, units used in the tool should not be changed. To help the user of the tool to convert his input data into the correct unit, "Assistance with unit conversions" boxes are provided (see paragraph below).

**Intermediate calculation information:** some relevant information is given in the central part of the module (columns E, F and G). They are helpful to give easier understanding of some calculation stages. They can also provide intermediate calculation useful for further parts of the tool. In this example the quantity of product (in MJ wood chips per MJ forest residues) and intermediate yield data appear.

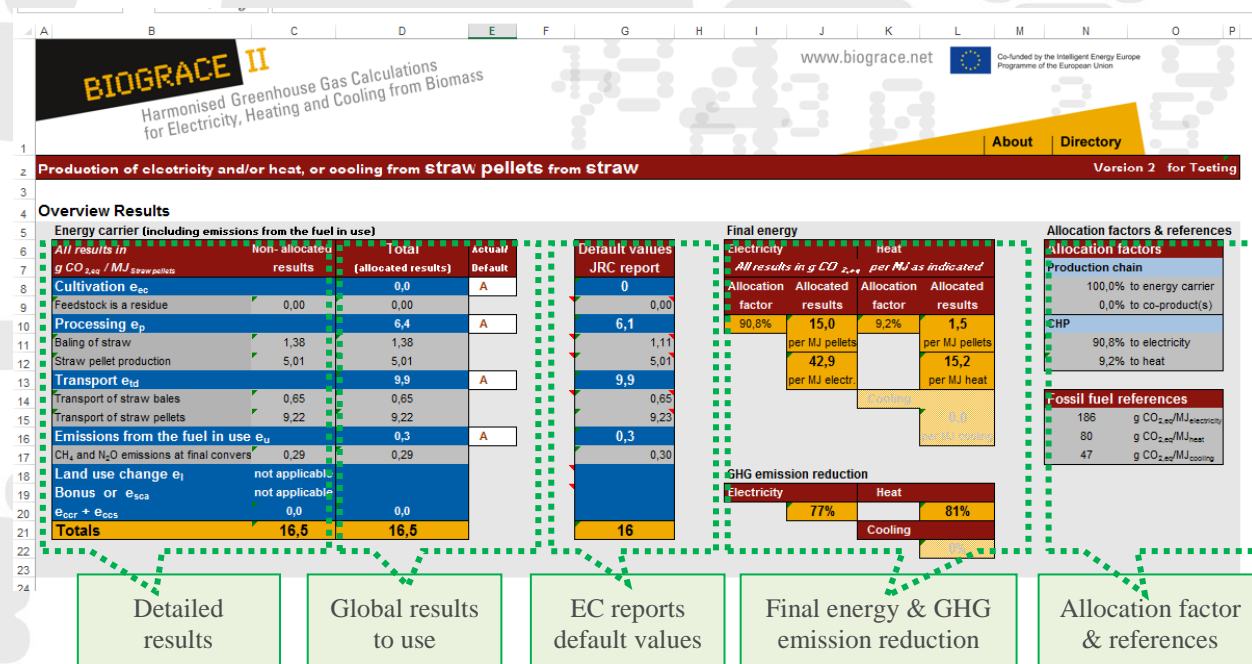
**GHG Calculation:** the right side of the tool is the calculation part. The global warming potentials for the three main gases are taken from the "Standard values" sheet.

**Results:** are given in the bottom of the module in blue cells. The unit ( $\text{g CO}_{2,\text{eq}}$  per MJ final carrier) is also given in order to easily keep track of it.

**Results in another unit:** the last column offers results or intermediate data in a more easy-to-manipulate unit (in general,  $\text{g CO}_{2,\text{eq}}$  per kg of chips). Note that in this module (column N) data are given per kg of energy carrier including moisture.

**Assistance with unit conversions:** this box provides some guidance to convert input data from the user specific unit into the proper unit of the module. For instance to convert a distance from nautical sea miles into km. Some modules dealing with specific issues can be found at the bottom of each calculation sheet. Indeed, some agricultural practices or local conditions also need to be taken into account within the EC reports methodology, for instance no tillage, or carbon storage. Issues like "Land-Use-Changes", "CO<sub>2</sub> storage", "Improved agricultural management", have been added to specifically address and take into account these subjects in each calculation sheet.

### 2.4.8 Presentation of the Overview Results module



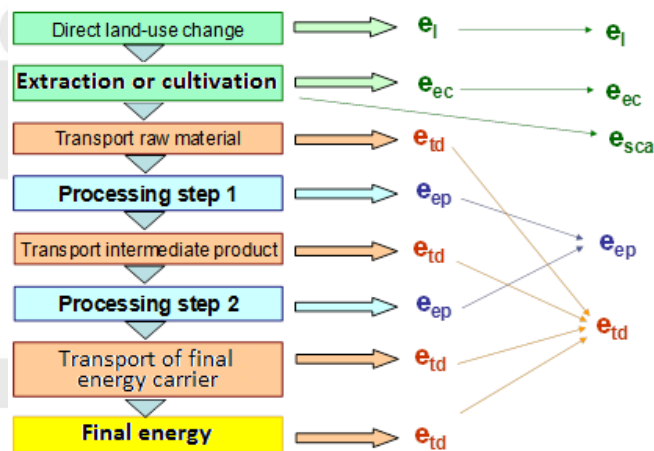
The first lines of each Excel sheet present the results synthetically for the pathway calculated in this Excel sheet. It is made of 5 main parts:

**Detailed results:** this first part gives the step by step results before and after allocation. The aggregated results written in white text correspond to the disaggregated results provided in the JRC report (see the box below). Several calculation modules can contribute to each step. This part also provides information on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions caused by the CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions at final combustion ( $e_u$ ).

#### Box 2: Basis for assessing the GHG emission savings of solid and gaseous biomass

The assessment of GHG emission savings of biomass carried out by JRC for this Staff Working Document is based broadly on the simplified methodology contained in the Commission report on biomass sustainability published in 2010 (see Annex 1 of COM(2010)11), which is based on the following formula:

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



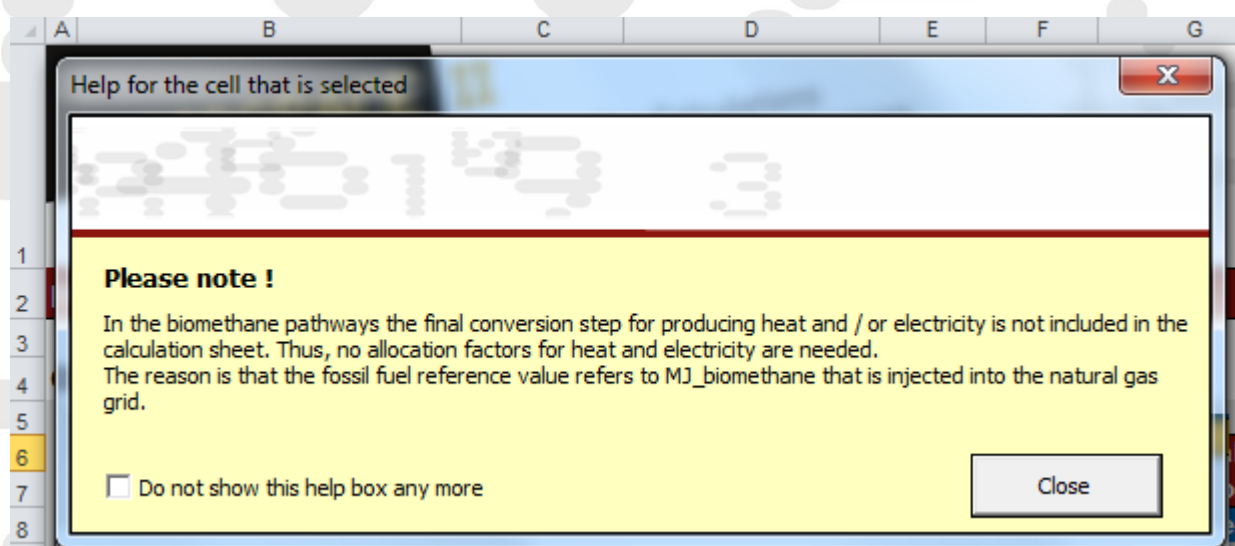
**Global results to use:** the first column of this part gives step by step actual results calculated for the present Excel sheet. The second column, column E, is very important to calculate final GHG emissions for this pathway. It enables using a mix of both disaggregated default value and disaggregated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

JRC report **default values:** column G gives a clear and direct comparison with the default values taken from the JRC report.

**Final energy & GHG emission reduction:** this part brings important information to the user. The main one is the GHG emission reduction achieved with this bioenergy pathway as compared to fossil fuel. This data is to be used to show that the sustainability criteria on GHG savings are met (or not). According to the final energy selected in the general settings box (see 2.4.2 Presentation of the “General settings” box), final results are presented in g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> per MJ of cooling, electricity and/or heat.

**Note** that for biomethane pathways, the final energy part is different because the biomethane is injected into the natural gas grid without final conversion (see figure below).





**Allocation factors & references:** this part provides two important data. The first information is on the allocation factors for the whole production chain and/or for the CHP, if any. The allocation factor for the whole production chain is only relevant for stakeholders that generate co-products during the production chain. In such a case, the emissions of processing steps up to this separation point are split between the main product and the co-product based on their yield and energy content.

The allocation factor for the CHP is only relevant for stakeholders that produce electricity and heat as a final energy, i.e. users that have selected “Electricity and heat” as main output in the General settings box (see paragraph 2.4.2).

The second information is the fossil fuel references used to calculate the GHG emission factors (see next paragraph).

**Please note!:** You will find in column E of the result module very important checkboxes. They are here for implementing the possibility left by the EC reports, to assess GHG emission from a mix between disaggregated defaults values given in the JRC report, and disaggregated actual values. The “A” of the checkbox list means that the value used for this step in column D is coming from the Excel sheet actual calculation. The letter “D” means that the value used for this step in column D is coming from the JRC report disaggregated default value (presented in column G).

For instance, if you want to use for the cultivation step  $e_{ec}$  the disaggregated default value of the JRC report and only for this part, than you should choose the letter “D” from the checkbox list of line 8. The letter on lines 10 and 12 of the same column E should stay positioned on “A” to get back actual



values calculated in the modules below of the BioGrace tool.

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

### 2.4.9 Presentation of the final conversion module

In all pathways (except for the production of biogas and biomethane– see 2.4.8), the last module of pathway is the final conversion (see figure below). In this module N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> emissions caused by the combustion of the final energy carrier into the final energy are calculated. More information on the CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to the final conversion can be found in the help box associated with these emissions (see red triangles in the figure below). This module is automatically filled using the information from the “General settings” box.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
37	Emissions from final conversion												
38													
39	Final conversion (CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions only)												Actual
40	Combustion emissions already included		No	(are the combustion emissions already included in the result given in cell D21)									default
41	Type of fuel used in end conversion		Wood chip					g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq		
42	Type of end conversion		Boiler										
43	Include following emissions		CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from Wood chip Boiler					0,00	0,00	0,00	0,41		
44													
45	Emissions will be added in result section												0,50
46													

### 2.4.10 Units used

A major point of attention is that the tool is designed with all the data associated to specific units. Therefore, to avoid any calculation errors, changing units is not permitted; instead the user should convert his/her data collected into the units that are used in the tool. For each input consumed during the life cycle, the quantity of input is converted in the quantity needed per MJ of final energy carrier. This quantity is then multiplied by the global warming potentials for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O which results in CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents per MJ of final energy carrier. Then the final conversion (see 2.4.9) enables to get all emissions per MJ of final energy.

To convert input data from the user specific unit into the unit used in the tool, “Assistance with unit conversions” boxes are provided (see paragraph 2.4.7).

### 2.4.11 Calculation details about N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to crop cultivation

For pathways with crop cultivation, field N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are to be taken into account in the GHG calculation of your product. These emissions mainly occur during the crop production step because of soil’s microorganism’s activity. In each pathway, during the crop cultivation step, field N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are to be calculated.

Cultivation of maize			Quantity of product		Calculated emissions			
Yield					Emissions per MJ biogas			
Corn/Maize whole crop	46 167	kg ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	273 076	MJ <sub>Maize</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
Moisture content	65%		1,000	MJ / MJ <sub>Maize, input</sub>				
			0,3	kg <sub>Maize</sub> /MJ <sub>Biogas</sub>				
Energy consumption								
Diesel	4 230	MJ ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			2,40	0,00	0,00	2,40
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from use of diesel (harvesting)					0,00	0,00	0,00	0,03
Agro chemicals								
N-fertiliser (kg N)	71,9	kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			1,73	0,00	0,00	2,78
Manure	0,0	kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Seeding material								
Seeds- corn	25,4	kg ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,03	0,00	0,00	0,05
Field N <sub>2</sub> O emissions					0,00	0,00	0,04	11,44
Field N <sub>2</sub> O emissions can be calculated with GNOC Please also fill in the sheet 'N <sub>2</sub> O field emissions GNOC'					Total	5,17	0,01	0,04
					Result	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ <sub>Biogas</sub>		17,79

In the tool, two models are used to evaluate N<sub>2</sub>O field emissions: the Global Nitrous Oxide Calculator, GNOC (see paragraph 6.3) and the IPCC TIER 1 methodology (see paragraph 6.4). A specific sheet has been provided for each method of calculation.

The GNOC is an online calculator (<http://gnoc.jrc.ec.europa.eu>) developed by JRC, that should be used to estimate N<sub>2</sub>O field emissions for all the types of crops available in the model (see the list of crops in the online tool). For other types of biomass such as jatropha, energy grass and short rotation forestry (poplar and eucalyptus in the tool), calculation following the IPCC TIER 1 methodology should be used.

A link to the sheets “N<sub>2</sub>O emissions IPCC” and “N<sub>2</sub>O emissions GNOC” have been placed right below the cell where the information about N<sub>2</sub>O field emissions should be provided (see figure above).

### 2.4.12 Calculation details about GHG emissions from boilers and CHP

For pathways using heat in their process (e.g. most pellets production pathways) several configurations regarding the source of heat can be selected by the user of the tool. For pellet pathways, the user can choose between five configurations (see figure below) according to the process (boiler or CHP), the type of fuel (wood chip or wood pellet) and the possibility to make actual calculations.

General settings										
<b>Main output</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Heat <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity and heat	<b>Conversion efficiencies</b> <table> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>									<b>Pathway configuration</b> Heat provision in pellet production: <div>Wood chip boiler</div> <div>           Natural gas boiler            Wood chip boiler            Wood chip CHP (heat dim.)            Wood chip boiler/CHP (act. calc.)            Wood pellet boiler/CHP (act. calc.)         </div>

When the user selects a configuration, the related processing step (e.g. Wood pellet/briquette production) is automatically adjusted to fit the selection. The part of the process that is specific to the configuration selected is coloured in light grey in the process (see figure below).

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for Electricity, Heating and Cooling from Biomass

Wood pellet/briquette production		Quantity of product		Calculated emissions	
Yield				Emissions per MJ wood pe	
Pelletising efficiency	0,990 MJ <sub>Wood pellets</sub> / MJ <sub>Wood chips</sub>	0,755 MJ <sub>Wood pellets, gross</sub> / MJ <sub>FR, input</sub>		g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>
Wood pellets	0,774 MJ <sub>Wood pellets, gross</sub> / MJ <sub>Wood chips</sub>	0,755 MJ <sub>Wood pellets, net</sub> / MJ <sub>FR, input</sub>			
Wood pellets	0,774 MJ <sub>Wood pellets, net</sub> / MJ <sub>Wood chips</sub>	0,058 kg <sub>Wood pellets</sub> / MJ <sub>Wood pellets</sub>			
Moisture content of wood pellets	10%				
Factor from typical to default values	1,2				
Energy consumption		(emissions are calculated below the light grey boiler/CHP box)			
Electricity (including input into boiler)	0,0499 MJ / MJ <sub>Wood pellets, gross</sub>				
Diesel	0,0020 MJ / MJ <sub>Wood pellets, gross</sub>	(internal transport)		0,19	0,00
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from use of diesel				0,00	0,00
Heat	0,1853 MJ / MJ <sub>Wood chips to be dried</sub>				
Wood chip boiler	1	Emissions wood chip boiler included in final results			
Thermal efficiency of wood chip boiler	85,0 % (MJ <sub>heat</sub> / MJ <sub>Wood chips</sub> )	Click here for information on calculation strategy			
Wood chips to be fired in CHP are:	dried	Please note: not dried wood chips will lead to a lower thermal efficiency of the boiler			
Wood chip consumption in boiler	0,2815 MJ / MJ <sub>Wood pellets, gross</sub>	The chips are dried towards same moisture content as chips fed to pelletiser, requ			
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from wood chip boiler		Amount of wood chips used for generation of heat		0,00	0,00
Electricity use in boiler	No input needed as the electricity use in the boiler is already included in the electricity use given above				
Total electricity use in wood pellet production plus boiler					
Electricity EU mix (0.4 kV)	0,0499 MJ / MJ <sub>Wood pellets, gross</sub>			9,47	0,03
				Total	11,59
					0,04
				Result	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>wo</sub>

Information on the calculation strategy can be found in the orange box or in the document **BioGrace II calculation rules**.

## 2.4.13 Specific calculation points to be known

Cultivation of maize		Quantity of product		Calculated emissions		Info	
Yield				Emissions per MJ Biomethane		per kg maize	per ha, year
Corn/Maize whole crop	46 167 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	273 076 MJ <sub>Maize</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>		g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>	kg CO <sub>2,eq</sub>
Moisture content	65%	1,000 MJ / MJ <sub>Maize, input</sub>					
		0,35 kg <sub>Maize</sub> / MJ <sub>biomethane</sub>					
Energy consumption							
Diesel	4 230 MJ ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			2,78	0,00	8,03	370,5
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from use of diesel	(harvesting)			0,00	0,00	0,09	4,1
Agro chemicals							
N-fertiliser (kg N)	71,9 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			2,00	0,00	9,27	428,0
Manure	0,0 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0
CaO-fertiliser (calculated as kg CaO)	256,9 kg CaO ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,12	0,00	0,38	17,5
K <sub>2</sub> O-fertiliser (kg K <sub>2</sub> O)	27,3 kg K <sub>2</sub> O ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,11	0,00	0,34	15,5
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -fertiliser (kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	43,9 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,33	0,00	0,99	45,7
Pesticides	7,9 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			0,61	0,00	1,95	90,0

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

This calculation relies on the match between the name of the inputs (“N-fertiliser”, “K<sub>2</sub>O-fertiliser”, etc.) and the names in the “standard values” sheet. Excel formulas are used to call the right GHG emission coefficients for each input (formula “VLOOKUP” in English<sup>3</sup>). It is therefore very important to use the

<sup>3</sup> or “VERT.ZOEKEN” in Dutch, or “RECHERCHEV” in French, or “SVERWEIS” in German language respectively

appropriate name of input/output if one changes an input value in the calculation sheets. For instance, if the user wants to use an own standard value, this value has to be created in the “user defined standard values”, and the same name must be used in the calculation sheet.

### 3 Function 1: Adapting pathways to calculate an actual value

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

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

- Changing input data ;
- Using the result from previous and partial GHG calculations ;
- Adding specific standard values for existing inputs ;
- Adding new input in the process ;

#### 3.1 Modifying input data only

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

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

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

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

### 3.2 Using the result from previous and partial GHG calculations

Calculation sheets of the BioGrace II tool allow that GHG calculations are made for part of the bioenergy pathway and – after verification – are used as input in a new calculation for the rest of the bioenergy pathway. These inputs can take into account individual or multiple steps.

Note that the sheet “Final conv. Only” has been created for companies that buy ready to use energy carriers and transform them into final energy. This sheet will allow them to calculate the GHG emission reduction (see 6.5 How to use the Final Conversion Only sheet?).

Specific calculation rules have been written in the document [BioGrace II calculation rules](#). These rules should be followed while using the result from previous and partial GHG calculations.

General information and requirements when doing such modifications:

- These results of the previous calculation shall be expressed in g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> per kg of feedstock (including moisture if relevant).
- Changing such a value will overwrite all values and calculations in that step.
- Changes shall be done also in the result module at the top of the sheet to make the modification more transparent.

There are two different kinds of values that can be entered:

- One or more unallocated results for individual steps.
- One result for multiple steps.

For each type of value specific modifications are needed in the pathway. The practical modifications needed are explained below followed by one example for each type of value.

1. One or more unallocated results for individual steps

- **Step 1:** Result(s) for individual step(s) shall be entered in the cells with white background colour in column N for the corresponding step.
- **Step 2:** In the result section of the pathway, it shall be indicated in column E that an “individual result from a previous calculation” has been inputted, causing the result line(s) (columns A-G) for the individual step(s) in question to become orange-coloured.

2. One result for multiple steps.

- **Step 1:** One combined result for more than one step shall be entered in the cells with white background colour in column N for the last step in the combined result (so the combined result

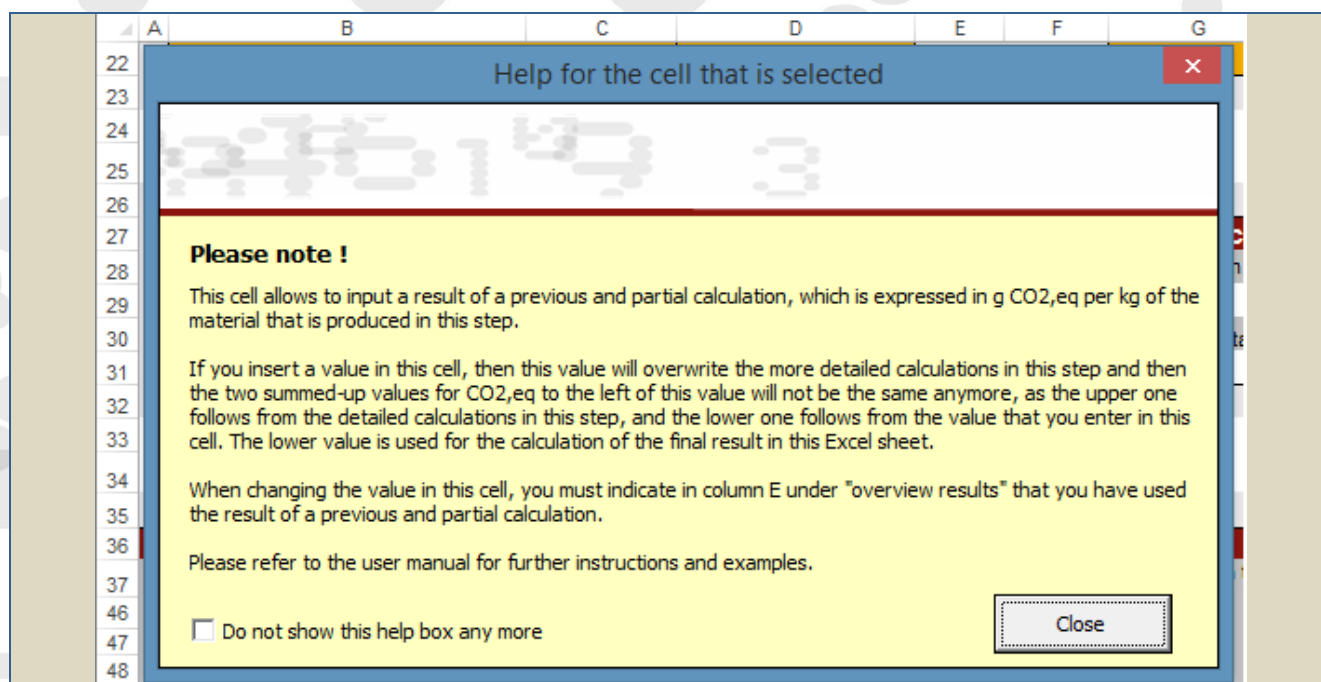


- **Step 2:** In the cells with white background colour in column N for the previous steps that are included in the combined result, the value “0” shall be entered.
- **Step 3:** In the result section of the pathway, it shall be indicated in row E that a “combined result from a previous calculation” has been inputted. This shall also be done for all the previous steps included in the combined result, causing the result lines (rows A-G) for these steps to become orange-coloured. If needs be, Land use change (el) as well as improved agricultural management (esca) shall be considered to be steps different from cultivation and as a result the combination of “cultivation” plus “land use change” as well as the combination “cultivation” plus “improved agricultural management” shall be considered to be multiple steps.
- **Step 4:** If a co-product is formed in one of the steps included in the combined result, then in the BioGrace II Excel tool the allocation factor for this step shall be set to 100% towards the main product and 0% to the co-product. This shall be done by entering the value “100” for the related factor placed into the “Allocation factors” box which is situated on the top of the sheet at the right of the result section.

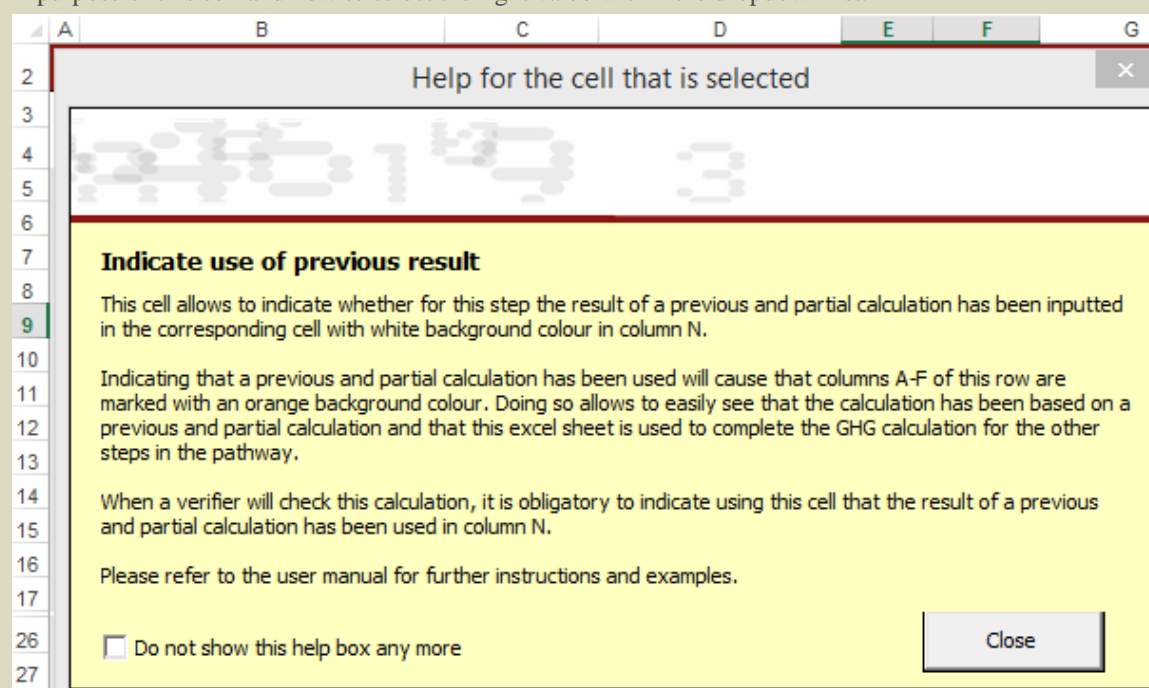
This example explains how to use the result from an individual calculation for “cultivation and harvesting of stemwood” step in the “wood pellets/briquettes from stemwood” pathway in the BioGrace II calculation tool. The unit of the result provided is in g CO<sub>2</sub>,eq per kg of stemwood. This could happen in practice to a company responsible for transport and chipping of stemwood, which gets stemwood for which a calculation has already been made and verified. Please note that in this example there was no land use change and no improved agricultural management.

- **Step 1:** The result for the “cultivation and harvesting of stemwood” step shall be entered in cell N51.

When selecting this cell, a help box appears (see below) which provides more details on how to use the results from previous calculations.



- **Step 2:** In the result section at the top of the pathway, the value in cell E9 should be put to “Individual result of previous calculation” using the dropdown list. When selecting cell E9, a help box appears to explain the purpose of this cell and how to select the right value within the dropdown list.



The line should then become orange-coloured (see figure below).

Production of electricity and/or heat, or cooling from wood pellets/briquettes from						
Overview Results						
Energy carrier (including emissions from the fuel in use)						
All results in	Non-allocated	Total	Actual/	Default values		
g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ Wood pellets	results	(allocated results)	Default	JRC report		
Cultivation e <sub>ec</sub>		1,0	A	1,1		
Cultivation and harvesting	1,05	1,05	Individual result of previous	1,05		
Processing e <sub>p</sub>		31,1	Individual result of previous	31,1		
Chipping	0,39	0,39	Combined result of previous	0,39		
Wood pellet/briquette production	30,73	30,73		30,72		
Transport e <sub>td</sub>		9,4	A	9,4		
Transport of stemwood	0,00	0,00		0,00		
Transport of wood chips	1,02	1,02		1,02		
Transport of wood pellets	8,34	8,34		8,35		
Emissions from the fuel in use e <sub>fu</sub>		0,3	A	0,3		
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions at final conversion	0,30	0,30		0,30		
Land use change e <sub>l</sub>	0,0	0,0				
Bonus or e <sub>sca</sub>	0,0	0,0				
e <sub>pcr</sub> + e <sub>ocs</sub>	0,0	0,0				
Totals	41,8	41,8		42		

### Step by step example: for one value including multiple steps

This example explains how to use the result from an individual calculation for all the emissions that occurred at the “cultivation and harvesting of stemwood” step until the “transport of woodchips” step (also included), in the “wood pellets/briquettes from stemwood plantation” pathway. The unit of the result provided is in g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> per kg of wood chips. This could happen in practice to a company which produces pellets from wood chips. To make the calculations, the following steps must be performed:

- Step 1:** The value must be put into the result in column N for the step “Transport of wood chips” (i.e. cell N95), since it is the last step in the combined result.

Transport of wood chips													
Quantity of product				Calculated emissions				Info					
Wood chips				Emissions per MJ wood pellets				per kg <sub>wet</sub> wood chips					
Moisture content				g CO <sub>2</sub>				g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>					
50%				0,978 MJ <sub>Wood chips</sub> / MJ <sub>Stemwood</sub>									
				0,108 kg <sub>Wood chips, wet</sub> / MJ <sub>Wood pellets</sub>									
Transport per				0,0123 ton km / MJ <sub>Stemwood, input</sub>				9,56					
Truck (40 ton) for chips (and similar size)				1,01									
Fuel				0,00				0,00					
No emissions				0,00				0,00					
Fuel				0,00				0,00					
No emissions				0,00				0,00					
Fuel				0,00				0,00					
Total				1,01				9,56					
Result				g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Wood pellets</sub>				1,02					

- Step 2:** A “0” is put into the cells with a white background colour in column N for all the previous steps that are included in the combined result: i.e. cells N51 for the “cultivation and harvesting”, cell N65 for “Transport of stemwood”, and cell N79 for “Chipping” of stemwood.
- Step 3:** In the result section of the pathway, the value in cells E9, E11, E14, and E15 should be put to “combined result from a previous calculation” using the dropdown list. The lines become orange-coloured (see next figure). Also for el and for esca it shall be indicated in row E when a “combined result from a previous calculation” has been inputted.

Production of electricity and/or heat, or cooling from wood pellets/briquettes from					
<b>Overview Results</b>					
Energy carrier (including emissions from the fuel in use)					
All results in g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Wood pellets</sub>	Non- allocated results	Total (allocated results)	Actual/ Default	Default values JRC report	
<b>Cultivation e<sub>ec</sub></b>		<b>1,0</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>1,1</b>	
Cultivation and harvesting	1,05	1,05	Combined result of p	1,05	
<b>Processing e<sub>p</sub></b>		<b>31,1</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>31,1</b>	
Chipping	0,39	0,39	Combined result of p	0,39	
Wood pellet/briquette production	30,73	30,73		30,72	
<b>Transport e<sub>td</sub></b>		<b>9,4</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>9,4</b>	
Transport of stemwood	0,00	0,00	Combined result of p	0,00	
Transport of wood chips	1,02	1,02	Combined result of p	1,02	
Transport of wood pellets	8,34	8,34	Individual result of previous Combined result of previous	8,35	
<b>Emissions from the fuel in use e<sub>u</sub></b>		<b>0,3</b>		<b>0,3</b>	
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions at final convers	0,30	0,30		0,30	
<b>Land use change e<sub>l</sub></b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>			
<b>Bonus or e<sub>sca</sub></b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>			
<b>e<sub>ccr</sub> + e<sub>ccs</sub></b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41,8</b>	<b>41,8</b>		<b>42</b>	

### 3.3 Adding specific standard values for existing input

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

In order to do so, the dedicated Excel sheet named “user defined standard values” should be used as the Excel sheet “standard values” is protected and cannot be changed.

Adding new standard value requires applying the following principles:

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

### Step by step example:

The tool user wants to add a specific standard value for a specific fertiliser instead of using the N-fertiliser standard value pre-defined in the tool. The following example corresponds to the modification of the standard value used for the N-fertiliser used for the production of electricity, heat or cooling from biomethane from maize.

For that, the following steps must be performed:

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

4	User Defined Standard Values									
	parameter:	Comments	GHG emission coefficient							
5	unit:		gCO <sub>2</sub> /kg	gCH <sub>4</sub> /kg	gN <sub>2</sub> O/kg	gCO <sub>2-eq</sub> /kg	gCO <sub>2</sub> /MJ	gCH <sub>4</sub> /MJ	gN <sub>2</sub> O	
6										
7	User defined standard values									
8										
9	Example 1 (diesel from standard values)									
10	Example 2 (methanol from standard values)									
11	Example 3 (Urea ammonium nitrate (UAN) )									
12			3906,3	6,79	6,2289	5906,25				
13						0				

- Step 2:** Write the name in the first available free line of the standard value in column C ("N-fertiliser - User1"). Make sure that the given name is different from any other of your added values and of the "Standard values" sheet.
- Step 3:** Add your own values in the columns with the appropriate unit (from column E to S). If you have a unique value in g CO<sub>2,eq</sub> (and not in CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O), than fill out the first column in g CO<sub>2</sub> as the columns H and L, with unit "g CO<sub>2,eq</sub>" is calculated automatically and should not be changed. Please, note that you also have to add "0" value to the two other columns (for CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O) the other cells to avoid error messages in pathway calculation.

4	User Defined Standard Values									
	parameter:	Comments	GHG emission coefficient							
5	unit:		gCO <sub>2</sub> /kg	gCH <sub>4</sub> /kg	gN <sub>2</sub> O/kg	gCO <sub>2-eq</sub> /kg	gCO <sub>2</sub> /MJ	gCH <sub>4</sub> /MJ	gN <sub>2</sub> O/MJ	
6										
7	User defined standard values									
8										
9	Example 1 (diesel from standard values)									
10	Example 2 (methanol from standard values)									
11	Example 3 (Urea ammonium nitrate (UAN) )									
12	N-fertiliser - User1									
13			2400,0	0,00	0,0000	2400,0				

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

4	User Defined Standard Values									
	parameter:	Comments	GHG emission coefficient							
5	unit:		gCO <sub>2</sub> /kg	gCH <sub>4</sub> /kg	gN <sub>2</sub> O/kg	gCO <sub>2-eq</sub> /kg	gCO <sub>2</sub> /MJ	gCH <sub>4</sub> /MJ	gN <sub>2</sub> O/MJ	
6										
7	User defined standard values									
8										
9	Example 1 (diesel from standard values)									
10	Example 2 (methanol from standard values)									
11	Example 3 (Urea ammonium nitrate (UAN) )									
12	N-fertiliser - User1									
13										

- Step 5:** Go to the pathway where you want to use this modified standard value. Modify the name of the N-fertiliser input called in column B into "N-fertiliser - User1". Please note that the name must be exactly written in the same way as in the "user defined standard value" sheet. Modify the quantity if needed in column C of the same line.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
49		Agro chemicals												
50		N-fertiliser - User1	63,2 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>						1,16	0,00	0,00	1,16		3,72
51		Mamure	0,0 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>						0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00
52		Biogas digestate	123,8 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>						0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00		
53		CaO-fertiliser (calculated as kg CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	458,7 kg CaO ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>						0,16	0,00	0,00	0,18		0,57
54		K <sub>2</sub> O-fertiliser (kg K <sub>2</sub> O)	24,0 kg K <sub>2</sub> O ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>						0,11	0,00	0,00	0,12		0,37
55		P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -fertiliser (kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	38,6 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>						0,33	0,00	0,00	0,35		1,11

- Step 6:** Check and modify the formulas in columns I, J and K if they are not calling the right columns. At least one modification must be done in the formula, because the new data is stored in the sheet “User defined standard values” and not “Standard values” any more. Others modifications in the formula may be necessary. This could be the case if the unit of your modified standard value is not the same as the unit of the pre-defined standard value of the same product. To change formulae follow the example below (the column position to change are shown in yellow):

**Initial formula in cell I51** of the previous picture =  $=\$C51*\text{VLOOKUP}(\$B51; \text{Standard values}! \$C\$9: \$\$275; 3; \text{FALSE})/\$C\$35$

**New formula in cell I50** =  $=\$C51*\text{VLOOKUP}(\$B51; \text{User defined standard values}! \$C\$9: \$\$275; 3; \text{FALSE})/\$C\$35$

The number “3” refer to the columns where the values are taken from. This number can change if the unit change from CO<sub>2</sub> per kg to CO<sub>2</sub> per MJ for example.

### 3.4 Adding an input in a pathway that exists in the “user defined standard value” sheet

#### Step by step example:

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

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

Baling of straw		Quantity of product	Calculated emissions			
Yield			Emissions per MJ straw pellets			
Straw bales	0,98 MJ <sub>Straw bales</sub> / MJ <sub>Straw, input</sub>	0,98 MJ <sub>Straw bales</sub> / MJ <sub>Straw, input</sub>	g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2, eq</sub>
Moisture content	13,5%	0,068 kg <sub>Straw bales</sub> / MJ <sub>Straw pellets</sub>				
Energy consumption						
Diesel	0,0115 MJ / MJ <sub>Straw bales</sub>		1,09	0,00	0,00	1,09
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from use of diesel (forestry collection)			0,00	0,00	0,00	0,01
Total			1,09	0,00	0,00	1,10
Result			g CO <sub>2, eq</sub> / MJ <sub>Straw pellets</sub> 1,10			

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

38	Over	Paste Special...	because this value is included in all pathways in cell C38											
39		Insert...												
40		Delete...												
41	Feedstock is a re	Clear Contents												
42	Yield	Quick Analysis												
43	Straw	Filter												
44		Sort												
45		Insert Comment												
46		Format Cells...												
47		Pick From Drop-down List...												
48		Define Name...												
49		Hyperlink...												
50	Baling of straw													
51	Yield													
52	Straw bales													
53	Moisture content													
54	Energy consump													
55	Diesel													
56	CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emiss													
57														
58														
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60														
61														
62														



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

Baling of straw	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Yield		Emissions per MJ straw pellets	per kg straw b
Straw bales	0,98 MJ straw bales / MJ straw input	g CO <sub>2</sub> g CH <sub>4</sub> g N <sub>2</sub> O g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
Moisture content	13,5%		
Energy consumption			
Diesel	0,0115 MJ / MJ straw bales	1,09 0,00 0,00 1,09	16,10
Gasoline	0,0030 MJ / MJ straw bales	0,28 0,00 0,00 0,28	
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from use of diesel (forestry collection)		0,00 0,00 0,00 0,01	0,17
Total		1,37 0,00 0,00 1,38	20,39
Result		g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ straw pellets	

- Step 4:** On the same line, add the calculation formulas in columns I, J and K according to the unit in which the GHG emission coefficients are expressed (per kg or per MJ). The formula can be copied/pasted from existing input. When the formula is written or copied, please check that the proper cells have been used in the formula and that units are consistent. The same work can be carried out in column N "info".

Baling of straw	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Yield		Emissions per MJ straw pellets	per kg straw b
Straw bales	0,98 MJ straw bales / MJ straw input	g CO <sub>2</sub> g CH <sub>4</sub> g N <sub>2</sub> O g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
Moisture content	13,5%		
Energy consumption			
Diesel	0,0115 MJ / MJ straw bales	1,09 0,00 0,00 1,09	16,10
Gasoline	0,0030 MJ / MJ straw bales	0,28 0,00 0,00 0,28	
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from use of diesel (forestry collection)		0,00 0,00 0,00 0,01	0,17
Total		1,37 0,00 0,00 1,38	20,39
Result		g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ straw pellets	

- Step 5:** Check that the "Total" line is correctly taking into account the added input. For that, the sum in column I to L must include the added line.

Baling of straw	Quantity of product	Calculated emissions	Info
Yield		Emissions per MJ straw pellets	per kg straw b
Straw bales	0,98 MJ straw bales / MJ straw input	g CO <sub>2</sub> g CH <sub>4</sub> g N <sub>2</sub> O g CO <sub>2</sub> eq	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
Moisture content	13,5%		
Energy consumption			
Diesel	0,0115 MJ / MJ straw bales	1,09 0,00 0,00 1,09	16,10
Gasoline	0,0030 MJ / MJ straw bales	0,28 0,00 0,00 0,28	
CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from use of diesel (forestry collection)		0,00 0,00 0,00 0,01	0,17
Total		1,37 0,00 0,00 1,38	20,39
Result		g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ straw pellets	

### 3.5 Adding a new input in a pathway

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

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

## 4 Function 2: Using the tool to have details on default value calculations

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

The list of the pathways can be found in the “Directory” sheet with links to each pathway Excel sheet. All calculations are presented step by step, following the well to wheel approach.

Looking in detail at a calculation sheet gives a lot of information on how the calculations were made and on how the EC reports methodology was applied. For instance and without being exhaustive, you can find detailed information on the following issues:

- Which **steps and inputs have been taken into account** in the JRC report default value calculations:
  - The different steps encompassed and the way they are modelled (e.g. has the transport of bagasse pellets been taken into account in the JRC report default value?);
  - All the different inputs taken into account for the calculation (and conversely, one can deduct the inputs not taken into account);
- **Input quantities taken into account**, for instance yields (for cultivation and processing steps), energy consumption, chemical consumption, distance, etc. It is possible to click on each cell in order to see if the number is a raw data figure or if it is a calculated value (the formula is then visible) ;
- **Standard values used for calculating default values**, like LHV, the GHG emission for producing one MJ of natural gas, etc.;
- **How energetic allocations are made** (see the allocation module for this as well as the calculation rules);
- **How energy surplus is taken into account** (see the energetic calculation in each pathway with energy surplus for detail examples);
- **Intermediate calculations**, in column E, where all the yields are expressed;
- **GHG emissions** as calculated from the input numbers, in columns I, J and K, respectively for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O;

- **The difference between typical and default values:** default values correspond to conservative estimations of GHG emissions which are calculated by multiplying typical values by a factor (1.2 or 1.4 depending on the pathway considered). For more details please look at the “About” sheet in the Excel tool or in box 3 of the Commission Staff Working Document [SWD(2014) 259];
- **Specific emissions calculated** in modules at the end of each Excel sheet: annualised emissions from carbon stock changes caused by land use change, CO<sub>2</sub> storage, etc.

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

For most of the default values listed in the JRC report, the corresponding calculation in the BioGrace II tool gives a result that comes very close (deviation less than 0.1 g CO<sub>2,eq</sub>/MJ).

## 5 Function 3: Creating a new pathway

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

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

- **Step 1:** Copy an existing pathway and rename it. Choose the pathway that is the closest to yours.
- **Step 2:** Erase all data in the white cells of column C. Erase the names of inputs and outputs in column B when necessary. Make sure to keep the result overview box at the top of your pathway, the “Overall yield per MJ input” in cell “C36” (see 2.4.5 Presentation of the “Values calculated from complete pathway” box) and the 4 last generic modules (“Final conversion (CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions only)” -except for biomethane injection-, “Improved Agricultural Management”, “CO<sub>2</sub> capture and replacement”/“CO<sub>2</sub> capture and geological storage”, and “Consistency check”).
- **Step 3:** the most important part is to define the frame of the new pathway, meaning the numbers of steps, the allocations when needed, etc. This frame is to be translated in independent modules.
- To add up new lines, please use the “insert line” function by right clicking on the appropriate line. Beware of adding allocation modules (when needed) right after the separation step of the co-products.
- **Step 4:** Fill in the new frame with appropriate inputs and outputs into column B, with the associated input numbers in column C. The tool user needs to pay particular attention to the units in which the input numbers are expressed. Units in column D have to be compatible with the units of the standard value in the “standard value” sheet.
- **Step 5:** Add new standard values if needed (for more detail, please refer to "adding new standard value" part in the previous section "Adapting pathways").
- **Step 6:** Adapt the formulas of the columns I to L when needed (see "adding a new input" part in previous section "Adapting pathways" for more details)
- **Step 7:** Add, if necessary, comments or intermediate calculations in columns F to H.
- **Step 8:** Adapt all the summing cells from the allocation module, the consistency check module and the “Values calculated from complete pathway” box.

- **Step 9:** Adapt the overview results box to your new pathway by inserting lines and linking cells to each name and results obtained.

## 6 Technical detail on specific issues

### 6.1 How to use the LUC sheet?

Land Use Changes (LUC) are to be taken into account in the GHG calculation of your product. A LUC occurs when the crop cultivation has a different carbon stock per hectare than a reference situation (e.g. conversion of non-highly biodiverse grassland land into short rotation forest). The Annex I point 9 of the COM(2010)11 refers to the methodology described in the "Commission Decision of 10 June 2010 on guidelines for the calculation of land use carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V of Directive 2009/28/EC" to determine when and how to take these carbon changes into account.

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

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

#### Step by step tutorial:

If you need to take into account a Land Use Change for a pathway (for instance it is not the case when the energy carrier is a residue), please apply the following steps:

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



- **Step 3:** Go to the LUC sheet. You will there find a framework for calculating the carbon stock changes from reference situation to actual utilisation. The annual GHG emissions that need to be added to your pathway will be calculated from that.
- **Step 4:** Select the type of calculation you want to use. Three kinds of calculation are possible according to the type of the soil and the information collected:
  - With mineral soils using the default values listed in de tables "Commission Decision of 10 June 2010 on guidelines for the calculation of land use carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V of Directive 2009/28/EC" (called default calculation with mineral soils),
  - If you have your own value for carbon stocks calculated according to the guidelines in the same Commission Decision (called actual calculation),
  - With organic soils, default values do not exist for the whole formula, so a mix of default and actual calculation can be used according to the guidelines in the same Commission Decision (called Organic soils calculation)

- **Step 5: Default calculation with mineral soils:** First, you need to have with you the "Commission Decision of 10 June 2010 on guidelines for the calculation of land use carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V of Directive 2009/28/EC" where all formula and data are available. In the part dedicated to default calculation, fill the needed information and data in the white cells. These cells are not using a pre-defined list. You should refer to the information given in column L to find the tables from the Commission decision. Please, use the same wording than the one used in the communication paper of the Commission. Note that cells in light red are automatically filled from other cells. For that, begin by filling the "actual land use" part. In the below example, the actual land use is a perennial crop (such as poplar or willow). Default values provided in the Commission Decision paragraph 8, have been used for the estimation of  $C_{veg}$  both for the actual and the reference land use.

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### Calculation of direct land use change (LUC)

Actual land use		Reference land use	
Climate region	Cool temperate - Wet	Cool temperate - Wet	
Vegetation/crop (land use)	Perennial crops (poplar / willow)	Grassland	
<b>Above and below ground vegetation</b>			
Ecological zone (if relevant)	-	-	There are two w
Continent (if relevant)	-	-	- or you can use
$C_{VEG}$	43,2 ton C / ha	6,8 ton C / ha	- or you should c
<b>Carbon stock in mineral soil</b>			
Climate region	Cool temperate - Wet	Cool temperate - Wet	Determine using
Soil type	High activity clay	High activity clay	Determine using
Soil management	No till	No till	Determine using
Input	Medium	High with manure	Determine using
$SOC_{ST}$	95 ton C / ha	95 ton C / ha	Loop up in Table
$F_{LU}$	0,69	0,69	Look up in Table

- The resulting LUC is calculated right below this part by applying the RED methodology. A negative value shows an increase in the carbon stock from the reference situation.

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$SOC_{ST}$	95 ton C / ha	95 ton C / ha	Loop up in Table
$F_{LU}$	0,69	0,69	Look up in Table
$F_{MG}$	1,15	1,15	Look up in Table
$F_i$	1	1,44	Look up in Table
<b>Resulting carbon stock</b>			
$CS_A =$	118,6 ton C / ha	$CS_R =$	115,4 ton C / ha
<b>Resulting land use change</b>			
$e_l =$	-0,59 ton CO <sub>2</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	Please, note tha	

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

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- **Step 6: Organic soils calculation:** for organic soil, actual calculations must be made for the evaluation of the SOC, but actual calculations or default values can be used for the evaluation of  $C_{\text{VEG}}$ .
- **Step 7:** Check in the last line that the proper value is called. If this is not the case, get back to step 4 and choose the appropriate calculation type.

- **Step 8:** Check in the bioenergy production pathway where you need to declare a Land Use Change that the LUC value is there. Please, also check that no Improved agricultural management is declared in the module right below (See the next section for more information).

## 6.2 How to use the $E_{sca}$ sheet?

The  $E_{sca}$  sheet is to be used when the user wants to claim increased carbon stock in soils because of improved agricultural practices like no tillage, increased residue incorporation, etc.

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

The main difference comes from the fact that only carbon stock in soil is taken into account. Please also note that  $e_{sca}$  has a different sign than  $e_l$ : a positive  $e_{sca}$  means that carbon stocks are improving in your soil, and thus that the GHG result of the pathway should decrease, whereas a positive  $e_l$  means carbon stock losses. This difference comes from the formula of box 2 of the EC report [SWD(2014) 259] that defines  $e_{sca}$  has a carbon stock accumulation from which the feedstock produced should take some advantages.

Please note that if you have also a change in the above ground carbon stock due to a change in land use type, then you should use the LUC sheet. **Do not use  $E_{sca}$  sheet if a land use change is also declared for the same final energy.**

## 6.3 How to use the $N_2O$ emissions GNOC sheet?

The sheet “ $N_2O$  emissions GNOC” should be used to estimate  $N_2O$  field emissions for all the types of crops available in the GNOC (see the list of crops in the online tool - <http://gnoc.jrc.ec.europa.eu>).

This sheet is not meant to make any calculation, but to gather all information that has been used to make the calculations. These calculations must be done directly on the website (see Figure 1) and used directly in the cultivation module of the pathway (see 2.4.11).

The screenshot displays the BIOGRACE II website interface for the 'Calculation of N2O field emissions with the Global Nitrous Oxide Calculator (GNOC)'. The page is titled 'The calculation of N2O field emission' and is labeled 'Version 2 - for Testing'. It includes a 'Please note!' section with instructions on how to use the GNOC model and a link to 'N2O emissions IPCC'. Below this is the 'Information needed in GNOC' section, which contains a table for input data:

Parameter	Unit
Crop	
Soil type	
Irrigation	
Fresh yield	kg ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>
Synthetic N-fertiliser (kg N)	kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>
Manure	kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>

A warning box on the right states: 'When using this GHG calculation tool, the BioGrace calculation rules must be respected. The rules are included in the zip file (containing the complete tool) and also at www.BioGrace.net'. The bottom of the page shows a navigation bar with tabs for 'Directory', 'LUC', 'Esca', 'N2O emissions IPCC', 'N2O emissions GNOC', 'Bg-co-dig\_actual', 'Bm-co-dig\_actual', and 'Co-dig\_dig ...'.

The GNOC evaluates direct and indirect N<sub>2</sub>O field emissions combining IPCC (2006) TIER 1 and 2 approaches and the statistical model developed by Stehfest and Bouwman (2006) for direct emissions from mineral and organic fertilizers.

To use this model, the minimum information required is (see Figure 1): the location of the field or forest, the type of soil (organic / mineral), the use of irrigation, the fresh yield, and the amount of synthetic and organic N-fertilizers used. For actual calculations, more specific information can be used regarding the following parameters: environmental parameters, crop residue parameters, conversion factors. For more detail on the GNOC and its calculations, please refer to the GNOC website, and its online tool manual.

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### GNOG - Global Nitrous Oxide Calculator

European Commission > JRC > IET > Sustainable Transport Unit > GNOG

Place   ⓘ

x  y  ⓘ

#### Select/Insert Parameters

Crop  ⓘ

Soil Type  ⓘ

Irrigation  ⓘ

Fresh Yield [kg ha<sup>-1</sup>]  ⓘ

Mineral Fertilizer F<sub>SN</sub> [kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>]  ⓘ

Manure F<sub>ON</sub> [kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>]  ⓘ

[Show/change GNOG default values](#)

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Figure 1: screenshot of the homepage GNOG website (<http://gnoc.jrc.ec.europa.eu>)

Once the user has provided all relevant information, the website provides the result total N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (see figure below). **Note that the result (in kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup>) and the value to report in your pathway (in kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> are given in the same unit.** Therefore you should take the result (2.2523 in the example below) and multiply it by 1.53143<sup>4</sup> to get the result in the proper unit to report in your pathway.

[Show/change GNOG default values](#)

#### Result: Total N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions

Location ID	2147 - 500	ⓘ
Country name	FRANCE	ⓘ
Total soil N <sub>2</sub> O emissions [kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N ha <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.2523	ⓘ
Total soil N <sub>2</sub> O emissions [g CO <sub>2</sub> eq MJ <sup>-1</sup> <sub>crop</sub> ]	7.1726	ⓘ

**Result details - values are given in [kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup>] unless**

Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from fertilizer application N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>eq</sub>...

<sup>4</sup> 44/28=1.53143



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

For crops that are not covered by the GNOC, a specific module in the sheet “N<sub>2</sub>O emissions IPCC” is dedicated to this calculation.

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

#### Step by step example:

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

- Step 1:** Choose the name of the crop and the general information about your pathway in the Crop data box. You can choose between 3 different crops (Eucalyptus, Poplar, Corn/maize whole crop) or add crops (see step 2).

**Crop data.**  
Please enter the data for your crop in the blue cells  
**General information**

Crop name   
Crop yield (fresh matter)  kg<sub>dm</sub>/ha/year  
Humidity(%)   
Crop yield (dry matter)  kg<sub>dm</sub>/ha/year  
Is the soil water saturation high?  Not known

**Abbreviation glossary :**  
Fresh matter = fm  
Dry matter = dm  
Tonne = t  
N mass in N<sub>2</sub>O = N2O\_N  
Put "yes" when the crop is irrigated OR when rainfall in rainy season (1) minus potential evaporation is higher than soil water holding capacity. If not known, the average nitrate leakage will be applied.  
(1) Rainy season: period when rainfall > 0.5 \* Pan Evaporation

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

Crop	Eucalyptus	Poplar	Corn
LHV	19	18,5	

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

	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH
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**Table 4**

	N <sub>AS</sub>	slope	intercept	AG <sub>DWNT</sub>	(AG <sub>DWNT</sub> *1000+Crop(T))/Crop(T)	R <sub>AG(T)</sub>	R <sub>BS-10(T)</sub>	N <sub>BS</sub>	R <sub>BS(T)</sub>	BG <sub>DWNT</sub>	LHV (MJ/kg)	sources
Corn/maize whole c	0,0060			1,00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0,2200	0,0070	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	16,90	IPCC 2006, chap 11
New crop1												
New crop2												
New crop3												
New crop4												

**EQUATION 11.6**  
**N FROM CROP RESIDUES AND FORAGE/PASTURE RENEWAL (TIER 1)**  

$$F_{CR} = \sum_T \left[ \left( \frac{Crop(T)}{Area(T)} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{Area(T)}{Area(T)} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{C(T)}{C(T)} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{F_{Res(T)}}{F_{Res(T)}} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{F_{Res(T)}}{F_{Res(T)}} \right) \right]$$

**Table 5**

Glossary for the Table 2, 3 and 4	See IPCC 2006, chapter 11 on N <sub>2</sub> O emissions, for more details
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- Step 3:** In case of Land Use Changes (LUC) or modified management practices, then the “LUC” or “Esca” sheets should be used to calculate the carbon loss and enter the value in cell D29. Go to sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this manual to know how to use these sheets. When the Esca sheet is used to calculate C losses due to change in agricultural management, please note that only when negative results are obtained, C losses are actually occurring. In this case you should change the sign of the result and insert the obtained value in cell D29.

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

28 What type of land use change is it?

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

30 Use "arable to arable land" in case of modified practices  
Please, calculate this value by using the LUC sheet  
or the E<sub>calc</sub> sheet for modified practices

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

**Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils (Tier1)** See Table 6, Table 7, Table 8 for intermediate calculations (right side of the this sheet)

		average	min	max
Quantity of NH <sub>3</sub> volatilized (IPCC Tier 1):	NH <sub>3</sub> -N (kg)	4,0	1,1	11,0
Quantity of nitrate leaching (IPCC Tier 1):	NO <sub>3</sub> -N (kg)	9,0	3,0	24,0
Emission factor for NH <sub>3</sub> volatilization (IPCC Tier 1):	EF <sub>NH3</sub> (%)	1,0%	0,2%	5,0%
Emission factor for Nitrate leaching (IPCC Tier 1):	EF <sub>N</sub> (%)	0,75%	0,1%	2,5%
N <sub>2</sub> O from atmospheric deposition of N volatilised:	N <sub>2</sub> O(ATD)-N	0,04	0,002	0,55
Emission of N <sub>2</sub> O from nitrate leaching effect:	N <sub>2</sub> O(L)-N	0,07	0,002	0,60

	kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N/ha/year	kg N <sub>2</sub> O/ha/year
N <sub>2</sub> O from atmospheric deposition of N volatilised:	0,04	0,06
Emission of N <sub>2</sub> O from nitrate leaching effect:	0,07	0,11

**Table 6** Vo  
F<sub>NH3</sub>  
F<sub>N</sub>  
Fr<sub>NH3</sub>  
Fr<sub>N</sub>  
NH<sub>3</sub>&NO<sub>x</sub>  
EF<sub>N</sub>  
source: from IPCC

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

**TOTAL N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS (Direct + Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O) from managed soils (Tier1)**

	kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N/ha/year	kg N <sub>2</sub> O/ha/year
per ha	0,41	0,64
per kg dm	0,02	0,03
per MJ of crop	0,0009	0,00

Value to report in your pathway : **0,64 kg N<sub>2</sub>O/ha/year**

## 6.5 How to use the Final Conversion Only sheet?

This sheet should be used only by companies that buy ready to use energy carriers and transform it into final energy. This sheet will allow them to calculate the GHG emission reduction.

To be able to use this sheet the companies should get information regarding the energy carriers they bought (the methodology used for previous steps calculations, etc.) and information about the final energy it will be transformed into.

### Step by step example:

For GHG emissions calculations from a ready to use energy carrier, please apply the following steps:

- Step 1- Fill in the explanation box.** This box should contain all needed information to ensure that the GHG emissions calculated in previous steps are compliant with the BioGrace II calculation rules. This box should at least contain the following information:
  - The name of the company/person that sold the final energy carrier
  - The methodology used for the calculation of the GHG emissions from previous steps (methodology following the BioGrace II rules, default values, etc.)

# BIOGRACE II

## Harmonised Greenhouse Gas Calculations for Electricity, Heating and Cooling from Biomass

- In case of actual GHG calculations, whether or not a verifier has verified the GHG calculations
- Information on the documents (delivery notes and verification statements) that can attest the above claims.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K														
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <b>BIOGRACE II</b>            Harmonised Greenhouse Gas Calculations            for Electricity, Heating and Cooling from Biomass         </div> <div>www.biograce.eu</div> </div>																								
<b>Calculation on final conversion</b>																								
<b>GHG emissions of biomass</b>																								
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1; border: 1px dashed green; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Explanation</b></p> <p>This sheet can be used by the company that has bought the biomass energy carrier. Certain calculation rules apply that must be respected. These rules can be found in the document "BioGrace-II calculation rules". The most important rules are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The GHG value of the biomass energy carrier is either a default value or has been calculated using BioGrace-II</li> <li>2. In case of an actual GHG calculation result, a verifier has verified the GHG calculations</li> <li>3. If the energy carrier was delivered at a harbour, the inland transport via truck, ship or train has to be calculated and added to the GHG emissions of the energy carrier. The calculation can be done on the corresponding calculation sheets in this tool by adapting the final transport step.</li> <li>4. The emissions from final conversion shall either be included in the GHG calculation for the biomass energy carrier (in which case cell C37 below can be set to "Yes") or shall be added in this calculation (which is done automatically if cell C37 is set to "No" and the values in cells C38, C39 and C40 are filled in according to the actual end use).</li> <li>5. The above claims 1., 2. and 3. can be substantiated by documentation such as delivery notes and verification statements, which are accessible to the verifier which performs the verification of the calculation on this sheet.</li> </ol> </div> <div style="flex: 1; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Results</b></p> <p>Final energy CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions at final conversion: 0,5 g CO<sub>2</sub></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Electricity</th> <th>Heat</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2">All results in g CO<sub>2</sub> eq per MJ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allocation factor</td> <td>Allocated results</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100,0%</td> <td>50,5</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">per MJ energy carrier</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">168,3</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">per MJ electr.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> </div>											Electricity	Heat	All results in g CO <sub>2</sub> eq per MJ		Allocation factor	Allocated results	100,0%	50,5	per MJ energy carrier		168,3		per MJ electr.	
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- **Step 2:** Provide information on the type of final energy carrier (give a small description) and the total GHG emissions from all previous steps of the pathway.

Note: If the energy carriers (e.g. pellets or chips) arrive at a sea harbour, you will have to calculate the inland transport via truck or ship. This can be done by using the corresponding pathway sheet (e.g. pellets from forestry residues) and adapting the final transport step (e.g. transport of wood pellets). The resulting emissions per MJ energy carrier have to be added to the GHG emissions that you received together with the energy carrier.

<b>GHG emission of biomass feedstock ("energy carrier")</b>		<b>GHG emission reduction</b>	
Type of energy carrier:	<input type="text" value="give description"/>	Electricity	Heat
GHG emission of energy carrier	<input type="text" value="50,00"/> g CO <sub>2</sub> eq/MJ <sub>energy carrier</sub>	9%	

- **Step 3- Fill in the "General settings" box.** In this box the user should provide information on the final energy produced: the main type of output, and the process efficiency associated with the final conversion of the pathway.

<b>General settings</b>											
<b>Main output</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Heat <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity and heat		<b>Conversion efficiencies</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Electrical efficiency</td> <td>25,0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>85,0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>56,0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>150,0</td> </tr> </table>	Electrical efficiency	25,0%		85,0%		56,0%		150,0	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>!</b> When using this tool, the user must be aware of the calculation rules must be re-checked (containing the comments)         </div>
Electrical efficiency	25,0%										
	85,0%										
	56,0%										
	150,0										

- **Step 4:** The total GHG emission reductions are given at the bottom of the results box.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
25	<b>Actual feedstock share</b>						
26		Share (M)	10000	20000	5000	kg <sub>wet</sub> mass	
27		Moisture content	65%	85%	62%	%	
28							
29	<b>Calculated value</b>						
30		Feedstock share in energy content (S)	55,11%	19,68%	25,21%	%	
31							
32	<b>Calculated emission factor</b> g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> per MJ biogas 40,63						

• **Step 3- In case of biogas as final energy carrier; fill in the “General settings” box.** In this box the user should provide information on the final energy produced: the main type of output, and the process efficiency associated with the final conversion of the pathway.

General settings (only for biogas pathways)	
<b>Main output</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Heat <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling (including heat and/or electricity) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity and heat	
<b>Conversion efficiencies</b> Electrical efficiency Thermal efficiency Temp of useful heat (°C)	

• **Step 4:** The total GHG emission reductions are given in the results box.

### 6.6.2 How to use the Bg-co-dig\_actual and Bm-co-dig\_actual sheets?

These sheets are built in the same way as other pathways for the production of biogas or biomethane, except that they are especially designed to calculate GHG emissions from the digestion of several feedstock.

Therefore, the step by step description below will focus on the first steps of these sheets for calculation of GHG emissions from upstream and from transport of substrates.

#### Step by step description of the use of this sheet:

- **Step 1- Describe the upstream GHG emissions related to non-waste feedstock:** the description includes 5 types of information: the type of substrate, the amount of substrate, the upstream GHG emissions per kg of substrate, the moisture content, and the LHV.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
39										
40	<b>Upstream emissions</b>									
41										
42	<b>Upstream emissions (cultivation or point of generation of waste/residue)</b>									
43		Total amount	Upstream emissions	moisture	LHV <sub>dry</sub>		Total amount	Feedstock share	Upstream	
44	Type of substrate	kg <sub>wet</sub> / year	g CO <sub>2,eq</sub> / kg <sub>wet</sub>	content	MJ / kg <sub>dry</sub>		MJ / year	% (energy basis)	g	
45							0	#DIV/0!		
46							0	#DIV/0!		
53							0	#DIV/0!		
54							0	#DIV/0!		
55	Total Input	0 kg <sub>wet</sub> / year					0 MJ / year			
56	Average upstream emissions (per MJ input)									
57	Average upstream emissions (per MJ biogas)									
58										
59	<b>Biogas yield</b>									
60	Overall biogas yield	MJ Biogas / year								
61	Specific biogas yield	#DIV/0!	MJ Biogas / MJ input							
62										
63	<b>Result</b> g CO <sub>2,eq</sub>									



- |    | A  | B                         | C                         | D   | E                          | F | G  | H | I | J | K      | L   |         |
|----|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|--------|---|---------|
| 66 | Transport of substrates  |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 67 |  |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 68 | Transport emissions (transport of substrates as given in step above) |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 69 |  |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 70 | Type of substrate  | Total amount<br>kg / year | Total amount<br>MJ / year | Type of truck<br>Select truck type from dropdown list | Transport<br>distance (km) |   | Transport emissions<br>g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / year |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 71 | 0  | 0                         | 0                         | Truck (40 ton) for manure (Diesel)                    |                            |   | 0,0  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 72 | 0  | 0                         | 0                         | Truck (40 ton) for dry product (Diesel)               |                            |   | 0,0  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 73 | 0  | 0                         | 0                         |   |                            |   | 0,0  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 80 | 0  | 0                         | 0                         |   |                            |   | 0,0  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 81 | Total Input  |                           |                           | 0 MJ / year   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 82 | Total emissions (per year)   |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        | 0,0 g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / year                     |         |
| 83 | Average transport emissions (per MJ input)                           |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        | #DIV/0! g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ <sub>input</sub>  |         |
| 84 | Average transport emissions (per MJ biogas)                          |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        | #DIV/0! g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ <sub>biogas</sub> |         |
| 85 |  |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
| 86 |  |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   |        |   |         |
|    |  |                           |                           |   |                            |   |  |   |   |   | Result | g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ <sub>biogas</sub>         | #DIV/0! |

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### Calculate efficiencies

Annual input				
Input fuels	Lower heating value (on dry basis) [MJ/kg]	Amount [ton]	Mass percentage of water [%]	Energy [MWh]
Pellets	18,0	1000	10%	4500
SRF wood chips	19,0	2000	50%	5278
Fossil fuel (oil)	36,0	500	0%	5000
Total annual input of fuel				14778

- Step 2- Fill in the description of the annual output:** To calculate the nett electricity and/or heat produced, information on the gross energy production, internal use of energy and energy losses must be provided. For calculating the efficiency for heat production information on the average heat quality (in °C) should also be given.

Annual output				
Gross electricity production [MWh]	Internal usage electricity [MWh]	Electricity losses [MWh]	Net electricity production [MWh]	
3000	100	5	2895	
Gross heat production [MWh]	Internal usage heat [MWh]	Heat losses [MWh]	Heat quality (average) [°C]	Net heat production [MWh]
6000	500	50	100	5450
600	0	6	170	594
500	0	5	250	495
270	0	3	300	267
Total nett heat production				6806

- Step 3- Report results in the pathways:** The results (efficiency of electricity and/or of heat) are automatically calculated and provided at the bottom of the sheet. This information as well as the heat quality should be reported in the relevant pathway.

Results		Heat quality (average)	Allocation factor electricity	
$\eta_{el}$	Efficiency electricity	19,6	$(\eta_{el} * C_{el})$	19,6
$\eta_{h1}$	Efficiency heat (100°C)	36,9	$(\eta_{h1} * C_{h1})$	13,1
$\eta_{h2}$	Efficiency heat (170°C)	4,0	$(\eta_{h2} * C_{h2})$	1,5
$\eta_{h3}$	Efficiency heat (250°C)	3,3	$(\eta_{h3} * C_{h3})$	1,6
$\eta_{h4}$	Efficiency heat (300°C)	1,8	$(\eta_{h4} * C_{h4})$	0,9
Total thermal efficiency		46,1	Allocation factor heat (100°C)	
Total efficiency		65,6	Allocation factor heat (170°C)	
			Allocation factor heat (250°C)	
			Allocation factor heat (300°C)	

### 6.8 Declaring the 29g Bonus

If you are carrying out your own calculation and that your land enters into one of the two categories of land described in point 8, of annex I of the COM(2010)11, you can add an extra bonus of 29 g eCO<sub>2</sub>/MJ to your pathway.

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

Land use change, including bonus for production on non-agriculture or degraded land				
Land use change				
Does land use change occur?	no			
Resulting land use change 0,00 ton CO <sub>2</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>				
Emissions per MJ Wood pellets				
	g CO <sub>2</sub>	g CH <sub>4</sub>	g N <sub>2</sub> O	g CO <sub>2</sub> eq
	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Bonus (eB)	29	0,00	0,00	-29,00
				-29,00
Result				g CO <sub>2</sub> eq / MJ <sub>Wood pellets</sub> -29,00

## 7 Glossary

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

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

**Default values:** default values are the GHG emissions given in the JRC report. There are step by step default values and one global value for the whole pathway. They are derived from the typical value by adding an extra 20% or 40% of energy consumption during the process stage depending on the pathway used. They may be used instead of actual values under certain circumstances defined in the EC reports.

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

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

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

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

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

**LHV:** Lower heating value

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

**SWD:** Staff Working Document or SWD(2014) 259 "State of play on the sustainability of solid and gaseous biomass used for electricity, heating and cooling in the EU", updates the values defined in the COM(2010)11 to account for the technical and market developments in the bioenergy sector.

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