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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ES.1. Background information

Pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Hungary, as a Party of the Convention, has been preparing annual inventories of greenhouse gas emissions using the IPCC methodology since 1994. The aim of a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is to give an as complete and accurate as possible state of the art estimation of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removal by sinks of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol. In accordance with the Kyoto Protocol, the following direct greenhouse gases are taken into account: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF<sub>3</sub>). The quality of the inventory is controlled by Hungarian and international experts regularly.

The GHG inventory is compiled by the Hungarian Meteorological Service as laid down by a government decree. The participation of the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO) together with the NARIC Forest Research Institute, the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency (ARDA) and the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture as compilers of the whole LULUCF sector is formalized by the same governmental decree. Also, other institutions and external experts are involved in the process of inventory preparation, e.g. the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority, Szent István University, Gödöllő, Karcag Research Institute of University of Debrecen, just to name a few.

The main purpose of this National Inventory Report is to describe the input data and calculation methodologies on which the emissions estimates are based thus increasing the transparency of the inventory. The present report refers to the inventory time series for the years 1985-2015. The NIR provides relevant background information on institutional arrangements, QA/QC procedures and other information underlying the inventory compilation in Chapter 1. In Chapter 2 the trends for aggregated greenhouse gas emissions are discussed. The chapters following provide detailed information on each of the main source categories. Chapter 10 discusses details of recalculations and planned improvements. In the Annexes key category analysis and complementary methodological information can be found.

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

In 2015, total emissions of greenhouse gases in Hungary were **61.1 million tonnes** carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) excluding the LULUCF sector. Taking into account also the mostly carbon absorbing processes in the LULUCF sector, the net emissions of Hungary were 54.6 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2015. Being about 6 tonnes, the Hungarian per capita emissions are below the European average.

Now, our emissions are 44% lower than in the base year (average of 1985-87). For the most part, this significant reduction was mainly a consequence of the regime change in Hungary (1989-90) which brought in its train radical decline in the output of the national economy. The production decreased in almost every economic sector including also the GHG relevant sectors like energy, industry and agriculture. Then, between 2005 and 2013, after a period of about 14 years of relatively stagnant emission level (1992-2005), GHG emissions fell again quite significantly by 24 per cent. The global financial and economic crises exerted a major impact on the output of the Hungarian economy, consequently on the level of GHG emissions as well resulting in a quite significant drop of 9% between 2008 and 2009. Then, after a smaller increase in 2010, emissions decreased further in the following four years. In contrast, the decline in economic output stopped in the first quarter of 2010,

and Hungary not only reached the pre-crisis level of GDP again in 2014 but exceeded it even in 2015.

The decreasing trend of emissions stopped in 2014. Moreover, an increase of 6% could be detected in 2015. About 74% of this growth was realized in the energy sector, whereas industrial processes contributed by a further 24%. Despite the 3.2 million tonnes increase in 2015, current emissions remained by 19% far below the emission level of 2005.

The most important greenhouse gas is carbon dioxide accounting for 77% of total GHG emissions. The main source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is burning of fossil fuels for energy purposes, including transport. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have decreased by 45% since the middle of the 80's. Methane represents 12% in the GHG inventory. Methane is generated mainly at waste disposal sites and in animal farms, but the fugitive emissions of natural gas are also important sources. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions are by 39% lower than in the base year. Nitrous oxide contributes 7% to the total GHG emissions. Its main sources are agricultural soils, and manure management. N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are 61% lower compared to base year. The total emissions of fluorinated gases amount to 4% and due their steadily growing tendency special attention is needed as their applications in the cooling industry and the use of SF<sub>6</sub> in electrical equipment are still popular.

**Table ES.1** *Trend of emissions by GHGs, excluding LULUCF (Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)*

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2013	2014	2015
CO <sub>2</sub>	85,565	73,448	61,608	58,545	60,488	52,217	43,868	44,034	46,778
CH <sub>4</sub>	12,544	11,746	8,812	8,923	8,404	8,067	7,810	7,703	7,626
N <sub>2</sub> O	11,020	8,315	4,742	5,367	5,709	3,809	4,347	4,224	4,309
HFCs	NO	NO	38	259	798	1,223	1,281	1,808	2,267
PFCs	371	376	223	283	281	2	2	1	1
SF <sub>6</sub>	6	11	52	84	94	87	94	109	112
NF <sub>3</sub>	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,505</b>	<b>93,896</b>	<b>75,474</b>	<b>73,461</b>	<b>75,774</b>	<b>65,405</b>	<b>57,401</b>	<b>57,879</b>	<b>61,092</b>

Base year(BY)=average of 1985-87

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

By far, the biggest emitting sector was the energy sector contributing 71% to the total GHG emission in 2015. Industrial processes and product use was the second largest sector with 12% while emissions from agriculture accounted for 11% and the waste sector contributed 6%. Compared to the base year, emissions were significantly reduced in the energy (-45%), agriculture (-44%), and industrial processes and product use (-52%) sectors. In contrast, emissions in the waste sector have increased since 1985 (+14%). The land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector shows fluctuating behavior. Looking at the more recent trends since 2005, emissions have significantly decreased in the energy and industrial processes sectors by 23% and 22%, respectively. The agriculture sector seems to have recovered and could show an increase of 10% since 2005. The previous growing trend turned back in the waste sector (-13%).

The **energy sector** was responsible for 71% of total GHG emissions in 2015. Carbon dioxide from fossil fuels was the largest item among greenhouse gas emissions contributing 96% to the sectoral emission. Looking at fuel combustion only, the share of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions was even higher (98%). Considering fuel use in combustion processes, gases had still the highest (but decreasing) proportion (42%), liquids and solids represented 30% and 11%, respectively. It is worth mentioning that the share of biomass in fuel combustion grew to 16% in 2015. The most important subsector was energy industries with a proportion of 32% within the energy sector, followed by transport and other sectors

(e.g. the residential sector) both representing 28%. Fugitive emissions from fuels played only a small role with 1% out of which 93% originate from oil and natural gas production, processing, transmission and distribution.

The significant reduction in emissions between the base year and 1995 was mainly due to the economic transformation which caused sudden decrease in energy demand. (In this respect, it is perhaps worth mentioning that the decrease in fuel consumption after 2005 was even higher!) In addition, ongoing changes in fuel-structure, i.e. gradual replacement of solid fuel by natural gas, led to further decrease of total emissions.

Overall emissions from the energy sector have increased by 6% or 2.4 million tonnes between 2014 and 2015. Above all, transport related emissions continued to increase by 9% in 2015 after a 12% growth in 2014. Especially diesel oil consumption increased significantly whereas gasoline sales grew at a more moderate level. Still, transport related emissions were by 7% lower in 2015 than in 2007.

After years of dominantly decreasing trend, also the residential sector produced higher emissions mostly due to higher natural gas consumption by 13%. Residential gas consumption was still lower in 2015 than the average of the last decade by 26%.

Gross electricity production increased slightly by 3%. The increase in natural gas based electricity production was especially significant (20%). It must be noted, however, that in spite of this growth, natural gas-fired electricity generation was three times as high around 2007-2008. The basic feature of the Hungarian energy industry is that 52% of gross electricity production stems from nuclear energy and only 37% from classic fossil fuels. At the same time, electricity import has a significant share of 31%.

**Table ES.2** *Trend of emissions and removals by sector (including LULUCF, Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)*

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2013	2014	2015
<b>Energy</b>	78,987	68,197	57,066	54,663	55,954	48,876	41,325	40,906	43,275
<b>Industry</b>	15,209	11,832	8,333	8,327	9,338	6,610	5,711	6,543	7,302
<b>Agriculture</b>	11,933	9,976	5,943	6,101	6,072	5,642	6,340	6,494	6,676
<b>LULUCF</b>	-1,808	-2,672	-5,699	-767	-5,857	-4,552	-3,875	-5,361	-6,512
<b>Waste</b>	3,376	3,891	4,133	4,370	4,410	4,277	4,025	3,937	3,839
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,698</b>	<b>91,224</b>	<b>69,775</b>	<b>72,694</b>	<b>69,917</b>	<b>60,854</b>	<b>53,526</b>	<b>52,518</b>	<b>54,580</b>

*Base year (BY)=average of 1985-87*

The **industrial processes** sector was the second largest sector, contributing 12% to total GHG emissions in 2015. The most important greenhouse gas was CO<sub>2</sub>, contributing 65% to total sectoral GHG emissions, followed by F-gases with 33%. In 2015, 33% of the emissions came from chemical industry, followed by 31% from product uses as ODS substitutes. Mineral and metal industry has equal, 16% contribution to sectoral GHG emissions. Other product uses (SF<sub>6</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O containing) and non-energy products from fuels and solvent use have the smallest influence on the 2015 IPPU inventory with 2% for each category. Process related industrial emissions decreased by 52% between base year and 2015, and by 22% between 2005 and 2015.

Although emissions of F-gases represent only 4% of the total GHG emissions, their trend requires special attention. As these gases are harmless for the ozone layer, the use of HFCs in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry got widespread thus their emission steeply increased.

GHG emissions from industrial processes sector are 12% (759 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) higher in 2015 than in 2014. There is an increase in almost all subsectors except for other (SF<sub>6</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O containing) product uses and chemical industry. The first might be explained by the volatility of the markets, the trade and the consumption of these products. Meanwhile the resulted emission reduction in chemical industry is the sum of several factors, namely: nitric acid production dropped by 9%, also emission from

ammonia production decreased significantly with increasing amount of CO<sub>2</sub> recovery caused by urea production, petrochemical production had a slight increase. Significant increase of emissions might be observed in metal industry (particularly in iron and steel production) and in subsector of product uses as ODS substitutes, 29% and 25% respectively. In mineral industry, the change is 12%, which can be explained by vigorous increase of cement and lime production. Iron and steel industry seems to recover after the drop of production in 2013.

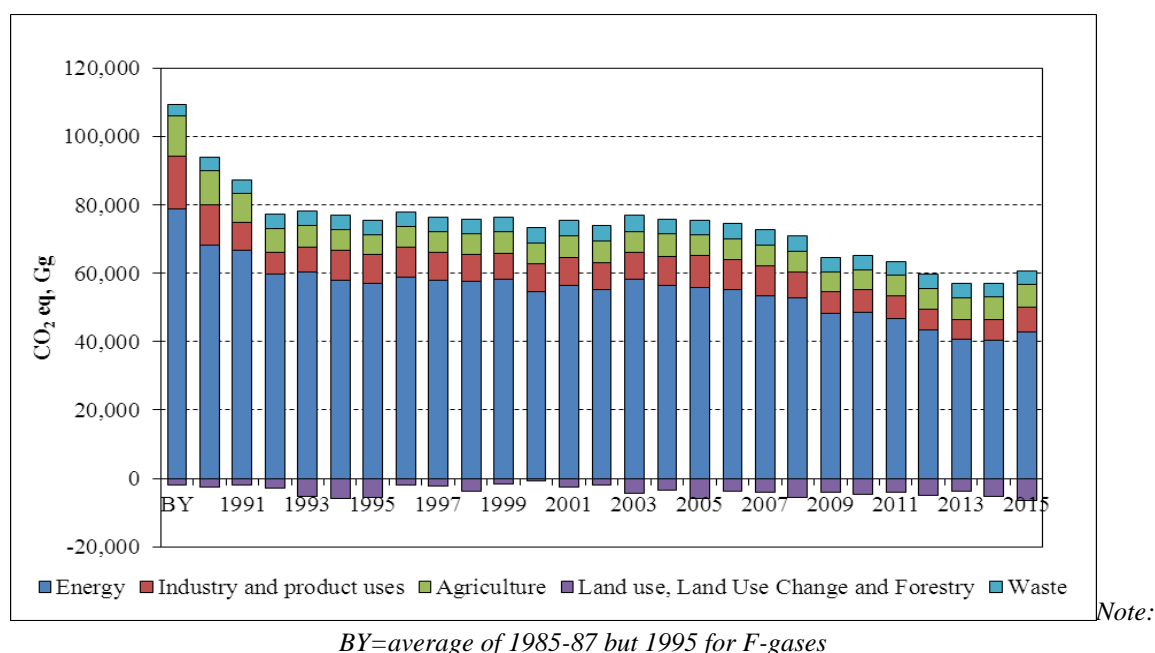
In 2015, **agriculture** accounted for 11% of total emissions. Emissions from agriculture include CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O gases. 87 per cent of total N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were generated in agriculture in 2015. Emissions from agriculture have decreased by 44% over the period of 1985-2015. The bulk of this reduction occurred in the years between 1985 and 1995, when agricultural production fell by more than 30 per cent, and livestock numbers underwent a drastic decline. The contribution of agriculture to total emissions was 11% in 2015 similar to the level in the base year (BY).

Between 1996 and 2008, agricultural emissions had stagnated around 6.1 Mt with fluctuations up to 4%. Behind this trend there were compensatory processes. While the number of livestock decreased further leading to lower emission, the use of fertilizers increased by 67.5% in the period 1995-2007 which caused growing nitrous oxide emissions from agricultural soils. In 2008 the significantly rising fertilizer prices led to lower fertilizer use, which resulted in some reduction in the emission levels.

Agricultural emissions decreased both in 2009 and 2010. A major reduction in emissions occurred in 2009, when 11 per cent decline in swine population also contributed to the downward trend. Agricultural emissions hit the lowest point in 2010. A slight increase started in 2011, due to the higher N-fertilizer use, and higher emissions from crop residues resulting from greater crop production, then in 2012 emissions remained on the level of 2011. In 2013 and 2014 the further rising fertilizer use, increasing animal livestock and relatively higher crop production resulted in growing emission levels again. The increased fertilizer use resulted in a further rise in N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in 2015. The higher cattle, poultry livestock and milk production also contributed to the higher agricultural N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> emissions again. Though the contribution of agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to the national total is rather low, it is worth mentioning here, that the agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased by 15% from 2014 to 2015, as a result of the significant increase in urea fertilizers use.

The **waste sector** was responsible for 6% of total national GHG emissions in 2015. The largest category was solid waste disposal on land, representing 80% in 2015, followed by wastewater treatment and discharge (12%), incineration of waste (5%), and biological treatment of solid waste (3%). In contrast with other sectors, emissions from the waste sector are by 14% higher now than in the base year. However, the growth in emissions had stopped in the last decade, and a reduction of 13% could be observed between 2005 and 2015. The degradation process in solid waste disposal sites is quite slow which means that waste that were disposed many years earlier have still an influence on current emission levels. However, the amount of disposed waste had dropped significantly since 2005 (e.g. landfilled municipal waste decreased by 48%) consequently methane emissions started to decrease as well. GHG emissions from wastewater handling have a pronounced decreasing trend due to a growing number of dwellings connected to the public sewerage network.

The **Land Use Land-Use Change and Forestry** sector is a sink of carbon because of the huge amount of carbon uptake of forests, due to continuous afforestation efforts and sustainable forest management. The complex dynamics of the land use and land-use changes leads to highly fluctuating estimates of sectoral removals. Our estimates indicate an average annual 3.5 million tonnes net removal, CO<sub>2</sub>-eq net removals range from 0.08 million tonnes in 1985 to 6.5 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> in 2015. In 2015, the LULUCF sector accounted for 6.5 million tonnes carbon-dioxide removals. The net removals of forests amounted to 5.8 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure ES. 1** Change in greenhouse gas emissions from base year (BY, 1990-2015)

## ES.4. Indirect Greenhouse Gases and SO<sub>2</sub>

NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and NMVOC gases are referred to as indirect gases because they (together with SO<sub>2</sub>) influence atmospheric warming indirectly, via secondary effects. Nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and (non-methane) volatile organic compounds are precursor of ozone which is itself a naturally occurring greenhouse gas. Sulphur dioxide can contribute to formation of aerosols that scatter some of the solar radiation back into space. Calculation of the emissions of these gases is required by the UNFCCC reporting guidelines. It should be noted that Hungary (as well as the other European countries) has calculated the emissions of such gases for several decades and the Geneva Convention of 1979 (CLRTAP) also laid down such obligations. Emissions are reported consistently in the above two reporting regime. The following table shows the main trends in emissions:

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

	1990	2000	2003	2005	2006	2010	2013	2014	2015
<b>NO<sub>x</sub>, Gg</b>	236	181	177	170	162	139	120	119	123
<b>CO, Gg</b>	1 388	578	600	510	553	476	554	480	472
<b>NMVOC, Gg</b>	296	181	175	156	152	142	146	136	138
<b>SO<sub>2</sub>, Gg</b>	825	429	247	42	40	31	31	28	24
<b>NH<sub>3</sub>, Gg</b>	139	84	85	77	77	69	72	73	76

The substantial reduction in sulphur dioxide emissions is attributable to the decreased use of fossil fuels in general and the decreasing share of coal with higher sulphur content. After 2000, further reductions were observed due to the introduction of SO<sub>2</sub> precipitators in coal-fired power stations. Reduced carbon monoxide emissions are obviously a consequence of decreased fuel uses. The decrease in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions is relatively moderate due to the increasing significance of transport.

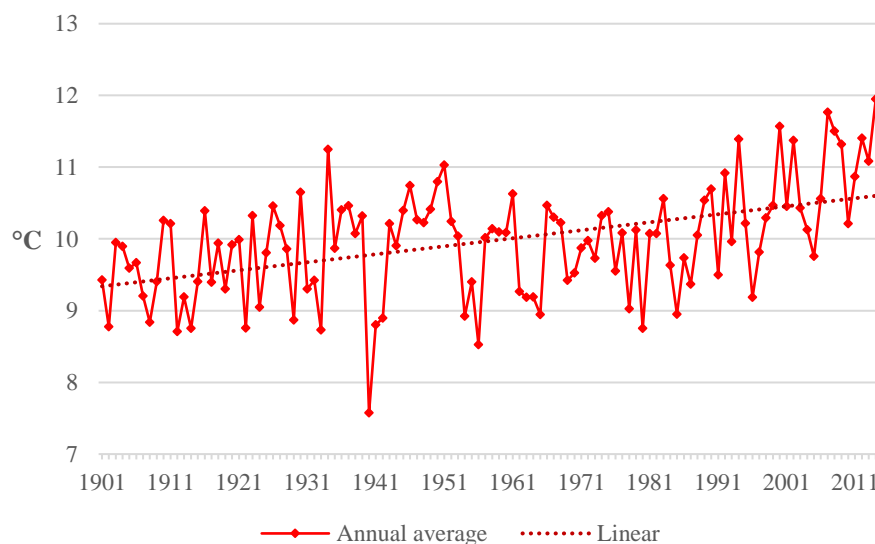
# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background information and climate change

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

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

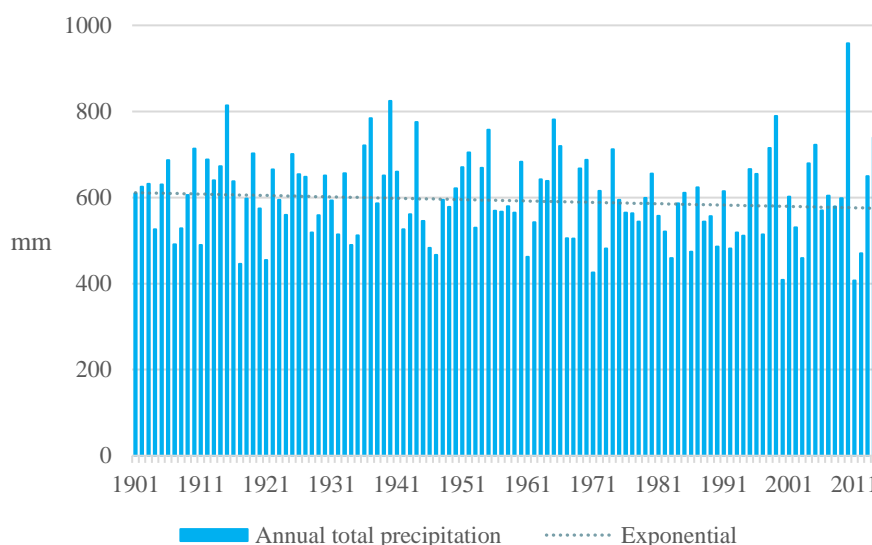
The regional effects of the global climate change can clearly be seen on the Hungarian observations. The annual averages of temperature in Hungary are very similar to the well-known wave of the global temperature since the beginning of the 20th century.



**Figure 1.1.** Linear trends in annual mean temperature (°C) over the period 1901-2015 in Hungary, based on the homogenized, interpolated dataset of the Hungarian Meteorological Service

The yearly average temperature was 11.72 °C in 2015 in Hungary. That year was the third warmest among the last 115 years. This fact only would suggest a warming process which can be confirmed by a linear trend that shows a temperature increase of +1.28°C for the last 114 years. Considering the last 30 years, the temperature increase is even more pronounced with +1.54°C based on the homogenized, interpolated dataset of the Hungarian Meteorological Service (Fig. 1.1).

The precipitation in 2015 could be seen as an average year, the annual precipitation of Hungary was 538.9 mm. Similar to the latest years the significant period of the summer was dry, but the August is a commendable exception because of the large amount of precipitation. The exponential trend fitted to the 115 year-long data series shows a moderate decline by 5 per cent, whereas for the last 30 years a growth of 14.8% can be seen (*Fig. 1.2*), although neither of these trends are significant.



**Figure 1.2.** Exponential trends in annual precipitation sum (mm) over the period 1901-2015 in Hungary, based on the homogenized, interpolated dataset of the Hungarian Meteorological Service

## 1.2 Institutional arrangements

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

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

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

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

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

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



Most parts of the inventory (energy, industrial processes and product use, agriculture, and waste) are prepared by the experts of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories themselves. The whole LULUCF sector is compiled by the institutes listed in the above-mentioned government decree. As before, and also complying with the decree mentioned above, the Forestry Directorate of the NFCSO is responsible for the GHG inventory of the forestry sector. Quality control for the forestry sector is provided by the NARIC Forest Research Institute. The role of the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency and the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture in the inventory preparation is not clarified yet. Data for the estimation of non-forest related emissions is also provided by the Central Statistical Office, the Hungarian Mining Authority and National Directorate General for Disaster Management. Szent István University, Gödöllő had been heavily involved in the calculations for the agriculture sector of the inventory for several years. For the calculation of emissions from agricultural soils the Karcag Research Institute of University of Debrecen (Department of Soil Utilization and Rural Development) provided inputs. The following table summarizes the institutional arrangements:

<i>Function</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>
Single national entity	Ministry of Agriculture	
	(in consent and cooperation with Ministry of National Development and Ministry for National Economy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision of national system</li> <li>• Official consideration and approval of inventory</li> </ul>
Inventory coordination and compilation	HMS Unit of National Emissions Inventories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of work plan</li> <li>• Contracting consultants</li> <li>• Inventory preparation of Energy, Industry, Agriculture and Waste sectors</li> <li>• Compilation of the CRF and NIR</li> <li>• Archiving</li> <li>• Coordinating QA/QC activities</li> <li>• Reporting to UNFCCC secretariat</li> </ul>
Inventory preparation of the LULUCF sector and LULUCF activities under the KP. (by law)	National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO)	
	NARIC Forest Research Institute Agricultural and Rural Development Agency (ARDA) Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection, choice of methods and EFs, inventory preparation</li> <li>• Compilation of the relevant parts of the CRF and NIR</li> </ul>
Contribution to the inventory preparation of the Agriculture sector	Szent István University, Gödöllő Karcag Research Institute of University of Debrecen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection, choice of method, development of country specific emission factors</li> <li>• Background studies</li> </ul>

### 1.3 Inventory preparation

The annual inventory cycle is carried out in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. As a general method of preparing the inventory, the procedures described in the IPCC Guidelines are applied and the latest CRF Reporter software is used. Usually, the sectoral experts are responsible for the choice of methods and

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

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

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

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

To summarizing the above, the two main compiler institutes are: (1) the Hungarian Meteorological Service (HMS) and (2) the National Food Chain Safety Office, the latter is responsible for the LULUCF part of the inventory.

The Meteorological Service, where an inventory team is located, is authorized by law to collect the necessary data. Calculations are either carried out by the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the HMS or by external experts on contractual basis. The inventory report is approved by three ministers: (1) minister for national development, (2) minister for agriculture (responsible for environment and agricultural policy, and (3) minister for national economy (responsible for national budget) before submission to the UNFCCC.

## 1.4 Data collection, processing and storage

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

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

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

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

The Act LX of 2007 on the implementation framework of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol thereof aims to give direct data collection authorization to the Ministry of Agriculture in order to collect data for the national system for climate reporting and gives a permanent status to the system. Relevant paragraphs for data collection are the following: "The state authorities having disposal of the data necessary to operate the National Registration System and the organizations emitting at least 100 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year shall provide these data for the National Registration System in accordance with the provisions of a separate legal instrument." "The data (...) necessary to fulfill international data supply shall be provided for the National Registration System irrespective of the fact that they are qualified as individual data pursuant to the relevant provision of Act XLVI of 1993 on statistics." This separate legal instrument, the above-mentioned government decree 278/2014. (XI. 14) on data provision relating to GHG emissions prescribes compulsory data provision for GHG inventory purposes for numerous governmental bodies

and emitters. QA/QC Activities connected to data collection are regulated by the updated QA/QC Plan included in Annex 5.

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

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

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

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

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

- Data from individual industrial plants – Ministry of Agriculture
- ETS data, registry - National Inspectorate for Environment and Nature
- Forestry statistics – National Food Chain Safety Office Forestry Directorate
- Wastewater data – National Inspectorate for Environment and Nature + Research Institute for Environmental and Water Management + Ministry of Agriculture.

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

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

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

Confidential data are

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

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

The directories of the server, where the data of the Unit of National Emissions Inventories are stored

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

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

## 1.5 Brief general description of methodologies and data sources used

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

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

where AD stands for activity data which represents some human activity (e.g. fuel use, industrial production, animal population, dwellings supplied with public sewerage, area of vineyard abandonment), whereas EF is the emission factor that quantifies the emission (or removal) per unit of activity. For example, in energy industry, which is the most important source category, emission factors for combusting natural gas or lignite are 56.1 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ and 107.9 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ, respectively; the importance of the mix of fuels used to produce energy becomes apparent at a glance.

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

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

To ensure that the national inventory fulfils its main purpose, namely monitoring the country's compliance with its commitments, it has to meet certain quality standards, in other words it has to be accurate, complete, consistent, comparable and transparent (ACCCT). The first two requirements need no special explanation: an inventory is accurate, if it has no systematic bias towards under- or overestimations, whereas a complete inventory covers all relevant sources and sinks, and gases within the borders of the country. The next two criteria are closely linked to the requirements of the UNFCCC. Consistency ensures that the trends in the times-series of the inventory reflect real

differences in emissions, and not caused by any methodological changes. National greenhouse gas inventories of all countries shall be comparable; therefore, the submitted information shall be compiled in accordance with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines and the 2006 IPCC guidelines. More detailed source specific information on used data and methodologies can be found in Chapters 3-9 in this inventory report.

## 1.6 Key source categories

Key categories have been identified based on the IPCC Tier 1 methodology. As the category *3D Agricultural Soils N<sub>2</sub>O* was splitted into *3.D.1 Direct N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions From Managed Soils* and *3.D.2 Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions From Managed Soils*, it isn't possible to identify changes compared to last year.

**Table 1.6.1** Number of identified Key categories

	<b>TIER 1 (excluding LULUCF) Number of key category / number of categories</b>	<b>TIER 1 (including LULUCF) Number of key category / number of categories</b>
LEVEL	25/144	31/171
TREND	26/144	31/171

**Table 1.6.2.** Key category analysis summary

KEY CATEGORIES OF EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS	Gas	Criteria used for key source identification			
1A1 Energy Industries - Gaseous fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A1 Energy Industries - Liquid fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A1 Energy Industries - Other fossil fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>			T incL	T excL
1A1 Energy Industries - Solid fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A2 Manufacturing industries - Gaseous fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A2 Manufacturing industries - Liquid fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A2 Manufacturing industries - Other fossil fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A2 Manufacturing industries - Solid fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A3b Road transport - All Fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A3c Railways - All Fuels	CO <sub>2</sub>			T incL	T excL
1A4 Other sectors - Biomass	CH <sub>4</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A4 Other sectors - Gaseous	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL

KEY CATEGORIES OF EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS	Gas	Criteria used for key source identification			
<b>fuels</b>					
1A4 <b>Other sectors - Liquid fuels</b>	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1A4 <b>Other sectors - Solid fuels</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>			T incL	T excL
1A4 <b>Other sectors - Solid fuels</b>	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
1B1 <b>Solid fuels</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>			T incL	T excL
1B2b Natural Gas	CH <sub>4</sub>	L incL	L excL		
1B2c Venting and flaring	CO <sub>2</sub>				T excL
2A1 Cement Production	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL		
2B1 Ammonia Production	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL		
2B2 Nitric Acid Production	N <sub>2</sub> O			T incL	T excL
2B8 Petrochemical and carbon black production	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
2C1 Iron and Steel Production	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
2C3 Aluminium Production	PFC			T incL	T excL
2F1 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment - <b>HFC+PFC</b>	Aggregate F-gases	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
<b>3.D.1 Direct N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions From Managed Soils</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
<b>3A Enteric Fermentation</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
<b>3B Manure Management</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	L incL	L excL		
<b>3B Manure Management</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	L incL	L excL		
4(II) Emissions and removals from drainage and rewetting and other management of organic and mineral soils - CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL		T incL	
4A1 Forest Land Remaining Forest Land	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL		T incL	
4A2 Land Converted to Forest Land	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL		T incL	
4B1 Cropland Remaining Cropland	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL		T incL	
4B2 Land Converted to Cropland	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL		T incL	
<b>4C2 Land Converted to Grassland</b>	CO <sub>2</sub>			T incL	
4G Harvested Wood Products	CO <sub>2</sub>	L incL			

KEY CATEGORIES OF EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS	Gas	Criteria used for key source identification			
		L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
5A Solid waste disposal	CH <sub>4</sub>	L incL	L excL	T incL	T excL
5D Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	CH <sub>4</sub>	L incL	L excL		

Note: L = Level assessment; T = Trend assessment.

## 1.7 QA/QC information

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

### ISO activities

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

In 2012 the ISO procedure of the GHG division was reviewed, and the former QA/QC Plan with the archiving manual was integrated into it. ISO document No.: ELFO\_UHG\_401.01 entered into force on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013 can be regarded as the QA/QC Plan required for inventory preparation. In addition, the records used for documentation of QA/QC and other standardized activities have also been renewed. On 21 May 2014, an update of the QA/QC Plan (No.: ELFO\_UHG\_401.02) entered into force in order to insert the recommendation of the review of the year before regarding the documentation of QA activities. The update of the QA/QC Plan (No.: ELFO\_NELO\_401.01) that entered into force in the beginning of 2016 did not contain significant changes, mainly changes of names and references to legislation and the Guidebook are reflected. The records and their functions are the following at the moment:

- NELO01: QA/QC checklist: to be filled in by sectoral experts which includes a compulsory check list, summary of results of checks, suggestions for corrective actions and planned improvements;
- NELO02: Data quality check: to be filled in case of data providers and external experts on data quality;
- NELO03: Development Plan: to be filled in every year by the end of the inventory cycle based on the outcome of all reviews and own experience;
- NELO04: Responsibility: for the specification of the sectoral responsibilities of the core team and the QA/QC coordinator
- NELO05: Data source logbook: for the standardized documentation of data sources;
- NELO06: Uncertainty and NELO07: Key category analysis; for the standardized



documentation of uncertainty and key category analysis.

- NELO08: QA activities logbook: record for the documentation of QA activities.

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

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

- ELFO\_NELO\_401.01 formalizes the data collection and inventory preparation procedure as it is described also in chapters 1.4 and 1.5 above. It is important to note that the authorization of HMS for collecting non-public data has been raised in a legally binding level by since 2009 when 528/2013. (XII.30.) Govt. Decree entered into force. In addition, Act LX of 2007 on the implementation framework of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol authorizes HMS to collect confidential data if needed as well. ELFO\_NELO\_401.01 prescribes that any data used by the preparation of the inventory have to be documented and archived.
- Documentation and archiving: As it is mentioned in chapter 1.4 above, the Hungarian Meteorological Service is a central office under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture. Strict documentation and archiving is a basic requirement by the institution. The HMS has a documentation and archiving manual valid for the whole institution, which defines that all the incoming letters and emails containing data have to be registered in the central registry system of HMS. This ensures that every document is traceable. In additional data, data sources and calculation files and background documents for every inventory submission need to be documented and archived by the sectoral experts. The exact process of documentation and archiving (naming and location) is detailed in document ELFO\_NELO\_401.01.
- Data quality check. Besides self-checking, the entries of data providers and external experts are checked regularly which is an interactive process during the whole inventory cycle. Significant changes compared to previous data shall be explained. NELO02 QC record was created for standardized documentation of evaluation of data quality by the data providers which can be regarded as a continuous development. The QA/QC plan prescribes the obligation of filling in the records mentioned before, including Development Plan, where first of all the recommendations of the last years' reviews conducted by the expert review team of the UNFCCC have to be taken into consideration as much as possible every year.

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

As part of the QA and verification activities there is an ongoing QA procedure between the two institutes involved in the forestry part of the inventory. Peer-reviews will be conducted depending on available resources

In 2012 the EU carried out a comprehensive individual technical review concentrating on the years 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010, which can be regarded as an additional QA activity. Starting with the data reported for the year 2013, the European Commission will conduct an annual review of the national inventory data submitted by Member States. We believe that this process contributes significantly to the quality assurance procedures.

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

- Several consistency checks as detailed in chapter 1.10.
- Active participation in the support project organized by EU DG Climate for the „*Assistance of*

*Member States for effective implementation of the reporting requirements under the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)*

In November 2015, Hungary took part in an informal review organized by the EU, where all the sectors had been thoroughly reviewed by international experts. Several recommendations have been formulated and some of them are already implemented in the present submission.

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

The in-country review of Hungary's 2016 submission had also an important impact on the development of quality and transparency of the emission estimates. The majority of the recommendations in the 2016 review processes have been implemented in the 2017 submission, while further recommendations in the 2016 reviews will be addressed where feasible in the next submission.

### **Other QA/QC activities**

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

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

## **1.8 Uncertainty**

The reliability of the data for individual source categories was estimated on the basis of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines but information from the industry and expert estimates was also used. On the basis of Table 3.3 and Table 4.1 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines we have determined the total uncertainty according to the Tier 1 method. Accordingly, the combined uncertainty as % of total national emissions (in the year 2015) is 10.8% (excluding LULUCF) and the uncertainty introduced in trend in national emissions is 2.3%.

The uncertainty values have been determined by gas as well:

<b>% SUM Uncertainty excluding LULUCF</b>	
CO <sub>2</sub>	2.5
CH <sub>4</sub>	22.6
N <sub>2</sub> O	144.9
F-gases	12.9

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

## 1.9 Completeness

GHG inventory data are provided for the base year (the average of the three years 1985–1987) and the years 1986–2015. All relevant gases, sectors and categories are included. The inventory is complete in terms of geographic coverage. The notation keys are used throughout the tables.

### 1.10 Consistency checks

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

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

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

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

As basically the same team has prepared both inventories, the consistency of the used data is safeguarded. Consistently, the emissions estimates of carbon monoxide (CO), sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and volatile organic compounds, in inventories submitted by the Member State under Directive 2001/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution are consistent with the corresponding emission estimates in greenhouse gas inventories. The difference between the total emissions of any of the above pollutants reported in both inventories is well below 5% as it is demonstrated in the table below. (The relatively larger differences in CO emissions are mainly due to emissions reported in the LULUCF sector.)

As the new Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, amending Directive

2003/35/EC and repealing Directive 2001/81/EC has changed the reporting deadline to February 15, the table below will be updated in the March submission

			1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
CRF	NO <sub>x</sub>	kt	236	183	181	170	155	139	124	120	119	123
	CO	kt	1388	905	578	510	399	476	590	554	480	472
	NM VOC	kt	296	204	181	156	139	142	144	146	136	138
	SO <sub>2</sub>	kt	825	616	429	42	35	31	32	31	28	24
NFR	NO <sub>x</sub>	kt	235	182	180	169	155	140	123	120	119	123
	CO	kt	1372	891	554	486	389	470	555	547	465	458
	NM VOC	kt	297	205	182	157	141	143	145	147	137	139
	SO <sub>x</sub> (as SO <sub>2</sub> )	kt	825	615	428	42	36	31	32	31	28	24
	NH <sub>3</sub>	kt	139	81	85	77	70	69	70	73	73	76
Difference %	NO <sub>x</sub>	%	-0,2%	-0,2%	-0,4%	-0,2%	0,1%	0,2%	-1,0%	0,2%	-0,1%	0,1%
	CO	%	-1,1%	-1,5%	-4,0%	-4,7%	-2,7%	-1,4%	-6,0%	-1,4%	-3,1%	-3,0%
	NM VOC	%	0,4%	0,5%	0,7%	0,9%	0,8%	0,5%	0,4%	0,4%	0,4%	0,5%
	SO <sub>x</sub> (as SO <sub>2</sub> )	%	0,0%	0,0%	-0,1%	-0,4%	1,0%	0,2%	-0,1%	0,0%	0,1%	0,1%

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

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

In the table below there are the data reported by Hungarian National Climate Protection Authority for inventory preparation purposes for 2015 and the quantities that were reported within the scope of 517/2014/EC to the European Environment Agency (EEA) for 2013. There are significant differences between the imported/exported quantities.

	SUM quantity used for preparation of the inventory		Data reported pursuant to Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 517/2014	
	Import	Export	Import	Export
<b>R134a (t)</b>	<b>818.1</b>	<b>168.8</b>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>0.3</i>
<b>R404A (t)</b>	<b>414.1</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<b>R407C (t)</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<b>R410A (t)</b>	<b>226.0</b>	<b>219.2</b>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>0.0</i>

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

The IEA/Eurostat joint questionnaires serve as basis of emission calculation in the energy sector and as regards non-energy use of fuels partly also in the industrial processes sector. Consistency is further

enhanced by our practice that emission calculation files access directly the joint questionnaires. Where ETS data are taken into account, there might, however, be some minor differences with the energy statistics (e.g. industrial waste consumption in cement production). Nevertheless, these differences are well below 2%.

## 2. TRENDS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

In the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Changes, Hungary undertook to keep its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2000 at or below the 1990 level. In the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, our country committed to reduce the average greenhouse gas emission by 6% of the base year level during the five years of the first commitment period (2008 to 2012). It will be shown in the next Sections that Hungary has complied with these commitments.

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

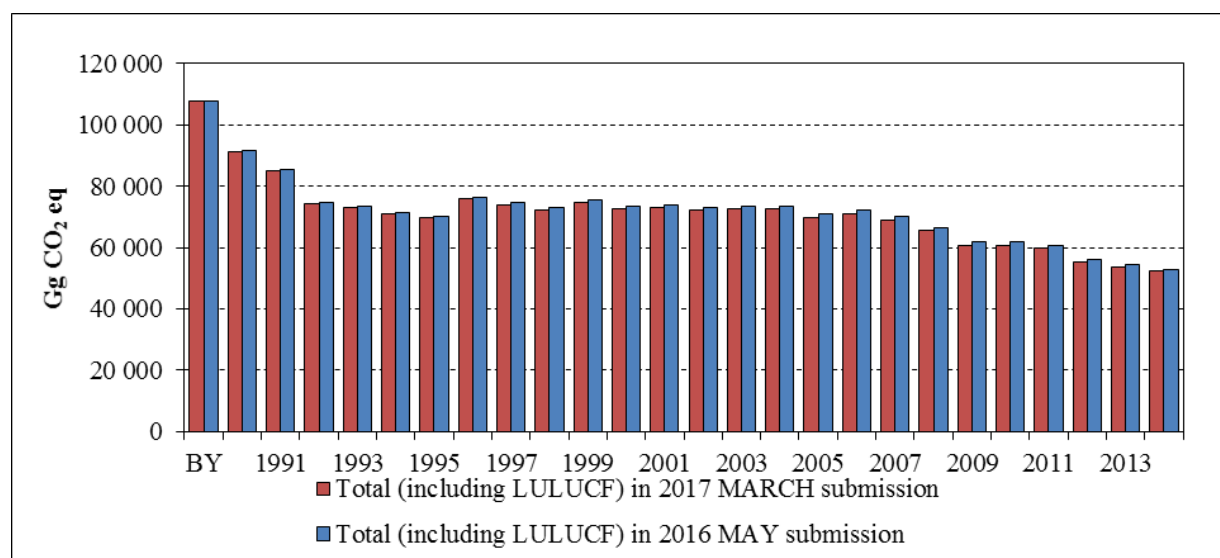
The trends of the total greenhouse gas emissions may be assessed on the basis of the GWP. The table below shows the time series of net and gross emissions:

*Table 2.1 Total GHG emissions (including and excluding LULUCF)*

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2013	2014	2015
Total (incl.LULUCF)	107,698	91,224	69,775	72,694	69,917	60,854	53,526	52,518	54,580
Total (excl.LULUCF)	109,505	93,896	75,474	73 461	75 774	65,405	57 401	57,879	61,092

*BY=average of 1985-87*

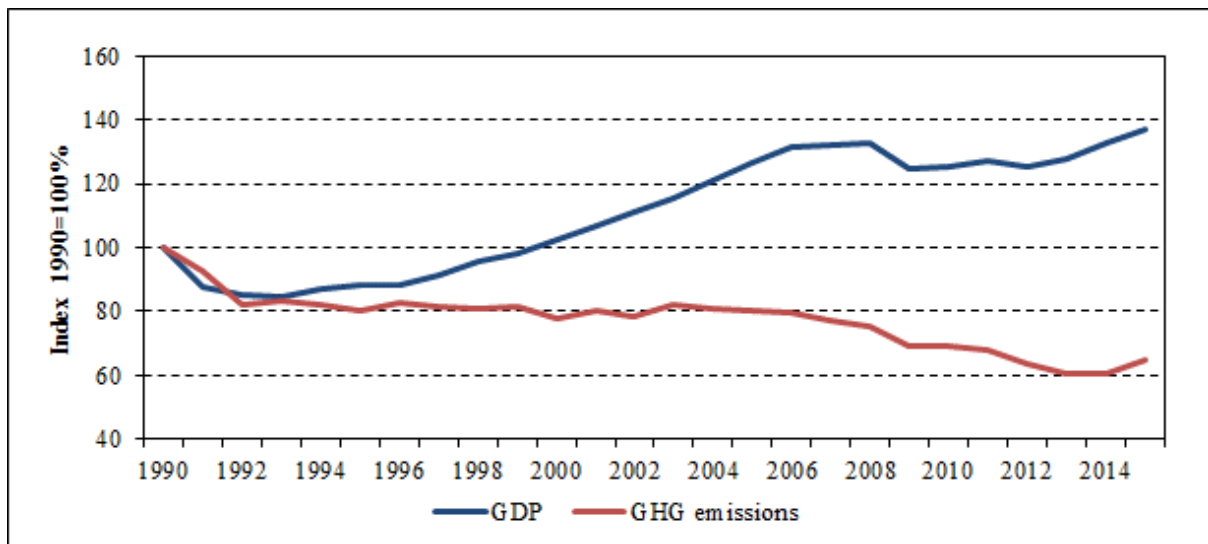
The figure below shows the net emissions from the base year until the last year assessed in the last two submissions, taking also removals into account. The small effect of the recalculations can also be seen on this figure.



*Figure 2.1 Total emission (including net CO<sub>2</sub> from LULUCF) between 1985 and 2014*

Compared to the base year, emissions were significantly reduced in the energy (-45%), industrial processes and product use (-52%), and agriculture (-44%) sectors. In contrast, emissions in the waste sector have increased since 1985 (+14%). The land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector shows fluctuating behavior. Looking at the most recent trends since 2005, emissions have significantly decreased in the energy and industrial processes sectors by 23% and 22%, respectively. The agriculture sector seems to have recovered and could show an increase of 10% since 2005. The previous growing trend turned back in the waste sector (-13%).

For a better understanding of the Hungarian emission trends, the time interval of the inventory should be split into three periods with different emission relevant economic processes in the background. The first period (1985-95) would be the years of the regime change in Hungary, whereas in the second period (1995-2005) the rules of the market economy became decisive. The second period can also be characterized by the decoupling of GDP growth from the GHG emission trend which is undoubtedly an important development. By 1999, the GDP reached the pre-1990 level; however, emission levels remained significantly below the levels of the preceding years. Thus, the emissions per GDP were decreasing.



**Figure 2.2** Comparison of trends in GDP and GHG emissions

In the third period, after 2005, Hungary experienced an emission reduction of 24% up to 2013, out of which 6% occurred in the first three years up to 2008: basically, due to mild winters, higher energy prices, and modernization in the chemical industry. Then in 2009, the global financial-economic crisis made its radical influence felt which can also be seen at the dropping GDP values in *Fig. 2.2*. From 2010 on a slight recovery of the economy could be observed, the emissions, however, not just remained at a relatively low level but decreased again quite significantly. The decreasing trend stopped in 2014 and an increase of 7% could be observed in 2015.

Starting with the first period, the process of transition into market economy brought in its train radical and painful decline in the output of the national economy. The production decreased in almost every economic sector including also the GHG relevant sectors (energy, industry and agriculture). Consequently, GHG emissions decreased substantially in these years by around 34 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent. Between the mid 80's and the mid 90's emissions fell back in the *energy* sector by around 28%, and even more, by around 45-50% in the *industrial processes* and *agriculture* sectors.

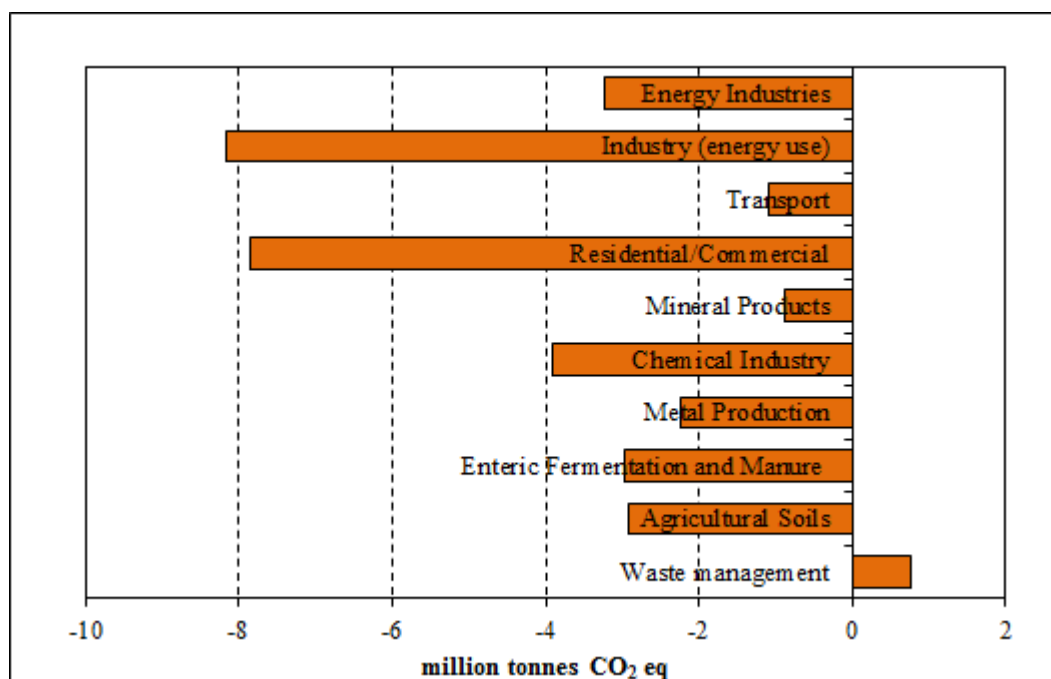
The most significant drop in energy use occurred in the industry especially in the energy-intensive industrial sectors (manufacture of basic metals and machinery, mining etc.). The industrial output of 1992 was two third of that of 1989. Several factories were closed down, capacity utilization was

reduced, consequently the production decreased more or less drastically in each industrial sector.

Some examples:

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

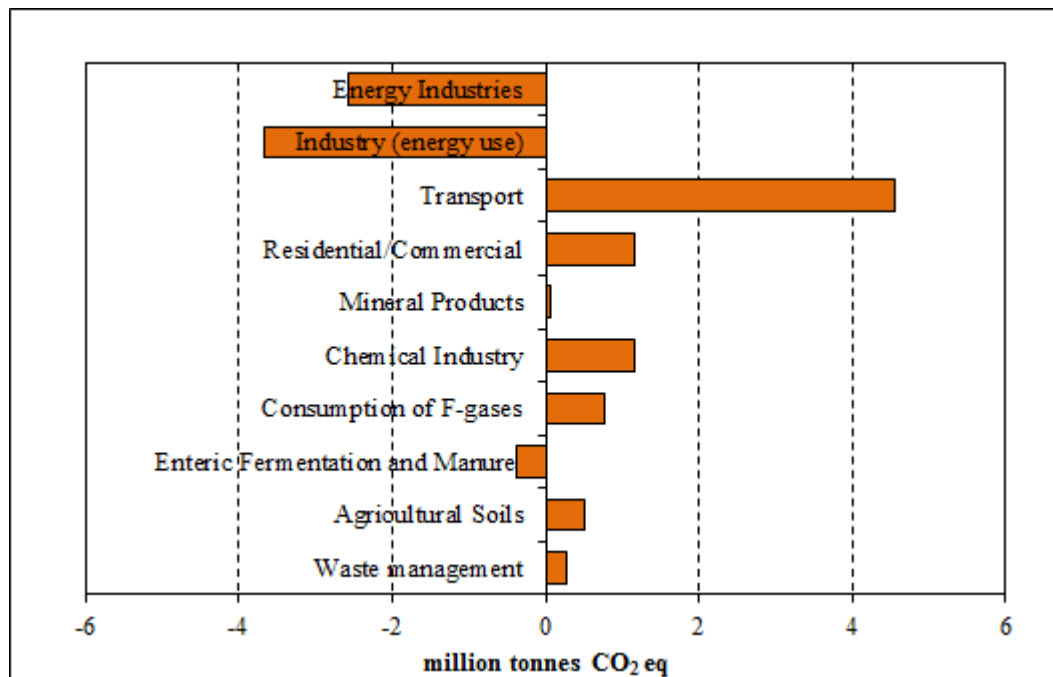
The agricultural sector suffered a similar decline. As a result of the political and economic processes, the number of agricultural farms was reduced by more than 30%, the number of employees by more than 50%, the volume index of the gross agricultural production by more than 30%, the livestock by about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



**Figure 2.3** Changes in emissions due to regime change, Y1995-BY, million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-eq

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



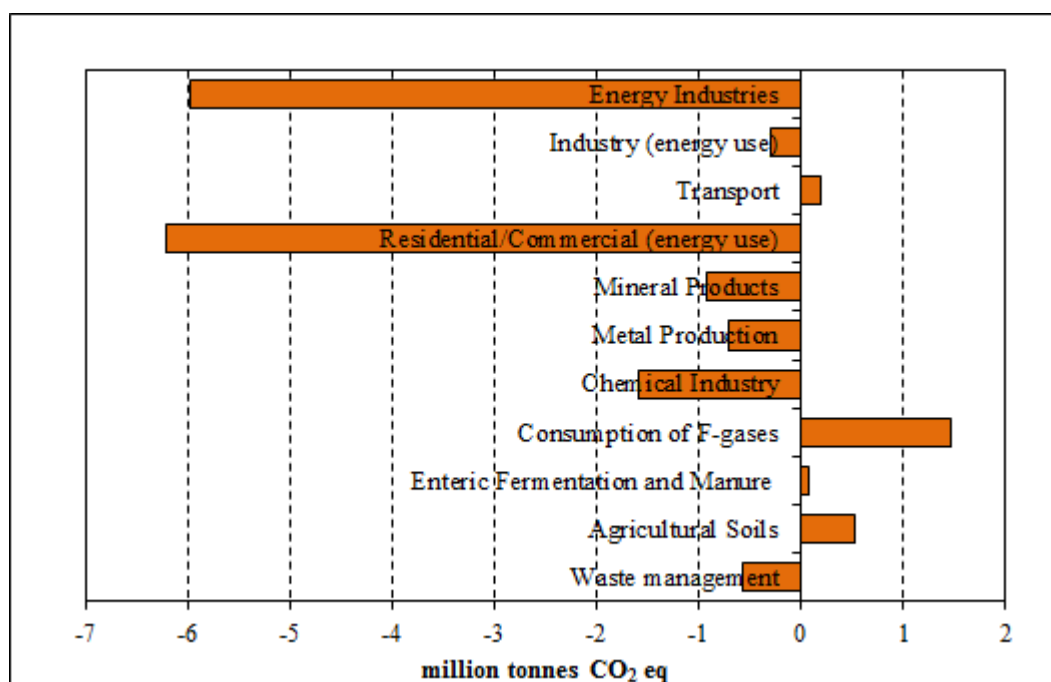


**Figure 2.4** Changes in emissions between 1995 and 2005, million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-eq

After the mid 90's, emissions seemed to have stabilized around 75-76 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent. However, behind the quite stable emission level opposite processes could be observed which can be illustrated by the relatively bigger changes in the energy sector. The fuel use of industry decreased further which led to about 6% share only in GHG emissions around 2005. In contrast, emissions from transport increased significantly by almost 5 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent which represented a growth of 61%.

In the third period, between 2005 and 2015, emissions fell by 14.7 million tonnes or 19%. (The decrease was even higher, 24%, if we look at the period between 2005 and 2013.) About a quarter of this decrease occurred between 2005 and 2008. The decreasing energy use by other sectors and manufacturing industries, and the diminishing process related emissions in the chemical industry were the main drivers of these changes. Most importantly, total fuel consumption in the residential sector decreased by about 17% (including a 33% drop in solid fuel and a 18% decrease in natural gas use) - mainly due to extreme mild winter in 2007 but probably the growing energy prices and the support for modernization of buildings might have played a role as well. Decreased production volumes and modernization in the chemical industry led to an emission reduction of about 45%. In contrast, emissions from energy industries and transport grew further.

Then in 2009, the Hungarian economy was hit hard by the global economic crisis that exerted a significant effect on the emission level. Emissions (excluding LULUCF) decreased by 9% (-6.1 million tonnes) between 2008 and 2009. In comparison with 2008, emissions in 2009 were lower in all major sectors. The highest relative reduction (-14%) occurred in the industrial processes and product use sector mainly due to lower production volumes especially in mineral product manufacturing (-27%). Parallel to that, also energy use decreased in manufacturing industries and construction, consequently GHG emission fell by 28% here. Regarding absolute changes in emissions, out of the 6.1 million tonnes reduction, fuel combustion was responsible for about 4.6 million tonnes. Although the energy demand increased in the heating season due to less favorable weather conditions, the fall in the production of energy intensive sectors led to an overall decline in energy use.



**Figure 2.5** Changes in emissions between 2005 and 2015, million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-eq

The decline in economic output stopped in the first quarter of 2010. Mainly driven by the growth in export-oriented industrial production, the GDP grew by 0.5% in 2010. The change in GHG emissions was about the same. In the next three years, however, emissions decreased again altogether by 12%.

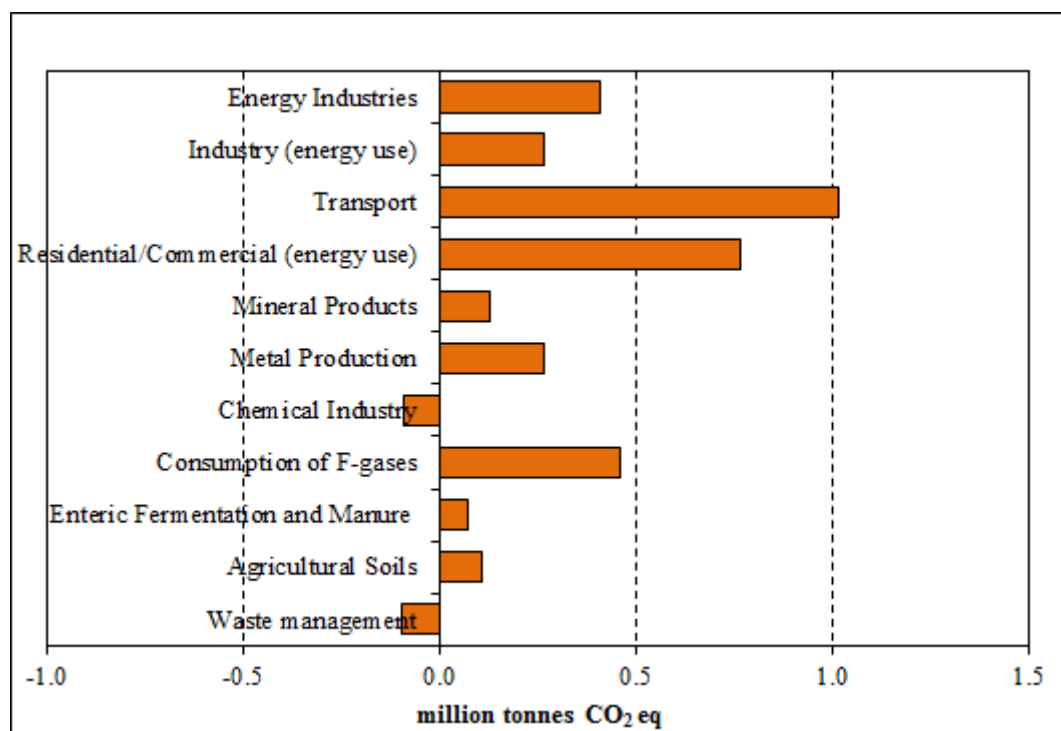
In 2011, we could see decreases in many areas but especially in the energy sector. Electricity production had decreased by 4% which resulted in a similar fall in GHG emissions. Natural gas consumption of the residential sector dropped by 9%. Transport emissions fell by 5%, mineral production by a further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

In 2012, the decreasing trend in emissions continued. The decrease of 3.7 million tonnes (or -6%) can almost be explained by processes in the energy sector alone (e.g. further decrease in electricity production, a 13% drop in natural gas consumption in “other sectors”) as it will be elaborated more in chapter 2.3.

2013 was not an exception in the decreasing trend, either. Total emissions have decreased by 5% corresponding to 2.7 megatons in CO<sub>2</sub>-eq. The decrease was dominated again by the energy sector. Emissions from power and heat production alone dropped no less than 2.6 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq due to significantly lower electricity production from fossil fuels.

Total emissions have not change much in 2014; they increased slightly by 0.8 percent. In the energy sector, we could observe some counterbalancing processes. After several years of decreasing emissions, the transport sector started to show some growth. Nevertheless, the diminishing fossil fuel based electricity production, and the lower and lower energy consumption in the residential sector led to an overall decrease of emissions.

The decreasing trend of emissions seems to have stopped in 2014. Moreover, an increase of 6% could be detected in 2015. About 74% of this growth was realized in the energy sector, whereas industrial processes contributed by a further 24%. Despite the 3.2 million tonnes increase in 2015, current emissions remained by 19% far below the emission level of 2005.



*Figure 2.6 Changes in emissions between 2014 and 2015*

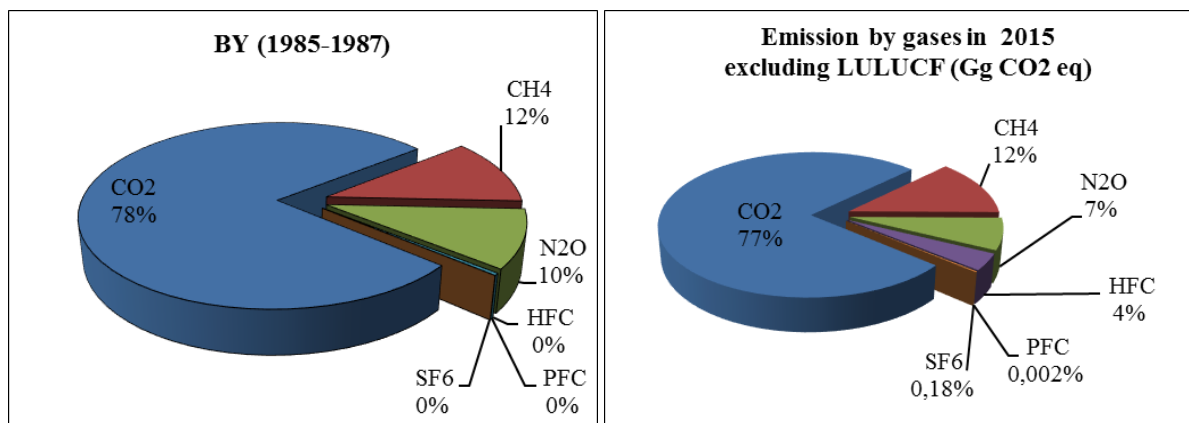
## 2.2 Description and interpretation of emission trends by gas

The following table shows the emission data for each greenhouse gas (Gg CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent):

*Table 2.2 Trends in emissions of greenhouse gases in Hungary  
(excluding LULUCF Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)*

	BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2013	2014	2015
CO <sub>2</sub>	85 565	73 448	61 608	58 545	60 488	52 217	43 868	44 034	46 778
CH <sub>4</sub>	12 544	11 746	8 812	8 923	8 404	8 067	7 810	7 703	7 626
N <sub>2</sub> O	11 020	8 315	4 742	5 367	5 709	3 809	4 347	4 224	4 309
HFCs	NO	NO	38	259	798	1 223	1 281	1 808	2 267
PFCs	371	376	223	283	281	2	2	1	1
SF <sub>6</sub>	6	11	52	84	94	87	94	109	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>109 505</b>	<b>93 896</b>	<b>75 474</b>	<b>73 461</b>	<b>75 774</b>	<b>65 405</b>	<b>57 401</b>	<b>57 879</b>	<b>61 092</b>

*Base year (BY)=average of 1985-87*

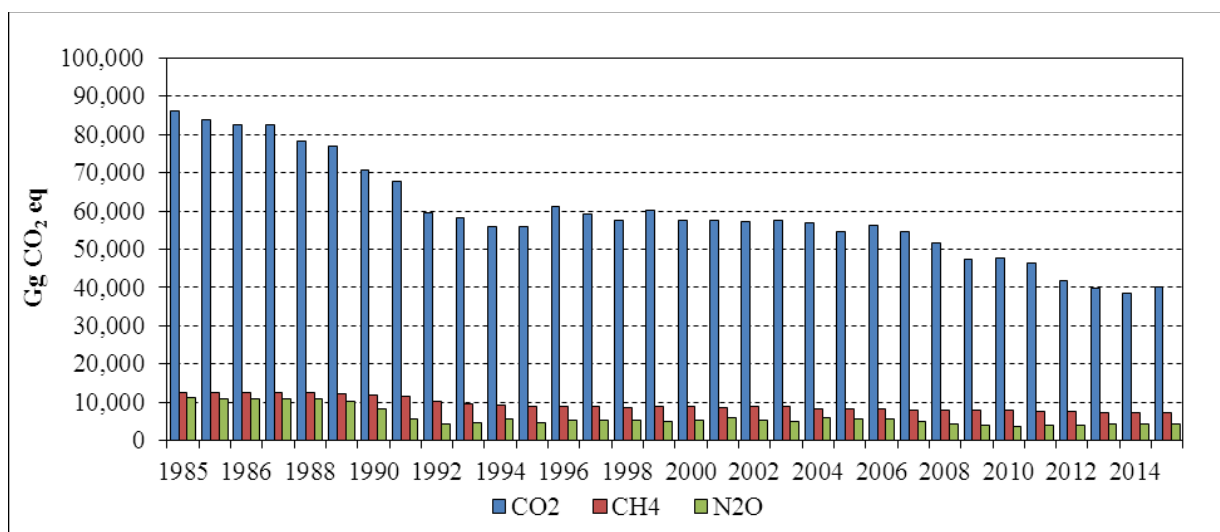


**Figure 2.7** Shares of emissions of greenhouse gases in the base year (BY) and in 2015

The drop of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during the early 1990's was attributable to the reduction of fuel uses in conjunction with the decline of the national output. From the second half of the 1990's, emissions showed stagnating or slightly decreasing tendencies reflecting the effects of restructuring following the economic growth. The changes in the fuel-mix resulted in reduction of the specific emission levels. Between 2005 and 2014, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions decreased by 27 per cent which is about the same as the decrease during the regime change around 1990. The drop of emission accelerated after 2008 mainly driven by the global economic crisis, and the reduced fossil fuel based electricity production.

As regards CH<sub>4</sub> emissions, agriculture, fugitive emissions, and waste management are the trend setting sectors. Most importantly, reductions in the livestock resulted in lower emissions. Besides, emissions from waste disposal had grown until 2008, but started to decrease recently. This is the reason why the resultant trend was relatively stagnating until the first half of the last decade, and why it has been slowly decreasing since then.

Due to the above factors, also N<sub>2</sub>O emissions decreased significantly in the beginning of the period. Later it showed a slightly rising trend, followed by another drop primarily reflecting the fluctuations in agricultural output and the modernization of nitric-acid production.



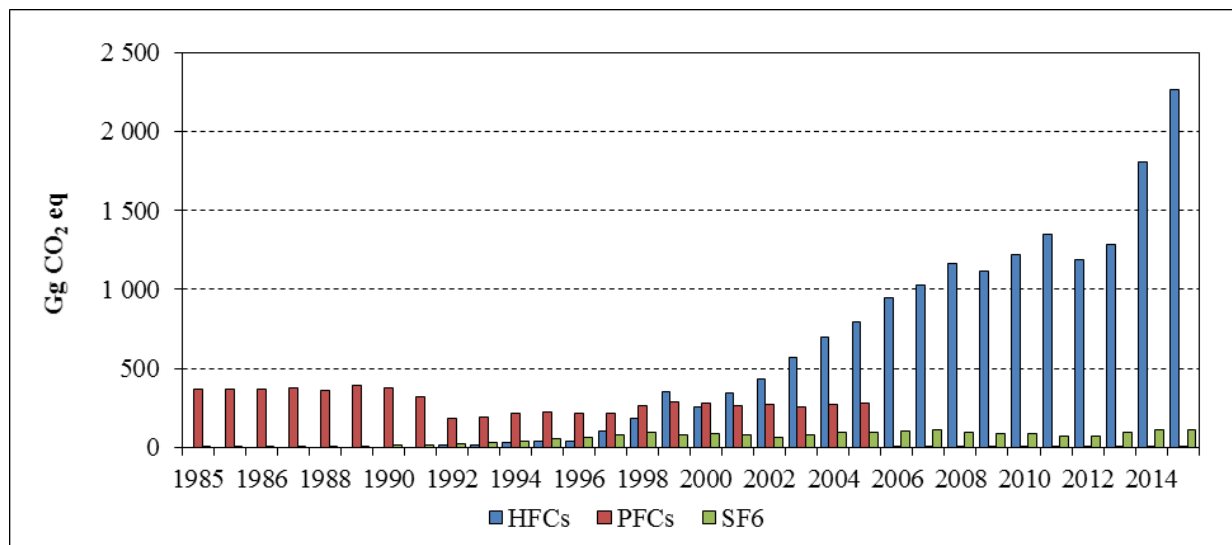
**Figure 2.8** Trend of emissions by gases, including LULUCF, Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq

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

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

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

SF<sub>6</sub> emissions primarily depend on the uses in electricity transmission, as it is mainly used in electrical equipment, first of all in switchgears for insulation and arc quenching. So, the growth of the electricity consumption results in an increasing application of SF<sub>6</sub>, however the tendencies vary according to the manufacturing/application needs and the steep increase seems to be stopped in the recent years in SF<sub>6</sub> emissions too.

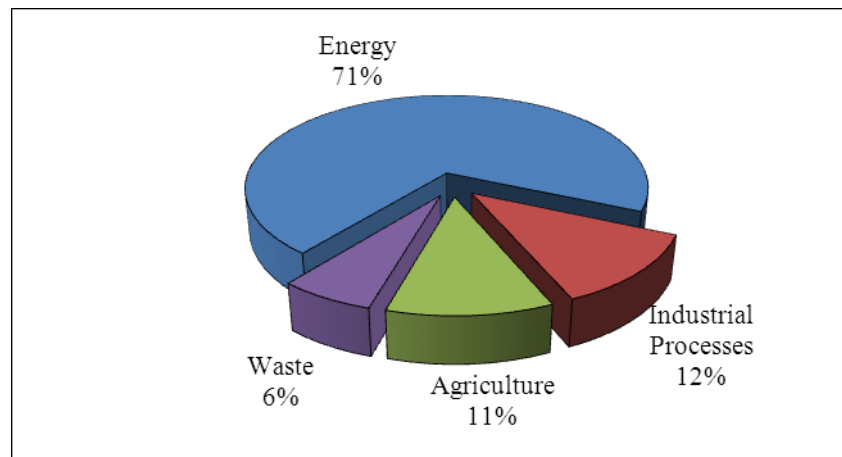


**Figure 2.9** F-gases trend (1985-2015), Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq

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

## 2.3 Description and interpretation of emission trends by category

The following figure shows the emissions by sources and removals by sinks for each sector. As demonstrated by the figure, Energy and Agriculture are the sectors with the greatest influence on the total emission. The biggest emitting sector was the energy sector contributing 71% to the total GHG emission in 2015. Industrial processes and product use was the second largest sector with 12% but only slightly larger than emissions from agriculture that accounted for 11%. The waste sector contributed 6%. Compared to the base year, emissions were significantly reduced in the energy (-45%), agriculture (-44%), and industrial processes and product use (-52%) sectors. In contrast, emissions in the waste sector have increased since 1985 (+14%). The land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector shows fluctuating behavior. Looking at the most recent trends since 2005, emissions have significantly decreased in the energy and industrial processes sectors by 23% and 22%, respectively. The agriculture sector seems to have recovered and could show an increase of 10% since 2005. The previous growing trend turned back in the waste sector (-13%).



**Figure 2.10** Shares of sectors in 2015

Emissions by the **energy sector** decreased in the first part of the period as a result of reduced energy consumption and use of fuels with more favorable composition. Between 2005 and 2008 growing emissions from energy industries and transport could be observed, which were more than offset by the drastic reductions in the residential sector and manufacturing industries. And then the economic crisis came.

The energy sector was responsible for 71% of total GHG emissions in 2015. Carbon dioxide from fossil fuels was the largest item among greenhouse gas emissions contributing 96% to the sectoral emission. Looking at fuel combustion only, the share of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions was even higher (98%). Considering fuel use in combustion processes, gases had still the highest (but decreasing) proportion (42%), liquids and solids represented 30% and 11%, respectively. It is worth mentioning that the share of biomass in fuel combustion grew to 16%. The most important subsector was energy industries with a proportion of 32% within the energy sector, followed by transport and other sectors (both 28%). Fugitive emissions from fuels played only a small role with 2% out of which 93% originate from oil and natural gas production, processing, transmission and distribution. Emission in subsector *1.B.1 – Fugitive emissions from solid fuels* are 96% smaller than the base year caused by the huge recession of underground coal mining in Hungary. The aggregate change of sector *1B – Fugitive emissions* is 76% decrease compared to the base year.

The significant reduction in emissions between the base year and 1995 was mainly due to the economic transformation which caused sudden decrease in energy demand. (In this respect, it is perhaps worth mentioning that the decrease in fuel consumption after 2005 was even higher!) In addition, ongoing changes in fuel-structure, i.e. gradual replacement of solid fuel by natural gas, led to further decrease of total emissions.

Overall emissions from the energy sector have increased by 6% or 2.4 million tonnes between 2014 and 2015. Above all, transport related emissions continued to increase by 9% in 2015 after a 12% growth in 2014. Especially diesel oil consumption increased significantly whereas gasoline sales grew at a more moderate level. Still, transport related emissions were by 7% lower in 2015 than in 2007.

After years of dominantly decreasing trend, also the residential sector produced higher emissions mostly due to higher natural gas consumption by 13%. Residential gas consumption was still lower in 2015 than the average of the last decade by 26%.

Gross electricity production increased slightly by 3%. The increase in natural gas based electricity production was especially significant (20%). It must be noted, however, that in spite of this growth, natural gas-fired electricity generation was three times as high around 2007-2008. The basic feature of the Hungarian energy industry is that 52% of gross electricity production stems from nuclear energy and only 37% from classic fossil fuels. At the same time, electricity import has a significant share of

31%.

The industrial processes sector was the second largest sector, contributing 13% to total GHG emissions in 2015. The most important greenhouse gas was CO<sub>2</sub>, contributing 65% to total sectoral GHG emissions, followed by F-gases with 33%. In 2015, 33% of the emissions came from chemical industry, followed by 31% from product uses as ODS substitutes. Mineral and metal industry has equal, 16% contribution to sectoral GHG emissions. Other product uses (SF<sub>6</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O containing) and non-energy products from fuels and solvent use have the smallest influence on the 2015 IPPU inventory with 2% for each category. Process related industrial emissions decreased by 52% between base year and 2015, and by 22% between 2005 and 2015.

Although emissions of F-gases represent only 4% of the total GHG emissions, their trend requires special attention. As these gases are harmless for the ozone layer, the use of HFCs in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry got widespread thus their emission steeply increased.

GHG emissions from industrial processes sector are 12% (759 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) higher in 2015 than in 2014. There is an increase in almost all subsectors except for other (SF<sub>6</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O containing) product uses and chemical industry. The first might be explained by the volatility of the markets, the trade and the consumption of these products. Meanwhile the resulted emission reduction in chemical industry is the sum of several factors, namely: nitric acid production dropped by 9%, also emission from ammonia production decreased significantly with increasing amount of CO<sub>2</sub> recovery caused by urea production, petrochemical production had a slight increase. Significant increase of emissions might be observed in metal industry (particularly in iron and steel production) and in subsector of product uses as ODS substitutes, 29% and 25% respectively. Quantity of emitted F-gases increased primarily as a result of intensified use of HFCs as refrigerants in refrigerant and in air conditioning systems.

In mineral industry, the change is 12%, which can be explained by vigorous increase of cement and lime production. Iron and steel industry seems to recover after the drop of production in 2013.

In 2015, *agriculture* accounted for 11% of total emissions. Emissions from agriculture include CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O gases. 87 per cent of total N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were generated in agriculture in 2015. Emissions from agriculture have decreased by 44% over the period of 1985-2015. The bulk of this reduction occurred in the years between 1985 and 1995, when agricultural production fell by more than 30 per cent, and livestock numbers underwent a drastic decline. The contribution of agriculture to total emissions was 11% in 2015 similar to the level in the base year (BY).

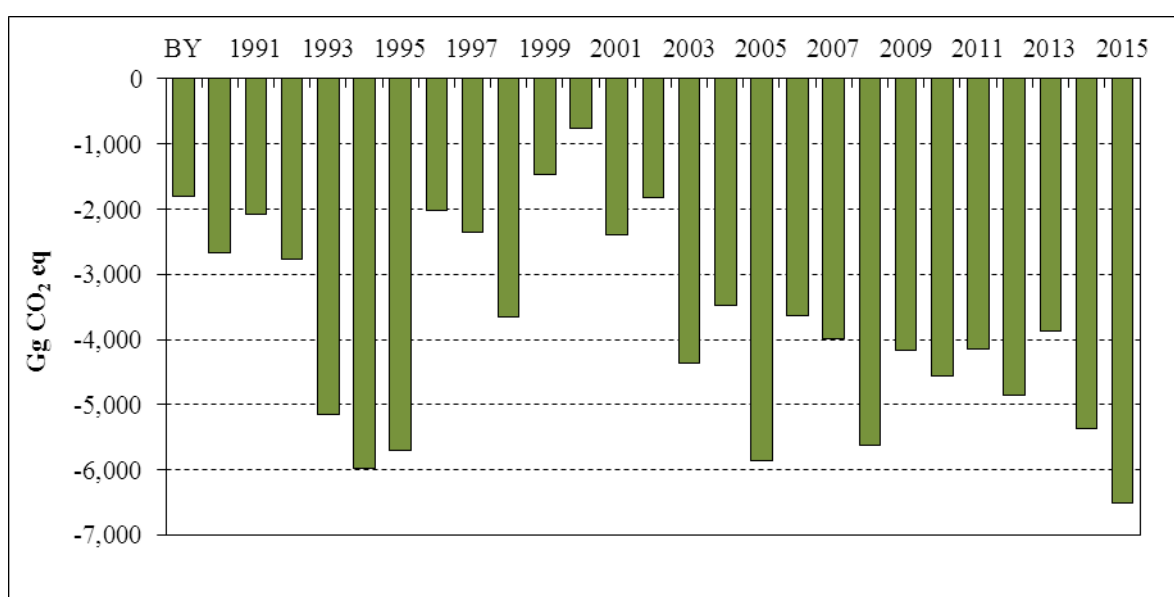
Between 1996 and 2008, agricultural emissions had stagnated around 6.1 Mt with fluctuations up to 4%. Behind this trend there were compensatory processes. While the number of livestock decreased further leading to lower emission, the use of fertilizers increased by 67.5% in the period 1995-2007 which caused growing nitrous oxide emissions from agricultural soils. In 2008 the significantly rising fertilizer prices led to lower fertilizer use, which resulted in some reduction in the emission levels.

Agricultural emissions decreased both in 2009 and 2010. A major reduction in emissions occurred in 2009, when 11 per cent decline in swine population also contributed to the downward trend. Agricultural emissions hit the lowest point in 2010. A slight increase started in 2011, due to the higher N-fertilizer use, and higher emissions from crop residues resulting from greater crop production, then in 2012 emissions remained on the level of 2011. In 2013 and 2014 the further rising fertilizer use, increasing animal livestock and relatively higher crop production resulted in growing emission levels again. The increased fertilizer use resulted in a further rise in N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in 2015. The higher cattle, poultry livestock and milk production also contributed to the higher agricultural N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> emissions again. Though the contribution of agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to the national total is rather low, it is worth mentioning here, that the agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased by 15% from 2014 to 2015, as a result of the significant increase in urea fertilizers use.

The *waste sector* was responsible for 6% of total national GHG emissions in 2015. The largest

category was solid waste disposal on land, representing 80% in 2015, followed by wastewater treatment and discharge (12%), incineration of waste (5%), and biological treatment of solid waste (3%). In contrast with other sectors, emissions from the waste sector are by 14% higher now than in the base year. However, the growth in emissions had stopped in the last decade, and a reduction of 13% could be observed between 2005 and 2015. The degradation process in solid waste disposal sites is quite slow which means that waste that were disposed many years earlier have still an influence on current emission levels. However, the amount of disposed waste had dropped significantly since 2005 (e.g. landfilled municipal waste decreased by 48%) consequently methane emissions started to decrease as well. GHG emissions from wastewater handling have a pronounced decreasing trend due to a growing number of dwellings connected to the public sewerage network.

The **Land Use Land-Use Change and Forestry** sector is a sink of carbon because of the huge amount of carbon uptake of forests, due to continuous afforestation efforts and sustainable forest management. The complex dynamics of the land use and land-use changes leads to highly fluctuating estimates of sectoral removals. Our estimates indicate an average annual 3.5 million tonnes removal, CO<sub>2</sub>-eq net removals range from 0.08 million tonnes in 1985 to 6.5 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> in 2015. In 2015, the LULUCF sector accounted for 6.5 million tonnes carbon dioxide net removals. The net removals of forests amounted to 5.8 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure 2.11** Sinks of LULUCF, Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq



## 2.4 Trends of indirect gases and SO<sub>2</sub>

NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and NMVOC gases are referred to as indirect gases because they (together with SO<sub>2</sub>) influence atmospheric warming indirectly, via secondary effects. Nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and (non-methane) volatile organic compounds are precursor of ozone which is itself a naturally occurring greenhouse gas. Sulphur dioxide can contribute to formation of aerosols that scatter some of the solar radiation back into space. Calculation of the emissions of these gases is required by the UNFCCC reporting guidelines. It should be noted that Hungary (as well as the other European countries) has calculated the emissions of such gases for several decades and the Geneva Convention of 1979 (CLRTAP) also laid down such obligations. Emissions are reported consistently in the above two reporting regime.

The following table shows the main trends in emissions:

**Table 2.3** Trends in emissions of indirect greenhouse gases and SO<sub>2</sub>, including LULUCF (Gg)

	1990	2000	2003	2005	2006	2010	2013	2014	2015
<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	236	181	177	170	162	139	120	119	123
<b>CO</b>	1 388	578	600	510	553	476	554	480	472
<b>NMVOC</b>	296	181	175	156	152	142	146	136	138
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	825	429	247	42	40	31	31	28	24
<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	139	84	85	77	77	69	72	73	76

The substantial reduction in sulphur dioxide emissions (-95%) is attributable to the decreased use of fossil fuels in general and the decreasing share of coal with higher sulphur content. After 2000, further reductions were observed due to the introduction of SO<sub>2</sub> precipitators in coal-fired power stations. Reduced carbon monoxide emissions are obviously a consequence of decreased fuel uses. The decrease in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions is relatively moderate due to the increasing significance of transport.

### 3. ENERGY (CRF sector 1)

#### Recent key developments:

- Since 2005, Hungary experienced an almost constant emission reduction in the energy sector. However, the decreasing trend of emissions stopped in 2014. Still, current GHG emissions are by 23 per cent lower than in 2005;
- Emissions from the energy sector have increased by 6% or 2.4 million tonnes between 2014 and 2015;
- Above all, transport related emissions continued to increase by 9% in 2015 after a 12% growth in 2014. Especially diesel oil consumption increased significantly whereas gasoline sales grew at a more moderate level. Still, transport related emissions were by 7% lower in 2015 than in 2007;
- After years of dominantly decreasing trend, also the residential sector produced higher emissions mostly due to higher natural gas consumption by 13%. However, residential gas consumption was still lower in 2015 than the average of the last decade by 26%;
- Gross electricity production increased slightly by 3%. The increase in natural gas based electricity production was especially significant (20%). It must be noted, however, that in spite of this growth, natural gas-fired electricity generation was three times as high around 2007-2008. The basic feature of the Hungarian energy industry is that 52% of gross electricity production stems from nuclear energy and only 37% from classic fossil fuels. Electricity import has a significant share of 31%.

#### Major changes compared to previous submission:

- Activity data has been updated (e.g. the latest version (i.e. March 2017) of the Annual IEA/Eurostat Questionnaires has been used that contained amendments back to 2010. The most pronounced changes affected biomass consumption in the residential sector. Also, the most up-to-date database received from Eurocontrol has been taken into account).
- Some of the above changes affected some of the automatic reallocations and extrapolations that usually depend on the energy use of the most recent years:
  - Generally, less gasoil has been reallocated from road transport to off-road machinery;
  - Less natural gas has been allocated to oil and gas extraction from 1A4a;
  - Less natural gas has been reallocated from 1A4a to 1A1b
- To be consistent with the approach in the CLRTP inventory, all gasoil used in all manufacturing industries (1A2) has been allocated off-road machinery (1A2gvii);
- NCV of gasoline, gasoil and refinery gas has been changed. This had a smaller effect on transport emissions as these are based on carbon content of the fuels (kt C/kt fuel);
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor of gasoline has been revised as the previously used value corresponded to the blend E5 and not to the fossil part only;
- First estimate is presented for the category 1A4bii;
- T2 methodology from the EMEP/EEA guidebook is applied for the categories 1A2gvii and 1A4cii
- Military aviation is reported for the first time;
- Emissions from lubricants in 2-stroke engines have been added to road transport;

### 3.1 Overview of sector

Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: D, CS, PS

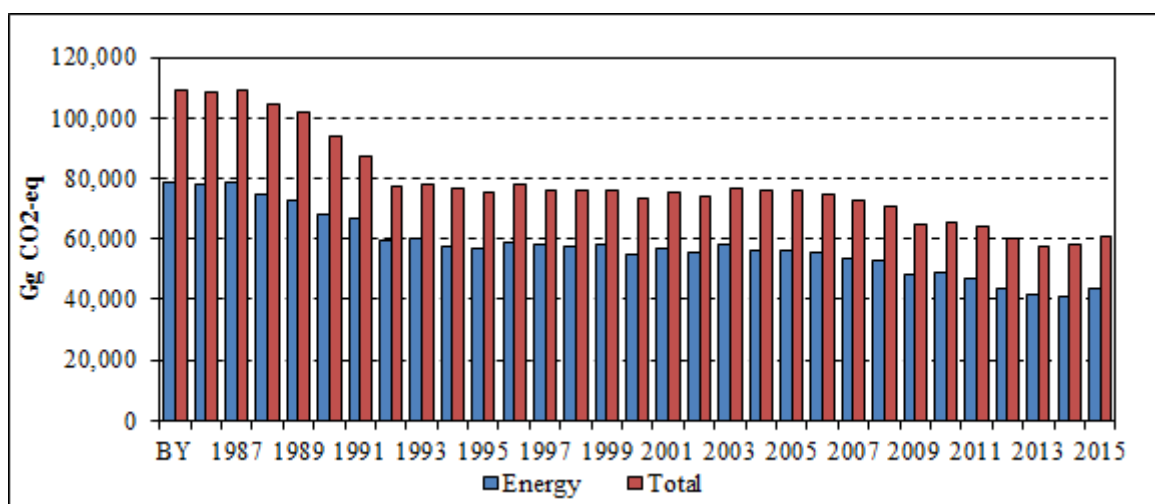
This sector covers emissions from combustion processes and fuel-related fugitive emissions from exploration, transmission, distribution and conversion of primary energy sources.

For a better understanding of the principal drivers behind fossil fuel related emission trends and variations, the main characteristics of the Hungarian Energy System will be described shortly in the following. First of all, not enough, cheap and clean domestic energy resources of good quality are available in Hungary, therefore the energy demand has to be met by import to a great extent. In 2015, primary energy production amounted to 420.2 PJ which was by 32 per cent less than in 1990 and the lowest value in the whole time-series (1990-2015). Most importantly, uneconomical deep coal mines were closed down, but also crude oil and natural gas production decreased. In contrast, energy import increased by 37 per cent between 1990 and 2005, and after drop of about 21 per cent until 2012, it grew again by 12 per cent until 2014, and then decreased by 8% until it reached its current level of 738 PJ. As the share of production in consumption is about 42%, our import dependency is quite significant. The primary energy use of Hungary was 992.2 PJ in 2015 which was about half per cent above the 2014 figure.

In 2015, final domestic electricity use amounted to 37,341 GWh, which was by 4% lower compared to the previous year and at about the same level as in 2012-2013. The market penetration of the nuclear electricity started in 1983 in Hungary when the first 440 MW block of the Nuclear Power Plant in Paks was put into service. Recently, 52 per cent of the domestic generated electricity is produced by nuclear energy whereas the share of fossil fuels decreased to 37% in 2015 from 67% in 2003. The share of gas-engines, wind-turbines, and biomass in electricity generation increased in the last decade, however, the use of gas engines decreased in recent years.

Also, wind power production decreased somewhat in the last three years, still 693 GWh was produced in 2015 which is a great increase after 10 GWh in 2005. Altogether, electricity produced from all renewables (including part of municipal waste) accounted for 11% of total electricity generation after 5% in 2005 and 8% in 2010, so the growing tendency seems obvious.

Figure 3.1.1 shows the emission trends in the sector compared to the total.



**Figure 3.1.1** GHG emissions of the Energy sector compared to total (BY-2015)

As the figure above demonstrates, the biggest emitting sector by far is the energy sector contributing 71% to the total GHG emission in 2015.

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

In the last 10 years, Hungary experienced an almost constant emission reduction in the energy sector basically due to mild winters and higher energy prices. In 2009 also the global economic crisis affected the emissions especially in the energy and manufacturing industries sectors. Then in 2010, the growth in industrial production led to somewhat increased emissions again. In the next four years, however, emissions from the energy sector decreased further and reached their lowest level in the whole time series in 2014.

However, the decreasing trend stopped in 2015. Total emissions from the energy sector have increased by 6% or 2.4 million tonnes between 2014 and 2015 (after decreases of 6% and 1% in the last two years, and an overall decrease of 30% since 2003). Above all, transport related emissions continued to increase by 9% in 2015 after a 12% growth in 2014. Especially diesel oil consumption increased significantly whereas gasoline sales grew at a more moderate level. Still, transport related emissions were by 7% lower in 2015 than in 2007.

After years of dominantly decreasing trend, also the residential sector produced higher emissions mostly due to higher natural gas consumption by 13%. Residential gas consumption was still lower in 2015 than the average of the last decade by 26%.

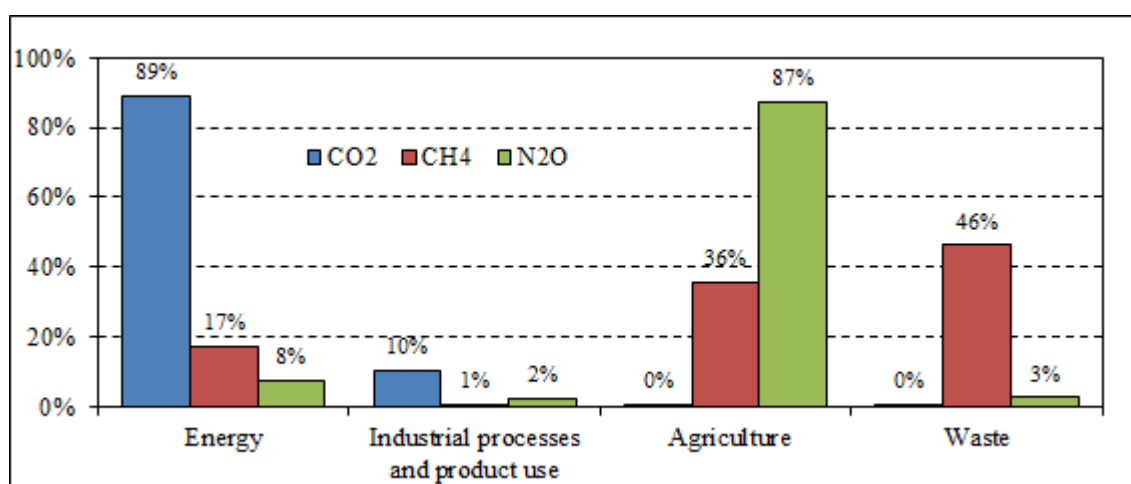
Gross electricity production increased slightly by 3%. The increase in natural gas based electricity production was especially significant (20%). It must be noted, however, that in spite of this growth, natural gas-fired electricity generation was three times as high around 2007-2008. (The decrease in natural gas based electricity production was especially drastic between 2008 and 2014: -72%!) The basic feature of the Hungarian energy industry is that 52% of gross electricity production stems from nuclear energy and only 37% from classic fossil fuels. At the same time, electricity import has reached a significant share of 31%.

Carbon dioxide from fossil fuels was the largest item among greenhouse gas emissions contributing 96% to the sectoral emission. Looking at fuel combustion only, the share of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions was even higher (98%). Among all sectors, the energy sector contributes the most to the total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as well (89% in 2015).

As regards methane emission, its contribution is 3% and 2% to the energy sector's emissions and to the total greenhouse gas emission (without LULUCF), respectively. Primarily, this results from fugitive emissions associated with conventional oil and gas production and processing (which also includes fugitive emissions from natural gas transmission). Among methane emitters, this sector's proportion is 17% (waste and agriculture sectors dominate here, see *Fig. 3.1.2*).

Considering nitrous oxide emission, this sector represents 1% (without LULUCF) of the total greenhouse gas emission. Among nitrous oxide emitters, its proportion is 8% which represents though

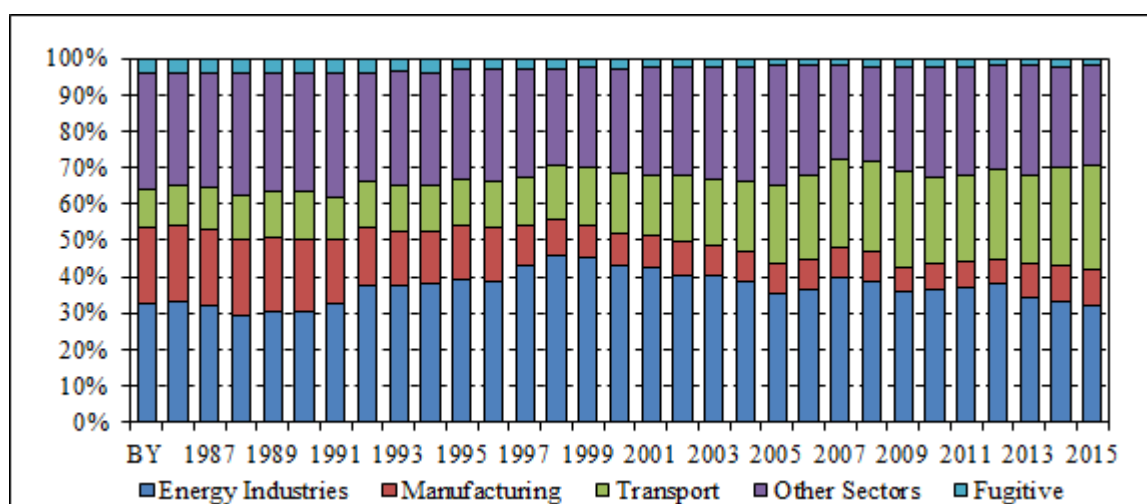
the second highest emission compared to other sectors but it is still far behind agriculture.



**Figure 3.1.2** Sectoral contributions to the total emissions of the main GHG gases (2015)

The most important subsector was energy industries with a proportion of 32% within the energy sector, followed by transport and other sectors (both 28%). In Fig. 3.1.3 we can observe some changes in the relative contributions of the different subsectors, most notably the growing share of transport emissions (from 11% in the base year to 28% in 2015) and the diminishing share of manufacturing industries (from 21% in the base year to 7% in 2009 or 10% in 2015).

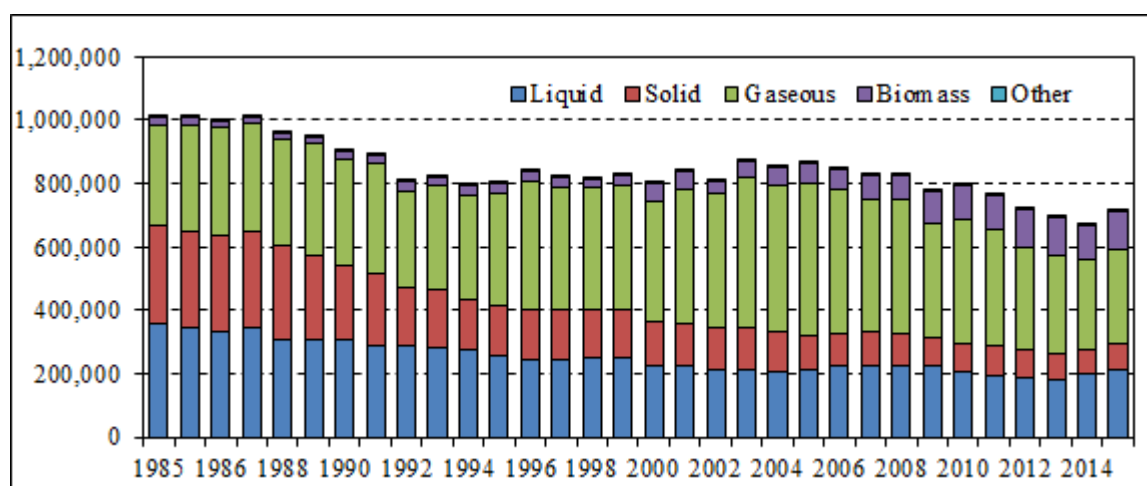
Fugitive emissions from fuels played only a small role with 1% out of which 93% originate from oil and natural gas production, processing, transmission and distribution. Emission in subsector 1.B.1 – Fugitive emissions from solid fuels are 96% smaller than the base year caused by the huge recession of underground coal mining in Hungary. The aggregate change of sector 1B – Fugitive emissions is 76% decrease compared to the base year.



**Figure 3.1.3** Changing shares of the different subsectors (BY-2015)

### 3.2 Fuel combustion (CRF 1.A)

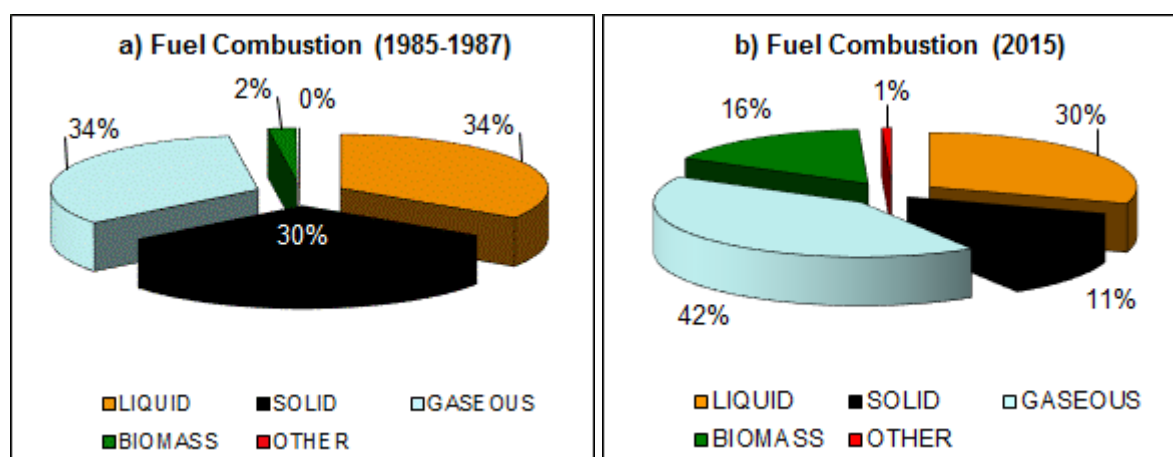
The principal driver of emissions in the energy sector is fuel consumption, therefore emissions of the sector strongly depend on the amount of combusted fuel. The use of combustible fuels decreased quite considerably, by 29% between the base year and 2015. Two periods need to be emphasized in this respect. The regime change around 1990 had the first significant effect: the fuel use in 1995 was by a fifth less than in the base year. The decrease in energy use after 2005 was even more significant (-22% until 2014) where the global economic crisis must have played a role.



*Figure 3.2.1 Fuel consumption by main fuel types (1985-2015)*

Beside the amount, also the type of the used fuels has a great influence on the emission levels. Considering fuel use in combustion processes, gases had the highest proportion (42%) in 2015, liquids and solids represented 30% and 11%, respectively. It is worth mentioning that the share of biomass in fuel combustion grew to 16%. Especially solid fuels lost their importance: their share in the fuel mix was around 30% in the base year.

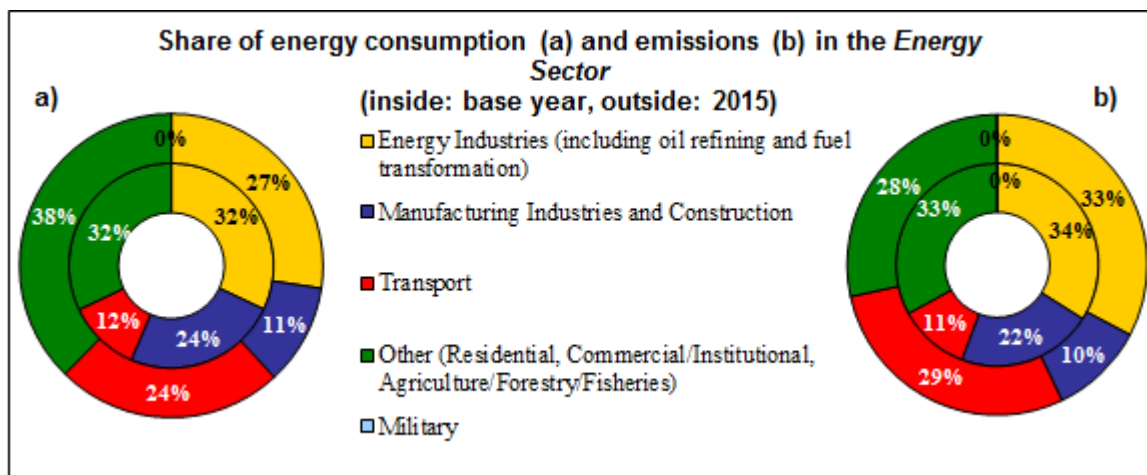
Figure 3.2.2 presents the proportion of combusted fuel types in the base year and in 2013.



*Figure 3.2.2 The used fuel mix in the base year and in 2015*

In Fig. 3.2.3 the share of energy consumption among subsectors is illustrated (a) together with the

subsectoral proportion of the combustion related GHG emissions in the energy sector (b). The most important subsector within the energy sector (fuel combustion only) is energy industries (1A1) with a proportion of 33%, followed by transport (1A3) with 29%, and other sectors (1A4) representing 28%. Following the trend of previous years, the least contribution to the emission from fuel combustion has manufacturing industries and construction (1A2) with 10%.



**Figure 3.2.3** Proportions of energy consumption and emissions in the base year and 2015

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

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

- Based on 2011-2015 data allocations and value added volumes for previous years, some gasoil consumption has been reallocated from road transport to non-road mobile machinery (1A2gvii);
- The time series of gasoil use in navigation has been improved by interpolation where the missing amounts were taken again from road transport;
- Some natural gas use has been reallocated between petroleum refining (1A1b) and “Not elsewhere specified (Transformation)” category (1A1c) or autoproducer plants (1A2gviii) to increase consistency with fuel consumption reported by the refinery under the ETS;
- Further natural gas consumption has been reallocated between other energy industries (1A1c) and commercial/institutional (1A4a) to reflect fuel consumption in oil and gas extraction. Data on natural gas production served as basis of extrapolation here;

The fuel use and emissions of autoproducer plants (that generate electricity or heat, wholly or partly for their own use as an activity which supports their primary activity) are accounted for in this inventory mostly under other stationary combustion (1A2g) which means not under the relevant economic sector and not in energy industries. (The only differences are coke oven gas and blast furnace gas that are reallocated from autoproducers to iron and steel, and to manufacture of solid fuels, and some industrial waste incineration that are reallocated to energy industries.) Knowing the order of magnitudes, this might not have led to large allocation errors, since in 2015 only 4 PJ of fuel combustion was allocated to autoproducer use compared to 164 PJ energy use by public power plants.

The problem of the network losses in the natural-gas transmission and distribution system should be also mentioned here. These losses are partly not technical ones in the reality, but the result of accounting. After discussing the situation with the experts of the natural gas industry, only about one third of the losses reported in statistical publications was taken into consideration as real loss (i.e. that is emitted into the atmosphere as methane), while the remaining two-third was assumed to be fired. This one-third figure was more or less in line with our fugitive methane emission estimate from transportation and distribution of natural gas reported to the UNFCCC. Thus, the natural gas consumption in the residential sector is not the same as reported in the IEA natural gas annual questionnaire because 50 per cent of the network losses are added to it. As recent information from the energy statistics provider indicated that natural gas used on compressor stations was allocated to distribution losses for previous years therefore we reallocated about 1-2 PJ natural gas consumption to pipeline transport based on IEA data of total consumption.

Input data for the fugitive emission calculation came from the Statistical yearbook of Hungary, Energy Statistics, the Hungarian Oil and Gas Company Plc. (MOL), the Hungarian Office for Mining and from the Hungarian Energy Office. LPG and petroleum coke was taken into account as liquid fuels which had significant influence on the IEF value of this fuel type.

### ***3.2.1 Comparison of the sectoral approach with the reference approach***

The quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> from energy consumption was determined both on national level (reference approach) and on sectoral level (sectoral approach). The reference approach (RA) is based on national energy balance: production, import, export, stock changes, and international bunkers. The sectoral approach (SA) allocates the emissions by source category and includes only the combusted amount of fuels. The reference approach was compared with the sectoral approach as a check of combustion-related emissions. The check was performed for all years from 1985 to 2015 and is an integral part of reporting to the UNFCCC. The analysis includes also the comparison from the base year (1985-87). The reference approach, in theory, includes all CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from all fossil fuel uses in a country and should be compared with a set of emissions from the sectoral approach that includes all CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy use of fossil fuels.

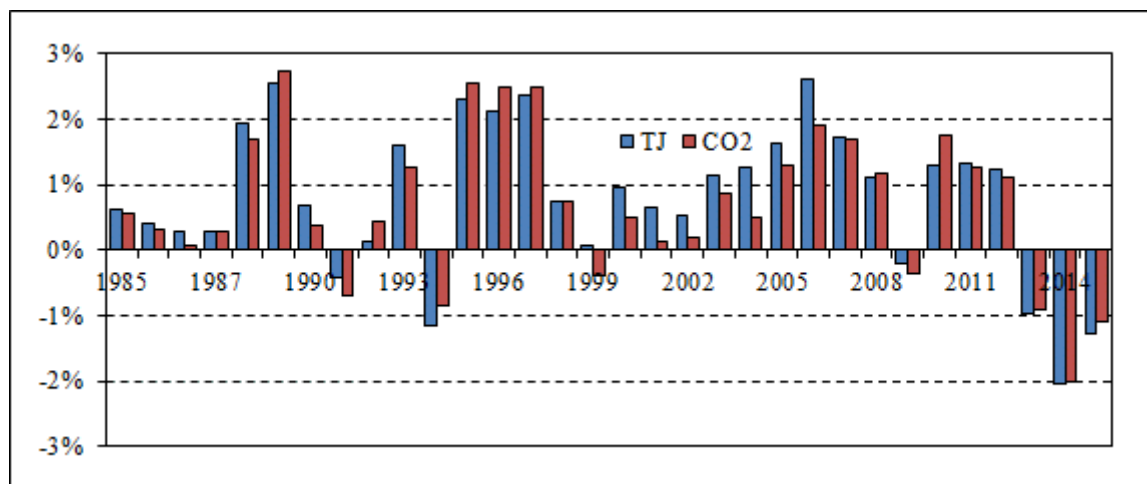
Emissions from feedstocks and non-energy use of fuels are taken into account in the IPPU sector (2B and 2G) in case of sectoral approach (SA), therefore the energy and carbon content of these fuels are removed from the RA (the fraction of carbon stored is 1 for all these fuels in the 1D sector), too.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

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

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

In the CRF reporting software, the RA is directly compared with the sectoral fuel combustion total. This direct comparison of the energy outputs from the RA and the SA used in the Common Reporting Format (CRF) shows that the total fuel consumptions of the RA are consistently larger than the SA totals (Fig. 3.2.4). The remaining differences – after extracting the feedstock and non-energy use of fuels – are basically statistical differences, fugitive emissions and transformation losses which are occurring during coking, briquetting or oil refining.





**Figure 3.2.4** Differences between the reference and the sectoral approach as regards fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

In 2015, comparing the two approaches the difference was -1.3% in energy consumption and -1.1% as regards CO<sub>2</sub> emission (Fig. 3.2.4). The ranges of differences are between -2.0% (2014) and 2.6% (2006) with a 0.9% mean value as regards the fuel consumptions, and -2.0% (2014) and 2.7% (1989) with a 0.7% mean value as regards the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

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

As regards carbon emissions, solid fuels caused the most problems mainly because the fuel classification had been changed. The formerly used country specific carbon emission factors were previously determined for the Hungarian categories, namely for hard coal, brown coal, and lignite. (Until the 2014 submission, the following constant values had been used based on the 2005 ETS data: 27 tC/TJ for hard coal and brown coal and 30.9 tC/TJ for lignite.) Now, new factors had to be applied for other bituminous coal, sub-bituminous coal and lignite. Most of the coal produced in Hungary can be classified as lignite in this new system irrespectively whether it stemmed from surface or underground mines, although they have different characteristics. To take into account the changing share of the higher quality lignite from underground production, a time dependent carbon emission factor (changing between 103.0 and 108.6 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ) was introduced and applied for the pre-ETS years. For the lowest quality lignite from surface mines the following parameters are used: EF=112.2 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ, OX=0.974. As for Hungarian brown coal EF=100.8 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ and OX=0.952 is applied. It is worth noting that the share of the lower quality lignite in production increased from 20% in 1990 to 84% in 2010. For other bituminous coal and sub-bituminous coal, the IPCC default values are used.

**Table 3.2.1** Comparison of Hungarian and IPCC coal terminology

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

(Source: Bihari, 1998; IPCC, 2006)

### 3.2.2 International bunker fuels

In accordance with the reporting guidelines, emissions from international aviation were included under the category International Bunkers on the basis of the quantities of kerosene used. In the time-series of the resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emission, significant jumps are present at certain places, which are obviously due to the changes in kerosene consumption because the same default EF was used throughout the entire time series. Naturally, changes in kerosene consumption reflect the travelling/transport needs. This is clearly illustrated in Table 3.2.2 which shows the air travelling/transport performance of the past years.

**Table 3.2.2** Air travelling and transport performance in Hungary since 2000 in selected years

	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Passengers (thousands)	2476	3785	4340	4573	4512	4875	2108	2274	2857	3234
Transported goods (kt)	22	23	20	17	20	19	16	18	17	17
Kerosene use (TJ)	9722	11892	11675	9982	9937	9982	7204	7031	7421	7595

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

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

### 3.2.3 Feedstocks and non-energy use of fuels

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

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

So, in present submission all the fuels regarded as NEU in IEA Energy Statistics are allocated into IPPU sectors and also some amount from the quantities regarded as energy use in order to follow the suggestion of IPCC2006. This is the case by Natural Gas use in sector 2B1 – Ammonia, Naphtha use in 2.B.8 Petrochemical and the Coke used in 2C1 – Iron and steel.

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

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

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

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

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

It is important to note first that no emission data are taken directly from the ETS database and put into the CRF as they are without analysis. Instead, facility level activity data (fuel use) and carbon emission factors are used from the ETS database to calculate weighted averages of the emission factors for different fuel types. These derived country specific EFs are then applied with the fuel use from the national energy statistics. The time series of these country specific emission factors and their comparison with the default values are summarized in Table 3.2.4. Fuel uses in energy statistics and ETS are compared also to see whether the fuel use in a given category is fully covered by ETS plants or not. Fuel consumption data are compared both in natural units and in energy units to reveal any possible differences in net calorific values. Should such difference occur, emission factors need to be amended to achieve consistency in energy balance and verified emissions since national energy data serve always as activity data. It is also checked whether the oxidation factor used by the facilities is included in their EFs. Measured oxidation factors, especially in case of coal firing plants, are always taken into account.

**Table 3.2.4** Country specific emission factors derived from the EU ETS database

	Default	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Gasoil</b>	74.1	74.1	82.6	75.4	75.2	74.1	74.1	74.1
<b>Heavy fuel oil</b>	77.4	82.0	77.4	78.4	78.6	77.4	77.4	77.4
<b>Other oil</b>	73.3	80.1	80.1	80.2	80.1	-	-	-
<b>Lignite*</b>	101.0	106.1	107.9	107.5	107.8	107.9	108.5	108.2
<b>Blast furnace gas</b>	260.0	255.7	243.4	254.2	260.0	252.6	246.1	256.5
<b>Coal/petroleum coke</b>	-	94.1	93.3	93.5	92.4	93.0	92.8	92.9
<b>Natural gas</b>	56.1	-	55.3	55.6	55.6	55.9	56.1	55.6-56.5

*\*including the oxidation factor*

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

### 3.2.5 Energy Industries (CRF sector 1A1)

Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: D, CS, PS

Key sources:

1A1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Liquid Fuels – CO<sub>2</sub> – L, T

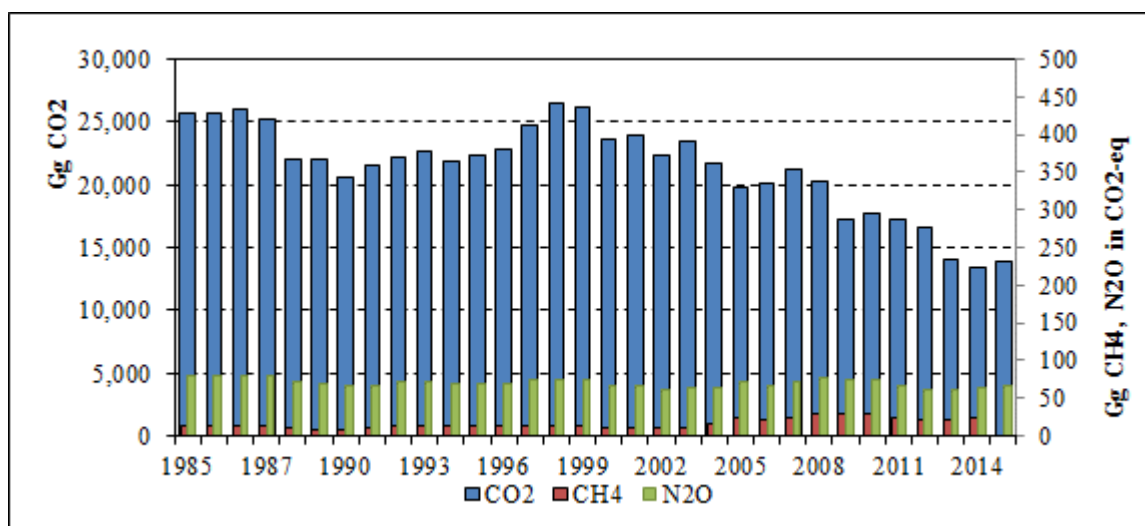
1A1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Solid Fuels – CO<sub>2</sub> – L, T

1A1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Gaseous Fuels – CO<sub>2</sub> – T

1A1 Fuel combustion - Energy Industries - Other Fossil Fuels – CO<sub>2</sub> – L, T

#### 3.2.5.1 Category description

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

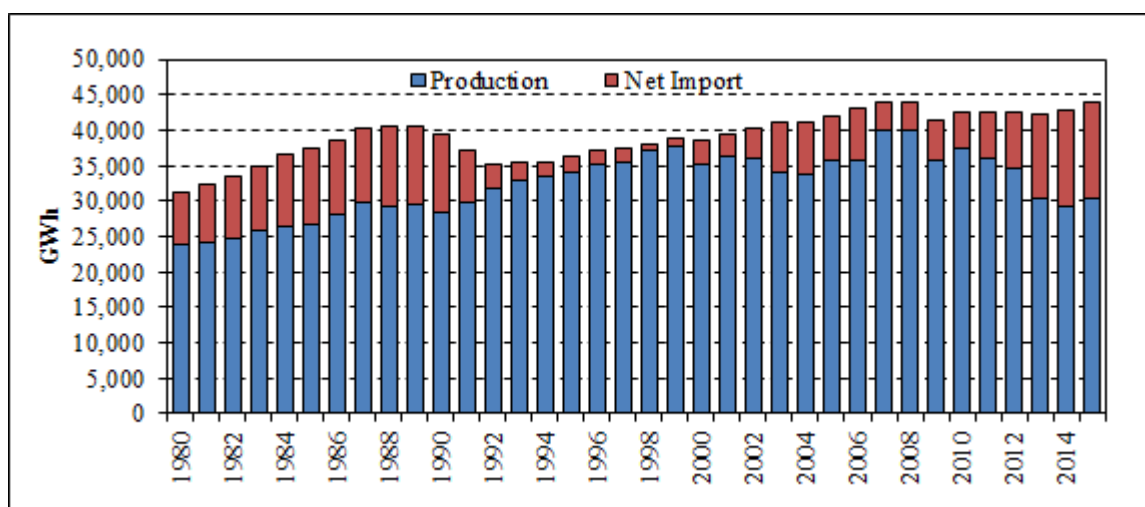


**Figure 3.2.5** Trends of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in the Energy Industries (1985-2015)

Public Electricity and Heat Production was responsible for about 85% of fuel use in energy industries. Based on a publication of the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (“Data of the Hungarian Electricity System 2015”), the energy consumption of the power plants in 2015 was 329 887 TJ, 1.3% more than in the previous year. In 2015, 52,4% of the used energy sources consisted of nuclear fuel. Natural gas made up 15,4%, while coal made up 18,6% of the energy source usage of the power plants. The renewable energy sources used in the power plants provide 9,2% of the total energy source consumption of the power plants.

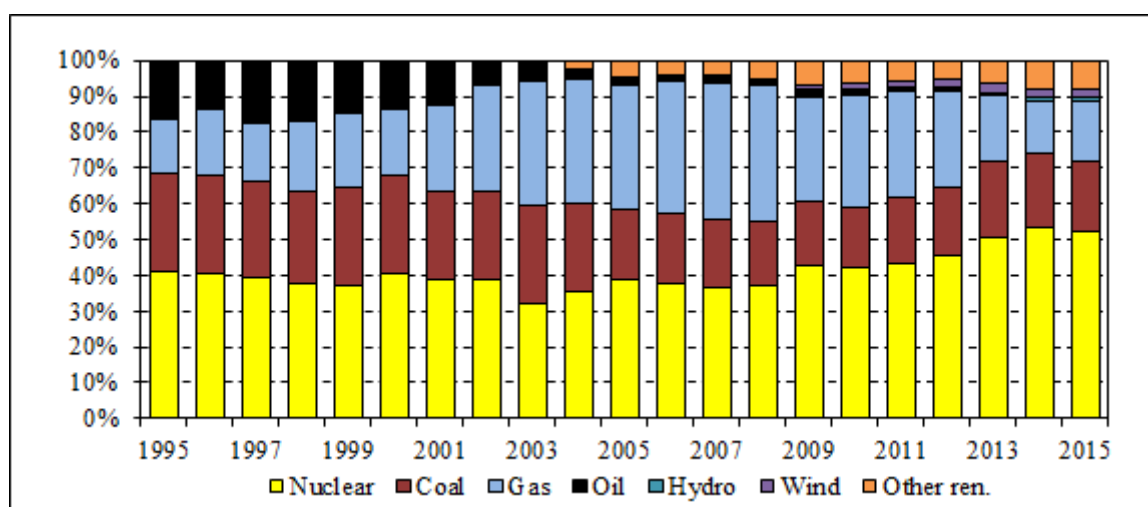
Domestic electricity production showed an overall increasing trend up till 2008; even during the years of the regime change around 1990, whereas import suffered a more severe drop from 28% to 6-7%. In addition to the effects of the financial crisis, an interesting incident occurred in 2009 when domestic production fell back by more than 10% whereas consumption decreased only by 6%. There was a multi-week break in the natural gas supply through Ukraine, thus the electricity generation of our natural gas firing power plants had to be substituted by import electricity and by increased production of the oil-fired power plants. After 2010, until 2014, domestic electricity production decreased every year, and it has dropped quite substantially in 2013 by 13%. The share of import is a highly variable

figure: in the last decade it changed between 8% (2001) and 18% (2004). After 2010, however, it grew constantly and has reached a share of 31% in 2014 and remained at the same level in 2015.



**Figure 3.2.6** Domestic Electricity Production and Net Import (1980-2015)

Naturally, as domestic emissions are related to domestic production, the yearly fluctuation of production is one of the decisive factors. Not less important is the way how electricity is produced, e.g. what energy source is used. In Hungary, this sector consumes the deterministic part of our solid fossil fuel production. However, some uneconomical coal-fired power plants of low efficiency were stopped, and blocks of combined-cycle-gas turbine units were installed. For example, new 150 MW combined cycle gas-turbine units were installed (Újpest, Kelenföld, Százhalombatta, Nyíregyháza Power Plants), and aged coal fired units (Inota, Bánhida) of low efficiencies were taken out of service or blocks have been converted to the combustion of biomass (Pécs, Kazincbarcika, Ajka Power Plants). The demand for fossil fuel decreased by about 150 PJ in the electricity sector between 1980 and 1990 because of the penetration of the nuclear electricity into the electricity market. This means that the fossil fuel consumption of public power plants is smaller now than it was before the introduction of nuclear electricity generation, in spite of much higher domestic electricity production. As a promising new development, increasing use of renewable sources could be observed by some public power plants. All these developments are demonstrated in Figure 3.2.7.



**Figure 3.2.7** Share of produced electricity by fuel (1995-2015)

In 2011 there were considerable changes in several areas of the Hungarian Power System. On the

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

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

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

The above words taken from a previous edition from the already referenced Statistical Data of the Hungarian Power System 2012 seem to be valid also for 2013-2015. There were no further large power generating units connected to the Hungarian Electricity System either in the last three years.

*(The gas and oil powered AES Tisza II. Power Plant (900 MW) was put into „constant non-operational status” as from April, 2012. The suspension is valid from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016. After having been in constant non-operational status from 1 January 2014, Unit XIII of Dunamenti Power Plant was removed, upon the initiation of the power plant, from the electricity system with its total installed capacity on 1 January 2015. Borsod Power Plant (137 MW), which was in constant non-operational status as well, has also been excluded from total installed capacity of the Hungarian electricity system since 1 January 2015. Referring to unfavourable market conditions, the generation licence of Debrecen Combined Cycle Power Plant (95 MW) is being suspended. The suspension is valid from 1 July 2013 up to 30 June 2016. The operation of Nyíregyháza Combined Cycle Power Plant (49 MW) is also being suspended. In the virtue of its agreement concluded with the Transmission System Operator, it has been in constant non-operational status with its total installed capacity as from 1 July 2013. The power plant intends to keep up the suspension until 30 June 2016. In the virtue of the amendment of the Operation Licence for Generation, approved by the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority, Unit No. ‘C6’ of the Dunamenti Power Plant ceased to operate on 8th April 2015. The installed capacity of the power plant was modified on the official date of notice (23rd April) received by MAVIR. The four units with 60 MW installed capacity of Vértessomlyó Power Plant was put into “constant non-operational” status as from 1st January 2016. Pécs-Tüskésrét Photovoltaic Generator started its operation, with 10 MW, in Nominal Trial Operation, in December 2015. It was included in Installed Capacity with 10.097 MW on 17th March 2016. Mátra VIII. Photovoltaic Generator started its operation, with 15 MW, in Nominal Trial Operation, in September 2015. It was included in Installed Capacity with 16 MW in November 2015. Hamburger Hungária Generation Unit started its operation, with 44.7 MW, in Nominal Trial Operation, in November 2015. (Source: Situation of large power plants in Data of the Hungarian Electricity System 2015).*

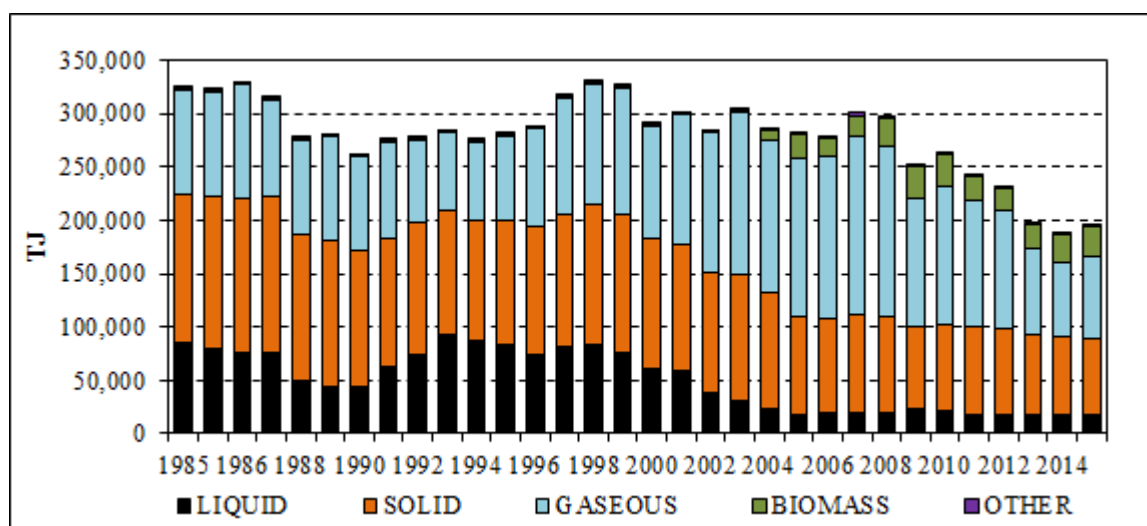
### 3.2.5.2 Methodological issues

#### Activity data

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

As it can be seen in Figure 3.2.8, total fuel consumption (without nuclear energy) in the energy industries sector shows strong fluctuations. After a significant decrease around the political and economic regime change in 1990, we could experience some increase till 1998, then a slight decrease till 2005 and a more pronounced drop after 2008 due to the global financial crisis. After 2010, until

2014, fuel consumption has reached record low values every year. In 2015, however, the decreasing trend stopped. Within the inventory period, the consumption of liquid and solid fuels decreased significantly. In contrast, the consumption of natural gas increased until 2007 to a great extent then it shrunk substantially afterwards. The biomass use due to burning or co-burning in power plants became more and more important and exceeded in amount the liquid fuel use in 2005. In 2006 the greatest power plant of Hungary reduced biomass-use, because the amount of obligatory purchased electricity was less than in 2005, this is also illustrated on Figure 3.2.8. In 2007 the produced electricity increased by more than 11%, in parallel the fuel consumption (mainly natural gas) increased only by 9%, because the efficiency of natural gas combustion is better than that of the others. Biomass burning in power plants became again popular on favorable terms, which was induced by the EU carbon trading. In 2008, the produced electricity from fossil fuels and also the fossil fuel consumption of this sector decreased again, but the total generated electricity – including nuclear, waste and renewable sources – was a bit higher than in the previous year. In 2009, the electricity generation in Hungary was by 10% less than in 2008. The generation decrease of power plants of 50 MW and higher capacity was 11.6% while it was 2.8% in case of small power plants. The fuel-mix also changed in 2009: coal and natural gas consumption decreased, however liquid fuel use increased, but its contribution to total fuel consumption is very low. Use of nuclear, waste and renewable sources continued to increase. In 2010 domestic electricity production increased again by 4%.



**Figure 3.2.8** Fuel combustion in the Energy Industries Sector (1985-2015)

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

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

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

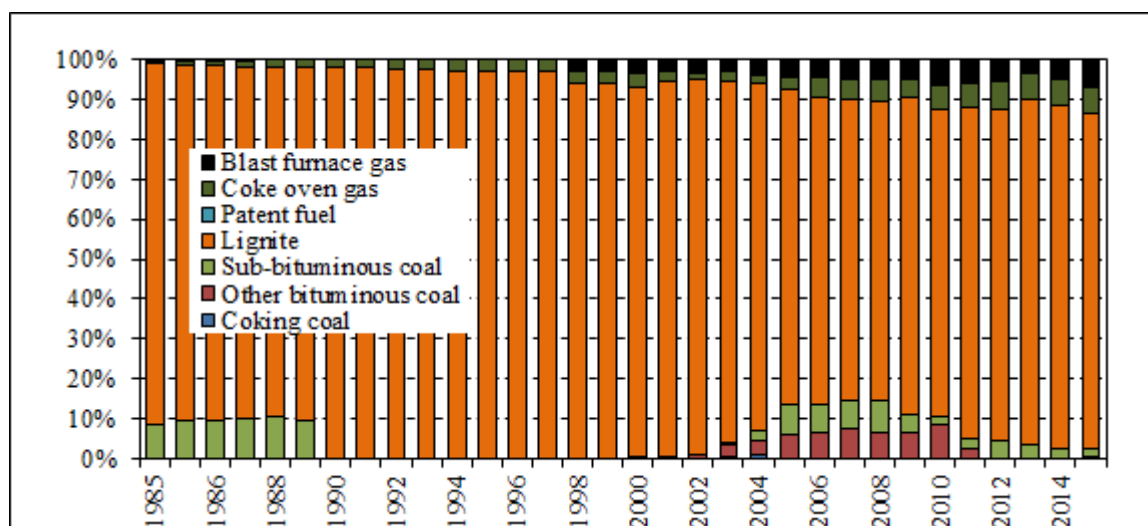
The overall picture did not change in 2014, either. We experienced decreasing production levels (-3%) and increasing import (+13%). In fact, net import was never higher in the whole period (1980-2015) than in 2014, and electricity production was never lower since 1990 (see Fig. 3.2.6).

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

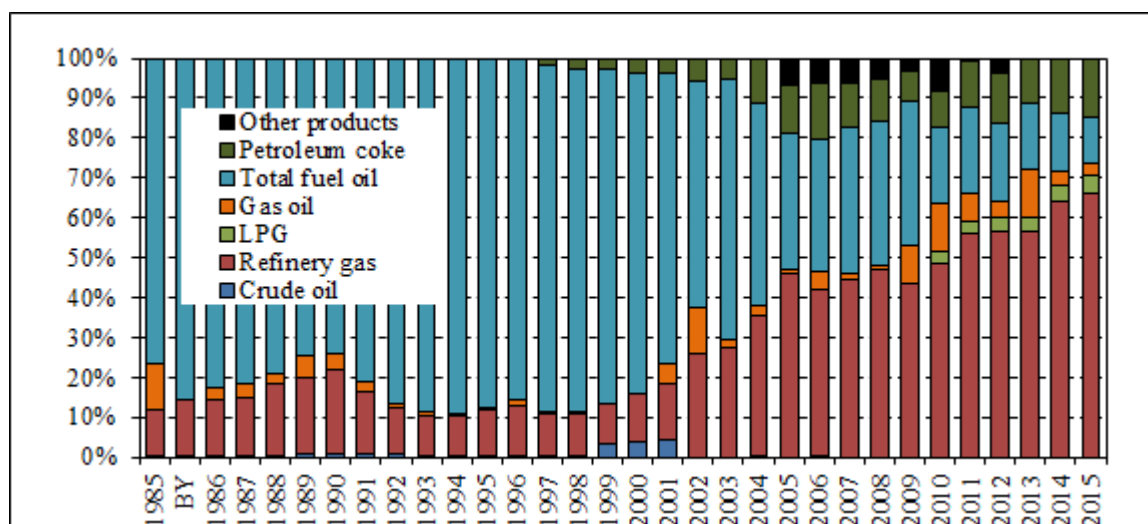


The fuel consumption of oil refining showed a pronounced drop around 2000 but remained more or less at the same level afterwards. Currently its share is about 10%. Even less significant is manufacture of solid fuels and other energy industries with a portion of 2-4% within energy industries.

Going into more detail regarding fuel use, it can be seen that domestically produced lignite is the dominant fuel among solid fuels (Fig. 3.2.9). In energy industries, solid and gaseous fuels are dominant representing together around 80% of all fuel use. In contrast, liquid fuel use became almost negligible in electricity and heat generation. At the same time, refinery gas used in oil refinery became the most important liquid fuel type whereas the formerly dominant fuel oil almost disappeared (Fig. 3.2.10).



**Figure 3.2.9** Share of different solid fuels used by energy industries (1985-2015)



**Figure 3.2.10** Share of different liquid fuels used by energy industries (1985-2015)

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

However, as the ETS data show, refinery gases have significantly different characteristics. Based on plant specific information from the period 2008-2015, “real” heavy fuel oil burned by the refinery has

a net calorific value between 39.8 TJ/kt to 40.6 TJ/kt and a CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor between 79.3 t/TJ and 83.7 t/TJ. Refinery gases show in contrast more diverging values. (Even more so, if we include tail gases and purge gas, too.) We can see here calorific values between 45.6 TJ/kt and 65.9 TJ/kt with corresponding CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors between 33.0 t/TJ and 60.6 t/TJ. On yearly average, it can be calculated with a NCV of 48.7-52.4 kt/TJ and an EF of 49.8-55.0 t/TJ for refinery gases.

There are some differences between the classification of fuels in the plant and in the energy statistics. However, considering these fuels together, we could see a better agreement. Moreover, the calculated average CO<sub>2</sub> IEF based on the IEA energy statistics for the pre-ETS period (2000-2007) and the ETS period (2008-2013) is the same (i.e. 62.2 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ). For the 90's, where the share of refinery gas was definitely lower with 40% on average. On the other hand, the use of end-gases and purge gas (as reported under the EU ETS) became more important after 2013. All the factors applied in the calculations are summarized in the following table.

*Table 3.2.5 Country specific parameters used in the category petroleum refining*

Period	Fuel	Avg. NCV [TJ/kt]	EF [t CO <sub>2</sub> /TJ]	Comment
2008-2015	refinery gas	48.7-52.4	49.8-55.0	ETS data
2008-2015	other liquid fuel	40.0-40.6	78.9-82.7	ETS data
1985-2007	gasoil	43.0	74.1	IPCC default
1985-2007	refinery gas	49.5	57.6	IPCC default
1985-2007	fuel oil	40.2	77.4	CS / IPCC default
1985-2015	petroleum coke	32.5	106.0	EF based on ETS

### Emission factors

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

*Table 3.2.6 CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors used in energy industries in the 2015 inventory year*

Fuel type	Emission factor (CO <sub>2</sub> t/TJ)	Oxidation factor
Coking coal	94.6	1.0
Other Bituminous Coal	94.6	1.0
Sub-Bituminous Coal	<i>100.1</i>	<i>0.979</i>
Lignite (domestic brown coal)	<i>105.3</i>	<i>0.949</i>
Lignite (domestic lignite)	<i>112.2</i>	<i>0.972</i>
Coke Oven Gas	44.4	1.0
COG in coking plant (IEF)	<i>50.9</i>	1.0
Blast Furnace Gas	<i>256.5</i>	1.0
Gas/Diesel Oil	74.1	1.0
Residual Fuel Oil	77.4	1.0
RFO in refinery	<i>79.3</i>	<i>0.995</i>
Refinery gases (IEF)	<i>55.0</i>	<i>0.995</i>
Petroleum Coke	97.5	1.0
Natural Gas (in PPs)	56.1	1.0
NG in coking plant	<i>56.5</i>	1.0
NG in the refinery	<i>55.6</i>	1.0
Biomass (Solid)	112.0	1.0
Biogases	56.6	1.0
Waste (IEF)	82.0	1.0

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

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

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

As recommended by the ERT and required by the guidelines, the emissions from waste incineration for energy purposes have been allocated to the energy sector. However, emissions estimation in the energy sector is somewhat different from the methodology used in the waste incineration category. Activity data in this source category are expressed in energy consumption units (TJ) whereas in the waste sector mass and composition of waste serves as basis of calculations. For our calculations three main activity data sources were used: data from the Waste Incineration Works (FKF) of Budapest (1985-2015), the Hungarian Waste Management Information System (2004-2015), the IEA Renewable Questionnaire, and the ETS data (2006-2015). The Hungarian Waste Management Information System comprises facility level data on mass and composition of waste in line with the European Waste Catalogue (EWC codes) but also on waste management methods in accordance with the Waste Framework Directive. The latter made it possible to distinguish between waste incineration on land (D10) and use of waste principally as a fuel or other means to generate energy (R1).

Incinerated waste data expressed in energy unit were directly taken out from the IEA statistics. It should be stressed, however, that the reported TJ values are (mostly) not used for CO<sub>2</sub> emission estimations therefore the resulting IEF values have little significance.

As only CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from incineration of carbon in waste of fossil origin should be included in the national CO<sub>2</sub> emission estimate, the fossil fraction of waste had to be determined. To do so, country-specific waste amount and composition data were needed, and the emission factors could be calculated using the default carbon content and fossil carbon fraction data from Table 2.4-2.6 in the 2006 Guidelines. In case of the two biggest incinerators, plant specific data were used. The Waste Incineration Works (FKF) of Budapest determines regularly the composition of incinerated municipal solid waste (MSW), therefore the fossil carbon fraction could easily be calculated with the help of Table 2.4 of the 2006 Guidelines. The fossil carbon fraction of MSW grew from 5% in 1990 to 17% around 2010 and decreased to 13% in 2014 and 10% in 2015. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were estimated then with an oxidation factor of 1.0.

The biggest co-incinerator plant is Mátra Power Plant. Since this plant reports its verified emissions in the framework of the European emission trading, direct ETS data relating its fuel use and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were taken over.

In addition, there is a relatively small amount classified as industrial waste (35 TJ in 2015) reported in the IEA questionnaire for which the default emission factor was applied (143.0 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ).

All in all, waste incineration contributed around 214 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> to GHG emissions in this category in 2015.

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

### 3.2.5.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Practically, the accuracy and uncertainty range of the energy statistics data are determined by the accuracy of the measuring equipment (except for stock changes, which are based on expert estimates and are not comparable with the quantity of fuels from other sources). Taking all this into account, the

estimated uncertainty of the energy consumption data is  $\pm 1\%$  (for biomass 5%). This is particularly likely because the quantities of fuels used by power stations were verified using the report of MVM Rt. (Hungarian Power Companies Plc.)

The estimated specific uncertainty for CO<sub>2</sub> is 2-5%. The uncertainty of the methane factor is significantly higher (50-150%), while that of N<sub>2</sub>O may be of an order of magnitude.

The time series can be regarded as consistent.

#### 3.2.5.4 Category-specific QA/QC and verification

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

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

Verified energy use from EU ETS was compared to statistical data. It was noticed that data in metric tonnes are similar in the ETS to those in the statistics, but there are some differences in energy values due to different NCVs. Since the energy consumption in sectoral approach should be compared with those of reference approach, we kept the NCVs of the energy statistics, however the emission factors of coals were corrected for some years to achieve consistency in energy balance and verified emissions. Measured oxidation factor was also applied in the calculation for the above-mentioned reason. (As the fuel amounts in the ETS database and in the energy statistics shows good agreement, this means in practice that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from solid fuel use reported under the ETS could be used directly.)

In previous inventories, emissions from natural gas were estimated using default calorific values and emission factors. For a justification of this approach, about 40 emission reports from the ETS had been analyzed. Using the same activity data as reported by these facilities, we have calculated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with default parameters and compared our results with the reported CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the ETS database. It turned out that the difference was minor: with default parameters, the emissions were overestimated only by 0.4%. This small difference allowed us to change our previous approach. To be more consistent with the emissions reported under the ETS regime, we have switched to country specific emission factors for 2010-2013.

A comparison between the ETS data (based on mass balance methodology) and calculations based on fuel use was also made for the coking plant. The difference was higher here: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from solid fuels differed from ETS data by between -4% (2011) to 17% (2010). Emission calculations showed a better agreement for 2012 though: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions calculated on the basis of fuel use were by only 2% higher than in the ETS database. These smaller differences allowed us to base our emission estimates on the ETS data for the years 2011-2013 to reach a greater consistency with the ETS database. In 2014, the difference became greater again (the ETS data is significantly higher) which led to an unusual high IEF based on coke oven gas reported as activity data here.

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

### 3.2.5.5 Category-specific recalculations

No methodological changes have been undertaken, all amendments were due to changes in activity data. For this submission, the latest energy statistics were used as submitted to Eurostat in March 2017. For gasoil, the NCV has been changed from 42.0 TJ/kt to 43.0 TJ/kt which is the default value in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Also for refinery gas, the default NCV is used for the whole pre-ETS period (1985-2007) consistently. In addition, the updated energy statistics had an effect on the extrapolated natural gas consumption values used for oil and gas extraction reported in the CRF category 1A1ciii. The resulting changes in emissions were minimal for the base year: CO<sub>2</sub> emission changed by -49.32 kt or -0.19%. For 2014 the changes were larger, +308.75 kt or 2.36%, basically due to the revised natural gas consumption data which is demonstrated below

#### Revised natural gas consumption data:

Hungary						
Terajoules	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Inland demand (Total consumption)	457,653	436,050	389,745	365,697	341,110	359,345
Transformation sector	146,772	136,022	124,289	89,453	75,685	84,463
Main activity producer electricity plants	46,598	35,302	35,757	10,027	7,119	12,192
Autoproducer electricity plants	0	0				0
Main activity producer CHP plants	72,597	67,348	54,937	45,472	35,766	34,991
Autoproducer CHP plants	1,564	3,851	1,597	2,085	1,786	1,994
Main activity producer heat plants	14,612	18,141	22,289	23,214	22,936	26,283
Autoproducer heat plants	1,934	1,978	2,204	1,494	879	904
Gas works (Transformation)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coke ovens (Transformation)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blast furnaces (Transformation)	1,661	1,304	367	412	670	1,549
Gas-to-liquids (GTL) plants (Transformation)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not elsewhere specified (Transformation)	7,806	8,098	7,138	6,749	6,529	6,550
Energy sector	2,594	2,547	2,876	4,194	4,801	3,955
Coal mines	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oil and gas extraction	0	0	0	1,078	975	816
Oil refineries	2,156	2,061	2,494	2,627	3,242	3,124
Coke ovens (Energy)	50	57	48	46	26	15
Blast furnaces (Energy)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gas works (Energy)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electricity, CHP and heat plants	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquefaction (LNG) / regasification plants	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gas-to-Liquids (GTL) plants (Energy)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not elsewhere specified (Transformation)	388	429	334	443	558	0
Distribution losses	7,881	6,639	6,070	5,622	4,889	4,742
Total final consumption (2ii+2iii)	300,406	290,842	256,510	266,428	255,735	266,185

#### Natural gas consumption in the previous submission:

<b>Hungary</b>					
<b>Terajoules</b>					
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Inland demand (Total consumption)</b>	<b>458,263</b>	<b>436,864</b>	<b>388,806</b>	<b>365,834</b>	<b>331,295</b>
<b>Transformation sector</b>	<b>138,966</b>	<b>127,924</b>	<b>117,193</b>	<b>82,772</b>	<b>65,679</b>
Main activity producer electricity plants	46,598	35,302	35,757	10,027	7,119
Autoproducer electricity plants	0	0	42	68	129
Main activity producer CHP plants	72,597	67,348	54,937	45,472	35,659
Autoproducer CHP plants	1,564	3,851	1,597	2,085	1,657
Main activity producer heat plants	14,612	18,141	22,289	23,214	19,572
Autoproducer heat plants	1,934	1,978	2,204	1,494	873
Gas works (Transformation)	0	0	0	0	0
Coke ovens (Transformation)	0	0	0	0	0
Blast furnaces (Transformation)	1,661	1,304	367	412	670
Gas-to-liquids (GTL) plants (Transformation)	0	0	0	0	0
Not elsewhere specified (Transformation)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Energy sector</b>	<b>11,010</b>	<b>11,459</b>	<b>9,033</b>	<b>11,012</b>	<b>4,101</b>
Coal mines	0	0	0	0	0
Oil and gas extraction	0	0	0	3,778	975
Oil refineries	10,572	10,973	8,651	6,745	2,542
Coke ovens (Energy)	50	57	48	46	26
Blast furnaces (Energy)	0	0	0	0	0
Gas works (Energy)	0	0	0	0	0
Electricity, CHP and heat plants	0	0	0	0	0
Liquefaction (LNG) / regasification plants	0	0	0	0	0
Gas-to-Liquids (GTL) plants (Energy)	0	0	0	0	0
Not elsewhere specified (Transformation)	388	429	334	443	558
<b>Distribution losses</b>	<b>7,881</b>	<b>6,639</b>	<b>6,070</b>	<b>5,622</b>	<b>4,889</b>
<b>Total final consumption (2ii+2iii)</b>	<b>300,406</b>	<b>290,842</b>	<b>256,510</b>	<b>266,428</b>	<b>256,626</b>

### 3.2.5.6 Category-specific planned improvements

The different oxidation factors used by ETS facilities will be analyzed.

### 3.2.6 Manufacturing Industries and Construction (CRF sector 1A2)

#### 3.2.6.1 Source category description

Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: D, CS, PS

Key sources:

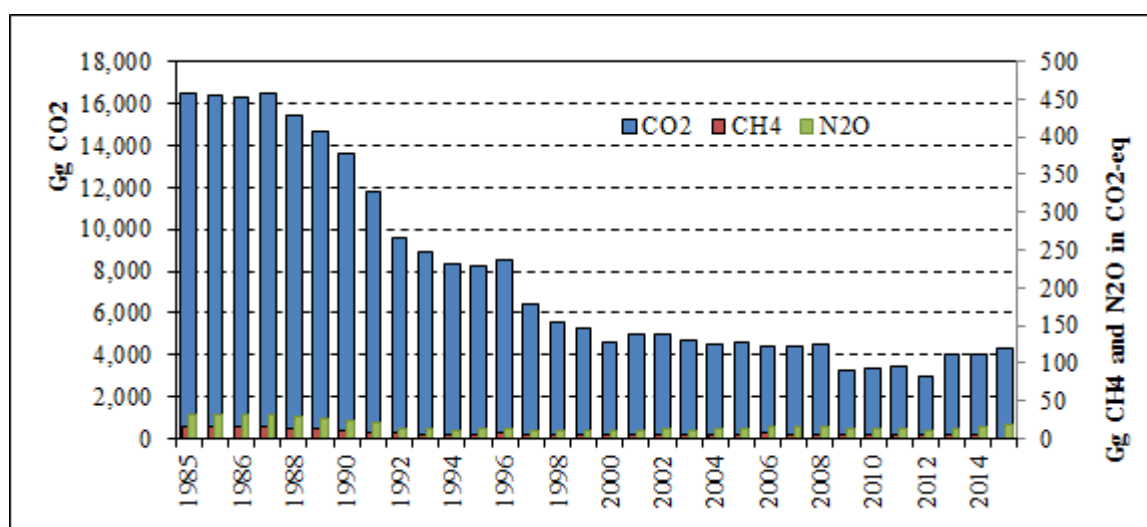
1A2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Liquid Fuels - CO<sub>2</sub> – L, T

1A2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Solid Fuels - CO<sub>2</sub> – T

1A2 Fuel combustion - Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Gaseous Fuels - CO<sub>2</sub> – L, T

This subsector covers emissions from the combustion of fuels in the industrial sector. One of the advantages of using the IEA/Eurostat questionnaires instead of the (previously used) energy statistical yearbooks is that the industrial sectors in the questionnaires and in the CRF tables can be more easily harmonized. Emissions from autoproducers have generally been included under *1A2gviii Other*. Emissions from off-road vehicles and other machinery are reported as a separate category (1.A.2.g.vii).

Emissions in the Manufacturing Industries and Construction Sector:



**Figure 3.2.11** Trends of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in the Manufacturing Industries and Construction Sector (1985-2015)

#### 3.2.6.2 Methodological issues

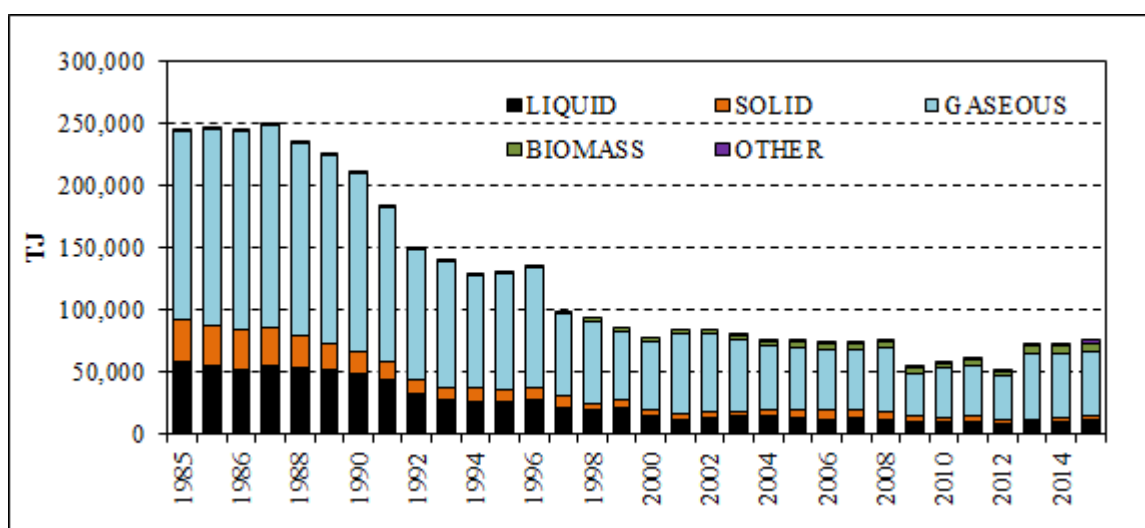
The energy consumption data have been taken from the IEA/Eurostat questionnaires. All feedstock and non-energy use were removed from the chemicals subsector for the entire time-series, and all relating CO<sub>2</sub> emission originating from non-combustion processes can be found in the Industrial Processes Sector.

Part of the emissions from waste incineration for energy purposes was allocated to this source category. Activity data in energy units were taken directly from the IEA Renewable questionnaire/ETS database with preference to ETS data in case of differences. Special attention was given to the four big

cement factories, as they incinerate large amount of waste of fossil origin (plastics, rubber etc.). Their verified ETS data (emissions and fuel use) were analyzed, from which a specific emission factor was derived: 85.5 tonne CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ waste. This EF was used for the years 2004-2007 in case of fossil wastes. From 2008 on, ETS data (fuel consumption and emission) of the cement factories were used directly. It could be seen that other industrial facilities incinerate predominantly waste of biogenic origin, mostly wood waste, therefore their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions did not contribute to the national total. The insignificant CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were estimated for all waste (not only fossil but also biogenic) using the default emission factors of 30 kg/TJ and 4 kg/TJ, respectively.

### **Activity data**

Figure 3.2.12 illustrates the energy consumption of the sector. After 1990, following the economic changes, fuel use decreased significantly. The underlying reasons are clearly illustrated by the decreasing production data presented in the IPPU sector (Chapter 4).

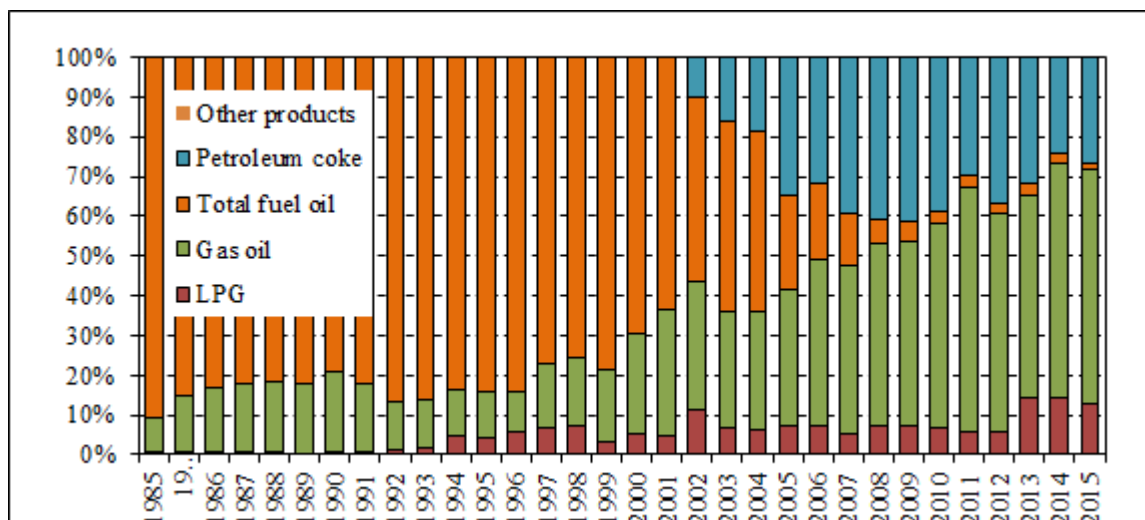


**Figure 3.2.12** Fuel combustion in the Manufacturing Industries and Construction Sector (1985-2015)

In 2009 the global economic crisis caused a drop of fuel consumption by more than 25% which led to lower emissions. In 2010, the growing industrial production increased the energy demand that did not change much either in 2011 or in 2012. In 2013, however, fuel consumption returned to the level of the years before the economic crisis.

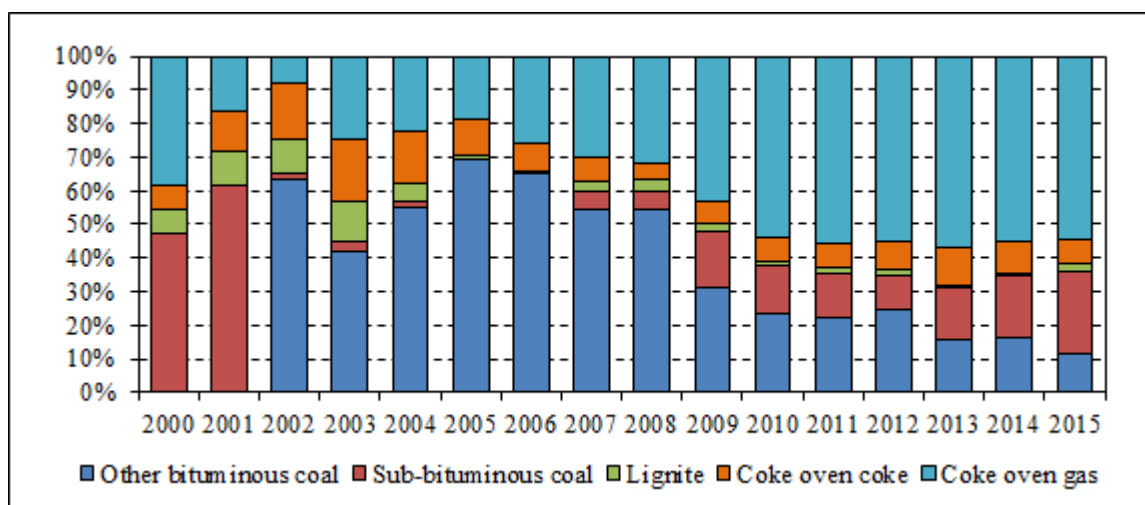
Fig. 3.2.12 clearly demonstrates the dominance of natural gas (67% in 2015). Biomass use became popular especially in the last decade. (As a consequence, the relative share of methane and nitrous oxide emissions increased.) Combustion of oil products continues to lose its importance among fossil fuels. Liquid fuels represented 15% in 2015 out of which gas oil seems to be the most important (see Fig. 3.2.13).





**Figure 3.2.13** Share of different liquid fuels used by manufacturing industries (1985-2014)

The share of solid fuels became quite low (5% in 2015). Also, the fuel mix has been changing as demonstrated by Fig. 3.2.14. The growing relative share of coke oven gas define the CO<sub>2</sub> IEF in the iron and steel category since coke oven gas has a very low (44.4 t/TJ) CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor. It is worth noting the relatively high IEF in food processing, beverages and tobacco which is due to the fact that dominantly (recently almost exclusively) coke was used as solid fuel by this industry.



**Figure 3.2.14** Share of different solid fuels used by manufacturing industries (2005-2014)

Biomass cannot be considered as the most important fuel but its contribution grew slowly to 8 per cent. Within this the growing share of biogases (especially in autoproducer plants) might deserve our attention as the default emission factors are quite different for solid biomass and biogas.

### **Emission factors**

Mainly default CO<sub>2</sub> factors are used in this sector with some exceptions. Country specific emission factors are applied for example in the non-metallic minerals category (based on ETS information). The situation is somewhat complicated here as the cement factories often use mixed fuels. The applied country specific CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors for petroleum coke/coal mix are varying between 92.4 t/TJ and 95.0 t/TJ for the period 2008-2015.

### 3.2.6.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

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

The estimated specific uncertainty for CO<sub>2</sub> is 2-5%. The uncertainty of the methane factor is significantly higher (50-150%), while that of N<sub>2</sub>O may be of an order of magnitude.

### 3.2.6.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

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

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

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

### 3.2.6.5 Source-specific recalculations

Part of the changes in this subsector were due to changes in activity data as:

- The energy statistics provider made some revisions back to 2010;
- The above revisions had an effect on the reallocations between road transport and manufacturing industry;
- All gasoil consumption reported for the industry sector in the energy statistics is allocated now to off-road vehicles and other machinery (to be consistent with the CL RTP reporting).
- NCV of gasoil has been changed to 43 TJ/kt (from 42 TJ/kt).

The resulting changes in CO<sub>2</sub> emission for the base year were negligible, an increase of 0.02%. In 2014, the changes were a somewhat higher with a decrease of -142.85 kt or -3.42% that corresponded to -0.32% of total emissions.

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

This new method affected mostly the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions that decreased by -22.28 kt or -40.83% corresponding to -0.20% of total emissions in the base year, and by -41.26 kt or -71.88% corresponding to -0.98% of total emissions in 2014.

### 3.2.6.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

### 3.2.7 Transport (CRF sector 1A3)

#### 3.2.7.1 Source category description

Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Methods: T1, T2, T3

Emission factors: D, CS, M

Key sources:

1A3b Road Transportation – CO<sub>2</sub> - L, T;

1A3c Railways – CO<sub>2</sub> – T

1A3d Domestic Navigation - Liquid Fuels – CO<sub>2</sub> – T (only excl. LULUCF)

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

Looking at the whole period of our time series, a sharp decrease of 60% in transport of goods could be observed during the regime change in the early 90's. The Hungarian transport performance expressed in freight tonkilometers had not reached the level of 1985 until 2005. Beside these significant changes of volume, also the structure of goods transport altered. Currently, the most important means of freight transport is road transportation with a share of 69%, followed by rail (18%), pipeline (10%) and waterway (3%). In 1990 we saw a completely different picture with railway and waterway being the dominant mode of transport representing 40% and 34%, respectively. The share of road transportation was 15% about 25 years ago.

Passenger transport also underwent considerable changes. The stock of passenger cars had more than doubled since 1985, and increased by 64% since 1990. Within this increase, the proportion of Eastern European cars characterized by high fuel consumption and obsolete technology decreased; for example, currently about 60% of the passenger cars complies with at least the Euro 3 emission standards. At the same time, the average age of the car fleet has increased again in recent years to 13.7 years in 2015. Figure 3.2.15 summarizes the above-mentioned developments.

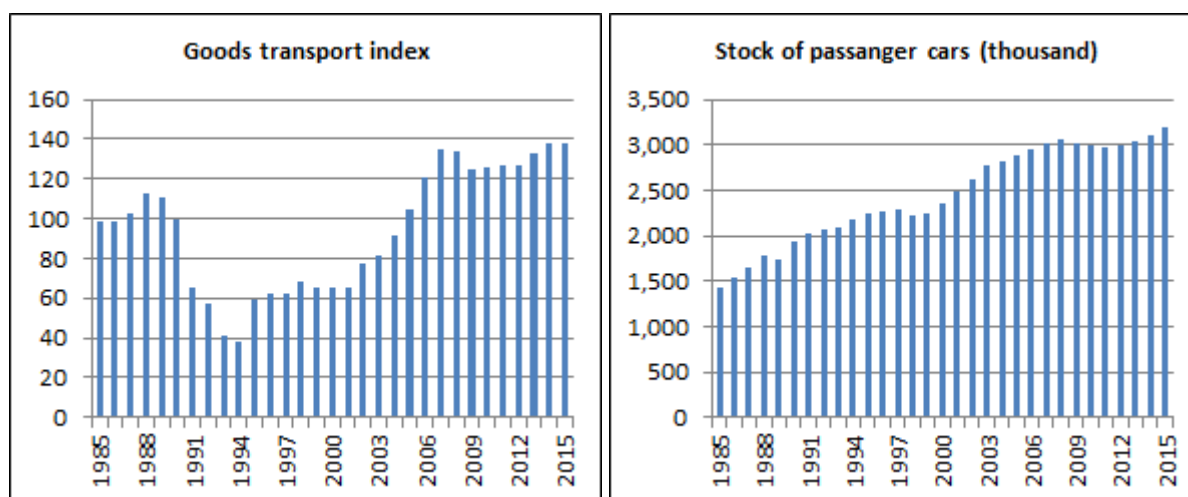


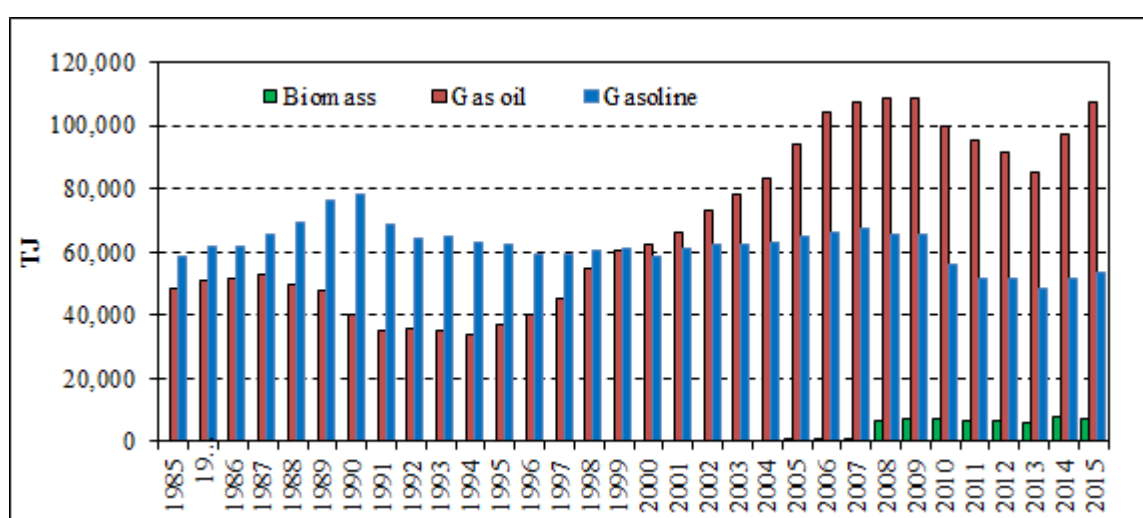
Figure 3.2.15 General changes in the transport sector

Electrification of the railways in Hungary eliminated mostly decreased the solid fuel consumption. (Today there are only few lines where steam engines are used during non-scheduled vintage train trips.) Diesel oil consumption of railways decreased as well, by 78% between the base year and 2015.

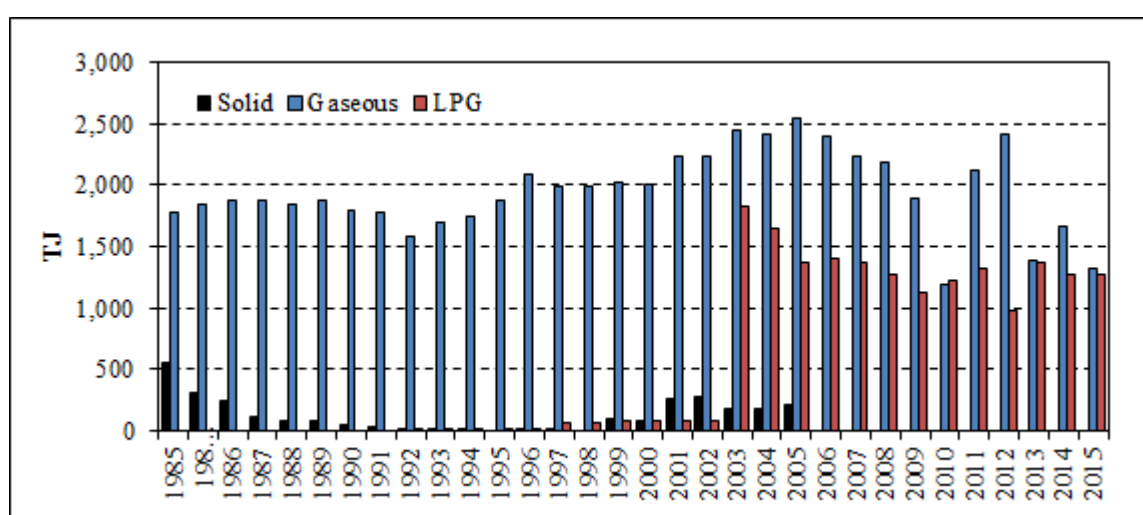
Emissions were calculated generally from the national fuel consumption data from the IEA/Eurostat annual questionnaires. However, national statistics usually does not have separate lines for the quantities of aviation gasoline used for in-country aviation and of the diesel oil used for international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

Based on information received from the energy statistics provider, natural gas use related to natural gas transport was previously included under distribution losses in the energy statistics. In the inventory, however, a complete time series of emissions from pipeline transport is included separately.

Figures below illustrate the fuel consumption of the sector:



**Figure 3.2.16** Gasoline, diesel and biomass consumption in the Transport Sector (1985-2015)



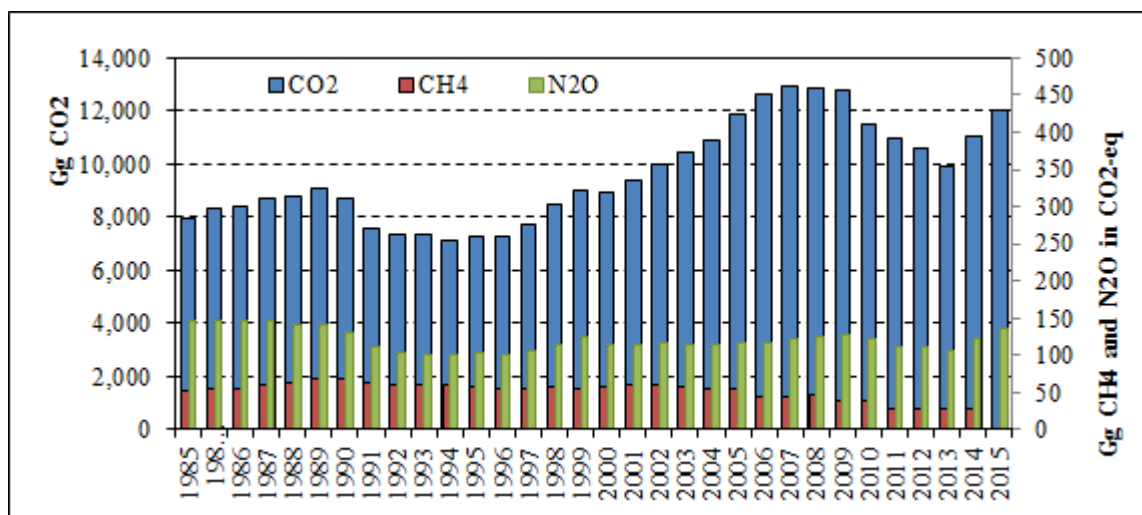
**Figure 3.2.17** LPG, natural gas and solid fuel combustion in the Transport Sector (1985-2015)

Figure 3.2.18 clearly shows that in contrast to the other described sectors, transport consumption had a

rising overall tendency from the mid 90's until 2008. Starting in 2009, the trend of fuel consumption has changed due to the economic crisis. Both fuel consumption and mileage of vehicles (km/year) increased until 2009 and started decreasing afterwards. The increasing fuel prices (up to 2012) could also be one of the reasons of a record low gasoline consumption in the transport sector. It is worth mentioning that the mass of domestically transported goods via road transport decreased by 44% between 2008 and 2012. However, the decreasing trend stopped, fuel consumption started to grow again and goods transport increased by 21% since 2012.

In the second half of 2005 the Hungarian oil and gas company's refinery, MOL Danube Refinery, started to process bioethanol from vegetable raw material with high sugar content, also biodiesel have been used for blending. These bio components appear also in Fig. 3.2.16.

LPG has been used since 1992. It should be noted that due to the current commercial practices, in-container (household, institutional) uses are difficult to separate from traffic uses (i.e., distribution at petrol stations). This may be the reason for the sharp increase in 2003, which does not fully reflect the actual changes but is the result of a change in the approaches used for the preparation of the statistics. Accordingly, liquid fuel uses by the general public (currently including LPG only) show a significant drop – on the basis of the national statistics.



*Figure 3.2.18 Trends of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in the Transport Sector (1985-2015)*

### 3.2.7.2 Methodological issues

CO<sub>2</sub> emission from transport was previously calculated by multiplying fuel consumption taken from Energy Statistics Yearbooks (1985-2010) by the default IPCC emission factors. In 2013, as the compiler institute received data on carbon content of gasoline and diesel oil from the refinery, the default emission factors were replaced to country specific values in road transportation (see Table 3.2.9). From the 2014 submission, activity data are basically taken from the IEA/Eurostat joint questionnaires with a few modifications.

For non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the COPERT-4 (Computer Programme to Calculate Emission from Road Transport) model, specifically version 11.1, was used consistently for the period 1985-2013, and a later version (v11.3) for 2014 and 2015. The transition to the COPERT-4 model for the whole time series was a necessary step in the area of national road transport emission calculations, since most countries use this model, and our previous approach (i.e., using COPERT for the period 2005-2012 and a different method for the preceding years) led to significant inconsistencies in the time series.

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

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

Generally, the input data required by COPERT-4 are as follows:

- vehicle stock data
- emission categorization
- mileage data
- traffic situations, average speed values
- fuel used
- country-specific data.

As the above data were not obtained from the same source and were not always suitable for direct use. The largest bulk of work was processing the vehicle stock data, since this data ensures the basis for emission calculations performed by COPERT-4. Thus, with respect to the vehicle stock it was crucial to perform work of the utmost precision, therefore, in the course of the work, the vehicle stock related data of the Central Statistical Office (CSO) were used. At the request of the Institute for Transport Sciences, vehicle data tables required to perform the task were extracted from the CSO database. The vehicle stock classifications and emission categorizations for the year 2015 were prepared with the use of these data tables.

The data on traffic situations, that is, the percentage of runtime distribution within individual road categories by vehicle category, and, within road categories, the average speed values also by vehicle category were included based on emissions defined in the previous years. These earlier data were based on the results of previous research carried out by the Institute for Transport Sciences. The mileage data were specified based on previous emission calculations with the use of the research outcomes of the Institute for Transport Sciences, as well as based on the annual emission calculation for the year 2009 provided by the Ministry of Environment from the extract of the Regular Environmental Audits database, subsequently corrected based on the annual fuel consumption. The source of the "amount of fuel used" data was the official energy statistics.

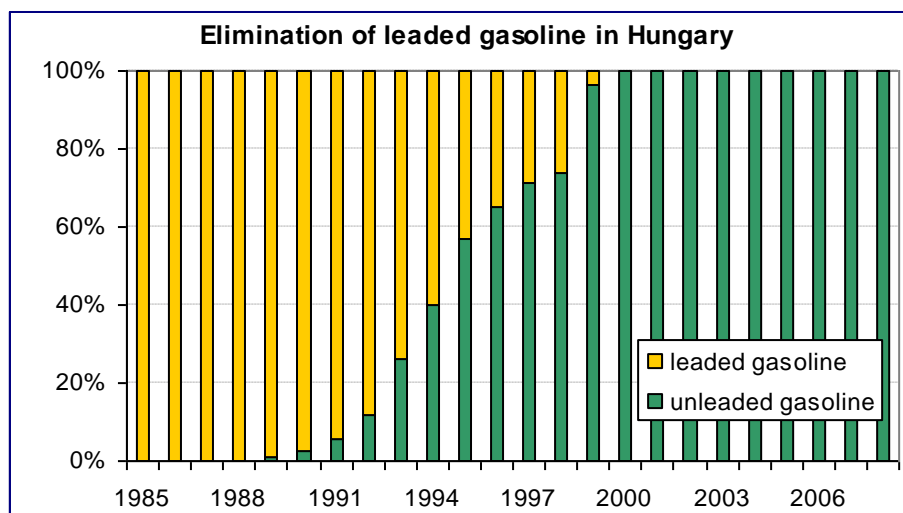
The country-specific data was taken partly from the Hungarian Meteorological Service (HMS) (average maximum and minimum temperatures by month), partly from the Hungarian fuel standards (Reid vapor pressure RVP).

In case of larger differences between the calculated fuel consumption and the fuel sold statistics, the input mileage data (km/year) were slightly modified.

2./ For all the years in the period 2000-2015 for which no domestic data were provided by the Institute for Transport Sciences, data purchased from Emisia SA, developer of the COPERT model, were used as inputs. As claimed by the data provider, *"the vehicle fleet and activity data provided by EMISIA SA for the compilation of national emission inventories with use of the COPERT model reflect our best knowledge of national situation in each country until 2013. These data have been updated using the road transport dataset and methodology of the TRACCS research project. More specifically, TRACCS dataset of the period 2005-2010 has been combined with the previous FLEETS research project dataset (2000-2005) and with latest official statistics available (2011-2013) to produce aligned and up to date time series for the period 2000-2013 (no projection included). The quality, completeness, and consistency of these two projects datasets, which have been extensively reviewed and cross-checked, ensure that the compiled countries data are also of good quality."*

Again, whenever necessary, the mileage data were slightly modified to reflect better the domestic statistics on fuel sold.

3./ The compiler institute produced input data for the remaining years (i.e. 1985-1999). Quantification of the stock of each road vehicle type was based on Statistical yearbooks of Hungary and annual reports of Ministry of Economy and Transport about the Hungarian vehicle fleet. Also, personal communications with experts took place. It should be noted that unleaded gasoline was sold only after 1989. Since lead is poison for catalytic converters, it was assumed that real catalyst vehicle has been used after this time.



**Figure 3.2.19** Elimination of leaded gasoline in Hungary

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

Compared to recent years where about 200 vehicle categories were taken into account, the input database for the earlier part of the time series is less detailed containing 35 vehicle categories, and it probably has a higher uncertainty.

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

Upon receiving data from Eurocontrol, the above approach was slightly modified. Although there are no scheduled commercial domestic flights in Hungary, Eurocontrol data for the period 2005-2015 suggested that about 0.23 per cent of total jet kerosene is used for domestic flights. Using the same share back to 1985, some kerosene (i.e. 12-37 TJ) is now allocated to domestic aviation. As regards aviation gasoline, based on personal communication with the energy statistics provider, it is assumed that altogether 0.9 kt aviation gasoline is sold in the country. This amount was amended with Eurocontrol data on international fuel consumption. For all other (pre-Eurocontrol) years (i.e. 1985-2004) the average value of 2005-2015 was used. The resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emission (from both aviation gasoline and jet kerosene) is 4 Gg on average (i.e. far below the significance threshold).

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

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

**ROCONTROL.**

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

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

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

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

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

The total length of railway lines has not changed in recent years. The number of locomotives dropped only minimally. The total volume of passenger transport in terms of the number of persons transported has decreased since 2001 by about 13 percent. As far as the railways are concerned, although the decrease was a significant one but compared to the total volume changes, the decrease was a little smaller (-11%). However, expressed in passenger kilometers, the decrease was more pronounced (-24%). Considering transport of goods, rail transport has been showing some sign of growth since 2011, especially domestically.

**Table 3.2.7 Interurban passenger transportation (2001–2015)**

Year	Total number of transported passengers (in millions)	Of these trains (in millions)	Total passenger-kilometers	Of these trains
2001	755.9	161.7	25,546	10,005
2002	755.9	164.6	26,102	10,531
2003	743.7	159.9	26,418	10,286
2004	737.3	162.7	27,217	10,544
2005	720.1	156.4	26,736	9,880
2006	721.7	156.8	27,733	9,584
2007	682.3	149.8	26,885	8,752
2008	691.1	144.9	25,989	8,293
2009	650.8	142.8	24,881	8,073
2010	652.8	140.5	25,059	7,692
2011	665.9	145.7	25,979	7,806
2012	669.3	147.8	23,285	7,806
2013	671.0	148.5	23,701	7,842



<b>2014</b>	671.9	146.1	25,056	7,738
<b>2015</b>	656.9	144.4	25,623	7,609

*Table 3.2.8 Domestic freight transport (2001–2015)*

Year	Weight of transported goods, thousand tons	Of these, by railway	Freight ton-kilometers in millions	Of these, by railway
<b>2001</b>	152,552	17,824	9,766	1,967
<b>2002</b>	237,732	16,560	13,413	1,788
<b>2003</b>	230,961	14,592	13,224	1,593
<b>2004</b>	228,019	15,217	13,692	1,725
<b>2005</b>	238,233	13,440	14,031	1,645
<b>2006</b>	253,388	12,078	14,928	1,491
<b>2007</b>	237,823	10,834	15,629	1,289
<b>2008</b>	251,666	11,198	15,495	1,374
<b>2009</b>	222,568	12,362	14,448	1,268
<b>2010</b>	190,635	11,398	13,667	1,341
<b>2011</b>	176,031	10,763	12,844	1,169
<b>2012</b>	156,503	11,556	12,411	1,423
<b>2013</b>	158,213	12,461	12,504	1,606
<b>2014</b>	184,218	15,020	13,559	2,049
<b>2015</b>	186,575	14,409	13,868	1,784

(Source: Institute for Transport Sciences)

Emissions from *pipeline transport* are reported separately since the 2015 submission. The calculations are based on (amended) energy statistical data and default emission factors. The IEA Annual Gas Questionnaire contains fuel consumption data only for the period 2010-2015. Therefore, backward extrapolation was carried out using total natural gas consumption as proxy information.

### Emission factors

Carbon dioxide emissions were calculated using country-specific emission factors for gasoline and diesel in road transportation, otherwise default factors were applied as summarized in Table 3.2.9 below.

*Table 3.2.9 Some CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors in the Transport Sector*

<b>Fuel type</b>	<b>Emission factor (kt CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ)</b>	<b>Source of EFs</b>
<b>Gasoline</b>	69.3	2006 IPCC Guidelines
<b>in road transport</b>		Refinery
<b>fossil</b>	<b>71.3</b>	based on carbon content
<b>bio</b>	<b>77.1</b>	
<b>Gas/Diesel Oil</b>	74.1	2006 IPCC Guidelines
<b>in road transport</b>		Refinery
<b>fossil</b>	<b>73.6</b>	based on carbon content
<b>bio</b>	<b>84.4</b>	
<b>LPG</b>	63.1	2006 IPCC Guidelines
<b>Residual fuel oil</b>	77.4	2006 IPCC Guidelines
<b>Natural Gas</b>	56.1	2006 IPCC Guidelines
<b>Lubricants</b>	73.3	2006 IPCC Guidelines

It has to be noted that the cited CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors in the above table are somewhat different from what was reported in the previous submission for two reasons. Previously, the used activity data for emission calculations were gasoline and diesel oil consumption expressed in kilotonnes and not in terajoules. The net calorific value applied in the Hungarian energy statistics was usually 42 TJ/kt for both fuels. We kept this figure in the inventory. However, there were indications that the real calorific value might be different. For example, the default NCVs are 43.8 TJ/kt for gasoline and 42.7 TJ/kt for diesel in COPERT. In the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, we can find even higher values: 44.3 TJ/kt and 43 TJ/kt for gasoline and diesel, respectively. And we have also one measurement from the refinery for diesel oil: that is 43.04 MJ/kg. Therefore, there might be some smaller change in the reported activity data for transport, i.e. fuel consumption in TJ, but that would not change the emissions because these are based on kilotonnes of fuels. The used emission factors were 0.8406 t C / t gasoline and 0.86275 t C / t diesel, and the oxidation factor was changed to the new default value of 1.0.

For this submission, we have changed the NCV values from the previously used 42 TJ/kt both for diesel (to 43.0 TJ/kt) using information from the refinery and for gasoline (to 44 TJ/kt) on the basis of the revised energy statistics. Moreover, as the carbon content of the fuel as received from the refinery related to the fuel mix E5 (i.e. 5% biofuel), we have realized that this value cannot be used for the fossil part of the fuel as in the previous submission. Therefore, we have changed the used emission factor for gasoline (fossil part) by taking into account the difference between the default CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor for gasoline (3.180 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg fuel) and for the blend E5 (3.125 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg fuel) (See Table 3-12 in the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook). This means, we have multiplied the original EF with 3.180/3.125 for the fossil part. At the same time, we have changed our approach by using also CS emission factor for the biofuel part for this submission. These CS EFs are calculated by assuming 5% biofuel share in the blend (which is justified also in the energy statistics), and taking into account the original total carbon content of the blend, i.e. 84.06% (m/m) for gasoline and 86.275% (m/m) for diesel. All the revised EFs are included in Table 3.2.9 above.

As discussed above, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were calculated using the COPERT model (COPERT 4, versions 11.1 and 11.3) for the whole inventory period for gasoline and diesel. Otherwise, the default IPCC emission factors were applied.

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

**Table 3.2.10** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from lubricants in 2-stroke vehicles (with activity data)

		BY	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2013	2014	2015
<b>Fuel consumption</b>	t	440 720	479 286	241 046	166 112	69 070	48 243	22 411	20 433	26 996
<i>2-stroke cars</i>	t	428 813	471 356	233 262	158 923	46 402	21 668	8 790	7 634	5 657
<i>Mopeds</i>	t	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 561	20 369	24 606	11 734	11 005	19 758
<i>Motorcycles</i>	t	6 907	2 930	2 784	1 628	2 298	1 968	1 887	1 794	1 581
<b>Lubricants</b>	kt	11,02	11,98	6,03	4,15	1,73	1,21	0,56	0,51	0,67
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</b>	kt	<b>32,16</b>	<b>34,97</b>	<b>17,59</b>	<b>12,12</b>	<b>5,04</b>	<b>3,52</b>	<b>1,64</b>	<b>1,49</b>	<b>1,97</b>

### 3.2.7.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

We assume that the uncertainty of the transport-related fuel consumption data is higher than in case of stationary equipment because such data are more difficult to collect and verify. Considering the above, the estimated uncertainty of the energy consumption data is  $\pm 5\%$ . The estimated uncertainty of the emission factors for CO<sub>2</sub> is  $\pm 1-5\%$ . It should be noted, that in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines the uncertainty for default methane and nitrous oxide factors is much higher (200-300%).

### 3.2.7.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

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

We consider the technical review of the EU as a very important QA activity. In summer 2012, the EU conducted a more thorough than usual review of the inventories of all member states. After the review, Hungary was recommended to obtain the C content and net calorific values of gasoline from fuel suppliers, to develop a country-specific EF for CO<sub>2</sub> from gasoline that is representative for gasoline used in Hungary and to revise data accordingly.

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

### 3.2.7.5 Source-specific recalculations

There have been several changes for this submission, mostly related to the used activity data and emission factors. The used methodology remained basically the same.

Changes in activity data:

- The latest IEA Annual Questionnaires (as submitted to Eurostat in March 2017) that contained revisions back to 2010 served as basis of (re)calculations;
- Revisions of the above database led to modifications in backward reallocations/extrapolations of:
  - gasoil consumption in 1A3b due to modified reallocations to 1A2gvii
  - natural gas consumption in 1A3e.
- 6 kt gasoline has been reallocated from 1A3b to 1A4bii;
- EUROCONTROL provided updated data for the period 2005-2015;
- Additional 0.9 kt aviation gasoline has been added to the inventory;
- Activity data have been changed also due to revised net calorific value of some fuels:
  - diesel oil: 43 TJ/kt (from 42 TJ/kt);
  - gasoline: 44 TJ/kt (from 42 TJ/kt);
  - jet kerosene 43.4 TJ/kt (from 42 TJ/kt)
  - aviation gasoline 44.3 TJ/kt (from 42 TJ/kt);
- Lubricants used in 2-stroke engines are have been added as activity data in road transportation.

Changes in emission factors:

Emission factors have been changed in road transportation for gasoline and diesel (both fossil and biofuel) due to:

- (1) the above-mentioned changes in the used NCV values (this, however, should not have led to changes in emissions as previous calculations were also based on mass based carbon content of the fuels);
- (2) revision of the carbon emission factor of non-bio gasoline using (a) the country-specific carbon content of the E5 blend and (b) the difference between the default CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors for gasoline (3.180 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg fuel) and for the blend E5 (3.125 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg fuel);
- (3) revision carbon emission factors for the biofuel parts taking into account their NCVs and total carbon content of the E5 blend as received from the refinery

Altogether, due to the above changes, CO<sub>2</sub> emission in the transport sector increased by 106.08 kt or 1.28% in the base year that corresponded to a 0.12% increase in total emissions. Changes remained even more limited for 2014 with an increase of 35.39 kt CO<sub>2</sub> or 0.32% that corresponded to 0.08% change in total emissions.

**3.2.7.6 Source-specific planned improvements**

It is planned using the latest version of the COPERT model for the whole time series. We have made our first experiments with COPERT-5, however, as 2-stroke vehicles are missing from the current version, we decided not yet to use it for this submission.

### 3.2.8 Other Sectors (CRF sector 1A4)

#### 3.2.8.1 Source category description

Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: D, CS

Key sources:

1A4 Other Sectors - Liquid Fuels – CO<sub>2</sub> – L, T;

1A4 Other Sectors - Solid Fuels – CO<sub>2</sub> – L, T;

1A4 Other Sectors - Solid Fuels – CH<sub>4</sub> - T

1A4 Other Sectors - Gaseous Fuels – CO<sub>2</sub> – L, T;

1A4 Other Sectors - Biomass – CH<sub>4</sub> – L

This sector covers combustion in public institutions, by the population and in the Agriculture /Forestry/Fisheries Sector.

Emissions in the Other Sectors:

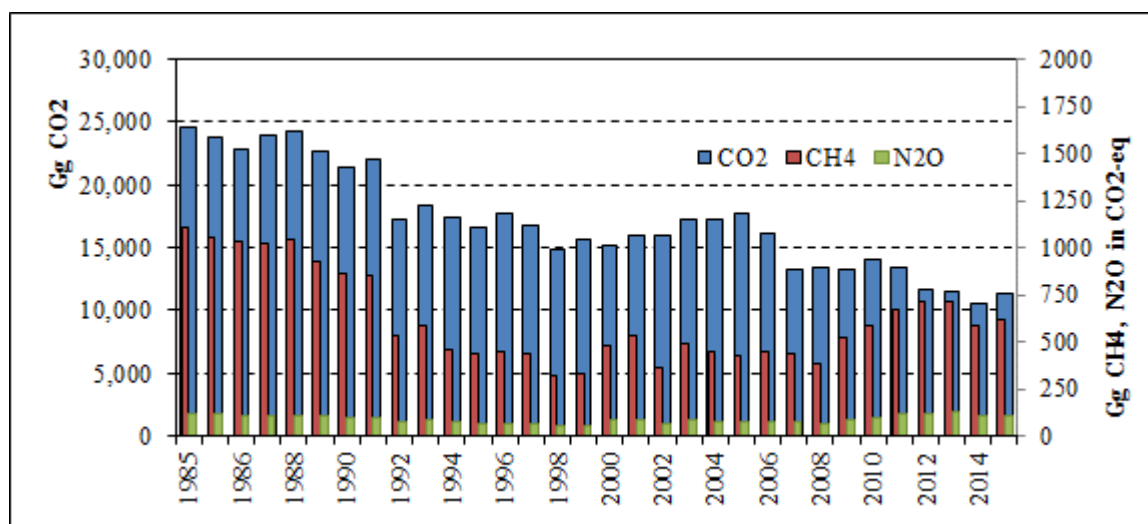
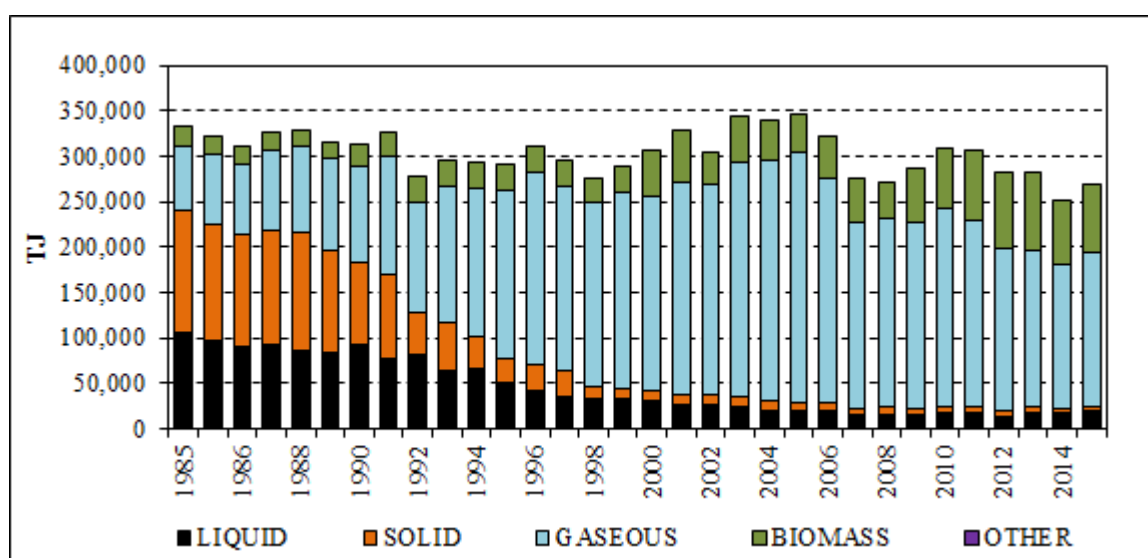


Figure 3.2.20 Trends of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in the Other Sector (1985-2015)

#### 3.2.8.2 Methodological issues

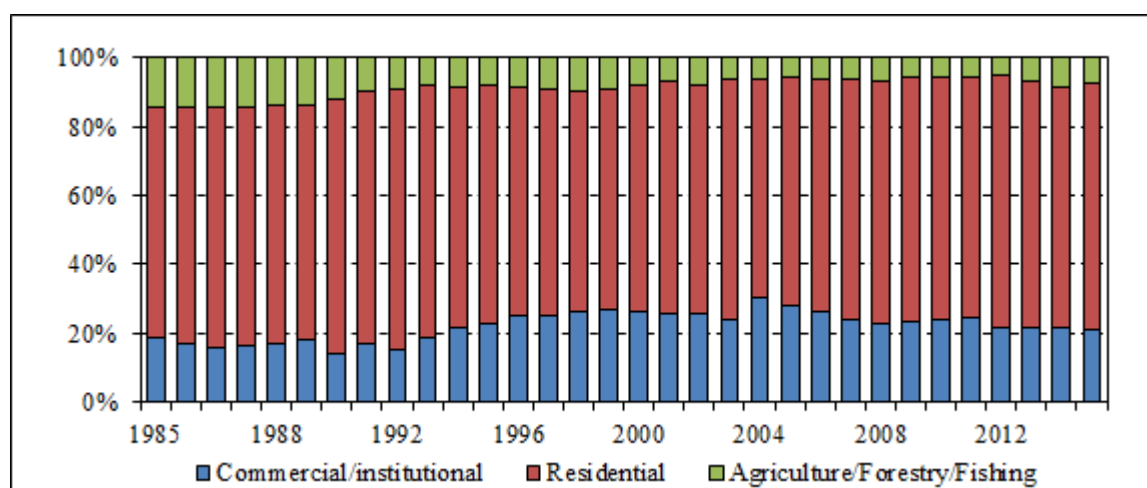
##### Activity data

Activity data was obtained from the IEA/Eurostat questionnaires as described in the introduction section of the chapter. Figure 3.2.21 illustrates the fuel consumption of the sector by fuel types.



**Figure 3.2.21** Share of different combusted fuel types in the Other Sectors (1985-2015)

Since about two third of the fuel consumption is related to the residential category, the fuel structure is influenced principally by changes in this sector (see Fig. 3.2.22.)



**Figure 3.2.22** Fuel combustion in the subsectors of the Other Sector (1985-2015)

Generally, in contrast with the significant reduction of coal and oil consumption, natural gas consumption has increased significantly. The population switched from coal to natural gas combustion. Household heating oil was completely replaced by LPG (see Table 3.2.11).

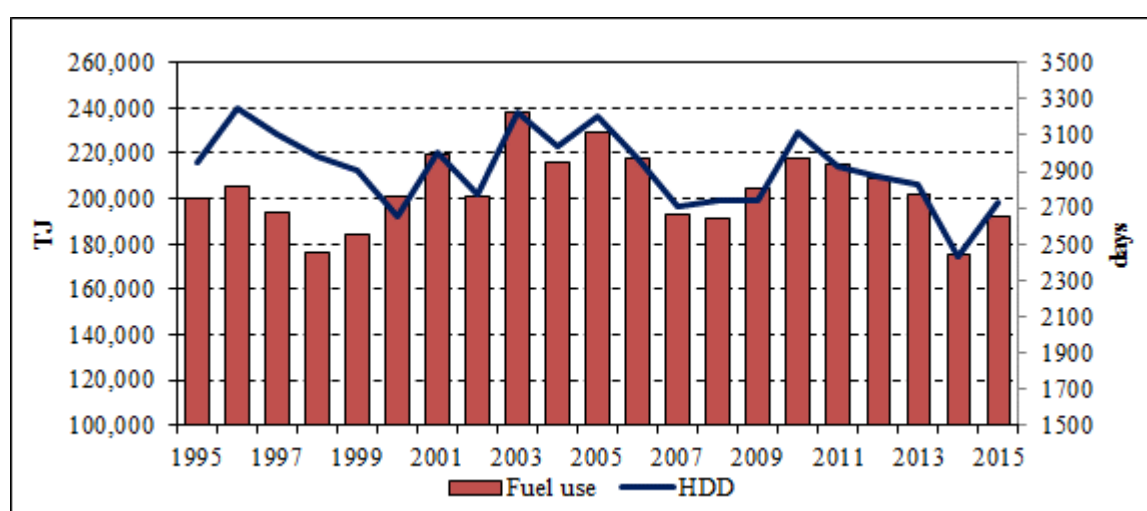
**Table 3.2.11** Oil and LPG consumption in the Commercial/Institutional and Residential Sectors in selected years after 1990

		1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Commercial/ Institutional</b>	Oil	11,073	1246	379	0	0	499	247	591	978
	LPG	1,504	2209	1,081	893	752	705	517	564	658
<b>Residential</b>	Oil	35,991	1118	86	0	0	0	40	40	40
	LPG	13,536	12,079	7802	5640	4371	3290	3525	2538	2491

During the period 1990-2015, the length of natural gas pipe-network increased from 22,549 km to 83,728 km. The number of households supplied with natural gas increased from 1.6 million in 1990 (42%) to 3.4 million in 2010 (78%) but decreased a little to 3.2 million (73%) since 2010. Residential

consumption represented 34% of total inland demand in 2015. Piped gas is available in 91% of all settlements in Hungary. Some 85% of households use natural gas for heating purpose as well. Although individual residential heating became more and more widespread, still 648 thousand dwellings are supplied with district heating and 600 thousand with hot water. Most of this heat (76%) is generated from natural gas use; however, the resulting emission was not accounted for here but under the Energy industries subsector.

Natural gas consumption can be influenced by several factors. One of these factors might be the weather and the resulting heating demand. Heating degree day (HDD) is a quantitative index that reflects demand for energy to heat houses and businesses. This index is derived from daily temperature observations. The inside temperature is 18°C and base temperature (the outside temperature above which a building needs no heating) is 15°C in our calculation (following the standard European methodology). Figure 3.2.23 illustrates the relationship between residential fuel consumption and HDD. The figure demonstrates that increased fuel use can often be explained by increased HDD values and vice versa.



**Figure 3.2.23** Comparison of residential fuel consumption and HDD between 1995 and 2015

Another factor is definitely the price. The (nominal) price of pipelined gas increased from 325 to 1360 Ft/10 m<sup>3</sup> between 2000 and 2012. This price increase might have led to increased biomass use as a substitute fuel in the residential sector. However, the above-mentioned trends have changed in recent years. Gas prices have dropped by 26% since 2012 (but are still more than double as high as in 2005). Biomass consumption has also decreased in the same period by 11% (but this decrease was probably due to favorable weather conditions).

All in all, the monthly average natural gas consumption of a household user decreased from 125.4 m<sup>3</sup> in 2003 to 79.2 m<sup>3</sup> in 2015. In this significant decreasing trend - beside the higher energy prices – most probably also the more energy-conscious approach of the population plays a role and is definitely greatly affected by the weather. In addition, growing biomass use indicate some fuel switch from natural gas to firewood in the residential sector.

In the Agriculture category, the trend in biogas use might deserve our attention as its share within biomass can be as high as 30 per cent as in 2008-2009, or as low as 9% as in 2014-2015.

In order to report separate emissions for the source category “Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing: Off-road vehicles and other machinery”, diesel oil consumption had to be split between stationary and mobile combustion. The Energy Statistical Yearbooks published around 1990 contained separate data for gasoil used in tractors and harvesters. Based on this information, a bit more than 60% could be

allocated to mobile consumption in the early period of the time series. Considering the generally diminishing role of liquid fuels in stationary combustion, it is assumed that after 2001 all gasoil allocated to agriculture in the energy statistics has been used for mobile off-road machinery.

### **Emission factors**

Default emission factors for CO<sub>2</sub> are used for liquid and gaseous fuels and for most of the solid fuels. The only exception is the residential lignite emission factor, which is the same as described under Energy Industries, because power plants that report measured carbon content of lignite, sell directly to residential consumers, too.

Since (almost) the entire quantity of liquid fuels used in residential combustion is LPG and the majority of institutional uses are also based on LPG, the IEF factor for CO<sub>2</sub> is very low.

For non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, default emission factors were applied (except for the category 1A4cii).

### **3.2.8.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency**

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

The estimated specific uncertainty for CO<sub>2</sub> is 2-7%. The uncertainty of the methane factor is significantly higher (50-150%), while that of N<sub>2</sub>O may be of an order of magnitude.

### **3.2.8.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification**

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

### **3.2.8.5 Source-specific recalculations**

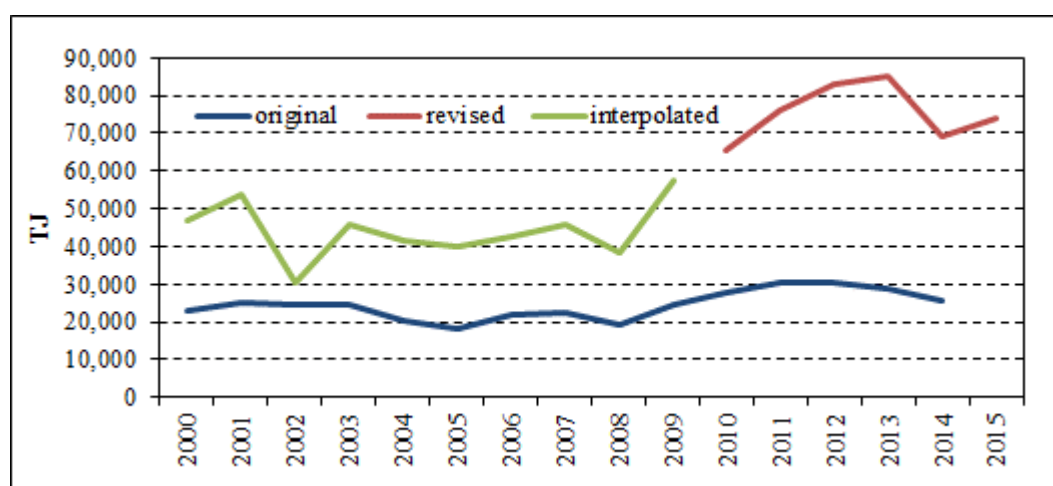
As a general practice, the latest available energy statistics has been used for the calculations taking into account all modifications. As a consequence, some reallocations (e.g. between 1A4a and 1A1c) have been automatically changed. These changes in activity data are mostly responsible for the changes in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in this sector. In the base year, the revised CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are higher by 176.35 kt or 0.75% that represents 0.21% of the total. In 2014, the amendments are in the same order of magnitude with an increase of 197.76 kt or 1.90% that corresponds to 0.45% of total emissions.

For the first time, we have reported emissions from household machinery in the category 1A4bii. Based on the latest survey of the Statistical Office, 56% of the households have garden or backyard on their own. There are 3.9 million households in Hungary; 56% of which is 2.2 million. It was assumed that for every garden 5 liters gasoline is used in a year. This would translate to 10.95 million liters or 8.2 kt gasoline. As part of the households use electronic devices, 6 kt of gasoline use was assumed for the whole time series. The resulting emissions are not significant (e.g. 19 kt CO<sub>2</sub>), and as the required activity data have been reallocated from the category 1A3b road transportation, the effect on the total emission should be negligible.

In March 2017, the energy statistics provider (MEKH) has published new (and more detailed) statistics on household energy use. New methodology has been introduced to re-assess solid biomass



consumption of the residential sector taking into account surveys and building energetics calculations in a consistent manner. The new results revealed that biomass consumption in the residential sector as reported in previous statistics was significantly underestimated. The latest IEA/Eurostat Annual Renewable Questionnaire consists the revised biomass data, however, only back to 2010. In consultation with the energy statistics provider, biomass consumption data has been extrapolated back to 2000 based on total heating demand of households (see Fig. 3.2.24). The significantly increased biomass combustion had its biggest effect on methane emissions in this sector that increased only by 0.18% in the base year but by 106.87% in 2014. This increase of methane emission, i.e. 301.75 kt in CO<sub>2</sub> eq, corresponded to 3.92% of total emissions in 2014.



**Figure 3.2.24** Changes in residential biomass consumption

To be consistent with the air pollutant inventory submitted under the CLRTAP, the methodology for off-road vehicles and other machinery used in agriculture and forestry has been changed. For this submission, we have implemented the Tier 2 method from the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook. This method classifies the used equipment into the fuel types and layers of engine technology. The engine technology layers are stratified according to the EU emission legislation stages, and three additional layers are added to cover the emissions from engines prior to the first EU legislation stages. The used layers are as follows: <1981; 1981-1990; 1991-Stage I; Stage I; Stage II; Stage IIIA; Stage IIIB; Stage IV; Stage V. The penetration of the new technology is taken into account in the form of split (%) of total fuel consumption per engine age (irrespective of inventory year) as it can be seen for diesel-fuelled non-road machinery in Table 3-3 in the Guidebook. As domestic information on stock of agricultural machinery indicate a somewhat slower penetration of new technology (as in Denmark), original data in Table 3-3 have been modified as follows:

**Table 3.2.12** Used values for the split (%) of total fuel consumption per engine age (irrespective of inventory year) for diesel-fuelled non-road machinery in Agriculture

Engine age	USED	ORIGINAL in Table 3-3
0	4	8
1	4	7.6
2	4	7.2
3	4	6.79
4	6	6.39
5	6	5.99
6	6	5.59
7	6	5.18

8	6	4.78
9	6	4.38
10	6	3.98
11	4	3.57
12	3	3.17
13	3	2.77
14	3	2.37
15	3	1.97
16	3	1.9
17	3	1.83
18	3	1.76
19	3	1.69
20	3	1.62
21	2	1.55
22	1	1.48
23	1	1.41
24	1	1.34
25	1	1.28
26	1	1.21
27	1	1.14
28	1	1.07
29	2	1

The application of the above T2 method is the main reason for the decreased N<sub>2</sub>O emission levels. In the base year, N<sub>2</sub>O emissions of the sector decreased by 142.25 kt (in CO<sub>2</sub> eq) or -55.88% that corresponded to -1.29% of total emissions. In 2014, the decrease in N<sub>2</sub>O emissions was -47.19 kt or -31.31% that corresponded to -1.12% of total emissions.

#### 3.2.8.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

### 3.2.9 Other (CRF sector 1A5)

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

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

**Table 3.2.13** *The first broad estimate of emissions from military aviation. Values for 2005 were kept constant back to the base year.*

		2005	2008	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Flight hours</b>	hour/year	1400	1044	1044	1044	1756	1756	1756	1756
<b>Kerosene consumption</b>	kt	4.60	3.43	3.43	3.43	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.76
	TJ	199.48	148.75	148.75	148.75	250.20	250.20	250.20	250.20
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	kt	14.26	10.64	10.64	10.64	17.89	17.89	17.89	17.89
<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	kt	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O</b>	kt	0.0004	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005

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

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

##### 3.3.1.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: CS, T1, T2

Emission factors: CS, D

Key sources: 1B1 Solid fuels - CH<sub>4</sub>

Category *1B1a* includes fugitive CH<sub>4</sub> emission released during coal mining and handling. Emissions from fuels used during these activities are calculated under sector *1.AA.2 (Manufacturing Industries and Constructions)*.

Emissions from category *1B1b* – Fugitive emissions originating from solid fuel transformation are included in sector *1A1c*. The reason is that it is not possible to separate the GHG emissions from fugitive and non fugitive sources during coking, and there is no reference in any of the Guidebooks for emission estimation methodology in category *1B*.

In Hungary, both underground and surface coal mines are present. Although underground mining was the predominant form in the 1960's and 1970's, it represents only 0.2% in 2015. Drastic reduction in coal production was observed between 1987 and 1988, as well as between 1989 and 1990. In 2015 only one minor underground mine was working after the closure of the mine of the last bituminous/sub-bituminous coal fired power plant. Underground mining continues to decrease in both relative and absolute terms; therefore distribution of mined coal types underwent significant changes.

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

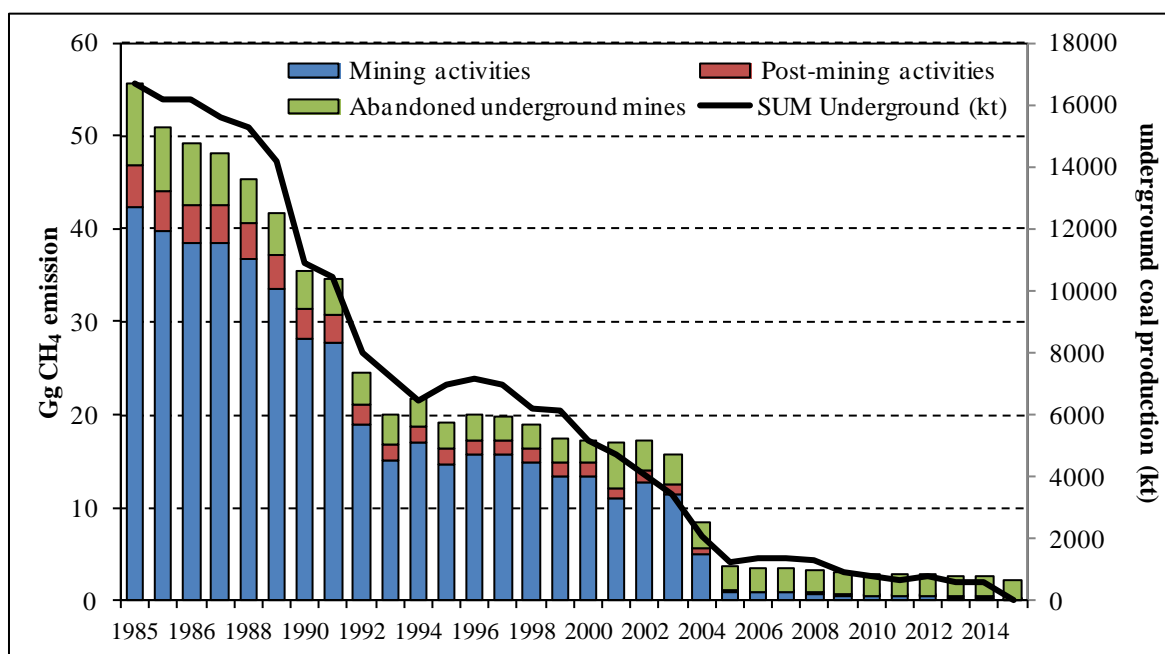


Figure 3.3.1 Trend of emissions from solid fuels and underground production of coal

Please note that “old” coal classification of Hungary used before 2015 inventory submission has been changed into the coal classification used by IPCC and IEA in present submission. So, all the coal mined in Hungary is classified now as lignite (except for very small amounts of sub-bituminous and coking coal in years 1990-1991).

### 3.3.1.2 Methodological issues

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

#### *Activity data*

Production data were taken from the IEA Coal statistics, where both coal types and underground and surface productions are distinguished. Due to IEA Coal classification, all the coal mined in Hungary is classified as Lignite, (except for very small amounts of sub-bituminous and coking coal in the years 1990-91). Mine and coal basin level data are received from the Mining Bureau of Hungary. In 2016 reported underground coal production differs at the two data provider. The difference is 3 kt, which can be negligible, but also the production was very low, so the uncertainty is high. Since the inventory team always receives data from the Mining Bureau of Hungary earlier and data are more detailed, value from this dataset was used for the calculations. To keep consistency activity data was filled with the value of IEA. The ground of the difference will be investigated for the next submission.

**Table 3.3.1** *Underground and surface coal production in Hungary*

<b>Year</b>	<b>SUM Production (kt)</b>	<b>SUM Surface production (kt)</b>	<b>SUM Underground production (kt)</b>	<b>out of which: Mecsek basin production (kt)</b>
<b>1985</b>	24042	7387	16655	2639
<b>1985-87</b>	23338	7198	16141	2441
<b>1986</b>	23129	6983	16146	2325
<b>1987</b>	22844	7223	15621	2360
<b>1988</b>	20875	5634	15241	2255
<b>1989</b>	20030	5883	14147	2127
<b>1990</b>	17830	6919	10911	1819
<b>1991</b>	17135	6680	10455	1760
<b>1992</b>	15844	7815	8029	1210
<b>1993</b>	14832	7588	7244	950
<b>1994</b>	14084	7622	6462	1030
<b>1995</b>	14772	7834	6938	856
<b>1996</b>	15259	8067	7192	882
<b>1997</b>	15764	8828	6936	854
<b>1998</b>	14668	8445	6223	813
<b>1999</b>	14547	8425	6122	716
<b>2000</b>	14033	8848	5185	753

Year	SUM Production (kt)	SUM Surface production (kt)	SUM Underground production (kt)	out of which: Mecsek basin production (kt)
2001	13914	9174	4740	573
2002	13027	8929	4098	726
2003	13301	9871	3430	667
2004	11242	9135	2107	259
2005	9570	8321	1249	0
2006	9952	8601	1351	0
2007	9818	8421	1397	0
2008	9404	8118	1286	0
2009	8986	8078	908	0
2010	9113	8301	812	0
2011	9555	8890	665	0
2012	9290	8527	763	0
2013	9558	8941	617	0
2014	9551	8950	601	0.011*
2015	9261	9239	22	5.687*

\* Surface production in Mecsek basin

#### *Emission factors*

Table 3.2.2 shows the measured methane content of coal for the mines operating since 1985 in Hungary together with the emission factors applied and defaults of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Data on in-situ methane content of mines in Hungary originates from research project conducted by Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (available at: <http://www.rekk.eu/images/stories/letoltheto/uhg-ag-vol2.pdf>) included in list of References. The results are published in USGS, 2002 (please see the Reference list). The measured data is in accordance with the classification of mines regarding risk of firedamp received every year from the Hungarian Mining Authority, which is also based on the m<sup>3</sup> methane/ t coal value. Based on the above-mentioned references, two different emission factors are applied for underground mines - the same as in case of previous inventory submissions. One is applied for coals from Mecsek coal basin and the other for all other underground production. The former is within the range of default average emission factor from 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the latter is well below but the difference might be explained by country specific properties.

**Table 3.3.2** *In-situ CH<sub>4</sub> content in Hungarian mines, the emission factors used and default emission factors from 2006 IPCC Guidelines*

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

\*single underground coal mine still working in Hungary

Generally, no emissions occur in Hungary in case of surface mining based on the above mentioned references. The reason is that the mined Hungarian lignite is relatively young in the coalification (NCV is under 10 MJ/kg). At the end of 2014 an old surface mine in the Mecsek basin was re-opened with relative high (20.75 m<sup>3</sup> CH<sub>4</sub>/t coal) in-situ methane content, but the amount of mined coal was almost negligible in the first year. In 2015 amount of mined coal in this region was very low again, but underground production was also marginal, so this mine represented significant proportion in emissions, therefore the implied emission factor changed significantly. (It should be noted that all emissions of Mecsek basin were reported consistently through the time-series in the category of underground mines irrespectively of depth of mining activities.)

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

### Recovery

In 1.B.1.a Underground coal mining category, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are reported from CH<sub>4</sub> recovery for the years 1985-1996. In this case CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are not direct emissions, but it is calculated from the amount of recovered CH<sub>4</sub> (CH<sub>4</sub> burned for energy use) as follows:

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

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

The yearly amount of recovered CH<sub>4</sub> and the stop of the recovery (due to the closure of the mines) were communicated by the Hungarian Office for Mining (Mining Bureau of Hungary).

### Post-mining

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

*Abandoned underground mines**Activity data*

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

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

Based on a study of the Hungarian Geological Service (please see References) there are 104 coal mines closed in Hungary. However most of them are flooded with water and had not been gassy, except for the Mecsek basin, so this number is extrapolated using coal production data in Mecsek basin (see Table 3.2.1 above) as surrogate data.

**Table 3.3.3** Activity data used in 1B1a – Abandoned coal mines

	<b>Mines closed</b>	<b>out of which gassy and unflooded (extrapolated data)</b>
<b>SUM</b>	104	8
<b>2001-</b>	8	1
<b>1976-2000</b>	34	3
<b>1951-1975</b>	31	2
<b>1926-1950</b>	16	1
<b>1901-1925</b>	16	1

Numbers in blue are estimated values.

*Emission factors*

Set of Tier 1 emission factors from 2006 IPCC Guidelines Table 4.1.6 and Equation 4.1.11 is used for the calculation of emissions. Since time-series of emission factors begins with 1990 in the mentioned table of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, Hungary had to complete with factors back to 1985. In the 2015 and 2016 submissions, constant values of 1990 were applied for previous years, but according to the hyperbolic decline curve of real emissions of abandoned coal mines it was planned to change these factors for more appropriate ones. For the 1901–1925, 1926–1950 and 1951-1975 periods emission factors were applied using the values of the original table for the next time-interval (2009-2014). For the 1976-2000 time interval this rule couldn't be applied. After discussions with experts from the European Union, Hungary asked the authors of this chapter of the guidelines to provide the missing values. The following table (Table 3.3.4) represents the completed table highlighting the new factors.

**Table 3.3.4** Emission factors for abandoned coal mines

<b>Emission factor, Million M<sup>3</sup> methane /mine</b>					
<b>Inventory year</b>	<b>Time interval of mine closure</b>				
	<b>1901–1925</b>	<b>1926–1950</b>	<b>1951-1975</b>	<b>1976–2000</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>
<b>1985</b>	0.2900	0.3610	0.5420	4.0289	NA
<b>1986</b>	0.2880	0.3570	0.5290	2.8881	NA
<b>1987</b>	0.2860	0.3530	0.5180	2.2894	NA
<b>1988</b>	0.2840	0.3500	0.5070	1.9148	NA



**Emission factor, Million M<sup>3</sup> methane /mine**

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

**3.3.1.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency**

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

Unfortunately, no uncertainty is provided for measurement data used for emission factors applied in mining subsector and Tier 1 approach is used in post-mining and abandoned coal mined subsectors. So, the uncertainty of emission factor in *IB1* is estimated to be „factor of 2” based on Table 4.1.2 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

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

### 3.3.1.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

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

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

### 3.3.1.5 Source-specific recalculations

Tier 1 emission factors from 2006 IPCC Guidelines Table 4.1.6 were completed with new values for the missing inventory years (1985-1989), therefore the time-series were recalculated for these years changing the constant extrapolated values. The following table (Table 3.3.4) summarizes the changes in this category.

**Table 3.3.4** *Changes in emission factors and emissions for 1985-1989 period  
2015 and 2016 submissions*

time interval of mine closure	inventory year					
emission factors (Mm <sup>3</sup> methane/mine)	1985	BY	1986	1987	1988	1989
1901–1925	0.2810		0.2810	0.2810	0.2810	0.281
1926–1950	0.3430		0.3430	0.3430	0.3430	0.343
1951–1975	0.4780		0.4780	0.4780	0.4780	0.478
1976–2000	1.5610		1.5610	1.5610	1.5610	1.561
emissions (kt CH <sub>4</sub> )	1985	BY	1986	1987	1988	1989
1901–1925	0.2355		0.2355	0.2355	0.2355	0.2355
1926–1950	0.2875		0.2875	0.2875	0.2875	0.2875
1951–1975	0.7826		0.7826	0.7826	0.7826	0.7826
1976–2000	2.8600		2.8600	2.8600	2.8600	2.8600
SUM	4.1656	4.1656	4.1656	4.1656	4.1656	4.1656
<b>2017 submission</b>						
time interval of mine closure	inventory year					
emission factors (Mm <sup>3</sup> methane/mine)	1985	BY	1986	1987	1988	1989
1901–1925	0.29		0.288	0.286	0.284	0.283
1926–1950	0.361		0.357	0.353	0.35	0.346
1951–1975	0.542		0.529	0.518	0.507	0.496
1976–2000	4.0289		2.8881	2.2894	1.9148	1.6561
emissions (kt CH <sub>4</sub> )	1985	BY	1986	1987	1988	1989
1901–1925	0.2431		0.2414	0.2397	0.2380	0.2372
1926–1950	0.3026		0.2992	0.2959	0.2933	0.2900
1951–1975	0.8874		0.8661	0.8481	0.8301	0.8121
1976–2000	7.3815		5.2914	4.1945	3.5082	3.0342
SUM	8.8145	7.0303	6.6981	5.5782	4.8696	4.3735
difference in emissions (2017 subm. -2016 subm.) (kt CH <sub>4</sub> )	4.6490	2.8647	2.5325	1.4126	0.7041	0.2079
% of emission compared to previous submission	212%	169%	161%	134%	117%	105%

### 3.3.1.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Since we have not enough information about all abandoned mines back to 1901, default method with default emissions are presented for the entire time-series as first guess. It is planned to revise these methane emissions, because this calculation cannot take account of national features. In recent years after the closure of all underground mines in several coal basins the mine drainage is not pumped anymore that induces the water-table rise and the mine flooding, Research from 2003 (Nyers, 2003) prognosticates that all mines in Mecsek basin will be flooded in 2014.

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

#### 3.3.2.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Methods: CS, T1

Emission factors: CS

Key sources: 1B2b Natural Gas - CH<sub>4</sub>; 1B2c Venting and flaring - CO<sub>2</sub>

In 1B2 category fugitive emissions arising during exploration, production, processing, transmission and distribution and storage of oil (1B2a) and natural gas (1B2b) are reported and in a separate subcategory also GHG emissions from Venting and Flaring activities connected to the operations mentioned before (1B2c). In subcategory 1B2d - Other Hungary reports fugitive CH<sub>4</sub> emitted during extraction of thermal water and gas and fugitive CO<sub>2</sub> from mining of natural CO<sub>2</sub> occurrence.

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

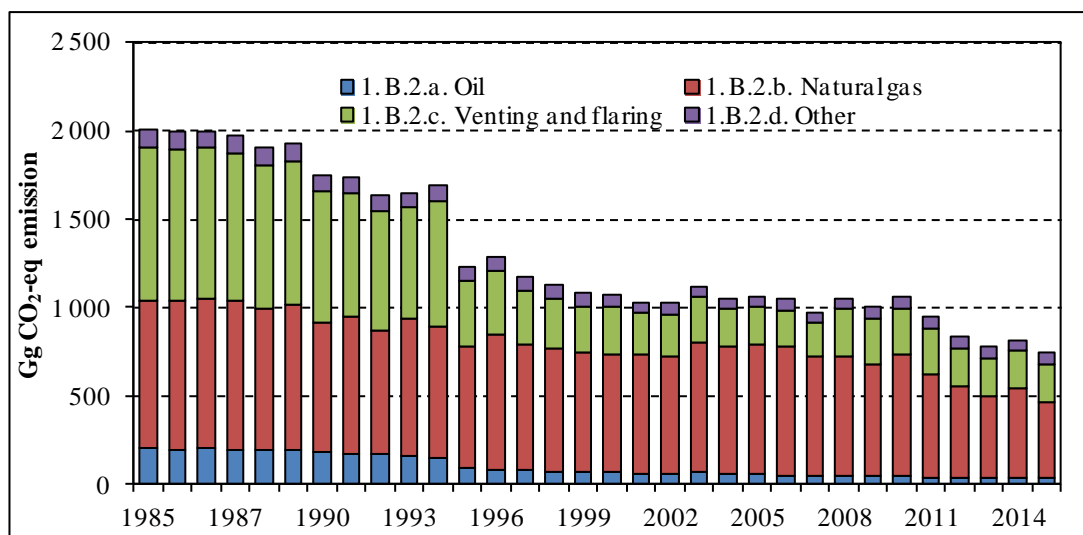


Figure 3.3.2 Trends of emissions in CO<sub>2</sub>-eq from 1.B.2 by subsector (Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq emissions)

The reason of significant interannual change between 1994 and 1995 is explained in the chapter on emission factors below.

### 3.3.2.2 Methodological issues

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

#### *Activity data*

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

#### *Emission factors*

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

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

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

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

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from oil refineries of Hungary are taken from EU ETS annual emission reports and oil refinery flaring data is extrapolated for the years before 2005 using the amount of “Refinery intake” as surrogate data. In this way, full coverage and consistency within the time-series has been reached.

#### *1.B.2.d Other Fugitive emissions*

Within this subsector fugitive CH<sub>4</sub> from groundwater extraction and fugitive CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from CO<sub>2</sub> mining is reported. No method is available in 2006 IPCC Guidelines for these activities, so country specific data has to be applied.

In the case of groundwater extraction, Geological and Geophysical Institute of Hungary provided expert estimate for the first time in 2015 based on 278/2015 Govt. Decree on data provision of Inventory preparation. This Institute is responsible for the monitoring, authorization and research of underground waters. They provided two set of data for the years 2004-2006 and noted that one method probably underestimates CH<sub>4</sub> emissions, while the other overestimates them.

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

In the case of CO<sub>2</sub> mining, activity data (million m<sup>3</sup> CO<sub>2</sub> mined/year) is available from the Hungarian Office for Mining and Geology (MBFH) from 1987. For the years 1985 and 1986 the data from 1987 is applied as extrapolation. Due to lack of emission factor, the EFs for fugitive emissions from natural gas production (extraction) from Table 4.2.4 (from 1995) and 4.2.5 (between 1985 and 1994 as described above) have been applied.

### 3.3.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

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

	AD	EF	Combined
1B2aOil – CH <sub>4</sub>	5.00	84	84.20
1B2aOil – CO <sub>2</sub>	5.00	44	44.58
1B2b Natural Gas – CH <sub>4</sub>	5.00	276	276.52
1B2b Natural Gas – CO <sub>2</sub>	5.00	278	277.70
1B2c Venting and flaring – CH <sub>4</sub>	5.00	50	50.74
1B2c Venting and flaring – CO <sub>2</sub>	5.00	472	471.80
1B2c Venting and flaring – N <sub>2</sub> O	5.00	546	546.05
1B2d Other - CH <sub>4</sub>	5.00	200	200.06
1B2d Other - CO <sub>2</sub>	5.00	200	200.06

### 3.3.2.4 Source-specific QA/QC and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. Plant specific data is verified with data in IEA Energy Statistics or with data received from the Hungarian Mining Authority where appropriate.

### 3.3.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

1.B.2.d.i - Emissions from geothermal water extractions and mining of CO<sub>2</sub>

Extrapolation of activity data with constant 2012 value was changed for 2013 and 2014 to data obtained from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. Recalculation reduced the CH<sub>4</sub> emissions by 0.03 and 0.13 kt, respectively.

Some minor changes can be found in the following categories due to recalculation of IEA statistics:

Sector	Affected years	Changes of activity data	Changes in emissions
<b>1.B.2.a.3 Transport</b>	2012, 2013, 2014	LPG - Gross inland deliveries	2012: -0.0230357143 kt CO <sub>2</sub> , 2013: -0.0007678571 kt CO <sub>2</sub> , 2014: -0.0023035714 kt CO <sub>2</sub>
<b>1.B.2.a.4 Refining/ Storage</b>	2011, 2012, 2013	Refinery intake (calculated)	2011: -0.000050 kt CH <sub>4</sub> , 2012: 0.000426 kt CH <sub>4</sub> , 2013: -0.000025 kt CH <sub>4</sub>
<b>1.B.2.c.2.i Oil</b>	1985-2004	Refinery intake (calculated) which affected the extrapolation for 1985 to 2004	Between -0.0052 and -0.0079 kt CO <sub>2</sub>

### 3.3.2.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Informal review organised by the EU in November 2015 suggested improvements as follows:

Two type of default emission factors are used to calculate fugitive emissions from oil and gas, namely the set of emission factors for “Developed Countries” (lower) and another for “Developing Countries And Countries With Economies In Transition” (higher). However, Hungary was regarded as a country

with economy in transition in the beginning of the 1990's, the economy underwent significant changes since then. Hungary is now part of the European Union, and there is a great change regarding the application of state-of-the-art technologies and environmental investments as well. So, higher emission factors have been applied for the years 1985-1994 and lower from the year 1995, which causes significant jump in emissions. It was highly recommended to further investigate how to generate smooth transition between the two kind of emission factors considering the application's year of new technologies in each category.

### **3.4 CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage (CRF 1.C)**

Not applicable.

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## 4. INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES (CRF sector 2.)

### Major changes compared to previous submission:

- 2.A.1 Cement production – CO<sub>2</sub>: new extrapolation for the period before 2005
- 2.A.4.d Other process uses of carbonates – Other: addition of missing emissions
- 2.A.4.b Other process uses of carbonates - Other uses of soda ash: revised data for import and export of soda ash
- 2.B.1 Hydrogen production: new data for 2002-2004; NCV correction for years 2005-2014
- 2.D.1. Lubricants: revised IEA data, subtracted transport emissions
- 2.D.3 NMVOC emission from solvent and other product uses: corrected calculation
- 2.F.1. RACHP – interpolation for the year 2014
- 2.F.4. Aerosols – revised activity data

### 4.1 Overview of sector

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

Emissions from this category comprise the following sub categories:

- Mineral Products (CRF 2.A.),
- Chemical Industry (CRF 2.B.),
- Metal Production (CRF 2.C.),
- Non-energy Products from Fuels and Solvent use (CRF 2.D.),
- Electronics Industry (2.E),
- Consumption of Halocarbons and SF<sub>6</sub> (CRF 2.F.) and
- Other Product Manufacture and Use (CRF 2.G).

Under Mineral Products Hungary reports the emissions from cement production (CO<sub>2</sub>), lime production (CO<sub>2</sub>), limestone glass (CO<sub>2</sub>), and other mineral products including bricks and ceramics production, mineral wool production, waste gas scrubbing and soda ash use (CO<sub>2</sub>).

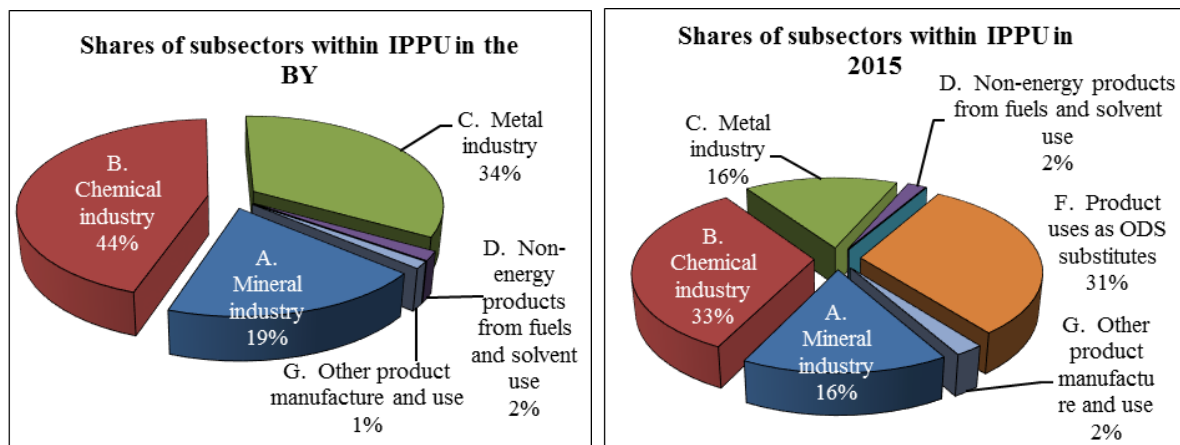
Under Chemical Industry emissions from ammonia (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitric acid (N<sub>2</sub>O), and Petrochemical and Carbon Black Production (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>).

Under Metal Industry emissions from pig iron (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>), steel (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>) ferroalloys (CO<sub>2</sub>), aluminium (CO<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>) are taken into account. Consumption of halocarbons and SF<sub>6</sub> means emissions from different source, for example: refrigeration, air conditioning equipment, foam blowing, aerosols, electrical equipment. The 2.G sector contains emissions from manufacturing and use of electrical equipment and SF<sub>6</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O use in other products (SF<sub>6</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O).

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

The base year is the average of 1985–1987 for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O, and 1995 for HFCs, PFCs and SF<sub>6</sub>. *Figure 4.1.1* shows the main sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the base year and in 2015





**Figure 4.1.1** Shares of subsectors within Industrial sector (Gg, CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)

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

In the case of indirect greenhouse gases, consistency with CLRTAP/NEC reporting has been reached since 2014 submission. The calculation method of the indirect GHG and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions is described in detail in Informative Inventory Report of Hungary submitted for CLRTAP reporting, available at:

[http://www.ceip.at/ms/ceip\\_home1/ceip\\_home/status\\_reporting/2015\\_submissions/](http://www.ceip.at/ms/ceip_home1/ceip_home/status_reporting/2015_submissions/)

#### QC of completeness and allocation of CO<sub>2</sub> from Non-Energy Uses and other fuels used in IPPU sector

Please find in A3.2 of Annexes based on Table 1.3 in Volume 3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines recommended for check of completeness of non-energy use (NEU) of fuels filled in for year 2015.

## 4.2 Emission Trends

Total emissions estimated from industrial processes were 7302 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2015, or 13% of the total national emissions compared to 14% in the base year. Total sectoral emissions decreased by -52 % between the base year and 2015, and increased by 12% between 2014 and 2015.

Greenhouse gas emissions from the industrial processes sector fluctuated slightly in the beginning of the inventory period, then a considerable decline happened: emissions reached their minimum in 1992, which was mainly due to economic crisis. Later on, emissions had been fluctuating again until 2005. Since then, emissions have been showing a decreasing tendency again until 2009 and aggregated emissions decreased by 22% between 2005 and 2015. There was a slight growth in year 2010 and 2011, but GHG emissions from industrial processes sector were again lower both in 2012 than in 2013. In 2015 emissions increased again by 12% due to higher production volumes in several subsectors.

Figure 4.2.1 shows the trend of GHG emissions from industrial processes by subcategories from the base year to 2015.

*Chemical industry* was the most important emitter in the beginning of inventory period, especially N<sub>2</sub>O emission from nitric acid production (for details see chapter 4.4). Between 1990 and 2005 *Chemical industry*, *Mineral industry* and *Metal production* were fluctuating around the same level. After the significant fall of emission in *Chemical Industry* thanks to the N<sub>2</sub>O abatement technology introduced in *Nitric acid production* in 2007, and the hard recession of the *Mineral industry*, *Metal production* took up the leading role. The growing tendency of *Consumption of Halocarbons and SF<sub>6</sub>* has also stopped in 2008.

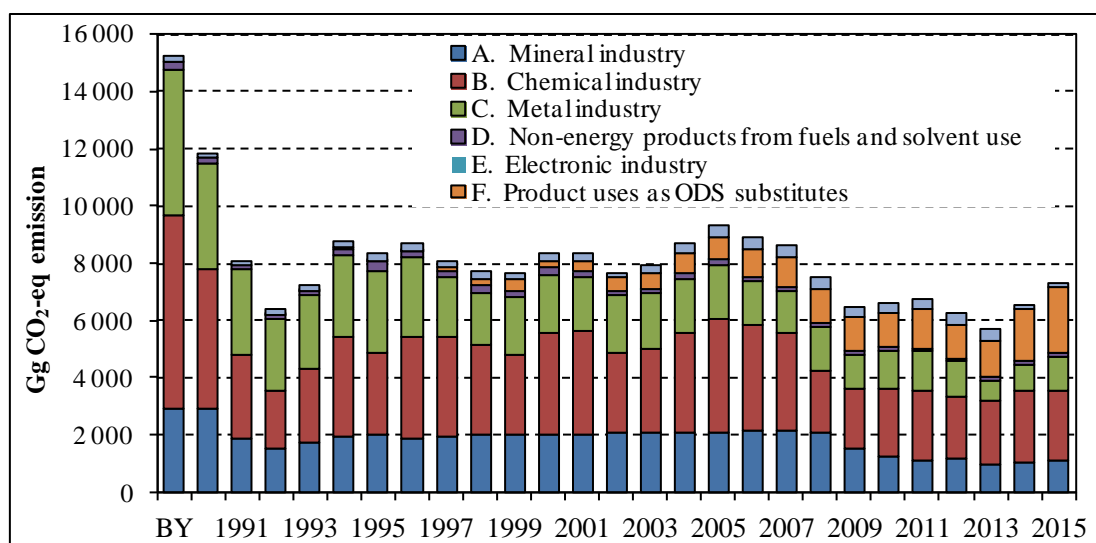


Figure 4.2.1 GHG emissions from Industry sector by subsectors (Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)

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

Some examples:

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

The privatization was slower in the industry than in other areas of the economy. Foreign investments

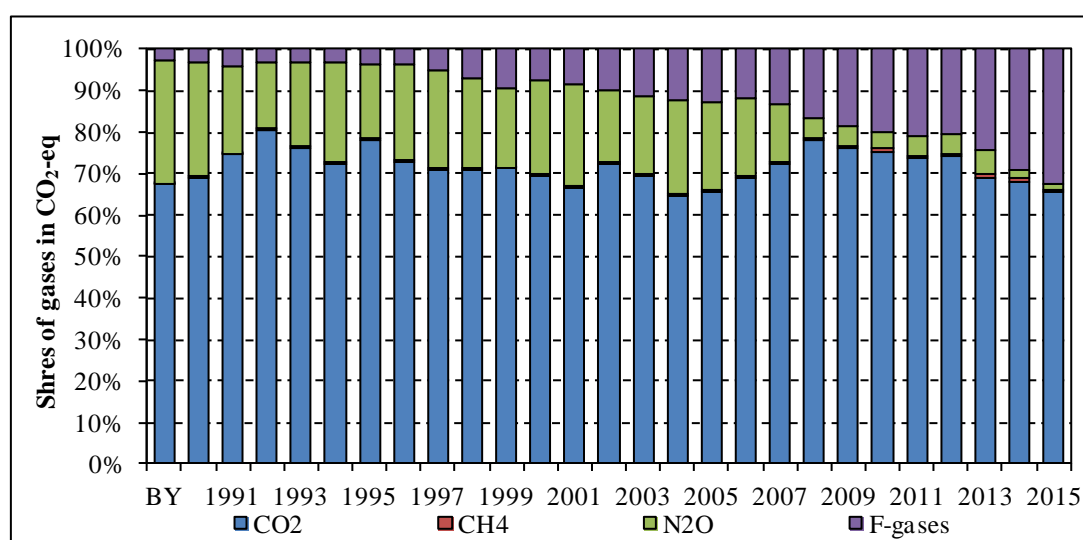
were made rather in medium or smaller sized enterprises than in the big companies of the Hungarian industry.

One of the reasons of temporary production decrease was the modernization process of the remaining factories which was carried out that time and which by the way lead to favourable changes of specific emission factors as well. This was the situation e.g. in the cement and limestone industry. In some cases, however, also plants having more advantageous emission factors were closed, causing unfavourable changes in the national emission factor. This was the situation e.g. in the production of nitric acid before 1995 (see Ch. 4.2.2).

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

#### 4.2.1 Emission Trends by Gases

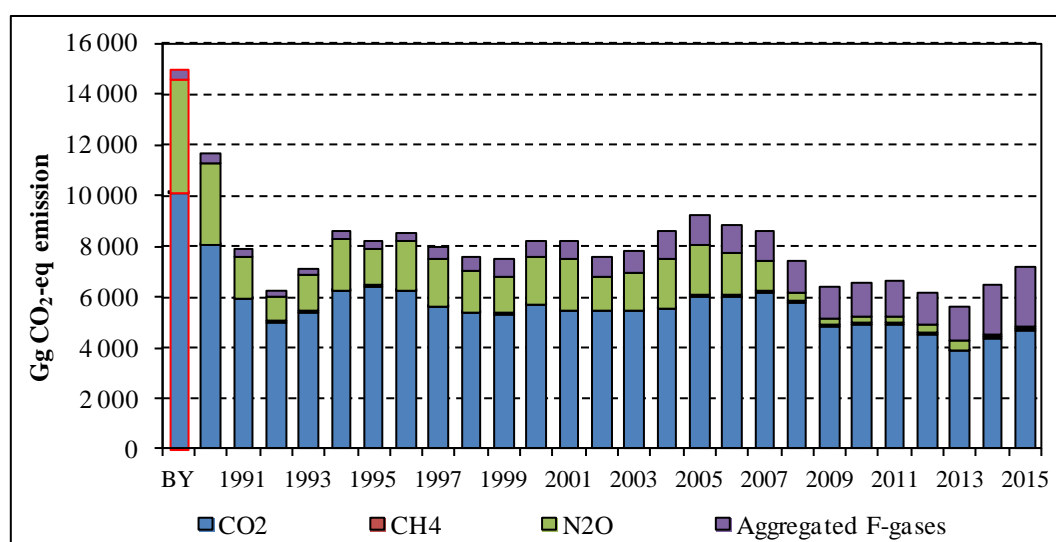
The most important GHG in *Industrial Processes* sector is carbon dioxide, contributing 65% to total GHG emissions in this sector in 2015, followed by hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) contributing 33% to GHG emissions CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O contributed 1-1% (Figure 4.2.2).



**Figure 4.2.2 Shares of gases in Industry sector (Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)**

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

The figure below (Figure 4.2.3) shows the emissions of this sector by gases. It can be seen that in 2008, N<sub>2</sub>O emission from *Industrial Processes* are 99.89% below the level of the base year and dropped by 99.44% from 2007 to 2008 which is due to the introduction of a new nitric acid plant.



**Figure 4.2.3 Trend by greenhouse gases in Industry sector**  
(BY=average of 1985-87 but 1995 for F-gases- data in red frame)

#### 4.2.2 Emission Trends by sources

In the base year, the chemical subsector accounted for 44% of total industrial GHG emissions, followed by metal subsector 34%, mineral subsector 19%. In 2015, 33% of the emissions came from chemical industry, second largest source was consumption of F-gases with 31%, followed by 16% both from mineral and from metal products. The contributions of other (SF<sub>6</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O containing) product uses and non-energy products from fuels and solvent use are 2-2%. (See Figure 4.1.1 above.) Emissions by sources and by gases appear in Table 4.2.1 for 2015.

**Table 4.2.1 Emissions of Industrial processes sector in 2015 (CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)**

	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	HFCs	PFCs	SF <sub>6</sub>	Total
<b>2. Industrial processes</b>	<b>4775</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2267</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>7302</b>
<b>A. Mineral industry</b>	1140	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	<b>1140</b>
<b>B. Chemical industry</b>	2326	45	50	NO	NO	NO	<b>2421</b>
<b>C. Metal industry</b>	1166	5	NO	NO	NO	NO	<b>1171</b>
<b>D. Non-energy products from fuels and solvent use</b>	143	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	<b>143</b>
<b>E. Electronic industry</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	<b>NO</b>
<b>F. Product uses as ODS substitutes</b>	NO	NO	NO	2267	1	NO	<b>2268</b>
<b>G. Other product manufacture and use</b>	NO	NO	46	NO	NO	112	<b>158</b>
<b>H. Other</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	<b>NO</b>

### 4.3 Mineral Products (CRF sector 2.A)

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

##### 4.3.1.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

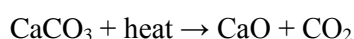
Methods: CS

Emission factors: CS, PS

Key sources: 2A1 Cement Production - CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub> is generated during cement production in the clinker production phase:

- on the one hand, during the combustion of the fuels used,
- on the other hand, during the degradation of the limestone (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) fed into the furnace, which occurs at around 1,300°C and results in CaO (Calcium Oxide) and CO<sub>2</sub> (calcinations).



The raw materials may contain other carbonate minerals (e.g., MgCO<sub>3</sub>). Both dry and wet technologies may be used for the preparation of the raw clinker. Wet technology is used by one of the five cement production plants in Hungary.

In this sector the emission estimation methodologies are very similar in the case of IPCC and EU ETS (Methodology of EU ETS reporting is prescribed in 601/2012/EC EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting Regulation). The basis of emissions factors for cement production is the same in fact, as all uses the stoichiometric ratio of the above-mentioned equation as follows:

$$g \text{ CO}_2 / g \text{ CaCO}_3 = 44/100 = 0.44$$

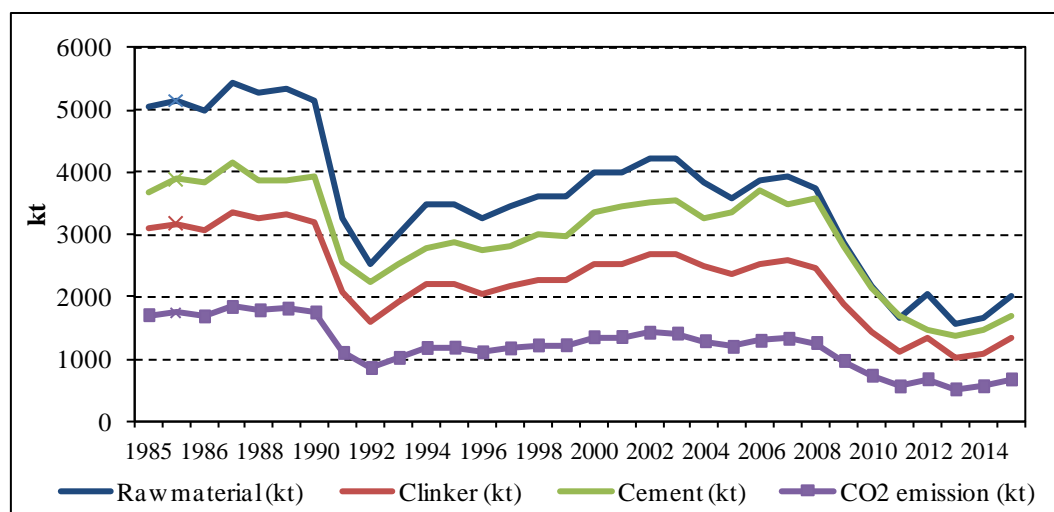
$$g \text{ CO}_2 / g \text{ MgCO}_3 = 44/84 = 0.52$$

$$g \text{ CO}_2 / g \text{ CaO} = 44/56 = 0.785 \text{ (default IPCC1996 and EU ETS Clinker output based method)}$$

$$g \text{ CO}_2 / g \text{ MgO} = 44/40 = 1.019$$

(molar weight - C:12 g; O:16 g; Ca:40 g; Mg:24 g)

Significant decrease of emissions has occurred in this sector between 2008 and 2013, but in 2014 the trend has changed (see *Figure 4.3.1*) and this increasing trend was continued in 2015. The decrease of emissions correlates with the decrease of activity data. Activity data is reported directly by the cement producer companies via EU ETS Annual Emission Reports since the last years and verified with the data of HCSO if the latter is available. The decrease of activity data can be explained by decrease of the production, due to the continuous recession of this industrial sector. In building industry, the recession also turned up and 2014 is the first year that brought some recovery since 2010. The producing facilities were struggling to survive, which is published also on their website and reflected in volume indices (NACE Rev.2 classes CG- 2351 Manufacture of cement - Volume index of industrial gross output, corresponding period of the previous year= 100 (per cent) 2009: 79%; 2010: 75%; 2011: 86%; 2012: 96%; 2013: 77%; 2014: 117%; 2015: 110%). Although solely 3 cement plants have been operating in 2014 and 2015 (compared to 5 in 2010), the production volumes increased in both years.



**Figure 4.3.1** Trend of activity data and CO<sub>2</sub> emission in Cement production  
(BY: marked with X)

#### 4.3.1.2 Methodological issues

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

Emissions were estimated using a country specific method that consists of plant-specific data and full accounting of carbonates (Tier 3 in 2006 IPCC Guidelines) for the years 2005-2013 and extrapolation for the years before 2005 based on country specific emission factor.

In 2012 five factories were operating in Hungary, while in 2013 only three. Production data for the whole time-series were obtained directly from the factories and from the EU Emission Trading System (*Table 4.3.1*).

According to the EU ETS directive (2003/87/EC) introduced by the European Union, the factories report their CO<sub>2</sub> emission from 2005 on. The factories calculate their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on the basis of their production data, and the analysis of raw flour, and cement kiln dust (CKD), which contains CO<sub>2</sub> generated from all carbonates, including MgCO<sub>3</sub> and other. Wet and dry technologies and CKD are also taken into account, which is in line with methodology of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The analysis must fulfill the strict requirements of 601/2012/EU regulation which prescribes the use of ISO17025 accredited laboratories and the minimum annual frequency of analysis. In addition, the annual emission reports of the factories are verified by independent EU ETS verifiers and checked by the authority responsible for EU ETS in Hungary.

*Table 4.3.1* shows the time-series of production data, the emission estimated in 2A1 sector and the implied emission factor.

Hungary has used the IEF for 2005 for extrapolating emissions to the period before 2005 in the last submission because the IEF is following a decreasing trend from 2005 to 2013.

It was suggested by the UN review (ARR) of 2016 to use a good practice data splicing technique given in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (e.g. overlap technique or surrogate data), as appropriate for Hungary's national circumstances, to fill data gaps in the time series of the CO<sub>2</sub> IEF for the period before 2005.

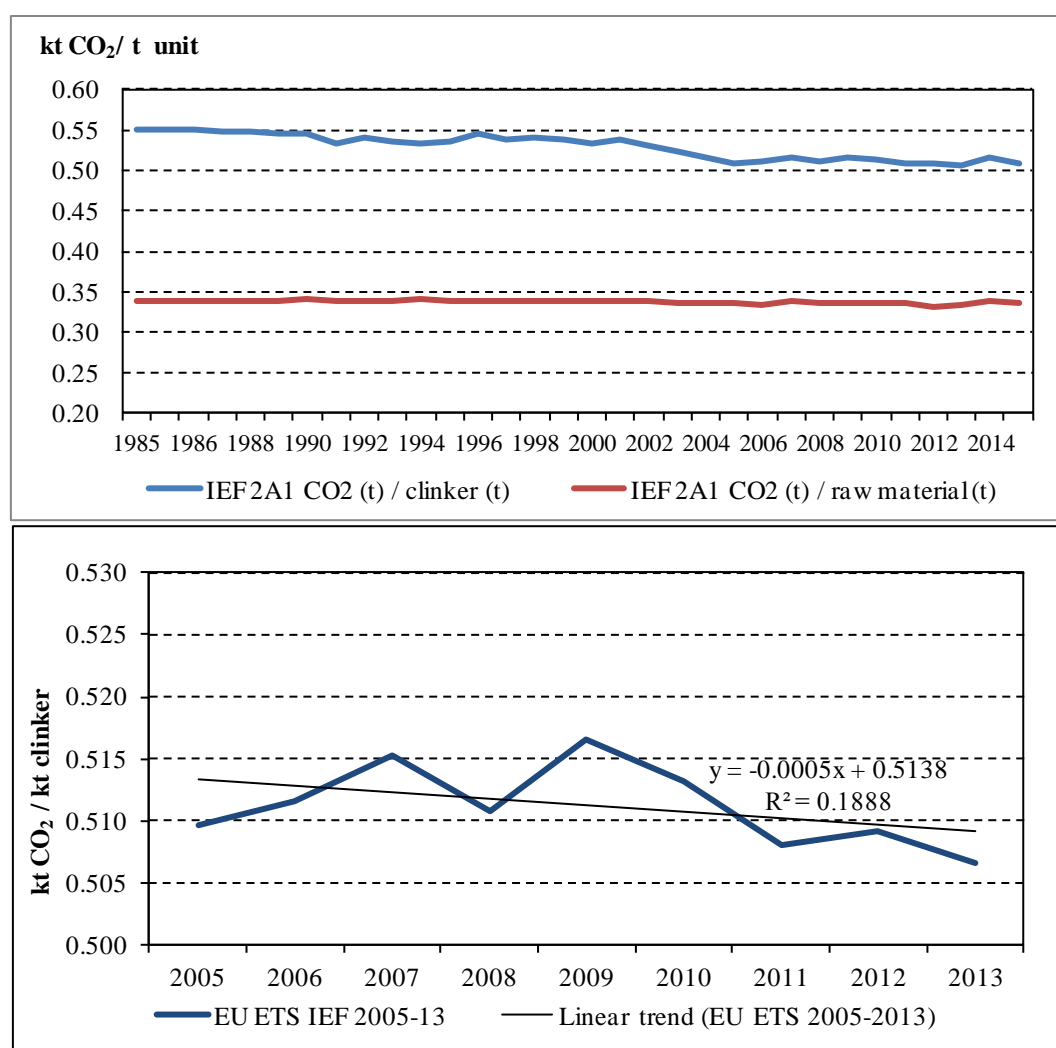
During the investigation of available data, it became clear that the use of implied emission factor for extrapolation before 2005 is not appropriate. It was found that CKD factor (amount of CKD compared to clinker) varies between 0.4 and 3.0 in the time-series, and has significantly higher values after 2002. Meanwhile CO<sub>2</sub> content of raw material is more stable for each factory (factories have their own limestone mines) at least in the period of 2005-2010. Until 2014 factories have reported detailed data including amount of production, raw material and CKD, CO<sub>2</sub> content of raw material and CKD. Data of CO<sub>2</sub> measurement were not verified therefore only the amounts of raw material and CKD were used for the calculation. (Also reported CO<sub>2</sub> content of raw material shows stable composition.) After 2010 two plants were closed down, and their productions were quite different in their last years compared to

the previous period. Therefore, during the recalculation average CO<sub>2</sub> content of raw material from EU ETS for 2005-2010 period was used in most cases except one factory. In the latter case the first two years of measured data differ appreciably, so to reduce the variance time period taken into account was 2005-2013 (it was closed down in 2013). CKD was also taken into account with its real amount for each factory. Hungary had only one cement factory which was closed down before the EU ETS, in this case the average of the mentioned average CO<sub>2</sub> content of all other factories was used. This country specific method is near to Tier 3 approach, because it covers all carbonates of input, but it is assumed that the fraction of calcination achieved for carbonates is 100% and different types of carbonates do not appear in the calculation. Time-series of IEF (using Tier2 approach) shows declining trend, but IEF for raw material is very stable which can be found in *Figure 4.3.2*.

**Table 4.3.1** Amount of raw flour used in process, clinker and cement production (kt) in Hungary and the CO<sub>2</sub> emission and implied emission factor in 2.A.1 sector

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





**Figure 4.3.2** Trend of IEF in point of clinker and raw material

Since 2011, reporting of the companies shows the particular situation that cement and clinker production are not in strong correlation with each other anymore as it is possible to observe in *Table 4.3.1*. So, for example not all the factories produce cement from (all their) clinker or cement is produced from clinker produced in earlier years based on the declarations of the companies. Considering this fact, unfortunately implied emission factors are not reflecting clearly anymore the GHG intensity/efficiency of the production. Therefore, also comparisons and verifications are very difficult to perform.

#### 4.3.1.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

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

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

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

#### 4.3.1.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

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

#### 4.3.1.5 Source-specific recalculations

Hungary has used the CO<sub>2</sub> implied emission factor for 2005 based on EU ETS data for extrapolating emissions to the period before 2005 in the last submission because the IEF is following a decreasing trend from 2005 to 2013.

It was suggested by the UN review (ARR) of 2016 to use a good practice data splicing technique given in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (e.g. overlap technique or surrogate data), as appropriate for Hungary's national circumstances, to fill data gaps in the time series of the CO<sub>2</sub> IEF for the period before 2005.

Until 2015 submission emissions for this period were calculated using activity data provided by factories and the Hungarian Cement Concrete and Lime Association. Dataset contains the following amounts: raw materials, CKD, clinker, cement. Some information from CO<sub>2</sub> content of the raw materials was also available, but these data were not provided by accredited laboratories, so they were neglected. Analyzing the data, it became clear that amount of CKD compared to raw material has a significant decrease in 2005. So, the average IEF from EU ETS cannot be used. Meanwhile the CO<sub>2</sub> content of raw material is more stable for each factory (factories have their own mines) at least in the period of 2005-2010. After 2010 two plants were closed down, and their productions were quite different in their last years compared to the previous period. During the recalculation, average CO<sub>2</sub> content of raw material from EU ETS for 2005-2010 period was used. CKD was also taken into account with its real amount for each factory. Hungary had only one cement factory which was closed down before the EU ETS, in this case the average of the mentioned average CO<sub>2</sub> content of all other factories was used. Due to the recalculation emissions between 1985 and 2004 are higher (+1.4 to +8.1%) in this submission.

year	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2016 submission	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2017 submission	percentage change
			%
<b>1985</b>	1578.75	1707.261	8.1
<b>1985-1987</b>	1617.122	1744.645	7.9
<b>1986</b>	1564.305	1687.395	7.9
<b>1987</b>	1708.312	1839.278	7.7
<b>1988</b>	1656.502	1785.055	7.8
<b>1989</b>	1692.287	1812.8	7.1
<b>1990</b>	1636.064	1750.724	7.0
<b>1991</b>	1053.556	1101.696	4.6
<b>1992</b>	810.982	858.7835	5.9
<b>1993</b>	971.6745	1021.768	5.2
<b>1994</b>	1126.795	1180.858	4.8
<b>1995</b>	1128.38	1185.84	5.1

<b>1996</b>	1036.562	1110.503	7.1
<b>1997</b>	1113.405	1173.869	5.4
<b>1998</b>	1152.819	1221.699	6.0
<b>1999</b>	1157.142	1224.44	5.8
<b>2000</b>	1290.263	1353.058	4.9
<b>2001</b>	1285.271	1356.593	5.5
<b>2002</b>	1369.394	1425.783	4.1
<b>2003</b>	1373.967	1411.835	2.8
<b>2004</b>	1271.379	1289.299	1.4

#### 4.3.1.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Further verification is continuously planned.

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

#### 4.3.2.1 Source category description

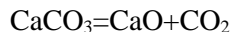
Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: CS

Emission factors: CS

Key sources: none

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



Here, only CO<sub>2</sub> is generated according to this formula. CO<sub>2</sub> generated by combustion processes is accounted under the *Energy sector in 1.A.2*.

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

#### *“2.1.4.11.3 Description of techniques, methods and equipment*

*Carbonation is the introduction of the milk of lime, calcium hydroxide, and carbon dioxide gas (CO<sub>2</sub>) into a liquid to form calcium carbonate and to precipitate and remove impurities. The effect of lime and CO<sub>2</sub> is the precipitation of insoluble calcium salts, the flocculation of colloidal components, the chemical degradation of other molecules such as invert sugar and amides, and the absorption of non-sugars on precipitated calcium carbonate. Lime and CO<sub>2</sub> are normally produced in lime kilns by the thermal dissociation of limestone.)”*

In addition, Hungarian BAT reference document prepared in 2005 by Hungarian Sugar Industry Research Institute for the Ministry of Environment and Water (KVVM, 2005 - available only in Hungarian) states that CO<sub>2</sub> emission from lime kilns in sugar production facilities are attributable solely to fuel combustion of the lime kilns since “CO<sub>2</sub> originating from dissociation of limestone is rebound again into CaCO<sub>3</sub>.” (Section 4.1.2.2.2) Fuel consumption of lime kilns are reported in *Energy* sector. Precipitated CaCO<sub>3</sub> is used for liming of soils (in general) reported in *Agriculture* sector.

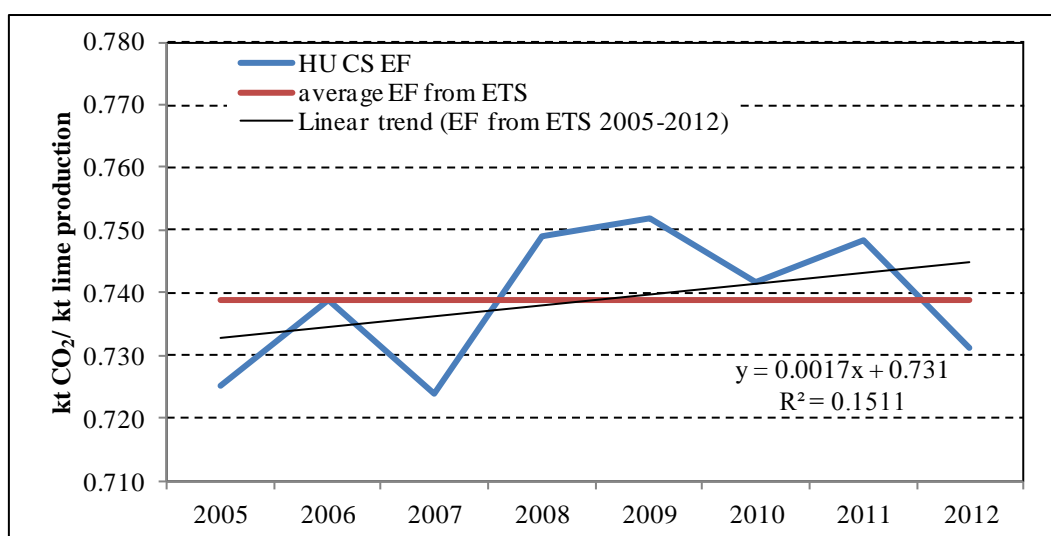
During informal review organized by EEA in November 2015, a question was raised if it was verified that all emissions from lime production was reported and all lime was produced only in lime plants which are included in the EU ETS (except sugar production as described above). Regarding this issue industrial associations in the field of mineral industry have been looked over and no other plants have been found. In addition, lime production data in EU ETS annual emission reports and data from the Hungarian Statistical Office was also compared and strange result has been found that usually statistics are the lower. The average difference between years 2004 and 2012 is that HCSO data on lime production is 8% lower than EU ETS data. However, EU ETS data seems to be more accurate as EU ETS annual emission reports are verified every year. So, it seems that emissions are not underestimated due to incompleteness of the sector.

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

#### 4.3.2.2 Methodological issues

The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> generated by this subsector is reported by using plant-specific (EU ETS) emission data of companies in years 2005-2015 and using a country specific IEF for extrapolation for the years before 2005.

The country specific IEF has been created taking into account that IEFs of years between 2005 and 2012 do not show a clear trend as it is presented in the following *Figure 4.3.3*, therefore the average seems to be applicable for extrapolation for the years before 2005 in order to reach consistent time series. The average of years 2005-2012 results in 0.7388 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t lime produced which is 5.9% lower than the stoichiometric IEF of 0.785 and it is well fitting in the IEF range 0.56-0.8 applied by other countries as presented in the 2013 Synthesis and Assessment Report of UNFCCC.



**Figure 4.3.3** Trend of kt CO<sub>2</sub>/kt lime produced IEF between years 2005 and 2012

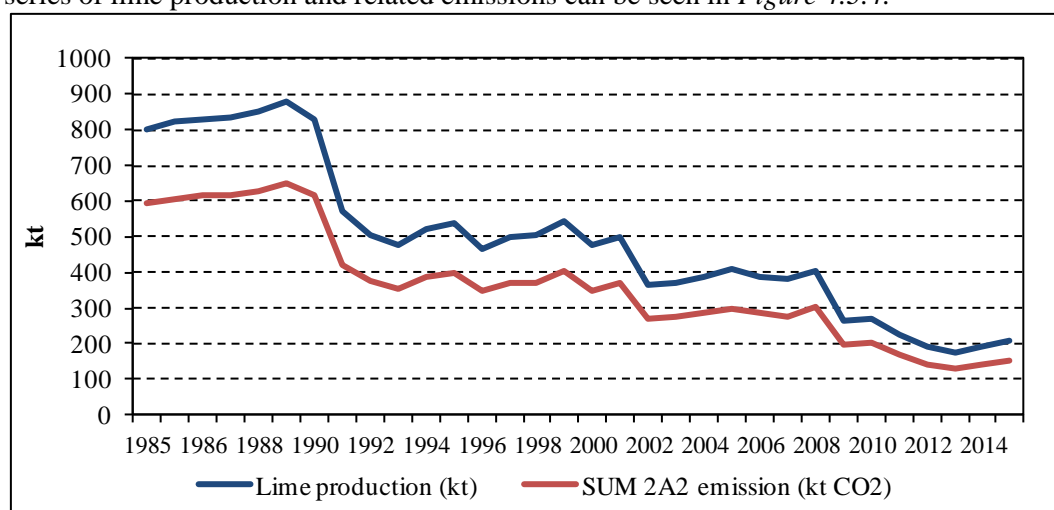
Exact carbonate contents of the raw material and the remaining carbonate content of the products determined by accredited laboratories are used for the calculations in EU ETS Annual Emission Reports (AERs). Using EU ETS data, the emissions from the minor proportion of dolomitic lime (containing MgCO<sub>3</sub>), impurities and the eventual presence of hydraulic lime (which has the same stoichiometric ratio as lime but has a lower CaO content and the eventual recycling of lime kiln dust are also taken into account as it is required by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. As EU ETS data for the years 2005-2012 contains the above-mentioned corrections, also the IEF used for extrapolation contains them.

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

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

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

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

**Figure 4.3.4** Trend of production and emissions in sector 2.A.2 Lime

#### 4.3.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

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

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2A2 Lime Production CO <sub>2</sub>	2.5	2.5	3.54

#### 4.3.2.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

#### 4.3.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

None.

#### 4.3.2.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Further verification is continuously planned.

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

#### 4.3.3.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: CS

Emission factors: CS

Key sources: none

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

#### 4.3.3.2 Methodological issues

Considering the fact that most of the glass factories are covered by EU Emission Trading System, the quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from carbonates reported by them is used as emissions between 2005 and 2015, and country-specific IEFs have been created for extrapolation for the years before 2005.

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

In inventory submissions before 2015, one single IEF was used for all glass types. As it was suggested by the ARR of 2014, new IEFs by glass types are now applied (details in *Table 4.3.3*). The difference between the default and country-specific IEFs might be further investigated, however they are within the range of Tier 2 default emission factors of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

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

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

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

The *Figure 4.3.5* below shows the complete CO<sub>2</sub> emission from this category.

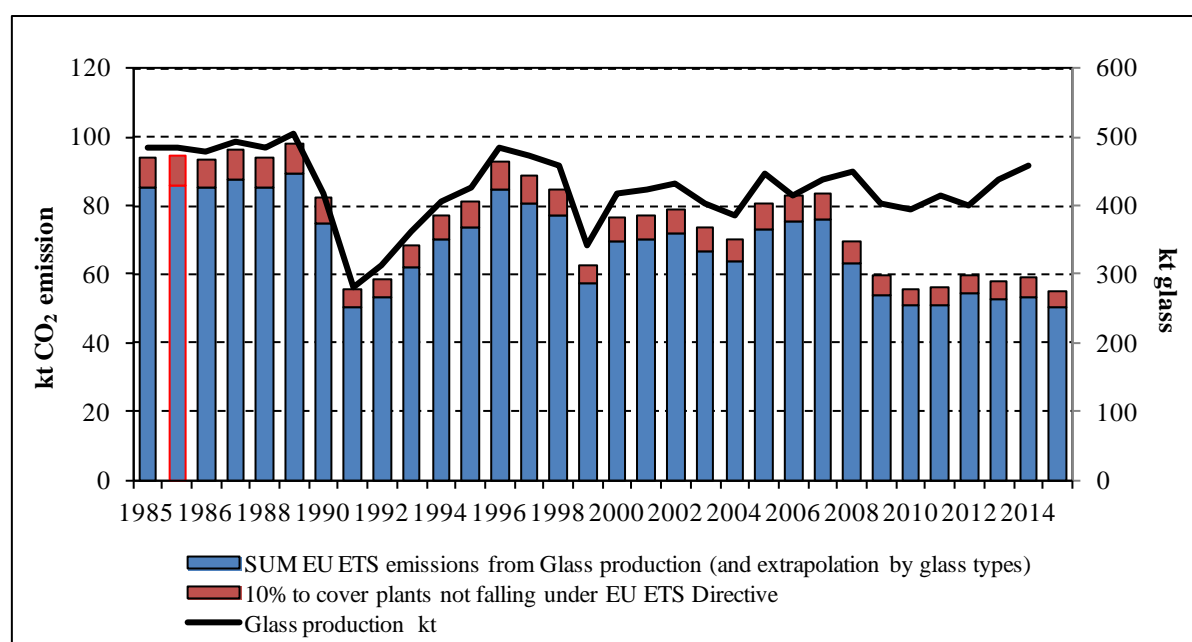


Figure 4.3.5 Trend of CO<sub>2</sub> emission and Glass Production (kt)

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

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

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2A3 Glass production	CO <sub>2</sub>	2.5	2.5	3.54

#### 4.3.3.4 Source-specific recalculations and verification

More detailed data request was sent to HCSO to verify the information from LAIR database. Also glass manufacturers were asked to declare their used technology and amount of used raw material. Results of this investigation are not available, yet; they will be reported in the next submission.

#### 4.3.3.5 Source-specific planned improvements

Further analysis of the consistency and verification of activity data and emission factors is needed.

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

#### 4.3.4.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: CS

Emission factors: CS

Key sources: 2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates - CO<sub>2</sub>

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

#### 4.3.4.2 Methodological issues

The same country-specific method is used to determine emission as in case of other EU ETS sectors. Plant-specific data is reported for the years 2005-2015 and a country-specific IEF is generated for the extrapolation of emissions before 2005 based on IEFs from 2005-2013 and national statistics of produced bricks and ceramics. Also in this case, the trend of IEFs is taken into consideration, in order to decide if average or the IEF of year 2005 represents better. In the case of bricks and ceramics, the latter is applied as the trend is decreasing.

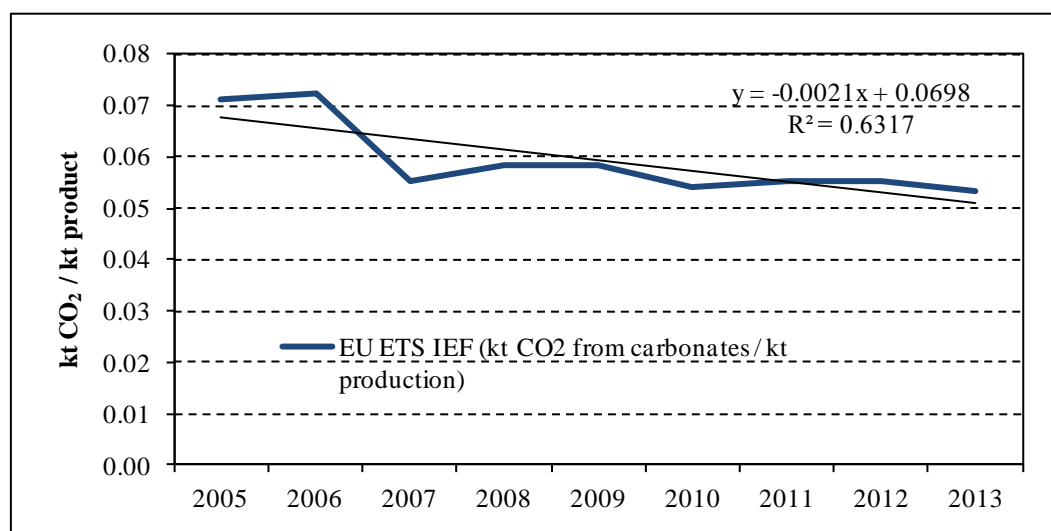


Figure 4.3.6 Trend of plant specific IEF between 2005 and 2013 in Bricks and ceramics

In previous inventory submissions, +10% of the EU ETS emissions have been added supposing that not all the factories fall within the scope of EU ETS. This supposition could not be demonstrated until now, so, it is not applied anymore. In addition, all fuels used as additives have now been reallocated into 1.A.2, so in this case also the years after 2005 have been recalculated.

During the informal review organized by EEA in November 2015, a question was raised if it was verified that all emissions was reported and all bricks, tiles and ceramics are produced only in plants which are included in the EU ETS.

Unfortunately, also in sector *Ceramics* it is not possible to perform comparison of activity data from Hungarian Central Statistical Office with EU ETS, as in this case in EU ETS annual emission reports there are no information on production, but solely on the amount of input materials (and emissions of course) the same as in the case of *glass sector*. So, also in this case industrial associations in the field of mineral industry have been looked over and no plants with technological emissions (emissions from carbonates) have been found in addition to those covered by EU ETS.

In addition, unlike *Glass sector*, *Bricks, tiles and ceramics industry* underwent significant recession in the recent years. In 2005, 52 bricks, tiles or ceramics factory had been operating in Hungary, while in 2013 only 21. It seems that only the biggest plants are able to survive that are covered by EU ETS. However, this issue has to be regularly verified and the search for potentially arising emitters have to be repeated also in the future.

#### 4.3.4.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

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

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates	CO <sub>2</sub>	2.5	2.5	3.54



**4.3.4.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification**

General QA/QC procedures apply.

**4.3.4.5 Source-specific recalculations**

None.

**4.3.4.6 Source-specific planned improvements**

Data request was sent to HCSO to compare the list (for years 2005-2015) of firms reporting bricks and ceramics production to national statistics and firms reporting to the EU ETS. Results of this investigation are not available, yet; they will be reported in the next submission.

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

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: T3

Emission factors: D

**4.3.5.1 Key sources: 2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates - CO<sub>2</sub> Methodological issues**

Carbon dioxide is released when soda ash (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) is heated.

During the 2013 centralized review, the ERT recommended to compare total import-export data of soda ash in Hungary and soda ash use in glass production in order to ensure that all soda ash uses are reported. (Please note that soda ash is not produced in Hungary.) Although the difference changes year by year, the sum of 2005-2012 of total import-export is higher than the sum of soda ash used in glass industry in 2005-2012. Therefore, additional reporting of CO<sub>2</sub> emission arising from soda ash not used in glass industry is needed in 2.A.4.b.

Activity Data*Total import/export of soda ash*

Time-series of activity data is presented in *Figure 4.3.8* and *Table 4.3.6*. As it was recommended by the ERT, total domestic soda ash consumption has been estimated “from domestic production plus net imports data available from statistics. Last year statistics were obtained from of UNComtrade (<http://comtrade.un.org>) (imports minus exports, for disodium carbonate)”.

Both HS classification code 283620 and SITC classification code 52323 for disodium carbonate results the same time-series. Hungarian Central Statistical Office publishes import-export data from year 2003 on its website. Differences between UNComtrade data and HCSO data are below 0.007% (6(t) Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>). To have consistent and complete time-series data request was sent to HCSO for the whole period and it was recalculated in this submission. Unfortunately, still no data is available for years before 1991 on import/export of soda ash neither in UNComtrade and EUROStat databases, nor in the database of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. Therefore, extrapolation was needed applying volume indices of total trade presented in *Table 4.3.4* as sector-specific volume indices are available only from 1999 within the databases mentioned above.

**Table 4.3.4** *Volume indices of total trade of soda ash*

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

Source: [http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xstadat/xstadat\\_hosszu/h\\_qkt001.html](http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xstadat/xstadat_hosszu/h_qkt001.html)

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

Comparison of total domestic soda ash consumption and soda ash used in glass industry is presented in *Table 4.3.6*. The data on  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  used in EU ETS glass production have been extracted from the EU ETS Annual Emission Reports of the glass producing companies.

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

In order to level off negative values, average values of the years 2005-2015 are taken into consideration. The average of soda ash NOT used for glass production /year is 2180 t/year, which results 0.905 Gg  $\text{CO}_2$ /year. The average of soda ash NOT used in glass production (=2180 t) compared to the average of total import – export (=63803 t) results 3.42%.

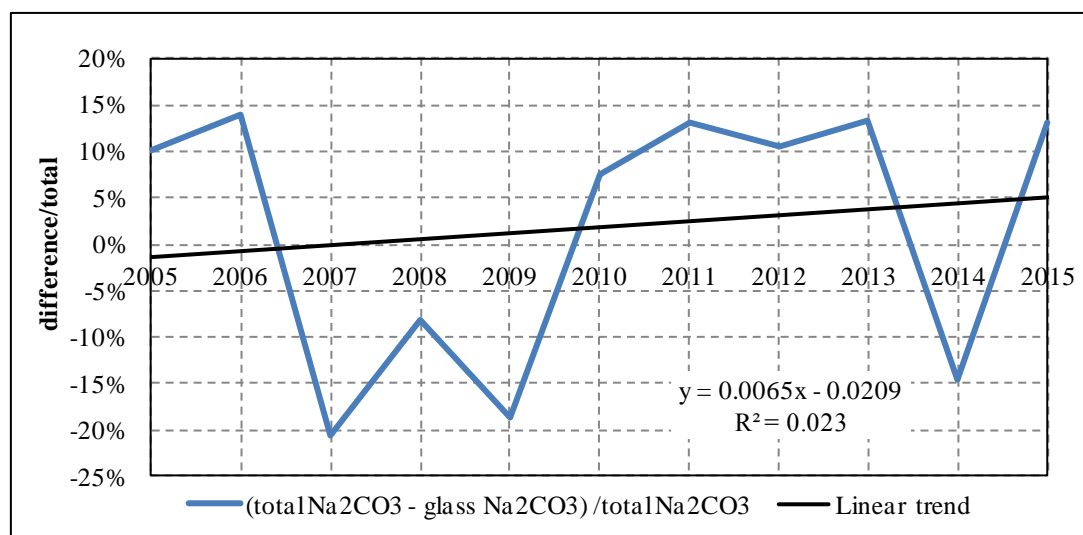
In other words, the difference between the SUM of total import-export of soda ash and the SUM of soda ash used in glass production is 3.42% as it is presented in *Table 4.3.5*.

**Table 4.3.5** SUM of total domestic soda ash consumption and soda ash used in glass industry

SUM of 2005-2015	
<b>Total import-export (t) <math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math></b>	<b>701,837</b>
<b>(t) <math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math> in EU ETS glass</b>	<b>677,856</b>
<b>(t) <math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math> difference</b>	<b>23,980</b>
<b>(t) <math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math> difference /(t) Total</b>	<b>3.42%</b>

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

This ratio seems to be applicable for extrapolation for years before 2005 as the slope of the trend is quite small:  $R^2 < 0.1$  as it is presented on the figure below (*Figure 4.3.7*).



**Figure 4.3.7** Trend of soda ash not used in glass production between 2005 and 2015

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

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

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

*Emission factor and CO<sub>2</sub> emission of sector 2.A.4.*

Stoichiometric ratio of 0.41492t CO<sub>2</sub>/ t Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (from 20016 IPCC Guidelines, Table 2.1) is used. The following *Table 4.3.6* and *Figure 4.3.8* summarizes the time-series of activity data and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in sector 2.A.4 *Soda Ash use*. To increase transparency (recommended by ERT of 2016 in-country review) new columns were added to this table, namely import Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and export Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.

**Table 4.3.6** Activity data and CO<sub>2</sub> emission in 2.A.4.

	Source data	of	Import (t) Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Export (t) Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Total import- export (t) Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Soda ash NOT used in GLASS industry (t)	Gg CO <sub>2</sub> emission
1985			117736	2998	114738	3 920	1.627
BY					117685	4 021	1.668
1986			120749	2932	117817	4 026	1.670
1987			123530	3029	120501	4 117	1.708
1988			123298	3232	120067	4 103	1.702
1989			126543	3247	123296	4 213	1.748
1990			117041	3115	113926	3 893	1.615
1991			140681	2959	137722	4 706	1.953
1992			98899	8	98891	3 379	1.402
1993			98417	447	97970	3 348	1.389
1994			103469	44	103425	3 534	1.466
1995			109019	27	108993	3 724	1.545
1996			122321	85	122236	4 177	1.733
1997			122871	51	122820	4 197	1.741
1998			101665	15	101650	3 473	1.441
1999			87302	0	87301	2 983	1.238
2000			95959	160	95800	3 273	1.358
2001			94054	1	94052	3 214	1.333
2002			95892	33	95860	3 275	1.359
2003			90811	10	90801	3 103	1.287
2004			81668	16	81652	2 790	1.158
2005			94793	53	94740	3 237	1.343
2006			83966	NA	83966	2 869	1.190
2007			60074	7	60068	2 052	0.852
2008			58867	8	58859	2 011	0.834
2009			47074	10	47064	1 608	0.667
2010			56873	16	56857	1 943	0.806
2011			61106	4	61102	2 088	0.866
2012			64334	7	64327	2 198	0.912
2013			64193	10	64183	2 193	0.910
2014			49457	40	49418	1 689	0.701
2015			61264	9	61254	2 093	0.868

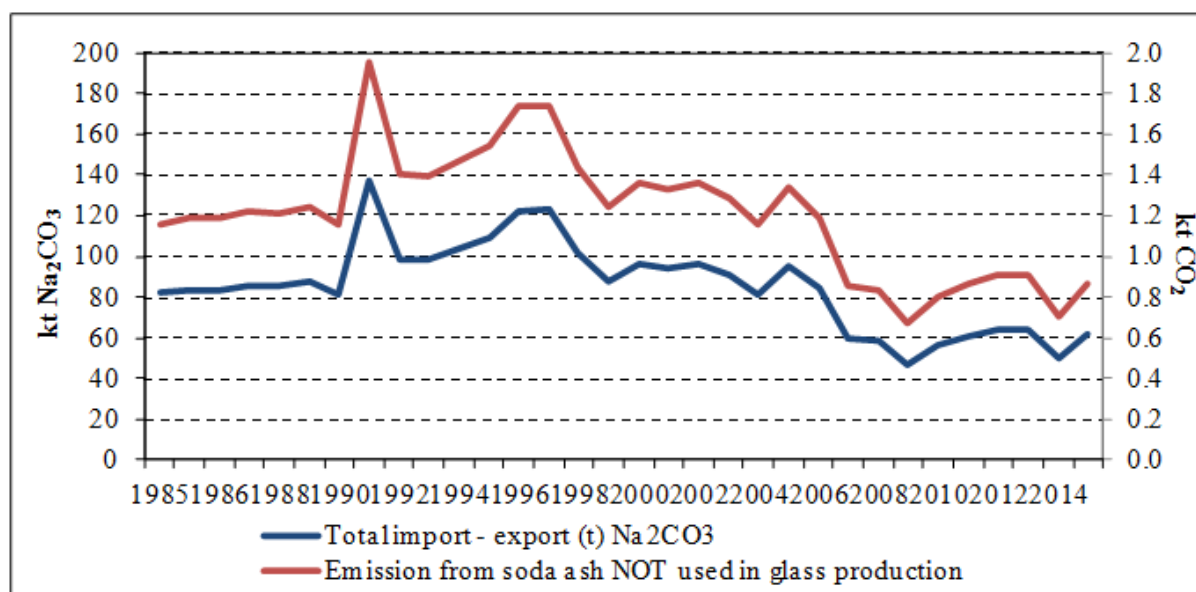


Figure 4.3.8 Trend of total domestic consumption of soda ash and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in sector 2.A.4.b.

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

General QA/QC procedures apply.

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

#### 4.3.5.3 Source-specific recalculations

Revised data for import and export of soda ash were obtained from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. Due to the special calculation method, the whole time-series was recalculated. The following table summarizes the changes in emission (kt CO<sub>2</sub>) of this category.

year	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2017 submission	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2016 submission	changes in emissions (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )
1985	1.626673	0.937352	0.689321
1985-1987	1.668459	0.960895	0.707564
1986	1.670327	0.961622	0.708705
1987	1.708376	0.983711	0.724665
1988	1.70222	0.981454	0.720766
1989	1.748	1.007419	0.740581
1990	1.61516	0.93155	0.68361
1991	1.952517	1.121257	0.831261
1992	1.401999	0.926226	0.475773
1993	1.388945	1.123837	0.265108
1994	1.466283	1.184204	0.282078
1995	1.545217	1.250279	0.294938
1996	1.732977	1.402007	0.33097
1997	1.741245	1.402007	0.339238
1998	1.441125	1.166074	0.275051

<b>1999</b>	1.237692	1.001453	0.236239
<b>2000</b>	1.358175	1.09894	0.259235
<b>2001</b>	1.333403	1.078896	0.254507
<b>2002</b>	1.359026	1.099632	0.259395
<b>2003</b>	1.287316	1.041605	0.24571
<b>2004</b>	1.157604	0.936652	0.220952
<b>2005</b>	1.343149	1.086782	0.256367
<b>2006</b>	1.190408	0.962851	0.227557
<b>2007</b>	0.851594	0.68905	0.162544
<b>2008</b>	0.834461	0.675187	0.159274
<b>2009</b>	0.667242	0.539886	0.127357
<b>2010</b>	0.80607	0.652215	0.153855
<b>2011</b>	0.86626	0.700917	0.165343
<b>2012</b>	0.911986	0.737915	0.174071
<b>2013</b>	0.909937	0.735085	0.174851
<b>2014</b>	0.700607	0.566882	0.133725

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

##### **4.3.6.1 Source category description**

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: CS

Emission factors: CS

Key sources: 2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates - CO<sub>2</sub>

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

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

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

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

##### **4.3.6.2 Methodological issues**

Flue gas desulphurization has been carried out in one power plant since 2002 and in another one since 2004. Activity data on the use of carbonates for SO<sub>2</sub> scrubbing is either reported by the operators directly to the HMS or to EU ETS competent authority. In EU ETS the operators are required to report also CO<sub>2</sub> emission from the use of carbonate for scrubbing separately in their annual emission report since 2008. So, direct, plant-specific emission data is used in 2.A.d.i. subcategory from year 2008 and emissions are calculated using stoichiometric ratios (included in Table 2.1 of Vol3. of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines: 440 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / ton limestone) for the years before 2008. In 2014 three new operators reported CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from flue gas scrubbing in EU ETS, all of them are included in the inventory as well.

In the case of EU ETS plant specific data, emissions are also calculated by the operators using usually the stoichiometric ratio and fraction of purity of 1 (440 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / ton limestone). In 2013 one operator started to analyze the exact carbonate content of the limestone used in laboratory (fulfilling the requirements of 601/2013/EU Regulation). In 2014 a new entrant of EU ETS declared that its fraction of purity is lower than the theoretical one, because part of the carbonate remains in ash. So, these plants do not use a purity fraction of 1 anymore.

Process emissions from mineral wool production are small, but it is included in order to improve completeness of the inventory. Mineral wool producers report their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions since 2008 under the EU ETS. So, plant-specific emissions and activity data is available for these years. However, mineral wool production has been present in Hungary since 2001 due to EuroStat Prodcom database. Therefore, extrapolation was applied for the years 2001-2008 for the estimation of emissions. Activity data was taken from EuroStat Prodcom database and from HCSO database, and IEF of process emissions of year 2013 is applied for the extrapolation due to lack of other detailed data.

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

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

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

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

	Carbonates used for waste gas scrubbing (AD in CRF) (kt)	Emission from waste gas scrubbing (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> )	Mineral wool production (kt)	Emission from mineral wool production (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> )	Sum emission 2.A.4.d (EM in CRF) (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>1985-2000</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
<b>2001</b>	NO	NO	45.0	2.1	2.1
<b>2002</b>	262.6	115.5	51.0	2.3	117.9
<b>2003</b>	315.2	138.7	57.1	2.6	141.3
<b>2004</b>	388.2	170.8	58.0	2.7	173.5
<b>2005</b>	504.8	222.1	61.0	2.8	224.9
<b>2006</b>	487.2	214.3	84.2	3.8	218.2
<b>2007</b>	493.2	217.0	99.9	4.6	221.6
<b>2008</b>	467.5	205.7	61.1	2.8	208.5
<b>2009</b>	437.8	192.6	36.7	1.7	194.3
<b>2010</b>	429.9	189.2	40.6	1.9	191.0
<b>2011</b>	478.2	210.4	51.4	2.4	212.8
<b>2012</b>	466.7	205.3	46.7	2.1	207.5
<b>2013</b>	473.7	203.9	45.4	2.1	206.0
<b>2014</b>	438.6*	186.9*	43.3	2.7	189.5*
<b>2015</b>	440.0	191.0	48.8	2.9	194.0

\* recalculated values

#### 4.3.6.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated based on the minimum requirements of EU ETS Monitoring and Reporting

Regulation (601/2012/EU) for the determination of AD and EF of process uses of carbonates:

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2A4 Other Process Uses of Carbonates	CO <sub>2</sub>	2.5	2.5	3.54

#### 4.3.6.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

During the informal review organized by the EEA in November 2015, for category 2.A.4.d.i the TERT identified overestimate (approximately 2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> for the period 2005-2013) due to incorrect inclusion of amount of CaO used for waste gas scrubbing in the case of one operator. As indeed, no CO<sub>2</sub> emissions arise in the case of flue gas treatment technology using CaO, correction has been performed and time series have been recalculated. This recalculation was introduced in CRF last year, but the third column of Table 4.3.8 in NIR was corrected just in this submission.

#### 4.3.6.5 Source-specific recalculations

In the category of waste gas scrubbing new emitter was identified in EU ETS for 2014 and one other emission was missing. Due to these facts CO<sub>2</sub> emission is higher with 0.03959 kt for 2014.

NMVOC emissions were also replaced with measured data obtained from LAIR database for years 2003-2014.

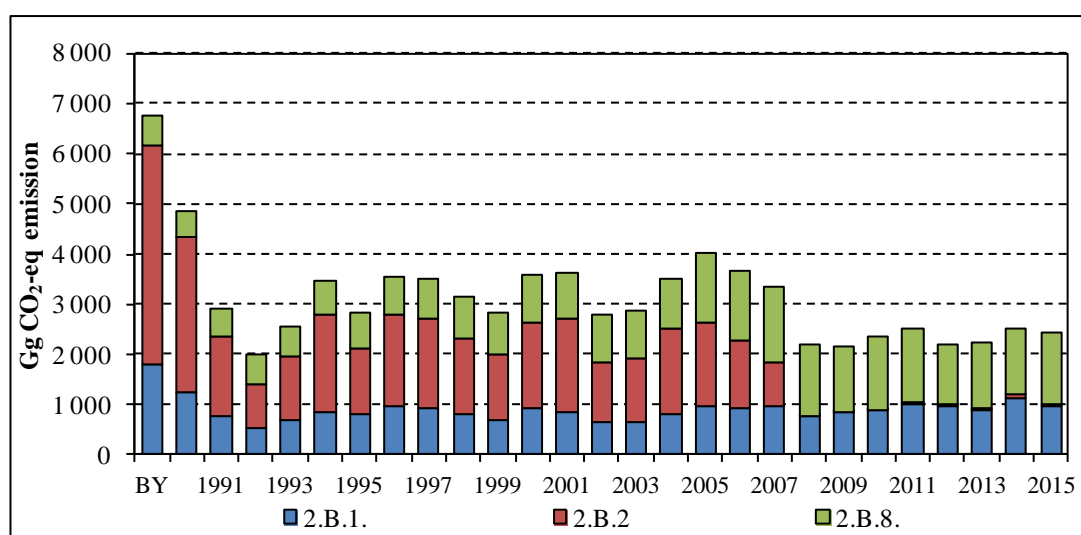
#### 4.3.6.6 Source-specific planned improvements

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

### 4.4 Chemical Industry (CRF sector 2.B)

The relevant processes operated in Hungary include:

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



**Figure 4.4.1** Shares of subsectors within chemical industry

Also in the case of chemical industry, the decrease of emissions after 1990 was due to the regime change (see Figure 4.4.1). Several factories were closed down and the production decreased

drastically. Another significant drop of emissions occurred in 2007 when a state-of-the-art N<sub>2</sub>O abatement technology has been introduced in a nitric acid plant (Nitrogénművek Zrt., 2008).

Production of the chemical industry is fluctuating since 2010, which is reflected in the volume index of this sector's gross output (corresponding period of the previous year= 100 (per cent): 2009: 83.9; 2010: 113.7; 2011: 107.7; 2012: 99.7; 2013: 105.6; 2014: 108.6; 2015: 102.4). It is worth to mention that production of ammonia was 16% lower in 2015 meanwhile volume index of chemical industry increased. The difference between the trend of production of chemical industry and the trend of emissions in 2.B sector might be explained by the increasing environmental performance of the chemical plants. This was the case between 2012 and 2013 when emissions were almost the same, while volume index increased by ca. 5%.

It is also worth to take into consideration that a significant part of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from petrochemical industry is not allocated here anymore, while it was reported in old sector 2.G in submissions before 2015.

In addition, the 2006 IPCC Guidelines Vol. 3 Chapter 1 suggests that:

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

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

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

Natural gas use in <i>Chemical Industry</i> in IEA Energy Statistics (TJ NCV)			Natural gas allocation in <i>Chemical Industry</i> in HU GHG Inventory (TJ NCV)							
	Energy used in Chemical Ind.	non-energy use	SUM	2.B.1 Ammonia	2.B.1. Hydrogen	2.B.1 Tail gas treatment Nitric Acid	2.B.8 Petrochemical	SUM 2B	Reported in 1.A sector	SUM
1985	19919	34294	54212	35317	0	1373	1722	38411	15801	54212
BY	21461	33968	55430	34371	0	1483	1720	37574	17855	55430
1986	22205	33897	56102	33820	0	1432	1718	36970	19132	56102
1987	22260	33715	55975	33976	0	1646	1719	37341	18633	55975
1988	21373	30393	51766	30583	0	1529	1706	33817	17949	51766
1989	22578	31115	53693	31182	0	1127	1701	34010	19683	53693
1990	22831	23113	45944	24342	0	993	1640	26974	18970	45944
1991	18754	14869	33623	14687	0	702	1586	16974	16649	33623
1992	17847	10099	27946	10111	0	445	1580	12136	15810	27946
1993	16622	12871	29493	12358	0	574	1675	14607	14886	29493



Natural gas use in <i>Chemical Industry</i> in IEA Energy Statistics (TJ NCV)			Natural gas allocation in <i>Chemical Industry</i> in HU GHG Inventory (TJ NCV)							
	Energy used in Chemical Ind.	non-energy use	SUM	2.B.1 Ammonia	2.B.1. Hydrogen	2.B.1 Tail gas treatment Nitric Acid	2.B.8 Petrochemical	SUM 2B	Reported in 1.A sector	SUM
1994	13573	15560	29133	14683	0	1116	1866	17665	11468	29133
1995	17537	15950	33486	14536	0	981	2061	17577	15909	33486
1996	18580	17169	35749	16223	0	1669	2092	19984	15765	35749
1997	21939	12574	34513	15555	0	1678	2274	19506	15007	34513
1998	14162	12575	26736	13779	0	1476	2401	17656	9080	26736
1999	10892	11215	22107	12299	0	1357	2324	15980	6127	22107
2000	10266	13668	23935	15865	63	1567	2616	20112	3823	23935
2001	10256	13867	24123	14288	188	1599	2651	18726	5397	24123
2002	9383	8712	18095	10167	1765**	1024	2536	15493	2602	18095
2003	8097	9169	17267	10114	1948**	1141	2507	15709	1557	17267
2004	6368	13454	19822	13035	2028**	1235	2403	18701	1121	19822
2005	8257	15055	23312	14729	2393**	1392	2781	21295	2017	23312
2006	7938	14192	22130	13856	2760**	1328	2944	20888	1242	22130
2007	9031	16409	25439	15115	2973**	911	3304	22303	3136	25439
2008	7937	14719	22656	11486	2919**	6	2857	17267	5388	22656
2009	5391	13534	18925	12730	2568**	8	2546	17853	1073	18925
2010	6538	15149	21686	13699	2644**	9	3118	19469	2217	21686
2011	6579	17134	23713	15788	3603**	17	2787***	22195	1518	23713
2012	4467	19000	23467	14022	4409**	16	2927***	21376	2091	23467
2013	10059*	16425*	26484*	11377	4991**	9	3055***	19432	7052	26484
2014	9594*	20658*	30252*	15392	5552**	12	2908***	23865	6387	30252
2015	9691	18500	28191	12682	5622	16	3059	21379	6812	28191

\* Recalculated IEA values

\*\* New data obtained from manufacturer

\*\*\* New data obtained from EU ETS

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

##### 4.4.1.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: T3

Emission factors: D

Key sources: 2B1 Ammonia Production - CO<sub>2</sub>

Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) production in Hungary uses natural gas. In the case of ammonia manufacture, natural gas provides both feedstock and fuel, whose carbon content is released in the form of carbon dioxide. The same process occurs in the case of hydrogen production and the treatment of tail gas with natural gas in nitric acid plants.

In Hungary, the significant part of hydrogen synthesized is used also for ammonia production, but the hydrogen plant is operated by another company. The share of hydrogen/nitrogen based ammonia production within all ammonia production has been about only 5%. 95% of ammonia production has been “traditional” natural gas based, but the share is increasing recently and reached 16% in 2015

As in the new CRF Reporter Software there is no possibility to report CO<sub>2</sub> in sector 2.B.2, the emission from tail gas treatment with natural gas is reported here. The process (emission factor) is anyway the same as in the case of ammonia and hydrogen production.

The 2006 IPCC Guidelines requires also subtraction of amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from ammonia production but used for urea production (and the reporting of urea used in agriculture and as catalyst in vehicles). So, urea recovery is also reported in sector 2.B.1. Please find below (Table 4.4.2) the time-series of the different emission sources and the recovery.

**Table 4.4.2** CO<sub>2</sub> emission from the different sources in 2.B.1 sector

	Ammonia production with urea recovery	CO <sub>2</sub> recovery in urea production	Hydrogen production	Tail gas treatment by nitric acid production
	kt CO <sub>2</sub> emission			
<b>1985</b>	1786.80	194.46	NO	77.02
<b>1985- 1987</b>	1705.85	222.35	NO	83.22
<b>1986</b>	1673.35	223.95	NO	80.31
<b>1987</b>	1657.40	248.63	NO	92.34
<b>1988</b>	1445.88	269.81	NO	85.76
<b>1989</b>	1483.62	265.72	NO	63.20
<b>1990</b>	1199.41	166.15	NO	55.68
<b>1991</b>	746.34	77.58	NO	39.36
<b>1992</b>	511.55	55.68	NO	24.95
<b>1993</b>	639.89	53.42	NO	32.22
<b>1994</b>	774.71	49.00	NO	62.62
<b>1995</b>	766.11	49.34	NO	55.02
<b>1996</b>	862.52	47.60	NO	93.65
<b>1997</b>	823.34	49.28	NO	94.12
<b>1998</b>	718.75	54.28	NO	82.78
<b>1999</b>	631.58	58.40	NO	76.15
<b>2000</b>	827.27	62.75	3.55	87.93
<b>2001</b>	734.66	66.88	10.56	89.69
<b>2002</b>	496.68	73.69	99.03*	57.47
<b>2003</b>	489.71	77.66	109.26*	64.00
<b>2004</b>	643.19	88.07	113.75*	69.27
<b>2005</b>	741.42	84.89	134.22*	78.09

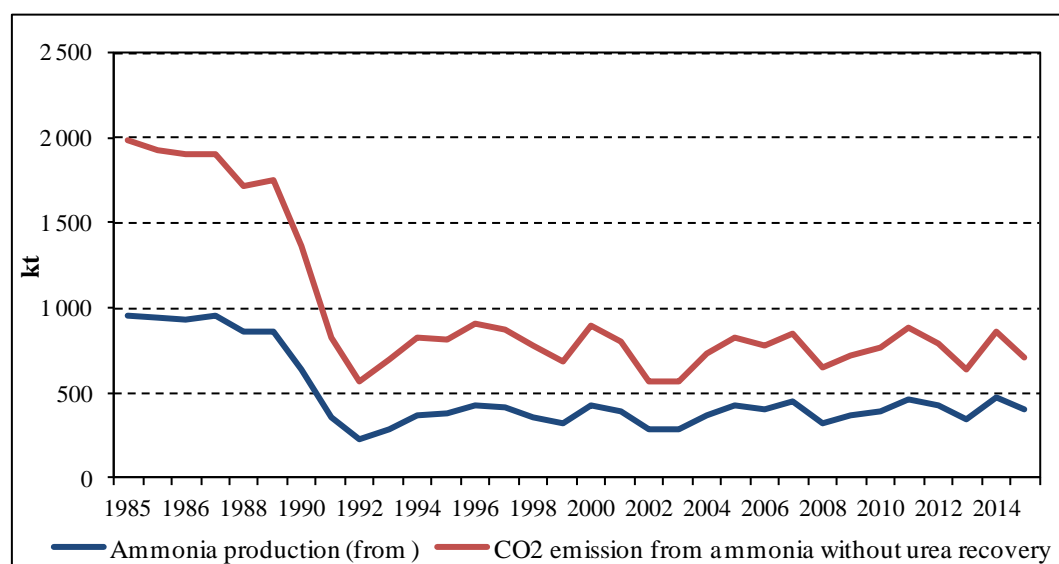
	Ammonia production with urea recovery	CO <sub>2</sub> recovery in urea production	Hydrogen production	Tail gas treatment by nitric acid production
kt CO <sub>2</sub> emission				
2006	688.94	88.39	154.85*	74.51
2007	757.05	90.92	166.77*	51.09
2008	601.41	42.93	163.75*	0.32
2009	689.70	24.48	144.07*	0.47
2010	748.25	20.25	148.35*	0.48
2011	820.22	65.48	202.14*	0.94
2012	722.16	64.50	247.37*	0.92
2013	598.45	39.78	280.01*	0.49
2014	826.78	36.71	311.48*	0.70
2015	643.77	67.69	315.41	0.88

\* Recalculation due to new data obtained from manufacturer

#### 4.4.1.2 Methodological issues

CO<sub>2</sub> emission from ammonia production is reported using Tier 3 methodology from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The Tier 3 method requires total fuel requirement (SUM TFR<sub>i</sub>), which has been available from the reporting of the plants. Default carbon content factor (CCF = 56.1) and default carbon oxidation factor (COF = 1) is applied.

CO<sub>2</sub> recovery for urea production occurs only in one plant, which provided data on the quantity recovered in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In addition, they provided data on the exported quantity and the share of the different sectors in which urea is used domestically. For the years before 2013 extrapolation was applied using domestic urea use as surrogate data. Time-series of ammonia production and emitted CO<sub>2</sub> are presented in *Figure 4.4.2*.



*Figure 4.4.2 Trend of Production of Ammonia and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions*

Please note that in HU CRF submissions the activity data is the sum of natural gas used for ammonia and hydrogen production and for nitric acid waste gas scrubbing (TJ NCV). HU IEF calculated based on ammonia production is: 1.806 t CO<sub>2</sub> / t ammonia in 2014. The continuous decrease of implied

emission factor in *Ammonia production* might be attributed to the fact, that obsolete technologies are abandoned. The existing factories have invested in several modernization and energy rationalization projects in recent years, which improved environmental performance and resulted in decrease of emissions per unit of ammonia produced.

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

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

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

2005 Ammonia Plant Modernization of gas compressor

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

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

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from *Hydrogen production* and *Tail Gas treatment with Natural Gas* are reported using direct, plant specific data. Companies provided data on quantity of natural gas used for the whole time-series, and the same emission factors (56.1 t CO<sub>2</sub> / TJ natural gas) has been used like in the case of *Ammonia production*.

The main producer of hydrogen in Hungary uses state-of-the-art technology, when CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by hydrogen production is recovered for the industrial production of CO gas. However, the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> recovered is not reported (not subtracted) in HU GHG Inventory at the moment, as the CO produced might be regarded as short term storage. So, all CO<sub>2</sub> is accounted for in the case of GHG inventory which causes a difference in the consistency check with EU ETS emissions (as the operator is also falling within the scope of EU ETS). The other reason of the difference in this subsector is that not all the hydrogen producers are required to report within the framework of EU ETS.

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

The quantities of natural gas used for the different processes have been compared with IEA Energy Statistics, as it is presented in *Table 4.4.2*.

#### 4.4.1.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

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

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2B1 Ammonia Production	CO <sub>2</sub>	5	5	7.07

#### 4.4.1.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. The quality and reliability of the emission data were greatly improved by using production data obtained directly from the factories. In 2013 data provided by the factory Nitrogénművek (responsible for the 90-95% of Hungarian production) was fully reviewed and the time-series has been affirmed. The decreasing IEF of CO<sub>2</sub> is also verified and the result is described in the methodological issues subchapter above (4.4.1.2).

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

Please note that in the case of Hungary, the used activity data in CRF software is natural gas expressed in TJ NCV. So, the implied emission factor of 0.06 in CRF is in fact 0.0561 kt CO<sub>2</sub> / TJ natural gas, which is the default value.

As planned improvement from previous years' inventory database from ammonia production received from firms was compared with data of HCSO also obtained from firms. It became clear that national

statistics include not only liquid ammonia – which was produced from natural gas or hydrogen - but also ammonia solution in water. Aqua ammonia can be produced by solution of liquid or anhydrous ammonia in water or by ammonia containing waste gas treatment with water, both process do not release CO<sub>2</sub>. Comparing the time-series only for anhydrous ammonia (for years 2005-2015) only one value was different. Request was sent for clarification to the company concerned and it was confirmed that value in the inventory database is correct.

#### 4.4.1.5 Source-specific recalculations

To improve the accuracy request was sent to one hydrogen plant to have correct NVC of the used natural gas. According to the new information some revisions were made in the calculation for years 2005-2014, also the time-series was completed with new data for 2002-2004. The following table summarizes the changes of this subsector.

year	Activity data in hydrogen production in 2017 submission	Activity data in hydrogen production in 2016 submission	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2017 submission	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2016 submission	changes in emissions (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )
2002	1765	189	99.03	10.59	88.44
2003	1948	170	109.26	9.55	99.71
2004	2028	183	113.75	10.27	103.47
2005	2393	2368	134.22	132.83	1.396
2006	2760	2707	154.85	151.88	2.97
2007	2973	2937	166.77	164.76	2.01
2008	2919	2930	163.75	164.40	-0.65
2009	2568	2433	144.07	136.46	7.61
2010	2644	2393	148.35	134.24	14.11
2011	3603	3019	202.14	169.39	32.75
2012	4409	4468	247.37	250.68	-3.31
2013	4991	4917	280.01	275.85	4.16
2014	5552	5232	311.48	293.50	17.97

#### 4.4.1.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Further improvement of the extrapolation used by urea recovery is needed.

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

#### 4.4.2.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: N<sub>2</sub>O, (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Methods: CS

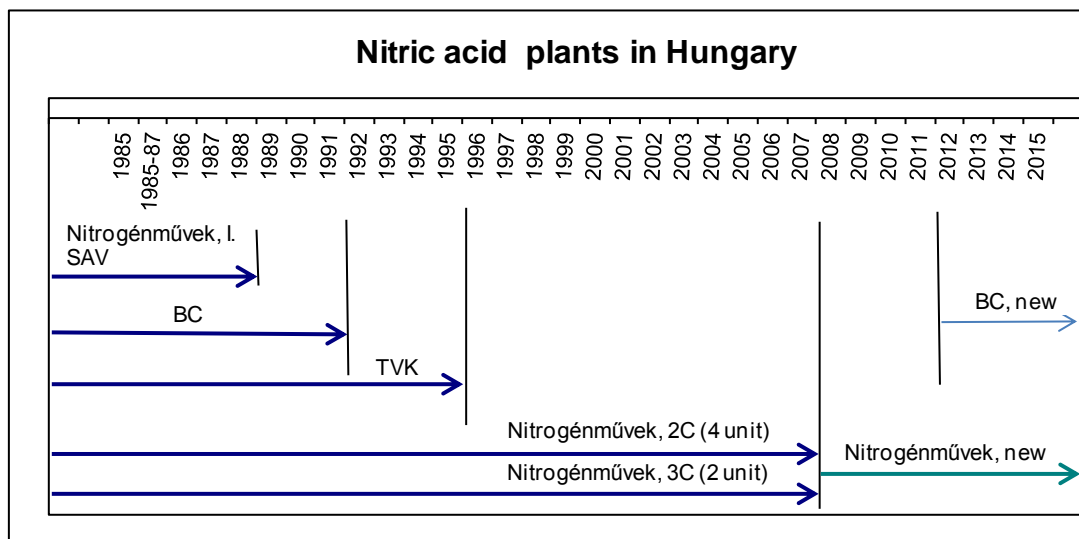
Emission factors: PS

Key sources: 2B2 Nitric Acid Production - N<sub>2</sub>O

Nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>) is produced by oxidizing ammonia. The process tail gas contains N<sub>2</sub>O and NO<sub>x</sub>. In order to control the emissions, the latter is reduced to nitrogen using natural gas and the carbon content of the natural gas is released in the form of carbon dioxide.

In 1985, 3 plants operated with 9 units. Among the old factories using obsolete technologies, one was abandoned in 1988, another in 1991, and a third in 1995. Until 2007 two production lines were operated in the country – the older one was established in 1975 and used GIAP technology which

consists of four units with four different factors. These four units represented the major part (about 80%) of the production volume. Emissions from this process were measured from 2004. The other existing technology represented only 20% and had been operational since 1984 (combined acid factory producing diluted and concentrated nitric acid). The Figure (Figure 4.4.3) below shows the operating nitric acid plants since 1985.



**Figure 4.4.3** Nitric acid plants in Hungary, 1985-2015

Implementation of a new and more advanced production technology in Nitrogénművek plant was started in 2005, in the framework of a joint implementation project (one of the flexible mechanisms facilitated by the Kyoto Protocol), and it was installed in September 2007. At the same time the old production lines were closed down. Now a state-of-the-art technology is used, therefore drastic emission reduction is reported in this inventory (see Figure 4.7).

The verification of this fact is possible thanks to the publicly available information published in the Joint Implementation project documentation:

<http://ji.unfccc.int/JIITLProject/DB/GSZRV07J6MCQRD8BAZ3MN839PHNZE5/details>

In the JI documentation of this project the following performance data can be found:

([http://klima.kvvm.hu/documents/116/Nitrog\\_nm\\_vekZrt\\_ves\\_jelent\\_s2008publikus.pdf](http://klima.kvvm.hu/documents/116/Nitrog_nm_vekZrt_ves_jelent_s2008publikus.pdf))

At the end of year 2011 one of the former nitric acid plants has been restarted after renovation and its production has been increasing year by year.

#### 4.4.2.2 Methodological issues

Measured emission data were not available for a long time. Therefore, during the first phase of the recalculation project, the default specific emission factor recommended by the IPCC (6 kg N<sub>2</sub>O/t nitric acid) was used.

In 2004, an emission measurement system was installed at one of the factories and this has resulted in fundamental changes in the previously estimated values. N<sub>2</sub>O meter is placed after the catalyst which measures emissions continuously. The regular monitoring report is based on daily average measurement data but the system is capable to provide data for shorter time period, e.g. hourly averages. The factory makes available its measured data to the inventory compiler.

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

In addition, the facility is also falling under the scope of E-PRTR Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register). This means that on one hand data can be verified with data reported in E-PRTR (as all E-PRTR data is available to the public on <http://prtr.ec.europa.eu/FacilityLevels.aspx>), on the other hand the E-PRTR Regulation require also using internationally recognized measurement standards.

Therefore, on the basis of almost one year of experience with measurements, the calculated emission factors of the factories using different technologies were between 10 to 19 kg/t. For calculation of emissions of the oldest factory (established in the 1950's), which was abandoned in 1988, the highest value recommended by the 2000 Good Practice Guidance was used (19 kg N<sub>2</sub>O/t). 14.5 kg/t was used as specific emission factor for the three other abandoned factories including the one which was abandoned in September 2007. For the combined factory, a value of 10 kg/t was used.

End of 2004, selective catalytic reduction was introduced in tail-gas treatment which led to emission reductions in the following years. This modernization means furthermore that the EFs before and after 2004 cannot be the same. The emission data of 2005 and 2006 are based on measurements. In the second half of 2005 a new measuring instrument was installed which might partly explain the difference between IEFs. The new factory of Nitrogénművek applies the EnviNO<sub>x</sub> technology (please see further details below) consequently a drastic reduction of emission has been reached. N<sub>2</sub>O emission from nitric acid production was decreased by 99% between base year and 2009.

Since 2013 nitric acid plants fall within the scope of EU ETS as well, so, measurement of N<sub>2</sub>O is also required and regulated by the EU ETS directive and 601/2013/EC Regulation that prescribes strict standards for the measurements and reporting.

Thus, the weighted average IEF ranges between 10.01 and 14.51 kg/t in the time-series of the years before 2007, depending on the production volume. In 2007, EF was 6.15 kg/t, 0.0425 kg/t in 2008, 0.108 kg/t in 2009, 0.0715 kg/t in 2010. Since the reopened plant is working IEF is slightly higher in recent years (0.087 kg/t in 2011, 0.113 in 2012, 0.25 kg/t in 2013, 0.29 kg/t in 2014 and 0.25kg/t in 2015), that might be explained by the increasing production volume of the other reopened factory with a less efficient tail-gas treatment.

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

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

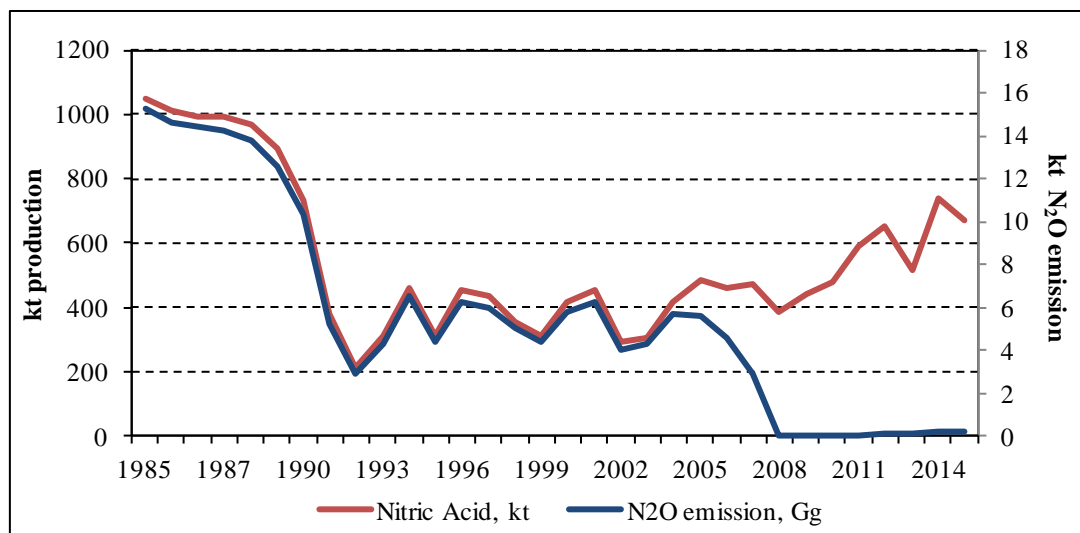


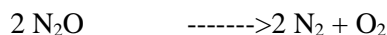
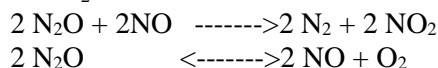
Figure 4.4.4 Nitric Acid production (kt) and N<sub>2</sub>O emission in Nitric Acid subsector

#### EnviNO<sub>x</sub> technology

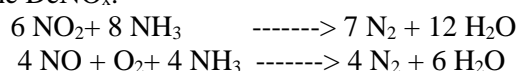
The EnviNO<sub>x</sub> process is usually located between the final tail gas heater and the tail gas turbine and contains two catalyst beds filled with iron zeolite catalysts operating at the same pressure and temperature and a device for addition NH<sub>3</sub> between the beds. In the first DeN<sub>2</sub>O stage, the N<sub>2</sub>O abatement is effected simply by the catalytic decomposition of N<sub>2</sub>O into N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>. Since NO<sub>x</sub> content of the tail gas promotes the decomposition of N<sub>2</sub>O, the required DeNO<sub>x</sub> stage is arranged downstream of the DeN<sub>2</sub>O stage.

In the second stage, NO<sub>x</sub> reduction is carried out using NH<sub>3</sub> as a reducing agent similar to natural gas.

Reactions in the DeN<sub>2</sub>O:




Reactions in the DeNO<sub>x</sub>:



ATTACHMENT 1

PERFORMANCE TEST RUN SHEET

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Uhide	PERFORMANCE TEST RUN EnviNOx® NZRT						
DESIGNATION	UNIT	GUARANTEED	ACHIEVED				
			DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	AVERAGE	
N <sub>2</sub> O-REDUCTION IN TAIL GAS	%	min. 94 ( initially)	99.63	99.64	99.63	99.63	
NO <sub>x</sub> CONCENTRATION IN TAIL GAS DOWNSTREAM ENVI <sub>NOx</sub> ® SYSTEM	ppm vol.	max. 25	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	
NH <sub>3</sub> CONCENTRATION IN TAIL GAS DOWNSTREAM ENVI <sub>NOx</sub> ® SYSTEM	ppm vol.	max. 5	Laboratory 0.19 AI0808 3.4	Laboratory 0.47 AI0808 3.3	Laboratory 0.57 AI0808 3.3	0.41 3.3	
NH <sub>3</sub> CONSUMPTION IN ENVI <sub>NOx</sub> ® SYSTEM	mol NH <sub>3</sub> / mol NO <sub>x</sub>	max. 2.2	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	
NATURAL GAS HYDRO- CARBON CONSUMPTION IN ENVI <sub>NOx</sub> ® SYSTEM	mol H.C. / mol N <sub>2</sub> O	max. 0.2	0.077	0.078	0.077	0.077	



**Figure 4.4.5** Presentation of performance of EnviNO<sub>x</sub> technology

For a short description of the used technology can be found in a brochure prepared by ThyssenKrupp Industrial Solutions (see 4.10 References, ThyssenKrupp). Performance of EnviNO<sub>x</sub> technology at Nitrogénművek Zrt. is presented on Figure 4.4.5 above.

#### 4.4.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

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

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2B2 Nitric Acid Production	N <sub>2</sub> O	7.5	7.5	10.61

#### 4.4.2.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

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

The significantly decreasing IEF after 2007 is verified and the results are also described in the methodological issues subchapter above.

#### 4.4.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

Only NO<sub>x</sub> emission was recalculated last year which did not change N<sub>2</sub>O calculations.

#### 4.4.2.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Further verification of the calculation method of previous years is planned.

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

#### 4.4.3.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>

Methods: CS, T1

Emission factors: CS, D

Key sources: 2B8 Petrochemical and carbon black production - CO<sub>2</sub>

During petrochemical production processes, mainly oil products are used as feedstock or other non-energy purposes. Most of the carbons contained in these raw materials are stored in the products too, however during the conversion processes some carbon is emitted in the form of CO<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>4</sub>.

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

*„Combustion emissions from fuels obtained directly or indirectly from the feedstock for an IPPU process will normally be allocated to the part of the source category in which the process occurs.”*

*„If surplus methane or hydrogen from the steam cracking of naphtha is combusted within the petrochemical site for another process then the emissions are reported as emissions in IPPU, 2B8. On the other hand, if the gases are passed to a nearby refinery for fuel use then the associated emissions would be reported under 1A1b, Petroleum Refining.”*

In the case of Hungary, no gases are passed for fuel use out of the petrochemical companies, but all are used inside. Therefore, all emissions are reported here in 2.B.8 including the natural gas reported by the petrochemical and carbon black production companies. In addition, of course, all oil products considered as non-energy use (NEU) in IEA Energy Statistics are considered here in sector 2.B.8, except for lubricants and paraffin waxes (reported in 2.D.1-2).

In Hungary production of ethylene, dichloroethylene (DCE for the purpose of production of further petrochemical products like TDI/MDI) and carbon black are present. Ethylene is made from naphtha.

Very few and well-known companies are operating in this sector in Hungary.

Production of bulk organic chemicals fall within the scope of EU ETS since 2013, so the availability of detailed, plant-specific data is even more improved. However, EU ETS data has been available already since 2008 for most of the sources of these companies.

#### 4.4.3.2 Methodological issues

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are reported using plant-specific data from the year 2008 using the very detailed and good quality data from reporting of companies within the EU ETS framework. The good quality of data reported under EU ETS is ensured by the strict monitoring and reporting requirements of Regulation 601/2012/EC including the obligation of the control by independent, accredited verifiers. EU ETS Annual emission reports are available for HMS for GHG Inventory preparation purposes.

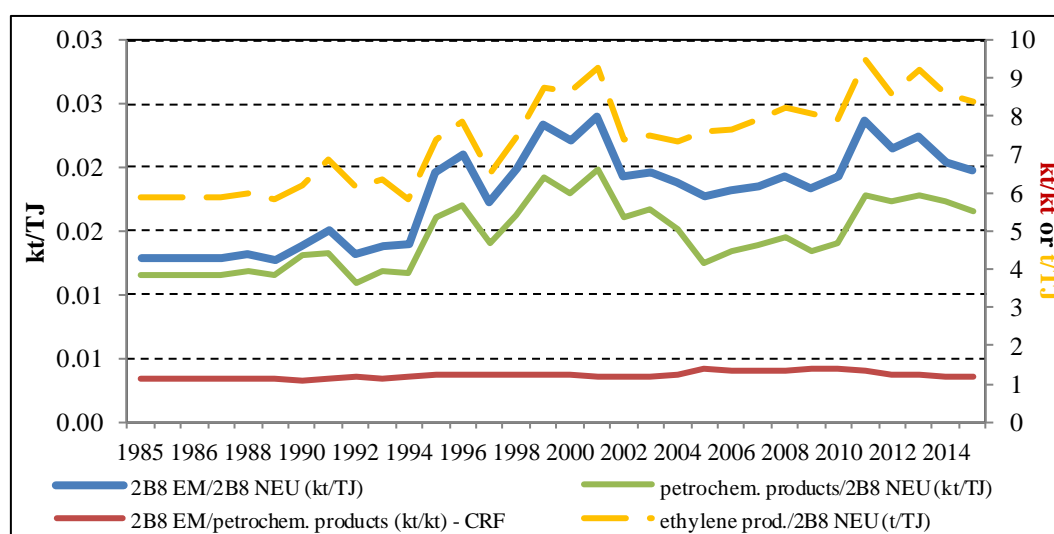
For the years before 2008 extrapolation is applied using the appropriate petrochemical production data from HCSO as surrogate data.

Please note that extrapolation of emissions is made based on quantities of petrochemical products (ethylene + DCE + carbon black), and the activity data in CRF in 2.B.8 is also kilotons of products.

But, of course the time-series of non-energy use of oil products (as raw material in petrochemical production) in IEA EnStat have been taken into account, as all emissions from these sources are excluded from *Energy* sector and reported here. So, in order to be consistent with both EU ETS reports of petrochemical companies and IEA Energy Statistics (EnStat), the emissions are reported in 2.B.8 based on EU ETS reporting, and it is supposed that all non-energy use of oil from IEA EnStat and some amount of natural gas (reported by the companies) were used for the production. The related energy sources were subtracted from *Energy* sector.

In this way, IEF compared to petrochemical products is stable (see red line on *Figure 4.4.6* below), while IEF compared to NEU Oil products in IEA EnStat is changing as it is possible to see at the same figure (blue line). But this problem seems to originate from the original time-series of the NEU Oils in the IEA EnStat, as the trend of petrochemical products (t) per NEU Oils (TJ) is changing, too (see green line on the figure).

Unfortunately, it seems that the allocation of NEU Oils within the IEA EnStat is not consistent across the years, so this question is to be clarified with the authority responsible for the preparation of the energy statistics.



**Figure 4.4.6** Trend of implied emission factors in 2.B.8 compared to petrochemical production and the amount of non-energy use of fuels

As EU ETS annual emission reports contain only all CO<sub>2</sub> emission sources, CH<sub>4</sub> is reported based on default Tier 1 emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for the whole time-series.

Table 4.4.3 below shows the emissions by type of raw material used, while emissions by type of petrochemical products are included in CRF. It should be noted that there was no recalculation in this sector, but due to IEA recalculation the subdivision of CO<sub>2</sub> emission among fuel types has changed slightly keeping the original total emissions of this sector.

**Table 4.4.3** Trend of emissions in 2.B.8

	SUM CO <sub>2</sub> from NatGas (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )	SUM CO <sub>2</sub> from NEU Oils (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )	SUM CH <sub>4</sub> (kt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	SUM 2.B.8 (kt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)
<b>1985</b>	96.59	476.37	20.47	<b>593.43</b>
<b>BY</b>	96.48	474.78	20.40	<b>591.66</b>
<b>1986</b>	96.39	473.45	20.34	<b>590.18</b>
<b>1987</b>	96.46	474.51	20.39	<b>591.36</b>
<b>1988</b>	95.68	463.56	19.92	<b>579.15</b>
<b>1989</b>	95.42	459.99	19.77	<b>575.18</b>
<b>1990</b>	92.00	412.18	17.73	<b>521.91</b>
<b>1991</b>	88.96	446.61	19.18	<b>554.75</b>
<b>1992</b>	88.66	493.91	21.19	<b>603.76</b>
<b>1993</b>	93.94	486.17	20.88	<b>600.99</b>
<b>1994</b>	104.70	535.49	20.78	<b>660.98</b>
<b>1995</b>	115.62	583.30	20.51	<b>719.42</b>
<b>1996</b>	117.34	601.50	20.95	<b>739.78</b>
<b>1997</b>	127.55	640.97	22.69	<b>791.22</b>
<b>1998</b>	134.70	679.60	23.89	<b>838.19</b>
<b>1999</b>	130.35	648.00	22.77	<b>801.13</b>
<b>2000</b>	146.78	762.51	27.66	<b>936.94</b>
<b>2001</b>	148.71	752.54	27.22	<b>928.47</b>
<b>2002</b>	142.26	775.91	27.63	<b>945.79</b>
<b>2003</b>	140.67	755.76	26.72	<b>923.15</b>
<b>2004</b>	134.83	801.76	28.31	<b>964.90</b>
<b>2005</b>	156.03	1185.19	44.79	<b>1386.01</b>
<b>2006</b>	165.15	1165.89	43.62	<b>1374.65</b>
<b>2007</b>	185.37	1287.44	48.94	<b>1521.75</b>
<b>2008</b>	160.30	1218.37	45.74	<b>1424.42</b>
<b>2009</b>	142.82	1104.95	42.64	<b>1290.41</b>
<b>2010</b>	174.90	1233.56	44.96	<b>1453.42</b>
<b>2011</b>	156.35	1265.40	44.44	<b>1466.19</b>

	SUM CO <sub>2</sub> from NatGas (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )	SUM CO <sub>2</sub> from NEU Oils (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )	SUM CH <sub>4</sub> (kt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	SUM 2.B.8 (kt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)
<b>2012</b>	164.23	1016.27	37.03	<b>1217.53</b>
<b>2013</b>	171.40	1099.16	40.66	<b>1311.22</b>
<b>2014</b>	163.15	1103.51	41.70	<b>1308.36</b>
<b>2015</b>	171.62	1194.02	45.36	<b>1411.00</b>

#### 4.4.3.3 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. Time-series in IEA EnStat, production data from HCSO and the EU ETS emission reporting data have been thoroughly compared as it is described above.

#### 4.4.3.4 Source-specific recalculations

There was no recalculation in the last year, but due to IEA recalculation the subdivision of CO<sub>2</sub> emission among fuel types has changed slightly in Table 4.4.3 above keeping the original total emissions of this sector.

#### 4.4.3.5 Source-specific planned improvements

Further investigation of consistency of the trend of non-energy use of oils in IEA EnStat is needed.

### 4.5 Fluorocarbon Production (CRF sector 2.B.9)

Fluorocarbons are not produced in Hungary.

### 4.6 Metal Production (CRF sector 2.C)

#### 4.6.1 Iron and Steel Production (CRF sector 2.C.1)

##### 4.6.1.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>

Methods: T3, CS

Emission factors: PS, D

Key sources: 2C1 Iron and Steel Production - CO<sub>2</sub>

In this subsector, gases emitted by the iron/steel industry (sinter, iron and steel production) are calculated. During sintering (agglomeration), a mixture of iron ore, coke or carbon and limestone are agglomerated by heat transfer to obtain a material suitable for feeding into the furnace. During iron production, coke and carbonate-containing slag-forming additives are added to the agglomerated ore, and the mixture is reduced at a high temperature. This reaction releases CO and CO<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, CO<sub>2</sub> is produced from two sources during the process: 1) from fuel, which also serves as a reducing agent, and 2) from carbonate-containing slag-forming agent (limestone or dolomite). The gases arising in the blast furnace during the production of the pig iron are recovered as blast furnace gas (BFG) and used for energy purposes.

During steel production, the carbon content of iron is reduced from 4-5% to cca. 1%. (1% in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines). Also this is released in form of CO<sub>2</sub>. Basic oxygen furnace (BOF also known as LD converter) technology for production of steel uses the hot, molten pig iron with scrap iron, additives and quicklime. Electric arc furnace (EAF) technology uses mainly scrap iron with additives and the heat is provided by electric arc formed between graphite electrodes. The consumption of graphite electrodes results CO<sub>2</sub> emission as well.

In Hungary, all the activities connected to iron and steel industry are present: production of coke, sintering, production of pig iron and production of steel using basic oxygen furnace (BOF) and electric arc furnace (EAF) technology, too. Except for the EAF steel production, all the activities mentioned

before are located in one single plant, which is however operated by different operators, so it cannot be regarded as an integrated iron and steel plant.

Processes within iron and steel production are very complex, using several fuels either for energy or for non-energy purposes. It is very hard to distinguish energy and non-energy use also in this case, so the recommendation of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines Vol. 3 Bo1.1 is followed that states:

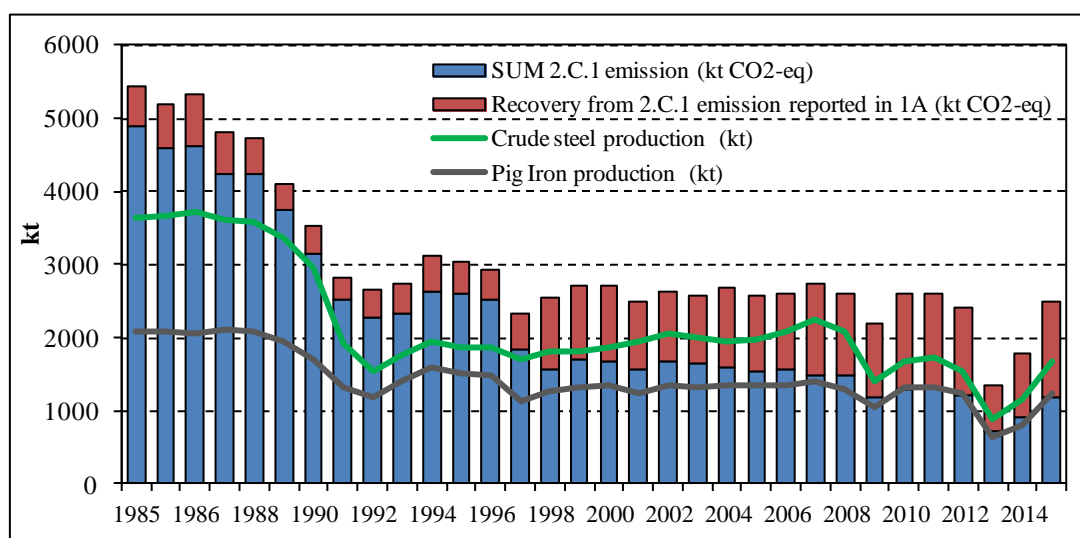
*“During these activities emissions, may occur from both the fuel combustion and industrial process stages. However, it is often impractical or impossible to report separately the two types of emissions. Accordingly, the following rule has been formulated to simplify reporting:*

*Combustion emissions from fuels obtained directly or indirectly from the feedstock for an IPPU process will normally be allocated to the part of the source category in which the process occurs. These source categories are normally 2B and 2C. However, if the derived fuels are transferred for combustion in another source category, the emissions should be reported in the appropriate part of Energy Sector source categories (normally 1A1 or 1A2).*

*Two examples may help illustrate the definition.*

*1. If blast furnace gas is combusted entirely within the Iron and Steel industry (whether for heating blast air, site power needs or for metal finishing operations) the associated emissions are reported in the IPPU source subcategory 2C1. If part of the gas is delivered to a nearby brick works for heat production or a main electricity producer, then the emissions are reported in source subcategories (1A2 for 1A1a).”*

The example mentioned above is presented in Hungary, one part of the blast furnace gas is used in own processes, while the other part is delivered to an electricity producer. This amount is reported here as “Recovery” and reported in 1.A sector. Please find the trend of emissions and the trend of production in Iron and Steel sector in Figure 4.6.1 below.



**Figure 4.6.1** Trend of production and emissions in Iron and steel sector

As it is possible to observe, drastic reduction of the production occurred around 1990 and between 2012 and 2013, too, but in 2014 it seems that recession has stopped. In 2015 iron and steel production reached almost the level before the 2008 economic crisis.

#### 4.6.1.2 Methodological issues

Earlier only the emissions from carbon content reduction of the input materials during steel production and emission from consumption of graphite electrodes (2.C.1.1 subsector) were reported within this sector and all the other emissions were included elsewhere. The actual allocation of emissions is summarized in Table 4.6.1. All cell comments of IE cells in CRF tables have also been updated accordingly.

**Table 4.6.1** Allocation of emissions connected to Iron and steel production

IPCC sector code	Activity	Emission source	From the 2015 submission - Emission reported in
1.A.1.a	Combustion of blast furnace gas recovered from Pig Iron production	combustion	1.A.1.a
1.A.1.c	Production of coke	combustion	1.A.1.c (including coke oven gas)
1.A.2.a	Combustion needed for iron and steel production	combustion	1.A.2.a (including coke oven gas)
2.C.1.d-e	Sinter	Coke consumption during sintering Limestone and dolomite use	2.C.1.d-e Sinter-Pellet
2.C.1.b	Pig Iron	Combustion Consumption of Natural gas for non-energy purposes Limestone and dolomite use Consumption of coke in the blast furnace (after deduction of the amount of recovered blast furnace gas delivered outside for energy production purposes)	2.C.1.b Pig Iron
2.C.1.a	Steel	Reduction of carbon content (from 4% to 1 %) Emission from graphite electrode during EAF steel production	2.C.1.a Steel

*Emission factors*

In the case of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, default emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines or plant-specific emission and activity data were used which is available from both direct reporting to the inventory compiler (HMS) and from EU ETS reports. In the case of CH<sub>4</sub>, default emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are applied.

*Activity data*

Iron and steel production data were obtained from the reports of the International Iron and Steel Institute, World Steel Association (WORLDSTEEL) and the similar European agency (EUROFER). Data on consumption of coke, natural gas, coke oven gas in the blast furnace is extracted from IEA Energy Statistics of Hungary as well as the amount of blast furnace gas (BFG) recovered and used. Amounts of limestone and dolomite, other additives including graphite electrode in EAF steel production are available either from direct reporting of the companies to HMS or from EU ETS reports since 2005. Detailed plant-specific data is available from the EU ETS annual emission reports of the companies.

However, the precise allocation among the subsectors (e.g. the amount of coke used in blast furnace or by sintering) is sometimes not available in IEA Enstat. In these cases, extrapolation based on the shares of subsectors in plant specific data is applied, but the sum of the subsectors is always the same as the IEA time-series. Please see the example of coke in *Table 4.6.2*.

**4.6.1.3 Steel (CRF sector 2.C.1.a)**

Carbon dioxide is released from carbon content of pig iron and graphite electrode of the electric arc furnace (EAF) during steel production are reported in *2.C.1.1 Steel* subsector.

During basic oxygen steel production, the carbon content of the pig iron is converted from 4% to 1%. This means that 3% of carbon content present in pig iron is emitted as CO<sub>2</sub> and 1% of carbon content is stored in the steel.

Carbon content of the pig iron might originate from the coke consumed in the blast furnace, iron ore and additives. In order to avoid double counting these emissions should be subtracted from subsector *2.C.1.b Pig Iron*.

The default carbon content of pig iron is: 4% (2006 IPCC Guidelines). In the case of carbon content of steel these guidelines specify it as 1%, which is in accordance with plant specific (EU ETS annual emission report) data.

In the case of EAF steel production, data is available in the EU ETS emission reports on carbon content reduction during the process from 2008, therefore plant-specific data is used for the reporting of emissions from EAF steel production and extrapolation of the average of years 2008-2012 is applied using EAF steel production as surrogate data. The factor calculated as average of years 2008-2012 is 0.055 compared to the default 0.05 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t EAF steel.

In the case of EAF steel production the input material is usually scrap iron and other unknown material. This feedstock does contain carbon but it is not originating directly from the use of coke of the blast furnace of the given year. So, EAF steel production is included in „Steel produced (kt)” data of the formula above, but the carbon content reduction of EAF steel production is not subtracted from *2.C.1.b*.

Quicklime used in BOF furnaces is not produced on-site, as it is declared by the operator.

**4.6.1.4 Pig Iron (CRF sector 2.C.1.b.)**

Emission from the use of coke, natural gas, coke oven gas (COG) and the own use of blast furnace gas is reported in *2.C.1.b*.

In addition, use of limestone, dolomite and other ores and additives is also included here, so the whole process of pig iron production is aimed to be reported here.

The blast furnace gas (BFG) recovered and delivered for energy production purposes is reported in *1.A* sector, while the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during the carbon content reduction in steel production process (originating from the coke) is reported in *2.C.1.a*.

Time-series of coke, BFG, COG and natural gas are available in IEA EnStat, but the precise allocation is not included (or not consistent). But plant specific data on the exact allocation is available from the year 2004, therefore extrapolations are applied where needed (please see the example in above on allocation of coke consumption from IEA EnStat and within subsectors of 2.C.1). In addition, plant-specific net calorific values had been prioritized, where available.

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from coke (and the amount recovered) are reported using plant-specific data from 2008. For the years before 2008 extrapolations are applied using default emission factors. In the case of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions, emissions from natural gas, COG, limestone and dolomite use are calculated using default factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Emission from other ores and additives is reported using plant-specific data from 2007 (first year where available) and extrapolation is applied using the average of the implied emission factor of the last two years and pig iron production as surrogate data.

Table 4.6.2 Time-series of coke consumption in IEA EnStat and in 2.C.1

IEA EnStat			2.C.1		
Coke consumption in blast furnaces (Transformation)	Coke consumption in Iron and steel	SUM IEA	2.C.1.b Pig Iron coke used in BF	2.C.1.d Sinter coke used in sinter	SUM 2.C.1
kt	kt	kt	kt	kt	kt
1985	1 471	209	1 565	115	1 680
B.Y.	1 447	144	1 483	109	1 591
1986	1 525	112	1 525	112	1 637
1987	1 346	111	1 358	99	1 457
1988	1 292	141	1 335	98	1 433
1989	1 129	102	1 147	84	1 231
1990	1 040	16	984	72	1 056
1991	737	115	794	58	852
1992	656	158	758	56	814
1993	778	43	765	56	821
1994	891	50	877	64	941
1995	870	43	851	62	913
1996	815	63	818	60	878
1997	562	83	601	44	645
1998	597	100	649	48	697
1999	590	157	696	51	747
2000	639	108	696	51	747
2001	566	126	645	47	692
2002	606	112	669	49	718
2003	549	161	662	48	710
2004	570	170	689	51	740
2005	596	123	671	48	719
2006	601	111	665	47	712
2007	620	135	709	46	755
2008	599	123	668	54	722
2009	593	38	599	41	640
2010	686	52	689	49	738
2011	687	53	685	55	740
2012	661	49	661	49	710
2013	356	27	347	36	383
2014	462	30	443	49	492
2015	635	50	639	46	685



Please find the activity data used and the resulting emissions in 2.C.1.b Pig Iron subsector in Table 4.6.3 below.

**Table 4.6.3** *Trend of activity data and emissions in 2.C.1 b Pig Iron subsector*

	<b>Pig Iron produced</b>	<b>Coke consumption in BF</b>	<b>BFG recovered and used outside for energy</b>	<b>COG used in BF</b>	<b>NatGas Consump- tion in BF</b>	<b>Lime- stone used in BF</b>	<b>Dolomite used in BF</b>	<b>SUM CO<sub>2</sub> Emission in 2.C.1.b</b>	<b>SUM CH<sub>4</sub> emission in 2.C.1.b</b>
	<b>kt</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>kt</b>	<b>kt</b>	<b>kt</b>	<b>kt</b>
<b>1985</b>	2 095	42 475	2 189	283	3 948	57	2	<b>3898.98</b>	<b>0.43</b>
<b>B.Y.</b>	2 085	40 234	2 364	436	3 930	57	2	<b>3616.83</b>	<b>0.41</b>
<b>1986</b>	2 054	41 388	2 690	411	3 871	56	2	<b>3648.10</b>	<b>0.42</b>
<b>1987</b>	2 107	36 837	2 214	616	3 971	58	2	<b>3303.39</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>1988</b>	2 093	36 231	1 868	679	3 945	57	2	<b>3327.66</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>1989</b>	1 954	31 123	1 443	694	3 683	53	2	<b>2897.18</b>	<b>0.32</b>
<b>1990</b>	1 697	26 699	1 446	629	3 198	46	2	<b>2426.70</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>1991</b>	1 314	21 541	1 090	656	2 476	36	2	<b>2005.57</b>	<b>0.22</b>
<b>1992</b>	1 176	20 580	1 503	618	2 216	32	1	<b>1815.57</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>1993</b>	1 407	20 783	1 615	576	2 652	38	2	<b>1812.03</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>1994</b>	1 595	23 820	1 936	794	3 006	44	2	<b>2062.99</b>	<b>0.24</b>
<b>1995</b>	1 515	23 111	1 674	876	2 855	41	2	<b>2061.35</b>	<b>0.23</b>
<b>1996</b>	1 496	22 226	1 553	746	2 820	41	2	<b>1985.46</b>	<b>0.23</b>
<b>1997</b>	1 140	17 470	1 972	746	2 149	31	1	<b>1375.76</b>	<b>0.18</b>
<b>1998</b>	1 259	19 204	3 859	716	2 373	34	1	<b>1077.06</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>1999</b>	1 310	20 649	3 939	614	2 469	36	2	<b>1203.20</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>2000</b>	1 340	20 719	4 141	673	2 526	37	2	<b>1160.52</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>2001</b>	1 226	19 194	3 685	273	2 311	33	1	<b>1071.70</b>	<b>0.19</b>
<b>2002</b>	1 335	19 946	3 800	118	2 516	36	2	<b>1137.44</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>2003</b>	1 333	19 535	3 711	311	2 512	36	2	<b>1125.97</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>2004</b>	1 351	20 237	4 236	358	2 952	14	0	<b>1080.08</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>2005</b>	1 338	19 589	4 063	369	2 453	25	0	<b>1034.86</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>2006</b>	1 336	19 619	4 065	906	2 186	20	0	<b>1041.58</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>2007</b>	1 394	20 881	4 659	1 031	1 869	24	0	<b>955.43</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>2008</b>	1 289	19 685	4 382	774	1 477	28	0	<b>936.18</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>2009</b>	1 050	17 743	3 999	300	605	36	0	<b>799.40</b>	<b>0.18</b>
<b>2010</b>	1 325	20 618	5 436	927	1 757	66	0	<b>811.98</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>2011</b>	1 315	20 354	4 980	831	1 692	61	0	<b>814.11</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>2012</b>	1 228	19 501	4 617	744	490	48	4	<b>748.14</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>2013</b>	628	10 121	2 504	380	530	14	5	<b>429.21</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>2014</b>	801	13067	3 593	599	816	38	0.8	<b>507.98</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>2015</b>	1247	18941	5193	1130	1584	30	0	<b>699.76</b>	<b>0.19</b>

#### 4.6.1.5 Sinter and pellet (CRF sector 2.C.1.d-e.)

Amount of sinter or pellet produced is not available. However, the amount of coke and natural gas, limestone and dolomite and other ores and additives used during sintering is available from direct reporting of the company from the year 2004. For the years before 2004 extrapolation is applied using the implied emission factor of the last year or the average of the years available depending on the trend of the IEF.

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from coke, natural gas, limestone, dolomite and “Other ores and additives” use are reported.

In addition, CH<sub>4</sub> is estimated using default EF for coke (10 kg/ TJ coke), due to lack of data on the amount of sinter or pellet produced. CH<sub>4</sub> is reported from coke combustion in sinter plant and from 2016 submission also the CH<sub>4</sub> emission from natural gas use in sinter plant calculated with default EF has been included due to the recommendation received during the informal review organised by the EU in November 2015. However, this recalculation causes less than 0.01 Gg increase in emissions.

Please find the activity data used and the resulting emissions in *2.C.1.d-e Sinter* subsector in the table below (*Table 4.6.4*).

#### 4.6.1.6 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty values are estimated based on maximum uncertainties determined in EU ETS 601/2012/EC Regulation for Iron and Steel production. Uncertainties for CH<sub>4</sub> are estimated based on 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2C1 Iron and Steel Production	CH <sub>4</sub>	10	10	14.14
2C1 Iron and Steel Production	CO <sub>2</sub>	7.5	5	9.01

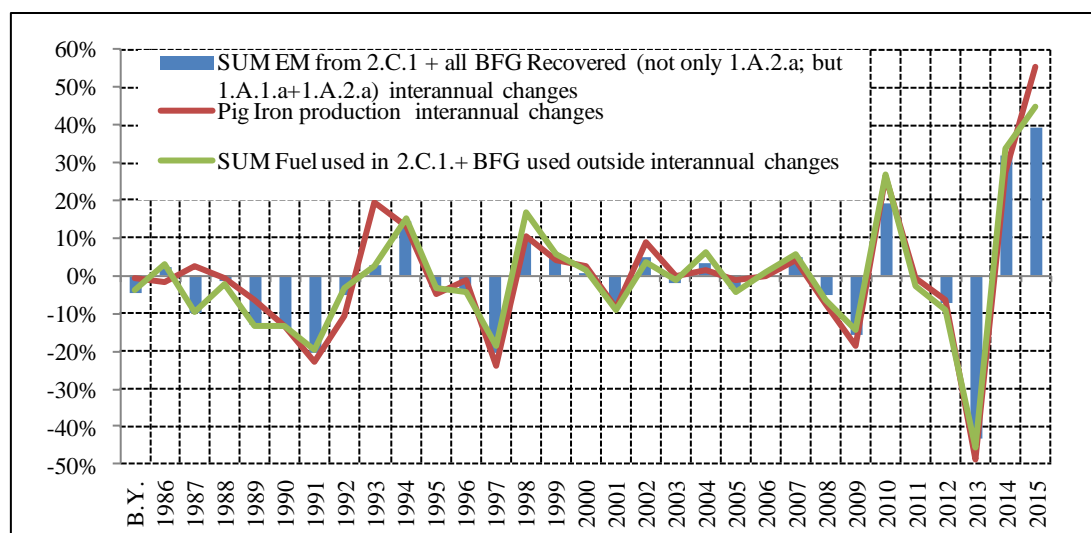
#### 4.6.1.7 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. Further verification with EU ETS emission reports is possible.

Please note that in Hungary a quite wide range of emission sources are allocated in present *2.C.1* sector, which might cause differences compared to other countries, although we believe that it is in line with reporting of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines as it is described in the introduction of this chapter above.

For example, during the trial review performed by EU in November 2015 it was noted that the IEF is high compared to other countries both in *2.C.1.b* and *2.C.1.d-e* subsectors. The high IEF can be explained by the fact that several types of emissions, including emissions from BOF and limestone and dolomite use are also included in this category.

In addition, it was also noted that in 1993, 1998 and 2013, the change in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (total of 1.A.2.a and 2.C.1, compared to the previous year) deviated distinctly from the change in pig iron production (compared to the previous year). The explanation is that in HU Inventory BFG delivered outside from iron and steel factory and used for energy purposes is reported in 1.A.1.a sector. If BFG used for energy purposes (and reported in 1.A.1.a) is also taken into consideration, the trends are much more parallel (see *Figure 4.6.2* below). In this case the deviations from the trend of pig iron production in the years mentioned also disappear, except for the year 1993. In this year, there might be some problem with pig iron production data, as the trend of emissions and the trend of fuel used in IEA EnStat are in agreement (see blue columns and green line in *Figure 4.6.2* below). The amount of BFG used within iron and steel production and delivered outside for energy purposes is based on IEA EnStat allocation.



**Figure 4.6.2** Comparison of trends of pig iron production, fuel use and the emissions allocated in different sectors in HU GHG inventory

#### 4.6.1.8 Source-specific recalculations

There was no recalculation in this year.

#### 4.6.1.9 Source-specific planned improvements

Further improvement of the description calculation method in the NIR and further verification and completion of consistency with EU ETS annual emissions reports of iron and steel producer companies are planned.

*Table 4.6.4 Trend of activity data and emissions in 2.C.1 d. Sinter subsector*

	Coke consumption in sinter plant	NatGas consumption in sinter plant	Limestone used in sinter plant	Dolomite used in sinter plant	SUM emission 2.C.1d-e
	TJ	TJ	kt	kt	kt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq
1985	3012	207	175	164	552.92
B.Y.	2853	206	174	163	532.59
1986	2935	203	172	161	539.88
1987	2612	208	176	165	504.99
1988	2569	207	175	164	498.49
1989	2207	193	163	153	441.91
1990	1893	168	142	133	380.91
1991	1528	130	110	103	302.49
1992	1460	116	98	92	282.03
1993	1472	139	118	110	303.84
1994	1687	158	133	125	346.70
1995	1637	150	127	119	333.53
1996	1574	148	125	117	324.17
1997	1157	113	95	89	241.74
1998	1250	124	105	99	263.61
1999	1339	129	110	103	279.07
2000	1339	132	112	105	281.70
2001	1241	121	103	96	259.62
2002	1287	132	112	104	274.89
2003	1273	132	111	104	272.96
2004	1333	113	78	137	280.52
2005	1264	157	91	124	273.85
2006	1228	125	104	108	265.50
2007	1147	127	118	103	263.00
2008	1408	137	137	78	293.31
2009	1086	108	91	49	214.35
2010	1338	120	137	65	281.98
2011	1462	128	139	100	310.75
2012	1296	131	110	100	279.04
2013	943	138	35	75	191.04
2014	1340	140	110	76	262.70
2015	1317	131	93	115	272.52

#### 4.6.2 Ferroalloy Production (CRF sector 2.C.2)

##### 4.6.2.1 Source category description

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key sources:

Upon smelting alloying additive and iron, together with slag-forming additives, a reduction reaction occurs which results in release of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Ferroalloy production was present in Hungary only between 1985 and 1990.

##### 4.6.2.2 Methodological issues

Fuels were included in sector 1.A.2.A and only technological CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were calculated here. The production data were obtained from the HCSO.

Default Tier 1 emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines have been applied together with the new EF for CH<sub>4</sub> emission.

##### 4.6.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated based on 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
2C2 Ferroalloys Production	CH <sub>4</sub>	5	37.5	37.83
2C2 Ferroalloys Production	CO <sub>2</sub>	5	37.5	37.83

##### 4.6.2.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedure apply.

##### 4.6.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

None.

##### 4.6.2.6 Source-specific planned improvements

None.

#### 4.6.3 Aluminium Production (CRF sector 2.C.3)

##### 4.6.3.1 Source category description

Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, PFCs (CF<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>)

Methods: T1, T2

Emission factors: D

Key sources: 2C3 Aluminium Production – PFC (trend)

During alumina electrolysis, CO<sub>2</sub> is released from carbon anode. At the same time, fluorinated hydrocarbons are produced from cryolite as a result of anode effect when aluminium oxide concentration is low in the electrolyte of the reduction cell. From the beginning of 2006 this technology is no longer in use in Hungary.

##### 4.6.3.2 Methodological issues

PFC emissions were calculated using Tier 1 methodology for CO<sub>2</sub> and Tier 2 methodology for PFCs recommended by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Production data, including data on the sites already abandoned, were obtained directly from the

factories. After the major political changes, two electrolysis plants were abandoned. The resulting changes in the volume of aluminium production (Söderberg process) are shown in the table below (*Table 4.6.5*).

Very detailed, equipment-level data is also available from the factories on production, anode effect minutes per cell-day that makes possible the use of Tier 2 method for PFCs. Default slope coefficients from Table 4.16 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are applied.

The trend of emissions is also included in *Table 4.6.5* below. CO<sub>2</sub>-eq emissions of PFC are calculated using new GWP values from IPCC 4th AR as it is required.

**Table 4.6.5** Amount of aluminium produced (kt), and trend of CO<sub>2</sub> and PFC emissions

	Production of aluminium (kt)	CO <sub>2</sub> Emission (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )	CF <sub>4</sub> emission (kt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> emission (kt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)
<b>1985</b>	73.86	125.57	333.35	34.09
<b>B.Y.</b>	73.75	125.37	336.50	34.58
<b>1986</b>	73.87	125.59	337.46	34.67
<b>1987</b>	73.51	124.96	338.67	34.99
<b>1988</b>	74.64	126.89	329.96	33.67
<b>1989</b>	75.19	127.82	357.52	36.90
<b>1990</b>	75.13	127.72	340.18	35.54
<b>1991</b>	62.88	106.89	293.23	30.37
<b>1992</b>	26.82	45.59	165.55	14.49
<b>1993</b>	27.88	47.39	178.93	15.66
<b>1994</b>	29.65	50.40	195.12	17.07
<b>1995</b>	31.91	54.25	204.80	17.92
<b>1996</b>	33.47	56.89	195.68	17.12
<b>1997</b>	33.67	57.25	195.06	17.07
<b>1998</b>	33.71	57.31	209.94	18.37
<b>1999</b>	33.64	57.19	214.99	18.81
<b>2000</b>	33.85	57.55	258.68	22.63
<b>2001</b>	34.59	58.80	243.64	21.32
<b>2002</b>	35.29	60.00	247.63	21.67
<b>2003</b>	35.04	59.56	231.16	20.23
<b>2004</b>	34.35	58.39	245.58	21.49
<b>2005</b>	31.78	54.03	255.15	22.32
<b>2006-</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO

#### 4.6.3.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties are estimated based on 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Uncertainty		AD	EF	Combined
<b>2C3 Aluminium Production</b>	CO <sub>2</sub>	2	10	10.20
<b>2C3 Aluminium Production</b>	PFC	2	99	99.02

**4.6.3.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification**

The factory operated an accredited quality assurance system. We have seen very well kept production records. The necessary data were given to us from these records. The company could provide data from almost 20 years of production without any difficulty.

**4.6.3.5 Source-specific recalculations**

None.

**4.6.3.6 Source-specific planned improvements**

None.

**4.6.4 Zinc Production (CRF sector 2.C.6)**

Notation keys for activity data and CO<sub>2</sub> emission were changed from “IE” to “NO” in the whole time-series due to recommendation of ERT (2016 in-country review). The last zinc mine was closed in 1985 and was flooded in 1986, since then only zinc processing is occurring in Hungary with fuel related emissions (it is included in 1A sector).

**4.7 Other Products Use (CRF sector 2.D)****4.7.1.1 Source category description**

Emitted gas: CO<sub>2</sub>

Methods: CS, T1

Emission factors: D

Key sources: none

In this sector, CO<sub>2</sub> emitted during the use of lubricants and paraffin waxes are included. In these products carbon is mostly stored, however some carbon is oxidized and emitted in the form of CO<sub>2</sub> during their use. In addition, CO<sub>2</sub> emitted during urea based catalyst in vehicles is reported in 2.D.3 subsector as it was suggested by EU experts; however these emissions are very low.

Indirect GHGs reported in an aggregated way under 2.D sector are taken from 2017 submission of CLRTAP Air Pollutants Emission Inventory of Hungary. In this way consistency is ensured with the other reporting obligation.

Since 2016 submission indirect CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the oxidation of NMVOC has also been included, but solely from those sectors that had been reported before the 2015 submission too. This is in line with the recommendation of EU WG1 of February 2016 that states:

*“According to paragraph 29 of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines for GHG inventories (Annex I to decision 24/CP.19) “Annex I Parties may report indirect CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmospheric oxidation of CH<sub>4</sub>, CO and NMVOCs. For Parties that decide to report indirect CO<sub>2</sub> the national totals shall be presented with and without indirect CO<sub>2</sub>”.*

*Para 37(b) the UNFCCC reporting guidelines states: “Once emissions from a specific category have been reported in a previous submission, emissions from this specific category shall be reported in subsequent GHG inventory submissions.”*

*Reporting of indirect CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is not mandatory (“may” in paragraph 29), however in combination with paragraph 37(b) those countries that included indirect CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the past in their GHG inventories, shall continue to report indirect CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in their inventory.*

In the case of Hungary, indirect CO<sub>2</sub> from the oxidation of NMVOC from old NFR sector 3 (NFR09 codes) had been reported before 2015 submission. This corresponds to NFR sector 2.D.3.a Domestic solvent use, 2.D.3.d Coating applications, 2.D.3.e Degreasing, 2.D.3.f Dry cleaning, 2.D.3.g Chemical Products Use, 2.D.3.h Printing, 2.D.3.i Other products use subsectors at the moment.

#### 4.7.1.2 Methodological issues

CO<sub>2</sub> emission from lubricants and paraffin wax use are reported using Tier 1 method and default emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (see *Table 4.7.1*).

Activity data is taken from IEA Energy Statistics.

In the case of urea based catalyst in vehicles (*2.D.3*), emissions are reported using Tier 1 method and Eq.3.2.2 from Vol. 1 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Activity data is taken from COPERT model except from 2010 where extrapolation using diesel use as surrogate data is applied.

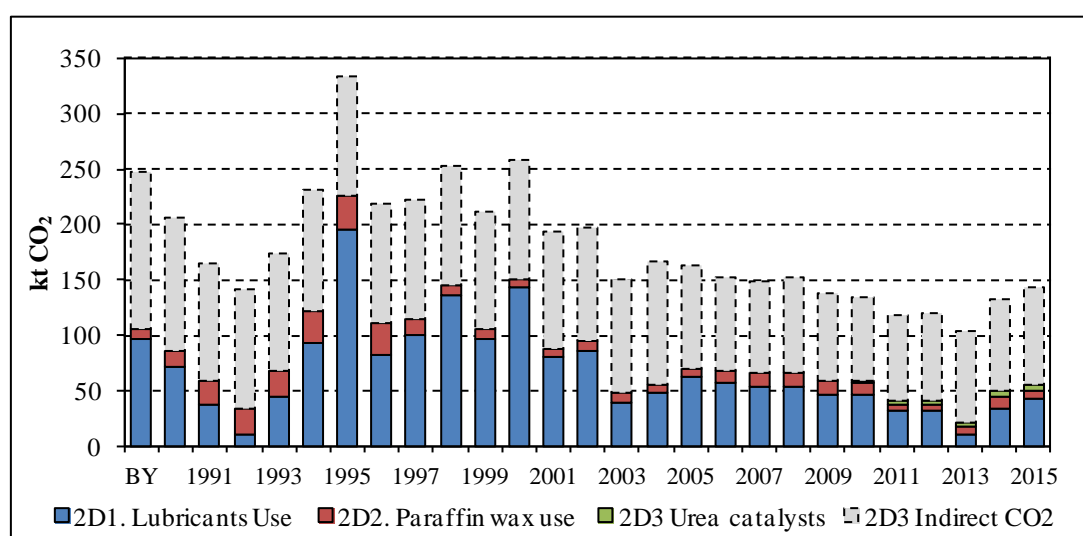
**Table 4.7.1** Default emission factors applied in 2.D.1 and 2.D.2 sectors

Lubricant Use	
Paraffin wax use	
CC Lubricant = carbon content (default) kg C / GJ NCV ( =t/TJ)	20
ODU - oxidised during use factor (default)	0.2

Indirect CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the oxidation of NMVOC from subsectors mentioned above have been included using default 0.6 t C/ t NMVOC value from 2006 IPCC Guidelines (Volume 1, Chapter 7, p. 7.6).

Please note that the same values have been used in case of submissions before 2015 of Hungary.

Please find the trend of emission at the *Figure 4.7.1* below:



**Figure 4.7.1** Trend of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in sector 2.D

Please note that the trend of emissions from lubricant and paraffin wax use is consistent with the trend of lubricant and paraffin wax use in IEA EnStat.

#### 4.7.1.3 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply. Last year quality check pointed out that there was a calculation error in 2.D.3 subcategory. This error is now corrected.

#### 4.7.1.4 Source-specific recalculations

2.D.1. Emissions from lubricants in 2-stroke engines have been added to road transport and were subtracted from this category. This recalculation affected the whole time-series of 2.D.1 with decreasing amount in time as use of 2-stroke engines also has been decreasing.



2.D.3 – NMVOC emission from solvent and other product uses subcategory was recalculated due to calculation error. Changes are summarized in the following table:

2.D.3 – Indirect CO <sub>2</sub> from NMVOC	2016 submission	2017 submission	Changes in CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	Changes in CO <sub>2</sub> emissions
	Gg	Gg	Gg	%
1985	130.3	142.1	11.7	9%
BY	129.9	141.6	11.7	9%
1986	127.5	139.2	11.7	9%
1987	131.9	143.6	11.7	9%
1988	130.0	141.6	11.6	9%
1989	120.2	131.8	11.6	10%
1990	108.8	120.4	11.6	11%
1991	93.3	104.9	11.6	12%
1992	96.4	107.9	11.5	12%
1993	94.0	105.5	11.5	12%
1994	97.8	109.3	11.5	12%
1995	95.0	106.5	11.5	12%
1996	96.3	107.8	11.5	12%
1997	96.5	107.9	11.4	12%
1998	96.5	107.9	11.4	12%
1999	94.2	105.6	11.4	12%
2000	97.0	108.4	11.4	12%
2001	93.7	105.0	11.3	12%
2002	92.2	103.5	11.3	12%
2003	92.5	102.6	10.1	11%
2004	99.5	110.8	11.3	11%
2005	81.7	93.5	11.8	15%
2006	70.9	83.1	12.2	17%
2007	69.9	82.6	12.7	18%
2008	72.3	84.7	12.4	17%
2009	67.6	78.9	11.3	17%
2010	63.5	75.1	11.6	18%
2011	67.0	77.6	10.6	16%
2012	68.0	78.5	10.5	15%
2013	72.6	83.5	10.9	15%
2014	74.4	84.0	9.7	13%

#### 4.7.1.5 Source-specific planned improvements

Further verification is needed in 2.D.3 Urea based catalyst subsector, in the case data becomes available.

## 4.8 Use of fluorinated greenhouse gases (CRF sector 2.E - 2.F – 2.G.1 – 2.G.2)

### 4.8.1 General

#### Source category description

HFCs are chemicals containing only hydrogen, carbon, and fluorine, while PFCs contain only carbon and fluorine. HFCs and PFCs, SF<sub>6</sub> and NF<sub>3</sub> are included under the UNFCCC as they have high global warming potentials (GWPs). New GWPs from the IPCC 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report are applied as it is required by 24/CP.19 UNFCCC Guidelines (see *Table 4.8.1*).

HFCs (partially fluorinated hydrocarbons) and PFCs (perfluorocarbons) are used as substitutes for ozone depleting substances (CFCs, HCFCs, etc.) that are being phased out under the Montreal Protocol (therefore often are called as ODS Substitutes). HFCs and PFCs might be used alone or mixed in blends.

HFCs or their blends are used in household, commercial, transport refrigeration and air conditioning equipment; fire suppression and explosion protection equipment; in aerosol products; by solvent cleaning; as foam blowing agents and other applications.

PFCs were started to be used as an ingredient of cooling blends in 1997. In 1998 and 1999, some quantities were also used for adhesive tape production. Please note that PFCs are also emitted during aluminium production to be reported in sector 2.C.3 that used to be the main source of PFCs in the beginning of the time-series, but stopped in 2005.

SF<sub>6</sub> is mainly used as an insulation gas in electrical equipment, such as switchboards, switchgears. It was further used in the past as intermediate gas in double-glass heat insulation windows and production of optical bodies, etc. and in electronics industry for several years. In Hungary SF<sub>6</sub> is not used as a cover gas in coloured metal foundries.

NF<sub>3</sub> is mainly used in electronics industry, but no NF<sub>3</sub> use has occurred in the country as far as our present knowledge.

No HFCs or PFCs, SF<sub>6</sub> or NF<sub>3</sub> are produced in Hungary.

Trend of emissions of fluorinated greenhouse gases is presented in *Figure 4.8.1*.

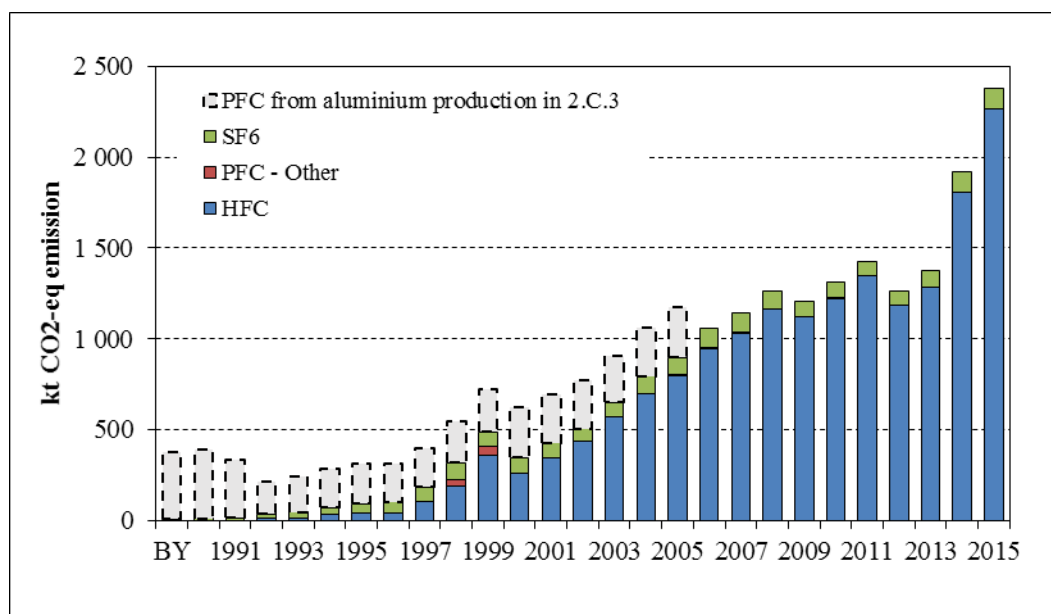
**Table 4.8.1** The list of F-gases and the GWP values to be used are defined in Annex III of Decision 24/CP.19

<i>Greenhouse gas</i>	<i>Global warming potentials (GWP)</i>
<b>HFC-23</b>	14800
<b>HFC-32</b>	675
<b>HFC-41</b>	92
<b>HFC-43-10mee</b>	1640
<b>HFC-125</b>	3500
<b>HFC-134</b>	1100
<b>HFC-134a</b>	1430
<b>HFC-143</b>	353
<b>HFC-143a</b>	4470
<b>HFC-152</b>	53
<b>HFC-152a</b>	124
<b>HFC-161</b>	12

<i>Greenhouse gas</i>	<i>Global warming potentials (GWP)</i>
<b>HFC-227ea</b>	3220
<b>HFC-236cb</b>	1340
<b>HFC-236ea</b>	1370
<b>HFC-236fa</b>	9810
<b>HFC-245ca</b>	693
<b>HFC-245fa</b>	1030
<b>HFC-365mfc</b>	794
<b>PFC-14</b>	7390
<b>PFC-116</b>	12200
<b>PFC-218</b>	8830
<b>PFC-3-1-10</b>	8860
<b>PFC-318</b>	10300
<b>PFC-4-1-12</b>	9160
<b>PFC-5-1-14</b>	9300
<b>PFC-9-1-18b</b>	>7500
<b>c-C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub></b>	>17340
<b>SF<sub>6</sub></b>	22800
<b>NF<sub>3</sub></b>	17200

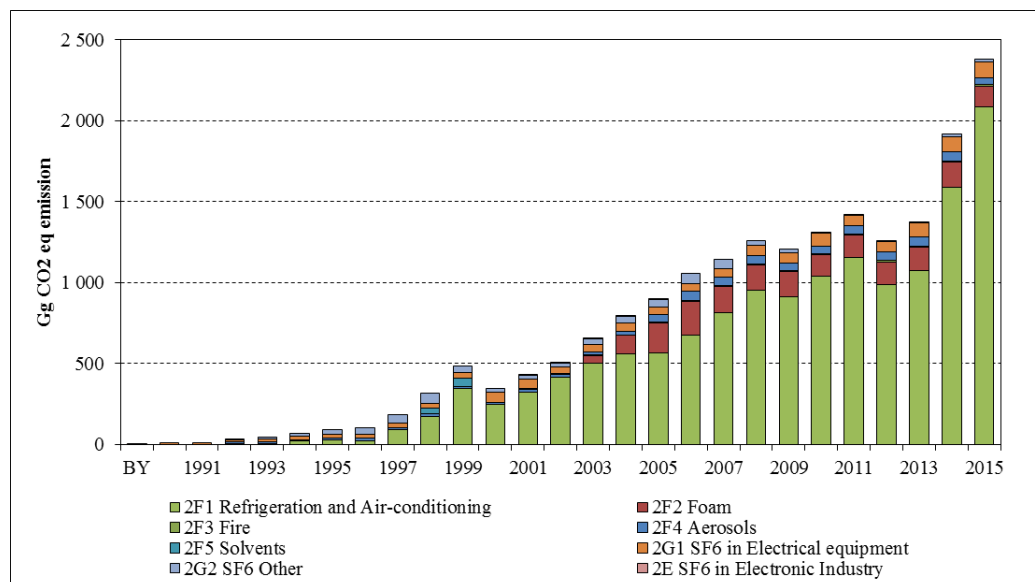
The applicable GWPs are determined based on the effects of greenhouse gases over a 100-year time horizon as provided by the IPCC in its Fourth Assessment Report.

Emissions are to be reported by gas in the inventory (*Figure 4.8.1*), so the blends/preparations containing different F-gases need to be proportionated.



**Figure 4.8.1** Trend of emissions of HFCs, PFCs and SF6 in Hungary (kt CO2-eq)

This category includes the following subcategories: *Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment (2.F.1)*, *Foam Blowing (2.F.2)*, *Fire Extinguishers (2.F.3)*, *Aerosols/Metered Dose Inhalers (2.F.4)*, *Solvents (2.F.5)* (solely for years 1998-2002), *2.E – SF<sub>6</sub> use in Electronics industry* (solely for the years (2000-2005)), *2.G.1 – SF<sub>6</sub> use in Electrical Equipment Manufacture*, *2.G.2 – Other SF<sub>6</sub> use*. Figure 4.8.2 shows the trend of emissions by subcategories.



**Figure 4.8.2** Trend of F-gases emissions by subcategories (kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)

#### 4.8.2 Electronics Industry (CRF 2.E)

Emitted gases: SF<sub>6</sub>

During the search for potential emission sources of fluorinated gases from electronics industry, no NF<sub>3</sub> use has been identified in Hungary, but it came out that some SF<sub>6</sub> has been used between 2001 and 2005 by a semiconductor manufacturer company. So, SF<sub>6</sub> is reported in 2.E sector solely between years 2001 and 2005 based on the data provision of a semiconductor manufacturer company. They also declared that the SF<sub>6</sub> has been acquired domestically, so the amount was allocated from the time-series of annual sales of SF<sub>6</sub> for other use in order to avoid double-counting. This fact is in line with Table 6.7 of Volume 3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, where some amount of “Si design capacities” from Hungary is listed for the years 2003-2005.

#### 4.8.3 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment (CRF 2.F.1)

Emitted gases: HFC-23, HFC-32, HFC-125, HFC-134a, HFC-143a, HFC-152a, HFC-236fa, PFC116 (C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>), PFC218 (C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>8</sub>), PFC-5-1-14 (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>14</sub>)

##### 4.8.3.1. Source Category Description (2.F.1)

The use of HFCs started in 1992, first in household refrigerators. Then the use of HFCs as a refrigerant in household refrigerators has strongly declined (for example the only Hungarian producer of household refrigerators uses exclusively R600 (isobutane) for years), and commercial, industrial refrigeration and air-conditioning became more and more important.

Coverage of all gases and all 2.F.1 subsectors are ensured by the fact that both a Hungarian and an EU-level Regulation are in force that require quite detailed data provision. The scope (list of gases to be reported) of Govt. Decree 310/2008 on fluorinated gases is the same as the scope of 842/2006/EC Regulation of the EU on F-gases, which is the same as the UNFCCC.

Of course, the blends/preparations are always proportionated based on the appropriate HFC/PFC/other gas percentage content.

**Please note that in Hungary, Govt. Decree 310/2008. (XII. 20.) is not in force since February 2015, because it has been replaced by Govt. Decree 14/2015. (II.10) and also 842/2006/EC Regulation of the EU on F-gases has been replaced by Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 in year 2014. 4.8.3.2. Methodological issues (2.F.1)**

Hungary uses Tier 2 mass-balance approach for the estimation of emissions. So, Equation 7.9 from Vol.3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines is applied, where data on annual sales of new refrigerant; total charge of new equipment, original total charge of retiring equipment and amount of intentional destruction is needed.

#### Annual sales of New Refrigerant

Annual sales data is calculated as import-export of bulk chemicals. Documented, consistent time-series of import-export exists since 1992, thanks to the fact that the former Ministry for Environment, Nature and Water collected this data together with annual sales data of ozone depleting substances directly from the wholesaler companies. HMS has always been in a strong cooperation with the Ministry, so this data was used for the calculation of the inventory, together with the additional information collected directly by HMS when it was necessary.

By entry into force of Govt. Decree 310/2008 (XII.20.) the task of data collection was transferred to the Hungarian Monitoring Body for Certification (HMBC) as it is described in 2.F General chapter above. HMS receives the data needed from the HMBC database for the preparation of the inventory still through the ministry responsible for environment (Ministry for Agriculture). Consistency of the time series is ensured by the fact that it was checked that the wholesale companies reporting to the Ministry of that time are the same companies that report to the HMBC database too (except for the natural changes of the market, like cessations and entries of course).

The Hungarian Monitoring and Certification Body was also appointed for certification of persons required by 842/2006/EC ("EU F-gas Regulation"). HMBC and the database were maintained by the Association of Cooling and Air Conditioning Businesses. Further, detailed information on HMBC database is available at:

UNEP-ECA Network meeting 2011, Budapest:

<http://www.unep.org/ozonaction/ecanetwork/Activities2011/ThematicmeetinginBudapest/tabid/56112/Default.aspx>

and Hungarian case study in preparatory study for the F-gas review, Schwarz et al. (2011, Öko-Recherche GmbH) available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/f-gas/docs/2011\\_study\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/f-gas/docs/2011_study_en.pdf)

Govt. Decree 310/2008. (XII.20.) is now replaced by Govt. Decree 14/2015 (II.20) that moves the responsibilities of HMBC to the newly established National Climate Protection Authority. The Authority takes over all responsibilities required by 517/2014/EC Regulation and the handling of the HMBC database that it is now renamed as "F-gas database".

In the Hungarian calculation method, the imported products and equipment containing F-gases (e.g. air conditioners) are considered, because also in this case bulk chemical is used for filling of new or refill after leakage. In other words, annual sales of bulk chemical might be used either for refill of equipment (including leakage from imported equipment) or for filling of new equipment (including imported equipment that was not filled originally). The former is the basis of reporting of annual operational emissions, while the latter is the basis for reporting of disposal emissions as it is described

in NIR chapter 4.8.3.1. So, it is assumed that also emissions from import in products and equipment are reported.

In the case of annual sales and the amount destructed in year 2014 unfortunately data is not yet available due to major restructuring of the institutes handling the database. Therefore, for this year an interpolation method was applied based on the method of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 5.3.3.3.

#### *Total Charge of New Equipment*

Data on intended use (proportion of quantities used for new or for recharge) from the F-gas database became available from year 2010. The average of 2010 and 2011 new / recharge % by gas has been used for the calculation of total charge of new equipment since 2014 submission.

The average of 2010 and 2011 data on intended use resulted in the following values by gas (*Table 44.8.2*).

**Table 44.8.2** *Average of 2010 and 2011 data of intended use by gas*

	<b>new %</b>
<b>HFC 23</b>	53.60%
<b>HFC 32</b>	45.67%
<b>HFC 125</b>	38.84%
<b>HFC 134a</b>	35.41%
<b>HFC 143a</b>	43.76%
<b>HFC 152a</b>	100.00%
<b>HFC-236fa</b>	100.00%
<b>PFC116 - CF4</b>	34.49%
<b>PFC218 - C3F8</b>	19.15%

Due to the design of the CRF Table (where emissions from manufacturing, from stocks, from disposal is to be distinguished) 1% of the amount calculated as total charge of new equipment is included in the row “emissions from manufacturing” and regarded as prompt emission.

Original Total Charge of Retiring Equipment

Determination of original total charge of retiring equipment is the total charge of new equipment lifetime years ago. An average lifetime of 12 years has been applied based on Table 7.9 and chapter 7.5.2.2 on Choice of Emission Factors from Vol. 3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Amount of Intentional Destruction

Solely final thermal treatment by hazardous waste incineration facilities is estimated and subtracted as "Amount of Intentional Destruction". Estimation is based on data reported by incineration facilities and data extracted from F-gas database as it is detailed below.

Hungarian Govt. Decree 440/2012 (XII. 29.) requires the reporting of production, transport, treatment (including destruction) of wastes above 100 kg (in the case of hazardous waste) into National Environmental Information System (OKIR-HIR) database. This database is primarily used by the Regional Inspectorates for Environment, Nature and Water for inspection, but the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of HMS has also full access. Several aggregated time-series (including aggregated amount of wastes by EWC code) are also publicly available at: <http://web.okir.hu/en/> (in English).

Commission Decision 2000/532/EC establishing European List of Waste has been implemented in Hungary by Govt. Decree 16/2001. (VII.18.), which is replaced now by Govt. Decree 72/2013. (VIII. 27.). The consolidated version of all these regulations contains the following EWC code: 14 06 waste organic solvents, refrigerants and foam/aerosol propellants  
14 06 01\* chlorofluorocarbons, HCFC, HFC.

Types of treatment of wastes are classified by Annex I to Directive 2008/98/EC on waste, including: D 10 Incineration on land.

Amounts of EWC140601 treated D10 (reported by waste incinerators) extracted from the database by year are presented in the following Table 4.8.3 in metric tons together with the calculated share of HFC within EWC140601 and data sources.

HMCB database contains also information regarding recovery, but unfortunately there are only amounts recovered and sold for recycling, reclamation or destruction by (several) certified companies. Although the data in HMCB database is not complete, it is very detailed. Therefore, the share of the specific HFC/PFC gases might be determined, as quantities are reported by blend.

**Table 4.8.3 Data on destruction of F-gases**

	<b>EWC140601 (t) D10 treatment Source: OKIR- HIR</b>	<b>Share of HFC/PFC within EWC140601</b>	<b>Source of the share of HFC/PFC within EWC140601</b>	<b>Total (t) HFC/PFC intentional destruction</b>
<b>2004</b>	1.82	0		0
<b>2005</b>	1.20	0		0
<b>2006</b>	8.42	0		0
<b>2007</b>	15.25	0		0
<b>2008</b>	13.22	0		0
<b>2009</b>	21.12	0		0
<b>2010</b>	14.95	61.44%	Average of the share of HFC/PFC within sold quantities by certified companies reported into HMCB database.	9.18
<b>2011</b>	12.02	61.44%		7.38
<b>2012</b>	17.03	92.53%	Data reported by HU destruction facilities required by Art.27 of 1005/2009/EC on ODS	15.75
<b>2013</b>	18.78	83.69%		15.72

Reporting by subcategories

It was a planned improvement to report the emissions from 2.F.1 *Refrigeration and Air-conditioning* divided into subcategories. So, after the emissions are calculated by HFC type as it is described above, the results are divided between subcategories.

A study published by the DG Climate Action of the EU (available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/f-gas/legislation/docs/refrigeration\\_air\\_conditioning\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/f-gas/legislation/docs/refrigeration_air_conditioning_en.pdf)) prepared SKM Enviro on Possible Bans for New RAC Equipment (Version 1, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2013) (later: SKM Study) has been used for the division.

Table 3.1 of the SKM study determines the HFC demand of the six subcategories (Stationary AC and HPs and Chillers and hydronic HPs are regarded here together as Stationary A/C) as it can be seen in *Figure 4.8.3*.

**Table 3.1: HFC Demand in 2010**

Sector	kT CO <sub>2</sub>	% of HFCs	Key Subsectors
Domestic refrigeration	400	0.2%	
Commercial refrigeration	68,400	36.4%	Multipacks 32%
Transport refrigeration	2,700	1.4%	
Industrial refrigeration	23,000	12.2%	DX Systems 11%
Stationary AC and HPs	43,800	23.3%	Split systems 18%
Chillers and hydronic HPs	18,800	10.0%	
Mobile air-conditioning	30,800	16.4%	Cars / vans 11%
<b>Total RAC Applications</b>	<b>187,700</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Source: SKM Refrigerants Model

**Figure 4.8.3** Copy of Table 3.1 of SKM Study on HFC demand of different subcategories

As it is possible to observe, this table is not detailed by HFC type. But the chapters describing the subcategories contain information on which type of HFCs (or blends) are used in which subcategory. HFC-134a is used in all subcategories, so the original contribution of the subcategories might be used.

In the case of other HFC types the contribution is divided only between the subcategories where the given HFC type is used. Please see the estimated contribution of the subcategories by HFC type in the following *Table 4.8.4*. So, the emissions are divided between the subcategories using these percentage contributions. Please note that a ban of the placing on the market of domestic refrigeration appliances containing F-gases with a GWP >150 entered into force on 1 January 2015 according to the Regulation 517/2014 (Annex III). So, in 2015 the division of emission of HFC-134a in subcategories was changed (domestic refrigeration:0.0%, stationary: 33.5%) according to the consumption of the HFC-125.



**Table 4.8.4** Contribution of subcategories within 2.F.1 by HFC type

	<b>HFC-134a</b>	<b>HFC-125</b>	<b>HFC-143a</b>	<b>HFC-32</b>	<b>All other</b>
Domestic refrigeration	<b>0.2%</b>				
Commercial refrigeration	<b>36.4%</b>	36.4%	72.8%	36.9%	100%
Transport refrigeration	<b>1.4%</b>	1.4%	2.8%		
Industrial refrigeration	<b>12.2%</b>	12.2%	24.4%	12.4%	
Stationary A/C	<b>33.3%</b>	33.5%		34.1%	
MAC	<b>16.4%</b>	16.4%		16.6%	
<b>SUM</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Reporting in CRF

Unfortunately, CRF is designed for reporting using emission factor approach, so we had to apply specific allocation. Please find the explanations of the values inserted into the appropriate cells of the CRF in Table 4.8.4 below, following the structure of the CRF:

**Table 4.8.4** Explanation of reporting in CRF of 2.F.1 sector of Hungary

<b>ACTIVITY DATA: Amount of fluid</b>		
<b>Filled into new manufactured products</b>	<b>In operating systems (average annual stocks)</b>	<b>Remaining in products at decommissioning</b>
<i>new% * annual sales</i>	FOR INFORMATION ONLY! (Not used in the calculations, since it is not needed for mass-balance approach);	amount of fluid filled in new 12 years before
<i>new% is the proportion of the use intended to charge new equipment</i>	accumulation of "amount of fluid filled in new" of the year n years before n= lifetime = 12	
<b>EMISSIONS</b>		
<b>From manufacturing</b>	<b>From stocks</b>	<b>From disposal</b>
k % of amount of fluid filled in new <i>k= manufacturing/initial emission factor= 1 %</i>	annual sales - amount of fluid filled in new manufactured products (total charge of new equipment)	remaining in products at decommissioning – intentional destruction (NO recovery is distinguished)

**4.8.3.3. Uncertainties and time-series consistency**

Uncertainties are estimated taking into account the uncertainty of a legally binding data provision of the companies.

<b>Uncertainty</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>EF</b>	<b>Combined</b>
<b>2.F.1 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment - HFC+PFC</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14.14</b>

#### 4.8.3.4. Source-specific QA/QC and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

In addition, several consultations have been organized with external experts and experts from the HMCB since 2012.

In order to acquire further opinions of external experts, the HU emission calculation method in 2.F.1 sector was presented in the „Refrigerants inventory” section of the 8th International Conference on Compressors and Coolants ([http://szchkt.org/a/conf/conference\\_sessions/6?locale=en\\_GB](http://szchkt.org/a/conf/conference_sessions/6?locale=en_GB)). No findings or recommendations have been received during these occasions.

In 2013, Hungary had the possibility to take part in the ”MS Support Project” organized by EU DG Climate Action aiming to assist several EU Member States in the effective implementation of the reporting requirements under the Kyoto Protocol to the UNFCCC by providing technical assistance and capacity building support. A Wikidot site ([http://mskp-support.wikidot.com/legal:\\_public](http://mskp-support.wikidot.com/legal:_public)) has also been initiated where several suggestions of experts have been posted. During the project, the calculation method was reviewed also in the case of 2.F.1 *Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment* sector by external expert. The method was evaluated as “solid” and no errors or gaps have been identified. Recommendations were received for the disaggregation of emission, which is now included.

#### 4.8.3.5. Source-specific recalculations

Taking into account the above mentioned lack of data for 2014, interpolation has been applied for this year instead of the method of the last submission. In the last submission, extrapolation was applied using the trend of annual sales data available by HCSO as surrogate data.

#### 4.8.3.6. Source-specific planned improvements

It is planned to further refine the presently used methodology by acquiring expert judgments on the trend of intended use (new/recharge quantities) in earlier years. Investigation of the implementation of EU MAC directive in Hungary and the effect for the emissions is also planned in the future.

As recommended also by the informal review organized by the EU in November 2015, there are two more planned improvements. The first is that the parameter on the intended use (charge of new equipment/ refill quantities) established on the basis the average of the data reported by companies in the years 2010 and 2011 is planned to be updated. In addition, the split into subcategories that is based on the shares of HFC demand in 2010 could also be updated in the future.

### 4.8.4 Foam Blowing (CRF sector 2.F.2)

Emitted gases: HFC 134a, HFC-152a, HFC-227ea, HFC-365mfc

#### 4.8.4.1. Source category description (2.F.2.)

Hydrofluorocarbons have been used in foam blowing industry, mainly as replacements for CFCs and HCFCs. There are 2 types of foam blowings, which are open-cell and close-cell products. The main characteristic of the open-cell foam is emission occur during the manufacturing process and shortly

after it.

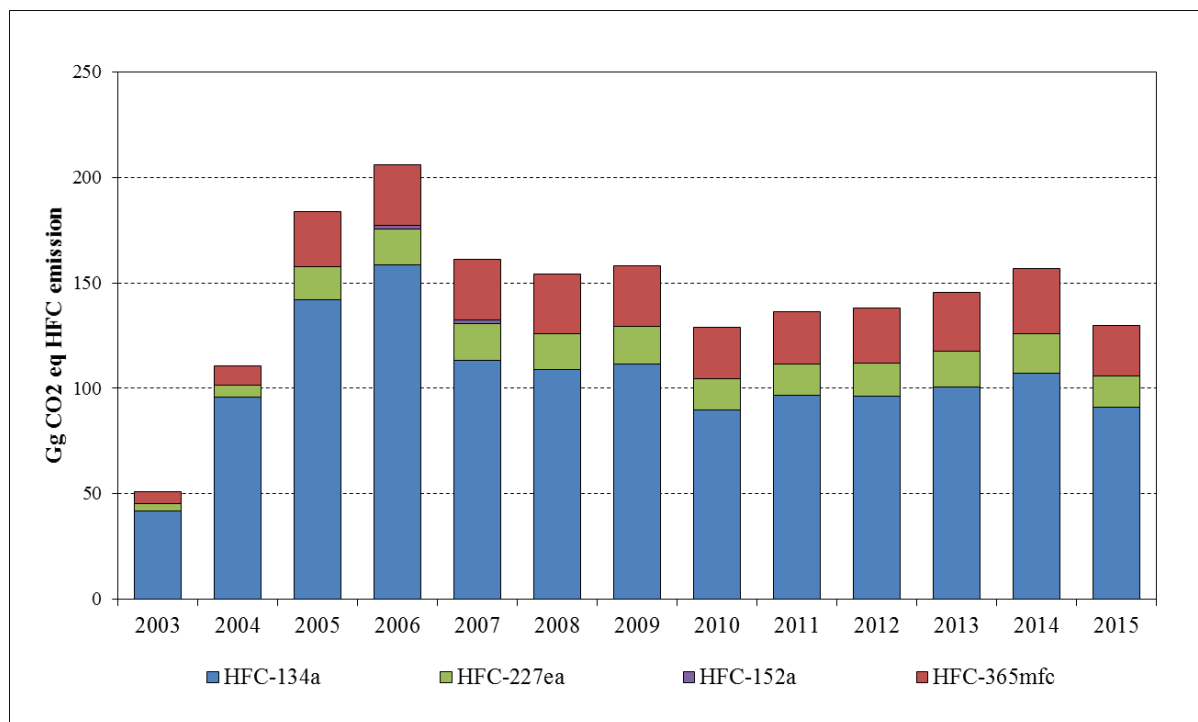
On the other hand, HFC emission from close-cell foams occurs throughout the products lifetime (during use). These products are polyurethane foams and extruded polystyrene foams (XPS) and these are used mainly for insulating applications.

#### 4.8.4.2. Methodological issues (2.F.2.)

Country specific method is applied using activity data derived from PRODCOM statistics and emission factors from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. This method has been developed due to the requirement of ERT during 2012 review and has been checked during the EU MS Support Project (described in chapter 4.8.3.3.)

The new method of 2006 IPCC Guidelines is basically different because it encourages the inclusion of emissions from decommissioning and recovery. Please note that no decommissioning losses and destroyed quantity are reported currently but at the moment no product have yet reached the estimated (default) end of lifetime and no specific information is available on any destructed quantity or recycling technology.

Emissions of different gases from 2.F.2 Foam blowing sector are summarized in *Figure 4.8.4*.



**Figure 4.8.4** Emission of different gases from 2.F.2 Foam blowing (kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)

At the moment, we have no information on the use of HFC-245fa as foam blowing agent in Hungary. Until 2013 there was no reporting on any import or export of this gas into Hungary and the emission estimation method in 2.F.2 subsector does not include this gas either.

#### 4.8.4.3. Activity data (2.F.2)

As it is stated in both Guidelines and NIRs of other parties: „it is extremely difficult to collect activity data...” Indeed, no direct data or statistics are available on the HFCs imported in products, neither on the amount of HFCs present in products. So, there was only the possibility to start from the viewpoint

of the foam products, as it was discovered that in fact PRODCOM statistics (Statistics on the production of manufactured goods published on the website of EUROStat and Hungarian Central Statistical Office) contain both import-export and production data of two foam types.

These are: 22214120 - Cellular plates, sheet, film, foil and strip of polymers of styrene (containing XPS) and 22214150 - Cellular plates, sheets, film, foil and strip of polyurethanes (PUR).

In order to get the amount of HFC blown into foam products, the percentage of blowing agent within foam products, proportion of HFCs within foam blowing agents and proportion of type of HFC is also needed, as it follows:

**Chemical used in Foam Manufacture** (HFC filled in new products) = domestic production of year t of foam product (t) \* blowing agent/ foam type (%) \* HFC blowing agent / all blowing agents (%) \* HFC-type / all HFC (%)

(**Chemical used in Foam Manufacture** data is to be multiplied by “first year loss” EF in order to calculate the **emissions from manufacturing**.)

**Chemical emitted during the lifetime of closed cell foams** (HFC charged into the product) = production + import - export of the foam type (t) \* blowing agent/ foam type (%) \* HFC blowing agent / all blowing agents (%) \* HFC-type / all HFC (%)

(**Chemical emitted during the lifetime of closed cell foams** data is to be accumulated as many years as the lifetime of the foam product and to be multiplied by “annual loss” EF in order to calculate the **emissions from stocks**.)

In this way, **Chemical used in foam manufacture** and **Chemical emitted during the lifetime of closed cell foams** required by eq. 7.7 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines has been expressed, so default EF-s from Table 7.5 and 7.6 could be used. In this method both the amounts imported in bulk (**Chemical used in foam manufacture**) and in products (within **Chemical emitted during the lifetime**) are accounted. The double usage of statistical data of foam production does not result double count in emissions, since in the first case it is used to determine the emissions from manufacturing occurred in Hungary even if the product is exported and in the second case it is needed to determine the amount of foam products remaining in the country responsible for the emissions from stocks.

The following *Table 4.8.5* summarizes the values and their references used in the calculation.

**Table 4.8.5 Summary of factors used by the calculation in 2.F.2**

	XPS	PUR	Reference
domestic production of year t of foam product (t)	Prodcom Statistics		<a href="http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/prodcom/data/database">http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/prodcom/data/database</a>
production+import-export of the foam type (t)			
blowing agent/ foam type (%)	6%	8%	Revised IPCC1996 page2.59 (6-15%) and IPCC/TEAP study (please see References)
HFC blowing agent / all blowing agents (%)	40% and decreasing until 20%	20% and decreasing until 10%	DG Climate F-gases Reg.Review Study and IPCC/TEAP study (please see References) and suggestion received during EU MS Support Project

Within PRODCOM 22214120 polystyrene foams category, only XPS (extruded polystyrene) type foam might be blown with HFCs. The proportion of XPS foam within polystyrene foams in the Hungarian market is estimated to be 10% by the Hungarian Association of EPS Insulating Foam Producers and another expert architect.

PRODCOM data of PUR production of 2005 to 2008 and XPS production data of 2004 and 2005 were averaged in order to avoid negative production+import-export values in the years 2006 to 2008 and to reflect better the trend. (Production data of the mentioned years are summed and divided by number of years).

HFC are used as blowing agent in foams mainly after 2003 as substitutes of ODS after the ban of CFCs and HCFCs under Montreal Protocol. Nowadays also HFCs are substituted by materials with less GWP (CO<sub>2</sub>, Hydrocarbons, HFO, etc.) The background study of F-gases Regulation Review of DG Climate states the ratio of HFCs among the blowing agents is 40% for XPS and 20% for PUR between 2003 and 2011.

HFC use in foam blowing started in 2003 based on data reported by the intermediate material producer company (BASF).

The DG Climate study estimated that the final year of significant HFC use in foam blowing would be in 2011. However, our assumption for Hungary is 2015 (instead of 2011) based on suggestion of the IPCC/TEAP study (IPCC/TEAP, 2005), which seemed more realistic.

During the EU MS Support Project (described in chapter 4.8.2.3) the expert noted that the elimination of HFC blowing agent by 2015 is still not realistic and suggested to apply 20% for XPS foams and 10% for PUR foams after 2011 as well. HFC emissions of year have been recalculated based on this suggestion in sector 2.F.2.Foam.

**Table 4.8.6** Proportions of HFC foam blowing agents applied by calculation in 2.F.2

		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
% of HFC blowing agent usage/All blowing agent usage in the case of	XPS products	35.6	31.1	26.7	22.2	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
	PUR products	17.8	15.6	13.3	11.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

The proportion of the different types of HFCs is based on the historical data reported by the intermediate material producer company (BASF). The average result is 10% HFC-227a and 90% HFC-134a.

HFC-365mfc is reported the same as HFC-227ea because the company reported the use of a blend containing precise proportion of HFC -227ea and HFC-365mfc. So, HFC-365mfc is reported by multiplying the amount for HFC-227ea by this appropriate proportion. This method is the same as HFC-365mfc had been reported as cross cutting info in previous inventory submissions.

The proportion of soft foams and hard foams within PUR foams is also based on the historical data reported by the intermediate material producer company (BASF). The average result is: 10% soft foam and 90% hard foam. All soft foam is accounted as open cell foam (using eq. 7.8 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines) and all hard foam is accounted as closed cell foam (using eq.7.7 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines).

Please note that in addition to the above mentioned method, also a directly reported experimental usage of HFC-152a solely in the years 2006 and 2007 is included within the soft foam subcategory.

#### 4.8.4.4. Emission factors (2.F.2)

Default emission factors from Table 7.6 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are used for XPS and general default emission factors from 7.5 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are used for PUR as the proportion of

the different types of PUR foams is not known. Used values are summarized in *Table 4.8.7*.

**Table 4.8.7** *Default emission factors used from 2006 IPCC Guidelines*

	<b>XPS</b>	<b>PUR</b>
lifetime	50 years	20 years
first year loss	40%	10%
annual loss	3%	4.5%

In the case of soft foams (all accounted as open-cell foam) equation 7.8 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines is used, so ALL the filled amount is emitted during manufacture.

Please note that the IEF (in CRF) is changing through the years due to the fact that EF of the Guidelines is determined by foam type, while IEF in the CRF is determined by HFC type.

#### **4.8.4.5. Source specific recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvements**

In addition to general QA/QC procedures this sector has also been reviewed during the EU MS support Project (described in chapter 4.8.3.3). Several findings of the review have been implemented resulting recalculation in 2014 submission.

Uncertainties are estimated based on Table 7.9 of IPCC/TEAP, 2005 chapter 7- Foam, where it is stated for HFCs: +/- 21% and based on 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 7.4.3, where it is stated: “*uncertainty of country specific consumption information may be more than 50 percent*”.

<b>Uncertainty</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>EF</b>	<b>Combined</b>
<b>2.F.2 Foam Blowing – HFC</b>	50	21	54.23

It is a planned improvement and also a further recommendation of MS Support Project to get in touch directly with producers and to verify whether HFC blowing agents have been used in Hungary at all, the country specific proportion of foam types and HFC types used.

### **4.8.5 Fire Extinguishers (CRF sector 2.F.3)**

Emitted gases: HFC 125, HFC-227ea, HFC-134a

#### **4.8.5.1 Source Category Description (2.F.3.)**

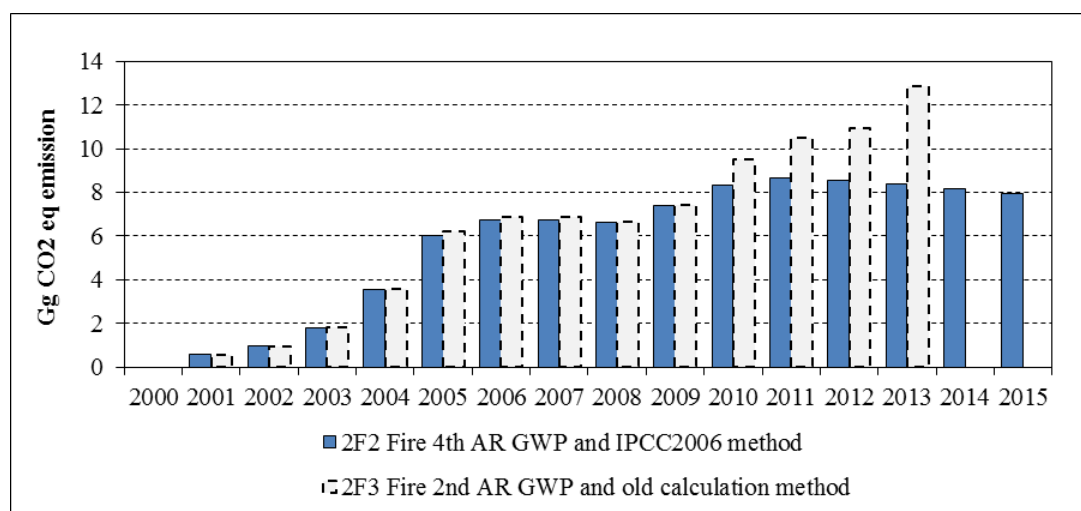
Until the beginning of 1990s, halon systems were the second wide-spread fire extinguishers after dry chemical powder extinguishing systems. Because halons do not contain hydrogen, these are inflammable. According to the Montreal Protocol these substances were phased out. Nowadays fire protection equipment is filled with HFCs as partial replacement for halons. In Hungary, mainly HFC-125 and HFC-227ea gases are the most widespread in fire extinguishing systems.

#### **4.8.5.2. Methodological issues (2.F.3)**

Until submission of year 2013, activity data reported by several companies working within the fire protection sector has been used. Since 2013 submission, the activity data has been changed to the annual data on installed fire protection equipment collected by the Fire Protection Department of the National Directorate General for Disaster Management, Ministry of the Interior as part of the yearly

national statistical data collection program. This new activity data is available from 2000 and ensures the full coverage of the country. In addition, it includes the amount of import in products; however, it is not possible to separate from import in bulk. Comparison of the methods can be found in Figure 4.8.5.

The consumptions of the years are accumulated as a “bank”, and emissions of a given year is calculated as a certain (default) percent of this “bank”. So, the strong decrease of the emissions at the moment is only apparent as the accumulated bank might cause higher emissions in later years.



**Figure 4.8.5** Trends of emissions using different methods and GWPs in sector 2.F.3 Fire

The following default emission factors have been applied:

Annual operational emission % per installed base	4%
Lifetime years	15-20 (not yet reached from 2003)

(source: 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 7.6.2.2, Tier 1 methodology)

#### 4.8.5.3. Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvement

In addition to general QA/QC procedures this sector has also been reviewed during the EU MS support Project (described in chapter 4.8.2.3) and no findings have been identified.

Uncertainties are estimated based on the 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 7.6.4 regarding activity data and chapter 7.6.2.2 regarding the emission factor, where it is stated: “factor range of 2 to 6 percent (that is 4 % +/-2%)”

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.F.3Fire extinguishers - HFC	15	2	15.13

#### 4.8.6 Aerosols and Metered Dose Inhalers (CRF sector 2.F.4)

This category includes metered-dose inhalers (MDI) which are used in medical products and general-purpose aerosols. Most aerosol packages contain mainly hydrocarbons (HC) as propellants, but in a small fraction also HFCs are used, especially HFC-134a in industrial, household and medical applications. The graph below (Figure 4.8.6) shows the emission of F-gases from this subcategory. The main substance is HFC-134a. Emission of HFC-152a from general-purpose aerosols is almost negligible.

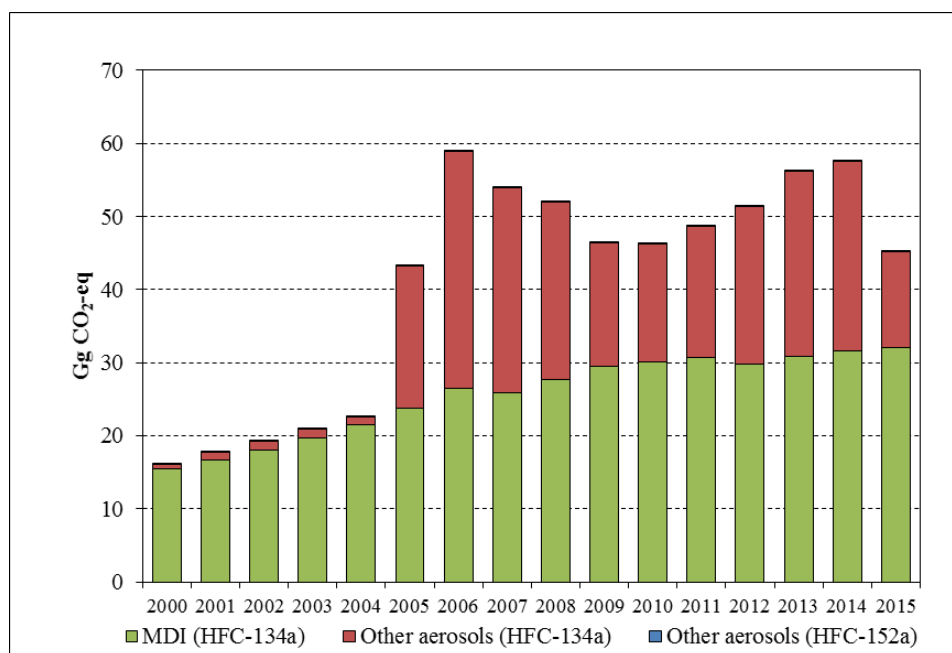


Figure 4.8.6 Trend of emission in sector 2.F.4 Aerosols and MDI

##### 4.8.6.1. Metered-dose inhalers (2.F.4.a)

Emitted gas: HFC-134a

##### Source Category Description (2.F.4.a)

Metered-dose inhalers are used in medical appliances, primarily for the treatment of asthma and CODP (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). As for medical aerosols, F-gases are today only used in MDIs, not in nebulizers. These medical products with HFC propellant first reached the Hungary market in 1992.

##### Methodological issues (2.F.4.a)

In the MDI sector the Tier2a method, i.e. the user-based approach was applied. Activity data of metered-dose inhalers subcategory was the consumption of MDIs. So, data on production was not used here. The emissions are calculated from the number of MDIs (HFC quantities) sold per year in Hungary. Emissions from aerosols should be calculated using the same method for each year in the time series. For the early years in the time series, the splicing technique, the overlap method, was applied to form a complete time series (find detailed description in the following chapter).



**Activity data (2.F.4.a)**

Data of annual sales from National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition was used between 2006 and 2015. The number of total consumption and the filled quantity in every aerosol was available. The typical charge contained in product is between 5 and 18 g. Before 2006 the overlap technique was applied to complete the time series. To estimate emissions for these years, the relationship between the consumption and the number of asthma and COPD (patients) cases was used applying the method of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 5.3.3.1.

Equation 5.1. from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied,

$$y_t = x_t \cdot \frac{\sum_{i=m}^m y_i}{\sum_{i=m}^m x_i}$$

where:  $y_t$  – the estimated AD (the amount of the HFC quantities) in year t  
 $x_t$  – the number of patients in year t  
 $y_i$  – the (the amount of the HFC quantities) in year i  
 $x_i$  – the number of patients in year i.

As the difference between the average of the overlap for these 10 years (2006-2015) (19.6%) and the overlap of the first year (2006) (16.3%) is significant and the latter is more representative, we have chosen to use the overlap for the first year.

The graph (Figure 4.8.7) below shows the relationship between the quantity of the gas and the number of patients.

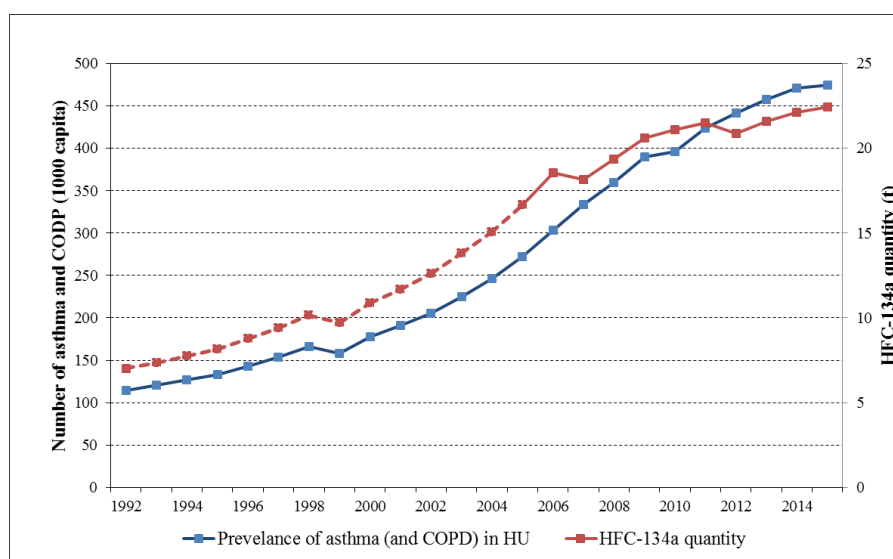


Figure 4.8.7 Activity data of the 2.F.4.a subcategory

In the CRF table the activity data „In operation system” (the annual average stocks) and „Emission from stocks” is the same amount, because the time period between sales and use is short (product lifetime is one year).

**Emission factors (2.F.4.a)**

In the calculations, instead of the manufactured inhalers, the purchased aerosols were used. MDIs are prescription medicine and in Hungary it is rigorously regulated. In the calculations, it was assumed that the emission level corresponded to 100% of usage (i.e. purchased aerosols), because the time

period between sales and use is short. Moreover, inhaled gases are emitted into the atmosphere, without undergoing any changes (according to the IPCC specifications (2006 IPCC Guidelines, Vol. 3, p. 7.28)). In consequence, a country-specific emission factor was used ( $EF=1$ ).

#### **4.8.6.2. Other aerosols (2.F.4.b)**

Emitted gas: HFC-134a, HFC-152a

##### **Source Category Description (2.F.4.b)**

Other aerosols include personal care products, household products, special cleaning sprays etc. In these cans HFC-134a, HFC-152 and HFC-227 are the most prevalent gases.

##### **Methodological issues (2.F.4.b)**

For 2F4b (other aerosols) the Tier 2a method was applied from IPCC2006 Guidelines, which means that "half of the chemical charge escapes within the first year and the remaining charge escapes during the second year" (chapter 7.3.2.2. of the IPCC2006). A 50% emissions in use of aerosols is assumed.

##### **Emission factors (2.F.4.b)**

In line with Chapter 7.3.2.1 of the IPCC2006 the equation 7.6 was used in the course of emission calculations:

$$Emission_t = S_t \cdot EF + S_{t-1} \cdot (1 - EF),$$

where  $S_t$  is the sum of the purchases of the current year and the previous year, and  $EF$  is the emission factor ( $EF= 0.5$ ). So, the sum of half of the purchases of the current year and half of the purchases of the previous year was considered. The equation above was applied to each chemical individually.

##### **Activity data (2.F.4.b)**

In subsector Aerosols, annual sales data is directly reported by the producers. So, the activity data was the consumption of purchased aerosols and the HFC quantities of aerosol cans.

In Hungary manufacturing of aerosols is not occurring. While the amount of "filled into new manufactured products" was not estimated (NE), the amount of "in operating system" was filled in as the HFC quantity of sold aerosol cans in the current year and the half the sales of the previous year.

#### **4.8.6.3. Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvements**

Until the previous submission for the 2.F.4.a subcategory a country specific method has been applied which was suggested by expert of the MS Support Project. The suggestion was using the population number and the prevalence of asthma of the country for the calculations. But in this year data on the number of MDI products sold have been made available, so the activity data has been changed and Tier 2a method, the user-based approach was applied for this category. Data was available between 2006 and 2015, so before this period surrogate method was applied to complete time series. The used value was the number of asthma and CODP cases for this period.

In the category other aerosols Tier2a method was applied. The amount of emission from stocks are not changed but the activity data was changed in the CRF table. Emissions from aerosol cans in the

country are the sum of half the sales of the previous year and half the sales of the current year. There was a mistake in the column of „In operation system”, because it was filled in with the half of the sold quantity instead of the HFC quantity of sold aerosol cans in the current year and the half the sales of the previous year. Moreover, instead of NE the rows of „Filled into new manufactured products” was filled in with the activity data.

Uncertainties are estimated based on chapter 7.3.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines and taking into account that activity data is provided on one hand by individual companies, on the other hand national statistics are used.

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.F.4 Aerosol + MDI(HFCs)	10	50	50.99

#### 4.8.7 Electrical Equipment (CRF sector 2.G.1)

Emitted gases: SF<sub>6</sub>

##### 4.8.7.1. Methodological issues (2.G.1)

The application of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines causes a major change within this sector although still the basic Tier 1 method is applied. Old Tier 1 calculation method accounted only for potential emissions, while the new Tier 1 method estimated actual emissions. As it was expected, emissions are lower using the new method (see Figure 4.8.8).

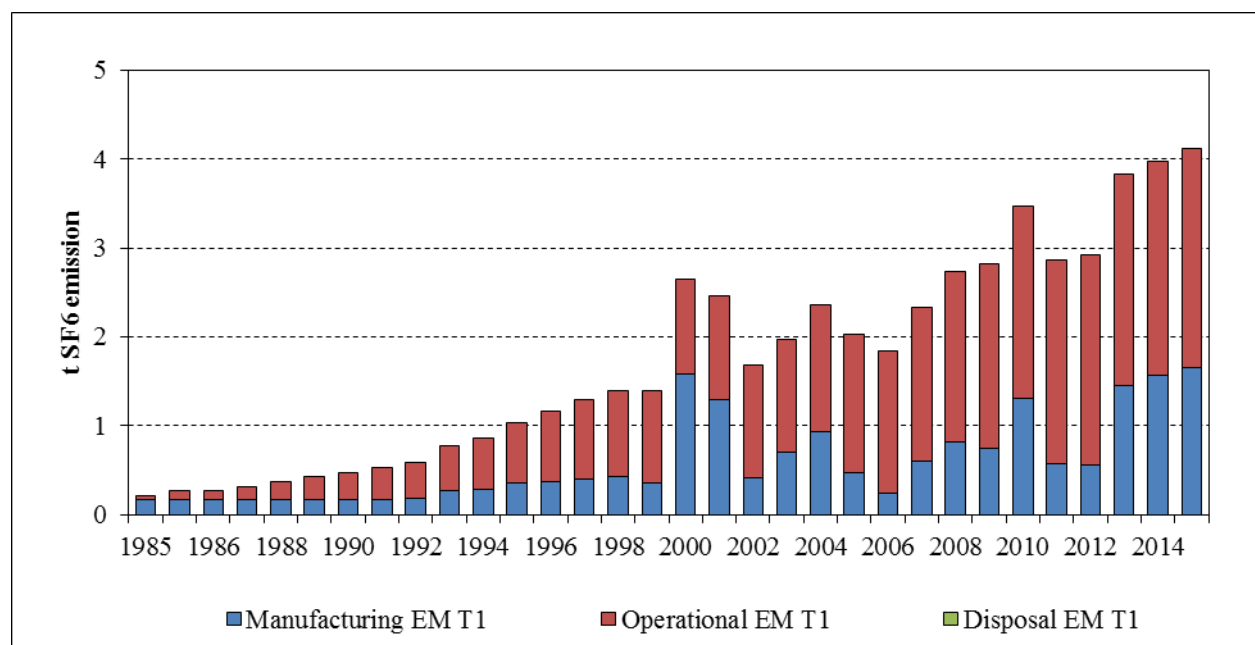


Figure 4.8.8 Trend of SF<sub>6</sub> emissions in 2.G.1 Electrical equipment sector (t)

##### 4.8.7.2. Activity data (2.G.1)

Annual sales data is the basis for the calculation in the new method, as well. Data was collected from both manufacturers and the Hungarian Electrotechnical Association. The latter was appointed to data

collection by 310/2008. Govt. Decree for data collection on import-export of SF<sub>6</sub>. This is the same time-series of annual sales data that had been used by the old calculation of potential emissions in previous submissions. However, during the review of time-series it came out that the largest equipment manufacturer did not report any export before 1998. Therefore, export data has been extrapolated using the import/export proportion of the last reported year (1998).

310/2008. Govt. Decree has now been replaced by 14/2015 (II.14) Govt. Decree that moves the responsibilities and the handling of the database to the newly established National Climate Protection Authority.

In the case of annual sales in year 2014 data is not yet available due to major restructuring of the institutes handling the database. Therefore, for this year temporarily, volume index of electrical equipment manufacture from HCSO (= 107 percent compared to last year) was used as surrogate data for extrapolation.

#### 4.8.7.3. Emission factors (2.G.1)

Default emission factor from Tables 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines are applied. As there is no information in the country what percent of electrical equipment are sealed pressure electrical equipment (MV switchgear) or closed pressure electrical equipment (HV switchgear) or gas insulated transformers, always the higher EFs are taken into consideration as conservative estimation.

**Table 4.8.9** Emission Factors used in 2.G.1 sector

Manufacturing Emission Factor	0.085
Use Emission Factor	0.026
Fraction of SF <sub>6</sub> remaining at retirement	0.930
Lifetime (years)	35

#### 4.8.7.4. Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvements

General QA/QC procedures apply. Emission factors (and resulting time-series) have been verified with those included in "Update on global SF<sub>6</sub> emissions trends from electrical equipment – Edition 1.1 Ecofys Emission Scenario Initiative on Sulphur Hexafluoride for Electric Industry (ESI-SF<sub>6</sub>)". Latter EFs are lower than the EFs in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines but it is planned to potentially include in the calculation method this more up-to-date information after further verification.

Uncertainties are estimated based on Table 8.5 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines, taking the highest value as conservative estimation. Activity data's uncertainties are estimated taking into account that activity data is provided by individual companies based on a legally binding data provision requirement.

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.G Other Product Manufacture and Use - SF <sub>6</sub>	3	40	40.11

#### 4.8.8 Other applications (CRF sector 2.G.2.)

Emitted gases: SF<sub>6</sub>

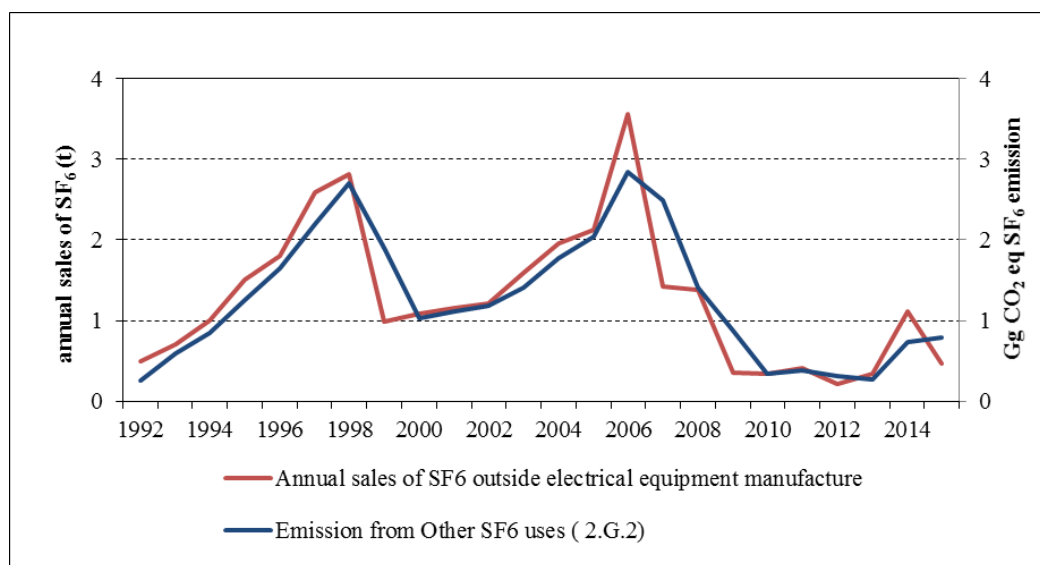
##### 4.8.8.1. Source category description

SF<sub>6</sub> used mainly in equipment in university and research particle accelerator, industrial and medical accelerators, adiabatic applications and in sound-proof windows. SF<sub>6</sub> used for sound-proof window production (only in the past due to the ban introduced by 842/2006/EC), scientific research and other

non-defined purposes is included in sector 2.G.2.

#### 4.8.8.2. Methodological issues

Equation 8.23 from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines is applied, so emissions are considered as ‘prompt’ emissions that is recommended in the case of any other applications. At the moment this method is applied also in the case of sound-proof windows due to lack of complete data, but it is a planned improvement to estimate these emissions separately. This means that emissions are distributed within two years, “because both sales and emissions are assumed to be continuous over the year; that is, chemical sold in the middle of year  $t-1$  is not fully emitted until the middle of year  $t$ .” (Chapter 8.3.2.2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines).



**Figure 4.8.3** Annual sales of SF<sub>6</sub> outside electrical equipment manufacture and other SF<sub>6</sub> emissions

Therefore, annual sales data is the activity data.

SF<sub>6</sub> is reported in 2.E sector between years 2001-2005 based on the data provision of a semiconductor manufacturer company. They also declared that the SF<sub>6</sub> has been acquired domestically, so the amount was allocated from the time-series of annual sales of "SF<sub>6</sub> for other use" in order to avoid double-counting. The SF<sub>6</sub> wholesaler company reports the list of their customers, too. So, the intended use of SF<sub>6</sub> might be determined based on the sector of the activity of the customers. The activity data (and consequently the emissions calculated with present methodology, too) show strong interannual variations throughout the whole time series.

#### 4.8.8.3. Recalculations, QA/QC activities, uncertainties and planned improvement

General QA/QC procedures apply.

Uncertainties are estimated together with sector 2.G.2.

It is a planned improvement to collect data on the potential existing stock of sound-proof windows and to estimate the emissions separately.

To improve accuracy, the activity data has been changed because of more detailed data was available from 2007. In the calculations, annual sales data of the largest SF<sub>6</sub> distributor for domestic manufacturers was used.

#### 4.9 Use of N<sub>2</sub>O (CRF sector 2.G.3)

Emitted gas: N<sub>2</sub>O

Methods: CS

Emission factors: PS

Key sources: none

##### 4.9.1.1 Source category description

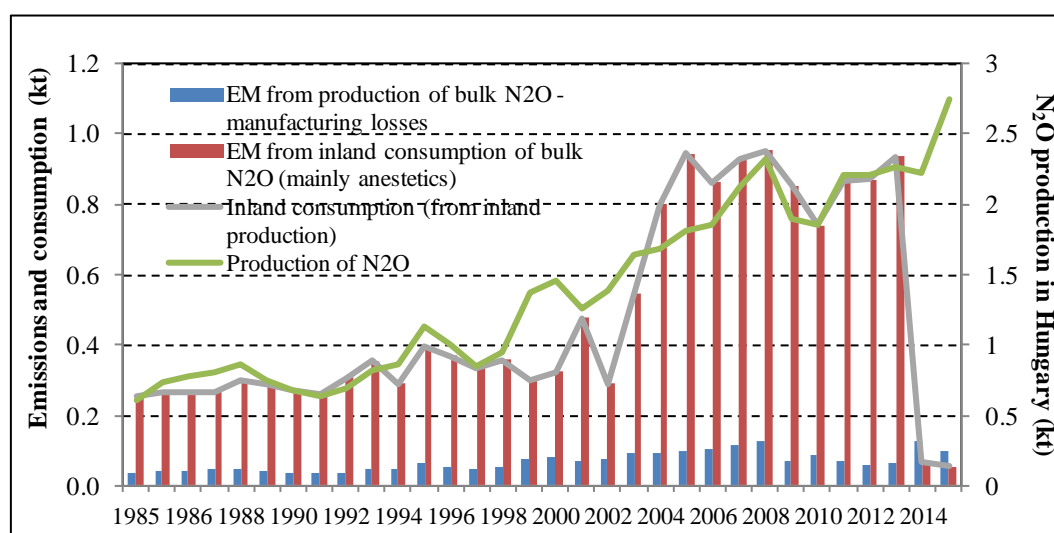
This sub-sector includes emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O from different product uses and the manufacturing (and other) losses from the production of these products. One of the two main important purposes is bulk N<sub>2</sub>O use as an anaesthetic gas. Another is the use by household whipped cream cartridges. In Hungary, making whipped cream in siphons using N<sub>2</sub>O cartridges is highly popular (although decreasing). N<sub>2</sub>O from these products is emitted directly into the atmosphere, so all the filling of these products used should be considered as emission.

The largest manufacturer of the region of bulk N<sub>2</sub>O is operating in Hungary. The manufacturers of the whipped cream cartridges acquire the bulk N<sub>2</sub>O also from this manufacturer.

##### 4.9.1.2 Methodological issues

Emissions are reported using plant-specific data. Production and domestic sales data for both bulk N<sub>2</sub>O and N<sub>2</sub>O in whipped cream cartridges are available from the manufacturers for the whole time-series (presented in *Figure 4.9.1*). N<sub>2</sub>O used for the preparation of whipped cream cartridges (2.G.3.b.i) is subtracted from bulk domestic N<sub>2</sub>O use (2.B.b.ii), as the manufacturer declared that they acquire the gas from the manufacturer of bulk N<sub>2</sub>O.

Manufacturing losses for the whole time-series is also available in the case of whipped cream cartridges. While in the case of bulk N<sub>2</sub>O production data on losses is available only from 2008. In this year, extrapolation was performed in order to include emissions from losses for the years before 2008 too, for the improvement of the consistency of the time-series. Extrapolation was performed using data on losses from 2008 (as trend of the losses is decreasing later in time) and N<sub>2</sub>O production as surrogate data. Please find the trend of production and emissions on the following *Figure 4.9.1*.



**Figure 4.9.1** Trend of N<sub>2</sub>O production and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Product Uses

In 2014, an expert from the manufacturer of whipped cream chargers (cartridges) containing N<sub>2</sub>O

provided an estimate for the share of imported products on the Hungarian market, as well. In the 2014 submission, this amount has been included in the time-series. So, imports are estimated only within the subsector whipped cream, however in the case of other subsector (2.G.3.b.ii bulk use mainly for anaesthetics) imports are even less significant, as there is no notable bulk import as the Hungarian producer is the most important producer of the whole region. In addition, the wholesalers having a valid wholesaling authorisation for products containing nitrous-oxide issued by the National Institute of Pharmacy (the agency responsible for licensing and control of drugs) have been identified. Most of them have already declared that they acquire N<sub>2</sub>O domestically (from the Hungarian producer).

The strong interannual variations are due to the interannual variations of the reported data, which is related to the production of the company and the volatility of the market. The significant decrease on inland consumption (and consequently the emissions from inland consumption) was also reported by the companies.

#### 4.9.1.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Production data is quite reliable because they are obtained directly from manufacturers, based on a legally binding data provision requirement, therefore the uncertainties are estimated as follows:

Uncertainty	AD	EF	Combined
2.G Other Product Manufacture and Use - N <sub>2</sub> O	3	3	4.24

#### 4.9.1.4 Source-specific QA/QC information and verification

General QA/QC procedures apply.

#### 4.9.1.5 Source-specific recalculation

There was no recalculation in this year.

#### 4.9.1.6 Source-specific planned improvements

Further investigation of data regarding imported products (especially whipped cream cans) might be performed. However, this source is reported only by few countries at the moment, and the amount are expected to be insignificant compared to emissions reported under 2.G.3.b.ii. (production and domestic use of bulk N<sub>2</sub>O) by Hungary.

In the case of 2.G.3.i Aerosols it is planned to collect of data for consistent time-series on the losses related to production for export.

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## 5. AGRICULTURE (CRF sector 3)

### 5.1 Overview of sector

Agriculture production contributed to the greenhouse gas emission through the following processes:

- 3.A Enteric Fermentation by domestic livestock (CH<sub>4</sub>);
- 3.B Manure Management (CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O);
- 3.C Rice Cultivation (CH<sub>4</sub>);
- 3.D Agricultural Soils (N<sub>2</sub>O);
- 3.F Field Burning of Agricultural Residues (it has not been occurring since 1990 and therefore not reported for the years after 1990);
- 3.G Liming (CO<sub>2</sub>);
- 3.H Urea application (CO<sub>2</sub>);
- 3.I Other carbon containing fertilizers (CO<sub>2</sub>).

Category 3.E Prescribed Burning of Savannas is not relevant to Hungary therefore notation key 'NO' is used relating to all associated emissions in the CRF Tables. In spite of this the NIR contains a chapter on 4.E, following a recommendation from the annual review conducted in 2013.

The main greenhouse gas emissions from Agriculture are CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O. Although CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from carbonate containing materials are also reported in the Agriculture sector, these emissions are less significant compared with non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Other CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with agricultural production as energy consumption of agricultural activities (heat production, agricultural vehicles and machinery) are reported in the Energy sector (1.AA.4C Energy, Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing), while CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from agricultural soils are included in the LULUCF sector.

Following the recommendations of the in-country review conducted in 2016 this submission has been supplemented with new methodological or verification information on the following categories:

- 3.C.1 Irrigated rice cultivation;
- 3.D.a.6 Cultivation of organic soils;
- 3.D.b.1 Atmospheric deposition;
- 3.D.b.2 Nitrogen leaching and run-off;
- 3.G Liming;

In response to the recommendation of the review of the 2016 greenhouse gas inventory of Hungary under the Effort Sharing Decision' (ESD review, 2016) N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.D.2.c Other organic fertilizers applied to soils (compost) have been included in this submission. (Thus, the recommendation of the 2016 in-country review, that Hungary report "NE" in the CRF Table 3.D.a.2.C is unreasonable.)

As a degree of inconsistency in the time-series of animal population was unavoidable in the NIR Tables in the last years, which was a problem raised in three successive UNFCCC reviews, an adjustment was made to the animal population of subcategories of Swine and Non-Dairy Cattle for some years. The aim of this correction was to eliminate the inconsistencies between the HCSO's data on the total animal population and the sum of the animal population subcategories. The adjustment resulted in a negligible change in the reported emissions, not influencing the reported animal population in the CRF Tables, because annual average populations calculated from the total animal populations are reported in the CRF Tables. For more details on the adjustment see Chapter 5.2.

Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through leaching and run-off from 3.B Manure Management and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

have been estimated for the first time to improve completeness of the inventory.

To give an overview of Hungarian agriculture the main characteristics are as follows:

Due to national conditions agriculture played a definitive role in the Hungarian economy in the past and even today. The share of agriculture in the GDP was 3.0 per cent in 2015 (HCSO, 2016). The agricultural land area was 57 per cent of the total (HCSO, 2016). According to the data of the Farm Structure Survey, 2013 (HCSO, 2014), 8798 economic enterprises and 482 thousand private farms had been operated in Hungary. The farm structure of agricultural enterprises and private farms is rather different. The agricultural enterprises mostly managed at least 300 ha, whereas three quarters of the private farms managed one ha or less than one ha.

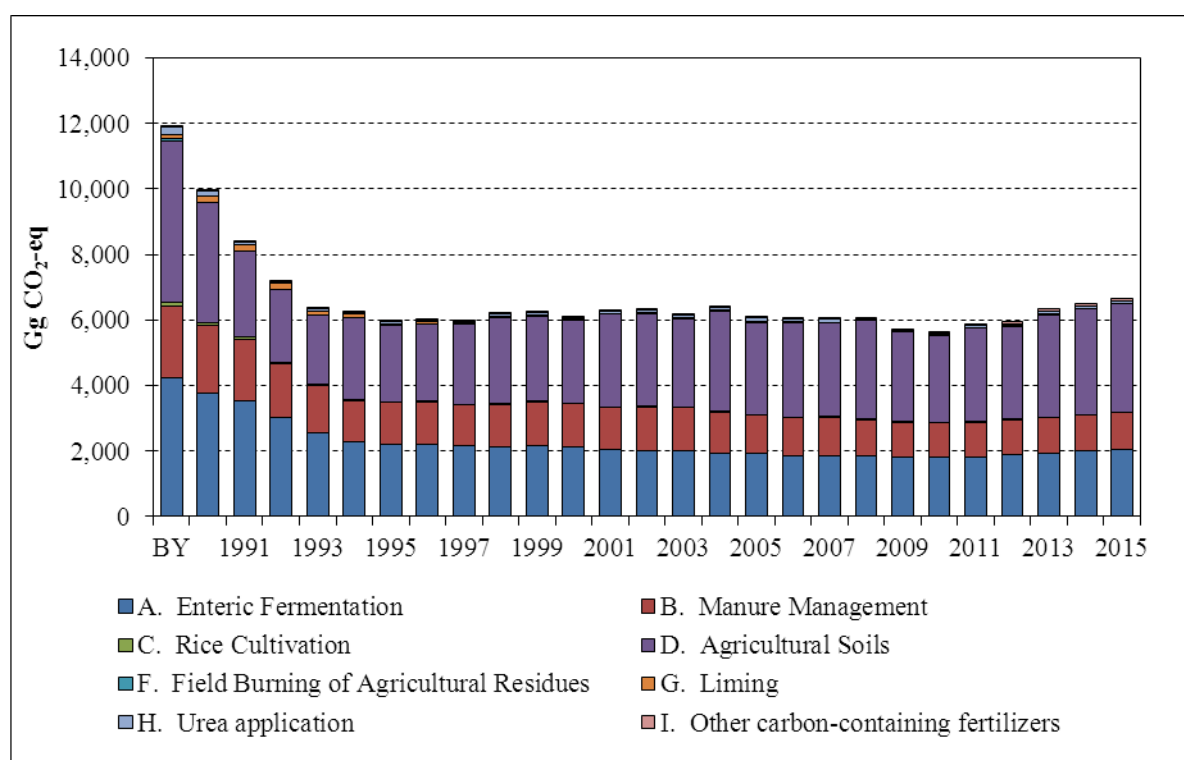
Currently 2179 agricultural enterprises and 373 thousand private farms deal with animal husbandry (HCSO, 2014). Although the number of private farms is more significant, the bulk of the GHG dominant livestock populations are owned by agricultural enterprises. Roughly two thirds of the cattle population and three quarters of the swine population are held by agricultural enterprises. The private farms are only dominant in sheep farming, as 85 per cent of sheep population is owned by them. The agricultural enterprises and private farms play approximately an equivalent role relating to poultry farming.

The main characteristics for current trends are as follows:

In Hungary, agricultural production practically stopped growing in the late 1980's. This was followed by a dramatic drop in the 1990s, as a result of the economic and political transition taking place in the country. The gross value of agricultural production decreased, by 20 to 40 per cent from the level of the 1980s. The drop was smaller for crop production (10-30%) than for animal husbandry. The output of the latter was only two thirds or less of the level of 1990 (Laczka and Soós, 2003). The volume index of gross agricultural production in 1993 reached a minimum of 69.1 per cent of 1990 level. The crop production has fluctuated considerably since 1993. It fell in 2002-2003 and 2007 due to drought. In contrast, the agricultural production was relatively high due to the significantly high crop production in 2004 and 2008. Animal husbandry remained at a low level between 1993 and 2004, and has been decreasing steadily since the year of the European Union accession (2004) (Laczka, 2007). In the years 2012 and 2013 swine population stabilized, while cattle population slightly increased as a result of the state incentives to promote the recovery of livestock sector. In 2015 the gross production of agriculture was similar to that in 2014, because the increasing output volume of animal husbandry partially offset the decrease in the crop production. (HCSO, 2016)

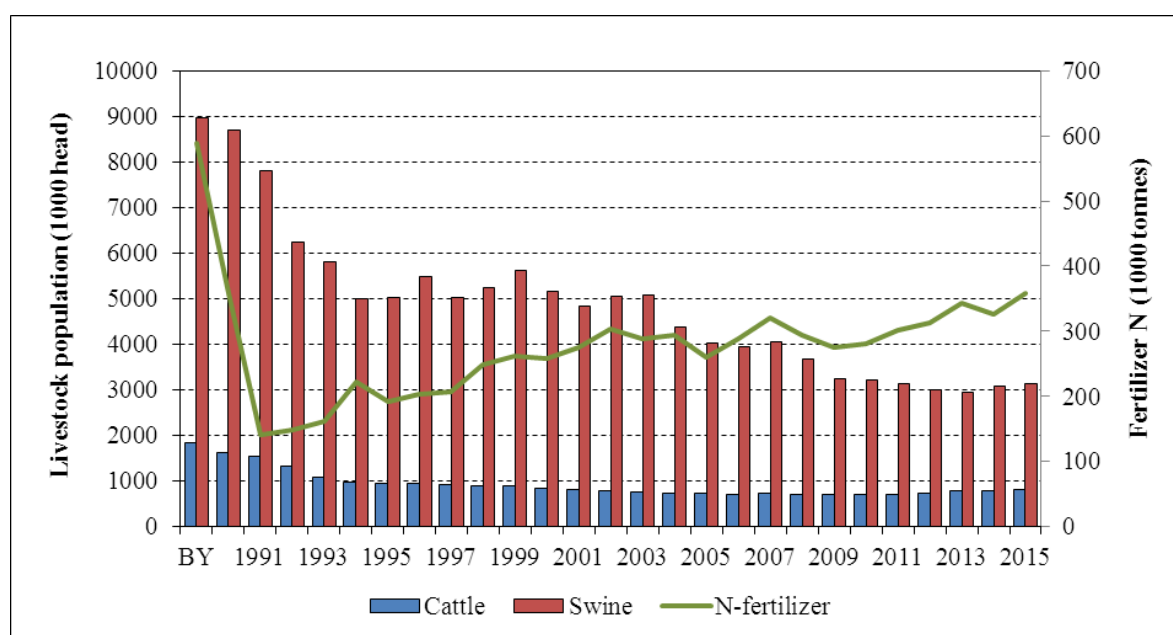
### **5.1.1 Emission trends**

In 2015, the agriculture sector contributed 11% to Hungary's total GHG emissions (excluding LULUCF), which is near the level of the base year (the average of the years 1985-1987, hereafter referred to BY). The trend in emissions (**Figure 5.1.1**) shows a decrease of 44.1% over the period 1985-2015 as a result of a drop in activity data (**Figure 5.1.2**). The bulk of this decline occurred between 1985 and 1995, when agricultural production fell by more than 30 per cent, and livestock numbers underwent a drastic decrease. Between 1996 and 2008, agricultural emissions had stagnated around 6.1 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq with fluctuations of up to 4%. Agricultural emissions decreased both in 2009 and 2010, hitting the lowest point in 2010. There was a slight increase in emissions in 2011 reflecting the higher fertilizer use and crop production. In 2012 emissions remained almost unchanged compared to the previous year. In 2013 and 2014 further rising fertilizer use, relatively higher crop production and the increasing livestock production resulted in growing emission levels again. The increased fertilizer use resulted in a further rise in N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in 2015. The higher cattle, poultry livestock and milk production also contributed to the higher agricultural N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> emissions again. Though the contribution of agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to the national total is rather low, it is worth mentioning here, that the agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased by 15% from 2014 to 2015, as a result of the significant increase in urea fertilizers use.



**Figure 5.1.1 Trends in emissions from Agriculture BY-2015**

Note: emissions from 3.C, 3.G, 3.H and 3.I are small, but not zeros. Emission for 3.F is not zero in the BY, and NO for the other years. BY=average of 1985-1987



**Figure 5.1.2 Main drivers of Agricultural emissions BY-2015**

#### 5.1.1.1 Emission trends by gas

From the BY to 2014, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from agriculture decreased by 51, 37 and 56 per cent, respectively.

The decrease in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions is even more significant than N<sub>2</sub>O, because CH<sub>4</sub> emissions are driven by the type and numbers of livestock. In Hungary's case, the amounts are largely determined by cattle

and swine population. In 2015 cattle and swine accounted for 72 and 15% of combined total of emissions of CH<sub>4</sub> from enteric fermentation and manure management, respectively. After the sudden drop of livestock population at the beginning of the '90s it remained at that low level. Thus, CH<sub>4</sub> emissions had dropped by 46% from the base year level of 5,590 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq to 3,014 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 1994, when reached a plateau. In 2004, which is the year of the European Union accession for Hungary, animal livestock started to decrease moderately again, leading to the lowest level of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions at 2,435 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2010 represent a reduction of 56% on the level of the BY. Since 2012 cattle populations slightly increased resulted in a moderate increase in the emissions to 2,723 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2015.

Emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O show similar trends to those of CH<sub>4</sub>, because the change of the regime resulted in a significant reduction in emissions. Agricultural N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were 5,936 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in the BY and decreased by 54% up to 1993 to reach the lowest level in emissions at 2,742 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent. But unlike the livestock sector, there was a slight recovery in the crop production and nitrogen fertilizer use beginning in the second half of the 90s, resulting in a moderate increase in the emissions in the period between 1993 and 2004. Subsequently, in spite of the slightly increasing trends in nitrogen fertilizer use, N<sub>2</sub>O emissions fluctuated, rather than increased, because the effect of the decreasing animal livestock overbalanced the increasing emissions from synthetic fertilizers. As a result, emissions amounted to 3,769 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2015, representing a reduction of 37% cent on the BY level. N fertilizer use produces the bulk of agricultural N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (25 per cent of the sector N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in 2015).

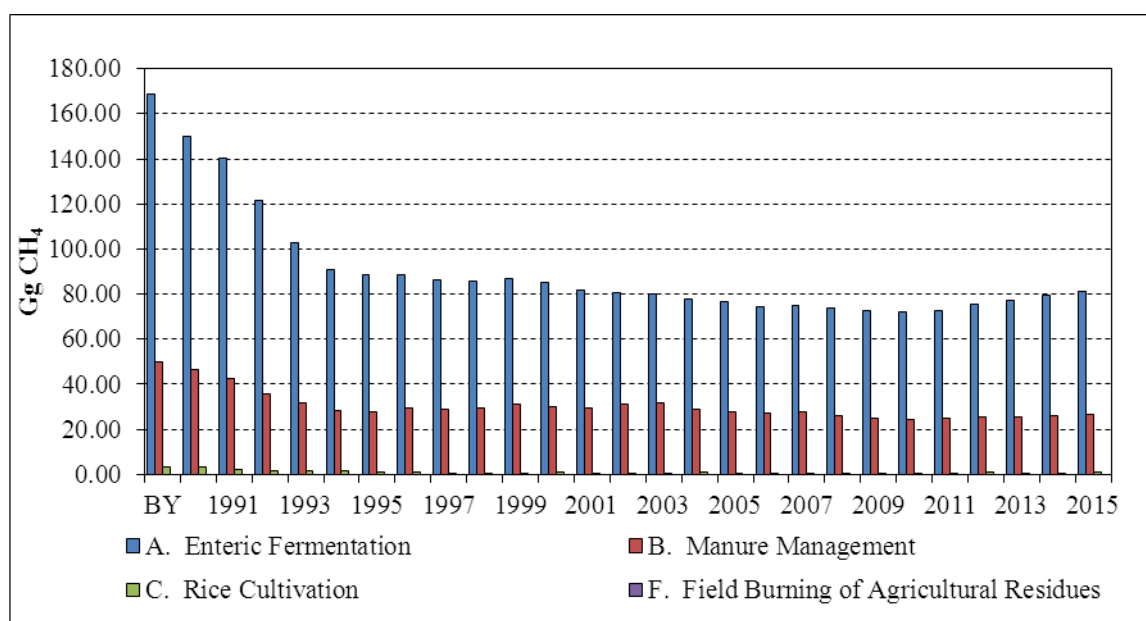
Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is the most significant change among the GHGs in the Agriculture sector. It has dropped by 55% over the inventory period, which is the effect of a sharp fall in urea use and liming. However, Agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are of low importance in the overall emissions, accounting for 0.4 per cent of the national total (excluding LULUCF).

The trends in emissions by gas are presented in *Table 5.1.1*. Trends by gas and sub-categories are shown in *Figure 5.1.3*, *Figure 5.1.4* and *Figure 5.1.5*.

**Table 5.1.1 Emissions of CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> from Agriculture BY-2015**

Year	GHG emissions (Gg)		
	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>
<b>BY</b>	224	20	407
<b>1990</b>	200	15	385
<b>1991</b>	186	12	274
<b>1992</b>	159	10	237
<b>1993</b>	136	9	195
<b>1994</b>	121	10	159
<b>1995</b>	118	10	117
<b>1996</b>	119	10	105
<b>1997</b>	116	10	95
<b>1998</b>	116	11	96
<b>1999</b>	119	11	95
<b>2000</b>	116	10	105
<b>2001</b>	112	11	109
<b>2002</b>	112	11	123
<b>2003</b>	112	11	134
<b>2004</b>	107	12	159
<b>2005</b>	105	11	150
<b>2006</b>	102	11	153
<b>2007</b>	103	11	152

Year	GHG emissions (Gg)		
	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>
2008	101	12	93
2009	98	11	101
2010	97	10	109
2011	99	11	130
2012	102	11	142
2013	103	12	173
2014	106	12	157
2015	109	13	180
Share of Hungarian total in BY	45%	54%	0.5%
Share of Hungarian total in 2015	36%	87%	0.4%
Trend BY-2015	-51%	-37%	-55%



**Figure 5.1.3 CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from Agriculture BY-2015**

*Note: Emission from 3.F is not zero in the BY and zero for the other years*

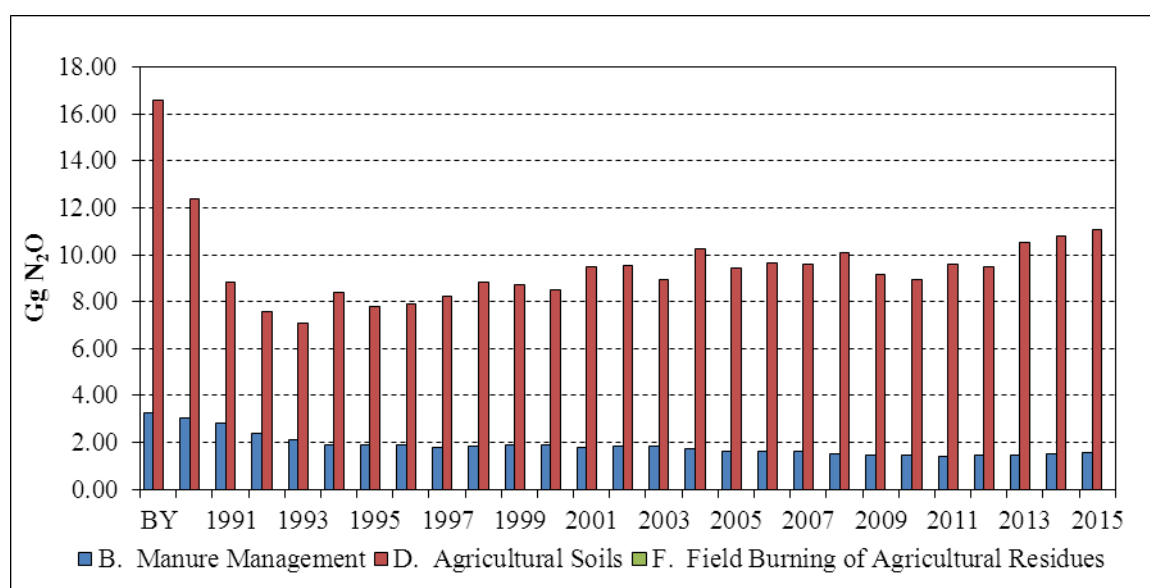


Figure 5.1.4 N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Agriculture BY-2015

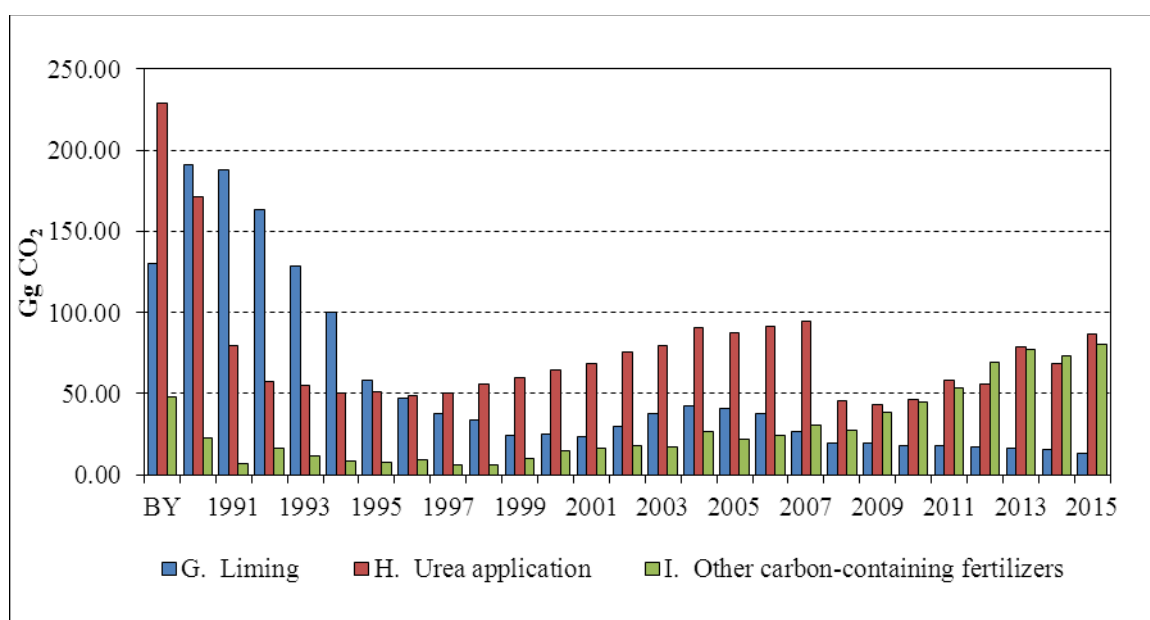


Figure 5.1.5 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Agriculture BY-2015

### 5.1.1.2 Emission trends by sub-category

Agricultural GHG emissions amounted to 11,933 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in the BY and 6,676 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2015, which means a reduction of 44%. Total emissions from the Agriculture sector in 2010 at 5,642 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq was the lowest level in the whole time-series.

**Table 5.1.2** shows the trends in GHG emissions by source categories as well as their contribution to the overall national emissions (excluding LULUCF). The most important category is 3.D Agricultural Soils at 5.4%, followed by 3.A Enteric Fermentation at 3.3% and 3.B Manure Management accounting for 1.9% of national total GHG emissions in 2015. CRF category 3.C Rice Cultivation accounts for less than one-tenth of a per cent of the national total. As it reveals from the **Table 5.1.2** and **Figure 5.1.3-Figure 5.1.5** emissions from all categories are decreasing except 3.I. The reason for the declining trend in the emissions from enteric fermentation and manure management is the decrease in livestock numbers, especially cattle and swine. The total emissions from the Livestock, which is equal to the combined total of emissions from 3.A Enteric fermentation and 3.B Manure management (Indirect emissions included) expressed in CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents was 6,438 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in the BY. This decreased by 45 per cent to reach 3,542 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 1994 and subsequently decreased by 6 per cent



to 3,170 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> -eq in 2015. Livestock accounted for 47% of GHG emissions in agriculture in 2015. The biggest contributor to Livestock emissions is cattle, with 31% share of agricultural total emissions.

Over the period 1985-1993 emissions from 3.D Agricultural soils had dipped sharply from 4,947 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in the base year to 2,113 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq represents a decrease of 57% from the BY level, when the state subsidies on fertilizers were halted and the amount of animal manure decreased due to the decreasing animal livestock. Emissions totaling 3,303 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2015 represent a reduction of 33% from the base year level. The slight increase in emissions from agricultural soils over the period 1993-2015 is a result of compensatory processes, the slight and steady increase in emissions from nitrogen fertilizers were partly overbalanced by the decreasing emissions from organic manure. N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.D in the BY and 2015 accounted for 41% and 49%, respectively of the total agricultural emissions, reflecting the restructuring of the Hungarian agriculture.

The trends of emissions from liming, urea application and carbon-containing fertilizers slightly differ from of the other sectors. Emissions from all of the CO<sub>2</sub> relevant sectors decreased at the beginning of the time-series, but emissions from urea application and carbon-containing fertilizers started to increase at the end of the '90s due to the increasing fertilizer use, while emissions from liming after a slight increase to mid-2000s decreased again continuously. The reason for the second drop in the emissions from urea use was the economic crisis in 2008, when the price of the urea increased thus the urea application fell sharply. Emissions from urea and carbon-containing fertilizers increased again over the period 2009-2015. In 2015 the most appearing change in the trends from agriculture is the significant increase (27%) in the emissions from 3.H Urea application.

*Table 5.1.2 GHG emissions BY-2014 from agriculture by subcategories*

Year	GHG emissions (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)								
	3	3.A	3.B	3.C	3.D	3.F	3.G	3.H	3.I
<b>BY</b>	11,933	4,220	2,218	81	4,947	60	130	229	48
<b>1990</b>	9,976	3,754	2,064	81	3,692	NO	191	171	23
<b>1991</b>	8,390	3,513	1,904	61	2,638	NO	188	80	7
<b>1992</b>	7,183	3,043	1,611	34	2,258	NO	163	57	16
<b>1993</b>	6,341	2,573	1,426	34	2,113	NO	128	55	12
<b>1994</b>	6,238	2,271	1,271	34	2,503	NO	100	50	8
<b>1995</b>	5,943	2,214	1,260	27	2,324	NO	58	51	8
<b>1996</b>	5,993	2,211	1,298	21	2,358	NO	47	49	9
<b>1997</b>	5,971	2,159	1,256	15	2,446	NO	38	51	7
<b>1998</b>	6,174	2,141	1,293	15	2,629	NO	34	56	6
<b>1999</b>	6,218	2,166	1,345	15	2,597	NO	24	60	10
<b>2000</b>	6,101	2,132	1,316	22	2,527	NO	24	65	15
<b>2001</b>	6,284	2,047	1,281	16	2,832	NO	23	69	16
<b>2002</b>	6,317	2,022	1,320	14	2,843	NO	23	76	18
<b>2003</b>	6,144	2,000	1,332	17	2,668	NO	30	80	17
<b>2004</b>	6,410	1,944	1,240	19	3,056	NO	34	91	26
<b>2005</b>	6,072	1,917	1,180	18	2,815	NO	33	87	22
<b>2006</b>	6,056	1,863	1,154	16	2,878	NO	28	91	24
<b>2007</b>	6,052	1,869	1,164	18	2,853	NO	24	95	31
<b>2008</b>	6,073	1,845	1,114	17	3,008	NO	17	46	27
<b>2009</b>	5,723	1,821	1,056	18	2,729	NO	16	43	39
<b>2010</b>	5,642	1,806	1,051	14	2,665	NO	14	46	45
<b>2011</b>	5,881	1,820	1,051	18	2,863	NO	18	58	54
<b>2012</b>	5,945	1,890	1,071	20	2,822	NO	18	56	69

Year	GHG emissions (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)								
	3	3.A	3.B	3.C	3.D	3.F	3.G	3.H	3.I
2013	6,340	1,935	1,075	18	3,139	NO	18	79	77
2014	6,494	1,990	1,110	16	3,218	NO	19	68	73
2015	6,676	2,037	1,133	19	3,303	NO	18	87	80
Share in BY	10.9%	3.9%	2.0%	0.1%	4.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.04%
Share in 2015	10.9%	3.3%	1.9%	0.03%	5.4%		0.03%	0.1%	0.13%
Trend BY-2015	-44%	-52%	-49%	-77%	-33%		-86%	-62%	66%

### 5.1.2 Key Categories

Key category analysis is presented in Chapter 1.6. Table 1.2 contains the key categories of the agriculture sector.

### 5.1.3 Methodological issues

Methodologies of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines have been implemented throughout the agricultural inventory.

IPCC Tier 2 methods were used for the following categories:

- 3.A Enteric Fermentation in Cattle;
- CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 3.B Manure Management associated with all livestock categories, except Rabbits;
- N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.B for Cattle, Swine and Indirect emissions.

For the other categories IPCC Tier 1 methods were applied. Country-specific emission factors were used whenever sufficient information was available, otherwise the IPCC default factors were used. See the individual categories for further details.

### 5.1.4 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

The following chapter gives an overview of uncertainty estimates for CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Agriculture.

As part of our development projects for the 2013 submission, the uncertainty estimation for the Agriculture sector was improved by introducing the Tier 2, Monte-Carlo approach. The simulation was carried out by using a VBA (Visual Basic for Application) Excel macro implemented by the agricultural expert of the HMS's Unit of National Emission Inventories. The VBA macro uses iteratively the calculation sheets for the agricultural emission estimates. The simulation was run with 10,000 steps.

Uncertainty estimates were performed separately, using the Tier 1 approach based on the error propagation, as well as the Tier 2, Monte-Carlo approach. Comparison of the results of the two approaches ensured the quality check of the uncertainty estimations. Recalculation of Tier 2 uncertainties of recalculated emission estimates based on the 2006 IPCC Guidelines is underway.

Error propagation was calculated independently for the lower (2.5 percentile) and for the upper (97.5 percentile) range to treat the asymmetric confidence ranges. Uncertainties were combined in accordance with 2006 IPCC Guidelines Equation 3.1 and 3.2. The results of the Tier 1 approach are shown in *Table 5.1.4*.

The uncertainty of the activity data was calculated on the basis of the available data of the HCSO, the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook and expert judgement; the uncertainty of the emission factors was calculated following the 2006 IPCC Guidelines recommendations. The uncertainty of the livestock population data for 2015 is presented according to the uncertainty assessment of the HCSO, in **Table 5.1.3**. The overall weighted mean of the uncertainties in the livestock population is  $\pm 2.7$  per cent. The uncertainty in the swine population is the lowest at 1.0 per cent, while the uncertainty in the mules and asses populations is the highest at approximately 17.3 per cent. The overall uncertainties of the activity data, emission factors and emissions by subcategories are summarized in **Table 5.1.4** and **Table 5.1.5**. For more details of the uncertainty assessment see the subsectoral chapters.

In the Hungarian agricultural GHG inventory, the uncertainties of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from agricultural soils are the highest. These high values derive from the uncertainties of the emission factors. The uncertainty and the distribution of these emission factors (EF<sub>1</sub>, EF<sub>4</sub> and EF<sub>5</sub>) strongly influence the uncertainty and the distribution of the agricultural emissions as well as the overall uncertainty of the Hungarian GHG inventory. For these emission factors default confidence limit ranges and lognormal distributions have been applied according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

**Table 5.1.3 Uncertainty of animal population data for 2015 (HCSO)**

Livestock categories	2014 Dec	2015 Jun	2015 Dec	Annual mean	Uncertainty of the annual mean u(AD <sub>i</sub> )	Weighted annual mean
	95% Confidence Interval (+/- 1,000 head)				%	1,000 head
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	8.20	7.60	8.00	4.76	1.89	252
<b>Non-Dairy Cattle</b>	19.10	19.90	18.60	11.98	2.22	538
<b>Buffalo</b>	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.25	6.64	4
<b>Sheep</b>	92.70	95.80	97.50	58.53	4.79	1223
<b>Goats</b>	5.70	7.60	6.40	4.36	5.69	77
<b>Horses</b>	3.70	4.00	4.00	2.42	3.84	63
<b>Mules and Asses</b>	0.61	0.60	0.60	0.37	17.33	2
<b>Swine</b>	37.00	35.70	93.00	30.74	1.00	3065
<b>Poultry</b>	1,086.65	1,991.89	2,016.20	1148.81	2.69	42683
<b>Rabbit</b>	95.30	96.40	94.30	58.71	3.57	1643
<b>Overall (weighted mean)</b>					<b>2.7</b>	

**Table 5.1.4 Uncertainties of activity data, emission factors and emissions for key and particularly significant categories by Tier 1 approach**

3 Agriculture	GHG	Uncertainty of activity data	Uncertainty of Emission Factor %	Combined uncertainty of emissions
<b>3.A Enteric Fermentation</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	$\pm 0$	$\pm 12$	$\pm 12$
<b>3.A.1 Enteric Fermentation/ Cattle</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	$\pm 0$	$\pm 14$	$\pm 14$
<b>3.A.2 Enteric Fermentation/ Sheep</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	$\pm 5$	$\pm 40$	$\pm 40$

3 Agriculture	GHG	Uncertainty of activity data	Uncertainty of Emission Factor	Combined uncertainty of emissions
			%	
<b>3.B Manure Management</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	±0	±15	±15
<b>3.B.1 Manure Management/ Cattle</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	±0	±15	±15
<b>3.B.3 Manure Management/Swine</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	±1	±30	±30
<b>3.B Manure Management</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	±0	-37/+143	-37/+143
<b>3.B.13 Manure Management/ Other</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	±26	-50/+100	-56/+103
<b>3.B Manure Management/ Indirect</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	±0	-84/+393	-84/+393
<b>3D Agricultural Soil Emissions</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	±0	-66/+188	-66/+188
<b>3.D.a.1 Direct Soil Emissions/ Synthetic Fertilizer</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	±5	-70/+200	-70/+200
<b>3.D.a.4 Direct Soil Emissions/ Crop residues</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	±25	-70/+200	-74/+202
<b>3.D.3 Indirect Emissions</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	±0	-72/+264	-72/+264

*Note: In accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines particularly significant categories are those which contribute together more than 60% to the key category.*

**Table 5.1.5 Uncertainties and distributions of emission factors and emissions for key categories by Tier 2 approach (based on the 2013 submission)**

4 Agriculture	GHG	Emission factor		Combined uncertainty of emissions
		Uncertainty	Distribution	
<b>3.A.1 Enteric Fermentation/ Cattle</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	±20	Normal	<b>±14</b>
<b>3.B.1 Manure Management/ Cattle</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	±30	Normal	<b>±21</b>
<b>3.B.3 Manure Management/Swine</b>	CH <sub>4</sub>	±30	Normal	<b>±29</b>
<b>3.B Manure Management/ Solid</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	-50/+100	Lognormal	<b>-55/+92</b>
<b>3.B Manure Management/ Other</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	-50/+100	Lognormal	<b>-51/+86</b>
<b>3.D.a Direct Soil Emissions</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	-80 / +380	Lognormal	<b>-84/+279</b>

4 Agriculture	GHG	Emission factor		Combined uncertainty of emissions
		Uncertainty	Distribution	
<b>3.D.a.3 Pasture, Range and Paddock Manure</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	-50/+100	Lognormal	<b>-56/+95</b>
<b>3.D.b Indirect Emissions</b>	N <sub>2</sub> O	-80 / +100 <b>-92 / +380</b>	Lognormal	<b>-86/+345</b>

### 5.1.5 Quality Assurance and Quality Control

The agricultural greenhouse gas inventory is compiled by the HMS. The used activity data is mainly derived from the official database of the HCSO, in cases where HCSO's data are not available the EUROSTAT's, NFCSO's or the Research Institute for Agricultural Economics' data are applied.

Data and documentation are archived by the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the Hungarian Meteorological Service. The annual sector specific QA/QC procedures are as follows:

- Check of activity data for transcription and rounding errors, comparison with original data sources;
- Re-check of activity data, comparison with the latest submission of the activity data (following the revision of the data by data supplier);
- Check of reasons for data gaps;
- Verification of activity data with other data sources if it is possible;
- Consistency check of time-series of the activity data and the estimated emissions (reasons for jumps);
- Consistency check, following the methodological changes of the data collection;
- Check of the time-series consistency of the applied livestock characterization;
- Cross-check of data sources of the activity data if it is possible (e.g. total annual milk yield per cow, and total dairy cow population);
- Cross-check of the applied activity data between the different sub-categories;
- Check of emission factors, comparison with the IPCC default ones and comparison with the values applied by other countries (especially EU member states) according to the EU's NIR and S&A report of the UNFCCC;
- Check of the methodologies used for the development of county-specific emission factors, comparison with the IPCC methodologies or other methodologies if it is available;
- Check of the correct use of the units in the calculation sheets;
- Check for transcription errors between the calculation sheets and the CRF tables;
- Consistency check of sub-categories with totals;
- Check of recalculation differences.
- Listing of QA/QC findings and the actions taken in the spreadsheets;
- Recording of sources of activity data and equations in the spreadsheets;

Details of other source-specific quality checks can be found in the respective sub-chapters.

Since 2011 the Unit of National Emissions Inventories of the HMS has also been participated in the preparation of the Air Pollution Emission Inventory under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE/LRTRAP). (As a party to the UNECE/LRTRAP Convention Hungary is required to report annually data on emissions of air-pollutants covered in the Convention.) This provides an additional opportunity to cross-check the activity data and emissions with the GHG-inventory to ensure the consistency between the two inventories.

Hungary as a member state of the EU has additional reporting obligations arising from different Community policies. In some cases, the same data and coefficients are required for the background calculation of these reports. As an additional QA procedure, these data and methodologies are compared in the course of regular expert meetings.

Checks and reviews performed by the EU are also considered as a quality assurance activities, for example the completeness check after 15th January submission.

In addition, in-depth reviews required by the 406/2009/EC EU Effort Sharing Decision are performed in every two years by external experts contracted by the EU, which covers the full inventory. First review was performed in 2012. In 2015 an EU trial review of the 2015 greenhouse gas inventory of Hungary under the Effort Sharing Decision was executed. The informal list of recommendations of the trial review were also taken into account in the Development Plans, and the recommendations implemented as far as possible. In 2016 and 2017 February the 'STEP 1, EU review of the annual greenhouse gas inventory of Hungary under the Effort Sharing Decision' were conducted. Findings and recommendations of EU reviews are taken into account to improve the inventory.

All of the recommendations in the 2016 in-country review were implemented in the 2017 submission. External co-expert opinion was prepared on the entire inventory, so also on the Agriculture chapter in 2007 (Systemexpert 2007).

### 5.1.6 Recalculations

The overall impact of recalculations in 3. Agriculture resulted in -0.6% on average and -37.3 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq in the 1990-2014 trend from the Agriculture. This change mostly related to the recalculated N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, which decreased by 1.5% on average (51.6 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) over the period 1990-2014. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions changed the least. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions were recalculated for the years 1996 and the period 2000-2014. Over the period 2011-2014 CH<sub>4</sub> emissions increased by 0.2% on average and 5.2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq, while for the other years effect of recalculations range from a reduction of 0.03% to an increase of 0.04%. Over the period 1990-2014, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Agriculture increased by 13.8% on average and 13.5 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq.

The overall impact of recalculations in 3. Agriculture on the total emissions (excluding LULUCF) shows decrease by 0.11% (and 118.2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq) in the BY and by 0.07% (and 39.2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq) in 2014. Overall changes in emissions from 3.B are shown in **Table 5.1.6**.

**Table 5.1.6 Overall changes in the emissions from 3. Agriculture due to recalculations for the BY and the period 1990-2014**

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
<b>BY</b>	12,051	11,933	-118.2	-1.0%
<b>1990</b>	10,108	9,976	-132.2	-1.3%
<b>1991</b>	8,356	8,390	33.5	0.4%
<b>1992</b>	7,148	7,183	34.9	0.5%
<b>1993</b>	6,279	6,341	62.3	1.0%
<b>1994</b>	6,232	6,238	6.3	0.1%
<b>1995</b>	5,968	5,943	-25.1	-0.4%
<b>1996</b>	6,039	5,993	-45.7	-0.8%
<b>1997</b>	6,021	5,971	-50.2	-0.8%
<b>1998</b>	6,198	6,174	-23.2	-0.4%
<b>1999</b>	6,245	6,218	-27.3	-0.4%
<b>2000</b>	6,165	6,101	-63.6	-1.0%

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
2001	6,356	6,285	-71.3	-1.1%
2002	6,385	6,324	-61.5	-1.0%
2003	6,216	6,151	-64.8	-1.0%
2004	6,465	6,418	-47.1	-0.7%
2005	6,128	6,079	-48.2	-0.8%
2006	6,118	6,065	-53.0	-0.9%
2007	6,098	6,055	-42.7	-0.7%
2008	6,116	6,076	-39.6	-0.6%
2009	5,764	5,726	-38.5	-0.7%
2010	5,685	5,646	-38.7	-0.7%
2011	5,925	5,882	-43.2	-0.7%
2012	5,961	5,945	-16.2	-0.3%
2013	6,386	6,339	-46.7	-0.7%
2014	6,533	6,490	-42.8	-0.7%

The main driver behind this decrease in emissions is primarily the revision of indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through atmospheric deposition in 3.D; due to the recalculations of NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in the reporting to the UNECE under the CLRTAP. The introduction of the most up-to-date 2016 EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook resulted in significant changes in the emissions from inorganic fertilizers.

Reasons for recalculations by source categories are as follows:

#### Livestock sector (3.A and 3.B)

As a degree of inconsistency in the time-series of animal population was unavoidable in the NIR Tables in the last years, which was a problem rose in three successive reviews, an adjustment was made to the animal population of subcategories of Swine and Non-Dairy Cattle for some years. The aim of this correction was to eliminate the inconsistencies between the HCSO's data on the total animal population and the sum of the animal population subcategories. The adjustment resulted in a negligible change in the reported emissions and had no influence on the reported animal population in the CRF Tables. For more details on the adjustment see Chapter 5.2.

Livestock numbers for the period 2011-2014 were revised for all livestock categories except buffalo as a result of data revision made by the data provider office (HCSO). The slight changes in the livestock populations resulted in recalculated emissions from the Livestock sector (3.A and 3.B) and additional changes in the emissions from 3.D, due to the change in the animal manure applied to soils and change in the required amount of bedding materials, which is taken into account in the CRF category 3.D.a.4.

The recalculated dairy cattle population effected slight changes in the milk production per head, which led to revisions of the gross energy intake and nitrogen excretion and additional changes in the emissions from 3.A, 3.B and 3.D emissions for the years 2011 to 2014.

Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Atmospheric deposition in 3.B were recalculated due to the revision of the reported NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in the reporting to the UNECE under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP). The new 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook (which has been introduced in the CLRTAP reporting since this year) enables us to separate NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from animal manure between 3.B and 3.D sectors for those livestock categories for which emissions are reported by Tier 1 methodologies. This change resulted in changes in the allocation of nitrogen between 3.B and 3.D. However, emissions from livestock categories having small importance are calculated using Tier 1 in the air pollutant emission inventory, therefore this change cause a slight

decrease in the reported emissions (-4.3 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq on average over the period 1990-2014).

Additionally, the formerly not estimated N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from nitrogen leaching and run-off have been reported for the first time in this submission under 3.B to improve transparency, and completeness of the inventory. These emissions resulted in an increase in the indirect emissions from 3.B, and a slight decrease in the managed manure N available for application to managed soils. Inclusion of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from nitrogen leaching resulted in 20.1 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq increase in the emissions from 3.B on average for the period 1990-2014.

As a response to the latest UNFCCC in-country review, conducted in 2016, typing error concerning to the MCF for solid manure of Non-dairy Cattle the in the CRF Table 3B(a)s2 was corrected for the full time-series in accordance with the IPCC methodology, and our calculation. This change does not cause change in the reported emissions.

### **3.D Agricultural soils**

Revision of emissions from Livestock sector resulted in changes in the N input from manure applied to soils, which has led to recalculation of emissions from 3.D.a as well as 3.D.b emissions.

#### **3.D.a Direct emissions**

Emissions from 3.D.a.2.c Other organic amendments, compost have been reported for the first time in this submission, which resulted in a negligible, 3.4 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq increase in the emissions for the period 1996-2014.

As a result of our QC procedure, emissions from 3.D.a.5 mineralization were revised and the formerly applied C:N ratio, 15 was corrected to 10, which is in accordance with the Guidelines (IPCC, 2006) for cropland remaining cropland. This correction resulted in negligible change in the reported emissions.

Emissions from 3.D.a.4 Crop residues were recalculated due to the changes in the livestock numbers for the period 2011-2014, which has influence on the subtracted amount of crop residues used for bedding.

Activity data for 3.D.a.2.b sewage sludge applied to soils were recalculated due to the revision in activity data for the period 1988-2014.

#### **3.D.b Indirect emissions**

Changes in the emissions from 3.D.b.1 reflect the revision of fraction of synthetic fertilizer N that volatilizes as NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> (Frac<sub>GASF</sub>) due to the revision of the reported NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in the reporting to the UNECE under the CLRTAP.

Recalculation of 3.D.b.2 emissions is on one hand the consequence of the revised estimates concerning N-inputs from different sources as: annual amount of animal manure (F<sub>ON</sub>), urine and dung deposited by grazing animals (F<sub>PRP</sub>), N in crop residues (F<sub>CR</sub>), and N mineralized in soils. Revisions of irrigated areas also led to slight increase in the emissions from 3.D.b.2 for the year 2008 and 2014. The formerly used data on irrigated areas for these years were replaced by data of the Hungarian General Directorate of Water Management (OVF). Emissions increased by 2.0% (1.53 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2008 and 5.2% (4.49 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2014.

The overall impact of recalculations in 3.D resulted in a 2.3% decrease on average and 63 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq in the emissions over the period 1990-2014.

### **3.G Liming**

In former submissions, the large inter-annual fluctuations of activity data for 3.G, were often identified in the UNFCCC as well as the EU review processes therefore CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.G were revised for the period 1986-2014 due to the revision of activity data to improve the transparency and



consistency of the reported emissions. For the period 1990-2014, recalculation in 3.G resulted in a 13.4 Gg increase on average in the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the 3. Agriculture.

**Table 5.1.7 Changes in the CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 3. Agriculture due to recalculations for the BY and the period 1990-2014**

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
<b>BY</b>	5,590	5,590	0.0	0.0%
<b>1990</b>	4,995	4,995	0.0	0.0%
<b>1991</b>	4,638	4,638	0.0	0.0%
<b>1992</b>	3,971	3,971	0.0	0.0%
<b>1993</b>	3,404	3,404	0.0	0.0%
<b>1994</b>	3,014	3,014	0.0	0.0%
<b>1995</b>	2,941	2,941	0.0	0.0%
<b>1996</b>	2,972	2,972	0.2	0.0%
<b>1997</b>	2,892	2,892	0.0	0.0%
<b>1998</b>	2,899	2,899	0.0	0.0%
<b>1999</b>	2,964	2,964	0.0	0.0%
<b>2000</b>	2,910	2,911	1.5	0.1%
<b>2001</b>	2,804	2,806	1.2	0.0%
<b>2002</b>	2,811	2,812	1.0	0.0%
<b>2003</b>	2,805	2,805	-0.5	0.0%
<b>2004</b>	2,686	2,686	0.2	0.0%
<b>2005</b>	2,625	2,624	-1.0	0.0%
<b>2006</b>	2,555	2,554	-0.8	0.0%
<b>2007</b>	2,573	2,573	0.5	0.0%
<b>2008</b>	2,519	2,518	-0.8	0.0%
<b>2009</b>	2,458	2,458	-0.4	0.0%
<b>2010</b>	2,436	2,435	-0.4	0.0%
<b>2011</b>	2,456	2,463	7.5	0.3%
<b>2012</b>	2,527	2,545	18.3	0.7%
<b>2013</b>	2,584	2,585	1.0	0.0%
<b>2014</b>	2,663	2,657	-6.0	-0.2%

**Table 5.1.8 Changes in the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3. Agriculture due to recalculations for the BY and the period 1990-2014**

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
<b>BY</b>	6,040	5,936	-104.6	-1.7%
<b>1990</b>	4,677	4,596	-81.4	-1.7%
<b>1991</b>	3,529	3,478	-51.6	-1.5%
<b>1992</b>	3,020	2,976	-44.4	-1.5%
<b>1993</b>	2,784	2,742	-41.4	-1.5%
<b>1994</b>	3,111	3,065	-46.3	-1.5%
<b>1995</b>	2,934	2,884	-49.6	-1.7%
<b>1996</b>	2,964	2,916	-47.6	-1.6%
<b>1997</b>	3,033	2,984	-49.3	-1.6%

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
1998	3,232	3,179	-53.1	-1.6%
1999	3,211	3,160	-51.7	-1.6%
2000	3,138	3,085	-52.9	-1.7%
2001	3,425	3,370	-54.6	-1.6%
2002	3,446	3,389	-56.9	-1.7%
2003	3,268	3,212	-56.0	-1.7%
2004	3,634	3,572	-62.0	-1.7%
2005	3,362	3,306	-56.8	-1.7%
2006	3,415	3,358	-57.3	-1.7%
2007	3,386	3,330	-56.0	-1.7%
2008	3,514	3,465	-49.1	-1.4%
2009	3,212	3,167	-45.3	-1.4%
2010	3,146	3,101	-44.7	-1.4%
2011	3,334	3,289	-45.5	-1.4%
2012	3,296	3,258	-38.2	-1.2%
2013	3,633	3,581	-51.8	-1.4%
2014	3,723	3,676	-47.1	-1.3%

### 5.1.7 Planned improvements

Participation in the EU review mechanisms, which is part of the QA/QC processes for compiling EU inventory, provides an opportunity for examination of individual IPCC sectors and particular issues relating to methodologies, country-specific emission factors and coefficients. Issues of planned improvements will be assigned largely in accordance with the outcome of the EU review processes. Additionally, as new data relevant to develop emission estimation for key categories in Agriculture becomes available through national research and development programs the required improvements will be implemented.

## 5.2 Enteric fermentation (CRF sector 3.A)

Enteric fermentation in animals is considered as significant source of CH<sub>4</sub>. The most important process of generation is anaerobic cellulose degradation in the rumen of ruminants. Some CH<sub>4</sub> is generated in the colon of horses and rabbits, and in the caecum of poultry. In Hungary, the leading CH<sub>4</sub> emitters are cattle and sheep, with the most important category being dairy cattle. In addition to the number of animals, the level of production and feeding practices are the factors which primarily influencing the amount of CH<sub>4</sub> from enteric fermentation.

In 2015 75% of the total CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from agriculture derived from this source category.

### 5.2.1 Source Category Description

*Emitted gas: CH<sub>4</sub>*

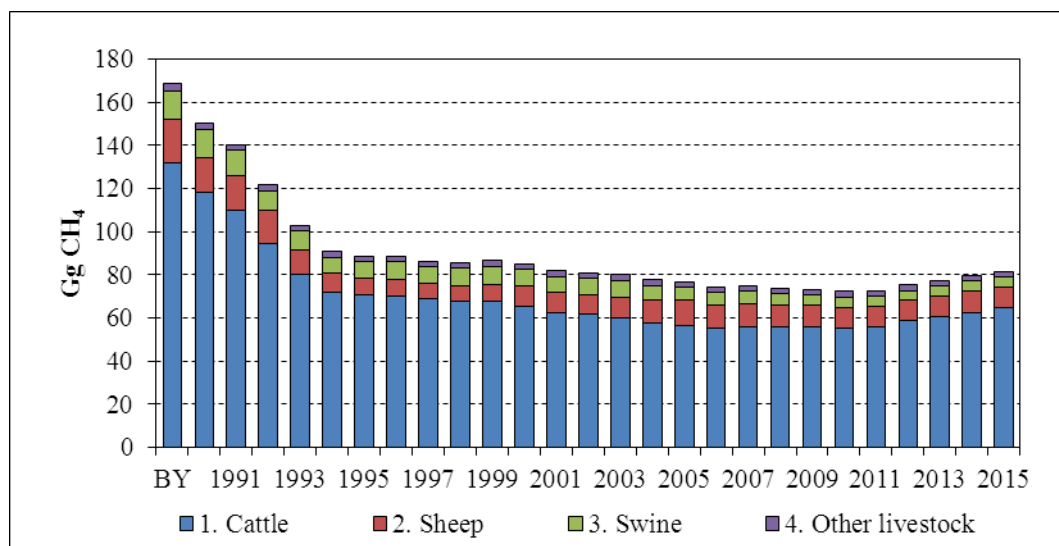
*Methods: T1, T2*

*Emission factors: D, CS*

*Key source: Yes*

*Particularly significant sub-categories: Cattle*

**Figure 5.2.1** presents the estimates of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions for 3.A Enteric Fermentation by livestock categories. Emissions amounted to 169 Gg in the base year and have reduced by 52 per cent to 81 Gg in 2015 due to the decrease in cattle livestock. The bulk of this decrease occurred between 1985 and 1994, during which Hungary experienced a period of unprecedented drop in the agricultural production resulting in a dramatic decrease in animal populations. Despite the continuous decrease in the livestock populations, emissions stagnated in the years between 1995 and 2000, because the improving productivity of milk production overbalanced the effect of declining cattle population (**Figure 5.2.2**). In the period 2000 to 2010 emissions slightly decreased again reaching their lowest level in 2010. This decrease reflects the further decline in Cattle livestock. Since 2011, emissions started to increase, following the slightly rising cattle population. Emissions from 3.A mostly depend on the cattle population and the milk production. Enteric fermentation in dairy and non-dairy cattle produced 79% of emissions from 3.A in 2015.



**Figure 5.2.1** Trend in emissions from 3.A Enteric Fermentation by livestock categories BY-2015

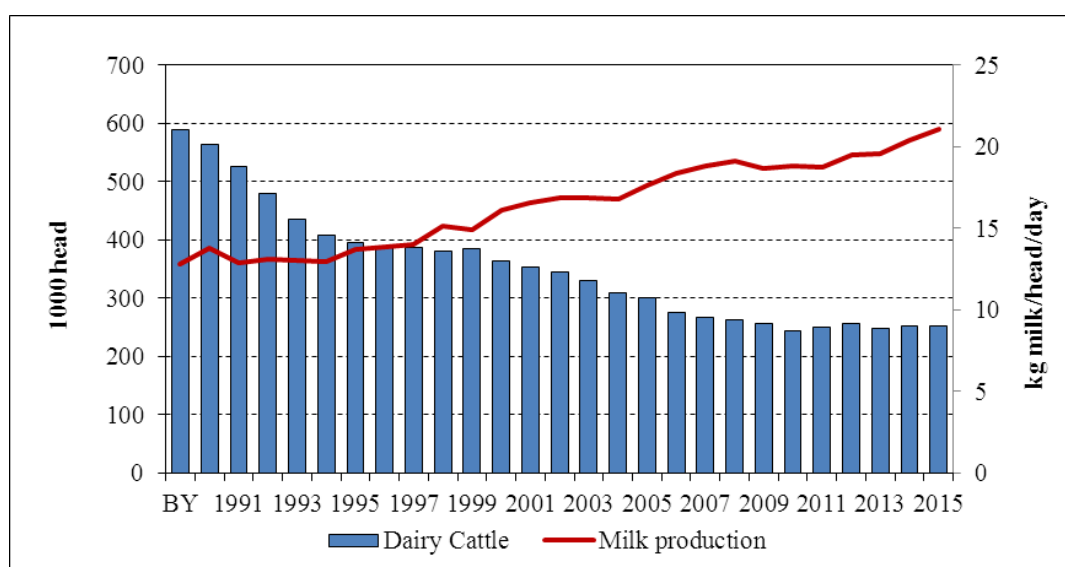


Figure 5.2.2 Dairy Cattle population and daily milk production per cow BY-2015

## 5.2.2 Methodological issues

Emissions from enteric fermentation were calculated using the Tier 1 method of 2006 IPCC Guidelines, except for the Dairy Cattle and the Non-Dairy Cattle categories, where country-specific emission factors were used in accordance with the Tier 2 method of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

### 5.2.2.1 Activity Data - Livestock Population

The HCSO provides national livestock survey data to the emission estimate.

Following a recommendation of the centralized review conducted in 2014 the HCSO has provide livestock data rounded to the nearest hundred instead of nearest thousand. The HCSO has been producing two censuses of animal numbers per year since 2009. One survey is conducted in June and the other in December. The annual average population for a year  $t$  was calculated by using the chronological mean of surveys data, as follows:

$$\text{NoA}_t = (0.5 * \text{NoA}_{\text{Dec}, t-1}) + \text{NoA}_{\text{June}, t} + 0.5 * \text{NoA}_{\text{Dec}, t} / 2 \quad (\text{Equation 5.1.})$$

Where:

$\text{NoA}_t$  = chronological mean of the annual population of a livestock category in a year  $t$  [1'000 head]

$\text{NoA}_{\text{Dec}, t-1}$  = population of a livestock category in December of the year  $t-1$  [1'000 head]

$\text{NoA}_{\text{June}, t}$  = population of a livestock category in June of the year  $t$  [1'000 head]

$\text{NoA}_{\text{Dec}, t}$  = population of a livestock category in December of the year  $t$  [1'000 head]

The method delineated above was suggested by the HCSO's expert (Tóth, 2004) to smooth out the seasonal changes in the livestock population.

Until the end of 2008 the HCSO collected data on animal livestock population three times a year, namely April, August and December. For the calculation of the annual average population for the years before 2009 the chronological mean was used similarly, based on the three surveys data.

The annual average livestock populations calculated as the *chronological means of the total animal populations* are reported in the CRF tables. Trends in livestock populations are provided in **Table 5.2.1**.

In the case of Non-Dairy Cattle and Poultry enhanced characterization for livestock populations were used according to the requirements of the IPCC methodology. The annual average populations for these livestock were determined by sub-categories. Detailed livestock data by sub-categories for Cattle and Poultry are shown in *Table 5.2.2* and *Table 5.2.3*.

*Table 5.2.1 Livestock populations and trends BY-2015*

Source: HCSO

Year	Dairy cattle	Non-dairy cattle	Sheep	Swine	Buffalo	Goats	Horses	Mules and Asses	Poultry	Other (Rabbit)
<b>BY</b>	589.5	1233.6	2498.3	8963.0	0.1	19.3	98.7	5.0	81738.8	2536.5
<b>1990</b>	563.6	1053.0	1958.3	8708.5	0.1	35.1	79.8	4.5	70325.6	2587.2
<b>1991</b>	526.6	1017.8	2008.7	7809.1	0.1	39.3	84.0	4.3	58827.4	2629.5
<b>1992</b>	479.5	833.9	1867.3	6237.4	0.1	50.0	78.8	4.3	52168.4	2389.5
<b>1993</b>	436.3	648.5	1457.7	5805.4	0.1	60.6	74.6	4.3	43429.1	2149.5
<b>1994</b>	408.5	554.4	1089.0	5006.9	0.1	71.3	85.1	4.3	44477.4	1909.4
<b>1995</b>	394.5	548.8	997.7	5023.0	0.2	76.1	74.6	4.3	44874.5	1669.4
<b>1996</b>	389.4	545.9	930.0	5493.5	0.3	80.9	73.5	4.3	38537.7	1148.9
<b>1997</b>	387.8	520.8	900.9	5012.7	0.4	85.7	75.6	4.3	40416.6	1071.3
<b>1998</b>	381.3	493.8	954.5	5246.7	0.5	90.5	76.7	4.3	42707.6	1051.8
<b>1999</b>	385.0	488.5	980.7	5609.0	0.6	95.3	77.7	4.3	40260.3	1040.4
<b>2000</b>	362.8	479.2	1192.2	5146.2	0.7	96.6	77.8	3.6	48562.1	942.5
<b>2001</b>	353.0	443.3	1162.8	4823.3	0.8	107.2	67.5	3.5	51074.0	1087.2
<b>2002</b>	344.5	433.7	1138.2	5050.0	0.9	96.7	63.2	3.4	51333.7	1179.7
<b>2003</b>	330.0	433.2	1226.5	5077.5	1.0	94.5	62.5	3.3	52486.2	1088.8
<b>2004</b>	309.3	424.3	1380.2	4385.0	1.1	84.5	64.5	3.2	50492.0	1181.7
<b>2005</b>	299.8	419.7	1446.7	4021.7	1.2	77.8	67.0	3.0	46404.7	1002.7
<b>2006</b>	275.2	428.2	1358.2	3943.7	1.3	81.2	64.8	2.3	44653.3	1084.3
<b>2007</b>	267.5	442.3	1300.7	4039.0	1.4	71.5	59.0	2.1	43159.7	1055.0
<b>2008</b>	263.8	436.2	1269.7	3664.7	1.4	72.8	58.3	2.0	45032.7	903.5
<b>2009</b>	257.5	444.3	1260.8	3248.0	1.5	65.0	59.8	1.9	44789.3	871.3
<b>2010</b>	244.5	454.0	1203.0	3208.0	2.5	79.3	65.5	3.1	46587.0	916.3
<b>2011</b>	250.6	440.2	1159.1	3131.3	3.7	83.8	73.0	3.5	46283.8	949.1
<b>2012</b>	256.0	474.8	1179.3	2981.5	3.4	86.0	76.2	3.5	43063.7	1367.1
<b>2013</b>	248.5	518.7	1204.9	2943.9	3.7	85.2	66.1	2.7	41674.3	1560.1
<b>2014</b>	252.0	538.5	1222.6	3064.9	3.7	76.7	63.0	2.1	42683.1	1643.2
<b>2015</b>	252.1	562.8	1193.9	3127.0	3.7	79.5	61.3	2.5	44459.1	1610.4
<b>Trend BY-2015</b>	<b>-57%</b>	<b>-54%</b>	<b>-52%</b>	<b>-65%</b>	<b>3575%</b>	<b>311%</b>	<b>-38%</b>	<b>-51%</b>	<b>-46%</b>	<b>-37%</b>

*Table 5.2.2 Livestock population and trends for non-dairy cattle (1'000 head)*

Source: HCSO

Year	<1 year		1-2 year		>2 year			
	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non-Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	Beef Cow
<b>BY</b>	256.9	264.3	226.0	277.7	72.0	20.4	19.6	96.8
<b>1990</b>	212.6	241.2	169.6	256.9	65.6	17.1	15.7	74.4
<b>1991</b>	204.7	237.8	162.2	251.9	61.8	16.4	14.9	67.9
<b>1992</b>	164.1	206.5	110.7	219.5	55.1	13.1	11.0	54.0
<b>1993</b>	128.7	162.9	86.2	170.9	44.7	9.7	7.0	38.5
<b>1994</b>	109.1	143.9	68.3	151.2	41.2	8.0	5.0	27.8
<b>1995</b>	107.4	143.4	65.9	149.1	42.7	7.9	4.9	27.5
<b>1996</b>	105.5	139.3	70.1	144.3	43.8	7.8	4.8	30.3
<b>1997</b>	99.5	133.0	63.5	138.8	47.3	7.4	4.3	27.0
<b>1998</b>	98.7	131.8	41.5	137.5	49.5	6.9	3.7	24.3
<b>1999</b>	97.4	130.1	47.8	135.7	44.3	6.8	3.6	23.0
<b>2000</b>	96.0	132.6	36.2	136.7	41.9	5.8	2.7	27.4
<b>2001</b>	88.0	125.9	29.4	131.4	37.1	4.8	2.7	24.0
<b>2002</b>	85.0	124.7	27.0	130.0	37.2	4.7	2.2	22.9
<b>2003</b>	87.8	121.4	26.6	124.4	36.0	4.5	2.3	30.1
<b>2004</b>	81.5	113.7	25.3	122.4	34.2	6.0	2.7	38.5
<b>2005</b>	84.7	109.2	22.6	119.1	32.8	5.8	2.0	43.4
<b>2006</b>	84.6	106.5	30.3	116.9	30.6	5.5	2.5	51.3
<b>2007</b>	86.6	106.2	37.0	116.4	33.0	6.2	2.2	54.7
<b>2008</b>	78.9	109.5	32.1	114.7	32.0	6.0	2.3	60.6
<b>2009</b>	81.5	108.2	31.7	120.2	32.5	6.5	2.0	61.7
<b>2010</b>	75.7	108.2	35.0	120.7	35.5	7.2	3.2	68.5
<b>2011</b>	74.5	105.6	26.4	115.7	35.6	7.0	2.6	72.8
<b>2012</b>	86.9	113.5	31.8	117.5	35.6	7.0	4.2	78.3
<b>2013</b>	89.1	119.6	41.5	130.1	35.3	8.2	4.3	90.5
<b>2014</b>	90.2	122.9	44.2	131.2	37.0	8.4	2.7	101.9
<b>2015</b>	90.3	129.9	43.2	135.7	38.3	9.2	3.7	112.5
<b>Trend BY-2015</b>	<b>-65%</b>	<b>-51%</b>	<b>-81%</b>	<b>-51%</b>	<b>-47%</b>	<b>-55%</b>	<b>-81%</b>	<b>16%</b>

*Table 5.2.3 Livestock population and trends for Poultry*

Source: HCSO

Year	Poultry Population (1,000 head)						
	Laying hens	Chickens, Hens, Cocks	Geese	Ducks	Turkeys	Guinea-Fowls	Total Poultry
<b>BY</b>	24,484.7	50,939.4	1,814.1	2,717.6	1,420.2	362.8	81,738.8
<b>1990</b>	22,735.0	40,178.1	2,926.5	2,463.6	1,772.6	249.8	70,325.6
<b>1991</b>	23,460.1	29,487.6	2,167.5	2,216.7	1,252.7	242.6	58,827.4
<b>1992</b>	20,187.3	27,392.8	1,459.2	1,969.9	916.7	242.6	52,168.4

Year	Poultry Population (1,000 head)						
	Laying hens	Chickens, Hens, Cocks	Geese	Ducks	Turkeys	Guinea-Fowls	Total Poultry
1993	19,314.4	19,289.5	1,494.1	2,008.4	1,080.1	242.6	43,429.1
1994	17,092.6	21,666.5	1,854.9	2,339.1	1,288.8	235.5	44,477.4
1995	15,732.5	23,349.4	1,833.9	2,144.6	1,599.1	215.0	44,874.5
1996	16,368.0	16,430.5	1,616.4	1,955.3	1,979.1	188.3	38,537.7
1997	15,491.1	18,816.0	1,634.8	2,139.8	2,156.9	178.0	40,416.6
1998	15,824.0	20,158.3	1,623.8	2,725.7	2,156.9	219.0	42,707.6
1999	15,255.0	17,749.4	1,689.9	3,222.1	2,084.3	259.6	40,260.3
2000	13,744.3	24,223.7	3,080.3	3,249.5	4,029.8	234.4	48,562.1
2001	15,396.5	25,290.0	2,915.5	3,790.2	3,449.3	232.5	51,074.0
2002	16,051.5	23,327.7	3,474.3	4,490.0	3,789.8	200.3	51,333.7
2003	16,384.8	23,645.2	3,986.3	4,770.7	3,495.8	203.3	52,486.2
2004	15,398.8	23,187.2	3,177.3	3,898.0	4,637.3	193.3	50,492.0
2005	14,232.3	22,058.3	2,183.2	3,704.0	4,036.5	190.3	46,404.7
2006	14,424.7	20,268.5	2,387.3	3,117.3	4,270.3	185.2	44,653.3
2007	13,063.8	20,359.0	2,374.5	2,780.5	4,430.8	151.0	43,159.7
2008	13,376.3	21,865.8	2,487.8	3,070.0	4,071.2	161.5	45,032.7
2009	12,732.3	22,364.5	2,384.8	3,736.3	3,422.3	149.3	44,789.3
2010	12,544.5	23,163.5	2,211.3	5,155.0	3,365.0	147.8	46,587.0
2011	11,453.4	23,878.3	2,455.5	5,208.1	3,152.8	135.9	46,283.8
2012	11,088.8	22,003.7	2,311.0	4,489.2	3,023.6	147.4	43,063.7
2013	11,839.9	19,959.2	2,774.7	4,533.1	2,432.8	134.6	41,674.3
2014	11,291.9	21,505.5	2,280.7	4,781.3	2,692.7	131.1	42,683.1
2015	11,722.5	22,963.7	2,027.5	4,687.6	2,928.3	129.6	44,459.1
<b>Trend BY-2015</b>	<b>-52%</b>	<b>-55%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>106%</b>	<b>-64%</b>	<b>-46%</b>

### 5.2.2.2 Emission Factors

#### Cattle

CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from enteric fermentation in Dairy Cattle and Non-Dairy Cattle categories were calculated using the Tier 2 method (2006 IPCC Guidelines, Equation 10.21):

$$EF = (GE * (Y_m/100) * 365) / 55.65 \quad (\text{Equation 5.2})$$

Where:

EF	CH <sub>4</sub> emission factor [kg CH <sub>4</sub> head <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ]
GE	gross energy intake [MJ head <sup>-1</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> ]
Y <sub>m</sub>	methane conversion rate [MJ MJ <sup>-1</sup> ]
365	days of year [day yr <sup>-1</sup> ]
55.65	energy content of methane [MJ kg <sup>-1</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> ]

#### Gross Energy Intake in Dairy Cattle

Tier 2 emission estimate requires feed intakes expressed in terms of gross energy (MJ/head/day), which is the amount of energy an animal needs for maintenance, activity, lactation and pregnancy. In the calculation of net energy requirements Holstein-Friesian and Hungarian Simmental cattle were distinguished, which are the most widespread dairy cattle breeds in Hungary.

To calculate the daily net energy requirements of cows the Hungarian Nutrition Codex (2004) was generally applied, which contains standards of animal feeding for Hungary. In Hungary, the American energy requirement system was adapted in 1986 with some minor changes, thus the Hungarian and the IPCC equations for the calculation of net energy requirements are basically very similar. The main difference between the Hungarian and the IPCC methodology is that, the Hungarian system does not differentiate the net energy for maintenance and activity, thus both energy requirements are taken into account in the net energy for maintenance. To ensure the closest conformity with the IPCC methodology and to avoid underestimate of emissions it was decided to take also into account the net energy for activity based on the IPCC methodology, using the Eq. 10.5 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Calculation of net energy for lactation according to the Hungarian standards also differs from the IPCC methodology. For this reason, it was determined based on both equations. Use of Hungarian standards indicated higher values than the IPCC methodology. Thus, the net energy for lactation was calculated using the Hungarian standards for the inventory purposes, because it was assumed that it is more reliable for the Hungarian species.

The net energy requirement for pregnancy was also determined based on the standards of the Hungarian Nutrition Codex (2004) as well as the IPCC methodology, and it revealed that there is no difference between the outcomes of the two methodologies. As a consequence, Eq. 10.5 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied for the sake of simplicity.

The Equation 10.16 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied to transform net energy requirements into gross energy intake. The value of digestible energy (DE%) was calculated as weighted average of digestibilities of components in the diet to the use of the above mentioned equation. Composition of the diet were taken from the dataset of the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN). This dataset provides annual data on the composition of the diet per 1000 kg milk basis, from which the feed intake can be calculated using the annual milk yields. This statistical data were combined with expert judgement on the composition of the diet and the seasonal changes in the feeding practices. Digestibility values for the different fodder crops in the diet were taken from the 'feed database' provided in the Hungarian Nutrition Codex (2004). This database contains results of laboratory measurements for feeds used for animal nutrition in Hungary.

Parameters and equations used to estimate the gross energy intake for dairy cattle and their sources are listed in **Table 5.2.4**.

Calculation of net energy requirements requires further statistical data and parameters, which are summarized in **Table 5.2.4**. Net energy for maintenance depends on the average body mass of dairy cattle, which was determined for each year of the time-series based on the change of livestock composition and characteristics of species. In the 70-ies the Hungarian cattle herd consisted mainly of double used cows (Hungarian Simmental) and partly dairy cattle having smaller body mass (Jersey, Ayrshire). Since 1970 this cattle herd has been changed, continuously, crossing the above mentioned species with Holstein Friesian cattle. In 1985 the Hungarian cattle herd consisted mainly of Holstein-Friesian and Holstein-Friesian Cross-bred, but the Hungarian Simmental also had an importance. Proportions of Jersey and Ayrshire can be considered as negligible. Since 1985 proportion of Hungarian Simmental species has been dropped and as a result the annual milk yield increased from 4518 kg to 6429 kg in the period 1985-2005, together with this change the average body weight in the herd also increased. The annual average body mass was calculated from the typical body mass of the two main species and their proportions in the certain year based on HCSO statistics. The typical body mass of Holstein-Friesian and Hungarian Simmental is assumed to be 650 and 550 kg in the calculation. The resulted body weights by years are shown in **Table 5.2.5**.



*Table 5.2.4 Parameters and equations used to estimate the GE for Dairy Cattle*

Activity data, parameters and coefficients	Unit	Source	Values/ Notes
<b>Weight</b>	kg	Kovács, 2013	Calculated annually, based on the ratio and the body mass of typical Hungarian species.
<b>C<sub>pregnancy</sub></b>		Table 10.7 of 2006 IPCC GLs	0.1
<b>Digestible energy intake (DE)</b>	%	Kovács, 2013	Calculated annually, based on feeding statistics from FADN and laboratory measurements (Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004).
<b>C<sub>a</sub></b>		Table 10.5 of 2006 IPCC GLs	0 for stall, 0.17 for pasture
<b>Proportion for grazing</b>		HCSO, agricultural surveys, NFCSO's Nitrate database	See also Chapter 6.3.
$NE_m = 2.96 + FM * 4.25 + W * 0.06$ where, <b>FM = farming method (1 = stalled; 2 = farming on good pasture; 3 = farming on average pasture)</b> <b>W = live-weight of Cow, kg</b>			
	MJ/day	Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004	Country-specific methodology according to the Hungarian net energy requirements standards. Calculated separately for Holstein-Friesian and Hungarian Simmental
<b>NE<sub>a</sub></b>	MJ/day	Eq. 10.5 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
$NE_l = NE_{l,milk} * \text{kg of milk per day}$ $NE_{l,milk} = 1.45 + 38.45 * \text{Milk fat} + 3.02 * \text{Milk protein}$ where, <b>Milk fat = Fat content of milk, %</b> <b>Milk protein = Protein content of milk, %</b>			
	MJ/day	Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004	Country-specific methodology according to the Hungarian net energy requirements standards.
<b>NE<sub>p</sub></b>	MJ/day	Eq. 10.13 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
<b>REM</b>		Eq.10.14 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
<b>GE</b>	MJ/day	Eq. 10.16 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
<b>Y<sub>m</sub></b>		Kovács, 2013	calculated

Net energy for lactation depends on the amount of daily milk production and fat content of milk. The daily average milk yield was calculated based on the HCSO's annual milk yield statistics. In 2015 the daily average milk production was 21.10 kg of milk per cattle (*Table 5.2.5*). Data on fat content of milk was taken from the Eurostat statistics for the period 1998-2011, while for the period 1985-1997 the average of the values calculated for the period 1998-2011 were assumed due to lack of statistical data. Since 2012 this data has been provided by the HCSO.

*Table 5.2.5 Body mass, digestible energy, milk yield, gross energy intake, N-excretion and the resulted emission factors for Dairy Cattle*

Year	Body Mass, Average	Digestible Energy	Milk Yield	Gross Energy Intake	N-excretion	Emission Factor for 3.A
	kg/head	%	kg/head/day	MJ/head/day	kg N / head/year	kg CH <sub>4</sub> / head/year
1985	626	68.29	12.28	251	74	112
BY	628	68.53	12.80	254	76	113
1986	628	68.55	12.91	255	77	113
1987	629	68.75	13.21	255	79	113
1988	631	68.79	13.50	257	79	114
1989	632	69.10	13.62	255	82	112
1990	633	69.26	13.78	255	83	111
1991	636	69.25	12.91	246	81	107
1992	639	69.38	13.10	246	82	107
1993	641	69.41	13.03	244	82	106
1994	641	69.42	12.92	243	82	106
1995	641	69.90	13.67	247	88	107
1996	640	69.93	13.87	249	89	107
1997	640	69.97	14.01	250	90	108
1998	641	70.26	15.10	257	94	110
1999	639	70.18	14.94	257	94	110
2000	641	70.51	16.13	264	97	112
2001	641	70.58	16.58	267	99	114
2002	641	70.62	16.86	270	100	115
2003	642	70.64	16.86	271	100	115
2004	642	70.60	16.80	270	101	115
2005	642	70.74	17.61	273	104	116
2006	642	70.83	18.37	280	106	119
2007	643	70.79	18.83	285	107	121
2008	643	70.57	19.10	288	104	123
2009	642	70.39	18.67	287	104	123
2010	642	70.27	18.84	288	103	124
2011	640	69.45	18.73	292	98	128
2012	639	69.61	19.46	299	101	130
2013	641	69.76	19.55	299	102	130
2014	641	70.05	20.39	302	106	131
2015	642	70.28	21.10	308	109	133

#### *Methane Conversion Rate for Dairy Cattle*

Following a potential recommendation from the annual review conducted in 2013 country-specific factor were developed for the value of  $Y_m$  for Dairy Cattle based on the data on composition of diet used for the estimation of GE. Laboratory measurements on  $Y_m$ , similarly to most of the other party, is

unavailable in Hungary, therefore country-specific values were calculated based on conclusions of the related publication of Soliva (2006). In line with this publication  $Y_m=7.25$  was assumed for Dairy Cows fed hay and grass silage only (0% concentrate) and  $Y_m=6.2$  for Dairy Cows fed 50% concentrate. The annual country-specific value of  $Y_m$  has been based on interpolation between the data points, in line with the annual value of the proportion of concentrate. The resulted values are shown in *Table 5.2.6*.

*Table 5.2.6 Methane Conversion Rates for Dairy Cattle BY-2015*

Year	Concentrate Ratio	$Y_m$
	%	%
1985	0.21	6.81
BY	0.22	6.78
1986	0.23	6.78
1987	0.24	6.75
1988	0.24	6.75
1989	0.26	6.70
1990	0.28	6.67
1991	0.28	6.66
1992	0.29	6.65
1993	0.29	6.64
1994	0.29	6.64
1995	0.32	6.58
1996	0.32	6.57
1997	0.32	6.57
1998	0.34	6.53
1999	0.34	6.54
2000	0.36	6.50
2001	0.36	6.49
2002	0.36	6.49
2003	0.36	6.49
2004	0.36	6.49
2005	0.37	6.48
2006	0.36	6.48
2007	0.36	6.50
2008	0.34	6.53
2009	0.33	6.56
2010	0.33	6.57
2011	0.29	6.65
2012	0.30	6.63
2013	0.30	6.61
2014	0.32	6.58
2015	0.33	6.55

*Note: Concentrate ratio means the proportion of concentrate in the dry matter intake*

### Gross Energy Intake for Non-Dairy Cattle

Gross energy intakes for non-dairy cattle were derived from the study of Kovács, 2013, where the typical Hungarian diets for each sub-category of non-dairy cattle was determined. Besides, the seasonal changes in the diets were also taken into account for each sub-category. In the calculation the available data, the Hungarian technological standards and expert judgments were combined to get the most reliable results. Similarly, to the dairy cattle values of net energy requirements and net energy for lactation for other cattle were calculated according to the Hungarian standards. **Table 5.2.7** summarizes the parameters and equations used to estimate the gross energy intake for non-dairy cattle.

**Table 5.2.7 Parameters and equations to estimate gross energy intakes for non-dairy cattle**

Activity data, parameters and coefficients	Unit	Sources	Values/ Notes
<b>Weight</b>	kg	Kovács, 2013	Calculated based on the livestock composition.
<b>Weight Loss</b>			NO
<b>WG (daily weight gain)</b>	kg	Kovács, 2013	1 for male<1 year, 0.73 for female<1 year, 0.65 for heifers, 0.9 for bovines 1-2 years, 0 for mature
<b>C, Coefficient for Eq. 10.6 of GI (IPCC, 2006)</b>		2006 IPCC GLs	0.8 for females, 1.2 for bulls, 0 for mature
<b>C<sub>pregnancy</sub></b>		Table 10.7 of 2006 IPCC GLs	0.1
<b>Digestible energy intake (DE%)</b>	%	Kovács, 2013	Calculated based on fed diets and laboratory measurements
<b>C<sub>a</sub></b>		Table 10.5 of 2006 IPCC GLs	0 for stall, 0.17 for pasture
<b>proportion for grazing</b>		HCSO, agricultural surveys, NFCSO's Nitrate database	
<b>NE<sub>m</sub></b>	MJ/day	Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004	Country-specific methodology according to the Hungarian standards of net energy requirements
<b>NE<sub>a</sub></b>	MJ/day	Eq. 10.4 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
<b>NE<sub>l</sub></b>	MJ/day	Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004	Country-specific methodology according to the Hungarian standards of net energy requirements
<b>NE<sub>g</sub></b>	MJ/day	Eq. 10.6 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
<b>NE<sub>p</sub></b>	MJ/day	Eq. 10.13 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
<b>REM</b>		Eq. 10.14 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
<b>REG</b>		Eq. 10.15 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated
<b>GE</b>	MJ/day	Eq. 10.16 of 2006 IPCC GLs	calculated

Net energy for maintenance depends on the live-weight, which was determined based on the study of Kovács, 2013. The typical body mass for each sub-category as well as the resulted gross energy intake and the emission factors for the BY and the year 2015 are shown in **Table 5.2.8** and **Table 5.2.9**.

**Table 5.2.8 Gross energy intakes and emission factors by Non-dairy cattle subcategories for the base year (BY)**

		<1 year		1-2 year		>2 year			
		Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non- Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	Beef Cow
Live weight	kg	195	170	415	370	515	575	530	600
Digestible Energy	%	69	71	62	62	69	66	67	69
N-excretion	kg N / head * year	42	41	40	31	61	56	53	70
Gross Energy Intake	MJ/ head * day	94	92	156	160	200	192	185	157
Concentrat e ratio	%	31%	33%	10%	12%	18%	17%	17%	16%
Y <sub>m</sub>	%	5.51	5.47	7.03	7.00	6.87	6.90	6.89	6.90
Emission Factor for 3.A	kg CH <sub>4</sub> / head * year	24	23	72	73	90	87	84	71

**Table 5.2.9 Gross energy intakes and emission factors by Non-dairy cattle subcategories for the year 2015**

		<1 year		1-2 year		>2 year			
		Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non- Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	Beef Cow
2015									
Live weight	kg	195	170	415	370	515	575	530	600
Digestible Energy	%	69	70	61	62	68	65	65	67
N-excretion	kg N / head * year	44	42	46	41	66	60	57	75
Gross Energy Intake	MJ / head * day	94	94	161	163	192	199	191	162
Concentrate ratio	%	30%	33%	10%	12%	18%	17%	17%	17%
Y <sub>m</sub>	%	5.53	5.48	7.03	7.01	6.87	6.90	6.89	6.90
Emission Factor for 3.A	kg CH <sub>4</sub> / head * year	24	24	74	75	87	90	86	73

### Methane conversion rate for Non-Dairy Cattle

Methane conversion rate for non-dairy cattle was calculated similarly to the dairy cattle. The country-specific values were obtained by linear interpolation in dependency of the proportion of concentrate in the dry matter intakes. In case of 'Bovines < 1 year' for the period of consuming only milk methane conversion rate zero was assumed in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The time period of consuming only milk for juveniles was assumed to be 60 days, which is in line with the Hungarian standards.

### Other livestock categories

Detailed information required to develop the Tier 2 emission factor is not available for other important livestock category in Hungary, such as sheep. Therefore, the Tier 1 methodology for enteric fermentation for all livestock categories other than cattle is applied. The emission factors used are the IPCC default ones provided for developed countries in the Table 10.10 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. In the case of Rabbit and Poultry the IPCC methodologies do not provide emission factors. Emissions from enteric fermentation in rabbits are relatively small, accounting for 0.2 percent of the total emissions from enteric fermentations in all livestock, so development of a country-specific emission factor does not seem to be reasonable. The emission factor provided by the Italian NIR, 2008 is used, because Italy is the nearest neighbor of Hungary, who reports emissions from rabbits. It is assumed that the Hungarian housing and feeding practices do not differ from the Italian ones. Emission factor for poultry was taken from the literature; due to lack of IPCC default values. Sources of emission factors per livestock species are summarized in *Table 5.2.10*.

**Table 5.2.10 Emission factors used for the calculation of the methane emissions from enteric fermentation**

Animal category	CH <sub>4</sub> -emission factor [kg head <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ]	Comments
Buffalo	55	IPCC default value for developed countries
Sheep	8	IPCC default value for developed countries
Goats	5	IPCC default value for developed countries
Horses	18	IPCC default value for developed countries
Asses & Mules	10	IPCC default value for developed countries
Swine	1.5	IPCC default value for developed countries
Poultry	0.015	expert judgement, according to Minonzio et al. (1998)
Rabbits	0.08	expert judgement, according to the NIR of Italy, 2008

### 5.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty of activity data (animal population) was estimated based on the confidence intervals for each animal category and livestock survey provided by the HCSO. The uncertainty of the mean annual averages was estimated according to the error propagation rules. (See *Table 5.1.3*) For the uncertainty of the country specific EFs  $\pm 20\%$  were assumed, while for the default EFs  $\pm 40\%$  were applied in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The combined uncertainty in emissions from the 3.A sector is  $\pm 12$  per cent.

### 5.2.4 Source specific QA/QC information

#### Consistency of Animal Populations

Since the centralized review conducted in 2014 the HCSO has provide animal populations rounded to the nearest hundred instead of nearest thousand (according to the recommendation of the ARR, 2014 para 47). Until 2014 the HCSO provided animal populations rounded to the nearest thousand; data for each livestock subcategory as well as the total livestock population were rounded by the HCSO.

It was not feasible to provide new animal populations rounded to the nearest hundreds for the full time series. The HCSO provided revised animal numbers backward to 2011.

In the case of animal categories for which enhanced livestock characterization is used rounding can cause slight differences between the rounded totals and the sum of the rounded values of subcategories. In former submissions inconsistencies arising from this difference were often identified in the UNFCCC review processes as a consistency problem. (E.g. this was the reason for the inconsistencies in the Table of the NIR, 2014 submission leading to the ARR, 2014 para 46 and A.1 of ARR, 2016.)

As the IPCC methodology requires annual average animal populations, this fact can cause further seeming discrepancies in the case of enhanced livestock characterization, because of the error propagation.

In order to avoid further inconsistencies in NIR tables arising from rounding and the use of annual average animal populations the following actions were taken:

- The HCSO has provided animal numbers rounded to the nearest hundred since the inventory year 2011. However, using rounded values to the nearest hundred instead of nearest thousand the error propagation cannot be completely avoided; only reduced.
- An adjustment of animal numbers of Non-dairy Cattle and Swine subcategories was applied to the chronological means of totals to eliminate the differences between the chronological means of totals and the sum of the chronological means by subcategories for those years when a slight difference occurred. It is worth noting, that the above mentioned discrepancy also exists in the case of the inventory year 2011, because the chronological means contain the livestock population in December of the previous year (i.e. 2010).

In the next figures we present an example of processing and adjustment of HCSO's livestock populations to get the required activity data to the emission estimate. The method used to derive Dairy Cattle and Non-dairy Cattle average annual populations for the year 2011 are outlined in the following steps below:

- STEP1 HCSO provides annual population survey data by subcategories (**Figure 5.2.2**).
- STEP2 Chronological means are calculated for each subcategory, as well as the total (**Figure 5.2.3**). See also Section 5.2.2.1.
- STEP3 Adjustment to the HCSO's total Cattle livestock is applied (**Figure 5.2.4**).

<i>STEP 1 Data provided by the HCSO (1'000 head)</i>			
	<b>12/1/2010</b>	<b>6/1/2011</b>	<b>12/1/2011</b>
<b>Bovines less than one year old</b>			
Calves for slaughter, male	40.0	46.7	47.8
Calves for slaughter, female	12.0	10.9	12.0
Other calves, male	26.0	30.6	29.5
Other calves, female	92.0	93.0	98.5
<b>Bovines aged between one and two</b>			
Male	30.0	25.6	24.5
Female for slaughter (heifers)	18.0	7.2	4.9
Other heifers	105.0	106.1	108.1
<b>Bovines of two years and over</b>			
Male	8.0	6.7	6.4
Female for slaughter (heifers)	3.0	2.6	2.2
Other heifers	37.0	35.2	34.8
Cows, dairy	193.0	206.0	196.9
Cows, beef	70.0	71.9	77.2
Cows, dual purpose	47.0	49.3	54.7
<b>Cattle, total</b>	<b>682.0</b>	<b>691.7</b>	<b>697.4</b>
<i>Cattle, SUM OF SUBCATEGORIES</i>	<i>681.0</i>	<i>691.8</i>	<i>697.5</i>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Dairy Cattle	240.0	255.3	251.6
Other Cattle	442.0	436.4	445.8
<b>Cattle, total</b>	<b>682.0</b>	<b>691.7</b>	<b>697.4</b>
<i>Cattle, SUM OF SUBCATEGORIES</i>	<i>681.0</i>	<i>691.8</i>	<i>697.5</i>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.10</b>

*Figure 5.2.3 Cattle populations survey data provided by the HCSO for the inventory year 2011*



	2011			
<b>Bovines less than one year old</b>				
Calves for slaughter, male	45.3			
Calves for slaughter, female	11.5			
Other calves, male	29.2			
Other calves, female	94.1			
<b>Bovines aged between one and two</b>				
Male	26.4			
Female for slaughter (heifers)	9.3			
Other heifers	106.3			
<b>Bovines of two years and over</b>				
Male	7.0			
Female for slaughter (heifers)	2.6			
Other heifers	35.6			
Cows, dairy	200.48			
Cows, beef	72.8			
Cows, dual purpose	50.08			
<b>Cattle, total</b>	<b>690.7</b>			
SUM OF CHRONOLOGICAL MEANS	690.5			
Difference for Cattle	-0.17			
Dairy Cattle	250.6	reported in the CRF Table		
Other Cattle	440.2	reported in the CRF Table		
<b>Cattle, total</b>	<b>690.7</b>	<b>consistent with the HCSO's total</b>		
Other Cattle SUM OF CHRONOLOGICAL MEANS	440.0			
Difference for Non-dairy Cattle	-0.18			

**Figure 5.2.4 Chronological means for Cattle, 2011**

STEP 3 Adjustment and conversion to activity data	2011		
	Original	Adjusted	Difference
<1 year			
Calves, male	74.5	74.5	0.03
Calves, male	105.6	105.6	0.04
1-2 year			
Bovines (male)	26.4	26.4	0.01
Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	115.7	115.7	0.05
>2 year			
Mature Non-Dairy (male)	7.0	7.0	0.00
Mature Non-Dairy (female)	2.6	2.6	0.00
First calf heifers	35.6	35.6	0.01
Beef Cow	72.8	72.8	0.03
<b>Non-dairy Cattle</b>	<b>440.2</b>	<b>440.2</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Non-dairy Cattle, SUM OF SUBCATEGORIES	440.0	440.2	0.17
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Cattle, total</b>	<b>690.7</b>	<b>690.7</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Figure 5.2.5 Adjustment of average annual populations for Non-dairy Cattle, 2011**

The country specific value of the gross energy intake for Dairy Cattles was verified using values reported by the EU member states. Verification revealed the Hungarian value of 302 MJ head-1 d-1 for the year 2014 was consistent with the reported values by other EU member states. The average gross energy intake for the EU-28 member states was 301 MJ head-1 d-1 according to the EU's NIR 2015 submission. There are no significant difference between the milk production in Hungary and in the EU-28. The milk production for the year 2013 was about 17.6 kg for the EU-28. The feed

digestibility was 72% in the EU-15, while 70% in Hungary for the year 2012. (The detailed background data for Cattle was not published in the EU's NIR, 2015 submission, therefore data for the year 2012 taken from the previous submission was compared.)

### 5.2.5 Source-specific recalculations

Recalculation in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 3.A Enteric Fermentation was a result of revisions in activity data. A revision of livestock populations for the years between 2011 and 2014 was conducted by the HCSO. All of the livestock categories were revised, except buffalo. In the period 2011-2014 this revision caused a slight change in emissions. **Table 5.2.11** shows the changes in livestock populations for the period 2011-2014.

**Table 5.2.11 Changes in livestock populations between the two submissions due to revision at HCSO, 2011-2014 (1'000 head)**

Dairy Cattle	2011	2012	2013	2014
Submission 2016	250.0	255.1	248.6	252.7
Submission 2017	250.6	256.0	248.5	252.0
Difference %	0.2%	0.3%	-0.1%	-0.2%
Non-Dairy Cattle	2011	2012	2013	2014
Submission 2016	440.0	473.1	517.0	538.0
Submission 2017	440.2	474.8	518.7	538.5
Difference%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%
Sheep	2011	2012	2013	2014
Submission 2016	1140.5	1141.0	1209.6	1236.8
Submission 2017	1159.1	1179.3	1204.9	1222.6
Difference%	1.6%	3.4%	-0.4%	-1.2%
Swine	2011	2012	2013	2014
Submission 2016	3119.5	2951.7	2937.9	3067.2
Submission 2017	3131.3	2981.5	2943.9	3064.9
Difference%	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%	-0.1%
Rabbit	2011	2012		
Submission 2016	949.8	1367.2		
Submission 2017	949.1	1367.1		
Difference%	-0.1%	0.0%		
Goats	2011	2012	2013	2014
Submission 2016	84.3	86.1	88.3	80.0
Submission 2017	83.8	86.0	85.2	76.7
Difference%	-0.6%	-0.1%	-3.5%	-4.1%
Horses	2011	2012	2013	2014
Submission 2016	73.3	76.1	67.1	63.9
Submission 2017	73.0	76.2	66.1	63.0
Difference%	-0.3%	0.1%	-1.5%	-1.5%
Poultry	2011	2012	2013	2014
Submission 2016	46069.3	42908.4	41638.2	42734.6
Submission 2017	46283.8	43063.7	41674.3	42683.1
Difference%	0.5%	0.4%	0.1%	-0.1%

Revision of Dairy Cattle populations resulted in additional changes in the milk yield which has influence on the gross energy intake and the emission factors.

In addition to this, livestock populations for Non-dairy Cattle subcategories were revised for 1996 and the period 2000-2013 as a response to a recommendation of the in-country review conducted in 2016. (See also Section 5.2.4.) The effect of this recalculation is negligible.

The negligible changes in the implied emission factors of Non-Dairy Cattle also reflect the revision of livestock populations by subcategories, which had influence on the implied value of the gross energy intake and whereby the EFs.

It is important to note that the livestock population data in the CRF Tables do not reflect the above mentioned adjustment of Non-dairy Cattle subcategories, because annual means calculated from the HCSO's totals is reported in the CRF Tables.

The effect of this recalculation is a 5 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq reduction in emission in 2014 (Table 5.2.11)

The recalculation has negligible effect on national totals (-0.009%, exc. LULUCF in 2014).

Changes in the emissions due to recalculations in 3.A are shown in **Table 5.2.12**.

**Table 5.2.12 Changes in the emissions from 3.A due to recalculations for the BY and the period 1990-2014**

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
<b>1996</b>	2,211	2,211	0.1	0.0%
<b>2000</b>	2,131	2,132	1.3	0.1%
<b>2001</b>	2,046	2,047	1.1	0.1%
<b>2002</b>	2,022	2,022	0.8	0.0%
<b>2003</b>	2,000	2,000	-0.4	0.0%
<b>2004</b>	1,943	1,944	0.2	0.0%
<b>2005</b>	1,917	1,917	-0.9	0.0%
<b>2006</b>	1,863	1,863	-0.7	0.0%
<b>2007</b>	1,868	1,869	0.4	0.0%
<b>2008</b>	1,845	1,845	-0.7	0.0%
<b>2009</b>	1,822	1,821	-0.3	0.0%
<b>2010</b>	1,807	1,806	-0.3	0.0%
<b>2011</b>	1,814	1,820	5.8	0.3%
<b>2012</b>	1,876	1,890	14.0	0.7%
<b>2013</b>	1,934	1,935	0.3	0.0%
<b>2014</b>	1,995	1,990	-5.0	-0.3%

### 5.2.6 Planned improvements

See Section 5.1.7

### 5.3 Manure management (CRF sector 3.B)

*Emitted gases: CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O*

*Methods: T1, T2*

*Emission factors: D, CS*

*Key source: Yes*

*Particularly significant sub-categories, CH<sub>4</sub>: Swine and Cattle*

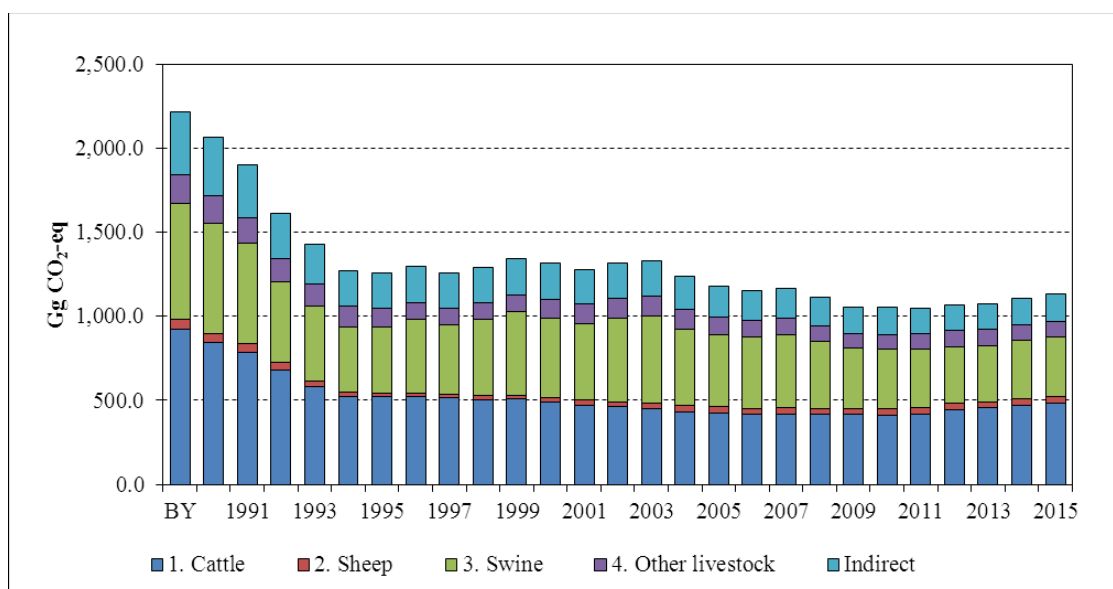
*Particularly significant sub-categories, N<sub>2</sub>O: Other AWMS and Indirect emissions*

Animal manure is an important source of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O. The amount of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emitted from the manure to the atmosphere depends on the conditions of manure management and use as well as on the composition of released excrements. CRF category 3.B comprises direct and indirect emissions during storage and treatment of manure before it is applied to land.

Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through N-leaching and run-off from manure storage are reported for the first time in this submission.

#### 5.3.1 Source Category Description

In 2015 25% of agricultural CH<sub>4</sub> and 12% of agricultural N<sub>2</sub>O emissions arose from the 3.B Manure management. The bulk of emissions were generated in cattle and swine husbandry (in 2015 they accounted for 485 and 354 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq, which equates to 43% and 31% of total GHG emissions from 3.B, respectively), due to the considerable share of liquid manure and deep bedding. The main sources of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 3.B are Swine and Cattle manure (**Figure 5.3.1**), and most of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are generated in the solid and 'other' systems containing 'Cattle and Swine deep bedding' and 'Poultry manure with or without litter'. Indirect emissions contributed 35% to the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from this sector. The uncovered manure tanks and the low proportion of grazing cattle are the main sources of the significant amount of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from volatilization of N in form of NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>.



**Figure 5.3.1 Emissions from 3.B Manure management by sources BY-2015**

Emissions from 3.B Manure management have decreased by 49% since the BY (**Table 5.1.2**). Considering CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions separately, they have decreased by 46% and 52% over the inventory period, respectively. The significant decrease in the emissions reflects the decreasing swine and cattle livestock between 1985 and 1994. In the period 1995-2003 emissions fluctuated to some

extent on yearly basis, following the annual changes in swine population. Emissions have decreased again in the period 2004 to 2010 reflecting again the falling swine livestock numbers over that period. Since 2011 emissions from 3.B slightly increased due to the increasing non-dairy cattle livestock. CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.B are shown in *Table 5.3.1* and *Table 5.3.2*.

Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to leaching decreased continuously over the timeseries. The decrease in the emission levels reflects the drop in livestock population and the effect of measures to reduce nitrate leaching.

*Table 5.3.1 Trend in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 3.B Manure Management by livestock categories*

Year	CH <sub>4</sub> emissions from 3.B				
	Dairy-Cattle	Non-Dairy Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Other livestock
<b>BY</b>	14.73	10.35	0.74	20.41	3.51
<b>1990</b>	13.88	8.76	0.58	19.98	3.22
<b>1991</b>	12.50	8.40	0.60	18.02	3.04
<b>1992</b>	11.31	6.78	0.55	14.46	2.65
<b>1993</b>	10.20	5.26	0.43	13.53	2.45
<b>1994</b>	9.49	4.47	0.32	11.73	2.36
<b>1995</b>	9.19	4.43	0.30	11.83	2.26
<b>1996</b>	9.12	4.47	0.28	13.55	2.18
<b>1997</b>	9.10	4.28	0.27	12.92	2.17
<b>1998</b>	9.12	3.96	0.28	14.10	2.24
<b>1999</b>	9.23	3.94	0.29	15.69	2.17
<b>2000</b>	8.82	3.79	0.35	14.97	2.38
<b>2001</b>	8.67	3.47	0.34	14.73	2.47
<b>2002</b>	8.55	3.39	0.34	16.16	2.56
<b>2003</b>	8.19	3.40	0.36	16.98	2.58
<b>2004</b>	7.73	3.40	0.41	14.93	2.49
<b>2005</b>	7.62	3.34	0.43	13.94	2.24
<b>2006</b>	7.22	3.44	0.40	13.86	2.08
<b>2007</b>	7.20	3.59	0.38	14.40	1.90
<b>2008</b>	7.30	3.58	0.37	13.18	1.82
<b>2009</b>	7.20	3.72	0.37	11.76	1.68
<b>2010</b>	6.95	3.92	0.35	11.71	1.68
<b>2011</b>	7.48	3.79	0.34	11.59	1.79
<b>2012</b>	7.84	4.11	0.35	11.16	1.93
<b>2013</b>	7.65	4.57	0.36	11.13	1.60
<b>2014</b>	7.80	4.75	0.37	11.58	1.56
<b>2015</b>	7.90	4.95	0.36	11.82	1.65
<b>Trend BY-2015</b>	<b>-46%</b>	<b>-52%</b>	<b>-52%</b>	<b>-42%</b>	<b>-53%</b>

*Table 5.3.2 Trend in N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.B Manure Management by sources*

Year	N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from 3.B						
	Direct					Indirect	
	Dairy-Cattle	Non-Dairy Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Other livestock	Atmospheric deposition	Nitrogen leaching and run-off
<b>BY</b>	0.48	0.52	0.14	0.59	0.29	1.15	0.11
<b>1990</b>	0.50	0.44	0.11	0.54	0.28	1.06	0.10
<b>1991</b>	0.45	0.43	0.11	0.49	0.26	0.97	0.09
<b>1992</b>	0.42	0.35	0.10	0.39	0.24	0.82	0.08
<b>1993</b>	0.38	0.28	0.08	0.37	0.22	0.72	0.07
<b>1994</b>	0.35	0.24	0.06	0.31	0.21	0.65	0.06
<b>1995</b>	0.37	0.24	0.06	0.31	0.19	0.65	0.06
<b>1996</b>	0.37	0.24	0.05	0.34	0.15	0.66	0.06
<b>1997</b>	0.37	0.23	0.05	0.31	0.15	0.63	0.06
<b>1998</b>	0.38	0.22	0.05	0.33	0.15	0.65	0.06
<b>1999</b>	0.38	0.21	0.06	0.36	0.15	0.66	0.06
<b>2000</b>	0.37	0.21	0.07	0.33	0.17	0.66	0.06
<b>2001</b>	0.37	0.19	0.07	0.30	0.18	0.64	0.06
<b>2002</b>	0.36	0.19	0.07	0.32	0.18	0.65	0.06
<b>2003</b>	0.35	0.19	0.08	0.33	0.18	0.65	0.05
<b>2004</b>	0.33	0.19	0.09	0.28	0.18	0.61	0.05
<b>2005</b>	0.33	0.19	0.09	0.26	0.16	0.58	0.04
<b>2006</b>	0.31	0.19	0.09	0.25	0.17	0.56	0.04
<b>2007</b>	0.30	0.20	0.09	0.26	0.16	0.56	0.04
<b>2008</b>	0.29	0.20	0.09	0.23	0.15	0.54	0.03
<b>2009</b>	0.28	0.21	0.09	0.21	0.14	0.51	0.03
<b>2010</b>	0.26	0.21	0.09	0.21	0.15	0.52	0.02
<b>2011</b>	0.26	0.21	0.09	0.20	0.15	0.51	0.02
<b>2012</b>	0.27	0.22	0.09	0.19	0.17	0.50	0.02
<b>2013</b>	0.26	0.24	0.09	0.19	0.18	0.50	0.02
<b>2014</b>	0.28	0.25	0.09	0.19	0.19	0.52	0.02
<b>2015</b>	0.28	0.27	0.09	0.20	0.18	0.53	0.01
<b>Share in BY</b>	14.6%	15.8%	4.3%	17.9%	8.8%	35.3%	3.2%
<b>Share in 2015</b>	18.1%	17.0%	5.9%	12.5%	11.8%	33.8%	0.8%
<b>Trend BY-2015</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>-49%</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>-67%</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>-54%</b>	<b>-88%</b>

### 5.3.2 Methodological issues

#### 5.3.2.1 Calculation method

CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from manure management were estimated using Tier 2 methodology, except Rabbit, which contribution is less than 1% to the source category. Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were calculated using Tier 2 method for the important livestock categories in Hungary, such as Dairy Cattle, Non-Dairy Cattle and Swine. For these livestock categories country-specific nitrogen excretion rates, but IPCC default values of emission factors were applied. For the other livestock categories Tier 1 method was adopted. Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were estimated based on the national air pollution inventory (i.e. reported NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions), which meet the requirement of the IPCC Tier 2 method. A detailed description of the methods applied for the calculation of NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions is given in the report

‘Hungary’s Informative Report, 2017’ – Submission under the UNECE/CLRTAP.

### 5.3.2.2 Activity Data

#### Animal Waste Management System Distribution

Activity data on allocation of manure to animal waste management systems is based on processing and synthesizing of statistics from the HCSO’s General Agricultural Censuses conducted in 2000 and 2010, Farm Structure Surveys, conducted in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2013, annual data for the period 2004-2013 from the Nitrate Database, reports on agricultural waste such as manure and compost from the National Waste Database for the period 2004-2013 and data on biogas production from Energy Statistics. Expert judgments were drawn on to the further stratification of primarily data e.g. to stratify liquid/slurry by natural crust cover and deep litter by mixing and frequency of removals.

In Hungary the first comprehensive study on animal waste management system distribution for emission inventory purposes was carried out by Ráky in 2003 based on the HCSO’s General Agricultural Census 2000. This study focused on product producer farms and provides data by farm-size structure. The results of the HCSO’s General Agricultural Census 2010 provided comprehensive information on the manure management distribution again. The census provide data on housing practices for cattle, swine and laying hens, and in addition on grazing for all animal species for the year 2010. The surveyed housing systems are as follows:

#### Cattle

- Solid and liquid manure
- Liquid
- Other

#### Swine

- Partial grid floor
- Grid floor
- Deep litter
- Other

#### Poultry

- Deep litter
- Cage with manure belt
- Cage with pit
- Battery cage with stilt house
- Other battery cage
- Other

Farm Structure Survey data was applied to get representative activity data from the different datasets published by farm size structure and it was applied as surrogate data to the interpolation of the 2000-2010 time-series. Farm structure survey conducted in 2013 contained a more detailed data collection on grazing than former surveys. This data on proportion of grazing animals as well as grazing period was also taken into account in the inventory preparation.

Agricultural census is taken every 10 years, thus for the recent years statistics from the Nitrate Database provides the most reliable data. Annual statistics from the Nitrate Database are supplied by the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO) to the inventory. Data collection for the Nitrate Database is based on the Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 59/2008 (IV. 29). The Annex 6 of the Decree contains a questionnaire. Data supply obligation is prescribed for farmers, whose animal production exceeds the household requirements. The first version of this Decree (Government Decree No. 49/2001 (IV. 3)) entered into force in 2001. The collected data are stored in a database since 2003. This database contains data on cattle and swine by sub-categories, poultry (laying hens, cocks and broilers, ducks, geese, turkey), sheep and goats, horse. Six different management systems are distinguished: liquid, solid, deep litter, grazing, farmyard/paddock and other. Amendments of this decree in 2008 resulted in a minor change in the structure of the data collection. Until 2007 only the livestock numbers for six housing systems were collected, while since 2008 the

amount of the manure has also been surveyed. In 2009 a more detailed livestock characterization was introduced for cattle and swine. At the same time sheep and goats were separated into two different categories. The number of the received questionnaire has been increasing since 2003, although the representativeness of this sample varies between different years and livestock categories. The dataset is most representative for cattle and poultry, about 80-90 per cent of these livestock are covered. It can be considered to be reliable for swine and sheep, too. About 50-60 per cent of the livestock is reported. It is least representative for goats and horse with 5-10 per cent coverage. Nitrate Database probably will provide a much improved representation of animal waste allocation among the relevant waste management systems in the future, because numbers of the received questionnaires have been increasing gradually by annual 2000 pieces in the recent years. Besides, the former paper questionnaires were replaced by on-line forms in 2014. Probably this measure will also improve the compliance with data provision obligations. Additionally, Hungary revised the area of the so-called 'Nitrate Vulnerable Zones' (hereafter NVZs) in 2013. Thus, the areas designated as NVZs increased to approximately 68-69% of the country from the former 47%, further increasing the number of farms under the data provision obligations.

Implementation of methodologies of 2006 IPCC Guidelines required data on further AWMSs, such as anaerobic digesters and composting. Statistics from the reports on agricultural waste such as manure and compost from the National Waste Database for the period 2004-2014 data on biogas production from Energy Statistics were processed to get the required activity data on the proportion of the use of anaerobic digesters and composting. Although, waste statistics prove that composted manure is reported as by-product of biogas plants. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines require more disaggregated data on liquid manure and deep litter. Expert judgments of Mészáros, 2015 were drawn on to the further stratification of primarily data e.g. to stratify liquid/slurry by natural crust cover and deep litter by mixing and frequency of removals.

The applied data sources sometimes contain information on housing practices rather than manure management storage systems in many cases, therefore additional qualitative information was needed to define the relationship between the housing and manure management systems. Two studies (Mészáros, 2005 and Pazsiczky et. al, 2006) were applied to get additional information. Data on sheep and goats were updated by a survey for sheep and goats in 2011 (Borka et al., 2010).

Despite the abovementioned methodological differences between the applied databases, the trend in the animal waste management systems distribution can be tracked. The most significant change occurred in the poultry manure management in the last decade. From 2000 to 2010, the proportion of the liquid manure had dropped from 26 per cent to 3 per cent for laying hens. Previously, the semi-solid manure was diluted by water and handled as liquid manure, but recently the semi-solid manure is rather dried than diluted and handled as solid manure. Thus, the liquid manure technology has been replaced by the drying technology as a result of environmental restrictions (Pazsiczky et. al, 2006). The other notable change in the poultry manure management is the decrease of the proportion of grazing for geese. As a result of the bird-flu scare, the animals are kept in stalls rather than pastures.

For the other livestock category, a slight increase of the liquid manure (cattle and swine) and the extensive housing technology i.e. grazing (cattle, sheep, goats and horse) can be identified. The former may be explained by the increasing proportions of the farms holding at least 100 animals and biogas production. Increasing proportion of grazing probably is the results of the high fodder prices.

Activity data for the base year and 2014 are presented in **Table 5.3.3** and **Table 5.3.4**, respectively. In case of cattle and swine extrapolation and surrogate data were used to complete the time-series. For the other livestock categories data for the year 2000 were used for the period 1985-1999 due to lack of information.



*Table 5.3.3 Animal waste management distributions for the base year per livestock categories*

BY	Liquid	Solid	Pasture	Anaero- bic digesters	Other	Deep litter	Yard	Poultry manure with bedding	Poultry manure without bedding
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	3.64%	40.89%	8.00%	0.00%	47.47%	44.04%	3.43%	-	-
<b>Non-Dairy Cattle</b>	2.55%	39.84%	16.05%	0.00%	41.57%	38.25%	3.31%	-	-
<b>Swine</b>	39.50%	59.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.50%	0.00%	1.50%	-	-
<b>Poultry</b>	8.50%	22.22%	0.25%	0.00%	69.03%	-	-	56.98%	12.05%
<b>Sheep</b>	0.85%	44.91%	54.25%	0.00%	0.00%	-	-	-	-
<b>Goats</b>	0.85%	55.74%	43.42%	0.00%	0.00%	-	-	-	-
<b>Horses</b>	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-	-	-	-

*Table 5.3.4 Animal waste management distributions for the year 2015 year by livestock categories*

2015	Liquid	Solid	Pasture	Anaero- bic digesters	Other	Deep litter	Yard	Poultry manure with bedding	Poultry manure without bedding
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	9.74%	31.51%	8.55%	1.83%	48.36%	44.07%	4.30%	-	-
<b>Non-Dairy Cattle</b>	4.04%	29.55%	18.50%	1.83%	46.09%	38.94%	7.14%	-	-
<b>Swine</b>	57.61%	26.24%	0.00%	1.95%	14.20%	12.40%	1.80%	-	-
<b>Poultry</b>	1.13%	15.48%	0.04%	1.40%	81.94%	-	-	67.62%	14.32%
<b>Sheep</b>	0.00%	61.88%	38.12%	0.00%	0.00%	-	-	-	-
<b>Goats</b>	0.00%	56.58%	43.42%	0.00%	0.00%	-	-	-	-
<b>Horses</b>	0.00%	60.26%	39.74%	0.00%	0.00%	-	-	-	-

*Data on manure treated in biogas plants*

Data on the share of manure digested in biogas plants was derived from the harmonization of energy and the waste statistics. The first biogas plant treated animal manure was installed in 2004 in Hungary. According to our data, 19 biogas plants digested animal manure in 2014. The amounts of digested manure are provided in *Table 5.3.5*.

*Table 5.3.5 Amounts of digested manure 2004-2015*

Year	Annually digested manure [tonnes]				
	Swine		Cattle		Poultry
	Liquid/slurry	Solid	Liquid/slurry	Solid	Solid
2004	NO	NO	3,550	10,604	860
2005	NO	NO	5,980	9,491	2,016
2006	NO	NO	2,220	7,963	NO
2007	9,662	879	7,525	5,220	NO
2008	42,169	1,604	15,136	4,641	NO
2009	35,650	2,629	38,195	2,538	NO

Year	Annually digested manure [tonnes]				
	Swine		Cattle		Poultry
	Liquid/slurry	Solid	Liquid/slurry	Solid	Solid
2010	61,508	994	79,049	13,792	56
2011	128,026	4,775	140,364	53,957	3,507
2012	141,063	12,858	152,111	70,247	12,595
2013	163,668	2,824	200,124	99,440	6,243
2014	179,431	10,689	203,502	35,707	3,787
2015	232,820	5,017	326,485	151,946	10,766

### Livestock Number

Livestock population data provided by the HCSO are used for the estimation. For more details on the calculation of the annual average population and the activity data see section 6.2.2.1. The enhanced livestock characterization were used for the key categories according to the IPCC methodology. The livestock population data for swine by sub-categories are shown in *Table 5.3.6*.

*Table 5.3.6 Swine population and trends from the BY to 2015*

Year	Animal Population 1,000 head						Sows mated for the first time
	Piglets under 20 kg	Young pigs, 20-50 kg	Pigs for fattening over 50 kg	Breeding boars	Breeding sows	Guilts not yet mated	
BY	2,015.2	1,718.2	4,341.0	25.2	690.9	76.1	96.4
1990	1,953.1	2,626.3	3,239.6	27.2	657.5	116.3	88.5
1991	1,612.3	2,349.7	3,090.6	25.1	563.0	104.0	64.4
1992	1,310.1	1,844.5	2,436.3	20.4	486.7	81.7	57.8
1993	1,222.7	1,744.1	2,245.4	18.0	446.0	77.2	52.0
1994	1,050.0	1,499.5	1,958.4	15.4	372.5	66.4	44.8
1995	1,107.2	1,458.5	1,921.6	15.3	404.7	64.6	51.1
1996	1,256.8	1,523.9	2,146.8	15.7	429.8	67.5	53.0
1997	1,187.5	1,302.1	2,039.4	14.3	356.3	56.7	56.3
1998	1,247.4	1,407.0	2,073.5	14.0	364.0	65.0	75.8
1999	1,281.3	1,503.1	2,299.8	14.8	396.9	56.3	56.8
2000	1,208.0	1,302.8	2,143.5	14.2	359.8	56.7	61.2
2001	1,260.5	1,108.0	1,984.5	12.5	342.2	54.7	61.0
2002	1,361.2	1,136.7	2,043.0	12.8	368.0	60.3	68.0
2003	1,281.8	1,157.8	2,150.9	12.0	362.3	56.0	56.7
2004	1,064.3	1,015.0	1,885.3	9.8	309.2	50.0	51.3
2005	998.7	916.5	1,701.9	10.0	291.5	50.7	52.5
2006	976.0	933.1	1,635.4	8.7	282.2	54.8	53.5
2007	1,015.3	934.2	1,700.3	7.8	279.0	52.0	50.3
2008	877.5	848.3	1,595.3	6.8	249.7	46.3	40.7
2009	757.4	795.4	1,374.1	6.0	226.5	45.0	43.5
2010	763.4	751.7	1,374.1	6.5	225.2	42.2	44.7
2011	751.5	748.6	1,326.9	5.7	217.6	43.4	37.8
2012	707.1	726.7	1,256.8	5.0	205.8	42.0	38.1
2013	724.0	683.6	1,250.4	4.8	194.2	44.1	42.8
2014	761.3	725.0	1,288.5	4.9	198.5	43.5	43.2
2015	784.2	741.4	1,308.3	4.7	201.1	44.8	42.5
<b>Trend BY-2015</b>	<b>-61%</b>	<b>-57%</b>	<b>-70%</b>	<b>-81%</b>	<b>-71%</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>-56%</b>

### Annual Average Nitrogen Excretion Rates ( $N_{ex}$ )

For the values of annual average nitrogen excretion rates country specific (Tier 2) coefficients derived based on the Equation 10.31 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used for Dairy Cattle, Non-Dairy Cattle and Swine. To the above equation Nitrogen intakes were determined from the crude protein content of each feed ingredient in the diet for all sub-categories of these animal species. The crude protein intakes were multiplied by 0.16, which is the value of N content in protein, to convert the protein content into N-content. Data on crude protein contents were taken from the so-called 'feed database' containing the laboratory measurements of all kind of feed used for animal nutrition in

Hungary. The feed database is available in the Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004. In the case of cattle nitrogen intakes were determined in conjunction with the examination of gross energy intake (see also section 5.2.2.2).

Values of fraction of annual N-intakes that is retained by animals ( $N_{\text{retention}}$ ) and their sources are summarized in **Table 5.3.7**. The resulted values of N-excretion for Dairy Cattle and Non-Dairy Cattle are provided in Table 5.2.5, Table 5.2.8 and Table 5.2.9, respectively, while values of N excretion for Swine are presented in **Table 5.3.8**.

**Table 5.3.7  $N_{\text{retention}}$  rates and their sources**

Animal species	$N_{\text{retention}}$	Source
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	0.20	2006 IPCC GLs
<b>Non-Dairy Cattle</b>	0.07	2006 IPCC GLs
<b>Swine</b>	0.37	weighted average (2014)
<b>Piglets under 20 kg</b>	0.48	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
<b>Young pigs, 20-50 kg</b>	0.34	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
<b>Pigs for fattening over 50 kg</b>	0.34	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
<b>Breeding sows</b>	0.30	2006 IPCC GLs
<b>Breeding boars</b>	0.30	2006 IPCC GLs
<b>Guilts not yet mated</b>	0.34	Fébel and Gundel, 2007
<b>Sows mated for the first time</b>	0.34	Fébel and Gundel, 2007

**Table 5.3.8 Annual average Nitrogen excretion rates ( $N_{\text{ex}}$ ) for Swine**

Sub-categories	Body weight	$N_{\text{ex}}$
	kg	[kg head <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup> ]
<b>Piglets under 20 kg</b>	12	3.0
<b>Young pigs, 20-50 kg</b>	34	8.6
<b>Pigs for fattening over 50 kg</b>	90	12.5
<b>Breeding sows</b>	180	18.5
<b>Breeding boars (BY)</b>	209	21.1
<b>Breeding boars (2015)</b>	180	19.4
<b>Guilts not yet mated</b>	87	9.9
<b>Sows mated for the first time</b>	150	13.8
<b>Swine, weighted average (BY)</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>Swine, weighted average (2015)</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>9.5</b>

For other livestock categories the default values of nitrogen excretion provided in Table 10.19 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used except Buffalos for which the EMEP/EEA Guidebook (EEA, 2013) were applied (Table 3.7). It should be noted that in the case of nitrogen excretion rate of Buffalo the 2006 IPCC Guidelines refer to the EEA, 2002, thus the use of the 2013 EMEP/EEA Guidebook, which is the most up-to-date emission inventory guidebook of the EEA, seems to be reasonable. Nitrogen excretion rates for 'Other animals' and the related body weights are shown in **Table 5.3.9** and **Table 5.3.10**.

**Table 5.3.9 Annual average Nitrogen excretion rates (N<sub>ex</sub>) for 'Other livestock'**

Animal Category	N <sub>ex</sub> [kg head <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup> ]	Source
Buffalo	82*	2016 EMEP/EEA GB / 2006 IPCC GLs
Sheep	16	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Goats	18	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Horses	41	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Asses & Mules	14	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Poultry	0.56	Weighted average for 2015
Laying hens	0.54	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Broilers	0.36	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Turkey	1.84	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Ducks	0.82	2006 IPCC GLs, Eastern Europe
Geese	0.55**	2016 EMEP/EEA GB
Rabbit	8.1	2006 IPCC GLs

\*2006 IPCC GLs refer to the 2002 EMEP/EEA GB. Therefore, the 2013 EMEP/EEA GB as the more updated version of the GB was applied.

\*\*There is no value provided in the 2006 IPCC GLs

**Table 5.3.10 Weights for other livestock category**

Livestock	Weight [kg]	Source/Note
Buffalo	380	Table 10A-6 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Sheep	48.5	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Goats	38.5	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Horses	377	Table 10A-9, Developed, 2006 IPCC GLs
Asses and Mules	130	Table 10A-9, Developed, 2006 IPCC GLs
Poultry	1.8	Weighted average for 2015
Laying hens	1.8	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Broiler	0.9	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Turkey	6.8	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Ducks	2.7	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Geese	NA	Weight is not applied in the calculation
Guinea fowls	0.9	As Broiler due to lack of information
Rabbit	1.6	Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC GLs

### 5.3.2.3 Estimation of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions

#### Emission factors for CH<sub>4</sub>

As Manure Management is a key source the Tier 2 method was applied to calculate the CH<sub>4</sub> emission factors, except Rabbit, for which a default value of 0.08 is given in the Table 10A-9 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used. According to the Equation 10.23 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines, development of country-specific emission factors involves determining a weighted average methane conversion factor (MCF) using the estimates of the manure managed in each AWMS and the volatile solid excretion

(VS), which means the organic material in livestock manure. The CH<sub>4</sub> emission factor also depends on the maximum methane producing capacity (B<sub>0</sub>) for the livestock categories. The values of these components in the above mentioned equation were calculated as it is delineated in the following sub-sections.

*Volatile solid excretion per day (VS)*

Country-specific values of VS for Cattle, Laying hens and Broilers were calculated according to the Equation 10.24 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Values needed for this calculation are the gross energy intake (GE), and its fractional digestibility, DE. The estimation of these values are detailed in Chapter 6.2.2.2. Metabolisable and digestible energy of feed for Laying hens and Broilers were calculated similarly, based on the feeding practices. Forage composition parameters were taken from the Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004.

For the ash content of the manure the IPCC default value (8%) was applied due to lack of country-specific values. Similarly, the urinary energy which is also required to the Equation 10.24 was calculated as 0.04·GE according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

The time-series of volatile solid excretion rates and CH<sub>4</sub>-emission factors for Manure Management for Dairy Cattle are shown in *Table 5.3.11*.

**Table 5.3.11 Volatile solid excretion rates and CH<sub>4</sub>-emission factors for Manure Management for Dairy Cattle 1985-2015**

Year	VS	CH <sub>4</sub> -Emission Factor
	kg DM/day	kg/head*yr
BY	4.49	24.99
1990	4.41	24.63
1991	4.26	23.74
1992	4.24	23.58
1993	4.21	23.38
1994	4.19	23.23
1995	4.21	23.29
1996	4.23	23.42
1997	4.24	23.47
1998	4.33	23.92
1999	4.34	23.98
2000	4.40	24.30
2001	4.45	24.57
2002	4.50	24.82
2003	4.50	24.83
2004	4.49	25.00
2005	4.53	25.42
2006	4.63	26.23
2007	4.72	26.92
2008	4.80	27.67
2009	4.81	27.97
2010	4.85	28.43
2011	5.04	29.84
2012	5.12	30.64
2013	5.10	30.80
2014	5.12	30.93
2015	5.19	31.34

**Table 5.3.12** and **Table 5.3.13** contain the values of volatile solid excretion rate and the emission factors for non-dairy cattle for the BY and 2014, respectively.

**Table 5.3.12 Volatile solid excretion rate and CH<sub>4</sub>-Emission Factor for Non-Dairy Cattle in the BY**

		<1 year		1-2 year			>2 year		
BY		Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non-Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	Beef Cow
<b>VS excretion</b>	kg DM/day	1.6	1.5	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.5	2.8
<b>CH<sub>4</sub>-Emission Factor</b>	kg/head*yr	5	4	13	9	14	15	14	10

**Table 5.3.13 Volatile solid excretion rate and CH<sub>4</sub>-Emission Factor for Non-Dairy Cattle in 2015**

		<1 year		1-2 year			>2 year		
2015		Bovines for slaughter and other calves (male)	Bovines for slaughter and other calves (female)	Bovines (male)	Heifers for slaughter and other heifers	First calf heifers	Mature Non-Dairy (male)	Heifers for slaughter	Beef Cow
<b>VS excretion</b>	kg DM/day	1.6	1.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.0
<b>CH<sub>4</sub>-Emission Factor</b>	kg/head*yr	6	6	13	10	11	13	13	9

For the other livestock categories, as Swine, Buffalo, Sheep, Horses, Asses and Mules, Ducks and Geese the IPCC default values provided for Eastern Europe or Developed countries in the Table 10A-6-10A-9 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used. IPCC default values for geese and guinea fowls are not available; hence values for ducks and broilers were used, respectively. In the case of swine in the previous submission the default VS for breeding swine provided in the Table 10A-8 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied. This value was replaced with the default VS for Market Swine from Table 10A-7 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines in this submission due to a findings of the Step 1 ESD review, 2016. According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines the body mass of breeding swine and market swine are 180 and 50 kg, respectively. In Hungary, the average body mass of swine is about 64 kg, thus in the absence of country-specific value of VS the use of the market swine VS is reasonable.

#### *Maximum CH<sub>4</sub> producing capacity (B<sub>0</sub>) values*

Due to lack of country-specific data default values listed in Tables 10A-4-10A-9 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were applied.

#### *Methane conversion factors (MCF)*

Default MCFs for different manure management systems by average annual temperatures provided in Table 10.17 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used. The annual mean temperature in most parts of

Hungary is between 10 and 11 °C. Thus, MCFs values provided for cool climate zone were applied for Pasture/Range/Paddock, Solid and both Poultry manure.

The choice of MCFs for liquid manure and deep litter required the disaggregation of livestock categories by annual average temperatures. However, Hungary does not have either large animal populations or multiple climate regions. To the further stratification the annual mean temperature and animal livestock data by counties were used. The detailed climate data (i.e. annual mean temperatures for 19 counties of Hungary) were taken from the HMS climate database, while the detailed livestock data from the Farm Structure Survey, conducted in 2013. The resulted proportion of animal population by average annual temperature and livestock categories are provided in **Table 5.3.14**.

**Table 5.3.14 Distribution of main livestock categories by average annual temperatures**

Average annual temperature	Proportion of animal population				
	Dairy Cattle	Other Cattle	Swine	Laying Hens	Broiler
<b>11</b>	67%	67%	81%	69%	64%
<b>≤10</b>	33%	33%	19%	31%	36%

Beyond the average annual temperature the IPCC methodology differentiates between liquid manure with natural crust cover and without, as well as ‘deep litter < 1 month’ and ‘deep litter > 1 month’. According to the expert judgment from the NARIC Institute of Agricultural Engineering (Mészáros, 2015), 80% of cattle liquid manure is covered with natural crust in Hungary and 20% is not. In the case of swine manure 73% of sows’ and 52% of fattening pigs’ liquid manure are covered by natural crust and the remainder is not, which equates to 54% of total swine liquid manure on average. Therefore, the pig liquid/slurry was further stratified between ‘with natural crust cover’ and without. Poultry liquid manure was assumed to be not covered with natural crust. Duration of deep litter is generally longer than one month in Hungary.

IPCC Guidelines provide no methane conversion factor for Yard therefore the MCF of Solid was applied for yard manure. For Anaerobic digesters, a range of 0-100% is given by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and equations are provided to calculate the country-specific values. In this submission biogas treated manure is taken into account as liquid/slurry due to the lack of data available on the storage of manure in the biogas plants, which would be required for the detailed calculation. This assumption is in line with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Probably, the MCF value has to be lower for biogas treated manure compared to liquid manure, but currently there is no enough information to estimate the emission reduction arising from biogas plants. Additionally, there are only a few biogas plants using animal manure as fuel in Hungary. Therefore, the overall CH<sub>4</sub> emission from anaerobic digester treated manure is about 0.5 Gg CH<sub>4</sub>. Consequently, the neglected emission reduction can be considered as negligible. For more details on the verification of our assumptions on anaerobic digesters see Section 5.3.4. Methane conversion factors used in the inventory are provided in **Table 5.3.15**.



**Table 5.3.15 Methane conversion factors for manure management systems**

Manure Management System	MCF [%]
Pasture range and paddock	1
Solid storage and dry lot	2
<i>Liquid system</i>	
Cattle	12.2
Swine	14.4
Poultry	18.3
Anaerobic digesters	as liquid/slurry
<i>Other AWMS</i>	
Cattle deep bedding	18.3
Swine deep bedding	18.6
Yard	2
Poultry manure with litter	1.5
Poultry manure without litter	1.5

**5.3.2.4 Estimation of direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Manure Management**

Default emission factors from 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used. In the case of cattle and swine liquid manure ‘with natural crust cover’ and ‘without natural crust cover’ were distinguished, similarly to the selection of MCF values (see section above for further details). Mixing of cattle and swine deep bedding does not occur in practice in Hungary (expert opinion, Fenyvesi, 2015). Therefore, for cattle and swine deep bedding ‘no mixing’ was assumed.

In the IPCC Guidelines emission factor is unavailable for Yard, therefore the emission factor for solid manure was applied. Emission factors used in the inventory to estimate N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from manure management are listed in **Table 5.3.16**.

**Table 5.3.16 Emission factors used for the estimation of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions**

Manure management system	N <sub>2</sub> O-N emission factors [kg N <sub>2</sub> O-N kg <sup>-1</sup> N <sub>ex</sub> ]
Solid storage and dry lot	0.005
<i>Liquid system</i>	
Cattle	0.004
Swine (implied)	0.003
Sows	0.003
Fattening pigs	0.004
Poultry	0.000
Anaerobic digesters	0.000
<i>Other AWMS</i>	
Cattle deep bedding	0.010
Swine deep bedding	0.010
Yard	0.005
Poultry manure with litter	0.001
Poultry manure without litter	0.001

### 5.3.2.5 Estimation of indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Manure Management

#### Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through volatilization losses from manure management

Following the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to volatilization of N from manure management were calculated using the Tier 2 methodology.

N losses due to volatilization from manure management was calculated using the 10.26 Eq of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

To estimate the indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from volatilization default value of 0.01 kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N (kg NH<sub>3</sub>-N + kg NO<sub>x</sub>-N volatilized)<sup>-1</sup> for EF<sub>4</sub> given in Table 11.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used.

The country-specific value of Frac<sub>GASMS</sub> was calculated based on the NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from 3.B reported to the UNECE under the LRTAP Convention. Hungary applies the 2016 EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook to calculate emissions of air pollutants from agriculture. Tier 2 methodology is applied for Cattle and Swine and Tier 1 for other livestock categories. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are calculated based on Tier 1 method. The country-specific values of Frac<sub>GASMS</sub> were calculated taken into account the following losses:

- NH<sub>3</sub>-N losses from housing, storage and yards
- NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses from manure management

#### Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through N-leaching and run-off from manure storage

Emissions from nitrogen losses due to leaching from manure storage were not estimated in the previous submissions due to lack of exact default values for the fraction of N-losses due to leaching and run-off to the Tier 1 methodology (i.e. only a range of default values is provided in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines). Additionally, in Hungary manure is managed in line with strict environmental rules and regulations arising from the Nitrates Directive (91/676/EEC), which require to prevent/decrease N-leaching. Despite these emissions are almost negligible, they have been estimated for this

submission to ensure the transparency and completeness of the inventory. N-leaching from housing and manure storage systems not falling within the scope of nitrate regulations, and nitrogen leaching before the compliance deadlines of the regulations are reported here.

Information concerning Hungarian animal housing and manure storage systems was derived from the nitrate database, data from the national Farm Structure Survey (FSS), Codes of Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) and nitrate regulations.

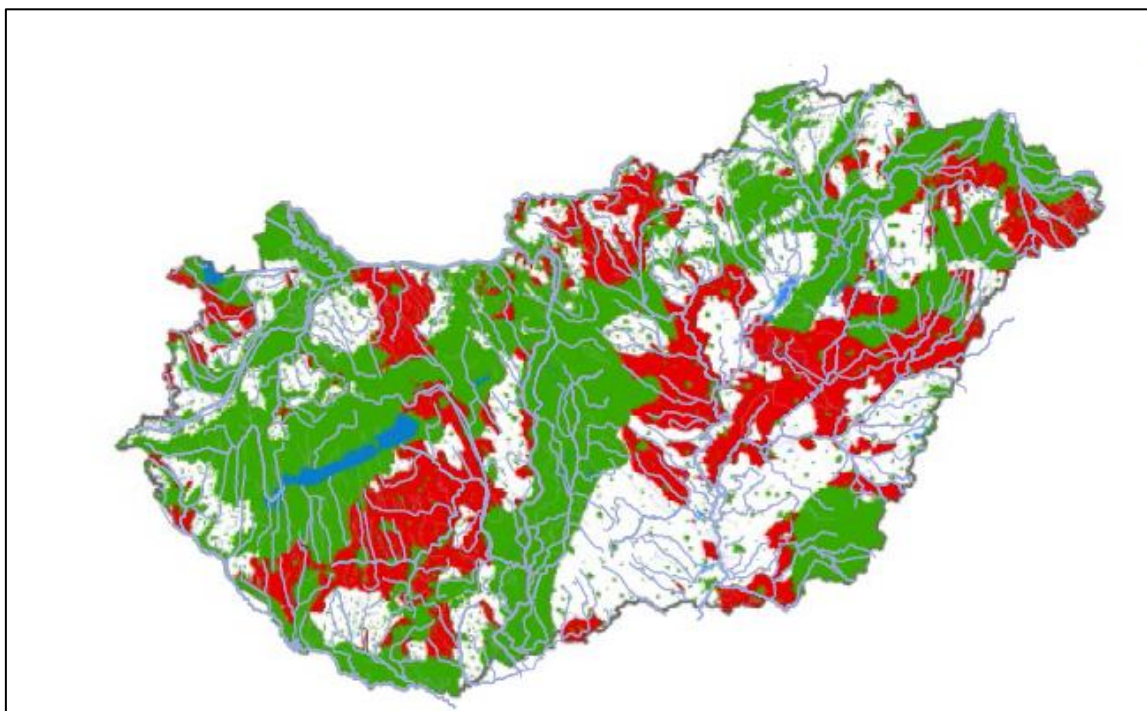
National regulations concerning N-leaching from manure storage systems are as follows:

- Government Decree 27/2006. (II. 7.) on the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (Nitrate Decree), amending Government Decree 49/2001(IV.3);
- Decree 59/2008 (IV. 29.) FVM on the detailed rules of the action program required for the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources and on the procedures for data provision and registration (hereafter GAP Decree; database established from data provided under the regulation is called Nitrate Database);
- Decree 43/2007. (VI.1.) FVM on Designation of nitrate vulnerable zones by MePAR blocks (MePAR is the abbreviation of the Hungarian Land Parcel Information System).

The watertight construction of animal housings and manure storage systems is generally required under the GAP Decree. The use of impermeable barriers on the underlying strata, to prevent nitrate leaching is needed to ensure the compliance with the Nitrate Decree.

Areas and farms falling within the scope of Nitrate Decree are as follows:

- Farms operating on designated nitrate vulnerable zones and producing in excess of household needs. (Household needs is here defined as five livestock unit (LSU) or three LSU in the case of poultry; LSU is here defined as 500 kg live weight);
- Farms under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR);
- Large livestock farms (defined in Decree 41/1997/. (V. 28.) FM);
- Areas of manure storage systems and manure processing.



**Figure 5.3.2. Maps of areas under the regulation of Nitrate Decree**

(Legend: nitrate vulnerable zones designated in 2007 are marked with green color, while areas under the regulations of Nitrate Decree since 2013 are marked with red color)

The compliance deadline for nitrate regulations was 31 December 2014 for liquid/ slurry, and 22

December 2015 for solid manure storage systems in accordance with the amended Nitrate Decree. (The Government Decree 49/2001(IV.3) contained earlier deadlines, between 2006 and 2014, which were extended in the amended regulation.)

Arising from the nitrate regulations amount of nitrogen leached was determined using the following assumptions:

- Measures for preventing N-leaching from manure management systems should have been started in 2001;
- Measures to improve manure management systems in order to prevent/ decrease N-leaching should have been finished according to the extended deadlines in the amended Nitrate Decree (i.e. at the end of 2014 or 2015);
- After the compliance deadline N-leaching could only occur on small farms (<5 LSU; or <3 LSU for poultry);

Additionally, a further assumption was made based on the data of Nitrate Database that liquid/slurry systems are not applied on small farms.

To summarize, N-leaching could occur from solid manure and deep litter of animals housed on small farms; and from solid manure, deep litter and liquid/slurry of animals housed on large farms before the compliance deadlines of nitrate regulations.

In 2000, one year before the introduction of the new legislation, a comprehensive survey was conducted to measure the proportion of farms where actions were needed in order to ensure the compliance with the nitrate regulations. The results of the survey were published in the study of Ráky (2003). For the year 2000 livestock on farms where N leaching could occur was estimated based on this study in the emission estimate.

For each year between 2000 and 2015 the livestock housed on farms with less than five or three LSU was determined based on FSS data. Besides, the fraction of non-compliance was estimated using linear interpolation between 2000 and the deadline of full compliance. (Smooth implementation of the nitrate regulations was assumed.) For the period 1985-1999 data for the year 2000 was applied due to lack of reliable statistics.

Annual amount of manure nitrogen that leached from manure management systems was determined according to the Eq 10.28 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, modified for the Hungarian legal circumstances as follows:

$$N_{leaching-MMS} = \sum_S \left[ \sum_T \left[ \left( N_{(T)} \circ Nex_{(T)} \circ \left( \frac{Frac_{Small} + Frac_{NC}}{100} \right)_{(T)} \circ MS_{(T,S)} \right) \circ \left( \frac{Frac_{leachMS}}{100} \right)_{(T,S)} \right] \right]$$

(Equation 5.3.)

Where:

$N_{leaching-MMS}$  = amount of manure nitrogen that leached from manure management systems, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_{(T)}$  = number of head of livestock species/category T in the country

$Nex_{(T)}$  = annual average N excretion per head of species/category T, kg N animal<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>

$MS_{(TS)}$  = fraction of total annual nitrogen excretion for each livestock species/category T that is managed in manure management system S in the country, dimensionless

$Frac_{leachMS}$  = percent of managed manure nitrogen losses for livestock category T due to runoff and leaching during solid and liquid storage of manure;

$Frac_{Small}$  = percent of livestock on small farms (<5 LU; or <3 LU for poultry);

$Frac_{NC}$  = percent of livestock on large farms (>5 LU; or >3 LU for poultry), not meeting the requirements of nitrate regulations;

In the case of Buffalo, Goat, Horse, Mule and Asses, Guinea Fowls and Rabbit, which livestock categories have small share to the total emissions, the all livestock was assumed to be farmed on small farms ( $Frac_{Small}=100$ ).

Time series of percent of livestock on small farms ( $Frac_{Small}$ ) or large farms, which do not meet the requirements of nitrate regulation ( $Frac_{NC}$ ), by livestock categories, are shown in Table 5.3.17.

**Table 5.3.17 Time Series of percent of livestock on small farms ( $Frac_{Small}$ ) or large farms, which do not meet the requirements of nitrate regulation ( $Frac_{NC}$ )**

Year	Swine		Dairy Cattle		Non-Dairy Cattle		Sheep	Laying hens	Geese	Broiler	Turkey	Ducks
	Liquid/ Slurry	Solid/ Deep Litter	Liquid/ Slurry	Solid/ Deep Litter	Liquid/ Slurry	Solid/ Deep Litter	Solid	With litter	With litter	With litter	With litter	With litter
2000	17	49	33	100	15	100	53	72	21	29	29	97
2001	17	47	31	95	15	94	51	71	20	28	27	92
2002	16	44	29	89	14	89	48	70	19	26	26	87
2003	15	42	28	83	13	82	46	69	18	24	24	81
2004	15	39	26	78	12	76	44	67	17	22	22	76
2005	14	36	24	72	11	70	43	65	16	20	21	71
2006	13	33	22	65	10	64	39	66	15	18	19	66
2007	12	30	20	59	9	58	35	68	15	17	17	61
2008	10	29	17	53	8	52	34	61	14	15	16	56
2009	9	27	15	47	7	47	32	55	13	13	14	51
2010	7	26	12	42	5	42	30	47	12	11	12	46
2011	6	24	10	35	4	36	27	46	10	10	11	40
2012	5	22	7	29	3	29	25	45	8	8	10	35
2013	3	20	5	23	2	23	22	43	7	6	8	29
2014	2	19	2	17	1	17	20	42	6	4	6	23
2015	0	18	0	11	0	11	17	40	5	2	5	18

The 2006 IPCC Guidelines provide a range of 1-20% for the default value of  $Frac_{leachMS}$ . However, the difference of  $Frac_{LossMS}$  and  $Frac_{GasMS}$  given in Tables 10.23 and 10.22 can be considered as IPCC default values for  $Frac_{leachMS}$ . In line with these differences a value of 3% was applied for solid manure of 'Other animals', a value of 5% for solid Swine and Other Cattle manure, and a value of 10% for solid Dairy-Cattle manure. The difference of IPCC default fractions resulted in 0 for liquid Cattle and Swine manure. The study of Velthof, G.L. et. al (2007) also suggests a value of 0 for liquid storages having concrete floor, but higher values for liquid storages no having concrete floor (i.e. lagoons), which was used in Hungary before the introduction of measures of nitrate regulations. Therefore, a value of 20% was considered as appropriate for liquid/slurry in accordance with Velthof, G.L. et. al (2007).

The difference of  $Frac_{Loss}$  and  $Frac_{GasMS}$  indicates a value of 10% for Cattle and Swine deep litter, which was assumed as unreasonable for the Hungarian farming practices, because deep litter is generally not stored (composted) before application to the soils (i.e. it is spread immediately after removal from the house). Additionally, research results cited in the study of Velthof, G.L. et. al (2007) pointed at low (i.e. less than 4% of initial N) leaching losses during composting of deep litter. According to the research results cited in the study of Velthof, G.L. et. al (2007) a value of 2.5% was applied in the estimate.

In accordance with the Table 11.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines the default value of 0.0075 kg  $N_2O-N$  (kg N leaching and run off)<sup>-1</sup> for  $EF_5$  was applied to estimate the indirect emissions from leaching/ run off.

### 5.3.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

#### 5.3.3.1 CH<sub>4</sub> emissions

Uncertainty of activity data (animal population) was estimated based on the confidence intervals for each animal species and livestock survey provided by the HCSO. The uncertainty of the mean annual averages was estimated according to the error propagation rules. (See Table 6.1.3.)

Uncertainty of EFs for CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from manure management was assumed to be  $\pm 20\%$  for Cattle and  $\pm 30\%$  for all livestock categories except rabbit, for which  $\pm 50\%$  was applied. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines provide  $\pm 30\%$  for T1 and  $\pm 20\%$  for T2 methods, thus the estimated uncertainties are in line with the IPCC values. The Tier1 uncertainty analysis gives an overall uncertainty of  $\pm 15\%$  for the CH<sub>4</sub> emission from manure management.

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

Uncertainties of  $\pm 25\%$  are assumed relating to the N excretion of dairy cattle's, non-dairy cattle's and swine, for which country-specific values are used, and  $\pm 50\%$  for the other livestock categories in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The uncertainty of the manure management system usage (MS<sub>T,S</sub>) data was assumed to be  $\pm 25\%$  in accordance with the default value provided by 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The uncertainty of the EFs are  $-50\%/+100\%$  according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, therefore the lower combined uncertainty of the direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Manure management is 36% and the upper one is 67%.

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

Currently, Hungary does not have uncertainty assessment on the reported air pollutant emissions. However, uncertainties in emission factor (EF<sub>4</sub>) are likely to dominate these emissions, thus uncertainties in the volatilized nitrogen are comparatively less important in terms of emissions. Consequently, due to lack of country-specific uncertainties the default uncertainty ranges for the Frac<sub>GasMS</sub>, and default uncertainty of the emission factor (EF<sub>4</sub>), taken from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were applied. The lower combined uncertainty of the indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Manure management is 84% and the upper one is 393%.

The overall combined uncertainty in the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.B is  $-37\%/+143\%$ .

### 5.3.4 Source specific QA/QC

Assumptions on manure treated in biogas plants were verified using data from the energy sector. According to the energy statistics, other biogas (i.e. other than landfill gas or sewage sludge gas) production in 2015 was 1954 TJ. In 2015 the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics and the Hungarian Energy Office conducted a joint annual survey to collect data on agricultural wastes treated in biogas plants. This data collection revealed that 53 per cent of dry matter content of waste treated in biogas plants using animal manure as fuel was animal manure. Thus, the biogas production from animal manure can be estimated about 1034 TJ, which equates to 21 kt CH<sub>4</sub>. Consequently, the estimated 0.94 kt CH<sub>4</sub> emission from anaerobic digesters under sector 3.B means about 5% of the total biogas production from animal manure, which seems to be reasonable.

Nitrogen excretion rates for Cattle and Swine were verified using different calculation methodologies and compared with values used by other countries. For Dairy Cattle two different methodologies were used to verify the annual value of N excretion. Firstly, the N excretion was estimated based on the body mass and milk yields according to the methodology provided in Fébel and Gundel, 2007. This methodology indicates a value of 118 kg N/head/year for the year 2015, which is significantly than the value applied in the inventory. In comparison, the methodology suggested by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for calculation of country-specific value of N<sub>retention</sub> resulted in a significantly lower value of 96.1 kg N/head/year for the N<sub>excretion</sub> for 2015. According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines data on the protein content of the milk was also taken into account in this calculation. The value of 108.7 kg

N/head/year, which was applied in this inventory submission, is in the range of the values resulted by the methodologies described above.

In case of Non-Dairy Cattle and Swine the methodology provided in Febel and Gundel, 2007 indicates lower values. However, the difference for Swine is insignificant. Nitrogen excretion rates were compared with the values reported by other EU Member States. This verification revealed that the Hungarian values are in the range of values reported by EU Member States.

N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are calculated and reported consistently with the NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> inventory under the UNECE/LRTAP convention. To calculate the NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook was applied.

### 5.3.5 Source-specific recalculations

The main recalculation with the Manure management category is the inclusion of emissions through nitrogen leaching and revision of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through volatilization losses. Minor revision to animal populations had a limited impact on the overall emissions trends. The resulted changes by gases and sources are outlined below:

#### *CH<sub>4</sub> emissions*

Recalculation in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 3.B Manure Management was driven by revisions in activity data. A revision of livestock populations for the years between 2011 and 2014 was conducted by the HCSO. This caused changes in emissions in the period 2011-2014. In addition to this, livestock population for Non-dairy Cattle was revised for the years 1996 and 2000-2013 as a response to a recommendation of the in-country review conducted in 2016. (See also Section 5.2.4.) The effect of these corrections is negligible.

It is important to note that the livestock population data in the CRF Tables do not reflect the above mentioned adjustment of Non-dairy Cattle subcategories, because annual means calculated from the HCSO's total are reported in the CRF Tables. Changes in the emissions due to recalculations in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 3.B are shown in Table 5.3.18. .

**Table 5.3.18 Changes in the CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 3.B**

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
<b>1996</b>	740	740	0.0	0.0%
<b>2000</b>	758	758	0.2	0.0%
<b>2001</b>	742	742	0.2	0.0%
<b>2002</b>	775	775	0.1	0.0%
<b>2003</b>	788	788	-0.1	0.0%
<b>2004</b>	724	724	0.0	0.0%
<b>2005</b>	689	689	-0.1	0.0%
<b>2006</b>	675	675	-0.1	0.0%
<b>2007</b>	687	687	0.1	0.0%
<b>2008</b>	657	657	-0.1	0.0%
<b>2009</b>	618	618	-0.1	0.0%
<b>2010</b>	615	615	-0.1	0.0%
<b>2011</b>	623	625	1.7	0.3%
<b>2012</b>	631	635	4.3	0.7%
<b>2013</b>	632	633	0.7	0.1%
<b>2014</b>	653	652	-1.0	-0.2%

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

Revisions in the livestock populations also caused slight changes in the direct as well as the indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions.

The recalculated dairy cattle populations effected slight changes in the milk production per head, which led to revisions of nitrogen excretions resulting in further changes in the emissions from 3.B for the years between 2011 and 2014. Similarly, revision of Non-dairy Cattle subcategories also resulted in negligible changes in the N-excretion. Revisions of livestock populations caused slight change in the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.B.

More significant recalculations occur in the indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions for the whole time series mainly due to the revision of emissions from atmospheric deposition.

Emissions from atmospheric deposition were recalculated due to the revision of NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in the reporting to the UNECE under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP). The new 2016 EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook (which has been introduced in the CLRTAP reporting since this year) enables us to separate NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from animal manure between 3.B and 3.D sectors for those livestock categories for which emissions are reported by Tier 1 method. This change resulted in changes in the allocation of nitrogen between 3.B and 3.D. However, emissions from livestock categories having small importance are calculated using Tier 1 method in the air pollutant emission inventory, therefore this change cause a slight decrease in the reported emissions (-2.3% and -4.3 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq on average over the period 1990-2014). Changes in the reported emissions are presented in *Table 5.3.19*.

**Table 5.3.19 Changes in the indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through volatilization losses from manure management for the BY and the period 1990-2014**

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> - eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
<b>BY</b>	348	344	-4.0	-1.2%
<b>1990</b>	321	316	-4.9	-1.5%
<b>1991</b>	294	290	-4.4	-1.5%
<b>1992</b>	248	244	-3.6	-1.5%
<b>1993</b>	220	215	-4.5	-2.0%
<b>1994</b>	199	193	-5.1	-2.6%
<b>1995</b>	198	194	-4.2	-2.1%
<b>1996</b>	199	196	-3.2	-1.6%
<b>1997</b>	191	187	-3.5	-1.8%
<b>1998</b>	196	193	-3.2	-1.6%
<b>1999</b>	200	197	-2.8	-1.4%
<b>2000</b>	202	197	-4.7	-2.3%
<b>2001</b>	195	190	-4.8	-2.4%
<b>2002</b>	199	194	-5.2	-2.6%
<b>2003</b>	199	195	-4.3	-2.2%
<b>2004</b>	189	183	-6.0	-3.2%
<b>2005</b>	176	172	-4.5	-2.5%
<b>2006</b>	173	167	-5.6	-3.2%
<b>2007</b>	172	166	-6.1	-3.5%
<b>2008</b>	166	161	-5.3	-3.2%
<b>2009</b>	158	153	-4.4	-2.8%
<b>2010</b>	158	154	-4.2	-2.7%
<b>2011</b>	153	151	-2.9	-1.9%



Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> - eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
<b>1012</b>	151	149	-2.1	-1.4%
<b>2013</b>	152	149	-3.0	-2.0%
<b>2014</b>	159	154	-4.5	-2.8%

Additionally, the formerly not estimated N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from nitrogen leaching and run-off have been reported for the first time in this submission to improve transparency and completeness of the inventory. These emissions resulted in an increase in the indirect emissions from 3.B, which partially offset the decrease due to the recalculated emissions from atmospheric deposition. Inclusion of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from nitrogen leaching resulted in 20.1 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq increase in the emissions on average for the period 1990-2014.

The total effect of these recalculations is an increase in the 3.B indirect emissions ranging from 2.3 Gg (in 2014) to 37.6 Gg in the BY *Table 5.3.20*.

**Table 5.3.20 Overall changes in the indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.B due to recalculations, for the BY and the period 1990-2014**

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> - eq]	Percentage change
<b>BY</b>	348	385	37.6	11%
<b>1990</b>	321	355	34.3	11%
<b>1991</b>	294	326	31.7	11%
<b>1992</b>	248	274	26.8	11%
<b>1993</b>	220	243	23.0	10%
<b>1994</b>	199	218	19.5	10%
<b>1995</b>	198	218	20.4	10%
<b>1996</b>	199	221	21.7	11%
<b>1997</b>	191	211	20.3	11%
<b>1998</b>	196	217	21.4	11%
<b>1999</b>	200	222	22.7	11%
<b>2000</b>	202	222	20.2	10%
<b>2001</b>	195	214	18.8	10%
<b>2002</b>	199	217	18.0	9%
<b>2003</b>	199	217	17.8	9%
<b>2004</b>	189	202	13.1	7%
<b>2005</b>	176	188	12.1	7%
<b>2006</b>	173	183	9.6	6%
<b>2007</b>	172	180	7.9	5%
<b>2008</b>	166	173	7.0	4%
<b>2009</b>	158	164	6.3	4%
<b>2010</b>	158	164	5.7	4%
<b>2011</b>	153	159	5.9	4%
<b>1012</b>	151	157	5.9	4%
<b>2013</b>	152	157	4.3	3%
<b>2014</b>	159	161	2.3	1%

*\*Impact of recalculations on total N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.B*

The net effect of recalculations in 3.B resulted in a 1.2% (27.3 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) increase in the BY and 0.1% (1.6 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) decrease in the emissions. The overall effect of recalculations in 3.B on national total emissions (excluding LULUCF) is an increase by 0.02% and 0.003% in the BY and in 2014, respectively.

### ***5.3.6 Planned improvements***

See Section 5.1.7

## 5.4 Rice cultivation (CRF sector 3.C)

### 5.4.1 Source Category Description

*Emitted gas: CH<sub>4</sub>*

*Methods: T1*

*Emission factors: D*

*Key source: none*

Hungary is situated on the north edge of the rice production area. According to this the climatic conditions are unfavorable. The production area of rice involves the poorer quality soils. Since the production volume is very low in Hungary, the contribution of rice cultivation to the greenhouse gas emissions is minimal, only 0.6% of the entire CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from agriculture sector.

### 5.4.2 Methodological issues

In Hungary the rice is cultivated on poorer quality soil, without organic amendments, the fields are intermittently flooded. Aeration is applied as a pest control during the cultivation. (Apáti, 2003).

Methane emissions from rice cultivation were calculated according to the Equation 5.1 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. As CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from rice cultivation are not a key category in Hungary, the Tier 1 methodology with default emission factors was applied. The adjusted daily emission factor to the above equation was calculated based on Equation 5.2 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The required values of baseline emission factor (EF<sub>c</sub>), water regime (SF<sub>w</sub>), water regime in the pre-season (SF<sub>p</sub>) to this equation were taken from Tables 5.11-5.13 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The adjusted CH<sub>4</sub> emission scaling factor for organic amendment (SF<sub>o</sub>) was calculated using the Eq. 5.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The value of conversion factor (CFOA) was taken from Table 5.14 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Due to lack of detailed information 'straw incorporated shortly (<30 days) before cultivation' was assumed as a conservative approach.

In response to a recommendation from the in-country review conducted in 2016 this section was supplemented with the **Table 5.4.1** to present values of parameters used for calculating the EFs for irrigated rice cultivation.

**Table 5.4.1 Parameters used for calculating the Emission Factors for CRF category 3.C**

Parameters	Value	Unit	Source	Notes
EF <sub>i,j,k</sub> , daily emission factor	1.86	kg CH <sub>4</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup>	Eq. 5.2 of 2006 Gl.	
t <sub>i,j,k</sub> , cultivation period, day	145	day	Calculated	Sowing: third ten day of April, or first ten day of May. Harvesting: between 10th of September and 10th of October
EF <sub>c</sub> , baseline emission factor	1.3	kg CH <sub>4</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup>	Table 5.11 of 2006 Gl.	
SF <sub>w</sub> , water regime	0.78		Table 5.12 of 2006 Gl.	
SF <sub>p</sub> , water regime, pre-season	1.22		Table 5.13 of 2006 Gl.	
SF <sub>o</sub> , organic amendment	1.51		Eq. 5.3 and Table 5.14 for CFOA of	

Parameters	Value	Unit	Source	Notes
			2006 Gls	
<b>SF<sub>s,r</sub>, soil type, rice cultivar</b>	1			There is no default value provided in the 2006 IPCC Gls. However, it should take into account if it is available according to the IPCC methodology.

As activity data, the total size of the production area was taken from the HCSO's statistics.

### 5.4.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

For the uncertainty of the activity data,  $\pm 5\%$  has been estimated by expert judgement. Uncertainties of scaling factors and the baseline emission factor were taken from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. ( $SF_w \pm 26\%$ ;  $SF_0 -4\%/+5\%$ ;  $SF_p -14\%/+15\%$ ,  $EF_c -63\%/+69\%$ ) Combination of uncertainties listed above resulted in  $69\%/+75\%$  combined uncertainty for the adjusted daily emission factor. Therefore, the overall lower and upper uncertainty of  $69\%$  and  $75\%$  can be calculated for the emissions from rice cultivation.

### 5.4.4 QA/QC Information

See 6.1.5.

### 5.4.5 Source-specific recalculations

There were no recalculations in this category.

### 5.4.6 Planned improvements

There are no further improvements planned.

## 5.5 N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Agricultural soils (CRF sector 3.D)

### 5.5.1 Source Category Description

Emitted gas: N<sub>2</sub>O

Methods: T1

Emission factors: D

Key source: Yes

Particularly significant sub-categories: Inorganic N fertilizers, Crop residue

In 2015 agricultural soils emitted 88% of the total N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from the agriculture sector, and 77% of the national total N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are generated in agricultural soils (Table 5.5.1). Emissions from agricultural soils contributed 5.4 percent (3,303 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) to the national total GHG emissions in 2015 (Table 5.5.1).

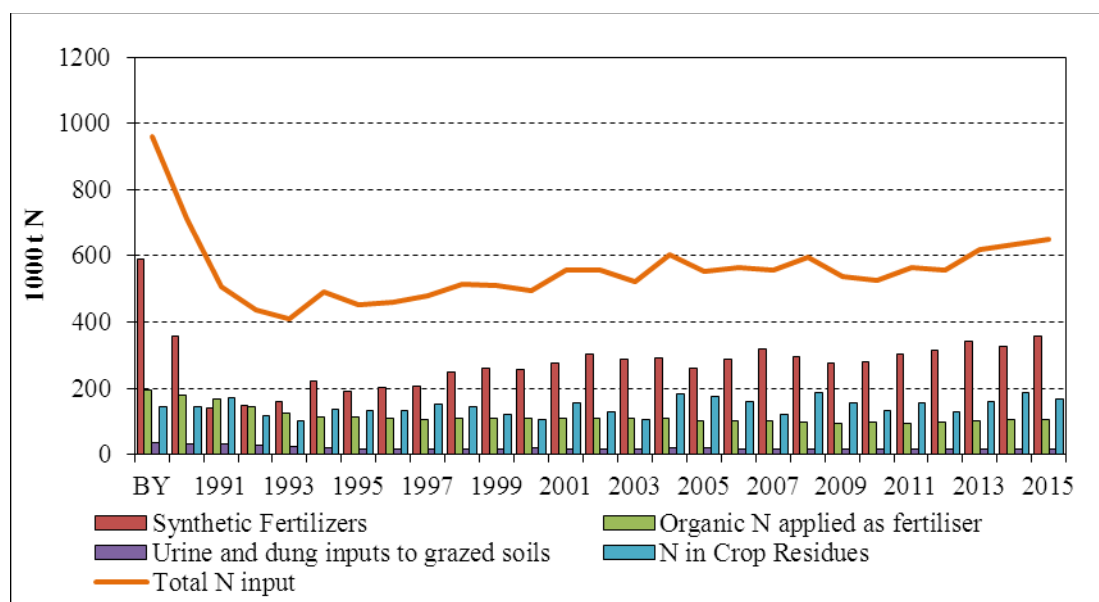
The overall trend in emissions is decreasing. However, trends in emissions from crop production related sectors as 3.D.a.4 and 3.D.a.5 are different from the other subsectors. Emissions from 3.D.a.4 fluctuated significantly depending on crop production, which is determined by the weather conditions. Trends for 3.D.a.5 also seem to be fluctuating. However, emission from this source is low and uncertain.

Table 5.5.1 Trends in emissions from 3. D Agricultural Soils by subcategories

Year	N <sub>2</sub> O emissions (Gg N <sub>2</sub> O)									
	3.D. a	3.D.a. 1	3.D.a. 2	4.D.a. 3	4.D.a. 4	3.D.a. 5	3.D.a. 6	3.D. b	3.D.b. 1	3.D.b. 2
<b>BY</b>	<b>15.28</b>	9.25	3.03	0.76	2.24	0.009	NO	<b>1.32</b>	0.88	0.44
<b>1990</b>	<b>11.35</b>	5.63	2.80	0.65	2.26	0.011	NO	<b>1.04</b>	0.69	0.36
<b>1991</b>	<b>8.15</b>	2.20	2.62	0.63	2.69	0.011	NO	<b>0.70</b>	0.46	0.24
<b>1992</b>	<b>6.98</b>	2.33	2.25	0.56	1.83	0.011	NO	<b>0.60</b>	0.39	0.21
<b>1993</b>	<b>6.54</b>	2.53	1.98	0.45	1.57	0.011	NO	<b>0.55</b>	0.35	0.20
<b>1994</b>	<b>7.81</b>	3.49	1.77	0.38	2.16	0.011	NO	<b>0.59</b>	0.36	0.23
<b>1995</b>	<b>7.22</b>	3.00	1.75	0.36	2.09	0.011	NO	<b>0.58</b>	0.37	0.21
<b>1996</b>	<b>7.33</b>	3.19	1.72	0.35	2.05	0.011	NO	<b>0.59</b>	0.37	0.21
<b>1997</b>	<b>7.63</b>	3.24	1.66	0.35	2.38	0.011	NO	<b>0.58</b>	0.37	0.21
<b>1998</b>	<b>8.20</b>	3.90	1.69	0.35	2.26	0.006	NO	<b>0.62</b>	0.40	0.23
<b>1999</b>	<b>8.09</b>	4.12	1.72	0.35	1.90	0.006	NO	<b>0.62</b>	0.41	0.21
<b>2000</b>	<b>7.85</b>	4.05	1.73	0.38	1.67	0.006	NO	<b>0.63</b>	0.40	0.23
<b>2001</b>	<b>8.85</b>	4.32	1.69	0.37	2.46	0.006	NO	<b>0.66</b>	0.40	0.25
<b>2002</b>	<b>8.85</b>	4.76	1.73	0.36	2.00	0.006	NO	<b>0.69</b>	0.43	0.26
<b>2003</b>	<b>8.27</b>	4.54	1.73	0.37	1.62	0.006	NO	<b>0.68</b>	0.43	0.25
<b>2004</b>	<b>9.55</b>	4.60	1.68	0.38	2.88	0.006	NO	<b>0.71</b>	0.42	0.28
<b>2005</b>	<b>8.81</b>	4.09	1.61	0.38	2.73	0.000	NO	<b>0.64</b>	0.40	0.24
<b>2006</b>	<b>8.99</b>	4.54	1.59	0.37	2.49	NO	NO	<b>0.67</b>	0.42	0.25
<b>2007</b>	<b>8.88</b>	5.03	1.59	0.36	1.90	NO	NO	<b>0.69</b>	0.43	0.26
<b>2008</b>	<b>9.47</b>	4.62	1.54	0.35	2.96	NO	NO	<b>0.63</b>	0.36	0.27
<b>2009</b>	<b>8.58</b>	4.32	1.49	0.35	2.42	NO	NO	<b>0.58</b>	0.34	0.25
<b>2010</b>	<b>8.36</b>	4.42	1.50	0.34	2.11	NO	NO	<b>0.58</b>	0.34	0.24
<b>2011</b>	<b>9.00</b>	4.74	1.48	0.34	2.43	0.005	NO	<b>0.61</b>	0.35	0.26
<b>2012</b>	<b>8.85</b>	4.92	1.54	0.35	2.03	0.012	NO	<b>0.62</b>	0.36	0.26
<b>2013</b>	<b>9.84</b>	5.39	1.56	0.36	2.51	0.018	NO	<b>0.69</b>	0.40	0.29
<b>2014</b>	<b>10.10</b>	5.13	1.63	0.38	2.94	0.025	NO	<b>0.70</b>	0.39	0.30
<b>2015</b>	<b>10.34</b>	5.63	1.67	0.38	2.63	0.025	NO	<b>0.74</b>	0.44	0.31

Year	N <sub>2</sub> O emissions (Gg N <sub>2</sub> O)									
	3.D. a	3.D.a. 1	3.D.a. 2	4.D.a. 3	4.D.a. 4	3.D.a. 5	3.D.a. 6	3.D. b	3.D.b. 1	3.D.b. 2
Share of Hungarian total N <sub>2</sub> O emissions in BY	28%	15%	4.5%	1.0%	7.1%	0.07%	NO	2.0%	1.2%	0.8%
Share of Hungarian total N <sub>2</sub> O in 2015	72%	39%	11.5%	2.7%	18.2%	0.17%	NO	5.1%	3.0%	2.1%
Trend BY- 2015	-32%	-39%	-45%	-49%	18%	174%		-44%	-50%	31%

The total emissions from 3.D Agricultural soils have reduced by 33 per cent of the BY levels until 2015 (See Table 6.1.2). A significant drop had occurred in the period 1985-1993 due to the significant decrease in synthetic fertilizer use and livestock population which resulted in less N-input (**Figure 5.5.1**). After reaching the lowest point of the emission levels in 1993 there was a slight increase until 1998 due to a small rise in synthetic fertilizer use. After that emission levels remained quasi stable in the period 1998-2013 as a result of compensatory processes between the different sources of N input. As the **Figure 5.5.1** reveals emissions are primarily driven by the amount in synthetic fertilizer used. At the beginning of the time series the second most important source was the organic manure. In contrast, in the recent years N in crop residues has exceeded the amount of organic N, reflecting the restructuring in the Hungarian agricultural. Namely, the animal husbandry has declined in importance in the agricultural production, while crop production has become more meaningful. For more details on trends see also Section 5.1.1. Emissions from 3.D Agricultural soils and their trends by sub-categories are shown in **Table 5.5.1**.



**Figure 5.5.1 Trends in nitrogen input to soils**

### 5.5.2 Methodological issues

#### Direct soil (CRF sector 3.D.a)

Direct soil emissions are the main source of N<sub>2</sub>O in the Hungarian inventory. In 2015, 78% of the national total N<sub>2</sub>O emissions originated from this sector (Table 6.5.1), which includes N inputs from synthetic N-fertilizer (3.D.a.1), organic manures as animal manure use and sewage sludge application (3.D.a.2), emissions from urine and dung N deposited on pasture (3.D.a.3) and crop residues (3.D.a.4). Emissions from N mineralization associated with loss of SOM (3.D.a.5) are rather low, but also was taken into account to meet the principle of completeness. In response to the recommendation of the ESD review, 2016, N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.D.2.c Other organic fertilizers applied to soils (compost) have been estimated for the first time in this submission. Organic soils are protected, thus not cultivated in Hungary. Therefore, emissions from cultivation of histosols are not reported.

Emissions from these sources were calculated using Tier 1 methodology based on the Equation 11.1 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The N<sub>2</sub>O-N was converted to N<sub>2</sub>O by the factor (44/28) in line with the IPCC methodology. Terms of the Equation 11.1 were determined as it is detailed in the following sub-sections, while amounts of various N inputs to soils are provided in **Table 5.5.4**.

#### N input from synthetic fertilizer use (F<sub>SN</sub>)

Annual amount of synthetic N fertilizer applied to soils was estimated from the total amount of synthetic fertilizer consumed annually. Annual fertilizer consumption data was collected from the official country statistics of the HCSO, recorded as fertilizer sales statistics by the Research Institute on the Agricultural Economic. Collection of this data is executed according to the National Statistical Data Collection Program (OSAP). Although, this is a sale statistics instead of consumption data, but so comprehensive survey on fertilizer consumption there is not available in Hungary. Moreover, this sale statistics contains the sold fertilizers by product line, which enables us to determine the amount of Nitrogen applied to soils by fertilizer types, thus the detailed and more accurate calculation of volatilization and indirect emissions. Data on synthetic fertiliser applied (F<sub>SN</sub>) for the period 1985-2015 are provided in **Table 5.5.4**.

#### Applied organic fertilizers (F<sub>ON</sub>)

The amount of organic N inputs applied to soils other than by grazing animals was calculated using Equation 11.3 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. In Hungary, this includes animal manure sewage sludge and compost as other organic fertilizers applied to soils.

Managed manure nitrogen available for application to managed soils (N<sub>MMS\_Avb</sub>) was calculated based on Eq. 10.34 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Data required to the calculation of the first term of this equation, such as N excretion and N loss are provided in Chapter 6.3. In the case of straw based systems N inputs with straw were also taken into account in the inventory according to the above mentioned equation. Straw N amounts depend on animal categories and housing systems. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines provide default values for Cattle and Swine, which were used in our calculation. For other livestock categories default values taken from the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook were applied. Data used in the calculations to estimate N from bedding materials with their sources is provided in **Table 5.5.2**. Use of managed manure as feed, fuel or for construction is not occurring in Hungary. Therefore fractions (Frac<sub>FEED</sub>, Frac<sub>FUEL</sub>, Frac<sub>CNST</sub>) in Equation 11.4 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines were assumed to be zero.

**Table 5.5.2 Nitrogen in bedding materials by animal category and manure management systems**

Animal category	N content of bedding materials by manure management systems [(kg N head <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )]		Source
	Solid	Deep Litter	
Dairy Cattle	7	13	p.10.66 of 2006 IPCC GLs.
Non-Dairy Cattle	5	10	Based on 2013 EMEP/EEA GB
Buffalo	6	-	Based on 2013 EMEP/EEA GB
Sheep	0.08	-	Based on 2013 EMEP/EEA GB
Goats	0.08	-	Based on 2013 EMEP/EEA GB
Horses	2	-	Based on 2013 EMEP/EEA GB
Mules	2	-	Based on 2013 EMEP/EEA GB
Swine	0.9	1.8	p.10.66 of 2006 IPCC GLs
Poultry	0.022*	-	Expert judgments

*\*Poultry manure with bedding*

Data on annual amount of total sewage N that is applied to agricultural soils is available in the Urban Wastewater Information System (UWIS) since 2011. For the period 1994-2010 data were taken from the EUROSTAT statistics. The EUROSTAT provides data on sewage sludge disposal for agricultural use, but this statistics contain the sewage sludge disposal for recultivation as well as agricultural purposes. 40% of the reported disposed sewage sludge based on expert judgment was assumed to be applied on agricultural lands and the remaining 60% for recultivation. Activity data was extrapolated for the period 1988-1994. For the years 1988 backwards application of sewage was assumed to be 'not occurring', because of the low proportion of wastewater treatment in Hungary. The N-content of sewage sludge was assumed to be 4% in the calculation. Data on applied organic fertilizers ( $F_{ON}$ ) was determined in coordinated with the Waste sector.

In response to a recommendation made the ESD Review conducted in 2016, N input from compost has been reported for the first time. In this category, N content of the composted waste is reported because of the lack of published data on compost applied to agricultural soils (i.e. all compost is assumed to be applied on soils). Activity data was taken from the 5.B sector. N content of the composted municipal waste and composted sewage sludge was calculated, using the IPCC default parameters on moisture content and N in dry matter given in Table 4.1 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

The resulted activity data for the period 1985-2014 are provided in **Table 5.5.4**.

#### **Urine and dung from grazing animals ( $F_{PRP}$ )**

The term  $F_{PRP}$  is estimated using Equation 11.5. For the required values of the equation see Chapter 5.3. Annual amount of urine and dung nitrogen deposited by grazing animals on pasture, range and paddock ( $F_{PRP}$ ) for the period 1985-2015 are provided in **Table 5.5.4**.

#### **Crop residue N including forage/ pasture renewal ( $F_{CR}$ )**

Nitrogen input from crop residues was estimated in accordance with the Tier 1 methodology, Equation 11.7A of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Activity data on crop yields and annual area of harvested crops were taken from the HCSO. To estimate the N added to soils from crop residues and forage/pasture renewal mainly default parameters from the Table 11.2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used. Since yield statistics are reported as field-dry weight a correction factor was applied to estimate dry matter yields in accordance with Equation 11.7 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. In the case of wheat parameters provided for grains were used, because the default values given for wheat in the 2006 Guidelines are inappropriate for Hungarian wheat species. For rapeseed and sunflower seed, for which default values are unavailable in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, country-specific values of ratio of



above-ground residues dry matter to harvested yield crop and N content of above-ground residues for crop were used, while, N-contents of below-ground biomass for these crops were calculated using default values provided for 'beans and pulses' in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. Dry matter contents of forage crops as lucerne-hay, red clover-hay, silo maize and grass hay were sourced from the Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004. Input factors used to estimate the N added to soils from crop residues are provided in **Table 5.5.3**.

The 2006 IPCC method accounts for the effect of residue burning or other removal of residues. Annual areas of burning for cereals ( $\text{Area}_{\text{burnt(T)}}$ ) were estimated based on expert judgement. It was taken into account for the years before 1990, because burning of crop residues has been banned since 1986 in Hungary. A decreasing proportion of illegal field burning for cereals was assumed for the period between 1986 and 1990. (See also chapter 5.7). Equation 11.7 requires fractions of total area of crops that is renewed annually. For annual crops  $\text{Frac}_{\text{Renew}}=1$  was assumed, while for Lucerne hay (Alfalfa) and Red clover hay 25%, as the area of these forage crops are renewed on average every four years. In addition,  $\text{Frac}_{\text{Renew}}=0.2$  was assumed for the forage/pasture renewal, assuming five year renewal frequency based on expert judgement (Monori, 2015).

In the fraction of above-ground residues of crops removed annually ( $\text{Frac}_{\text{Remove}}$ ) straw used as bedding materials was taken into account. Proportion of straw used as bedding materials were subtracted here, to avoid double counting, as this N is taken into account in the term of  $\text{F}_{\text{ON}}$ . This fraction was calculated consistently with the 3.B and  $\text{F}_{\text{ON}}$ . There is not comprehensive survey on the amount of crop residues burned as fuel in Hungary. Therefore no removal for burning of fuel was assumed. Amount of N in crop residues, including N-fixing crops, and from forage/ pasture renewal, returned to soils are shown in **Table 5.5.4**.

**Table 5.5.3 Parameters used to estimate emissions from crop residues**

Crops	Dry matter fraction of harvested product (DRY)	Slope	Intercept	N content of above-ground residues ( $\text{N}_{\text{AG}}$ )	Ratio of below-ground residues to above-ground biomass ( $\text{R}_{\text{BG-BIO}}$ )	N content of below-ground residues ( $\text{N}_{\text{BG}}$ )
<b>Wheat<sup>1</sup></b>	0.880	1.09	0.88	0.0060	0.22	0.009
<b>Maize (corn)</b>	0.870	1.03	0.61	0.0060	0.22	0.007
<b>Rice</b>	0.890	0.95	2.46	0.0070	0.16	0.009
<b>Barley</b>	0.890	0.98	0.59	0.0070	0.22	0.014
<b>Rye</b>	0.880	1.09	0.88	0.0050	0.22	0.011
<b>Oats</b>	0.890	0.91	0.89	0.0070	0.25	0.008
<b>Bean</b>	0.900	0.36	0.68	0.0100	0.19	0.010
<b>Peas</b>	0.910	1.13	0.85	0.0080	0.19	0.008
<b>Soya-bean</b>	0.910	0.93	1.35	0.0080	0.19	0.008
<b>Green peas</b>	0.910	1.13	0.85	0.0080	0.19	0.008
<b>Potatoes</b>	0.220	0.10	1.06	0.0190	0.20	0.014
<b>Sugarbeat</b>	0.220	0.10	1.06	0.0190	0.20	0.014
<b>Sunflower<sup>2</sup></b>	0.800	NA	NA	0.0057	0.19	0.008
<b>Rape<sup>2</sup></b>	0.700	NA	NA	0.0033	0.19	0.008
<b>Lucerne-hay<sup>3</sup></b>	0.864	0.29	0.00	0.027	0.40	0.019
<b>Red Clover-hay<sup>3</sup></b>	0.855	0.29	0.00	0.027	0.40	0.019
<b>Maize (silo)<sup>3</sup></b>	0.317	1.03	0.61	0.006	0.22	0.007
<b>Meadows<sup>3</sup></b>	0.874	0.18	0.00	0.015	0.54	0.012

<sup>1</sup>2006 IPCC default for 'grains' was applied, as data for wheat are inappropriate for Hungarian species.

<sup>2</sup>Dry matter content and  $R_{AG}$  are country-specific based on Zsembeli et. al, 2011.  $R_{AGsunflower}=3.0$ ,  $R_{AGrape}=2.0$ .

<sup>3</sup>Values of DRY are country-specific, sourced from Hungarian Nutrition Codex, 2004.

### N mineralization associated with loss of SOM ( $F_{SOM}$ )

$F_{SOM}$  refers to the amount of N mineralised from loss in soil organic C in mineral soils through land-use change or management practices. To estimate the N mineralised as consequence of this loss of soil carbon the Equation 11.8 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied. The activity data was the carbon loss from management changes under 4.B.1 cropland remaining cropland/ mineral soils. The default C:N ratio of the soil organic matter of 10 was used. The resulted annual values for  $F_{SOM}$  are provided in *Table 5.5.4*.

*Table 5.5.4 Amount of N inputs to soils BY-2015*

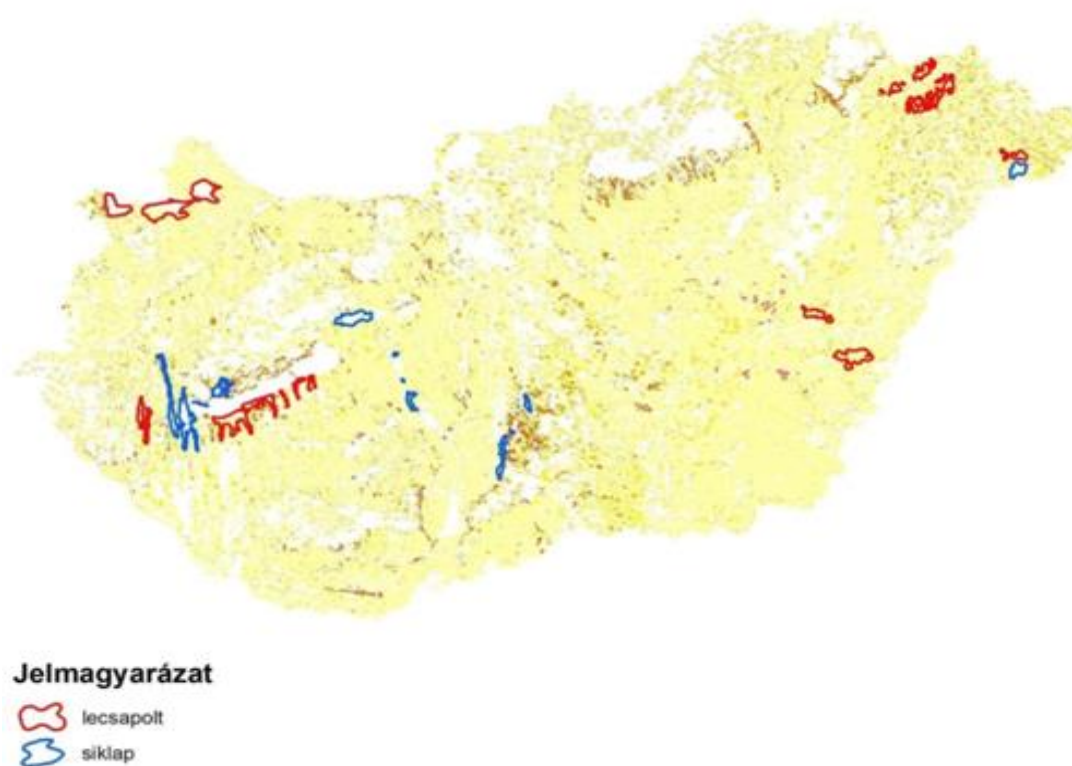
Year	Synthetic Fertilizers	Organic N applied as fertiliser			Urine and dung inputs to grazed soils	Crop Residues	N mineralisation associated with loss of SOM
		Animal manure	Sewage	Compost			
	1000t N						
BY	589	193	NO	NO	36	142	0.37
1990	358	178	0.2	0.2	30	144	0.70
1991	140	166	0.2	0.2	30	171	0.70
1992	148	143	0.3	0.2	27	117	0.69
1993	161	125	0.3	0.2	22	100	0.69
1994	222	112	0.4	0.2	18	137	0.69
1995	191	111	0.5	0.2	17	133	0.69
1996	203	108	0.5	0.4	16	131	0.68
1997	206	105	0.4	0.4	16	151	0.68
1998	248	107	0.5	0.3	16	144	0.40
1999	262	109	0.4	0.4	17	121	0.40
2000	258	110	0.4	0.4	18	106	0.40
2001	275	107	0.4	0.4	18	157	0.39
2002	303	109	0.5	0.7	17	127	0.39
2003	289	109	0.5	0.8	17	103	0.39
2004	293	106	0.5	0.5	18	183	0.39
2005	260	101	0.9	0.7	19	174	0.03
2006	289	100	0.8	0.8	18	159	NO
2007	320	100	0.8	0.9	17	121	NO
2008	294	96	1.0	1.2	16	188	NO
2009	275	92	1.0	1.4	16	154	NO
2010	281	93	0.9	1.8	16	134	NO
2011	302	91	0.8	2.1	15	155	0.29
2012	313	95	0.7	2.2	16	129	0.75
2013	343	97	0.5	2.2	16	160	1.16
2014	327	101	0.6	2.7	16	187	1.61
2015	358	103	0.6	2.6	17	167	1.61

### Area of drained/managed organic soils (F<sub>os</sub>)

Cultivation of Histosols is not occurring in Hungary, therefore notation key 'NO' is reported for the N<sub>2</sub>O emission in CRF Table 3.D. Following the recommendation in the 2013 annual review, and the 2016 in-country review, the NIR has been supplemented with the following justification.

In the Hungarian soil classification system Peat soils and Ameliorated peat soils could be identified as WRB Histosols. It should be noted that one of the feature of the Hungarian genetic soil classification system is that the name of certain types of soils hints at the condition of the soil formation and not necessarily at their current characteristics. Thus, the translation of this name into English can cause some misunderstanding. I. e. words like 'swampy', or 'peat' in the name of the Hungarian genetic soil types does not definitely mean that the soil fall in the group of Histosols.

Total areas of Peat and Ameliorated peat soils are 41,612 and 90,685 ha based on AGROTOPO, the Hungarian agro-topographical map at scale of 1:100,000. The delineated areas of Peat and Ameliorated Peat soils are shown on Figure 5.5.6.



Source: Research Institute for Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry (Hungary)

Note: 'lecsapolt' = Ameliorated peat soils, 'síkláp'=Peat soils

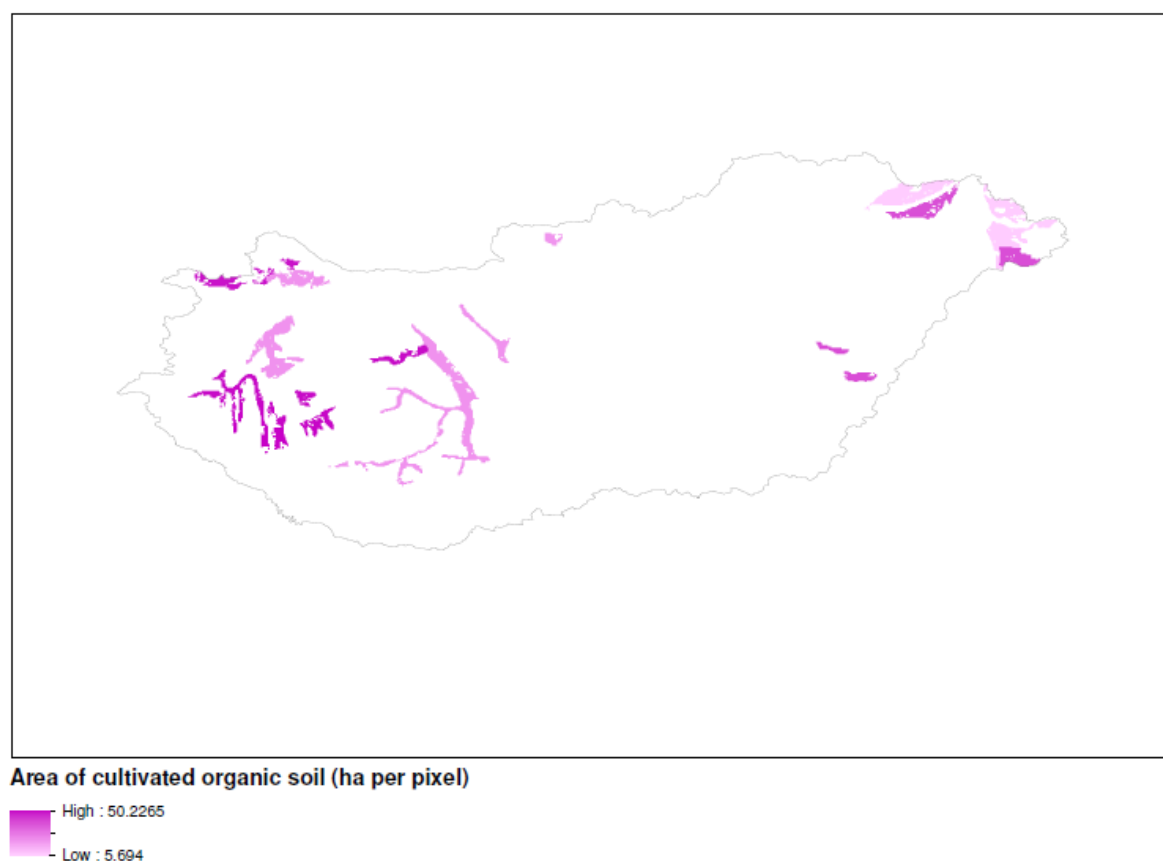
**Figure 5.5.2 Peat soils and Ameliorated peat soils in Hungary**

Peat soils form and can be restored under wetland conditions, which are 'ex lege' protected in Hungary in accordance with the Article 23 Paragraph (2) of the Act No LIII of 1996. (This law is in force currently, but Wetlands was protected decades ago.) Hungary also signed the Ramsar convention in 1971, thus the protection of wetlands are also encouraged based on this convention. As a consequence, areas of wetland soils are mainly national parks and landscape protection areas. **In summary, cultivation of organic soils/ Histosols is prohibited by law in Hungary.**

Before the 1950's attempts were made on the utilization of peat lands, by draining. The results of this activity are the Ameliorated peat soils. After draining, the organic carbon content of these soils declined resulting from the oxidization of organic matters during a more than 60 years of continuous cultivation. Consequently, as it is proved by measurements, these cultivated Ameliorated peat soils

have an average humus content of 6%, which do not meet the definition of ‘Histosols’ or ‘organic soils’ used in the IPCC Guidelines.

The FAO database on GHG emissions indicates 229.2 kha cultivated organic soil for Hungary based on the Harmonized World Soil Map and the Global Land Cover 2000 dataset, but this area exceeds the total area of Peat soils and Ameliorated peat soils in Hungary (i.e. 132.3 kha altogether) delineated based on higher resolution national soil map regardless of land cover and land use. This significant overestimation indicates the high uncertainty in the estimated area from the harmonized international databases. Areas of cultivated organic soils based on FAO GHG emission database are shown on **Figure 5.5.7**



Source: FAO

**Figure 5.5.3 Cultivated Histosols in Hungary based on FAO GHG emission database**

The data of the Hungarian Soil Protection and Monitoring System (hereafter referred to as TIM) prove this fact, namely there are no cultivated organic soils in Hungary. Arising from the definition of Histosols in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the organic carbon contents of agricultural soils were analyzed to distinguish between Histosols (organic soils) and mineral soils.

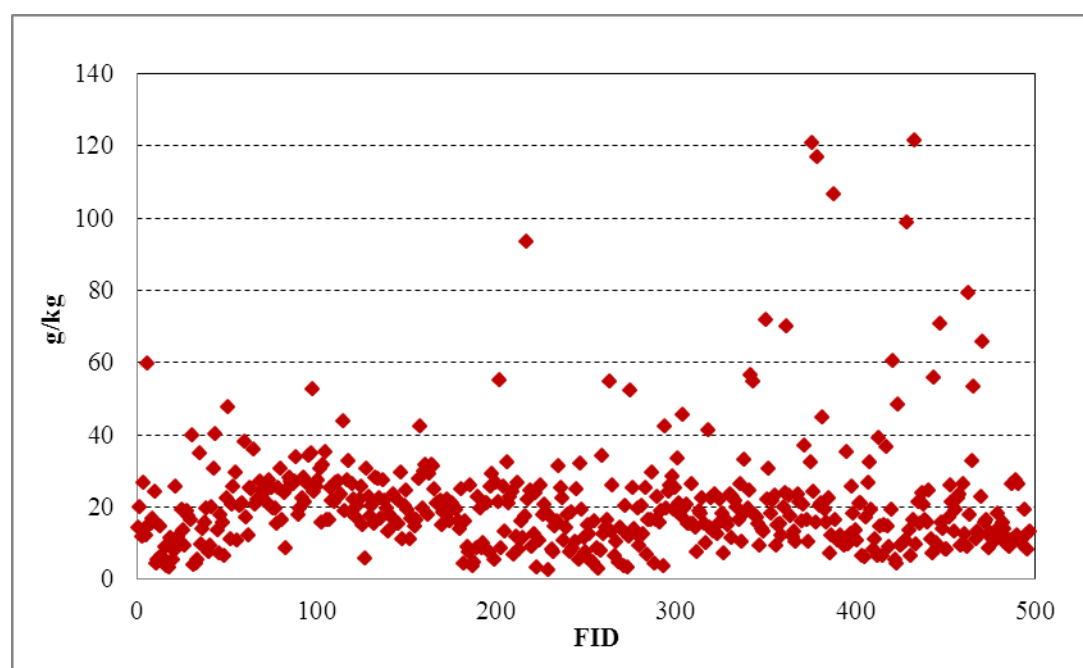
The organic matter content of agricultural soils was derived from the measurements of the TIM. A summary about the TIM is also available in English, in Várallyay, 2005. The measured humus content data for **1014 sample points** was received from the Plant, Soil and Agri-environmental Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office. The humus content data based on laboratory measurements are available for the year 1998 and 2000. According to the data of the TIM, the humus content of the soil does not reach 20%, the lower limit of humus content in organic soils, in any of the TIM points. The **Table 5.5.5** summarizes the measured humus content data for Ameliorated peat soils and Peat soils.

**Table 5.5.5 Measured humus content for Ameliorated peat soils and Peat soils based on TIM**

Code	EOV_X	EOV_Y	Humus content	Humus content	Average humus content	Hungarian genetic soil types	IPCC soil type
			1998	2000	1998, 2000		
			%	%	%		
<b>I0908</b>	489320	258154	5.69	4.97	5.33	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
<b>I1614</b>	531672	149870	6.01	6.7	6.36	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
<b>I1707</b>	590004	203609	5.36	6.04	5.70	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
<b>I3008</b>	520145	273846	5.69	4.61	5.15	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
<b>I3819</b>	512187	219795	6.77	5.3	6.04	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
<b>I4019</b>	526785	166020	5.65	5.9	5.78	Peat soils	Wetland
<b>I4715</b>	901096	276942	2.83	2.44	2.64	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
<b>S4920</b>	504239	148173	5.25	5.85	5.55	Peat soils	Wetland
<b>S5008</b>	502087	262733	5.24	5.6	5.42	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland
<b>S6303</b>	675522	115685	5.11		5.11	Peat soils	Wetland
<b>S6515</b>	901822	285368	12.05	11	11.53	Ameliorated peat soils	Wetland

Source: Soil and Agri-environmental Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO)

In 2009, the European Commission extended the periodic Land Use/Land Cover Area Frame Survey (LUCAS) to sample and analyse the main properties of topsoil in 23 Member States of the European Union (EU). The LUCAS Topsoil Data (EC JRC, 2013) providing measured organic carbon data for 20,000 sample points in Europe for the year 2009 were also analyzed and confirmed that organic soils are not cultivated in Hungary.



**Figure 5.5.4 Organic carbon contents of soil samples in Hungary based on LUCAS Topsoil Survey, 2009**

In the course of the LUCAS Topsoil Survey 497 samples were collected in Hungary, out of them 314 samples from annual croplands, 6 from permanent crops, 60 from woodlands, 4 from shrublands and 104 from grasslands. For more information on the survey and representativity issues see also Tóth G.

et al, 2013. As the data on organic carbon content of soil samples revealed, only two samples have 12.06 and 12.15 per cent organic carbon content which might be classified into the group of Histosols, but none of them was from cultivated cropland. (The point IDs of these samples are 49422714 and 48782686, respectively.) The resulted organic carbon contents expressed in terms of g/kg are shown on **Figure 5.5.4**. Photos of sample plots where the samples having about 12% organic carbon content were collected are shown in **Figure 5.5.5**. According to the LUCAS survey, the land cover of these plots is grassland without tree/ shrub cover (Code: E20). Therefore, can not be disturbance leading to loss of organic matter stored in the soil.



**Figure 5.5.5** *Photos of sample plots where soil samples with 12% organic carbon content were collected in the course of LUCAS Topsoil Survey, 2009*

As a consequence of the facts due to the domestic legislation on one hand and based on data from soil surveys on the other, it can be confirmed that organic soils are not cultivated in Hungary. Soils in Hungary, which are classified as Histosols in international soil databases (eg. FAO HWSD) are either on protected wetlands (Peat soils) or, if on managed croplands, they have lost most of their carbon content (Ameliorated peat soils) and can not be classified as Histosols.

#### **Indirect Emissions (CRF 3.D.b)**

In addition to the direct emissions of  $N_2O$  from managed soils, emissions of  $N_2O$  also take place through two indirect pathways. The first of these pathways is the volatilization of N as  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$ , and the subsequent deposition of these gases and their products onto soils and water surfaces. The sources of N volatilization are not confined to agricultural fertilizers and manures, but also include fossil fuel combustion, biomass burning, and processes in the chemical industry. In the Hungarian inventory reporting of volatilization of N and the deposition of  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$  is confined to agricultural sources.

The second pathway of indirect emissions is the leaching and runoff from land of N from agricultural inputs.

#### **Indirect $N_2O$ emissions through atmospheric deposition of N volatilized**

In response to a recommendation from the in-country review conducted in 2016 this section was supplemented with information on the EMEP/EEA estimation methodology used to derive FracGASF and FracGASM including the parameters and equation used.

The Hungarian national system takes advantage of parallel inventory preparation and reporting of air pollutants under the LRTAP Convention ensuring efficiency and consistency in the compilation of emission inventories, because a wide range of substances using common datasets and inputs. Hungary applies the most up-to-date EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook to calculate the agricultural  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$  emissions. A detailed description of the method applied for  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$  is given in the report 'Hungary's Informative Report 2017 submitted under the UNECE Convention on Long-

range Transboundary Air Pollution' (CLRTAP) (UNECE, 1999) and the National Emissions Ceilings Directive (EP and CEU, 2016).

The N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from atmospheric deposition of N volatilized from managed soil was calculated based on Tier 1 methodology, following the Equation 11.9 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The activity data are the same as those under 3.D.b.

The method requires values for the fractions of N that are lost through volatilization (Frac<sub>GASF</sub>, Frac<sub>GASM</sub>) and the emission factor (EF<sub>4</sub>). The volatilization rates for Hungary are country-specific based on the reported NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

Country-specific volatilization fraction of synthetic fertilizers (Frac<sub>GASF</sub>) includes the NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses from fertilizers calculated by fertilizer types.

Country-specific volatilization fraction of applied organic N fertilizer materials and urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals (Frac<sub>GASM</sub>) includes:

- NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses from livestock manure application on agricultural soils;
- NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses from dung and urine deposited by grazing livestock;
- NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses from sewage sludge applied to soils;
- NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses from compost applied to soils.

To calculate the NH<sub>3</sub>-N losses the reported NH<sub>3</sub> emissions were multiplied by 14/17. In the air pollutant inventory NO<sub>x</sub> is reported as NO<sub>2</sub>; therefore, the NO<sub>2</sub> emissions were multiplied by 14/46 to get the NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses.

#### ***NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N volatilization losses from mineral fertilizer application***

The parallel and consistent emission inventory compilation enables the use of country-specific data, which is more accurate than the use of the IPCC default value for Frac<sub>GASF</sub>.

NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from Sector 3 Agriculture are estimated according to the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook. For the calculation of NH<sub>3</sub>-N losses from synthetic fertilizers the tier 2 methodology was applied. This method uses specific NH<sub>3</sub> emission factors for different types of synthetic fertilizers depending on the soil acidity and climate. To summarise, NH<sub>3</sub> emissions can be calculated by means of the following equation:

$$E_{fertNH_3} = \sum_{i=1} \sum_{j=1} m_{fert,i,j} \circ EF_{i,j} \quad (\text{Equation 5.4})$$

Where:

E<sub>fertNH<sub>3</sub></sub>= NH<sub>3</sub> emission from fertilization (kg a<sup>-1</sup> NH<sub>3</sub>)

m<sub>fert,i</sub>= mass of fertilizer type i consumed nationally (kg a<sup>-1</sup> N)

EF<sub>i</sub>= EF for fertilizer type i in region j (kg NH<sub>3</sub> (kg N)<sup>-1</sup>)

Definitions of climate zones of the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook are the same as those of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. According to the Guidelines, cool climate zone have an annual mean temperature below 15°C. The annual mean temperature in most parts of Hungary is between 10 and 11 °C, therefore, the emission factors given for cool climate zone were applied for the whole country.

Proportion of soil with normal pH and high pH was determined based on the most up-to-date high resolution (250m) soils map (Tóth, G. et al., 2015). Emission factors provided by soil pH in the EMEP/EEA Guidebook were weighted by the resulted proportions and weighted national average emission factors, given in **Table 5.5.6**, were calculated for each fertilizer types.

**Table 5.5.6 Country specific emission factors for ammonia emission from fertilizers**



Fertilizers	IEF <sub>i</sub> [kg NH <sub>3</sub> kg <sup>-1</sup> N ]
<i>Ammonium nitrate</i>	0.025
<i>Anhydrous ammonia</i>	0.028
<i>Ammonium phosphate, NP mixtures</i>	0.074
<i>Ammonium sulphate</i>	0.134
<i>Calcium ammonium nitrate</i>	0.013
<i>Other straight N compounds</i>	0.015
<i>Nitrogen solutions</i>	0.096
<i>Urea</i>	0.160
<i>NK mixtures</i>	0.025
<i>NPK mixtures</i>	0.074
<b>Implied EF</b>	<b>0.042</b>

Mass of fertilizer *i* consumed nationally was derived from the sales statistics by product line. Detailed data on fertilizer consumption by fertilizer types is not published in the Hungary's IIR, 2017 either this report because of data confidentiality. However, main driver in the trend of NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from inorganic fertilizers is the urea consumption and the time-series of urea use is published in this report.

For the calculation of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions the tier 1 methodology of the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook was applied, by means of the following equation:

$$E_{\text{pollutant}} = AR_{N_{\text{applied}}} \cdot EF_{\text{pollutant}} \quad (\text{Equation 5.5})$$

Where:

$E_{\text{pollutant}}$  = amount of pollutant emitted (kg a<sup>-1</sup>)

$AR_{N_{\text{applied}}}$  = amount of N applied in fertilizer or organic waste (kg a<sup>-1</sup>)

$EF_{\text{pollutant}}$  EF of pollutant (kg kg<sup>-1</sup>)

Emissions were calculated as a fixed percentage of total fertilizer nitrogen applied to soil. For all mineral fertilizer types the default emission factor of 0.04 kg NO<sub>2</sub> per kg applied fertilizer-N) was used (EEA, 2016).

In 2015 the value of  $Frac_{GASF}$  was 0.05, which is lower than the IPCC default value, because of the low proportion of Urea in the total fertilizer use.

#### ***NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N volatilization losses from organic N fertilizers and N deposited by grazing animals***

Similarly to  $Frac_{GASF}$ ,  $Frac_{GASM}$  is also an annual implied value of N-losses referring to NH<sub>3</sub>-N as well as NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses from organic manure that is volatilized as NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>.

#### ***NH<sub>3</sub>-N volatilization losses from livestock manure application***

Default NH<sub>3</sub> emission factors of the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook for spreading of slurry and solid manure were applied in proportion of total ammoniacal nitrogen (TAN) as shown in **Table 5.5.7**.



**Table 5.5.7 Emission factors for NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from animal manure application**

Livestock	Manure type	proportion of TAN	EF spreading [kg NH <sub>3</sub> -N (kg TAN) <sup>-1</sup> ]
Cattle	slurry	0.6	0.55
	solid		0.79
Fattening pigs	slurry	0.7	0.4
	solid		0.81
Sows	slurry	0.7	0.29
	solid		0.81
Sheep	solid	0.5	0.9
Horses, Mules and Ases	solid	0.6	0.9
Laying hens	solid/ slurry	0.7	0.69
Broilers	solid	0.7	0.66
Turkey	solid	0.7	0.54
Ducks	solid	0.7	0.54
Geese	solid	0.7	0.45

*NO<sub>x</sub>-N emissions from animal manure spreading*

NO<sub>x</sub> emissions were calculated using the default emission factors for 3.B, which includes the manure application. The default emission factors were calculated on the basis that all manure is stored before surface application without rapid incorporation.

*NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N volatilization losses from sewage sludge application*

For the calculation of NH<sub>3</sub> emissions the default emission factor (0.13 kg NH<sub>3</sub> per kg sewage sludge N) was applied (EEA, 2016).

NO<sub>x</sub> emissions were estimated using the default emission factor of 0.04 kg NO<sub>2</sub> per sewage sludge Nitrogen (EMEP/EEA, 2016).

*NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N volatilization losses from compost application*

For the calculation of NH<sub>3</sub> emissions the default emission factor provided for other organic waste (0.08 kg NH<sub>3</sub> per kg N applied) was applied (EEA, 2016).

NO<sub>x</sub> emissions were estimated using the default emission factor of 0.04 kg NO<sub>2</sub> per N applied (EMEP/EEA, 2016).

Annual NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N volatilization losses from synthetic fertilizers and organic N fertilizers (including grazing) for the BY and the period from 1990 to 2014 are provided in Table 5.5.8 together with the resulted values of Frac<sub>GASF</sub> and Frac<sub>GASM</sub>.

**Table 5.5.8  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  and  $\text{NO}_x\text{-N}$  volatilization losses from synthetic and organic N fertilizers (including grazing) BY and 1990 to 2015**

Year	N losses from mineral fertilizer	N losses from applied organic N fertilizer materials and grazing	Frac <sub>GASF</sub>	Frac <sub>GASM</sub>
	kt N	kt N		
BY	56	38	0.06	0.10
1990	44	30	0.06	0.10
1991	29	20	0.07	0.10
1992	25	18	0.06	0.09
1993	23	17	0.05	0.10
1994	23	20	0.05	0.10
1995	23	18	0.06	0.10
1996	24	18	0.05	0.11
1997	24	18	0.05	0.10
1998	25	19	0.05	0.10
1999	26	18	0.05	0.11
2000	25	20	0.05	0.10
2001	26	22	0.05	0.10
2002	27	22	0.05	0.10
2003	27	22	0.05	0.10
2004	27	24	0.05	0.09
2005	25	20	0.05	0.09
2006	27	21	0.05	0.09
2007	28	22	0.05	0.10
2008	23	23	0.04	0.09
2009	21	21	0.04	0.09
2010	22	21	0.04	0.09
2011	22	22	0.04	0.09
2012	23	22	0.04	0.09
2013	25	25	0.04	0.09
2014	25	26	0.04	0.09
2015	28	26	0.05	0.09

### Leaching and runoff

The  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions from the N lost through leaching and runoff was calculated based on the Tier 1 methodology and Equation 11.10 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The activity data are the same as those under 3.D.a.

In accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for humid regions and in regions where irrigation is used, the default value of  $\text{Frac}_{\text{LEACH-(H)}}$ , 0.3 was applied in the calculation of emissions. For dryland regions, where precipitation is lower than evapotranspiration throughout most of the year,  $\text{Frac}_{\text{LEACH}}$  was assumed to be zero. According to the IPCC methodology the determination of proportion of irrigated areas and humid regions are required. Thus, the Equation 11.10 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines can be considered as the same as Equation 5.6

$$\text{N}_2\text{O}_{(\text{L})}\text{-N}=(\text{F}_{\text{SN}}+\text{F}_{\text{ON}}+\text{F}_{\text{PRP}}+\text{F}_{\text{CR}}+\text{F}_{\text{SOM}})\cdot(\text{Frac}_{\text{irr}}+\text{Frac}_{\text{wet}})\cdot\text{Frac}_{\text{LEACH-H}}\cdot\text{EF}_5 \text{ (Equation 5.6)}$$

Where:

$N_2O-N$ =annual amount of  $N_2O-N$  produced from leaching and run-off of N additions to managed soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg  $N_2O-N$

$F_{SN}$ =annual amount of synthetic fertilizer N applied to soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg  $N\ yr^{-1}$

$F_{ON}$ =annual amount of managed animal manure, compost, sewage sludge and other organic N additions applied to soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg  $N\ yr^{-1}$

$F_{PRP}$ = annual amount of urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg  $N\ yr^{-1}$

$F_{CR}$ = amount of N in crop residues (above- and below-ground), including N-fixing crops, and from forage, pasture renewal, returned to soils annually in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg  $N\ yr^{-1}$

$F_{SOM}$ = annual amount of N mineralized in mineral soils associated with loss of soil C from soil organic matter as a result of changes to land use or management in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg  $N\ yr^{-1}$

$Frac_{irr}$ = fraction of irrigated agricultural areas

$Frac_{wet}$ = fraction of humid agricultural areas

$Frac_{LEACH-(H)}$ =fraction of all N added to/mineralized in managed soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs

$EF_5$ =emission factor for  $N_2O$  emissions from N leaching and runoff, kg  $N_2O-N$  (kgN leached and runoff) $^{-1}$

#### *Derivation of fraction of irrigated areas ( $Frac_{irr}$ )*

Proportions of irrigated areas were derived annually from HCSO's statistics on irrigated, utilized and total agricultural areas. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines require to distinguish the drip irrigated areas within the irrigated areas, because according to the methodology N-leaching is assumed to be unlikely on drip irrigated areas. The HCSO publishes the total irrigated areas annually, which include the drip irrigated areas as well for the period 1989-2014. Unfortunately, the drip irrigated areas are not reported separately in this statistics. For the period before 1989 data on the total irrigated areas and within this the drip irrigated areas are available, separately. Therefore, in the 2016 submission it has been decided to account the total irrigated areas, i.e. areas of drip irrigation are not subtracted from the total irrigated areas, due to lack of reliable and consistent statistics on drip irrigation for the whole time-series. As the fraction of drip irrigation was 1.5% of the total irrigated areas on average for the period 1985-1989, inclusion of drip irrigation in the emission estimation probably cause a negligible overestimation of emissions.

Because it is assumed that N is applied only on utilized agricultural areas, annual fractions of irrigated areas were calculated as a fraction of utilized agricultural areas. (Calculation of irrigated areas as fraction of the total agricultural areas could result in an underestimation of the amount of N leached and run-off.) Utilized areas were taken from the HCSO's censuses for the year 2000, 2010 and 2013. Annual areas for years between censuses data has been based on linear interpolation between data points. For the period before 1990 the total agricultural area was assumed to be utilized, as agricultural areas started to be abandoned as a result of the change of the regime in the 90's.

In 2015 124.3 thousand hectares (2.7% of the utilized agricultural areas) were irrigated. Although, the National Water Authority indicates a total area with water right permit 197.3 ha (about 4% of total agricultural areas) for 2015, according to the HCSO's statistics 63% of the irrigable areas were irrigated actually in 2015. In Hungary the fraction of irrigated areas is significantly lower than the average of the EU Member States' because of the limited and outdated irrigation system. In 2010 5.8% of the Member States' utilized agricultural areas were irrigated. In contrast this proportion was 2.4% for Hungary in that year according to the EUROSTAT statistics. Because of this low proportion of irrigation the improvement of water management efficiency and irrigation systems are among the priorities of the Hungarian Rural Development Programme for the period 2014-2020. Additionally, the large inter-annual fluctuations in the harvested crop productions also reflect the high dependence on weather conditions (e.g. droughts) partially due to the low proportion of irrigated areas.

The resulted fractions of irrigated areas are shown in **Table 5.5.9**.

**Table 5.5.9 Derivation of activity data on irrigated agricultural areas, from the BY to 2015**

Year	Total irrigated areas	Total agricultural areas	Utilised agricultural areas (UAA)	Irrigated areas as % of UAA
	ha	1000 ha	1000 ha	
<b>BY</b>	147,871	6186	6186	2.4%
<b>1990</b>	16,937	6132	6132	3.5%
<b>1991</b>	148,669	6116	5989	2.5%
<b>1992</b>	177,808	6091	5839	3.0%
<b>1993</b>	180,088	6080	5702	3.2%
<b>1994</b>	160,384	6064	5562	2.9%
<b>1995</b>	146,541	6048	5422	2.7%
<b>1996</b>	126,344	6028	5278	2.4%
<b>1997</b>	81,908	6008	5137	1.6%
<b>1998</b>	93,431	5990	4997	1.9%
<b>1999</b>	44,822	5972	4858	0.9%
<b>2000</b>	125,866	5745	<b>4555</b>	2.8%
<b>2001</b>	104,172	5729	4598	2.3%
<b>2002</b>	117,035	5698	4629	2.5%
<b>2003</b>	148,642	5667	4660	3.2%
<b>2004</b>	120,596	5632	4686	2.6%
<b>2005</b>	75,161	5604	4718	1.6%
<b>2006</b>	78,193	5570	4744	1.6%
<b>2007</b>	121,064	5536	4769	2.5%
<b>2008</b>	80,149	5503	4794	2.0%
<b>2009</b>	107,106	5471	4820	2.2%
<b>2010</b>	114,550	5261	<b>4686</b>	2.4%
<b>2011</b>	101,046	5256	4681	2.2%
<b>2012</b>	124,944	5257	4682	2.7%
<b>2013</b>	118,934	5259	<b>4657</b>	2.6%
<b>2014</b>	99,335	5266	4663	2.8%
<b>2015</b>	80,529	5266	4663	2.7%

*Derivation of fraction of humid regions ( $Frac_{wet}$ )*

To estimate the fraction of humid regions is also required to calculate the emissions from N-leaching. Proportion of humid regions was determined based on the analysis of the 30 year climate means (1981-2010) of the monthly precipitation and evaporation data from the HMS climate database.

According to the definition of the  $Frac_{LEACH-(H)}$  in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the determination of 'rainy seasons' are required based on the data on precipitation and Pan Evaporation ( $E_{PAN}$ ). The Guidelines define the 'rainy seasons' as periods when  $rainfall > 0.5 \cdot Pan\ Evaporation$ , which criteria is equal to that  $P/E_{PAN} > 50\%$ , where P is the monthly precipitation.

**Table 5.5.10 Data for the derivation of ‘rainy seasons’ to calculate emissions from 3.D.2.2**

Month	Potential Evaporation (PE)	Pan Evaporation (E <sub>PAN</sub> )	Precipitation (P)	P/E <sub>pan</sub>	P/PE
January	22.9	-	33.2	-	145%
February	29.4	-	32.8	-	112%
March	54	-	35.3	-	65%
April	83.7	93.8	44.4	47%	53%
May	115.2	128	63.7	50%	55%
Jun	129.1	141.6	73.6	52%	57%
July	157.8	172.3	65	38%	41%
August	148.1	148	63.3	43%	43%
September	94.2	93.1	54.7	59%	58%
October	61.2	62.7	42.6	68%	70%
November	33	-	49.8	-	151%
December	22.3	-	47	-	211%

Source: HMS

Pan Evaporation data is registered from April to October in Hungary. To avoid underestimation of emission it has been decided to examine the Potential Evaporation instead of Pan Evaporation for the remainder months, from November to March. Analysis of data in Table 5.5.10 reveals Jun and the period from September to March can be considered as ‘rainy seasons’ in Hungary, according to the definition of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines N-leaching could occur where:

$$\sum(\text{rain in rainy season}) - \sum(\text{PE in same period}) > \text{soil water holding capacity} \quad (\text{Equation 5.7})$$

Where:

PE = potential evaporation

Because the soil water holding capacity is generally greater than zero, the following equation can be derived from Equation 5.4:

$$\sum(\text{P in rainy season}) - \sum(\text{PE in same period}) > 0 \quad (\text{Equation 5.8})$$

Where:

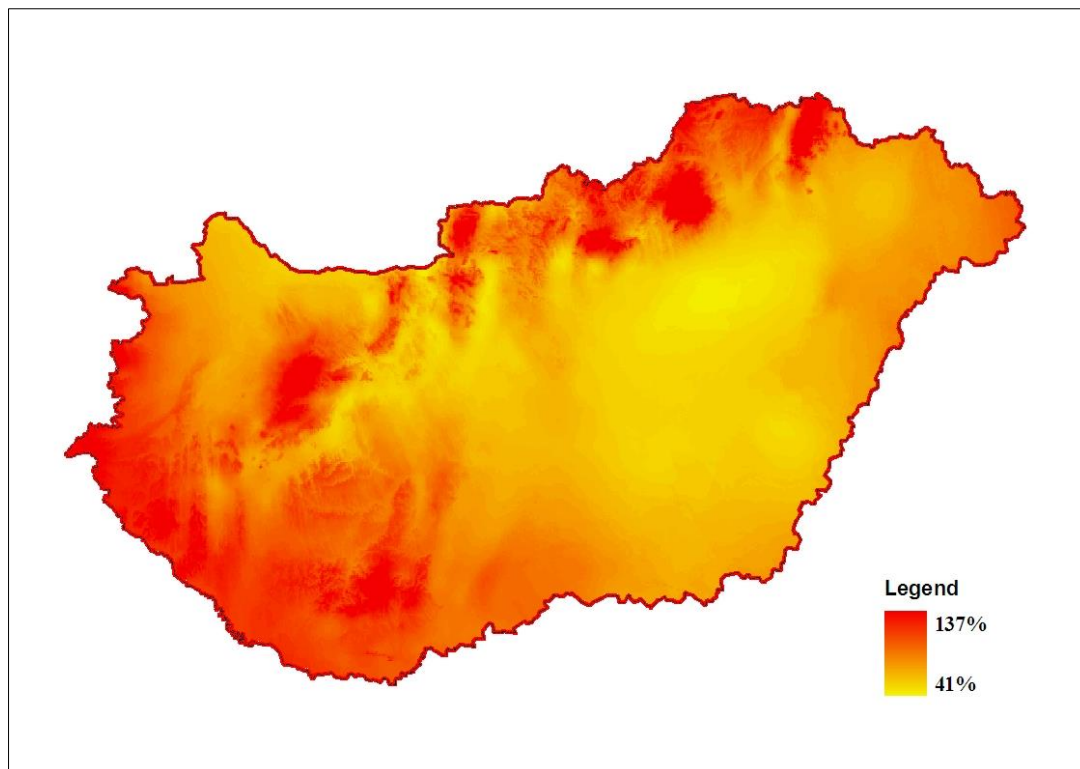
P=precipitation

Evaporation is the process whereby liquid water is converted to water vapour and removed from the evaporating surface. Water evaporates from different surfaces, such as water, soils and wet vegetation. On agricultural areas the soil and plants are the evaporating surfaces. Thus, evaporation on agricultural areas depends on the weather conditions, soil properties, management practices and crop type. Consequently, PE could be highly different within a country and can not be expressed with a representative value. To analyse the climatic conditions of leaching and run-off the 30 year means of monthly precipitation and reference evapotranspiration (ET<sub>o</sub>) from station data were determined by the HMS as high resolution gridded data over Hungary. It is important to note that the 2006 IPCC Guidelines on p.11.23 also use the potential evapotranspiration instead of potential evaporation to distinguish between dryland and humid regions.

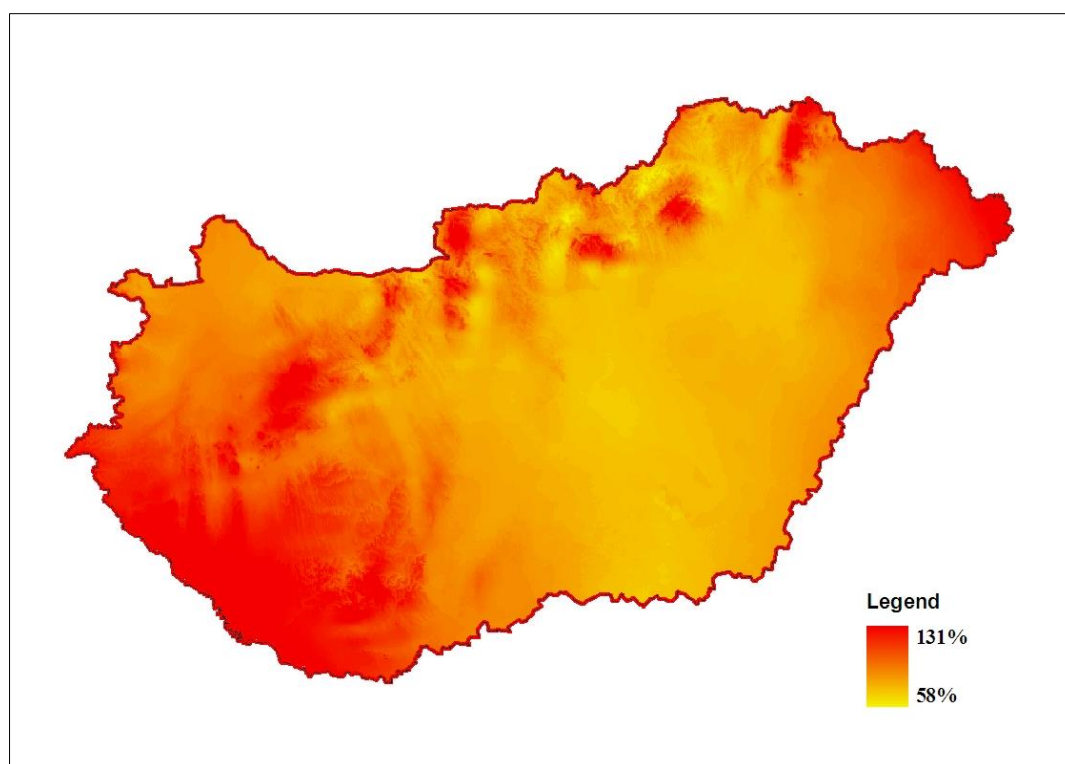
The FAO Penman-Monteith method was used to determine ET<sub>o</sub> for each month. The definition and concept of ET<sub>o</sub> is as follows:

‘The evapotranspiration rate from a reference surface, not short of water is called the reference crop evapotranspiration or reference evapotranspiration and is denoted as  $ET_0$ . The reference surface is a hypothetical grass reference crop with specific characteristics. The concept of the reference evapotranspiration was introduced to study the evaporative demand of the atmosphere independently of crop type, crop development and management practices. As water is abundantly available at the reference evapotranspiring surface, soil factors do not affect evapotranspiration (ET). Relating ET to a specific surface provides a reference to which ET from other surfaces can be related. It obviates the need to define a separate ET level for each crop and stage of growth.  $ET_0$  values measured or calculated at different locations or in different seasons are comparable as they refer to the ET from the same reference surface. The only factors affecting  $ET_0$  are climatic parameters. Consequently,  $ET_0$  is a climatic parameter and can be computed from weather data.  $ET_0$  expresses the evaporating power of the atmosphere at a specific location and time of the year and does not consider the crop characteristics and soil factors. The method has been selected because it closely approximates grass  $ET_0$  at the location evaluated, is physically based, and explicitly incorporates both physiological and aerodynamic parameters.’ (FAO,  $ET_0$  calculator.)

Consequently, in the Equation 5.5 the PE was replaced with the  $ET_0$ , and the data of  $P/ET_0$  for June and  $\sum P/\sum ET_0$  for the period September to March were generated with a spatial resolution of 30 arc-seconds ( $\approx 1$  km) to the analysis. The resulted maps are shown on **Figure 5.5.6** and **Figure 5.5.7**. Subsequently, areas where in the ‘rainy seasons’, namely June, and the September-March period in Hungary,  $\sum P/\sum ET_0 > 1$  were determined from GIS analysis of the gridded climate data and the resulted areas were superimposed on the CORINE 2012 land cover database.



**Figure 5.5.6** The ratio of average precipitation and average reference evapotranspiration ( $P/ET_0$ ) for June



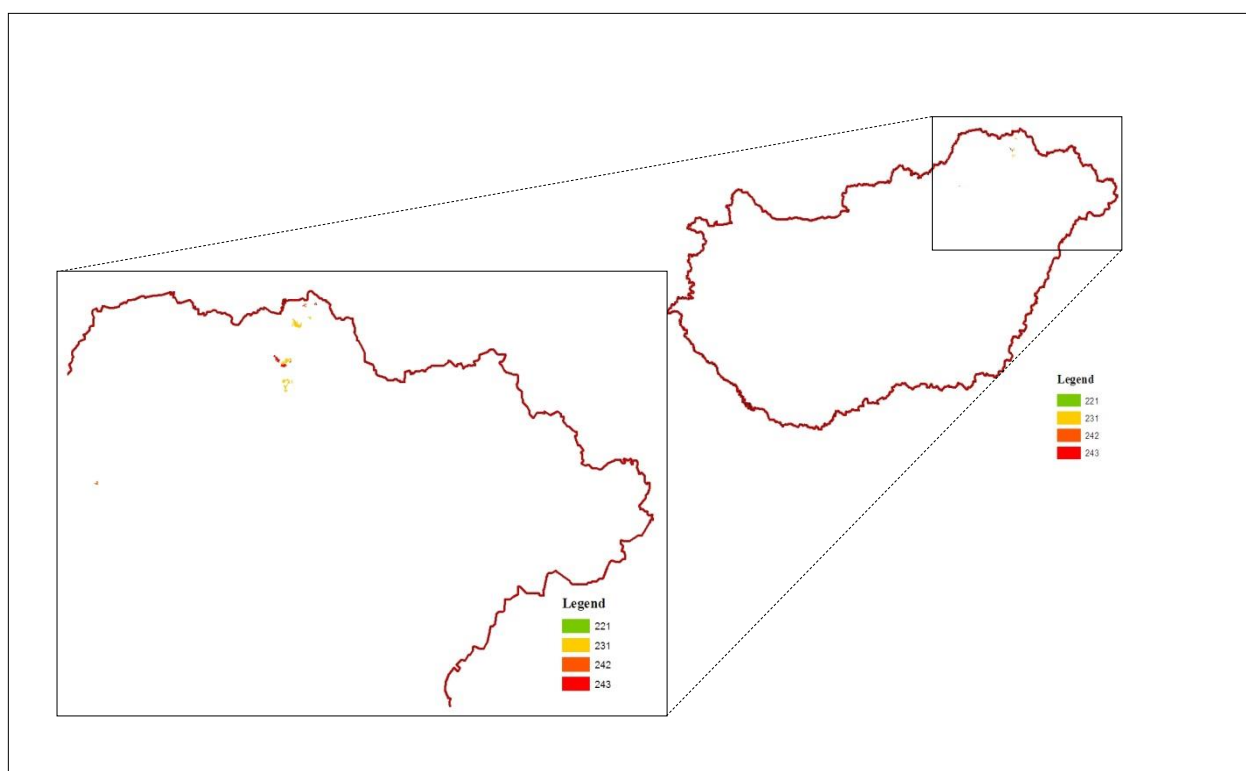
**Figure 5.5.7** The ratio of total average precipitation and total average reference evapotranspiration ( $\Sigma P / \Sigma ET_0$ ) for the period September to March

From the CORINE 2012 land cover database croplands, grasslands and agricultural mosaics (200 < CLC codes < 300) were considered to be agricultural lands.

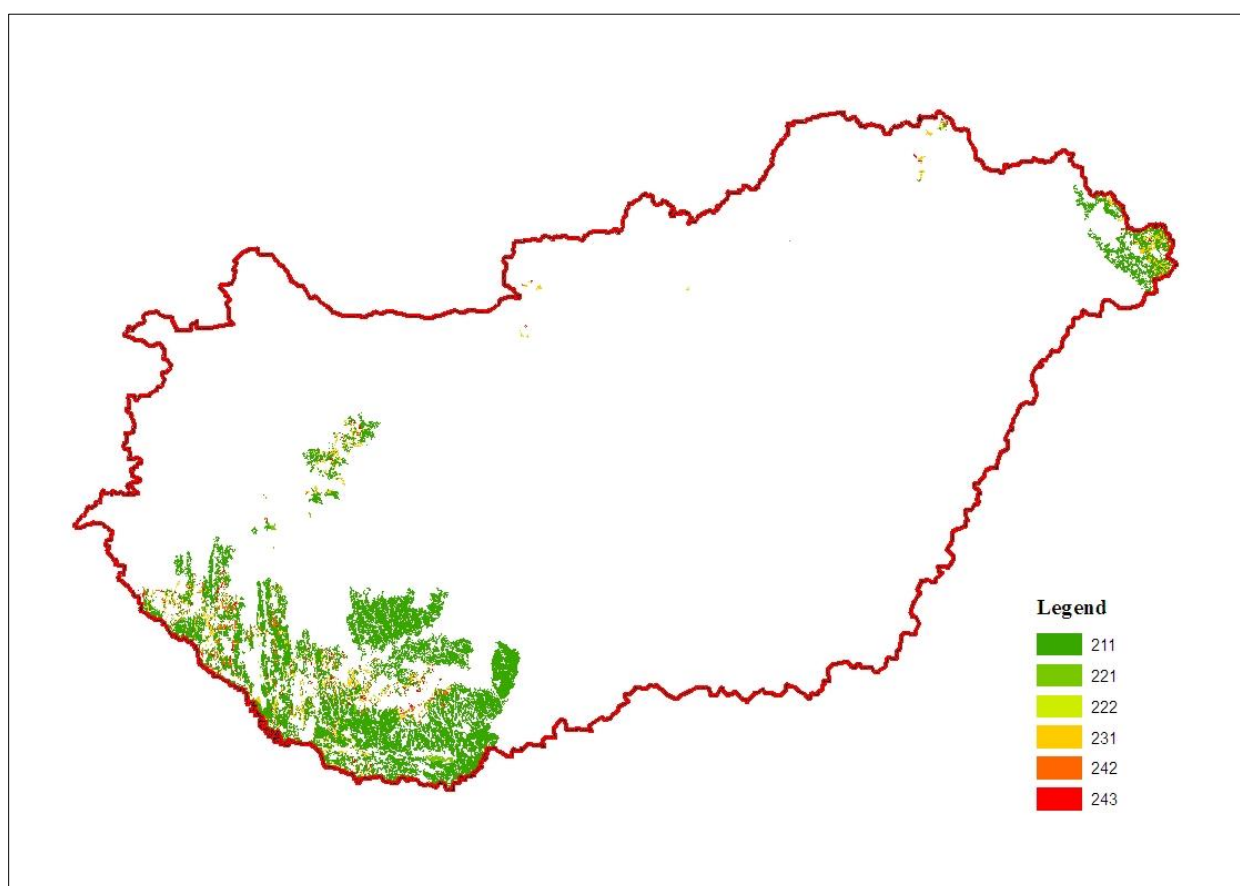
As a result of the GIS analysis of climate and land cover maps (**Figure 5.5.8** and **Figure 5.5.9**) fraction of agricultural lands where N-leaching could occur because of the potential existence of precipitation surplus is 1,516 ha in June, which equates to 0.02% of the agricultural lands in the CORINE database, and 659,439 ha (10.65%) in the September-March period (**Table 5.5.11**). As humid regions analysed for the September-March period include the affected areas in June, the total fraction of humid regions is 10.65%. In other words, the resulted areas for Jun and September-March period were not added, because the humid regions in Jun are also humid in the September to March period.

**Table 5.5.11** Resulted areas from GIS analysis of climate and CLC, 2012 land cover databases

	Area	
	ha	As % of the total area of the country
<b>Total area of humid regions in June</b>	22,460	0.24%
<b>Total area of humid regions in September-March period</b>	544,345	5.86%
<b>Agricultural lands from CORINE, 2012</b>	6,190,940	67%
	Area	
	ha	As % of the total area of agricultural lands
<b>Humid agricultural lands in June</b>	1,516	0.02%
<b>Humid agricultural lands in the September-March period</b>	659,436	10.65%
<b>Total area of humid agricultural lands in 'rainy seasons' for Hungary</b>	<b>659,436</b>	<b>10.65%</b>



**Figure 5.5.8 Humide ( $P/ET_o > 1$ ) agricultural areas by CORINE land cover codes in June**



**Figure 5.5.9 Humide ( $\Sigma P / \Sigma ET_o > 1$ ) agricultural areas by CORINE land cover codes in the September-March period**



### 5.5.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Implementation of the methodologies of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines resulted in significant reduction in the uncertainties in 3.D N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Agricultural Soils. Uncertainties in this category are driven by uncertainties related to the emission factors. For the default emission factor for direct emissions (EF<sub>1</sub>), a range from -70% up to +200% is assigned by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. This uncertainty range is significantly narrower than the former one provided in the GPG (IPCC, 2000), leading to significant reduction in the overall uncertainty in the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions.

For the uncertainties in the activity data as F<sub>SN</sub>, F<sub>ON</sub>, F<sub>PRP</sub>, F<sub>CRP</sub>, F<sub>SOM</sub> ±5%, ±22%, ±26%, ±25%, ±91% were calculated, respectively. The resulted combined uncertainty in the activity data for 3.D.a is ±7.8%, which is negligible comparing with the uncertainty in the emission factor. The estimated combined uncertainties in the emissions from 3.D.a were -71%/+200%.

To estimate uncertainties in indirect emissions the same values of uncertainties were applied for activity data as in the calculation of direct emissions. These uncertainties were combined with the uncertainties in the Frac<sub>GASM</sub> (±50%) and Frac<sub>GASF</sub> (±75%). Uncertainty in Frac<sub>GASF</sub> was estimated based on the EMEP/EEA Guidebook (EEA, 2013). For the EF<sub>4</sub> the default uncertainty range provided in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied. The resulting uncertainty for the indirect emission from agricultural soils ranges from -72% to +264%.

### 5.5.4 QA/QC Information and verification

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

The main driver of the GHG-emissions from the agriculture sector is the N-fertilizer use in Hungary. Therefore, the verification of the amount of N-fertilizer applied is very essential in the QA/QC process in the Agriculture sector.

The amount of the N-fertilizer applied has been compared with the international statistics, namely FAO and IFA (International Fertilizer Industry Association). There is not any difference between the reported N-fertilizer used in the FAO statistics and the GHG-inventory. However, the IFA reports higher N-fertilizer use for the years before 2007. The reasons for it have already been investigated by the experts of the HCSO and the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics and IFA's.

The fertilizer consumption data used in the GHG inventory derives from the HCSO's official statistics. HCSO gets these data from the data collection of the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics. The Research Institute of Agricultural Economics collects data on the sold amount of the different types of fertilizers. The IFA used an expert judgement for the estimation of fertilizer consumption data made by the Yara's (a Norwegian chemical company) experts, recently. The IFA's methodology for expert judgement is based on the sowing area of the main crops, such as cereals, maize and sunflower and so on. The estimation took into account the area and the fertilizer need requirements of these crops. Unfortunately, the fertilizer consumption in Hungary is generally lower than the suggested amount, due to the high price of the fertilizer. So, this methodology of IFA resulted in an overestimation.

The HCSO's, the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics' and the YARA's experts consulted on this issue in 2012, and consequently the IFA revised the applied methodology. So, as an outcome of this consultation the IFA's data for the years 2007 onwards are not higher than the official statistic of Hungary.

#### Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to volatilization

NH<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>x</sub>-N losses are calculated in compliance to the obligations under UNECE/CLRTAP. To estimate the NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from 3.D methodologies of 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook were applied.

### Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to leaching and run off

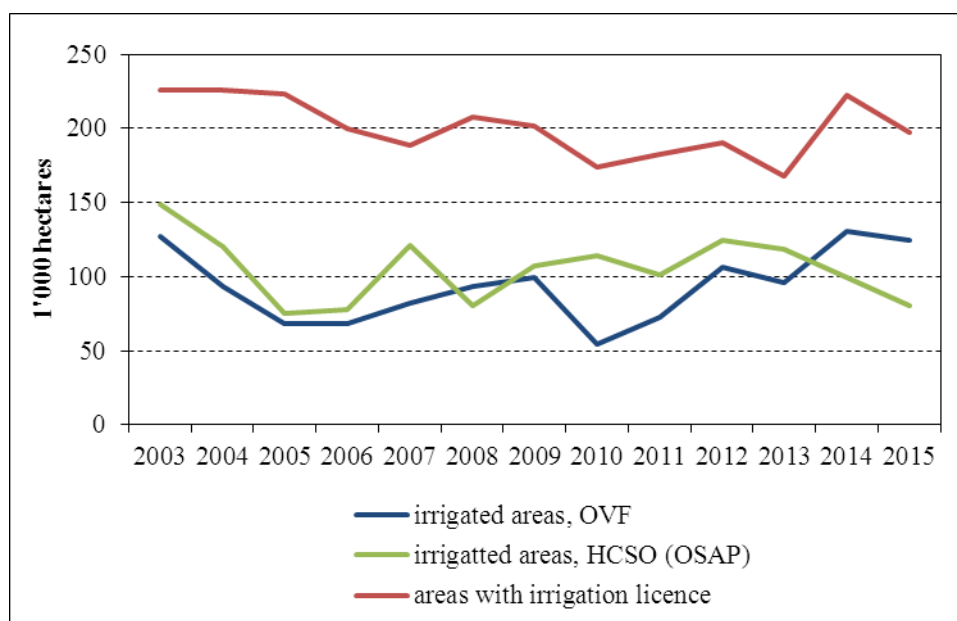
In response to a recommendation of the in-country review, conducted in 2016, this section was supplemented with verification information.

### Verification of the applied data

Dry and humid/ irrigated regions were distinguished using the IPCC definitions, based on climate data and the HCSO's statistics on irrigated areas. Climate data was taken from the HMS's climate database. The HMS fulfill international and national quality standards concerning data collection and processing.

Statistics on irrigated areas was verified using data collection of different institutes and data on areas with irrigation licence and drought affected areas.

In the frame of the National Statistical Data Collection Programme (OSAP) the HCSO collects data on irrigated areas, annually. The HCSO provides another statistics on irrigated areas based on data collection of the Hungarian General Directorate of Water Management (OVF). Generally, the HCSO (OSAP) data indicates slightly higher irrigated areas (see **Figure 5.5.10**). However, in the last two years the OVF's data were higher. The HCSO's, OSAP data was used to estimate the proportion of irrigated areas until 2013, and the OVF's data for the years 2014 and 2015 to avoid underestimation of emissions.



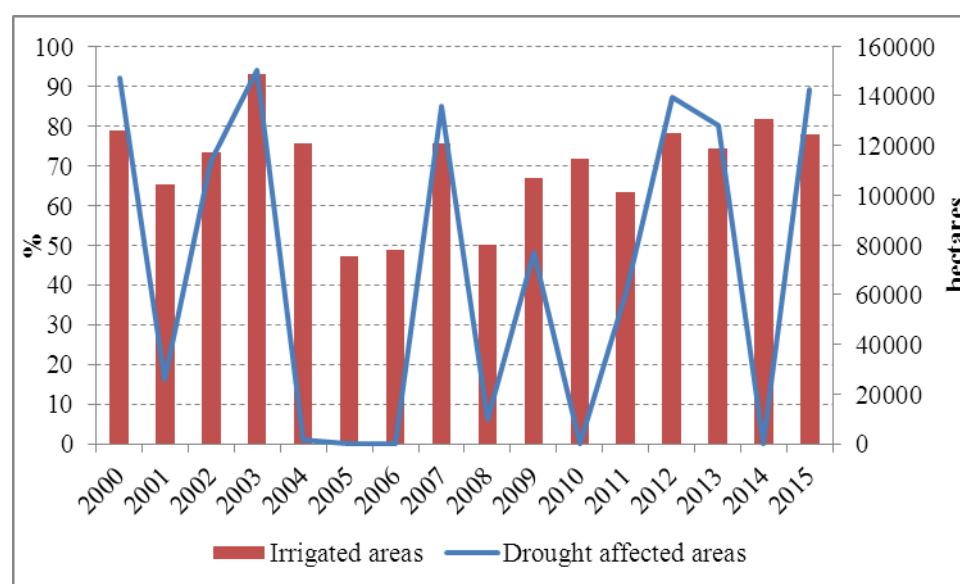
**Figure 5.5.10 Irrigated areas and areas with irrigation licence, 2003-2015**

In Hungary the water use for agricultural purposes must be permitted and statistics on areas with irrigation licence is published by the HCSO. Data on irrigated areas was compared to the areas with irrigation licence to check the reliability of the applied data. Areas of irrigated lands highly depends on the weather. On average 47% of areas with irrigation licence was irrigated in the period between 2003 and 2015. This proportion was the highest in 2015, when 56% of areas with irrigation licence was irrigated due to the dry weather. Areas with irrigation licence did not exceed the 4.8% of the utilised agricultural areas (**Table 5.5.12**). Therefore, indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from leaching and run off cannot be significantly underestimated due to underestimation of irrigated areas.

**Table 5.5.12 Irrigated areas from different sources and areas with irrigation licence in proportion to the utilised agricultural areas (2003-2015)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Irrigated areas, HCSO (OSAP)</b>	3.2%	2.6%	1.6%	1.6%	2.5%	1.7%	2.2%	2.4%	2.2%	2.7%	2.6%	2.1%	1.7%
<b>Irrigated areas, OVF</b>	2.7%	2.0%	1.4%	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%	2.1%	1.2%	1.6%	2.3%	2.1%	2.8%	2.7%
<b>Areas with irrigation licence</b>	4.8%	4.8%	4.7%	4.2%	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	3.7%	3.9%	4.1%	3.6%	4.8%	4.2%

**Figure 5.5.11** illustrates the correlation between the irrigated areas and the weather. In Hungary in drought years more than 100 thousand hectares are irrigated.



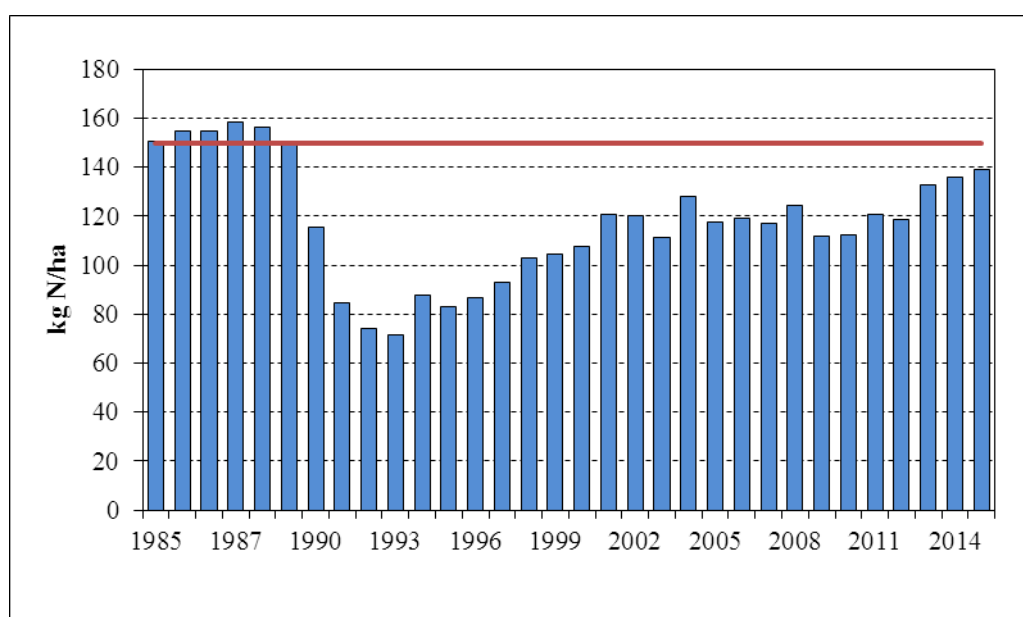
**Figure 5.5.11 Drought effected areas in proportion to the total areas of Hungary (%) and irrigated areas (ha) for the period 2000-2013**

#### Verification of the results with scientific paper and measurement data

The results of the GIS analysis of climate data indicate that emissions from N-leaching and run-off could not be significant in Hungary, because the precipitation is lower than the evapotranspiration throughout most of the year. Beyond the water surplus the N-surplus is the other precondition for nitrate leaching.

The leaching process of nitrate was studied in a long-term field experiment in Hungary started in 1980. This experiment provides measurement data on N-leaching in Hungary, which was provided in the scientific paper of Füleky, 2014. The main statements of the paper are summarized here to strengthen the results of the IPCC methodology. According to the results of the field trials at annual fertilizer rates of 0-50 kgN ha<sup>-1</sup> y<sup>-1</sup> no nitrate accumulation was observed. Nitrate accumulation occurred when fertilizer N rate more than 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> y<sup>-1</sup> was applied, and the leaching of nitrate ions was detectable at 150 kgN ha<sup>-1</sup> y<sup>-1</sup> or higher N application. This result, that N leaching is not occurring at fertilizer rates lower than 150 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>y<sup>-1</sup>, coincides with the outcome of other international studies (Füleky,

2014). To get a general picture about the existence of the potential N-surplus on the Hungarian agricultural lands, the average N fertilizer rates was estimated based on the total amount of N applied/mineralized ( $F_{SN}+F_{ON}+F_{PRP}+F_{SOM}$ ) from the inventory and the utilized agricultural areas, where the N is assumed to be applied. The outcome of this simple verification is shown on **Figure 5.5.12**. As the figure reveals the average N application rates at the time of the base year were about  $150 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}$ , which is the lowest limit for N-leaching according to Hungarian field experiments. At the beginning of the 90's it was below the accumulation threshold ( $100 \text{ kgN ha}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}$ ) and in the period 2000-2015 it was higher than the accumulation rate, but it remained below the threshold of N-leaching ( $150 \text{ kgN ha}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}$ ).



**Figure 5.5.12 The average N-input per hectare for the period 1985-2015**

*Note: the brown line indicates the value of  $150 \text{ kgN/ha}$  which is the lowest rate limit for N-leaching according to Hungarian field experiments*

### Verification with other countries

According to the European field experiments 2-8% or 1-16% of the applied N was lost by leaching (Füleky, 2014). Therefore, the IPCC default value of 30% for  $\text{Frac}_{\text{LEACH-H}}$  is probably too high even for countries with higher annual precipitation than Hungary. Thus, accounting lower proportion of N addition than the default 30% in the light of climate data as well as the amount of N applied seems to be reasonable. In spite of this  $\text{Frac}_{\text{LEACH-H}}$  was assumed to be 30% in this inventory submission due to lack of country-specific value. Although, taking into account the proportion of humid and irrigated areas the resultant fraction of all N added to/mineralized in managed soils for 2015 is 4%, which is in line with the results of the European field experiments.

For the general procedure of the QC see 6.1.5.

### 5.5.5 Source-specific recalculations

Numerous minor changes have been implemented to the 3.D direct and indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from agricultural soils. The main reasons for changes between the two submissions were; recommendations of annual review processes; revision of indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to methodological changes in the air pollutant emission inventory; minor revisions of activity data.

#### 3Da Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils

The overall impact of recalculations in the 3.D.a Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions resulted in a 4.0% decrease in the BY emissions, which equates to a decrease by 37.7 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq. Emissions in 2014 decreased by 0.6% and 2.9 CO<sub>2</sub>-eq. 3Da recalculations are driven by the revision in 3.D.a.2.a Animal manure applied to soils, which is the consequence of the revised indirect emissions in 3.B.

#### 3Da2 Organic N fertilizers

##### 3Da2a Animal manure applied to soils

Recalculations in animal manure applied to soils were a result of revision of livestock populations. The HCSO revised the livestock populations for the period 2011-2014. All livestock category with the exception of Buffalo were revised. An additional minor revision of Non-Dairy Cattle and Swine livestock by subcategories was also conducted for the period 1985-2013 as a response to a recommendation in the 2016 in-country review.

Recalculations in 3.B resulted in additional changes in the N-input of animal manure. Leaching and runoff losses from manure management systems in 3.B has been included in the inventory since this submission, inclusion of this emission resulted in a reduction of amount of managed manure N available for soil application. However, recalculation of Atmospheric deposition in 3.B partially offset the decrease in the N content of manure applied to soils.

The overall impact of recalculations in 3Da2a resulted in a 4.0% and 0.6% reduction in emissions in the BY and in 2014, respectively.

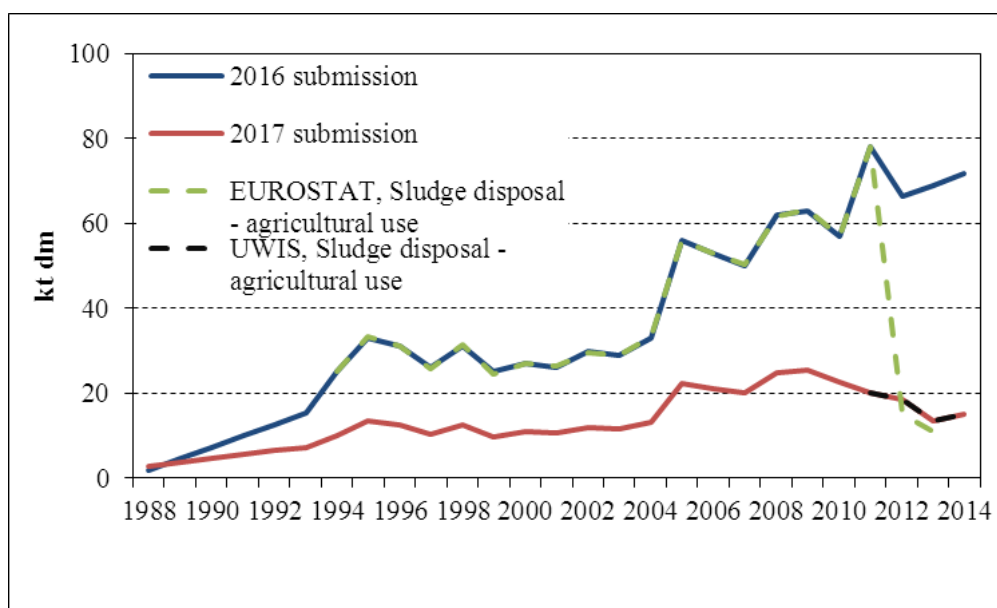
##### 3Da2b Sewage sludge applied to soils

Recalculation in this category associated with the revision to the quantities of sewage sludge applied to soils.

In the 2016 submission data on the amount of sewage sludge applied was taken from the EUROSTAT statistics on urban wastewater. For the years 2012-2014 the EUROSTAT statistics indicated a significant decrease in the agricultural use of sewage sludge (**Figure 5.5.13**), in spite of the increasing proportion of wastewater treated and the increasing trend in the amount of sewage sludge application on agricultural lands. Therefore, in the 2016 submission, it had been decided to extrapolate the long trend observed in the sewage N that is applied to soils to get the required activity data for the years 2012-2014; and the availability of new data was investigated.

In this submission, for the period 1988-2010, 40% of the formerly applied EUROSTAT data was applied as the basis of activity data to smooth out inconsistencies in the EUROSTAT statistics. (The EUROSTAT data included sewage sludge application for agricultural as well as recultivation purposes.) While the extrapolated activity data for the period 2012-2014 was replaced by data from the Urban Wastewater Information System.

**Figure 5.5.13** shows the available statistics on sludge disposal on agricultural lands as well as data used in the 2016 and 2017 submissions.



**Figure 5.5.13 Available data on sludge disposal on agricultural lands and data used for the basis of activity data for the 2016 and 2017 submissions**

Recalculation in 3Da2b resulted in -10.6 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq decrease in the emissions in 2014.

#### *3Da2c Other organic fertilizers applied to soils*

As a response of the recommendation of the ESD Review, 2016 emissions from compost application have been included in this submission, which resulted in an increase of 0.7 and 12.5 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq in the BY and 2014, respectively.

The overall impact of recalculations in the 3.D.2 Organic N fertilizers resulted in a decrease of -3.9% (36.9 CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) and -0.2% (-1.0 CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in the BY and 2014, respectively.

#### *3Da3 Urine and dung deposited by grazing animals*

Minor changes in the emissions from 3Da3 reflect the influence of changes in livestock populations. Changes in the emissions range between -0.56 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq (in 2014) to 1.35 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq (in 2012)

#### *3Da4 Crop residues*

Emissions from 3.D.a.4 Crop residues were recalculated due to the changes in the livestock numbers for the period 2011-2014, which has influence on the subtracted amount of crop residues used for bedding. Changes in the emissions range between -0.32 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq to 0.17 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq

#### *3Da5 Mineralization/immobilization associated with loss/gain of soil organic matter*

As a result of our QC procedure, emissions from 3.D.a.5 mineralization were revised and the formerly applied C:N ratio, 15 was corrected to 10, which is in accordance with the value provided for cropland remaining cropland in the Guidelines (IPCC, 2006). This correction resulted in an increase of 1.6 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in the BY and a decrease of 5.0 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2014.

### **3Db Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from managed soils**

#### *3Db1 Atmospheric deposition*

Changes in the emissions from 3Db1 reflect the revision of fraction of synthetic fertilizer N that volatilizes as NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> (FracGASF), fraction of applied organic fertilizer materials and urine and dung deposited by grazing animals (FracGASM), annual amount of animal manure (FON), urine and dung deposited by grazing animals (FPRP). Recalculations are driven by the revision of FracGASF. The detailed reasons for recalculations are as follows:

Emissions from atmospheric deposition in 3.B as well as in 3.D were recalculated due to the revision of NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in the reporting to the UNECE under the LRTAP Convention. Hungary applies the most up-to-date, 2016 EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook to calculate the agricultural NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, which has been introduced in the air pollutant emission inventory since this year.

The 2016 EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook provides updated methodology and Tier 2 EFs to calculate NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from inorganic N-fertilizers. The new emission factors are significantly lower than the former ones taken from the 2013 EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook. The implied emission factor for synthetic N-fertilizers changed from 0.066 to 0.038 kg NH<sub>3</sub> (kg N applied)<sup>-1</sup>) for Hungary in 2014. Thus, the methodological change resulted in a significant (11%) decrease in the reported NH<sub>3</sub> emissions compared to the 2016 emissions, influencing the value of Frac<sub>GASF</sub> in the GHG-inventory. The dominant driver of the reduction in the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.D.2.1 was the change in the reported NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from inorganic N-fertilizers; however to a lesser extent some additional methodological changes in the 2016 EMEP/EEA Inventory Guidebook also contributed to the changes in the value of Frac<sub>GASF</sub> and Frac<sub>GASM</sub>, which are as follows:

- Updated methodology to calculate NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from 3.D.
- The new 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook enables to separate NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from animal manure between 3.B and 3.D sectors for those livestock categories for which emissions are reported by Tier 1 methodologies. This change resulted in changes in the allocation of nitrogen between 3.B and 3.D. However, emissions from livestock categories having small importance are calculated using Tier 1 in the air pollutant emission inventory.

To ensure the consistency between the GHG and the air pollutant inventory NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from 3.D.2.c Other organic fertilizers applied to soils (compost) have been included in the 2017 submission of the air pollutant inventory. Inclusion of this new source also influenced the value of Frac<sub>GASM</sub>.

A detailed description of methodologies applied for the calculation of NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions will be given in the report 'Hungary's Informative Report 2017 submitted under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution' (CLRTAP) (UNECE, 1999) and the National Emissions Ceilings Directive (EP and CEU, 2001).

Obviously, changes in the organic N fertilizers (F<sub>ON</sub>) and urine and dung deposited by grazing animals (F<sub>PRP</sub>) also resulted in changes in the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through atmospheric deposition. (See also sections above.)

The impact of recalculations in 3.D.b.1 is a 28.2% reduction in emissions on average (*Table 5.5.13*). Emissions decreased by 26.8% and 95.4 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in the BY. Emissions reduced by 30.7% and 52.0 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2014.

*Table 5.5.13 Recalculation in emissions from 3.D.b.1*

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> - eq]	Percentage change
<b>BY</b>	357	261	-95.4	-26.8%
<b>1990</b>	277	205	-72.9	-26.3%
<b>1991</b>	181	137	-43.6	-24.1%
<b>1992</b>	153	115	-37.4	-24.5%
<b>1993</b>	141	106	-35.0	-24.9%
<b>1994</b>	146	106	-39.3	-27.0%
<b>1995</b>	151	109	-42.0	-27.8%
<b>1996</b>	152	111	-41.0	-26.9%

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> - eq]	Percentage change
1997	154	111	-43.4	-28.2%
1998	163	118	-44.9	-27.6%
1999	167	123	-44.3	-26.4%
2000	165	119	-45.7	-27.7%
2001	168	120	-47.8	-28.5%
2002	179	128	-51.1	-28.6%
2003	178	127	-51.1	-28.7%
2004	183	127	-56.1	-30.7%
2005	168	119	-49.0	-29.2%
2006	176	125	-50.7	-28.8%
2007	180	129	-51.1	-28.3%
2008	153	108	-45.8	-29.9%
2009	143	100	-42.0	-29.5%
2010	145	101	-44.2	-30.5%
2011	151	105	-46.0	-30.5%
2012	153	106	-46.5	-30.4%
2013	172	119	-52.3	-30.5%
2014	169	117	-52.0	-30.7%

### 3Db2Nitrogen leaching and run-off

Recalculation of 3.D.2.b emissions is on one hand the consequence of the revised estimates concerning N-inputs from different sources as: annual amount of animal manure ( $F_{ON}$ ), urine and dung deposited by grazing animals ( $F_{PRP}$ ), N in crop residues ( $F_{CR}$ ), and N mineralized in soils. These revisions resulted in slight decrease in the emissions, with the exception of the year 2012, when minor increase occurred due to these revisions.

Revisions of irrigated areas also led to slight increase in the emissions for the year 2008 and 2014. The formerly used data on irrigated areas for these years were replaced by data of the Hungarian General Directorate of Water Management (OVF). Emissions increased by 2.0% (1.53 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2008 and 5.2% (4.49 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2014.

The overall effect of recalculations in 3.D.b Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils on the total emissions (excluding LULUCF) shows decreases in estimates by 0.008% (and 47.5 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2014.

The overall impact of recalculations in 3.D resulted in a 2.3% decrease on average and 63 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq in the emissions over the period 1990-2014 (**Table 5.5.14**). The overall effect of recalculations in 3.D N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils on the total emissions (excluding LULUCF) shows decreases in estimates by 0.008% (and 46.4 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2014

**Table 5.5.14 Changes in the N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from 3.D due to recalculations for the BY and 1990-2014**

Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
BY	5,079	4,947	-131.9	-2.6%
1990	3,798	3,692	-106.1	-2.8%
1991	2,712	2,638	-74.6	-2.7%
1992	2,323	2,258	-64.5	-2.8%
1993	2,171	2,113	-57.9	-2.7%



Year	Submission 2016 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Submission 2017 [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq]	Percentage change
1994	2,563	2,503	-60.3	-2.4%
1995	2,389	2,324	-64.4	-2.7%
1996	2,421	2,358	-63.2	-2.6%
1997	2,510	2,446	-64.1	-2.6%
1998	2,698	2,629	-68.7	-2.5%
1999	2,665	2,597	-68.0	-2.5%
2000	2,594	2,527	-67.3	-2.6%
2001	2,900	2,832	-67.8	-2.3%
2002	2,913	2,843	-69.1	-2.4%
2003	2,735	2,668	-67.9	-2.5%
2004	3,127	3,056	-70.5	-2.3%
2005	2,880	2,815	-65.1	-2.3%
2006	2,942	2,878	-63.4	-2.2%
2007	2,913	2,853	-60.7	-2.1%
2008	3,061	3,008	-53.0	-1.7%
2009	2,778	2,729	-49.0	-1.8%
2010	2,713	2,665	-47.8	-1.8%
2011	2,913	2,863	-49.8	-1.7%
2012	2,866	2,822	-44.0	-1.5%
2013	3,193	3,139	-53.9	-1.7%
2014	3,264.6	3,218.1	-46.4	-1.4%

### 5.5.6 Planned improvements

See Section 5.1.7

## 5.6 Prescribed Burning of Savannas (CRF Sector 3.E)

Category 4.E Prescribed Burning of Savannas is not relevant to Hungary therefore notation keys 'NO' is used relating to all associated emissions in CRF Tables.

## 5.7 Field burning of agricultural residues (CRF Sector 3.F)

### 5.7.1 Source Category Description

*Emitted gases: CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O*

*Key source: none*

In Hungary field burning of agricultural residues has been bound to permit by the Regulation No. 21/1986. (VI. 2.) of the Council of Ministers being in force between 1986 and 2001. The condition for a permit was the case of plant health emergency. The Government Decree No. 21/2001. (II. 14.), which came into force in 2001 explicitly bans field burning of agricultural residues (the new regulation still keeps the possibility of field burning in the case of plant health emergency by a permit). This Government Decree has been amended at the end of 2010, therefore the Government Decree No. 306/2010. (XII.23.) is in force relating to field burning of agricultural residues, currently. So according to the above mentioned facts it was thought that there is no legal field burning in Hungary since the Regulation No. 21/1986. (VI. 2.) of the Council of Ministers has come into force. According to the estimation of the regional inspectors of the Central (Budapest) Soil and Plant Protection Service, less than 1% of the area sown by crops (i.e., not the entire arable area) is affected by illegal burning (Sári 2003, verbal communication), therefore it was taken into account only between 1985 and 1989, and it was considered as negligible in the period after 1990.

### 5.7.2 Methodological issues

Until the middle of the 1980s, field burning was quite wide-spread. In the lack of reliable and quantitative information, it was assumed that the rate of field burning in crop cultivation areas had been gradually decreasing between 1985 and 1989, and was essentially eliminated in 1990. Accordingly, for the mentioned period between 1985 and 1990 the following values for crops were used as the proportion of biomass burnt on field:  $Frac_{BURN} = 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.04$  and  $0.02$  (it meant for all plants produced:  $Frac_{BURN} = 0.05, 0.04, 0.03, 0.02$  and  $0.01$ ). To the emission estimation Equation 2.27 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines was applied. As regards other parameters required for the calculation (dry matter, product/by-product ratio, C to N ratio), the default values given in Table 2.5 and Table 2.6 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines were used.

### 5.7.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

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### 5.7.4 QA/QC Information

See 6.1.5.

### 5.7.5 Source-specific recalculations

There were no recalculations in this category.

### 5.7.6 Planned improvements

There are no further improvements planned.

## 5.8 Liming (CRF Sector 3.G)

*Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>*

*Methods: T1*

*Emission factors: D*

*Key sources: none*

### 5.8.1 Source Category Description

Liming is a small source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Hungary, which occur mainly from Limestone CaCO<sub>3</sub>. The use of Dolomite CaMg(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is rather low in Hungary, especially in the last decade. In Hungary the recommended methods for liming are as follows:

- Meliorative liming: chemical improvement of acidic soils, applying 5-15 tonnes carbonate lime per ha;
- Maintenance liming: low dose liming, improving the efficiency of meliorative liming and preventing the recurrence of soil acidity, with a dose of 1-2 tonnes carbonate lime per ha;
- Lime fertilization: improvement of the Ca supply of the regularly cultivated soil layer, preventing the development of soil acidity. Recommended doses: 1-2 tons per hectare.

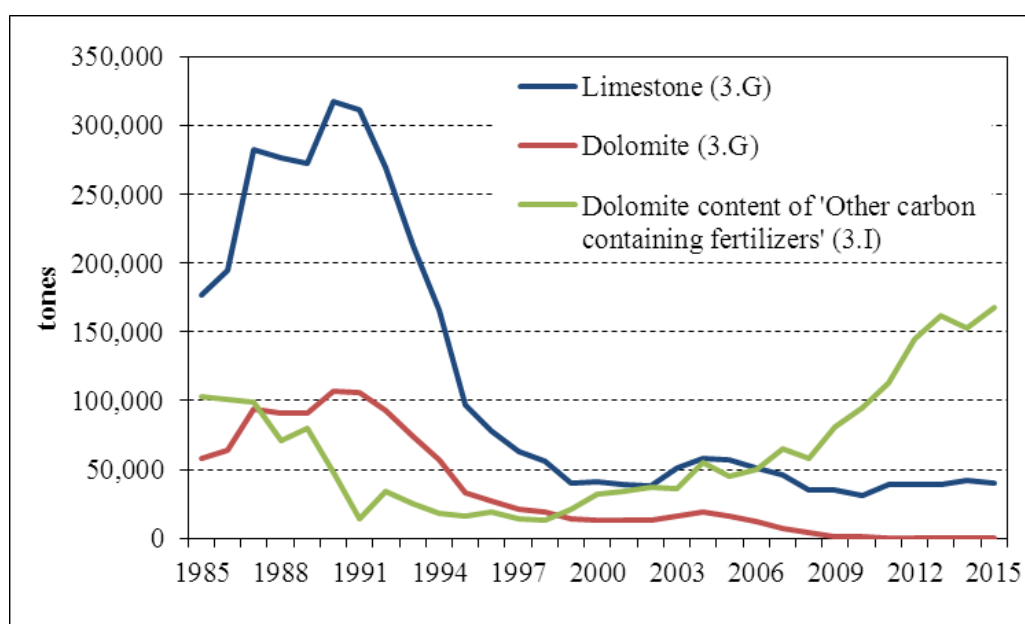
In Hungary before the regime change meliorative liming was subsidized by the state, while maintenance liming and lime fertilization were not promoted. As a result the maintenance liming and lime fertilization were rather rare activity in the large agricultural co-operatives and state farms. In the 90's, after the liquidation of the large scale agricultural companies, the regular state subsidization for soil melioration was practically removed, and the meliorative liming decreased significantly. Currently, liming with doses higher than 2 tons per hectare must be licensed with the Soil Conservation Authority (County Governmental offices dept. of Plant Protection and Soil conservation under the supervision of the National Food Chain Safety Office). The licenses are valid for five years (i.e. the licensed amount of carbonate lime is allowed to apply to soils within the five year period). Licenses contain information on the amount and the type of the applied chemical amendment.

The most frequent substances used for the improvement of acidic soils in Hungary are as follows:

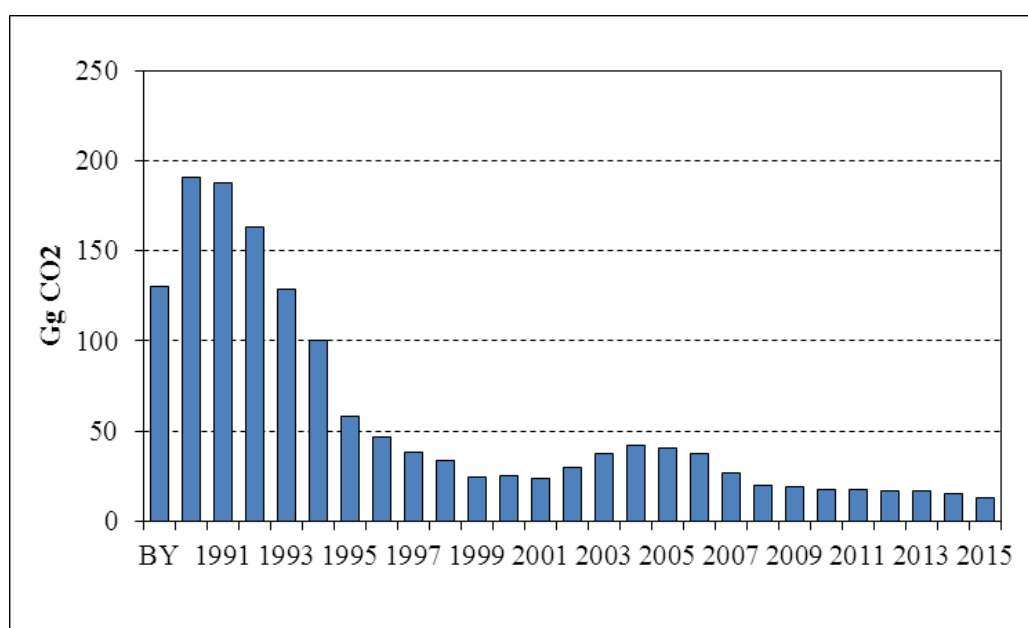
- Hard and soft limestone powder;
- Beet potash: the by-product of sugar production (especially at the beginning of the inventory period; currently only one sugar factory is operating in Hungary, thus the amount of beet potash used for soil melioration is low.);
- Bog or lake lime;
- Industrial waste products (e.g. lime sludge).

CRF sector 3.G is a minor source of emissions in Hungary, accounting for 0.1% and 0.03% of the national total emissions in the BY and 2015, respectively. Emissions from 3.G decreased by 90 per cent between the BY and 2015. The bulk of this decrease occurred in the early 90's, reflecting the dramatic drop in the agricultural production and the effect of suspension of state support for soil reclamation. After the period of change in the regime (i.e. the 90s), agricultural production started to partially recover and the ownership feeling strengthened, promoting the soil conservation activities. In this period the carbonate lime usage slightly increased, leading to moderately growing emissions until peaking in 2004, when a slight decrease started again. In 2007, the economic downturn resulted in a further reduction in the applied lime and the resulted emissions, and emissions continued to decline until 2015. As **Figure 5.8.1** reveals, this remarkably decreasing trend in the recent years can be explained by the significantly increasing trend in the use of 'Other carbonate containing fertilizers' (CRF category 3.H).

Trends in emissions from 3.G Liming are shown in **Figure 5.8.2**.



*Figure 5.8.1 Trends in activity data for 3.G and 3.I*



*Figure 5.8.2 Trends in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.G Liming*

As a result of a recommendation arising from the in-country review conducted in 2016, this chapter was supplemented with: detailed information on the activity data used and time-series consistency issues.

## 5.8.2 Methodological issues

### 5.8.2.1 Calculation method

Emissions from additions of carbonate limes were estimated using the Equation 11.12 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines which is the Tier 1 method. Because of the relatively negligible share of liming in the national total GHG emissions the use of simple methodology is reasonable.

### 5.8.2.2 Activity Data

National usage statistics for carbonate lime is not available for the full time series in Hungary, which would be used optimally in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, as activity data to determine the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from additions of carbonate lime. Therefore, method was developed to acquire activity data from statistics providing direct inference on lime application to resolve data gap for the beginning of the inventory period.

#### Meliorative liming (high dose liming)

For the period 1985-2006 annual statistics on soil melioration by soil type (acidic soils, salt-affected soils and sandy soils) was used to derive activity data to the emission estimate. For the period 1985-1999 areas of the improved soils were published annually in the statistical pocket-books of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. While for the years between 2000 and 2006 detailed statistics was available at the website of the AERI, including the areas as well as the amounts and the agent content of the applied chemical amendments by soil types. Nevertheless, the consistency and the representativity of the time series are ensured, as both institutions used the same data sources (regular national agricultural surveys that cover agricultural enterprises as well as private farms). Therefore, for the beginning of the inventory period experts of the Karcag Research Institute of the University of Debrecen, Centre for Agricultural and Applied Economic Sciences made expert judgment using the available statistics to provide activity data to the emission estimate. The main assumptions of the expert judgment were as follows:

- 67% of meliorated acidic soils were improved using limestone containing amendments;
- 27% of meliorated acidic soils were reclaimed by dolomite;
- 50% of meliorated salt-affected soils were reclaimed with limestone containing amendments;
- Liming was not assumed for sandy soils, as high organic matter containing amendments are added to these soils to increase their fertility, not carbonate containing materials;
- The average doses of lime and dolomite was applied (8 tones CaCO<sub>3</sub> and 7 tones CaMg(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> per hectares).

For the years between 2000 and 2006 the published usage data were taken into account, while the direct relationship between the reclaimed areas and the lime usage provided the basis for the expert judgment for the previous period (i.e. the overlap technique was used to ensure the time-series consistency). See also Section 5.8.4

Statistics used to derive annual amounts of limestone and dolomite content of liming matters for the period 1985-1999 are provided in **Table 5.8.1**. Data in bold show the original statistical data to distinguish from estimated amounts shown in italics in the **Table 5.8.1**.

**Table 5.8.1 Statistics and calculated amount of limestone and dolomite use for the period 1985-2006**

Year	Area (ha)				Amount of agent (t)			Amount (t)	
					Limestone	Dolomite	Limestone	Limestone	Dolomite
	Acidic	Salt-affected	Sandy	Total	on Acidic soils		on Salt-affected soils	Total	
1985	30,709	3,068	2,718	36,495	164,600	58,040	12,272	176,872	58,040
1986	34,476	3,538	1,507	39,521	184,791	65,160	14,152	198,943	65,160
1987	61,084	4,633	1,224	66,941	327,410	115,449	18,532	345,942	115,449
1988	57,867	4,753	2,095	64,715	310,167	109,369	19,012	329,179	109,369
1989	57,696	1,046	1,197	59,939	309,251	109,045	4,184	313,435	109,045
1990	73,013	2,073	3,025	78,111	391,350	137,995	8,292	399,642	137,995
1991	31,352	202	305	31,859	168,047	59,255	808	168,855	59,255
1992	25,342	569	49	25,960	135,833	47,896	2,276	138,109	47,896
1993	7,555	50	488	8,093	40,495	14,279	200	40,695	14,279
1994	13,580	1,754	0	15,334	72,789	25,666	7,016	79,805	25,666
1995	10,346	100	15	10,461	55,455	19,554	400	55,855	19,554
1996	13,873	0	0	13,873	74,359	26,220	0	74,359	26,220
1997	11,861	82	85	12,028	63,575	22,417	328	63,903	22,417
1998	1,206	5	23	1,234	6,464	2,279	20	6,484	2,279
1999	20	0	0	20	107	38	0	107	38
2000	9,894	266	1,751	11,911	56,283	14,805	231	56,514	14,805
2001	11,173	90	504	11,767	53,613	24,091	445	54,058	24,091
2002	10,097	20	383	10,500	50,715	25,645	145	50,860	25,645
2003	11,309	1,142	3,371	15,822	52,608	14,354	1,713	54,321	14,354
2004	6,443	1,318	2,171	9,932	19,864	14,737	1,954	21,818	14,737
2005	7,310	1,079	1,920	10,310	48,514	3,607	651	49,165	3,607
2006	7,279	1,077	764	9,120	15,660	2,892	1,702	17,362	2,892

No data on land reclamation are available after 2006; hence other sources had to be used to estimate the limestone and dolomite contents of the applied liming materials. In Hungary liming with higher doses of lime than 2 tons per hectare must be licensed by the Soil Conservation Authority (County Governmental offices dept. of Plant Protection and Soil conservation, National Food Chain Safety Office). Since 2007 the NFCSO has recorded the content of the issued licence in an electronic database and provided data annually, on the quantity and type of the used liming materials and the affected areas for emission inventory purposes. (For the first year of the data collection the dataset was incomplete, therefore the County offices of the NFCSO collected supplementary data on the agent content of carbonate lime from the hard copies of the issued licenses. Thus, for 2007 only the agent contents of the applied liming materials are available.)

*Table 5.8.2 Carbonate lime usage for the period 2000-2015*

Year	Liming maters (t)							Amount (t)	
	Beet potash	Dolomite	Lime sludge	Hard limestone powder	Calcareous moorland	Bog lime	Soft limestone powder	Total CaCO <sub>3</sub> content	Total CaMg(CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
2000	22,505	17,723	NO	48,038	NO		NO	56,514	17,723
2001	36,767	30,170	NO	34,313	NO	10,721	NO	53,732	30,170
2002	55,276	32,000	NO	18,457	NO	4,812	NO	50,715	32,000
2003	62,850	18,884	NO	29,237	NO	833	NO	54,070	18,884
2004	28,552	18,998	NO	9,430	NO	162	NO	21,818	18,998
2005	34,364	5,312	285	42,905	NO	NO	NO	48,969	5,312
2006	31,303	4,228	45	2,898	NO	NO	NO	17,318	4,228
2007	NO	133	NO	22,892	NO	NO	NO	20,603	133
2008	NO	77	NO	12,870	2,239	NO	NO	12,898	77
2009	7,323	1,439	NO	16,319	2,639	NO	713	20,527	1,439
2010	1,157	491	NO	28,231	2,014	NO	450	28,362	491
2011	3,088	807	NO	45,955	2,007	NO	463	46,173	807
2012	1,452	278	NO	20,843	NO	NO	NO	20,527	278
2013	4,197	570	NO	10,321	3,693	NO	NO	13,011	570
2014	1,738	836	NO	31,391	NO	NO	NO	30,690	836
2015	NO	851	NO	21,309	NO	4	NO	20,246	851

As mentioned, for the period 2000-2006 very detailed statistics are available on land reclamation which is consistent with the data used for the period 1985-1999 as well as the statistics for the period 2007-2015. Data for the period 2000-2006 are provided in the structure of the statistics for the period 1985-1999 as well as 2000-2015 to demonstrate the time-series consistency. Carbonate containing chemical amendments could also contain various amounts of inert materials, or other non-carbonated ingredients, which was also taking into account in the estimate. The assumed agent contents of liming maters appearing in the statistics are summarized in *Table 5.8.3*. The CaCO<sub>3</sub> content of liming maters were determined consistently between data from the literature and statistics for the period 2000-2006.

*Table 5.8.3 CaCO<sub>3</sub> content of the applied liming maters*

Liming materials	CaCO <sub>3</sub> content
Beet potash	45%
Bog lime	50%
Calcareous moorland	25%
Hard limestone powder	90%
Lime sludge	6%
Soft limestone powder	80%

#### **Lime fertilization/ maintenance liming (low dose liming)**

For the period 1985-1999 average doses of limestone and dolomite usage were assumed therefore additional liming as lime fertilization were not estimated. Besides, as mentioned, lime fertilization and maintenance liming were not typical in this period arising from the agricultural subsidization system. For the period 2000-2006 statistics on lime fertilization were available, while for the period 2007 to

2015 expert judgment was applied. The agent content of limestone applied for lime fertilization was assumed to be 53% of liming matters applied for soil reclamation. Amounts of liming matters used for lime fertilization are summarized in *Table 5.8.4*.

*Table 5.8.4 Limestone applied for low dose liming (2000-2015)*

Year	3.G	
	Limestone	Dolomite
	tones	
<b>BY</b>	218,043	218,043
<b>1990</b>	317,428	107,403
<b>1991</b>	311,410	106,223
<b>1992</b>	269,844	92,712
<b>1993</b>	212,147	73,694
<b>1994</b>	165,421	57,018
<b>1995</b>	96,664	33,330
<b>1996</b>	77,765	26,723
<b>1997</b>	62,923	21,627
<b>1998</b>	56,081	19,227
<b>1999</b>	40,142	14,102
<b>2000</b>	41,290	13,152
<b>2001</b>	38,846	12,726
<b>2002</b>	38,025	13,372
<b>2003</b>	51,346	15,787
<b>2004</b>	57,731	18,726
<b>2005</b>	57,475	16,487
<b>2006</b>	51,370	12,247
<b>2007</b>	45,715	7,145
<b>2008</b>	35,044	4,289
<b>2009</b>	34,919	1,630
<b>2010</b>	31,534	1,007
<b>2011</b>	39,340	589
<b>2012</b>	39,317	618
<b>2013</b>	39,352	717
<b>2014</b>	42,462	596
<b>2015</b>	39,978	668

### Resulted activity data

Since meliorative and maintenance liming are periodic rather than annual activities, besides the liming licenses relates to five-year periods, activity data was calculated as five-year moving average of the statistical and the estimated usage data delineated above to smooth out inter-annual inequities.

#### 5.8.2.3 Emission factors

IPCC default values of 0.12 for limestone, 0.13 for dolomite and 0.20 for urea were used.

### 5.8.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainties in the activity data used to estimate emissions from 3.G, were estimated to be  $\pm 10\%$ . Uncertainties in the emission factors were assumed to be ranging from -20% to 0%. Thus, the estimated combined uncertainties in the emissions for 3.G range from 22% to +10%.



### 5.8.4 QA/QC Information

#### Time-series consistency

In response to a recommendation from the in-country review conducted in 2016, this section has been supplemented with further information on addressing the time-series consistency issues arising from the use of different sources of activity data through the time-series.

IPCC 2006 Guidelines provide different splicing techniques to ensure time-series consistency. In the case of 3.G the applied methodology to form a complete time-series is consistent with the overlap technique provided in the Chapter 5.3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

The areas of carbonate lime usage are available *consistently* for the full period of 1985-2006 from the same data collection. For the period 2000-2006 the areas as well as the amount of the carbonate lime usage are available, therefore the period of 2000-2006 is suitable for overlapping. To resolve data gap relationship observed between the areas and the applied amount (i.e. doses) during the period of overlap was applied. (In accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, the average of annual doses was used instead of the dose calculated from the total amount and the total areas over the period 2000-2006.)

Data on carbonate lime usage for soil *melioration* is available since 2000. However, data was sourced from different statistics. For the period 2000-2006 melioration statistics, while for the period since 2007 data acquired from liming licences was applied. As the subject of liming licences is liming with higher doses than 2 tones per hectare, which is the same as the definition of meliorative liming in the former statistics, consequently the data on meliorative liming are consistent for the full time-series.

Data on lime fertilization for the period 2007-2015 are estimated using expert judgement based on the statistics of the previous period.

The following further source specific QA/QC procedures have been carried out:

The missing data were elaborated by scientific experts from the Karcag Research Institute of University of Debrecen.

Activity data is checked for plausibility.

### 5.8.5 Source-specific recalculations

In the former submissions, the large inter-annual fluctuations of activity data for 3.G, were often identified in the UNFCCC as well as the EU review processes therefore CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.G were revised for the period 1986-2014 due to the revision of activity data to improve transparency and consistency of the reported emissions.

As a first step all activity data and the sources were checked again, and expert consultation was held to improve

For the period 2000-2006 more detailed statistics were obtained on soil reclamaiton by soil types and the applied materials from the archive of the RIAE. This enables the inventory to improve the time-series consistency and the reliability of the applied data.

In the course of the quality check of the activity data used to estimate emissions from 3.G revealed that data provided by the NCSO are inconsistent, because the liming licences are valid for five-years, and the provided data related to the issued licences for some years and the existing licences in other ones. To avoid the inconcistencies the NFCSO provided reprocessed annual data on carbonate lime usage based on the soil liming licences *issued* in a certain year for the period 2007-2014, and as a result of an expert consultation the use of five-year moving averages were decided to get activity data.

Emissions from 3.G Liming was recalculated for the full time series due to the revision of the activity data

***5.8.6 Planned improvements***

Considering that agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are of minor importance in Hungary improvements are not planned.

## 5.9 Urea Application (CRF Sector 3.H)

*Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>*

*Methods: T1*

*Emission factors: D*

*Key sources: none*

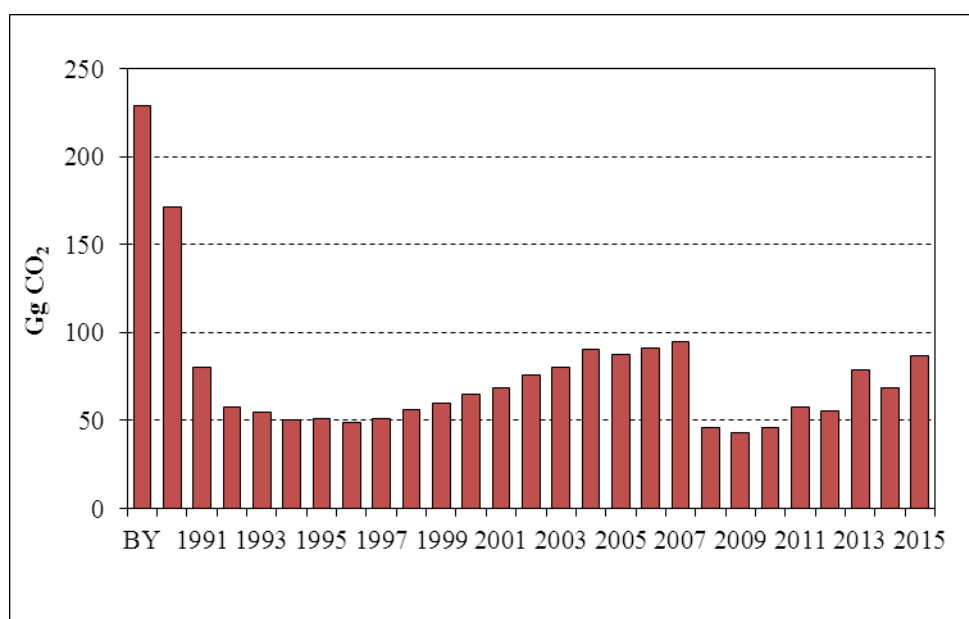
### 5.9.1 Source Category Description

Adding urea to soils during fertilization leads to a loss of CO<sub>2</sub> that was fixed in the industrial production process. Reporting of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from urea application is a new element of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. This source category has been introduced because the CO<sub>2</sub> removal from atmosphere during urea manufacturing is estimated under the Industrial Processes and Product Use sector (IPPU).

CRF sectors 3.H is a minor sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Hungary, accounting for 0.2% and 0.1% of the national total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the BY and 2015, respectively. The overall trend in emissions from 3.H shows an overall decrease of 62% (**Figure 5.9.1**). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.H increased at the beginning of the inventory period until they peaked in 1988 and dropped by 82 % to 1996, reflecting the effects of the change in the regime and the suspension of agricultural subsidies. Between 1997 and 2007 emissions moderately increased, reaching a peak in 2007 due to the slightly rising fertilizer use.

The decline in the emission level and the drop in the urea use reflect the impact of the economic downturn in 2008, when the urea prices increased significantly on the world market as well as in Hungary. Besides, Péti Nitrogénművek Ltd., the only fertilizer producer in Hungary, came to a halt of the production due to the uncertain market conditions on 18th of October 2008. The production started again on 26th of February in 2009. (55% of the urea used in Hungary is produced by this company and 45% is import.) The loss of production also contributed to that the urea prices remained at a high level in Hungary in 2009 leading to further decline in urea consumption.

Fertilizer prices increased more than 60% because of the economic recession in 2008. In 2009 the fertilizer prices started to slightly decrease, but it remained at a high level in the first half of 2009, especially in spring, when the demand for fertilizers is the highest. Thus, the fertilizer consumption was significantly lower than in other years, additionally farmers favored the other fertilizers with lower N-content and lower price than the urea which resulted in further decline in the urea use in 2009. Emissions have since increased. In 2015 the urea use rised by 27% in comparison to 2014.



**Figure 5.9.1 Trends in the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.H Urea use**

## 5.9.2 Methodological issues

### 5.9.2.1 Calculation method

Emissions from CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from urea fertilization were estimated using the Equation 11.23 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, which is the basic Tier 1 method. Because of the relatively negligible share of CO<sub>2</sub> in total agricultural GHG emissions the use of simple methodologies are reasonable.

### 5.9.2.2 Activity Data

Annual consumption of urea was derived from the sales statistics by products reported annually by the Agricultural Economics Research Institute (AERI). AERI's statistics contain the amount of Urea and other ammonium solutions (UAN) and urea ammonium sulphate (UAS) fertilizers. To calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from urea application the annual activity data was derived as the sum of the amount of urea and the urea contents of UAN and UAS fertilizers (*Table 5.9.1*).

*Table 5.9.1 Urea applied to soils, BY-2015*

Year	3.H	
	Urea	Urea in UAN and UAS
	tones	
<b>BY</b>	312,320	33,045
<b>1990</b>	233,386	9,875
<b>1991</b>	108,967	4,705
<b>1992</b>	78,214	4,301
<b>1993</b>	75,029	5,123
<b>1994</b>	68,827	7,291
<b>1995</b>	69,299	9,460
<b>1996</b>	66,865	7,958
<b>1997</b>	69,220	8,267
<b>1998</b>	76,239	11,709
<b>1999</b>	82,028	15,407
<b>2000</b>	88,140	23,190
<b>2001</b>	93,948	24,718
<b>2002</b>	103,514	27,234
<b>2003</b>	109,082	21,576
<b>2004</b>	123,704	18,289
<b>2005</b>	119,242	17,973
<b>2006</b>	124,159	21,930
<b>2007</b>	129,077	25,887
<b>2008</b>	62,508	32,394
<b>2009</b>	59,074	31,692
<b>2010</b>	63,051	27,840
<b>2011</b>	79,007	31,094
<b>2012</b>	75,725	33,850
<b>2013</b>	107,834	42,496
<b>2014</b>	93,347	44,282
<b>2015</b>	118,409	49,190

### 5.9.2.3 Emission factors

IPCC default value of 0.20 was used.

### ***5.9.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency***

Uncertainties in the activity data used to estimate emissions from 3.H were estimated to be  $\pm 5\%$  for urea. Uncertainties in the emission factors were assumed to be ranging from  $-20\%$  to  $0\%$ . Thus, the estimated combined uncertainties in the emissions for 3.H were  $\pm 21\%$ .

### ***5.9.4 QA/QC Information***

HCSO publishes the nitrogen content of synthetic fertilizers sold, which report is also based on the RIAE's data collection. Consequently, data on the total annual amount of synthetic N fertilizer applied to soils ( $F_{SN}$ ) under the category 3.D are consistent with data used to estimate emissions for CRF 3.H and 3.I.

Emissions from 3.H were cross-checked with the IPPU sector (CRF 2.B.1), to calculate emissions from urea manufacturing consistently.

### ***5.9.5 Source-specific recalculations***

There are no recalculations in 3.H Urea application in this submission.

### ***5.9.6 Planned improvements***

Considering that agricultural  $CO_2$  emissions are of minor importance in Hungary improvements are not planned.

## 5.10 Other carbonate containing fertilizers (CRF Sector 3.I)

*Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>*

*Methods: T1*

*Emission factors: D*

*Key sources: none*

### 5.10.1 Source Category Description

As some types of fertilizers contain liming matters to reduce the soil acidity and improve plant growth, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from carbonate containing fertilizers has also been reported under the 3.I Other sector to ensure the completeness of the agricultural inventory.

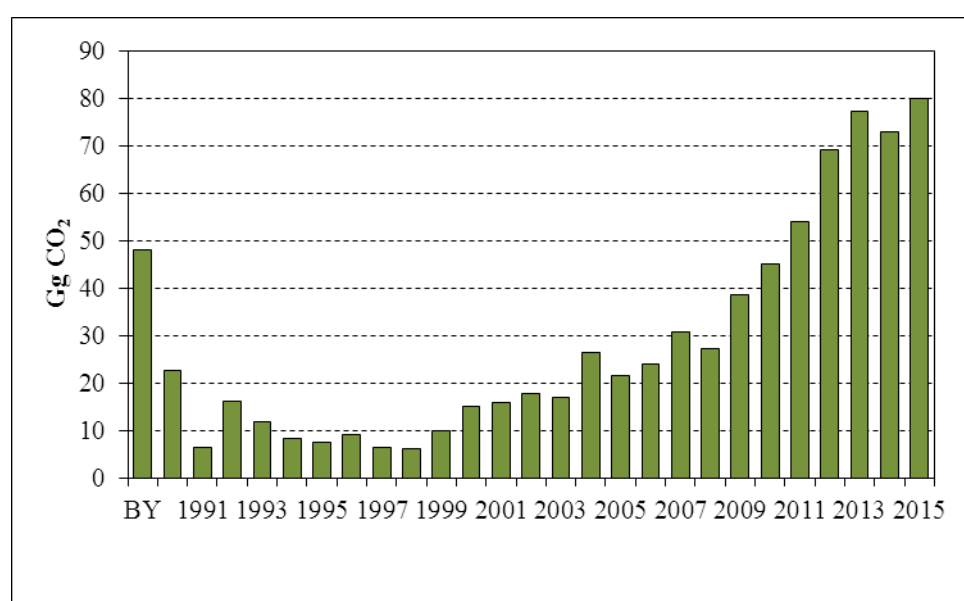
Under the category *3.I Other Carbon containing fertilizers* CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) are reported. According to the sale statistics CAN fertilizers sold in Hungary are predominantly the so-called 'Pétisó', which is a mixture of ammonium nitrate and very fine dolomite powder (NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + CaMg (CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). This fertilizer is the main product of the 'Nitrogénművek Zrt.' (Information about this fertilizer is available on the website of the producer company:

[http://www.nitrogen.hu/nat/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=21&Itemid=11&lang=en](http://www.nitrogen.hu/nat/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=21&Itemid=11&lang=en)

[http://www.nitrogen.hu/nat/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=4&Itemid=235&lang=en](http://www.nitrogen.hu/nat/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=4&Itemid=235&lang=en))

CRF sectors 3.I is a minor sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Hungary, accounting for 0.04% and 0.13% of the national total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the BY and 2015, respectively. However, this is the only one source-category in the Agriculture sector, from which emissions increased significantly, compared to the BY. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.I increased by 66 per cent between the BY (48 Gg) and 2015 (80 Gg).

Emissions from carbonate containing fertilizers decreased sharply until 1991, reflecting the effect of suspension of state support of fertilizers. After the period of change in the regime emissions fluctuated annually, depending on the fertilizers prices. Emissions reached the lowest level at -87% (6 Gg) in 1998. Emissions from other carbonate containing fertilizers grew steadily from 1999. The increase over the period 2008-2015 was largely, due to the increase in the production volume of Pétisó, as a result investments at the producer company. **Figure 5.10.1** shows the trend in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.I Other carbonate containing fertilizers for the BY and the period 1990 to 2015.



**Figure 5.10.1 Trends in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.I Other carbonate containing fertilizers**

### 5.10.2 Methodological issues

### 5.10.3 Calculation method

Emissions from carbonate containing fertilizers were estimated using the Equation 11.12 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, because carbonate containing fertilizers contains dolomite in Hungary.

### 5.10.4 Activity Data

Annual consumption of fertilizers by fertilizer types such as carbon-containing fertilizers were derived from sales statistics by products reported annually by the Agricultural Economics Research Institute (AERI). AERI's statistics contain the amount of soled CAN fertilizers.

The activity data of the emission estimate was the average dolomite content of the soled CAN fertilizers, which was estimated as 25% of the amount of CAN fertilizers based on the chemical formula of 'Pétisó'.

Activity data used to estimate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from categories 3.I are summarized in *Table 5.10.1*.

**Table 5.10.1 Activity data for 3.I**

Year	3.I Carbon containing- fertilizers
	Dolomite content (tones)
<b>BY</b>	403,704
<b>1990</b>	190,768
<b>1991</b>	55,681
<b>1992</b>	137,037
<b>1993</b>	100,290
<b>1994</b>	71,020
<b>1995</b>	63,094
<b>1996</b>	76,704
<b>1997</b>	54,993
<b>1998</b>	52,513
<b>1999</b>	85,051
<b>2000</b>	126,912
<b>2001</b>	135,275
<b>2002</b>	149,048
<b>2003</b>	143,067
<b>2004</b>	221,374
<b>2005</b>	181,847
<b>2006</b>	202,130
<b>2007</b>	259,592
<b>2008</b>	230,306
<b>2009</b>	323,781
<b>2010</b>	379,529
<b>2011</b>	452,342
<b>2012</b>	580,401
<b>2013</b>	648,440
<b>2014</b>	611,755
<b>2015</b>	671,833

**5.10.5 Emission factors**

IPCC default value of 0.13 for dolomite was used, as carbon content of calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) fertilizers, which is reported here, is dolomite (see also the section above).

**5.10.6 Uncertainties and time-series consistency**

Uncertainties in the activity data used to estimate emissions from 3.I were estimated to be  $\pm 5\%$  for carbon-containing fertilizers. Uncertainties in the emission factors were assumed to be ranging from -20% to 0%. Thus, the estimated combined uncertainties in the emissions for 3.I are  $\pm 21\%$ , respectively.

**5.10.7 QA/QC Information**

HCSO publishes the nitrogen content of synthetic fertilizers sold, which report is also based on the RIAE's data collection. Consequently, data on the total annual amount of synthetic N fertilizer applied to soils ( $F_{SN}$ ) under the category 3.D are consistent with data used to estimate emissions for CRF 3.H and 3.I.

**5.10.8 Source-specific recalculations**

There are no recalculations in 3.I Other carbonate containing fertilizers.

**5.10.9 Planned improvements**

Considering that agricultural CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are of minor importance in Hungary improvements are not planned.



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## 6. Land-Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (CRF sector 4)

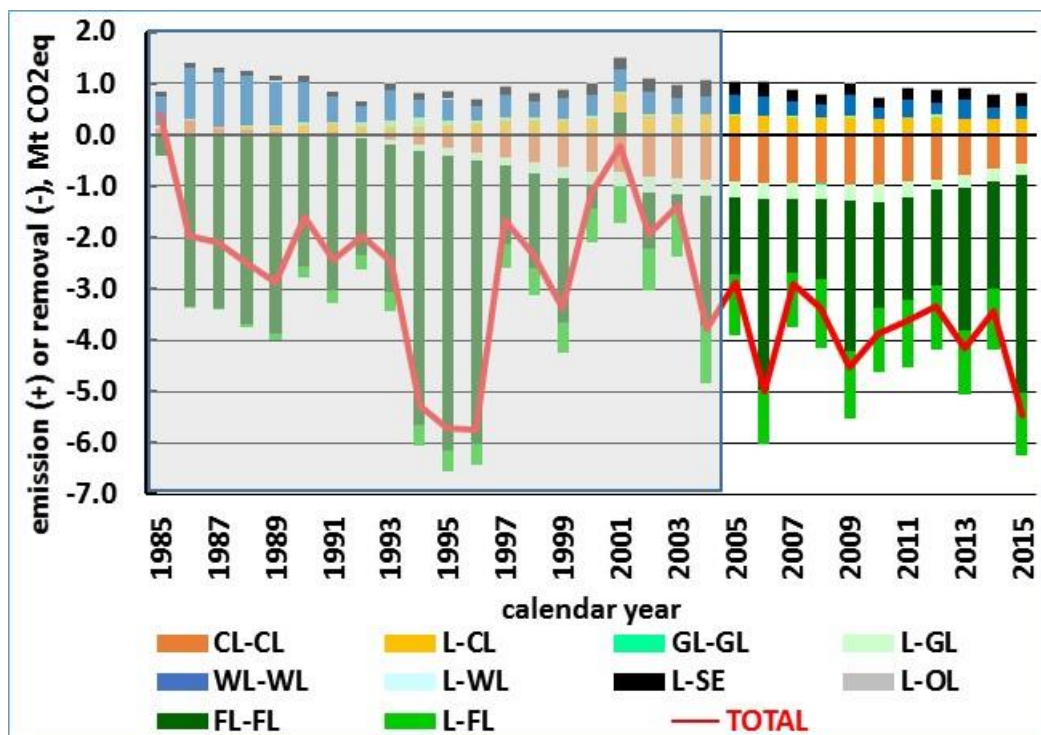
### 6.1 Overview of sector

The greenhouse gas inventory of the Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) sector covers both CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and removals of due to gains and losses in the relevant carbon pools of the predefined six land-use categories and non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from biomass burning and disturbance associated with land-use conversions.

#### 6.1.1 Emission trends

We firstly note that the reported area of the non-forest land-use conversion categories, which is a key input for the estimation of emissions and removals and which should include areas under conversion for the (default) period of 20 years, excludes areas that were converted before 1985 because no estimates are available before 1985. As no information is available with regard to the nature and the direction of trends of conversion areas before 1985 data for these years could only be generated using simple mathematical models such as extrapolating conversions backwards or keeping conversion rates constant, however, there is no guarantee that any of these would yield realistic time series. Also, the conversion rates generated by these models yield rather different emission and removal estimates that could thus be considered as “noise” instead of useful information. Therefore, we decided not to generate data for years before 1985. An important consequence of this is that the reported trend of both the areas of the conversion categories and, due to the nature of how emissions and removals for these categories are estimated, the calculated emissions and removals before 2005 may involve artefacts. To avoid false conclusions arising from these artefacts, we only analyse trends beginning 2005. However, for reasons of transparency, and to also comply with the request of the ARR of 2016, the data before 2005 are also shown in all relevant graphs in the LULUCF and KP-LULUCF related sections of the NIR, but they are under a *shaded box*. We nevertheless report on the entire time series (i.e., for all years beginning 1985) of the area as well as emissions and removals of all LULUCF and KP-LULUCF categories in the CRF tables.

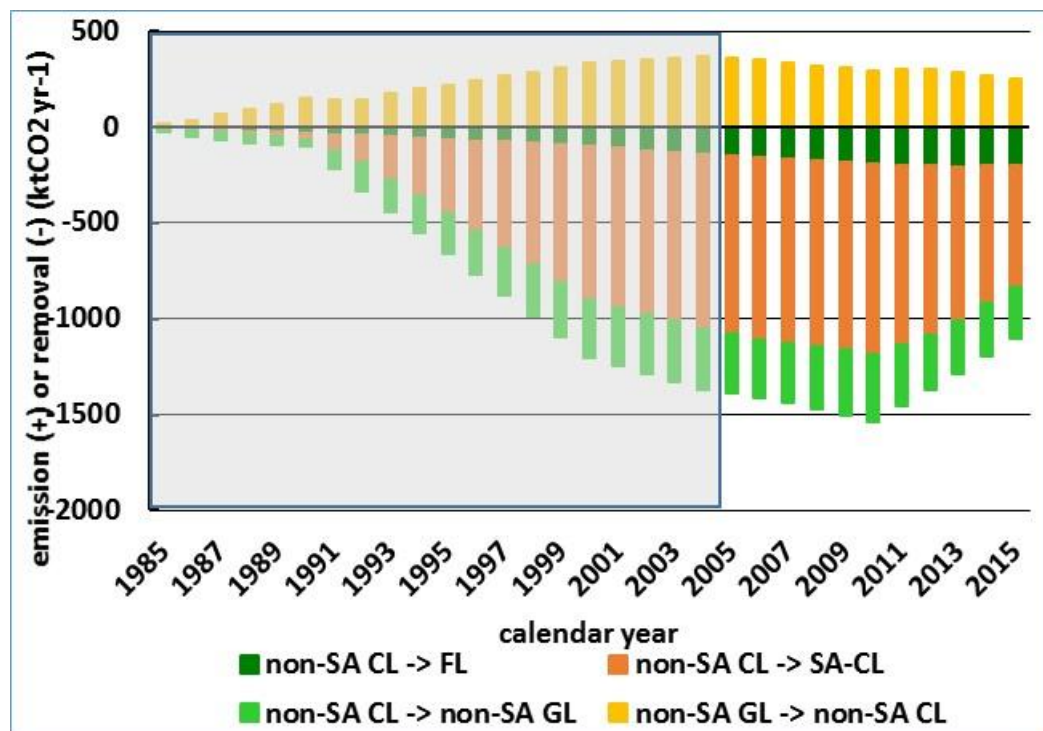
The estimates show that the LULUCF sector in Hungary was a net sink in the last decade. In 2015, total removals in the sector corresponded to over 10 per cent of total GHG emissions in Hungary (excluding LULUCF), with a rather high variability. This share has increased substantially since the base period. In general, Forest Land (FL) is the largest contributor to this net carbon sink, whereas Wetlands (WL) and Settlements (SE) are net source of greenhouse gases. Grassland (GL) and Cropland (CL) are net sources in some years and net sinks in others (Figure 6.1.1). Depending on a category, the bulk of the emissions may be in either the “remaining” sub-category (e.g., Forest Land remaining Forest Land, or FL-FL) or the sub-category of a land converted to another category (e.g., Land converted to Grassland, or L-GL).



**Figure 6.1.1** Trends in emissions/removals from the LULUCF sector by land-use and land-use change subcategories 1985-2015. (CL-CL: Cropland remaining Cropland; L-CL: Land converted to Cropland; GL-GL: Grassland remaining Grassland; L-GL: Land converted to Grassland; WL-WL: Wetland remaining Wetland; L-WL: Land converted to Wetland; L-SE: Land converted to Settlements; L-OL: Land converted to Other Land, FL-FL: Forest land remaining Forest land; L-FL: Land converted to Forest land. In other sub-categories, no emissions and removals are estimated, see text.)  
The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained above.

Most removals are generated by biomass gains in the Forest Land remaining Forest Land and the Land converted to Forest Land categories. The net sink in this category is mainly due to the fact that the forest area has been increasing, and that the total increment of the growing stock in forest lands has been higher than the annual harvest for the last three decades (see Figures 6.5.1, 6.5.4 and 11.1).

Although the reported levels of emissions/removals from the non-forest land uses are smaller, soils in the Cropland and Grassland categories have added to the net sinks in the last decade or so (Figure 6.1.2) which reflects trends in land use changes (see also section 6.3 and 6.6.4).



**Figure 6.1.2.** Emissions and removals in the most important land use change categories due to soil carbon stock changes. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained above.

### 6.1.2 Key categories

Key category analysis is presented in Chapter 1.6. Table 1.2 contains the key categories of the LULUCF sector.

### 6.1.3 Completeness

In this submission, Hungary reports on carbon stock changes as well as greenhouse gas emissions and removals from Forest Land (CRF 4.A), Cropland (CRF 4.B), Grassland (CRF 4.C), Wetland (CRF 4.D) and Settlements (CRF 4.E). N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from N in mineral soils that is mineralized/immobilized in association with loss of soil C are reported in CRF Table 3.D for cropland remaining cropland and in CRF Table 4(III) for all other land use and land use change categories. (Hungary does not report N<sub>2</sub>O immobilization associated with gain of organic matter resulting from change of land use or management of mineral soils because we apply a combination of Tier1/Tier 2 to estimate carbon stock changes in soils.) N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from fertilization in Wetlands (CRF 4(I)) do not occur in Hungary; N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from fertilization in other land use categories, where relevant, are reported under the Agriculture sector (CRF 3). In addition, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from liming are reported in CRF table 3G, whereas CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from biomass burning are reported in CRF table 4(V).

Apart from a few cases, emissions from Other land (CRF 4F) do not occur because, consistent with the national definition of this category, it contains unmanaged land for which only area data is reported, and rather small areas are sometimes converted to Other land. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from drainage of soils and Wetlands are not reported, either, because this is an optional reporting category, therefore, the

notation key NA and NO were used in CRF Table 4 (II).

### **6.1.4 Recalculations**

In this submission, we have implemented a number of recalculations. The main reason for the recalculations is that we identified some minor calculation errors in the area of some categories. A few other recalculations were made due to some minor category-specific issues that are reported in the relevant sections. For previous recalculations, see our previous NIRs.

### **6.1.5 Methodology**

The description of the methodological details in the subsequent sections follows the structure of the national inventory reports as outlined in the Appendix to Annex I (Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual greenhouse gas inventories) of Decision 24/CP.19 (Revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention).

In estimating emissions and removals, the IPCC 2006 Guidelines (mainly for reporting under the UNFCCC) and the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement (under the second Commitment Period of the Kyoto Protocol, IPCC 2014a and IPCC 2014b) have been used as a methodological basis since 2015.

In general, we apply Tier 2 methodology with country specific data where we have any such data. We also apply “best estimates”, i.e. we have made use of all data and information that exist within the country in relation to the forest GHG inventory. In all other cases, we refer to the source of the data applied (i.e., the IPCC 2006 GL).

Due to the complexity of the LULUCF sector, the Hungarian national circumstances and data availability, the methodology of the estimation differs for the various land use and land use change categories, the various pools and emissions. Therefore, this report is completed with methodology matrices at the beginning of the section of each major land use and land-use change sector which report Tier, other major methodological information, or if a pool (e.g., organic soils) or non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are estimated or not. Subsequent methodological sections only provide more detailed methodological description for those pools and non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for which estimation has been done.

The estimated emissions and removals are generally only reported in the CRF tables, but they are often also shown in graphs for the major land use and land use change categories.

## **6.2 Land use definitions and classification systems**

The land-use categories in the Hungarian inventory are consistent with the requirement of both the AFOLU (IPCC, 2006, Volume 4, Chapter 2) and the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003). Consistently also with the definitions of national land use categories, the following definitions are used for the various land-use categories:

**Forest land** is defined as land spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than five meters and a canopy cover of more than 30 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds, *in situ*. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use, but in addition to areas covered by trees, it includes roads and other areas that have no tree cover but are under forest management. See section 6.5.1 for details.

**Cropland** contains arable lands, kitchen gardens, orchards and vineyards, as well as set-aside croplands. *Arable lands* are any land area under regular cultivation irrespective of the rate or method of soil cultivation and whether the area is under crop production or not due to any reason, such as temporary inland waters or fallow. Areas under tree nurseries (including ornamental and orchard tree nurseries, vineyard nurseries, forest tree nurseries excluding those for the own requirements of forestry companies grown in the forest), permanent crops (e.g. alfalfa and strawberries), herbs and aromatic crops are included. *Kitchen gardens* are areas around residential houses where, in addition to meeting the owners' demand, owners may produce some surplus of low amount which is usually traded. *Orchards* are land under fruit trees and bushes that may include several fruit species (e.g.: apples, pears, cherries, etc.). Included are non-productive orchards and orchards of systematic layout in kitchen gardens if the area is 200 m<sup>2</sup> or above in case of berries and 400 m<sup>2</sup> or above in case of fruit trees. *Vineyards* are areas where grapes are planted in equal row width and planting space, and include non-productive areas and vineyards in kitchen gardens (e.g. trellises) if grapes are planted in equal row width and planting space, and the size of the area is at least 200 m<sup>2</sup>. *Set-aside cropland* is land that is abandoned (i.e., temporarily unmanaged) but not converted to any other land use.

**Grassland** includes meadows, i.e., land under grass (artificial planting included) where the production is utilized by cutting, irrespective of whether it is used for grazing sometimes, and pasture, i.e., land under grass (artificial planting included) that is utilized for grazing irrespective of whether it is used for cutting sometimes. Grassland includes areas with trees which are utilized for grazing and unmanaged grasslands which are not in use for agricultural purposes.

**Wetland** includes the wetlands and water bodies as defined by the CORINE land-cover databases and contains inland marshes (low-lying land usually flooded in winter, and more or less saturated by water all year round), peat bogs (peat land consisting mainly decomposed moss and vegetable matter), water courses (natural or artificial water-courses including those serving as water drainage) and water bodies (natural or artificial lakes, ponds etc.).

**Settlements** are areas matching the 'Artificial surfaces' category of the CORINE land-cover database, which comprises the urban and other residential areas, industrial, commercial and transport units, as well as mines, dump and construction sites and artificial non-agricultural vegetated areas.

**Other Land** includes areas matching the 'Open spaces with little or no vegetation' category of the CORINE land-cover database, which comprises any area not included in any of the above categories.

### 6.3 Land identification and land transition matrices

This chapter describes data sources, the national adaptation of the IPCC land-use categories and the resulting land-use change matrices that are used to estimate emissions and removals from the LULUCF sector.

Note that the reported total area of all land use categories is equal to the total official land area of Hungary as published by the annual HCSO's land-use statistics (i.e., 9,303,266 ha). (There are very little changes in the annually reported total land area in land-use statistics, which are due to movements of natural borders of Hungary based on between-country agreements, and improvements of mapping techniques.) To avoid inconsistency, the average of the annually published total areas is reported for each inventory year in the GHG inventory.



### 6.3.1 Methodology of land identification

The development of the annual land use and land use change data in Hungary involves elements of both Approach 1 and 2. The identification of IPCC land-use categories, which is based on Hungarian statistical categories as well as the main data sources (together with a reference with respect to the Approach it allows for), is reported in Table 6.3.1.

**Table 6.3.1.** Identification of IPCC land-use categories in Hungary based on national statistical categories and data sources to meet respective data requirements. Acronyms used: HCSO: Hungarian Central Statistical Office; NFI: National Forest Inventory; CLC: Corine Land Cover; HLC85: satellite-based land use change database of FÖMI (see text for details).

IPCC land-use categories	Category used in the respective database	Data sources (and associated Approach)
Forest Land	Land under Forest Management	NFI (maintained by the Forest Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office hereafter, or NFCSO, Approach 2)
Cropland	Arable land	HCSO's land-use statistics, and General Agricultural Censuses of 1991, 2000 and 2010, Vineyard and Orchard Censuses of 2001 and 2012 (Approach 1)
	Kitchen gardens	
	Orchards	
	Vineyards	
	Set-aside Cropland	HCSO's land-use statistics, General Agricultural Censuses of 1991, 2000 and 2010, (Approach 1)
Grassland	Grassland (meadows and pastures)	HCSO's land-use statistics, General Agricultural Censuses of 1991, 2000 and 2010, (Approach 1)
	Set-aside Grassland (Unmanaged Grassland)	HCSO's land-use statistics, General Agricultural Censuses of 1991 and 2000, (Approach 1)
Wetlands	Wetlands and water bodies	CLC2012, HLC-change1985-1990, CLC-change1990-2000, CLC-change 2000-2006, CLC-change 2006-2012 (Approach 1/2)
Settlements	Artificial surfaces	CLC2012, HLC-change1985-1990, CLC-change1990-2000, CLC-change 2000-2006, CLC-change 2006-2012 (Approach 1/2)
Other Land	all areas not included above	HLC85, CLC90, CLC2000, CLC2006, CLC2012 (Approach 1/2)

Land use changes are identified using both national statistics and Corine Land Cover (CLC) change information (for mapping the main CLC land-cover categories to the IPCC categories, see Tables

6.3.2-6.3.5). For *Forest Land*, the main source of national statistics is National Forest Inventory (NFI) data that includes information on conversions both from and to forests. For other land use change categories, it was necessary to use the statistics of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO; HCSO Statistical Yearbooks for Agriculcutre) and all other datasets while ensuring consistency between them. Unlike the HCSO reports, the CLC data sets include statistics on land cover change. It was assumed that, for any period between two CLC assessments (1990, 2000, 2006 and 2012), the difference between the area of the various land-cover categories corresponds to the change in the respective IPCC land-use change category.

**Table 6.3.2** Classification of the **CLC 1990** land-cover categories into IPCC land-use categories

CLC land-cover categories (Simplified nomenclatures)	IPCC category
311, 312, 313, 324 (310)	Forest land
211, 212, 213, 221, 222 (210, 220)	Cropland
231, 321 (230)	Grassland
111, 112, 121, 122, 123, 124, 131, 132, 133, 141, 142 (100)	Settlements
411, 412, 511, 512 (400, 500)	Wetlands
331, 332, 333 (330)	Other land

For *non-set-aside Cropland (non-SA CL)*, *non-set-aside Grassland (non-SA GL)*, *Settlements (SE)*, *Wetlands (WL)* and *Other Land (OL)*, the above databases directly include the necessary statistics. Separating set-aside lands is necessary for the estimation of carbon stock changes in soils. For this, the differences between Category 330 of the CLC databases and the Uncultivated land area category of the HCSO statistics (which include SE and WL together with set-asides) were taken as the *total area* of set-aside agricultural areas. This area (available for the period 1984-2015) was then split into *set-aside croplands (SA CL)* and *unmanaged grasslands* (i.e., set-aside grassland, SA GL, for both total areas and annual changes) using *expert judgment*.

For land use changes that were estimated using the CLC database, it was necessary to map the CLC codes to the respective IPCC categories. The CLC code 411 represents inland marshes, which contains ‘*Low-lying land usually flooded in winter and more or less saturated by water all year round*’ in accordance with the CLC’s nomenclature (<http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/COR0-landcover>). Therefore, conversions listed in Table 6.3.3 below can be the results of the change in total annual precipitation. The analysis of the total annual precipitation supports this assumption, because the total annual precipitation before the acquisition date of the satellite images, on which the CLC2000 data sets are based, highly exceeds the precipitation of the other years.

**Table 6.3.3** Areas classified as ‘Grassland converted to Wetlands’

Period	CLC code	Explanation
1990-2000	231-411	Pastures converted to inland marshes
	231-512	Pastures converted to water bodies
	321-411	Natural grasslands converted to inland marshes
	321-512	Natural grasslands converted to water bodies

2000-2006		
	231-512	Pastures converted to water bodies
	321-411	Natural grasslands converted to inland marshes
	321-512	Natural grasslands converted to water bodies
2006-2012		
	231-512	Pastures converted to water bodies

The Settlements converted to Wetland category mainly contains the area of sandpits and gravel pits. The area of these conversions is small, and the emissions from these land-use change conversions are probably zero.

**Table 6.3.4.** Areas classified as 'Settlements converted to Wetlands'

Period	CLC code	Explanation
1990-2000		
	131-512	Mineral extraction sites converted to water bodies
	133-511	Construction sites converted to water courses
2000-2006		
	131-512	Mineral extraction sites converted to water bodies
	133-512	Construction sites converted to water bodies
2006-2012		
	131-512	Mineral extraction sites converted to water bodies
	132-512	Dump sites converted to water bodies
	133-512	Construction sites converted to water bodies

Conversions in Table 6.3.5 below also include conversions of water courses and water bodies which are not covered by soil and living biomass, therefore could not be source of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**Table 6.3.5.** Areas classified as 'Wetland converted to Settlements'

Period	CLC code	Explanation
1990-2000		
	411-142	Inland marshes converted to sport and leisure facilities
	511-142	Water courses converted to sport and leisure facilities
	412-133	Peat bogs converted to construction sites
	511-133	Water courses converted to construction sites
2000-2006		
	411-122	Inland marshes converted to road and rail networks and associated land
	411-133	Inland marshes converted to construction sites
	411-142	Inland marshes converted to sport and leisure facilities
	512-122	Water bodies converted to road and rail networks and associated land

	512-131	Water bodies converted to mineral extraction sites
	512-133	Water bodies converted to construction sites
2006-2012		
	411-122	Inland marshes converted to road and rail networks and associated land
	411-131	Inland marshes converted to Mineral extraction sites
	511-133	Water courses converted to construction sites

### 6.3.2 Land use statistics and land use change matrices

Forestry statistics are in general available since 1985 and are detailed in Sections 6.5.1-6.5.2. Some statistics on land use conversions from and to forests are partially available even before 1985.

Concerning the CLC data, the CLC-change 1990-2000 and CLC-change 2000-2006 databases (FÖMI, 2004; FÖMI, 2009a), as well as the CLC-change 2006-2012 databases (FÖMI, 2014) were supplemented with the database (HCL85 and HLC-changes 1985-1990) on land use changes of FÖMI (Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing, FÖMI, 2009b) that was developed for 1985-1990 using satellite images according to the requirements of the LULUCF GHG inventory, in order to get higher accuracy.

The annual statistics on land use by the HCSO is published at its website ([http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xstadat/xstadat\\_eves/i\\_omf001a.html](http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xstadat/xstadat_eves/i_omf001a.html)). The HCSO's land-use statistics record the whole official area of the country divided into the following nine land-use categories: Arable land, Kitchen gardens, Orchards, Vineyards, Grassland, Forest, Reed, Fishpond and Uncultivated land area. Lands not in use for agricultural purposes in the year of the statistic (including set-aside areas (SA), unmanaged grassland (UGL), Settlements and some parts of Wetlands) are reported aggregately as Uncultivated land area. The data acquisition is based on questionnaires, and land-use data are available since 1853. There have been changes in the methodology since the beginning of the data collection (Kecskés, 1997), but the data set was adjusted considering these methodological changes in order to achieve consistency over time. The adjustment, which was implemented in consultation with the HCSO's expert, included the following steps and assumptions:

- Between 1965 and 1990 the system of landowners and data collection can be considered to be in steady state, therefore, the annual data was accepted without adjustment.
- Significant changes occurred in land ownership in the period 1990-2000 (i.e., after the political changes in the country), making the HCSO statistics less accurate. Therefore, with the exception of orchards and vineyards, the annual dataset for all categories was replaced with values that were interpolations between the statistics of two General Agricultural Censuses of 1991 and 2000. For the vineyards and orchard category, the results of the more detailed and reliable census on vineyards and orchards were accepted instead of the results of the general agricultural census.
- For the period 2000-2010, the annual Cropland and Grassland areas were interpolated between the areas reported for the years of General Agricultural Censuses conducted in 2000 and 2010. Vineyard and Orchard areas were interpolated between the years for which the most detailed survey data are available (2001 and 2012).
- For the period after 2012, an extrapolation is applied until new data is available.

The area of the land use/land cover categories that come from the different statistical sources differ somewhat. Inconsistencies mainly occur because of differences in definition (including differences in the definition of land use vs land cover) and data collection methodology. For example, the HCSO's and CLC forest land data only refer to areas that are covered by trees, whereas the forestry statistics

also include areas that are managed in the forestry sector but are not covered by trees (see various sections on forests in Chapters 6.5.1-6.5.2 and 11 for more details).

Also, it was also necessary to consider the possible uncertainty of the various data sources that, among others but importantly, is not only affected by the methodology used but also the size of the land pieces that are converted annually from one to another land use category. This size shows large differences. With an average (in the last 20 years) annual area of 1246 ha, FL-L is the smallest, whereas CL-L is the largest with about 15,695 ha. Even this latter area is only 0.169 percent of the total area. Also considering that the size of the converted units is also small, it can generally be stated that the use of remote sensing currently involves very large uncertainties. Therefore, we mostly rely on data from administrative statistics, which also involves uncertainties but probably much less.

In order to develop the most accurate overall area estimates for the entire AFOLU sector, the statistical sources on the various land use/change categories were treated hierarchically during the compilation of land use change matrices. Since the forestry statistics are regarded as the most accurate and forests are the most important for the overall accuracy in the LULUCF sector, the hierarchy of the available sources was established as follows:

- Forestry statistics
- CLC data
- HCSO land-use statistics.

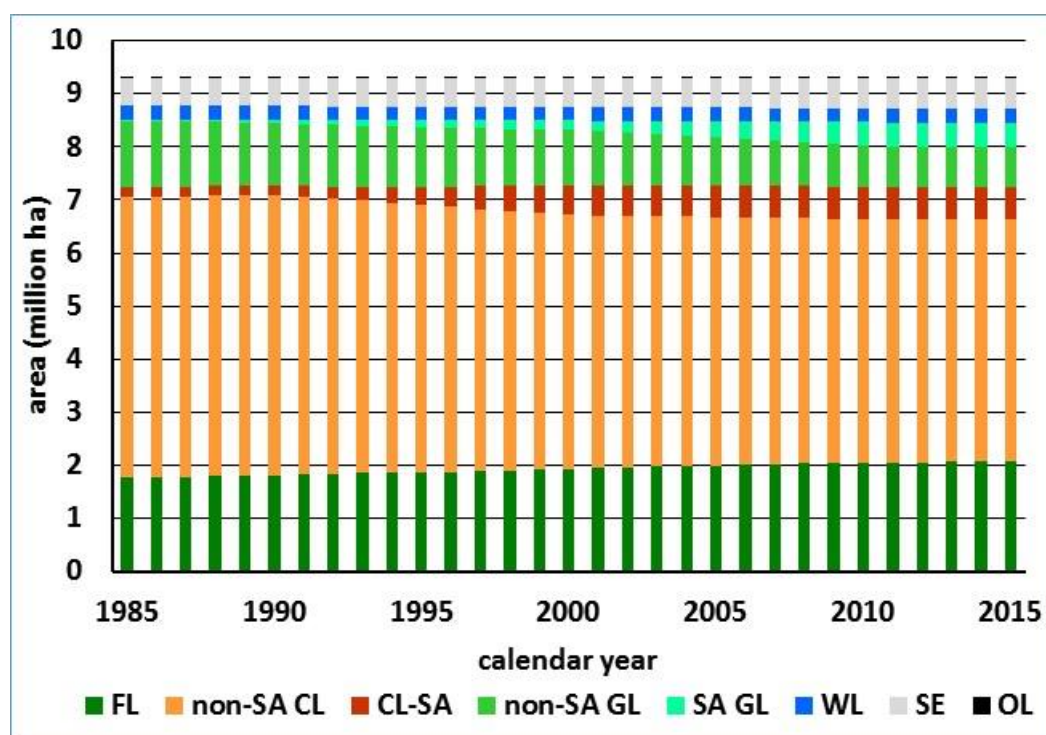
In developing the land use change matrices for years beginning 1985, first, periodic land use changes (for the periods 1986-1992, 1992-2000, 2000-2006 and 2006-2012) were estimated using the CLC database. (Note that data for various years, i.e., 1985 and 1990, from the original databases, see above, were converted to the above years, i.e., 1986 and 1992, respectively, to match with the years of the CLC database.) Annual land use change values were then calculated from periodic ones using interpolation (until 2012) and extrapolation (after 2012) so that the sum of the land-use changes in each land-use categories in the time period is equal to the land-cover changes indicated by the land-cover database in that category for the given period. For other databases (e.g., NFI) where annual land use change data is available, these data were used without any further adjustment.

The arising net changes were then compared with the net changes in the HCSO's land-use statistics calculated for the similar periods. The difference between the net change in the HCSO's land-use statistics and the land-cover change dataset in a certain land-use category were taken to happen due to the conversions on set-aside agricultural areas. In other words, the above-mentioned differences were eliminated with the estimated conversions on the set-aside grassland and cropland areas.

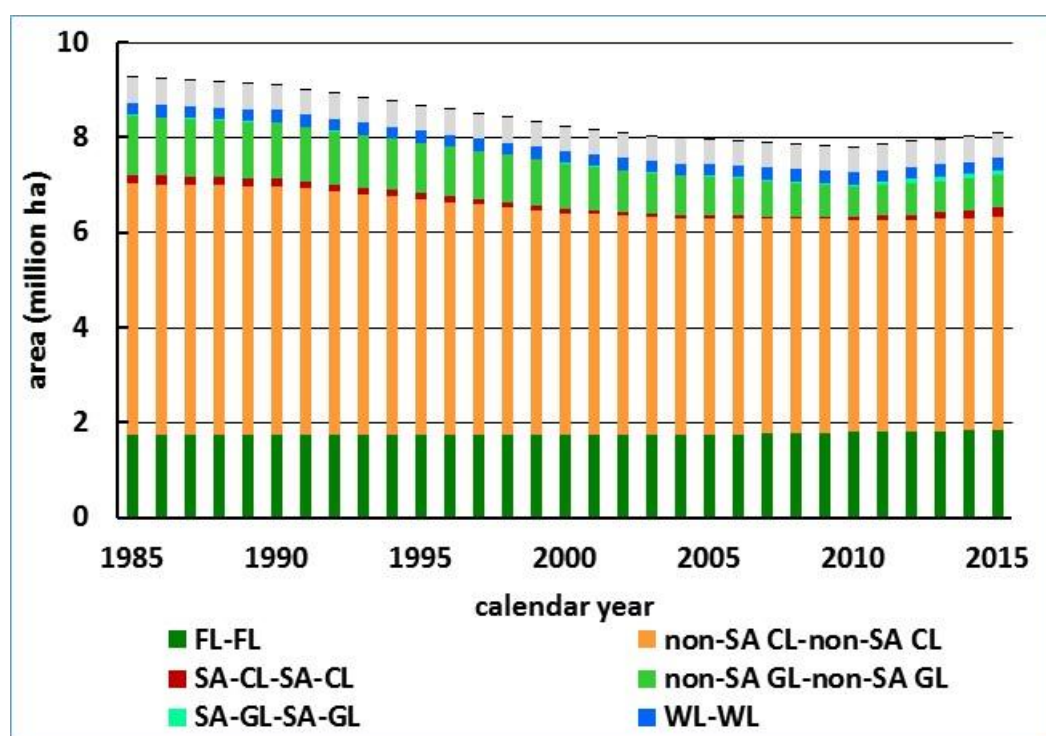
Areas in the land use change categories were calculated applying the default assumption that all land-use transitions that originated from the remaining categories take place in a period of 20 years, and the areas in the conversion categories are not converted again during the 20 year transition period. All land in all conversion categories are moved to the respective 'remaining' category in the 21th year after the conversion.

Note that, as mentioned in Section 6.1.1 above, the reported area of the land-use conversion categories 1985-2004, which should include areas under conversion for the (default) period of 20 years, excludes areas that were converted before 1985 as we currently have no accurate information on conversion areas before 1985. Therefore, the trend of both the areas and the calculated emissions and removals before 2005 most probably involves artefacts. Therefore, also we report on the entire time series in the CRF tables, only data beginning 2005 are typically reported on the graphs with LUC information in this report.

The resulting time series of land use data are shown in Figure 6.3.1, whereas areas in the 'land remaining' and 'land converted to' subcategories are reported in Figures 6.3.2 and 6.3.3.

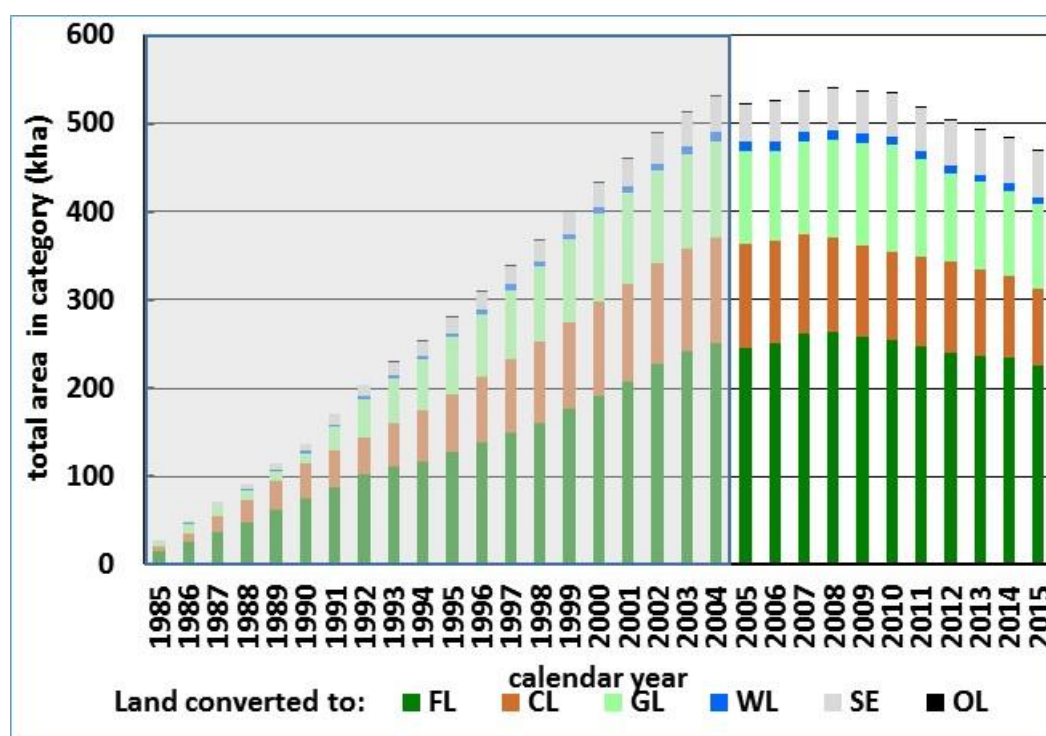


**Figure 6.3.1.** The evolution of the area of the land use categories. Note that CL and GL categories are split into non-SA and SA subcategories in order that carbon stock changes can include those from to and from non-SA – SA conversions, and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to such conversions can also be estimated.



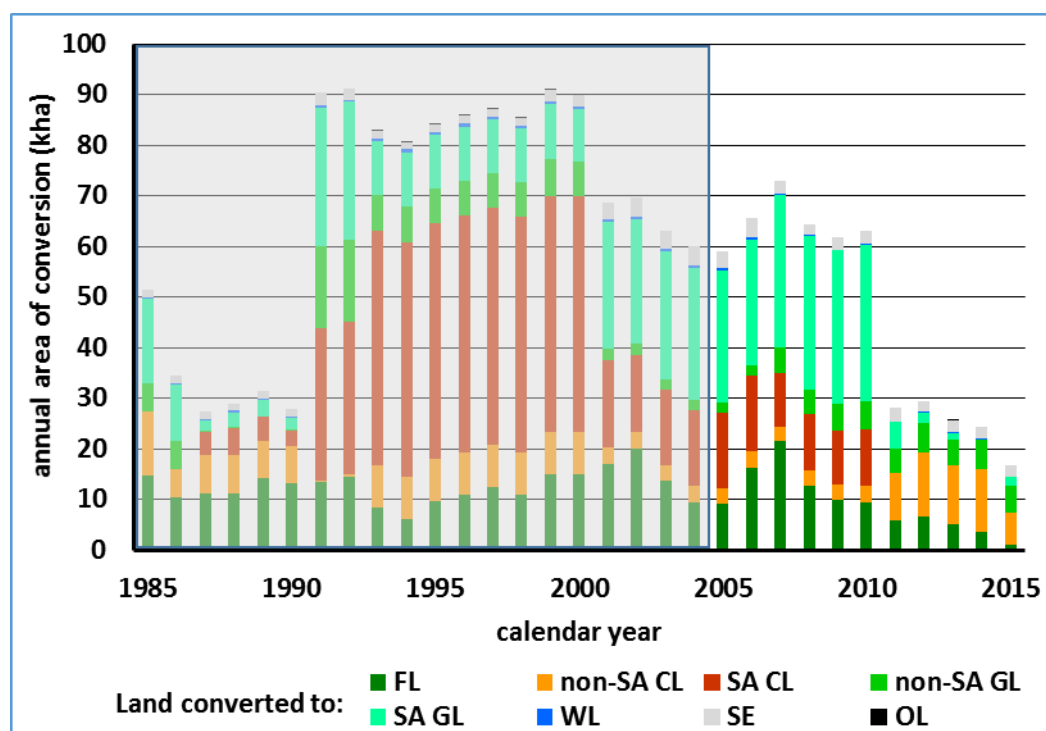
**Figure 6.3.2.** The evolution of the area of the 'land remaining' categories. Note that the CL and GL categories are split into non-SA and SA sub-categories as on Figure 6.3.1.





**Figure 6.3.3.** The evolution of the area of the 'land converted to' categories. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

The above area estimates of the various land use and land use change categories include all areas in the land use change categories for a default transition period of 20 years. For reasons of transparency, Figure 6.3.4 demonstrates annual conversion areas, and Table 6.3.6 below reports matrices of the *annual* land-use changes over the period 1985 to 2015. Also, for reasons of transparency, the data in the table includes forests that are newly identified in the various inventory years ("found forests", FF). For further information on FF, see Section 6.5.2.



**Figure 6.3.4.** Annual area of the 'land converted to' categories. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

Note also that land use and land use change categories are further subdivided by climate, soil, management and input for the estimation of soil carbon stock changes, see relevant sections, e.g., Section 6.4.1 for more details.

Finally, we note that for the period 1965-1983, only the statistics of the HCSO are available for non-forest land that include the sum of the non-SA-CL and non-SA-GL categories and the perennial cropland data (separately for orchards and vineyards). SA-CL and SA-GL were estimated by multiplying the non-SA data with the average ratio of SA-CL/non-SA-CL and SA-GL/non-SA-GL for 1984-1990, respectively, assuming that these ratios were constant in the period 1965-1983 (given that agriculture was quite stable in that period, this assumption can be considered quite accurate). For forest land converted to other land uses, the rate of 1989 (i.e., the first data available from a survey) is used for all years 1965-1989. However, given the uncertainties in the currently available data, the time series back to 1965 is not used in the GHG inventory.



*Table 6.3.6. Annual land use change matrix for the period of 1985-2015.*

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
<b>1984</b>	<b>1 741 288</b>	<b>5 289 600</b>	<b>202 647</b>	<b>1 264</b>	<b>25 000</b>	<b>251 775</b>	<b>525 612</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 740 962	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 280 646	0	5 338	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	8 388	7 640	186 619	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	4 910	0	1 240	16 811	0	391	0
SA GL	1 515	0	0	0	23 187	298	0	0
WL	16	0	0	0	0	251 745	14	0
SE	118	9	0	117	0	23	525 344	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
<b>1985</b>	<b>1 755 640</b>	<b>5 293 300</b>	<b>186 619</b>	<b>1 246</b>	<b>39 997</b>	<b>252 067</b>	<b>526 798</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 755 314	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 284 346	0	5 338	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	5 223	540	180 856	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	4 910	0	1 228	11 011	0	391	0
SA GL	558	0	0	0	39 142	298	0	0
WL	11	0	0	0	0	252 041	14	0
SE	84	9	0	117	0	23	526 563	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
<b>1986</b>	<b>1 765 833</b>	<b>5 289 900</b>	<b>180 856</b>	<b>1 233</b>	<b>50 152</b>	<b>252 363</b>	<b>528 018</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 765 507	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 281 530	4 753	0	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	5 730	0	175 126	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	7 366	0	1 222	1 918	0	391	0
SA GL	711	0	0	0	49 143	298	0	0
WL	12	0	0	0	0	252 337	14	0
SE	90	9	0	117	0	23	527 777	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
<b>1987</b>	<b>1 776 691</b>	<b>5 289 000</b>	<b>179 879</b>	<b>1 222</b>	<b>51 061</b>	<b>252 658</b>	<b>529 232</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 776 365	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 279 930	5 453	0	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	5 774	0	174 105	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	7 366	0	1 209	2 918	0	391	0
SA GL	724	0	0	0	50 039	298	0	0
WL	12	0	0	0	0	252 632	14	0
SE	90	9	0	117	0	23	528 991	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
<b>1988</b>	<b>1 787 607</b>	<b>5 287 400</b>	<b>179 558</b>	<b>1 209</b>	<b>52 957</b>	<b>252 954</b>	<b>530 446</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 787 281	95	0	21	0	0	210	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 279 130	4 653	0	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	7 989	0	171 570	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	7 366	0	1 197	3 118	0	391	0
SA GL	1 395	0	0	0	51 264	298	0	0
WL	15	0	0	0	0	252 924	14	0
SE	114	9	0	117	0	23	530 182	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
<b>1989</b>	<b>1 801 435</b>	<b>5 286 600</b>	<b>176 223</b>	<b>1 197 300</b>	<b>54 382</b>	<b>253 246</b>	<b>531 636</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 800 822	180	0	40	0	0	393	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 280 045	2 938	0	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	7 172	0	169 051	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	7 366	0	1 185 442	2 237	0	391	0
SA GL	1 147	0	0	0	52 937	298	0	0
WL	14	0	0	0	0	253 218	14	0
SE	105	9	0	117	0	23	531 381	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
<b>1990</b>	<b>1 813 902</b>	<b>5 287 600</b>	<b>171 989</b>	<b>1 185 600</b>	<b>55 174</b>	<b>253 539</b>	<b>533 017</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 812 085	454	0	98	0	0	1 266	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 237 950	30 021	16 013	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	7 354	0	164 636	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	0	0	1 155 932	27 414	0	391	0
SA GL	1 202	0	0	0	53 672	300	0	0
WL	14	0	0	0	0	253 511	14	0
SE	107	9	0	117	0	23	532 760	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
<b>1991</b>	<b>1 825 404</b>	<b>5 238 413</b>	<b>194 656</b>	<b>1 172 160</b>	<b>81 086</b>	<b>253 834</b>	<b>535 269</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 823 956	512	0	108	0	0	827	0
non-SA CL	2 778	5 188 704	30 079	16 013	0	0	838	0
SA-CL	8 163	0	186 493	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 864	0	0	1 142 482	27 424	0	391	0
SA GL	1 447	0	0	0	79 339	299	0	0
WL	15	0	0	0	0	253 804	14	0
SE	116	9	0	117	0	23	535 004	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
<b>1992</b>	<b>1 838 339</b>	<b>5 189 225</b>	<b>216 572</b>	<b>1 158 720</b>	<b>106 763</b>	<b>254 127</b>	<b>537 075</b>	<b>2 444</b>
FL	1 838 011	13	0	83	0	0	233	0
non-SA CL	3 349	5 131 728	46 503	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	3 356	0	213 216	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 138 312	10 550	0	297	0
SA GL	70	0	0	0	106 095	597	0	1
WL	18	0	0	0	0	254 101	8	0
SE	244	28	0	178	0	16	536 609	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 444
<b>1993</b>	<b>1 846 338</b>	<b>5 140 038</b>	<b>259 719</b>	<b>1 145 280</b>	<b>116 645</b>	<b>254 714</b>	<b>538 086</b>	<b>2 445</b>
FL	1 846 120	28	0	27	0	0	163	0
non-SA CL	3 349	5 082 525	46 519	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	1 498	0	258 221	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	984	8 269	0	1 124 928	10 802	0	297	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	116 048	597	0	1
WL	13	0	0	0	0	254 693	8	0
SE	176	28	0	178	0	16	537 688	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 445

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
<b>1994</b>	<b>1 852 141</b>	<b>5 090 851</b>	<b>304 739</b>	<b>1 131 840</b>	<b>126 850</b>	<b>255 305</b>	<b>539 094</b>	<b>2 446</b>
FL	1 851 783	53	0	61	0	0	244	0
non-SA CL	3 349	5 033 313	46 543	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	4 410	0	300 329	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 111 454	10 528	0	297	0
SA GL	284	0	0	0	125 968	597	0	1
WL	21	0	0	0	0	255 276	8	0
SE	282	28	0	178	0	16	538 590	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 446
<b>1995</b>	<b>1 861 421</b>	<b>5 041 664</b>	<b>346 872</b>	<b>1 118 400</b>	<b>136 496</b>	<b>255 889</b>	<b>540 077</b>	<b>2 447</b>
FL	1 860 804	140	0	141	0	0	335	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 984 039	46 631	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	5 460	0	341 412	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 097 934	10 608	0	297	0
SA GL	497	0	0	0	135 400	597	0	1
WL	24	0	0	0	0	255 857	8	0
SE	320	28	0	178	0	16	539 536	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 447
<b>1996</b>	<b>1 871 746</b>	<b>4 992 476</b>	<b>388 043</b>	<b>1 104 960</b>	<b>146 009</b>	<b>256 471</b>	<b>541 114</b>	<b>2 447</b>
FL	1 871 224	192	0	90	0	0	240	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 934 800	46 682	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	6 590	0	381 452	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 084 545	10 558	0	297	0
SA GL	727	0	0	0	144 684	597	0	1
WL	27	0	0	0	0	256 436	8	0
SE	361	28	0	178	0	16	540 531	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 447
<b>1997</b>	<b>1 883 569</b>	<b>4 943 289</b>	<b>428 135</b>	<b>1 091 520</b>	<b>155 242</b>	<b>257 049</b>	<b>542 014</b>	<b>2 448</b>
FL	1 883 167	89	0	42	0	0	271	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 885 716	46 579	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	5 342	0	422 793	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 071 153	10 509	0	297	0
SA GL	473	0	0	0	154 171	597	0	1
WL	23	0	0	0	0	257 017	8	0
SE	316	28	0	178	0	16	541 477	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 448
<b>1998</b>	<b>1 893 962</b>	<b>4 894 102</b>	<b>469 372</b>	<b>1 078 080</b>	<b>164 680</b>	<b>257 630</b>	<b>542 991</b>	<b>2 449</b>
FL	1 892 515	98	0	332	0	0	1 017	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 836 519	46 588	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	8 725	0	460 647	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 291	8 269	0	1 057 423	10 799	0	297	0
SA GL	1 160	0	0	0	162 920	599	0	1
WL	32	0	0	0	0	257 589	8	0
SE	439	28	0	178	0	16	542 331	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 449

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
<b>1999</b>	<b>1 907 512</b>	<b>4 844 915</b>	<b>507 235</b>	<b>1 064 640</b>	<b>173 719</b>	<b>258 204</b>	<b>544 591</b>	<b>2 450</b>
FL	1 906 326	112	0	93	0	0	982	0
non-SA CL	3 349	4 787 318	46 602	6 707	0	0	938	0
SA-CL	8 602	0	498 633	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 598	8 269	0	1 044 222	10 254	0	297	0
SA GL	828	0	0	0	172 292	598	0	1
WL	32	0	0	0	0	258 164	8	0
SE	434	28	0	178	0	16	543 935	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 450
<b>2000</b>	<b>1 921 170</b>	<b>4 795 727</b>	<b>545 235</b>	<b>1 051 200</b>	<b>182 546</b>	<b>258 778</b>	<b>546 160</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	1 919 873	153	0	251	0	0	893	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 768 881	17 396	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	8 641	0	536 594	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	2 597	2 985	0	1 020 123	24 957	0	538	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	182 058	487	0	0
WL	11	0	0	0	0	258 732	35	0
SE	185	1	0	119	0	30	545 825	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2001</b>	<b>1 936 944</b>	<b>4 772 020</b>	<b>553 990</b>	<b>1 022 340</b>	<b>207 016</b>	<b>259 249</b>	<b>549 256</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	1 935 088	317	0	260	0	0	1 280	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 747 392	15 177	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	11 167	0	542 823	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	3 057	2 985	0	991 254	24 506	0	538	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	206 528	488	0	0
WL	13	0	0	0	0	259 201	35	0
SE	218	1	0	119	0	30	548 888	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2002</b>	<b>1 955 180</b>	<b>4 750 696</b>	<b>558 000</b>	<b>993 480</b>	<b>231 034</b>	<b>259 719</b>	<b>552 706</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	1 953 928	54	0	93	0	0	1 105	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 726 331	14 915	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	5 775	0	552 225	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	2 076	2 985	0	962 561	25 321	0	538	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	230 547	487	0	0
WL	8	0	0	0	0	259 675	35	0
SE	148	1	0	119	0	30	552 408	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2003</b>	<b>1 967 573</b>	<b>4 729 371</b>	<b>567 139</b>	<b>964 620</b>	<b>255 868</b>	<b>260 192</b>	<b>556 052</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	1 966 187	109	0	175	0	0	1 103	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 704 952	14 969	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	2 311	0	564 829	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 446	2 985	0	933 619	26 033	0	538	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	255 384	484	0	0
WL	6	0	0	0	0	260 151	35	0
SE	103	1	0	119	0	30	555 799	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
<b>2004</b>	<b>1 975 690</b>	<b>4 708 047</b>	<b>579 798</b>	<b>935 760</b>	<b>281 416</b>	<b>260 665</b>	<b>559 440</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	1 974 831	149	0	56	0	0	654	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 683 588	15 009	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	1 944	0	577 854	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	1 379	2 985	0	904 878	25 980	0	538	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	280 925	491	0	0
WL	6	0	0	0	0	260 624	35	0
SE	98	1	0	119	0	30	559 191	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2005</b>	<b>1 983 896</b>	<b>4 686 722</b>	<b>592 863</b>	<b>906 900</b>	<b>306 905</b>	<b>261 145</b>	<b>562 384</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	1 982 569	116	0	54	0	0	1 157	0
non-SA CL	5 638	4 662 296	14 976	1 847	0	0	1 965	0
SA-CL	8 011	0	584 852	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	2 483	2 985	0	876 020	24 875	0	538	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	306 418	487	0	0
WL	10	0	0	0	0	261 099	35	0
SE	177	1	0	119	0	30	562 057	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2006</b>	<b>1 998 887</b>	<b>4 665 398</b>	<b>599 828</b>	<b>878 040</b>	<b>331 293</b>	<b>261 616</b>	<b>565 753</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	1 997 534	91	0	202	0	0	1 061	0
non-SA CL	7 499	4 641 327	10 622	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	13 197	0	586 631	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	964	2 609	0	844 087	30 095	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	331 176	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	261 611	5	0
SE	0	47	0	188	0	53	565 465	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2007</b>	<b>2 019 194</b>	<b>4 644 073</b>	<b>597 253</b>	<b>849 180</b>	<b>361 271</b>	<b>261 781</b>	<b>568 062</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	2 018 042	380	0	138	0	0	635	0
non-SA CL	7 499	4 619 714	10 911	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	4 321	0	592 933	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	689	2 609	0	815 291	30 306	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	361 155	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	261 776	5	0
SE	279	47	0	188	0	53	567 495	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2008</b>	<b>2 030 830</b>	<b>4 622 749</b>	<b>603 844</b>	<b>820 320</b>	<b>391 461</b>	<b>261 946</b>	<b>569 666</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	2 029 340	184	0	336	0	0	970	0
non-SA CL	7 499	4 598 585	10 716	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	1 539	0	602 306	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	776	2 609	0	786 233	30 418	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	391 344	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	261 941	5	0
SE	194	47	0	188	0	53	569 184	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
<b>2009</b>	<b>2 039 347</b>	<b>4 601 424</b>	<b>613 021</b>	<b>791 460</b>	<b>421 762</b>	<b>262 111</b>	<b>571 690</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	2 036 995	670	0	526	0	0	1 155	0
non-SA CL	7 499	4 576 774	11 202	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	651	0	612 370	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	483	2 609	0	757 183	30 901	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	421 645	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	262 106	5	0
SE	766	47	0	188	0	53	570 636	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2010</b>	<b>2 046 394</b>	<b>4 580 100</b>	<b>623 572</b>	<b>762 600</b>	<b>452 546</b>	<b>262 276</b>	<b>573 327</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	2 044 791	388	0	140	0	0	1 075	0
non-SA CL	5 036	4 569 115	0	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	0	6 192	617 380	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	751	2 609	0	753 842	5 113	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	452 429	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	262 271	5	0
SE	83	47	0	188	0	53	572 955	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2011</b>	<b>2 050 662</b>	<b>4 578 351</b>	<b>617 380</b>	<b>758 874</b>	<b>457 542</b>	<b>262 441</b>	<b>575 566</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	2 048 948	248	0	852	0	0	614	0
non-SA CL	5 815	4 566 587	0	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	0	9 665	607 715	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	770	2 609	0	753 117	2 093	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	457 425	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	262 436	5	0
SE	99	47	0	188	0	53	575 179	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2012</b>	<b>2 055 632</b>	<b>4 579 155</b>	<b>607 715</b>	<b>758 860</b>	<b>459 518</b>	<b>262 606</b>	<b>577 329</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	2 054 386	270	0	274	0	0	702	0
non-SA CL	3 918	4 569 287	0	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	0	8 705	599 011	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	863	2 609	0	753 897	1 207	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	459 400	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	262 601	5	0
SE	286	47	0	188	0	53	576 755	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2013</b>	<b>2 059 453</b>	<b>4 580 918</b>	<b>599 011</b>	<b>759 062</b>	<b>460 607</b>	<b>262 771</b>	<b>578 993</b>	<b>2 451</b>

	FL	non-SA CL	SA-CL	non-SA GL	SA-GL	WL	SE	OL
<b>2013</b>	<b>2 059 453</b>	<b>4 580 918</b>	<b>599 011</b>	<b>759 062</b>	<b>460 607</b>	<b>262 771</b>	<b>578 993</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	2 057 952	383	0	241	0	0	878	0
non-SA CL	2 181	4 572 787	0	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	0	9 559	589 452	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	959	2 609	0	755 209	0	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	573	459 917	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	262 766	5	0
SE	339	47	0	188	0	53	578 367	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2014</b>	<b>2 061 432</b>	<b>4 585 384</b>	<b>589 452</b>	<b>760 915</b>	<b>459 917</b>	<b>262 936</b>	<b>580 780</b>	<b>2 451</b>
FL	2 059 732	521	0	413	0	0	766	0
non-SA CL	791	4 578 643	0	4 703	0	0	1 246	0
SA-CL	0	3 146	586 306	0	0	0	0	0
non-SA GL	179	2 609	0	756 175	1 668	0	285	0
SA GL	0	0	0	0	459 800	117	0	0
WL	0	0	0	0	0	262 931	5	0
SE	117	47	0	188	0	53	580 375	0
OL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 451
<b>2015</b>	<b>2 060 819</b>	<b>4 584 966</b>	<b>586 306</b>	<b>761 479</b>	<b>461 467</b>	<b>263 101</b>	<b>582 677</b>	<b>2 451</b>

## 6.4 Generic methodological steps to estimate emissions and removals

In this section, general methodological description is provided for those methodological elements that are used for many land use and land use change sub-categories. Activity data and emissions/removal factors are usually sub-category specific, and their description can be found in the respective sections below.

Concerning pools, we note that the IPCC 2006 Guidelines define (in its Table 1.1. in Chapter 1 of Volume 4) carbon pools in a generic manner. In Hungary, pools are defined in a bit different, and more specific way to match them to available data in order that the estimation is as accurate and precise as practicable. These definitions are the same as in sections 7 and 11 of the NIR, i.e. those under the UNFCCC, and those applied under the Kyoto Protocol for the first commitment period. In the estimations, we apply the following definitions (see also section 6.5.3):

**Above-ground biomass (AB):** all biomass of living trees, including bark, branches, twigs and leaves that can be found above the height of potential cutting of the stem at its bottom by a chainsaw. This height is usually a few cm above ground; only 1-2 cm for small trees (e.g. at thinning age), 5-10 cm for bigger trees, and can be 10-30 cm for trees of the age of the final harvest. Note that, in the Hungarian forests, the understory and shrub layers usually have very little biomass.

**Below-ground biomass (BB):** all living parts of the living trees below that above-mentioned potential cutting height. These parts thus include stumps, coarse roots (i.e. roots thicker than 2 cm) and fine roots.

**Litter (LI):** all dead plant mass, whether above-ground or below-ground, that is smaller than around 1 cm in diameter (in case of branches) and 2 cm (in case of dead roots). Note that the above diameter thresholds were chosen to match definitions in the quantitative assessment of the carbon content of the

litter for the Hungarian forests (Heil et al., 2012).

**Deadwood (DW):** all dead plant mass, above-ground and below-ground, that is not litter (i.e., above the 1 cm threshold for standing and lying dead trees, including stumps, and 2 cm for dead roots).

**Soil (SO):** includes the organic carbon in the topsoil down to a depth of 30 cm that excludes deadwood and litter. Inorganic carbon, as well as organic carbon in the below-ground deadwood and litter pools are excluded, but organic carbon in the topsoil layer is included. (Carbon stocks below 30 cm do exist, however, consistently with IPCC (2006), they are not considered in the greenhouse gas inventory, rather, they are assumed to be in carbon equilibrium.)

For other methodologies, see the respective sections.

### 6.4.1 Soil carbon stock change estimation

Soil carbon stocks may change due to conversion of land to other land use, conversion of land within a land use sub-category to another sub-category (non set-aside to set-aside), together referred to below as conversion sub-categories, or change of the management within a specific land use sub-category over time. These two types of sub-categories are together referred to below as soil carbon stock change sub-categories. For the entire land use sector, the sum of all soil carbon stock changes is estimated using the below formula:

$$\Delta C = \sum_i \Delta C_i$$

where

$\Delta C$  = total carbon stock changes in mineral soils due to land conversion or changes of soil management, tC; and

$i$  = a “from”-“to” soil carbon stock change category.

Except for those that are mentioned explicitly, the estimation follows the Tier 1 approach in which  $\Delta C_i$  was estimated using the first formula in Equation 2.25 of the IPCC 2006 GL:

$$\Delta C_i = (SOC_0 - SOC_{0-T})_i / D$$

where

$\Delta C_i$  = annual area-specific soil organic carbon stock change in a soil carbon stock change sub-category, tCha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>;

$SOC_0$  = area-specific SOC soil organic carbon stock in the inventory year, tC ha<sup>-1</sup>;

$SOC_{0-T}$  = area-specific SOC soil organic carbon stock T years prior to the inventory year, tC ha<sup>-1</sup>;

T = number of years over a single inventory time period, yr, T = 1 yr; and

D = default time period for transition between equilibrium SOC values, yr (the default value of 20 years is applied).

For estimating SOC (for both the inventory year and T year before), the second formula in Equation 2.25 of the IPCC 2006 GL was used:

$$SOC = A_i * SOC_{REF} * F_{LU} * F_{MG} * F_I$$

where



$A_i$  = land area in the soil carbon stock change sub-category in the inventory year, ha

$SOC_{REF}$  = area-specific reference soil organic carbon,  $tCha^{-1}$

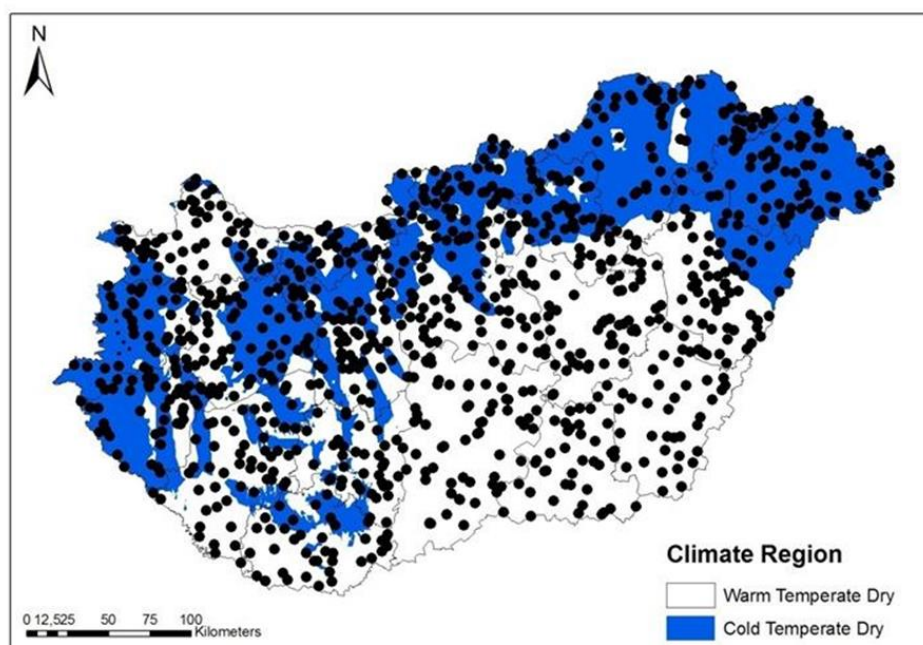
$F_{LU}$ ,  $F_{MG}$  and  $F_I$  are specific land-use, management and input stock change factors for which default values are used. (Note that  $F_{LU}$  changes due to land use change, whereas  $F_{MG}$  and  $F_I$  change due to changes in management.)

The land area values ( $A_i$ ) are respective values in the land use change matrix in the inventory year, and include all area in the year in a 'remaining' category, or all areas for conversion category  $i$  that have been in the category for a maximum period of default length of 20 years (see section 6.2 for details).

Note that the above means that we applied Formulation B (in Box 2.1, p. 2.34) of Section 2, Volume 4 of the IPCC 2006 GL.

According to the above formulas, the SOC values were all estimated from the  $SOC_{REF}$  values for which country-specific values were developed in the course of a research project (Zsembeli et. al, 2013). The estimation was based on the Hungarian Soil Protection and Monitoring System (hereafter referred to as TIM). Based on physiographical-soil-ecological units, 877 representative observation points have been selected on agricultural lands (Figure 6.4.1). The representative sampling sites had been selected by regional soil experts on the basis of all available soil information (profile descriptions, results of laboratory analysis, long-term field observations, maps, etc.) and on their local experiences. The soil carbon stocks were determined from humus content (Hu, %) values (Füleky Gy.-Filep Gy., 1999), which were measured for the uppermost 30 cm of the soil, using a standard conversion value of 0.58 tC/ha / Hu%:

$$SOC = Hu * 0.58.$$



**Figure 6.4.1.** Sample plots of the Soil Protection and Monitoring System (TIM) by climate zones.

The soil types of the investigated TIM points and the area of the different soil types were determined using a Hungarian digital soil map (called AGROTOPO map). This map used the Hungarian national soil classification system which classifies soils by genetic types. The 79 soil types identified from the TIM and the soil map cannot directly be allocated to the IPCC soil types, therefore, they were

converted into the soil types of the FAO soil classification system in a dedicated study (Michéli, 1999). Then, the FAO (WRB) soil types were converted to the IPCC soil types using the IPCC soil carbon tools. Altogether, 14 different WRB soil types were identified that corresponded to 3 IPCC soil types, i.e., high activity clay soil, sandy soil and aquic soils.

The sample plots were also classified into the IPCC climate zones by the Hungarian Meteorological Service, using the methodology of the GPG (IPCC, 2003), based on the climate map of the Hungarian Meteorological Service. Note that, as the annual mean temperature in Hungary is about 10 degrees Celsius, and the difference between the sites in the cold and the warm IPCC climate zones is only a few tenth of a degree, the soil organic carbon content varies less due to climate, and more due to land use and the history of soil formation. The warm climate zone in Hungary is mainly situated in a lowland called the Great Hungarian Plain (GHP). The lowlands along the rivers are inundated almost every spring before the rivers flows were controlled. (The Danube and Tisza, i.e., the main rivers of Hungary that cross the GHP, have been mostly controlled since the 19th century in Hungary.) The regular flooding had resulted in the formation of wetlands and high organic content of the soil, but most of these wetlands were drained 1-2 centuries ago. The other typical types of vegetation were forest and forest steppe which, centuries ago, also contributed to the evolution of the organic carbon content of the soil.

According to the TIM data, the SOC content of the various above soil types varies quite substantially. This needs to be duly considered because, in the methodology applied as described above, SOC changes are calculated as differences in SOC that are estimated as averages at different time points. Considering these averages, the Guidelines (Volume 4, Chapter 2.3.3.1, page 2.38 of IPCC, 2006) require that sites included in a soil carbon stock change sub-category should have similar histories and management as well as similar ecological properties (including topographic position and soil physical properties) for both time points.

In order to meet requirements, the average SOC values for FL, CL and GL, which are the most important land use categories with respect to land use changes, were calculated based on the following considerations. First, SOC values were separately computed for the major 'from-to' conversion sub-categories for which activity data (i.e., area) is available using data from areas for which the conversion is *possible* (see Table 6.4.2 below). This is necessary because, in Hungary, conversion may not be possible in all sub-categories between the IPCC land-use categories. For example, there are some croplands on aquic soils in Hungary but there are no forests on such soils, therefore, it would be inappropriate to calculate the average SOC for the entire cropland area and also for the entire forest area to estimate carbon stock changes for cropland-forest land conversions and vice versa. Instead, the average SOC for cropland for the case of forest-cropland conversions was calculated for only about 84.6% of all cropland, i.e. only for non aquic sites that could be used to establish forests, and on which forests are actually found, that is, where forest-to-cropland and cropland-to-forest conversions are possible. For similar reasons, for forest-grassland conversions, the SOC content of forest soils were calculated considering forest and grassland areas between which conversion is possible.

In order to check where conversions are possible, we checked the distribution of the area of the various soil carbon stock change sub-categories by climate and soil type (Table 6.4.1). The data shows that CL and GL have similar distributions, while the distribution of FL somewhat differs from that of the others, and that SOC<sub>REF</sub> (i.e., SOC for forests) is significantly different for the various soil and climate types. The data suggest that forests occupy the poorer sites within the possible CL-FL and GL-FL conversion paths, and that SOC differences due to conversions should not be calculated along an *average* CL-FL carbon stock change trajectory.

**Table 6.4.1.** *The relative distribution of area and estimated SOC<sub>REF</sub> by soil and climate type for those areas that could be converted to and from other land uses.*

soil type	climate type	Land use type			SOC <sub>REF</sub> (tCha <sup>-1</sup> )
		FL	CL	GL	
HAC	CD	0.54	0.38	0.39	48
	WD	0.36	0.56	0.56	58
sandy	CD	0.10	0.03	0.02	15
	WD	0.01	0.03	0.03	21

Based on the above considerations, we developed conversion-specific SOC values for land use categories. Although it is not currently possible to remove all possible bias due to lack of data, and further analysis is necessary, we consider them estimates “as far as practicable”. Using these SOC values, it was possible to develop what might be called a specific soil carbon stock change conversion matrix (Table 6.4.2) which, for FL, CL and GL, includes conversion-specific differences between average SOC values. The matrix is not entirely symmetrical for these land uses due to the above consideration. - For the SOC of land under Settlement, 80% of the SOC of the pre-conversion category was used, based on the Tier 1 approach by the IPCC 2006 GL. For Wetland (which is only involved in very small conversions), no methodology is provided in the 2006 GL. For the sake of completeness only, the SOC of Wetland is set to equal to that of Grassland. The changes of SOC to and from Other land is set to zero. Using these considerations, SOC changes involving SE and WL could also developed and are included in the below matrix.

**Table 6.4.2.** Sub-categories for which different SOC values are calculated depending on „from” and „to” land use (non-SA: non set-aside; SA: set-aside), and the area-specific average SOC change values (over D=20 years, tC ha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>) for the inventory year 2014 by the resulting conversion types. (Values for OL are not reported as conversions to and from OL are NO. Values for WL are also reported only for the sake of completeness.)

FROM	TO						
	FL	non-SA CL	SA CL	non-SA GL	SA GL	SE	WL
FL		-11.0	-3.6	0.1	0.1	-9.6	20.7
non-SA CL	11.0		9.4	16.6	16.6	-10.4	16.6
SA CL	3.6	-9.4		7.2	7.2	-12.3	7.2
non-SA GL	-0.1	-16.6	-7.2		0.0	-13.8	0.0
SA GL	-0.1	-16.6	-7.2	0.0		-13.8	0.0
SE	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.8	13.8		13.8
WL	-20.7	-16.6	-7.2	0.0	0.0	-13.8	

It is to be noted here that once the conversion-specific average SOC change values are fixed, the calculations of the carbon stock changes in the various conversion sub-categories depend on, and are thus sensitive, to the estimated annual area of these sub-categories. Uncertainties in this regard are, however, reduced for longer periods (for which the area of the conversions can be more accurately estimated) and for trends.

#### 6.4.2 N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from mineral soils as a result of loss of soil carbon through change in land use or management

According to the IPCC 2006 Guidelines, N mineralizes when there is loss of soil organic C stocks in mineral soils through land-use change or management practices, and this loss also leads to N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. For each land use and land use change sub-category and for each year when carbon is lost from mineral soils, these emissions were estimated using the following Equations of the IPCC 2006

GL:

Equation on page 11.10:

$$N_2O = N_2O-N * 44/28$$

where

$N_2O$  =  $N_2O$  emissions, kg  $N_2O$  yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_2O-N$  = annual direct  $N_2O-N$  emissions produced from managed soils, kg  $N_2O-N$  yr<sup>-1</sup>;

Equation 11.1:

$$N_2O-N = F_{SOM} * EF_1$$

where

$F_{SOM}$  = annual amount of N in mineral soils that is mineralized, in association with loss of soil C from soil organic matter as a result of changes to land use or management, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$EF_1$  = emission factor for  $N_2O$  emissions from N inputs, kg  $N_2O-N$  (kg N input)<sup>-1</sup> (the value 0.01 was taken from Table 11.1 of the IPCC 2006 GL); and

Equation 11.8:

$$F_{SOM} = \Delta C_{Mineral} / R * 1000$$

where

$\Delta C_{Mineral}$  = average annual loss of soil carbon for each land-use type (LU), tonnes C; and

$R$  = C:N ratio of the soil organic matter. Due to lack of more specific data for the area, the default value of 15 is used for situations involving land-use change from Forest Land or Grassland to Cropland, and the default value of 10 is used for situations involving management changes on Cropland Remaining Cropland (page 11.16 of the IPCC 2006 GL).

### 6.4.3 Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from wildfires

With the exception of slash burning in forests, and in accordance with Government Decrees No. 21/2001(II.14) and No. 306/2010. (XII.23.), the on-site burning of living biomass is prohibited in Hungary. Therefore, the controlled burning of biomass is reported as “not occurring” for Hungary for land-use categories other than Forest Land, and only emissions from wildfires in Forest Land, Cropland and Grassland are reported. With the exception of forests (where emissions from wildfires are separately reported for FL-FL and L-FL, all such emissions are reported in the “remaining land” categories that include any emissions in the conversion categories.

In estimating these emissions, the Tier 1 method and Equation 2.27 were used as follows:

$$L_{fire} = A * M_B * C_f * G_{ef} * 10^{-3}$$

where:

$L_{fire}$  = amount of greenhouse gas emissions from fire, tonnes of each GHG

$A$  = area burnt, ha

$M_B$  = mass of fuel available for combustion, tonnes ha<sup>-1</sup>

$C_f$  = combustion factor, dimensionless

$G_{ef}$  = greenhouse-gas specific emission factor  $g$  (kg.d.m.)<sup>-1</sup>.

Data on the areas affected by wildfires (A) is derived from the statistics of the National Directorate General for Disaster Management. Data on the areas affected by wildfires has been collected since 1998, but in the system of data collection a methodological change has been introduced in 2007, therefore, more details and complete data are only available since then. To avoid inconsistency arising from the methodological changes, data for the period 1998-2007 had to be adjusted. For the period 1998-2007 the average of the areas affected by wildfires over the period 2007-2009 were applied to the trends before 2007. For the period 1985-1997 the average of the emissions since 1998 are reported, due to lack of data.

The amount  $M_B$  and  $C_f$  is sector-specific, see the relevant sections for details.

#### **6.4.4 Conversion-related carbon stock changes of the biomass pools**

Conversion-related biomass carbon stock changes occur both on land remaining land (e.g., with converting perennial crops to annual ones and when wetland areas are opened for peat extraction) and due to land conversions (e.g., converting land to Forest land). The estimation of carbon stock changes in these cases is done using Equation 2.16 of the IPCC 2006 GL:

$$\Delta C = A_{conv} * (B_{After} - B_{Before}) * CF$$

where

$\Delta C$  = carbon stock change, tonnes C yr<sup>-1</sup>

$A_{conv}$  = the area undergoing conversion, ha yr<sup>-1</sup>

$B_{After}$  = biomass after the conversion, t biomass d.m. ha<sup>-1</sup>

$B_{Before}$  = biomass before the conversion, t biomass d.m. ha<sup>-1</sup>

$CF$  = conversion factor, tonnes C tonnes biomass<sup>-1</sup>.

Note that “biomass” here means the sum of above-ground and below-ground biomass. The estimation of the stock of these pools is described in the relevant sections.

#### **6.4.5 Conversion-related carbon stock change of the dead organic matter pools**

The carbon stock of both litter and deadwood may change due to conversion of land to other land use. For any land use change category, carbon stock change is estimated as the sum of gains and losses using a modified form of Equation 2.23 of the IPCC 2006 GL:

$$\Delta C_{DOM} = A_n * C_n / T_{on} - A_n * C_o$$

where

$\Delta C_{DOM}$  = annual carbon stock change in litter or deadwood, tCha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>;

$A_n$  = area undergoing conversion from old to new land-use category, ha;

$C_n$  = area-specific equilibrium carbon stock in the new land use category, tC ha<sup>-1</sup>;

$C_o$  = area-specific equilibrium carbon stock in the old land use category, tC ha<sup>-1</sup>;

$T_{on}$  = time period of the transition from old to new land-use category, year, for which the default value of 20 years is applied.

For the gain term of the equation assumes a linear increase for  $T_{on}$  years, whereas the loss term a one-time loss (i.e., committed emissions) in the year of the conversion.

## 6.5 Forest Land (CRF sector 4.A)

This section describes forests and forestry in Hungary, as well as methodologies of estimating GHG emissions and removals in the forestry sector. The description covers all information related to reporting under the UNFCCC, but this information is used together with supplementary information in Section 11 where some information is reported in more details. Thus, the consideration of both sections may be necessary to understand methods and data in this section.

### 6.5.1 Category description

Forest land is managed in Hungary by a well-developed and relatively stringent planning and inspecting system. A general description of this system together with a general description of the Hungarian forests can be found at

[http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti\\_igazgatosag/supplementary\\_inf\\_ERT/forest-db.html](http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti_igazgatosag/supplementary_inf_ERT/forest-db.html) and [http://www.mgszh.gov.hu/data/cms/140/140/Forest\\_database\\_2.pdf](http://www.mgszh.gov.hu/data/cms/140/140/Forest_database_2.pdf). Additional information on the Forest Monitoring and Observation System can be found at [http://www.nebih.gov.hu/data/cms/140/962/FMOS\\_final.pdf](http://www.nebih.gov.hu/data/cms/140/962/FMOS_final.pdf).

Forests in Hungary are predominantly managed in units of relatively homogenous tree cover, i.e. stands (or sub-compartments), with a mean area of about four ha. The geographical location of all known stands, which are sometimes called sub-compartments, can be identified (in Hungarian) at <http://erdoterkep.nebih.gov.hu/>. Further data and information, mainly in Hungarian, can also be found at <http://portal.nebih.gov.hu/erdeszeti-igazgatosag>. Additional data and information that are used for the GHG inventory and that are not at the website are found in the documentation of the forest inventory. Finally, additional information concerning data, methods and demonstrating specific procedures (often specifically developed for the Expert Review Teams) can be found at [http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti\\_igazgatosag/supplementary\\_inf\\_ERT](http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti_igazgatosag/supplementary_inf_ERT).

Forest management has a long history in the country, and most forests are more or less intensively managed. The area of forests that could be considered as “unmanaged” under the UNFCCC is negligible. There are some forests where no forestry operations have taken place for about two decades to a century. These are called forest reserves, however, they only occupy a few thousand ha, i.e. 0.5% of all forests, and even these forests are managed in one way or another as we also consider forest monitoring, inspecting, forest protection, forest tourism and game management as forest management activities, and these may take place even in forest reserves. Therefore, all reported forests of Hungary are considered as managed under the UNFCCC.

Forest land is subdivided into sub-categories under the UNFCCC and the KP. The definitions that are generally applied to identify the areas of these sub-categories, and to estimate emissions and removals in these sub-categories, are the following:

“**Forest**” (the area actually or potentially covered by trees) is defined in Hungary as land spanning at least 0.5 hectares with forest trees higher than five meters at maturity and a canopy cover at maturity of more than 30 percent. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use.

In contrast, „**Forest land**” (which includes both the *Forest Land remaining Forest Land, FL-FL*, and the *land converted to forest land (L-FL)* sub-categories) includes areas covered by trees, as well as roads and other areas that are under forest management but not covered by trees (see Table 6.5.1 below).

“**Afforestation**” (which includes “**reforestation**”) is an activity that leads to the conversion of non-forest land to forest land. From a domestic administrative point of view, conversions can take place in a period of 3-15 years, depending on tree species and site, but the default transition period of 20 years is used in the GHG inventory to include areas in the L-FL category consistently with the default IPCC methodology. Note that, usually, the area of newly established forests included in the L-FL category under the UNFCCC, which contains all administered forestations, is different from that of the *AR category* under the KP, which only includes areas where the requirement of “direct human induced activity” is fully met in the databases (see also section 11).

“**Deforestation**” is a conversion of forest land to non-forest land. In Hungary, all such conversions take place within one year. Partly because of this reason, we account for all emissions due to deforestation in the year of the deforestation itself. All deforested land in each year is registered in the *forest land converted to other land uses (FL-L)* category under the UNFCCC. Note that, under the UNFCCC, both area covered by trees and all other land that is moved from Forest land to another LU category are reported here, whereas only the area that was covered by trees before the deforestation is reported in the *deforestation (D) category* under the KP. See Section 11 for more details.

Using the above definitions, forest land covers a bit more than one fifth of the terrestrial area of the country. The *total area of land under forestry*, which is considered as forest land area, includes both forest sub-compartments that are at least potentially covered by trees and un-stocked areas like roads, openings, wildlife forage grounds, glades, buildings etc. that indirectly serve forest management purposes. The area of forest land using this definition was 2,060.8 thousand ha by the end of 2015. In order to be consistent with the land-use change matrix, forest land is in the CRF tables using this statistics. However, due to historical reasons and because the actual area covered by forests is smaller than this, we also report other area statistics. The *total area of all forest sub-compartments*, which is the potentially stocked area, amounted to 1,940.7 thousand ha in 2015. (As the carbon stock changes actually take place in the forest sub-compartments, the correct implied emission factor and m<sup>3</sup>/ha data should reflect the area of forest sub-compartments.) Finally, *the area actually covered by trees*, which is the actually stocked area and which appears in several official Hungarian statistics, amounted to 1,869 thousand ha in 2015 (**Table 6.5.1**). This area is calculated from that of the forest sub-compartments by adjusting for gaps and overlaps in the canopy closure, which are measured during surveys as “canopy closure” (%).



**Table 6.5.1.** *The area of forest land, forest compartments and land covered by trees (ha) over time.*

Reporting year	Total forest area (forest and other subcompartments, ha)	Area of forest subcompartments (ha)	Calculated area covered by trees (ha)	Total area of forest subcompartments under forest management, ha)
1985	1 755 640	1 643 276	1 505 764	
1986	1 765 833	1 650 576	1 513 582	
1987	1 776 691	1 658 660	1 526 395	
1988	1 787 607	1 667 352	1 530 587	
1989	1 801 435	1 674 815	1 551 138	1 674 815
1990	1 813 902	1 681 467	1 563 585	1 676 985
1991	1 825 404	1 694 546	1 570 750	1 682 377
1992	1 838 339	1 708 804	1 589 760	1 691 054
1993	1 846 338	1 713 763	1 599 669	1 691 850
1994	1 852 141	1 719 146	1 608 811	1 693 631
1995	1 861 421	1 727 223	1 616 716	1 697 280
1996	1 871 746	1 737 818	1 627 588	1 702 323
1997	1 883 569	1 748 358	1 642 288	1 706 167
1998	1 893 962	1 758 645	1 656 399	1 707 255
1999	1 907 512	1 773 247	1 657 827	1 710 293
2000	1 921 170	1 787 372	1 689 401	1 713 976
2001	1 936 944	1 803 922	1 697 940	1 717 499
2002	1 955 180	1 823 377	1 723 805	1 723 261
2003	1 967 573	1 836 429	1 749 246	1 725 282
2004	1 975 690	1 844 988	1 769 988	1 725 672
2005	1 983 896	1 853 642	1 789 648	1 728 143
2006	1 998 887	1 869 452	1 805 801	1 732 245
2007	2 019 194	1 890 866	1 825 953	1 739 465
2008	2 030 830	1 903 360	1 840 171	1 744 739
2009	2 039 347	1 912 917	1 853 170	1 750 778
2010	2 046 394	1 922 108	1 862 002	1 753 708
2011	2 050 662	1 927 702	1 861 033	1 757 656
2012	2 055 632	1 933 604	1 861 691	1 762 394
2013	2 059 453	1 938 139	1 863 679	1 766 231
2014	2 061 432	1 941 016	1 867 133	1 767 687
2015	2 060 819	1 940 720	1 869 325	1 860 019

The total area of forests has changed considerably since 1930, from about 11% to 21% today, because of systematic afforestations of around 800 thousand ha and very little deforestation. The reason for these area dynamics is mainly that the country is much less forested than other countries (and, on average, less than e.g. the European Union). Also, the Hungarian Forest Law is really rather rigorous, and it is also rather strictly implemented and inspected with respect to deforestations. Forest owners who make a deforestation are obliged to cover the costs of a new afforestation of the same area to offset that deforestation, and these costs are always used to make the afforestation elsewhere. The area of forest sub-compartments deforested (i.e., areas with tree cover before the conversion), which is the main source of emissions due to biomass loss, has been typically under 500ha/year for the last decades, which is only about 0.03% of the forest area and about 5% of the average rate of afforestation. Some additional related area (over 500 ha), for which emissions from soils are also estimated, is usually also moved to the other land use categories (**Table 6.5.2**).

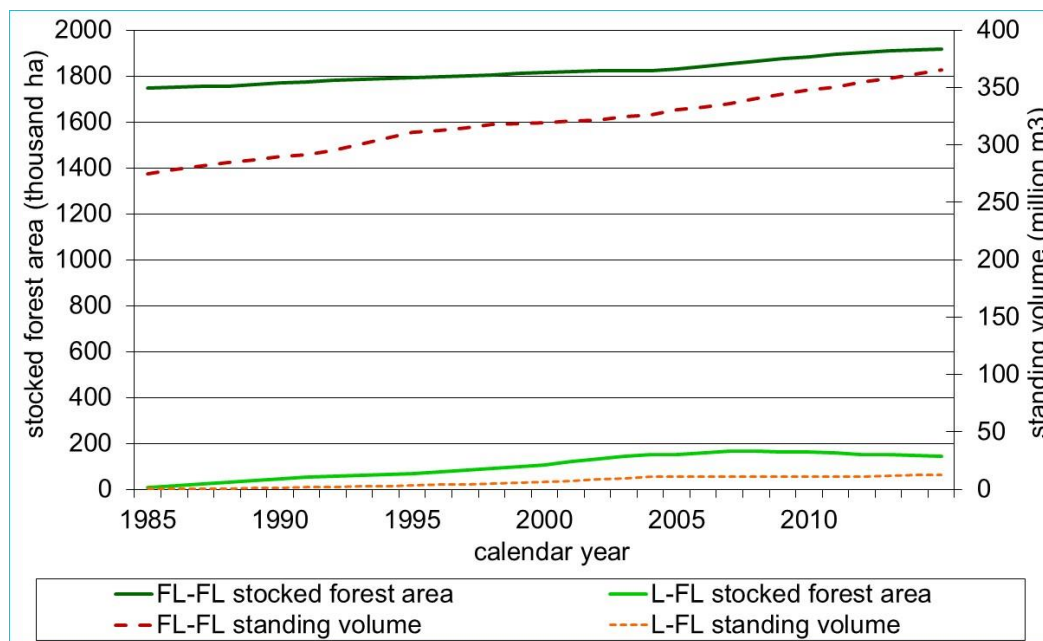
**Table 6.5.2.** *The area of, and emissions from, conversion of forest land to other land use categories. The annual area has been slightly fluctuating e.g. because of varying rate of highway building. (Emissions from biomass and soils are also reported here for information only. Emissions from other sources are also estimated and reported, see tables below.)*



Inventory year	Conversions from FL to other land use			
	Area (ha)		CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> )	
	forest subcompartments	forest and other subcompartments	from biomass	from soils
1985	326.1	326.1	41.0	0.5
1986	326.1	326.1	41.0	1.0
1987	326.1	326.1	41.0	1.5
1988	326.1	326.1	41.0	2.0
1989	326.1	326.1	41.0	2.4
1990	612.9	612.9	77.1	3.4
1991	239.8	1817.0	30.1	6.2
1992	125.6	1447.1	15.8	8.3
1993	328.6	328.6	41.2	8.5
1994	218.2	218.2	27.4	8.8
1995	357.8	357.8	44.8	9.2
1996	345.9	616.7	43.3	9.6
1997	522.0	522.0	65.6	10.2
1998	402.0	402.0	50.2	10.8
1999	395.4	1446.9	49.4	11.7
2000	719.1	1186.6	89.7	13.4
2001	520.9	1297.0	64.9	14.6
2002	637.5	1856.4	79.4	16.7
2003	593.3	1252.1	73.9	18.4
2004	943.8	1386.7	117.4	20.1
2005	411.1	858.8	51.1	20.9
2006	508.6	1326.7	63.2	22.5
2007	245.5	1353.5	30.5	23.4
2008	293.8	1151.9	27.1	24.4
2009	455.0	1490.0	58.0	24.9
2010	208.3	2351.3	27.8	25.8
2011	276.6	1603.5	45.7	25.2
2012	782.4	1713.2	131.6	22.0
2013	532.1	1246.1	61.5	22.8
2014	601.9	1501.3	84.5	24.1
2015	1382.8	1699.1	116.7	24.8

Some of the above net increase of the forest area is also due to the fact that surveys that are done for forest management planning purposes have identified new forests each year for the last three decades, and these forests (called “**found forests**”) were added to the area under forest management. Note that as we know very little about how these forests were established and how they had been managed until they were found, we considered them until reporting year 2014 as forests that do not meet the requirements (for human induced activities) of Article 3.4 Forest Management under the Kyoto Protocol (KP), however, beginning 2015, we include them in this category (see also section 11).

The above trends have all been characteristic for the Hungarian forestry since 1985, affecting both area and standing volume. **Figure 6.5.1** demonstrates these statistics for the FL-FL and L-FL categories.



**Figure 6.5.1.** The area and standing volume of stocked forest on land remaining forest land (FL-FL) and land converted to forest land (L-FL). Note that the values of L-FL are rather small but not zero (see text below).

The data demonstrate that Hungarian forests have had a positive carbon stock change balance for the last three decades, mainly due to the above large-scale afforestations, but also due to the distribution of the forest area over age and site fertility classes, because much less wood has been removed from the forests than the woody increment, and also because of the success to manage forests in a sustainable way in other respects.

Considering methodological issues in general, activity data for estimating GHG emissions and removals was taken from the *National Forest Database and related forestry databases*. These databases contain data by species or species group and age class. Most emission/removal factors, e.g. wood density, are available by species or species group as country specific data (arising from appropriate research projects). Some data are taken from literature, while only IPCC default values were available for other factors (see below). Expert judgment is rarely applied, and mentioned each time when such an expert judgment is used.

The following sections describe land identification and how carbon stock changes, as well as non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are estimated. Note that beginning 2015, we started to use the IPCC 2006 Guidelines as the basis of the estimations. However, as in most cases the methodology has been country-specific, no changes in the methodology took place relative to earlier years in 2015, thus, there is no major effect of switching from using the IPCC 2003 Good Practice Guidance to using the IPCC 2006 Guidelines.

## 6.5.2 Land identification

Forest land information is summarized at the following web address: [https://www.nebih.gov.hu/data/cms/161/750/Forest\\_resources\\_and\\_forest\\_management\\_in\\_Hungary\\_2013.pdf](https://www.nebih.gov.hu/data/cms/161/750/Forest_resources_and_forest_management_in_Hungary_2013.pdf). The forestry-related databases of National Food Chain Safety Office, Forestry Directorate (NFCSD FD) are described in English in detail at <https://www.nebih.gov.hu/en/specialities/erdeszeti> and

[http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti\\_igazgatosag/supplementary\\_inf\\_ERT/](http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti_igazgatosag/supplementary_inf_ERT/).

In short, a continuous forest inventory is conducted whereby each stand is surveyed at least once in every ten year by the Central Agricultural Office Forestry Directorate and related government services. These services have a staff of about 300 forest engineers. The inventory data is stored by stand in a computerized database, i.e. the National Forest Database (NFD).

Consistent with Section 6.3 above, land in the forestry sector is identified using a combination of Approach 1 and 2 of Chapter 3 of Volume 4 of the IPCC 2006 GL. The basis of land identification is a field-based, GIS-supported, continuous forest inventory whose main aim is to support the development of forest management plans and the inspection of forestry activities in the forests. The units of the planning are the sub-compartments. Due to this planning, practically all *sub-compartments (i.e., forest stands) are surveyed once in every 10 years* (see in more details at [https://www.nebih.gov.hu/data/cms/132/554/forest\\_planning\\_districts\\_in\\_2005.pdf](https://www.nebih.gov.hu/data/cms/132/554/forest_planning_districts_in_2005.pdf)), which makes it possible to track the fate of all stands, and thus that of all forest land. The survey produces detailed maps (analog maps from the late 1970s and digital ones based on GIS-interpretation since 2005), as well as a detailed dendrometrical description of the forest stands (e.g. species, mean breast height diameter, mean height, stock volume, number of trees, basal area, crown closure, volume increment etc.). For statistics on tracking forest land, see detailed annual accounts at [https://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti\\_igazgatosag/supplementary\\_inf\\_ERT/statistics.html](https://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti_igazgatosag/supplementary_inf_ERT/statistics.html). (Note that the statistics are only produced in Hungarian, and are demonstrated at the cited webpage as “statistics for the report under the Kyoto Protocol”, but they cover all known forests in the country.)

Note that all changes in volume stocks of all forests due to any causes from growth through harvests and natural disturbances to deforestation (see below) are captured by the above surveys.

From stand-level information, statistics are produced each year for all forests. Data for stands not surveyed in a particular year is updated using growth and yield models each year. In addition to the area information, the forest inventory statistics include, and have always included, all losses of volume stocks due to all deforestations. *Carbon stock changes due to deforestations and afforestations, and those in all other forest areas are reported separately in this inventory.* This was made possible by the fact that the Forestry Directorates (i.e. operation units of the forest authority) estimated and reported the annual amount of both deforestations and afforestations within the limits of their area of operation, and these estimates were totaled to get an estimate for the entire country.

It must be underlined here that the forest inventory system in Hungary was, just like that in most other countries, designed and run in the last several decades to to be predominantly be able to capture the (entire) *area* that is deemed to be forest according to laws and regulations in effect at any given point in time, and not to capture *changes* of this area. Therefore, any *changes* were only registered as a result of different *mechanisms* that were *required by domestic law*, such as subsidizing afforestations, or inspecting the implementation of the Forest Act in effect, i.e. closely monitoring deforestations. The forest inventory was thus not explicitly designed to capture forest area changes, although it especially aimed at identifying and minimizing deforestations, and in fact effectively resulted in a limited extent of forest area reductions that could not be captured.

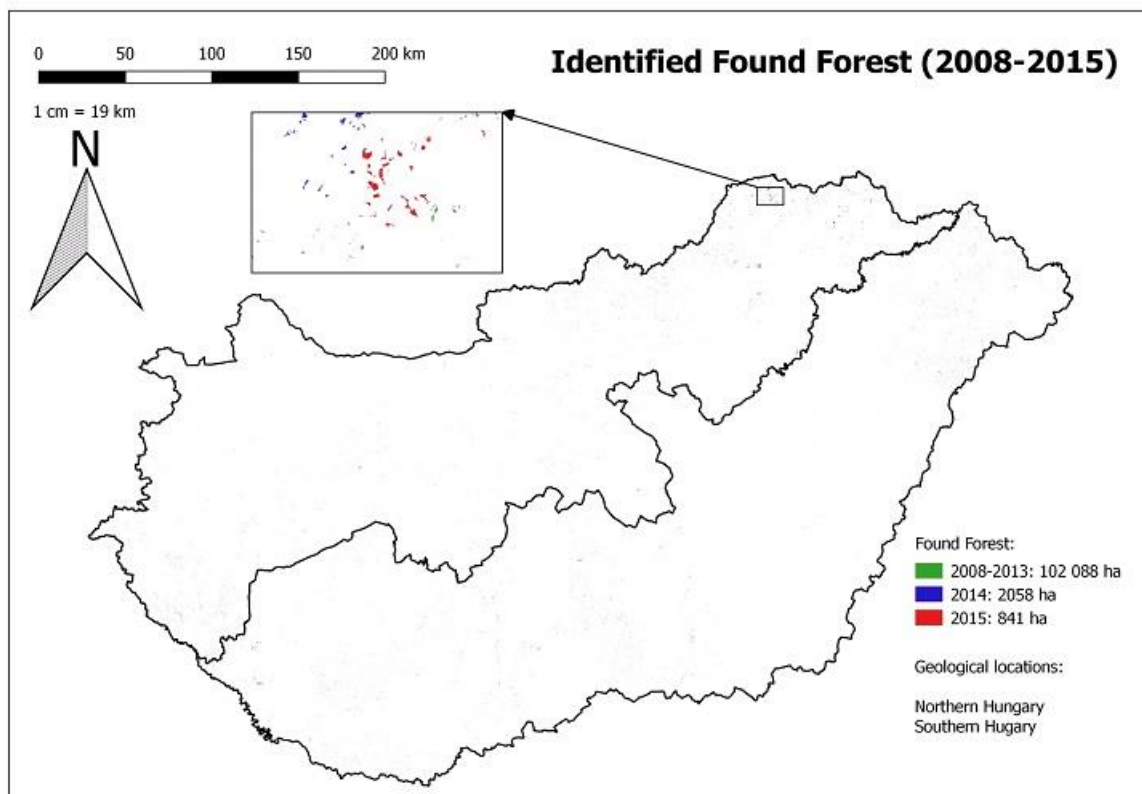
The vast majority of the increase of the forest area in the FF sub-category over the past decades is due to the following processes and causes (with expert judgment of their possible extent in the last decade in parenthesis):

- natural expansion of the forest area, i.e. natural establishment of stands (about 20% of the cases), sometimes resulting in an increase of the size of an area due to surpassing the thresholds of “forest” as detailed above,
- re-classification of land (i.e., areas of former “croplands”, “grasslands” or “settlements” etc. that were found during a survey to be covered by trees, possibly due to unregistered earlier afforestation, or where the above thresholds of “forests” were found to be surpassed, about

- 60% of the cases), and
- geodesic re-measurements of the area of previously existing stands at subsequent surveys (about 20% of the cases).

The identified changes of the total forest area in any inventory year are thus only partly physical and actual increases of the “forest” area, but are partly due to the continuous development of the ability of the forest inventory and the land use inventory in general to identify forests with increasing accuracy.

Most stands in the FF category have been identifiable individually since 2008 (see Table 6.5.3 below and also Figure 6.5.2). A complete assessment of FF with respect to the area and carbon stock changes is presented in Chapter 11.2.2.



**Figure 6.5.2.** The distribution of found forests (FF) 2008-2015, with an enlarged portion directly showing found forest areas for several years/periods.

One important issue with found forests (FF) is the need to meet the requirement of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines (section 4.2.1.1) concerning the stock difference method (Equation 2.5 of Chapter 2, Volume 4). According to these Guidelines, when estimating biomass carbon stock changes (and we apply this stock change method, see below), “subsequent inventories must also allow identical area coverage in order to get reliable results”. The area of the sub-category FF has been relatively large in most inventory years, i.e. on average about half of annual afforestations (see Figure 11.1), therefore, it must be, and is indeed kept, for each inventory year separate from the area of forests that were known at the beginning of the inventory year. (Note that, from a statistical and database point of view, only those areas can be regarded as “forest” in any inventory year that the forest inventory system “knows” that they exist.) Under the UNFCCC, these FF become parts of the forest land in the next inventory year because the definition of FL-FL starts over in each calendar year.

**Table 6.5.3.** The algorithm of allocating area to the various land use and land use change categories, together with the estimated area (ha) by inventory year for the last several years. In the formulas,  $t_1$  means the beginning of the inventory year (i.e., the end of the preceding year), whereas  $t_2$  means the end of the inventory year. The light yellow color in some cells of the table (with column title “from DB”) shows that the data in those cells are taken from the database (i.e., they are the result of other calculations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table. FL = Forest Land; FL-FL: Forest land remaining forest land; L-FL: Land converted to forest land; FF: found forest; D: deforestation.  $\Delta$  is used to denote changes of the value of a land use sub-category between two time points, or changes estimated by using another methodology if the data is taken from the database. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding errors; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)

Inventory year	AREA, ha												
	FL, all compartments FL = FL-FL + L-FL + new FF			D	new FF	L-FL					FL-FL		
	t1	t2	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	$\Delta$	t1	new	moved to FL-FL	$\Delta$	t2	t1	t2, w/o FF	t2, w/ FF
	from DB	from DB	t2-t1	from DB	from DB	from DB	from DB	from DB	new - moved	t1 + $\Delta$	FL - L-FL	FL - L-FL	FL - L-FL
2008	2 019 194	2 030 830	11 636	1 152	5 567	167 556	7 220	8 484	-1 264	166 292	1 851 638	1 858 970	1 864 537
2009	2 030 830	2 039 347	8 517	1 490	6 489	166 292	3 518	7 285	-3 768	162 525	1 864 537	1 870 332	1 876 822
2010	2 039 347	2 046 394	7 048	2 351	3 138	162 525	6 261	6 494	-233	162 292	1 876 822	1 880 964	1 884 103
2011	2 046 394	2 050 662	4 267	1 604	4 224	162 292	1 647	6 334	-4 687	157 605	1 884 103	1 888 833	1 893 057
2012	2 050 662	2 055 632	4 971	1 713	5 520	157 605	1 164	6 739	-5 575	152 030	1 893 057	1 898 082	1 903 603
2013	2 055 632	2 059 453	3 821	1 246	4 369	152 030	697	3 045	-2 347	149 683	1 903 603	1 905 401	1 909 771
2014	2 059 453	2 061 432	1 978	1 501	2 058	149 683	1 422	2 713	-1 292	148 391	1 909 771	1 910 982	1 913 041
2015	2 061 432	2 060 819	-613	1 699	841	148 391	245	3 946	-3 701	144 690	1 913 041	1 915 288	1 916 129

### 6.5.3 Methodology to estimate biomass carbon stock changes

For the estimation of carbon stock changes of the **biomass carbon pools**, we apply the **definitions** in Section 6.4. Additionally, we define:

“**Wood volume**”, or “**Volume**” as the total above-ground volume of trees taller than two meters. Note that, in Hungary, merchantable volume is not used, and the total above-ground volume is estimated from measured breast-height diameter and total tree height using country-specific volume functions.

With respect to **carbon stock changes in the biomass pools**, only those of trees are estimated using different approaches for the various categories under the UNFCCC and under the KP. The basis for all approaches is that, we first calculate carbon *stocks* for *all* forests for year N and year N-1. From this, the *difference* of carbon stocks is calculated (i.e. we use the stock difference method, Equation 2.5 of Chapter 2, Volume 4 of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines). However, this must be corrected to obtain carbon stock change by excluding the stock of the *newly found* forests. The carbon stock *changes* are separately calculated for L-FL using a specific method (see section 7.3.2), for FL-L under the UNFCCC (the latter being equal to D under the KP, using the stock difference method, see sections 6.5.2 and 6.5.3), as well as for AR under the KP (also using the stock difference method, see sections 11.3.1.1 and 11.3.1.2).

To derive carbon stock changes in the FL-FL (under the UNFCCC, see Table 7.3.6) and FM (under the KP, see Table 11.4) categories, appropriate formulas are applied (see below).

In Hungary, the stock difference method is used because, due to the nature of the Hungarian forestry statistics, estimates of total above-ground volume of all forests in the country are available annually, and because this method is deemed more accurate than the gain-loss method. The National Forest Database also contains aggregate annual statistics on total growing stocks by species and age classes. These statistics are produced by a bottom-up approach, i.e. growing stocks of stands are aggregated by species and age classes. Uncertainties around these statistics are regarded smaller than those associated

with a gain-loss method, and systematic errors, i.e. most types of bias, are considerably reduced when consecutive growing stock values are deducted to obtain stock changes. (Note, however, that since growing stocks and their changes incorporate the effects of all processes mentioned above, no particular inferences on emissions and removals can be made separately for any of these processes.)

In order to estimate carbon stock changes of *all forests*, the first part of Equation 2.8 of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines (which is consistent with Equation 3.2.3 of the GPG for LULUCF, IPCC 2003) is used:

$$\Delta C_B = (C_{t2} - C_{t1}) / (t_2 - t_1)$$

where

$\Delta C_B$  = carbon stock changes of biomass (tonnes C)

$C_t$  = carbon stock at time  $t$  (tonnes C)

$t_1$  and  $t_2$  = (final day of) two consecutive years.

To estimate biomass carbon stocks, the second part of Equation 2.8 of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines (which is consistent with Equation 3.2.3 of the GPG for LULUCF, IPCC 2003) has been *adapted* (by excluding BEF from the equation) to the Hungarian conditions in the following form:

$$C_t = [V_t * D] * (1 + R) * CF$$

where:

$V_t$  = growing stock at time  $t$  ( $m^3$ )

$D$  = basic wood density, tonnes  $m^{-3}$

$R$  = root-to-shoot ratio (dimensionless)

$CF$  = carbon fraction of biomass (tonnes C tonnes biomass $^{-1}$ ).

Note that tree volume in the forest inventory is calculated from measured diameter and height of sample trees using volume functions by Kiraly (1978), which are in turn based on volume tables by Sopp et al. (1974). These functions were derived from field measurement of many felled trees, and directly provide total aboveground volume information which includes the volume of stem, all branches, twigs and bark, i.e. all above-ground parts of the trees. Thus, no (biomass or volume) expansion factors are included in the calculations (i.e., their value is taken to be equal to 1).

Growing stock is estimated during the continuous survey of the forest inventory from various stand measures (such as height, diameter, basal area, and density) depending on species, age, site and stand quality. More accurate methods are usually used for stands of higher volume stocks. Given that, as mentioned above, growth and yield functions are used in years between surveys to update volume stocks, volume and carbon stocks are available for each stand and for each inventory year. (Note that, according to Somogyi, 2008b, the growth of trees accelerated in Hungary recently. Yield tables cannot be regularly updated, however, this growth increase is equivalent to a small underestimation of the updated volume stocks and the removals, thus, the approach is conservative.)

For inventory years prior to 2008, we only identified the total area of FF, and conducted a sampling of management plans to establish their specific growing stock ( $m^3/ha$ ). From these values, total growing stock of FF could be estimated for each inventory year by using the total FF area. The mean growing stock of all FF that were identified before 2007 is 129.6  $m^3/ha$ . For years 2008 and later, we are able to directly estimate the volume stock of all FF land, and thus we are able to report that the average growing stock is 126.9, 122.0, 123.4, 123.2, 127.7, 116.7, 134.3 and 150.2  $m^3ha^{-1}$  for the years of 2008-2015. The mean age of FF is 25.5, 22.2, 24.7, 22.9, 22.8, 22.0, 23.7 and 27.8 years for the years of 2008-2015.

Concerning wood density, a new set of data of basic wood densities was introduced in 2010. This



dataset (Table 6.5.4), which replaced previous data that were oven-dry density values, and which is used across all reporting years, includes basic wood densities based on a thorough revision of previous data reported in literature combined with re-measurements of wood densities for some species in a dedicated project (Somogyi, 2008). Note that, in order to be consistent with the approach to use total aboveground volumes, the basic wood densities applied were measured from samples taken from all parts of the sample trees, including branches and bark, by correctly excluding the moisture content of wood from the derived density value.

**Table 6.5.4.** Basic wood density values for the main species and species groups in Hungary (Somogyi, 2008a).

Species or species group	Basic wood density (t/m <sup>3</sup> )
Quercus robur	0.57
Quercus pertaea	0.61
Other quercus	0.55
Quercus cerris	0.64
Fagus silvatica	0.59
Carpinus betulus	0.58
Robinia pseudoacacia	0.59
Acer sp.	0.52
Ulmus sp.	0.58
Fraxinus sp.	0.56
Other hard broadleaves	0.5
Hybrid poplars	0.34
Indigenous poplars	0.36
Salix sp.	0.36
Alnus sp.	0.43
Tilia sp.	0.48
Other soft broadleaves	0.48
Pinus silvestris	0.42
Pinus nigra	0.47
Picea abies	0.39
Larix decidua	0.49
Other conifers	0.37

With respect to the below-ground biomass, a general value for the root-to-shoot ratio (R) is applied. Due to lack of proper country-specific data, and in order to be consistent with previous estimates, IPCC default values (Table 4.4 of Chapter 4 of Volume 4 of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines) were considered by expert judgment (Tier 1 methodology). Considering that the majority of the forests in Hungary is young, and that the average volume stocks (calculated on the basis of the area of forest sub-compartments) being 173.0 m<sup>3</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup> (in 1990) and 194.6 m<sup>3</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup> (in 2015), a conservative value of R of 0.25 is used for all species. The IPCC default values have relatively high uncertainty, but we believe that the probable value for the Hungarian forests is significantly higher than 0.25, which is thus a conservative value as long as forests are net sinks.

Concerning the carbon fraction of dry wood, the IPCC default values, i.e. 0.48 and 0.51 tonnes C tonnes biomass<sup>-1</sup> (Table 4.3 of Chapter 4 of Volume 4 of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines) are used for broadleaves and coniferous species, respectively. (These values were consistently applied for the entire time series.)

Note that losses of carbon in biomass on land converted to forests are also reported in section 6.5.5 below using the methodology described in section 6.4.4 above.

## 6.5.4 Forest Land remaining Forest Land (CRF sector 4.A.1)

### 6.5.4.1 Category description

The main inventory estimates for the FL-FL category can be found in Table 6.5.5. Note that, in order to be consistent with the CRF tables, only the area of forest and other sub-compartments is reported here.

**Table 6.5.5.** *The area of sub-compartments as well as emissions (+) and removals (-) in the FL-FL sub-category by gas and inventory year.*

Inventory year	Area (ha)	CO <sub>2</sub> (Gg)	CH <sub>4</sub> (Gg)	CO (Gg)	N <sub>2</sub> O (Gg)	NO <sub>x</sub> (Gg)
1985	1 748 164	-406	0.68	12.63	0.0277	0.35
1986	1 750 861	-3 332	0.70	12.91	0.0283	0.36
1987	1 753 827	-3 649	0.67	12.34	0.0270	0.35
1988	1 756 259	-3 835	0.65	12.06	0.0264	0.34
1989	1 762 801	-2 537	0.65	12.03	0.0264	0.34
1990	1 768 774	-3 033	0.60	11.16	0.0245	0.31
1991	1 773 942	-2 298	0.58	10.65	0.0233	0.30
1992	1 780 140	-2 856	0.52	9.55	0.0209	0.27
1993	1 785 094	-5 350	0.44	7.94	0.0172	0.22
1994	1 788 184	-5 738	0.44	7.93	0.0172	0.22
1995	1 793 517	-5 500	0.46	8.38	0.0181	0.24
1996	1 797 602	-1 503	0.51	9.16	0.0198	0.26
1997	1 801 572	-1 839	0.50	8.97	0.0193	0.25
1998	1 804 219	-2 798	0.48	8.59	0.0185	0.24
1999	1 809 551	-473	0.32	7.30	0.0177	0.20
2000	1 813 966	428	0.50	11.44	0.0278	0.32
2001	1 817 339	-1 089	0.43	9.89	0.0240	0.28
2002	1 821 574	-228	0.43	9.73	0.0236	0.27
2003	1 822 625	-2 521	0.40	9.18	0.0223	0.26
2004	1 823 592	-1 513	0.29	6.64	0.0161	0.19
2005	1 832 045	-3 708	0.67	15.18	0.0369	0.43
2006	1 841 327	-1 444	0.28	6.46	0.0157	0.18
2007	1 851 638	-1 552	0.58	13.25	0.0322	0.37
2008	1 864 537	-2 924	0.27	6.07	0.0147	0.17
2009	1 876 822	-2 055	0.25	5.75	0.0140	0.16
2010	1 884 103	-1 983	0.28	6.46	0.0156	0.18
2011	1 893 057	-1 867	0.63	14.96	0.0350	0.42
2012	1 903 603	-2 781	0.54	12.20	0.0296	0.34
2013	1 909 771	-2 074	0.38	8.87	0.0211	0.25
2014	1 913 041	-3 316	0.46	10.75	0.0256	0.30
2015	1 916 428	-3 979	0.68	15.78	0.0376	0.44

Table 6.5.6 summarizes methodological information for the Forest Land remaining Forest Land



category.

**Table 6.5.6. Methodological summary for the Forest Land remaining Forest Land category.**  
(CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data;  
EF: emission/removal factor)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Table(5) I, II, V
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
FL-FL	E/R	CS	D/EJ	NE (demonstrated that not a source)	NE (demonstrated that not a source)	Mineral: NE (demonstrated that not a source); Organic: AD: CS; EF: D	Fertilization: IE Drainage and re-wetting: NO Biomass burning (slash burning + wildfires): AD: CS; EF: D
	Uncertainty	Results of the Tier 2 (Monte Carlo) analysis under FM is applicable		N/A			Results of the Tier 2 (Monte Carlo, where applicable) analysis under FM is applicable

#### 6.5.4.2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and removals

The methodology to estimate emissions and removals in the forestry sector is based on that of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines. Whenever it was possible, country specific data was used (Tier 2), and IPCC default values (Tier 1) and expert judgment were only used in a few cases. Emissions and removals leading to changes in the biomass and soil carbon pools are quantified, however, due to lack of data, only assumptions are applied with respect to other pools to comply with requirements to completeness.

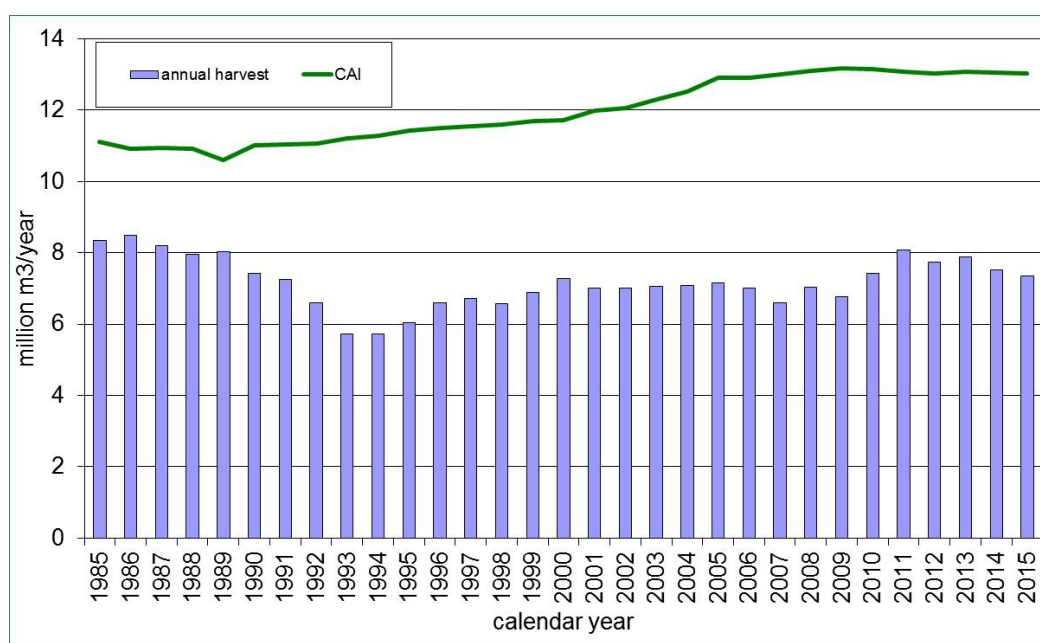
##### 6.5.4.2.1 Biomass

Carbon stock changes of the biomass pool in the FL-FL category are calculated from those of the entire Forest Land, D and L-FL sub-categories. The methodology applied for the various sub-categories is as described in section 6.4 above. The input data from these categories, together with the formulas that are used to derive the FL-FL estimates are included in Table 6.5.7 below. The calculation method used ensures that the stocks of the new FF are excluded from calculating net removals. However, as FF are treated as part of FL-FL, the net removals of all FF are included in the net removals of the FL-FL category. These removals for the areas that are found in the inventory year are not estimated based on a dedicated survey in the newly found forests, rather, using an area specific mean net removal value (just like an “implied emission factor”) of the entire FL-FL category (calculated as the ratio of the total net removals and total area of forest subcompartments), multiplied by the total area of found forests.

**Table 6.5.7** Algorithms of calculating carbon stock changes for FL-FL under the UNFCCC, together with sample data for the last few years. For the calculation of emissions and removals from other categories in the table, see the respective sections. The light yellow color in some cells of the table (with column title “from DB”) shows that the data in those cells are taken from the database (i.e., they are the result of other calculations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table from the respective cells. NE means net emissions, and IEF means “implied emission factor”. Symbol  $\Delta$  is used to denote changes estimated as either differences between the value of a land use class at two time points, or using another methodology. All other notations are as in Table 6.5.3. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding errors; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)

ΔC of BIOMASS under the UNFCCC, GgCO2														
Inventory year	R		new FF (identified in the inventory year)		D, new		R		L-R			L-R net	FL-R	
	gross Δ	IEF	stock	IEF	Δ	IEF	net Δ = NR	IEF	gains	IEF	losses	Δ	NR	IEF
	from DB	NR/area (Gg CO2/ha)	from DB	stock /area (Gg CO2/ha)	from DB	Δ /area (Gg CO2/ha)	gross ΔFL - new FF stock - D	NR/area (Gg CO2/ha)	from DB	gains /area (Gg CO2/ha)	from DB, only for information in this table	gains+ losses, only for information in this table	net ΔFL - L-FL gains (includes NR of all FF)	NR/area (Gg CO2/ha)
2008	-4 992	-0.002623	876	0.1573	27	0.0922	-4 143	-0.002177	-1 220	-0.150064	4	-1 216	-2 924	-0.001568
2009	-4 139	-0.002163	980	0.1510	58	0.1289	-3 217	-0.001682	-1 161	-0.137902	5	-1 157	-2 055	-0.001095
2010	-3 603	-0.001875	479	0.1527	28	0.1336	-3 152	-0.001640	-1 168	-0.131676	3	-1 165	-1 983	-0.001053
2011	-3 566	-0.001850	644	0.1524	46	0.1654	-2 968	-0.001540	-1 101	-0.121265	5	-1 097	-1 867	-0.000986
2012	-4 578	-0.002368	871	0.1579	132	0.1682	-3 838	-0.001985	-1 057	-0.113019	5	-1 053	-2 781	-0.001461
2013	-3 692	-0.001905	630	0.1441	62	0.1156	-3 124	-0.001612	-1 050	-0.103534	2	-1 048	-2 074	-0.001086
2014	-4 632	-0.002386	341	0.1659	85	0.1404	-4 375	-0.002254	-1 059	-0.099261	2	-1 057	-3 316	-0.001733
2015	-5 059	-0.002607	156	0.1856	117	0.0844	-5 020	-0.002586	-1 041	-0.092328	0.1	-1 041	-3 979	-0.002077

The resulting carbon stock changes in FL-FL, in combination with those in L-FL (see below) demonstrate that the biomass of the forests in Hungary has been a sink for the last three decades. This is consistent with the fact that the total current annual increment (CAI) for the country has been estimated to be much higher than the annual harvests for all historical years (Figure 6.5.4). We also note that the net volume stock changes, and thus the net carbon stock changes display some variability. This, however, is a consequence of the relatively stable CAI estimates and the rather variable harvest estimates. The net of all variability is considered to partly represent true variability. Other components of the true variability, which are related to the varying true increment of the stands, cannot be captured by our estimation system because it is continuous but based on a combination of measured and model-based (yield table-based) estimates. However, the inter-annual variability of the FL-FL carbon stock change estimates is not an artifact, and reflects relatively small changes in relatively large carbon stocks (these carbon stock changes being, in the last couple of years, less than one percent of the total biomass carbon stocks). This is consistent with common forestry experience with single trees and stands, showing largely different net changes (e.g. in annual rings) from year to year.

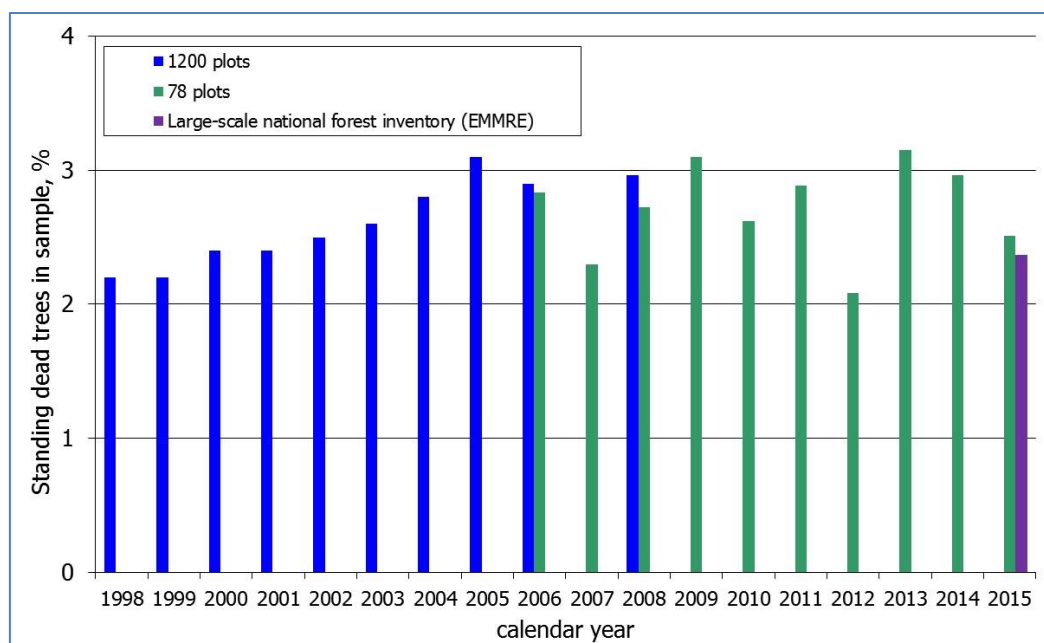


**Figure 6.5.4** Annual harvest and current annual increment (CAI) in Hungary in the last three decades. Data source: National Forest Database.

#### 6.5.4.2.2 Dead organic matter

In Hungary, data has not been collected in a representative sample of stands on deadwood, litter or soil. However, based on some data that we have, it seems justified to state that these pools continue to sequester carbon, rather than to lose carbon, in the medium-term, and that they are not a source.

To demonstrate that the DOM pool is not a source, we present the results that are also published in the European ICP-Forest, Forest Focus and Life+ programs on forest health. These results are based on a small but anyway systematic sampling, and show a varying and slowly increasing tendency of net accumulation of the number of standing dead trees until ca. 2005, and, based on a more limited sample collected since 2006, a quasi-stable (not decreasing) trend later (Figure 6.5.5).



**Figure 6.5.5.** The amount of standing dead trees in the Hungarian forests (number of trees in the sample, %). Data source: ICP-Forests, Forest Focus, Life+ and FMOS (Forest Monitoring and Observation System) program (78 plots), Somogyi and Zamolodchikov, 2007 (1200 plots), and the large-scale national forest inventory (EMMRE, 5355 plots).

The slow but steady increase of the amount of standing dead trees, and in general that of the dead organic matter including deadwood and litter in the Hungarian forests, is mainly due to two reasons. One is the high level of sustainability of the management of existing forests, which means that less wood has been harvested than what is grown for many years. This effect can easily be seen from Figure 6.5.4, too, which shows the amount of estimated current annual increment in relation to harvest statistics. The difference of increment and harvests is large enough to claim not only sustained yield as detailed above, but also to assume that a lot of the uncut trees die due to the well-known self-thinning rule in stands where density has become high, so the amount of deadwood keeps increasing, too. For the last several decades, close-to-nature forest management has been promoted in Hungary, and clear-cuts were restricted, especially after the adoption of the most recent Forest Act of 2009. This Act requests that semi-natural forests be managed in an increasingly natural way, which includes leaving more deadwood in the forest after harvests than before, that gaps be created and maintained, and that species mixture be enhanced. As a result of the implementation of these requirements, we can assume the accumulation of both deadwood and litter in the Hungarian forests.

Another reason of the increase of the amount of deadwood and litter in all forests is that about one-third of all forests are afforestations since 1930, and most of these forests are still in their intensive growing phase, which means that carbon stocks of dead organic matter pools have not saturated yet.

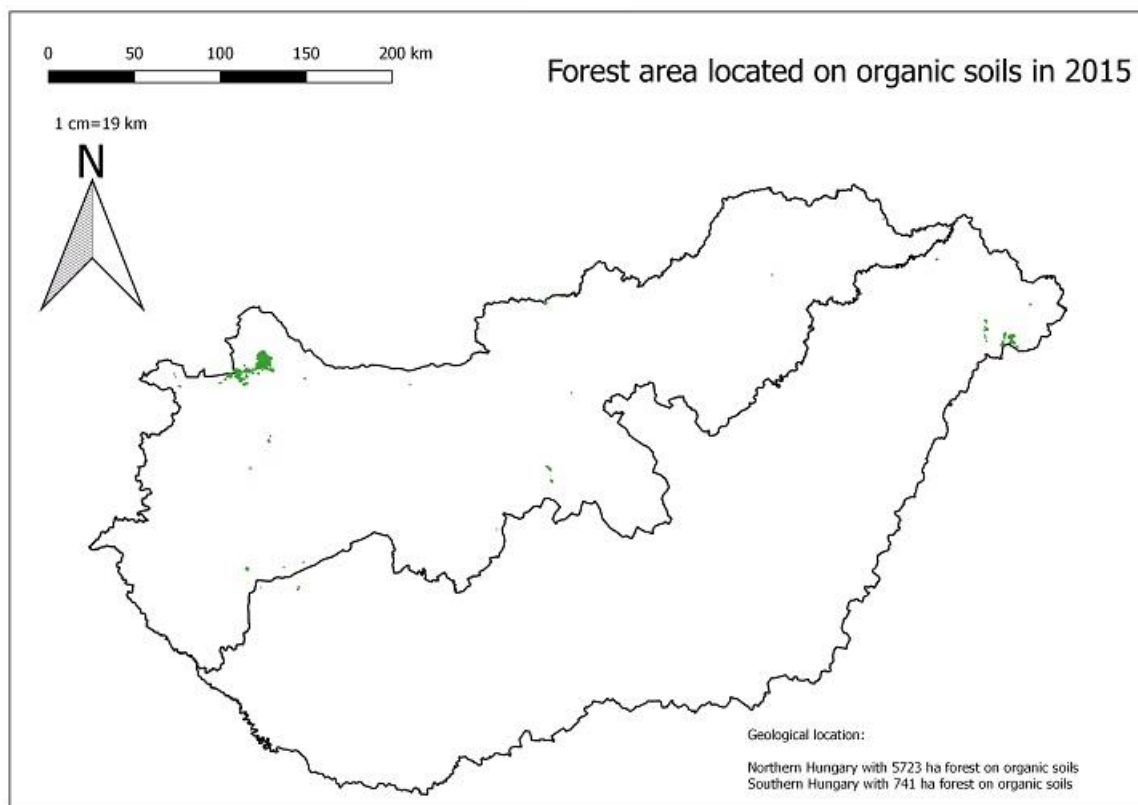
Finally, no major disturbances or other processes have occurred that could have resulted in substantial emissions from the dead organic matter. Therefore, although no quantitative estimates can be made on the increase, the Tier 1 assumption can safely be made, at least on average in the long run, that this pool is not a source, and that its carbon stock changes are zero.

#### 6.5.4.2.3 Soils

As the amount of dead organic matter increases, it provides input into the soils which ensures that, even if slowly, the carbon stocks of the soils increase. Although there are some events in some forests that lead to emissions (e.g., natural disturbances, harvests etc.), there is a carbon sink in large areas.

We are currently not able to estimate the net effect of these processes, carbon stock changes are not reported quantitatively, but we can conclude based on reasoning (see details in Chapter 11) that, overall, mineral soils can be considered to be not a source.

With respect to organic soils, we conducted a dedicated project in 2013 to identify the forest area on organic soils. In this project, we measured the depth and carbon content of various layers in a sample of about 130 stands where it was suspected that we identify organic soils. The results of the project show that, in fact, the total area of organic soils in the country amounts to 6.46 kha (the distribution of stands of organic soil is demonstrated on Figure 6.5.6). These are all previously drained areas. There is practically no rewetting in Hungary. The emissions from the current organic soils, which were typically drained several decades ago, were earlier calculated by multiplying this area by the default emission factor of  $0.68 \text{ tCO}_2\text{ha}^{-1}$ . The formula is still applied (i.e., it is the same as Equation 2.26 of the IPCC 2006 GL), however, we apply a more recently published default emission factor, which is the IPCC default EF given in Table 2.1 of the Wetlands Supplement for Drained Forest land, temperate zone. This value, i.e.,  $2.6 \text{ tCO}_2\text{ha}^{-1}$ , is higher than the previous default, and we recalculated (in 2015) our emission estimates using this value for the entire time-series in order to be conservative.



**Figure 6.5.6.** The distribution of forest stands on organic soil in Hungary (Illes et al., 2013).

#### 6.5.4.2.4 Harvested Wood Products

Changes in the carbon stocks in the harvested wood products (HWP) pool were not reported until 2015. Based on the methodological guidance of the IPCC 2006 GL and the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement, proper data has been collected that is now used to develop estimates for this pool, too. The following data sources were used for the estimation: international databases: UNECE/FAO

TIMBER database, 1964-2010, as of January 2012, and the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) by ITTO, 2011-13; domestic forestry databases: Halász Aladár, Erdőgazdaságunk, faiparunk és faellátásunk helyzete és fejlődése 1920-1958-ig; Közgazdasági és jogi könyvkiadó, Budapest, 1960., 333 p.; Halász Aladár: Faellátásunk helyzete és fejlődése; Mezőgazdasági Könyvkiadó Vállalat Budapest, 1966., 322 p.; Halász Aladár: A magyar erdészet 70 éve számokban 1920-1990; FM Erdőrendezési Szolgálat Budapest, 1994., 204 p., OSAP (Országos Statisztikai Adatgyűjtési Program, or National Statistical Data Collection Program, by the National Food Chain Safety Office) and the National Statistical Office (KSH).

Data are available since 1900 for the production categories as well as by domestic removals, import and export, however, considering data accuracy, only data since 1964 have been used. Some data as examples are shown in Table 6.5.8. Exports and imports were treated according to Equations 2.8.1 (for industrial roundwood) and 2.8.2 (for wood pulp) of the IPCC KP Supplement. The amounts of volume that are accounted for as input to the HWP pool exclude firewood as its carbon stock is accounted for using the instantaneous oxidation method.

Annual volumes of wood products were converted to carbon using the default conversion factors from Table 2.8.1 of the IPCC KP Supplement. To estimate net carbon stock changes of the HWP pool, the Tier 2 first order decay calculation method was used, i.e., Equation 12.1 from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, together with default half life time values as required by Equation 2.8.5 of the KP Supplement, i.e., two years for paper, 25 years for wood panels and 35 years for sawn wood. Instantaneous oxidation assumed for wood in solid waste disposal sites. The estimates included exports.

The methodology used was first published by Király and Kottek (2014).

**Table 6.5.8.** Wood volume, in selected inventory years, by wood product and production categories used in the calculation of the carbon stock changes of the HWP pool.

Wood product category	Type of quantity	Unit	Calendar year								
			1990	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Industrial roundwood	Removals	1000 m3	3 518	2 822	2 365	2 746	3 018	2 987	3 169	3 119	3 065
	Import	1000 m3	958	261	195	262	250	208	207	224	284
	Export	1000 m3	1 159	725	691	875	881	858	975	871	680
Wood pulp	Production	1000 m.t.	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
	Import	1000 m.t.	152	107	91	88	109	94	106	131	137
	Export	1000 m.t.	3	0	0	0	4	6	2	24	10
Coniferous sawnwood	Production	1000 m3	331.00	88.76	87.88	13.02	121.60	89.76	33.07	36.39	168.04
Non-Coniferous sawnwood	Production	1000 m3	767.00	118.30	87.45	77.49	99.85	153.37	75.53	84.47	309.09
Veneer sheets	Production	1000 m3	13.80	34.17	26.76	28.10	95.36	46.28	36.82	63.29	13.52
Plywood	Production	1000 m3	14.00	19.14	16.71	5.40	38.46	42.77	26.02	61.39	46.72
Particle board (including OSB)	Production	1000 m3	317.00	605.85	257.31	487.22	243.33	226.07	133.13	349.43	404.43
Hardboard	Production	1000 m3	0.00	119.62	112.49	151.58	167.40	160.05	176.63	167.46	343.55
MDF (medium density fibreboard)	Production	1000 m3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.29	0.48	0.00	3.08
Fibreboard, compressed	Production	1000 m3	49.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other board	Production	1000 m3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.43
Paper and paperboard	Production	1000 m.t.	443.00	424.00	435.00	640.00	696.00	641.00	675.00	765.00	792.80

Note that, in Hungary, the estimated carbon stock changes are relatively small due to the fact that the annual amounts of carbon entering this pool (non-firewood wood products from harvests) and exiting it (products ending their life cycle) are about the same in subsequent years.

See also section 11.5.2.5 for other details.

#### 6.5.4.3 Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Estimated non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions include those from burning of slash on-site and, for more than a decade, those from wildfires. Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the mentioned sources are not significant, and are only

reported for the sake of completeness and that of time series consistency with previous years. Note that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from these sources are accounted for in the biomass pool, because we apply the stock-change method. Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions include the carbon of CO and CH<sub>4</sub>, however, these gases are nevertheless reported because of their high global warming potential, because the double counting of the carbon is negligible, and also in order to comply with the IPCC 2006 GL.

#### 6.5.4.3.1 Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from burning of slash

The estimation of the amount of emissions is done according to section 6.4.3.4 with the following modification:

$$M_b = V_b * D$$

where

$V_b$  = volume burnt, m<sup>3</sup> (only includes biomass, reported in Table 6.5.9), and  
 $D$  = wood density, kg biomass m<sup>-3</sup> (values used here are the same as those used to estimate carbon stock changes in biomass, see Table 6.5.4 above); and

$$V_b = V_H * C_f$$

where

$V_H$  = total harvest, m<sup>3</sup> of wood removed from forest (taken from harvest statistics), and

$C_f$  = combustion factor, dimensionless, for which we use average country-specific values by species (Rumpf, 2013). The application of this data became possible based on additional capacity to improve accuracy. Although the new estimates are also based on expert solicitation, they are considered more accurate than the expert judgment applied before, and reflect recent changes in legislature on burning in forests.

**Table 6.5.9.** *The amount of harvested volume, slash burnt and forest fires based on all available data.*



Reporting year	Harvested volume (m3)	Slash burned on site (t)	Number of wildfires in forest	Area burnt in forest and agricultural fires EFFIS (ha)	Area burnt in forest fires (ha)	Wood volume burnt in forest fires (m3)
1985	8 345 562	100 870	NE	NE	NE	NE
1986	8 500 991	103 199	NE	NE	NE	NE
1987	8 193 145	98 527	NE	NE	NE	NE
1988	7 960 397	96 427	NE	NE	NE	NE
1989	8 031 779	96 233	NE	NE	NE	NE
1990	7 415 162	89 266	NE	NE	NE	NE
1991	7 255 202	84 968	NE	NE	NE	NE
1992	6 588 569	75 921	NE	NE	NE	NE
1993	5 723 745	62 374	NE	NE	NE	NE
1994	5 717 468	62 061	NE	NE	NE	NE
1995	6 049 151	65 696	NE	NE	NE	NE
1996	6 603 733	71 855	NE	NE	NE	NE
1997	6 713 101	69 882	NE	NE	NE	NE
1998	6 578 931	66 683	NE	NE	NE	NE
1999	6 900 612	66 821	229	756	756	3 000
2000	7 287 456	68 753	811	1 595	1 595	80 000
2001	7 010 979	65 225	419	na	1 223	57 000
2002	7 013 167	63 728	382	1 227	1 226	57 000
2003	7 053 960	62 381	375	845	1 054	49 000
2004	7 094 753	61 081	104	247	354	2 000
2005	7 167 426	60 729	150	3 531	3 530	170 000
2006	7 005 190	58 937	97	625	625	3 000
2007	6 609 099	54 446	139	4 636	1 656	160 660
2008	7 024 025	55 132	54	2 404	225	2 730
2009	6 773 537	50 658	87	6 463	283	7 000
2010	7 424 046	57 920	7	878	40	5 324
2011	8 080 206	65 363	569	8 055	1 189	149 651
2012	7 731 605	63 038	712	14 115	1 954	120 918
2013	7 874 792	64 518	259	1 955	396	36 457
2014	7 517 408	62 146	367	4 454	738	79 768
2015	7 354 188	60 153	421	4 730	1 593	192 394

#### 6.5.4.3.2 Non-CO2 emissions from wildfires

Wildfires are very erratic in nature, and are not a really significant phenomenon in Hungary. Beginning 1999, the Fire Department started to provide data on the number and area of forest wildfires, however, until 2006, these numbers are not deemed accurate, and the emissions based on these are only rough ones.

In 2006, Hungary joined to the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS, <http://effis.jrc.it> or <http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/>), and a new database was established in the Twinning Project No. HU 2004/016-689.01.02. Thus, beginning 2007, the Fire Department locates the fires, surveys the affected area, and, subsequently, the Forest Authority identifies the affected forest sub-compartments. This identification is done on site, after the fire. The Forest Authority also collects data on how many percent of the growing stock of each forest sub-compartment were burnt in the fire. (Only crown fires affect the biomass accounted in the GHG inventory, the surface- and ground fires only affect some of the understory vegetation, which is not reported anyway.) This way, the activity data is double-checked, and the emissions can be accurately calculated based on the standing volume.

Due to lack of appropriate data, the amount of wood volume burnt in wildfires between 1999-2006 are calculated by the ratio of fire-affected area and the burned growing stock per unit area of wildfires of 2007-2008.

With the exclusion of some areas affected by forest fires that are subsequently considered and reported



as Deforestation (D), the vast majority of burnt areas remain under forest management by law, and the Forest Authority prescribes and inspects the reforestation/regeneration of these areas.

The estimation of the amount of emissions is done according to section 6.4.3.4 with the modification applied for slash burned above. The amount of  $V_b$ , i.e., the amount of volume burnt in the areas affected is reported in Table 6.5.9 above (i.e.,  $C_f = 1$ ).

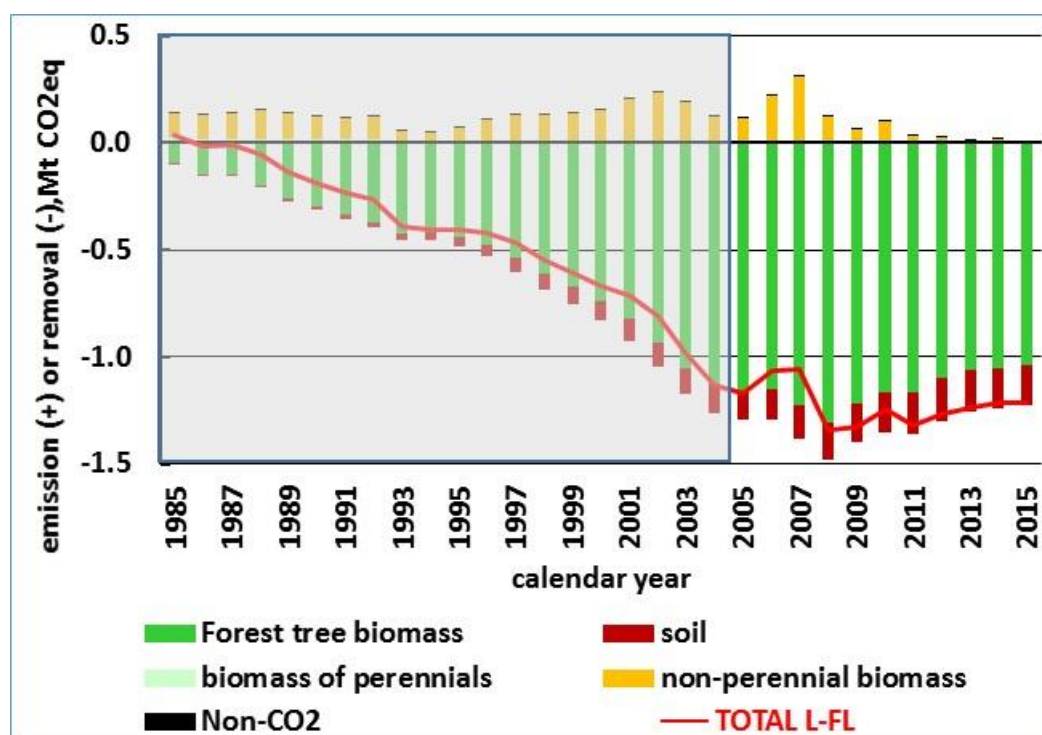
## 6.5.5 Land converted to Forest land (CRF sector 4.A.2)

### 6.5.5.1 Category description

In Hungary, mainly former croplands are afforested. Converting grasslands to forests occurs less frequently (in about 15% of all conversions), whereas converting other areas to forests is marginal, therefore, we predominantly report carbon stock changes from converting croplands and grasslands to forest land.

Not considering soils, land converted to forest land includes areas that do not contain much carbon in either of the carbon pools before they are afforested, but is subject of the effect of intensive photosynthesis after the afforestation. An exception to this is cropland where perennial biomass is present before the afforestation. Concerning soils, cropland usually has less carbon than forest land, but grassland can have more. Thus, converting land to forest land generally increases the amount of carbon in each pool, although at different rates, due to tree growth after the afforestation.

Figure 6.5.7 reports estimated emissions and removals for the biomass pools, whereas Table 6.5.10 summarizes methodological information. See also Section 11 for other details.



**Figure 6.5.7.** The sources of emissions and removals in the biomass pools in the L-FL category. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

**Table 6.5.10.** Methodological summary for Land converted to Forest Land. (CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Table(5) I, II, V
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
L-FL	E/R	Post-conversion: CS Pre-conversion: CS	D/EJ D	NE (demonstrated that not a source)	AD: CS; EF: CS	Mineral: AD: CS; EF: CS; Organic: not occurring	Fertilization: IE Drainage and re-wetting: NO Biomass burning: NO
	Uncertainty	Tier 2 (Monte Carlo)			N/A		

## 6.5.5.2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and removals

### 6.5.5.2.1 Biomass

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and removals from the biomass pool are estimated from carbon stock changes due to gains in the trees appearing and losses of biomass carbon before the conversion. Whereas a country-specific method is applied for the estimation of gains, Equation 16 of the IPCC 2006 GL are used to estimate losses (see section 6.4.4). For both procedures, the estimation of the conversion area is necessary.

#### Area of conversion

The area is taken from the “initial planting of afforestations” statistics of the NFCSO Forestry Directorate by target stand-type (*Quercus* sp., *Quercus cerris* and other hard broadleaved, *Fagus*, *Robinia*, Hybrid Poplar and *Salix* sp., Indigenous poplars and other soft broadleaved, and Conifers. For the period 2008-2015 the data is taken from the AR database. Data for 1990-2007 was taken from a historical dataset of the Forest Authority that is primarily used to have a subsidy-supporting roll. The area of L-FL cannot be identified on sub-compartment-level in this period. Therefore, for the entire period, modeling was used to develop the growing stock, increment and removal data based on total annual conversion area and age-mean volume function (see below).

Table 6.5.11 below demonstrates the evolution of total area of the category over time. The table shows the area *entering* the category as new afforestation in the second column (under year 1). This area is then rolled over to 19 additional inventory years (in the subsequent columns), after which the area is moved to the FL-FL category. In several cases (see e.g. the data for year 2015 relative to 2014) some L-FL areas have been deforested. These are excluded from the category, and tree growth is taken to be zero for them.

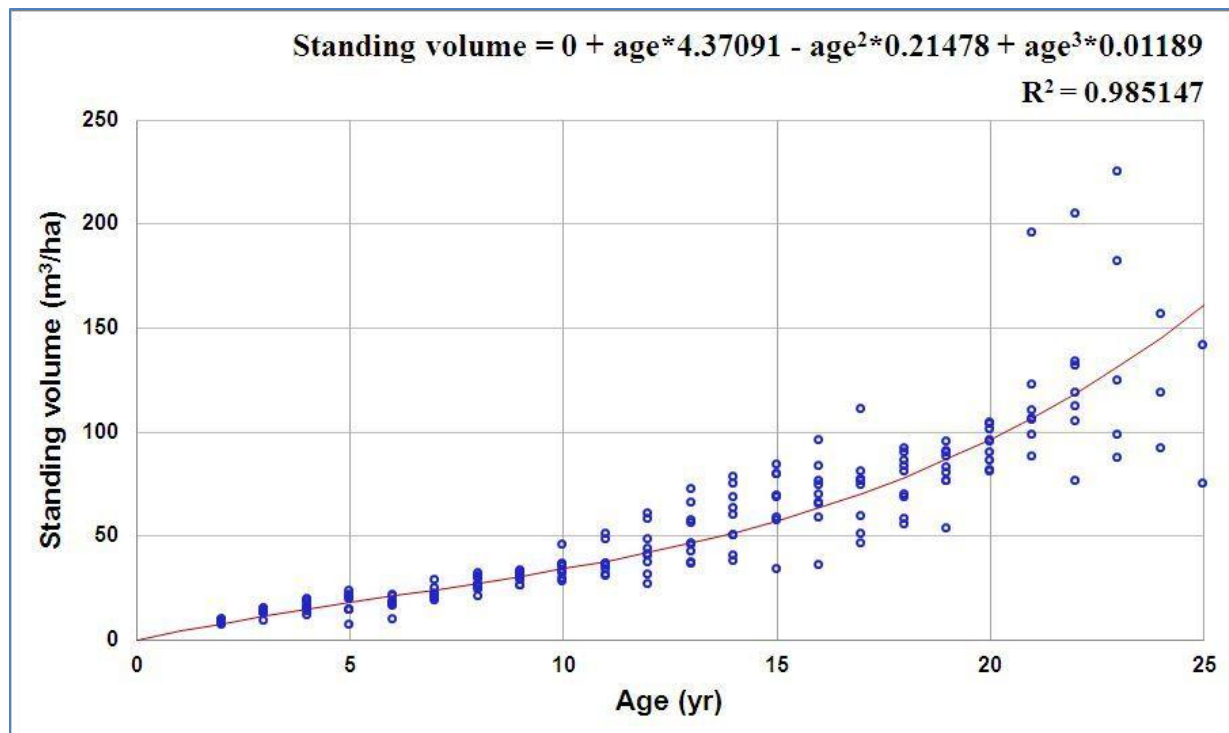
**Table 6.5.11.** The total area of successfully converted land for all species by year of conversion (blue cells), and total of all converted land in the category. Incoming areas are reported in the first year of conversion, and areas reported in the column “20 years after conversion” are transferred to the FL-FL category the next year.

Inventory year	area of successfully converted land (i.e. area actually covered by trees, ha)																				Total in inventory year (ha)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1985	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 274
1986	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14 566
1987	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22 245
1988	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30 499
1989	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37 587
1990	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43 906
1991	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50 068
1992	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56 624
1993	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59 586
1994	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62 226
1995	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66 065
1996	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72 136
1997	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79 777
1998	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	0	87 312
1999	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	0	95 309
2000	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	0	104 301
2001	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	0	116 367
2002	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	0	129 989
2003	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	0	141 024
2004	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	7274	147 980
2005	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	7293	147 739
2006	12849	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	7679	153 295
2007	17403	12849	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	7088	8254	163 019
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2009	3518	7220	17403	12849	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	6318	158 415
2010	6261	3518	7220	17403	12849	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	6162	158 358
2011	1647	6261	3518	7220	17403	12849	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	6556	153 843
2012	1164	1647	6261	3518	7220	17403	12849	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	2962	148 450
2013	697	1164	1647	6261	3518	7220	17403	12849	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	2640	146 186
2014	1422	697	1164	1647	6261	3518	7220	17403	12849	7033	6956	11035	13622	12066	8992	7996	7535	7641	6071	3839	144 968
2015	245	1422	689	1142	1645	6246	3518	7194	17381	12793	7018	6940	11011	13597	12043	8965	7990	7531	7636	6068	141 074

A conversion of land to forest, i.e., an afforestation activity, is deemed to have begun when soil preparation has been started. Typically, the first (“initial”) planting of the propagation material on the area happens in a short time after soil preparation is done. Beating up may be carried out depending on the success rate of the initial planting.

### Post-conversion biomass

Carbon stock changes in the biomass pool of the newly established trees are estimated using an empirical model of growing stock over age on a unit area of afforestation. In order to estimate the volume data, we have developed species-specific simplified models for the young forests using a sample of young stands of varying age (known based on the year of the afforestation) for which volume was known. This volume was available either from direct assessment or from yield tables (in this last case, height was measured). The models were derived by a set of regression analyses between *age* and *volume* separately for the above 7 target stand-types (Figure 6.5.8 below is an example of a regression obtained for *Quercus* sp.). (It was necessary to use age as predictor, instead of mean height, because, for young individual stands in the category, whereas age is available for each stand, no accurate height estimates are usually available that would enable the use of standard yield tables.) We used 3<sup>rd</sup> degree polynomial regressions for species of long rotation age, and linear regressions for species of short rotation age. The curves were forced to start from the pole. All regression coefficients are above 0.9, and the regression parameters are significant for each species. (Note that these curves represent rather constant growing conditions, and it is only worth checking the validity of these curves about once a decade.)



**Figure 6.5.8.** An example of a regression between age and stand volume. For this fitting, data of *Quercus* sp. ('T') afforestation was used. Note that, although the regression curve was developed using stands somewhat older than 20 years in order to increase the robustness of the regression curve, volume data are only used between ages 1 and 20 years.

Volume stock *change* from a specific year of age to the next one is equal to the *difference* between the volume stocks of the respective consecutive ages as estimated from the regression curves. These differences for the various age classes and species are multiplied by the area of the same classes. The resulting changes reflect the effects of artificial and self-thinnings, and are smoothed ones, not representing any inter-annual variation due to e.g. variation of growing conditions. More importantly, however, the above procedure ensures that the volume *stocks* of the respective classes are not applied in the calculations, and no transition of volumes are directly applied (either for L-FL or FL-FL) when stands are moved from the L-FL category to the FL-FL category.

In estimating *carbon* stock changes in these forests, the conversion of volume to carbon happens the same way as described above when discussing the second part of Equation 2.8 of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines.

### Pre-conversion biomass

Emissions arising from removing perennial biomass carbon during the conversion to forest are estimated using data from a recent study that estimated the amount of carbon lost by removing all above-ground biomass due to conversion *for a unit area*. This loss was measured to be 4.7 tC/ha in case of orchards and 9.39 tC/ha in case of vineyards (of average age of 15 and 15.9 years, respectively, which are half of the length of the rotation period of these perennials, Juhos and Tőkei, 2013), and 4.7 and 2.94 tC ha<sup>-1</sup> of default CL and GL (annual) biomass, respectively (see the respective sections on Cropland and Grassland for more details). The amount of *total loss* of carbon is estimated by multiplying the above values with the size of the area actually converted. (In practice, carbon stock changes from biomass of perennials on CL-FL are estimated by first estimating all carbon stock changes from cropland with perennials to all other categories, the methodology of which is reported in

section 6.6.2.1.1, and then multiplying it with the proportion of the area of perennial CL-FL to the total area of perennial CL converted to all other land use category. For forest land, this proportion varies between 12 and 19%, and is 16% in 2014.)

Note that, according to the default method (Equation 2.12), the pre-conversion below-ground biomass is not considered a loss, and indeed it remains in the ground and adds to the carbon pools of deadwood, litter and soil.

#### **6.5.5.2.2 Dead organic matter**

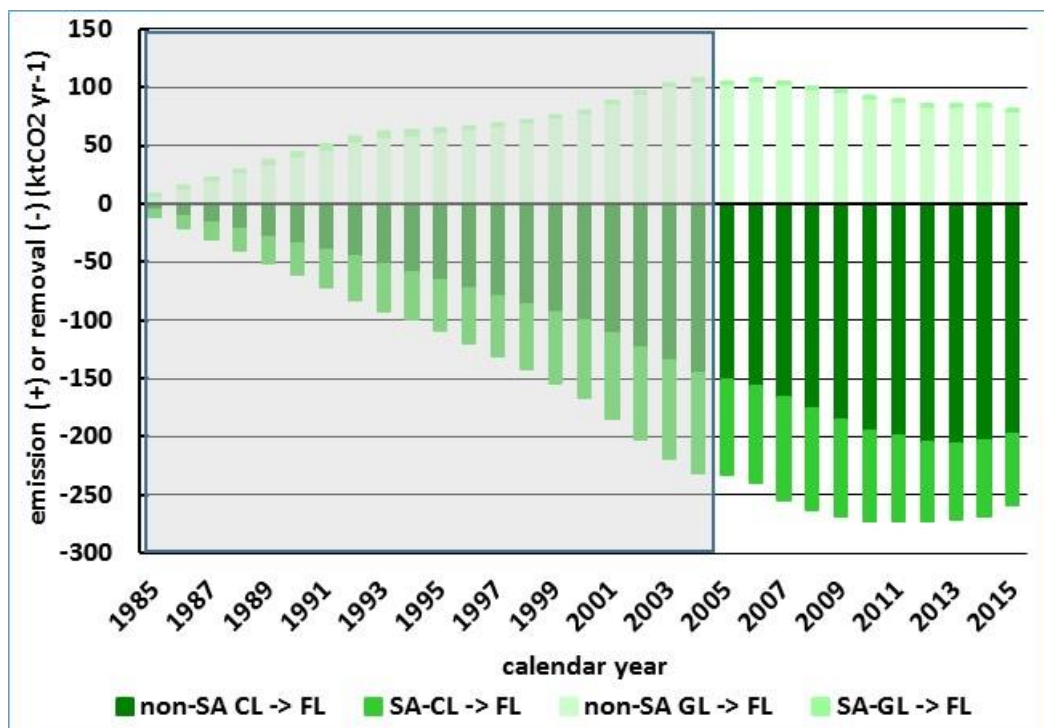
For deadwood, we think that our current sampling (and data) is not intensive enough to make it possible to develop estimates from emissions/removals on a statistical basis. Therefore, the default IPCC 2006 GL assumption is made that the stock change is zero, and it is thus not reported. This is a justified and conservative assumption because the deadwood stock is zero before the conversion, and in most if not all cases, it increases after the conversion. That the deadwood pool does not contain carbon on cropland and grassland before the conversion is a general experience, which is corroborated by the fact that, for crop sanitary and other reasons, biomass (dead or alive) is removed during harvests, and there is usually not enough time on abandoned croplands for the woody biomass to develop substantial dead organic matter before the land is converted. Somogyi et al. (2013) also measured zero carbon stocks on pre-conversion land in their study.

For litter, we now follow the advice of the ARR of 2016 and estimate carbon stock changes. The estimation is done by applying the methodology described in section 6.4.5 above. We assume that the carbon stock in the litter pool before the conversion is zero. For the equilibrium carbon stock in the forest land after the conversion, we apply the same value, 8.78 t/ha (Heil et al., 2012), that is used for the estimation of emissions due to deforestation events (i.e., conversions of forest land to other land uses), see section 6.5.6.1.2. We assume that the equilibrium carbon stock level is reached in 20 years.

#### **6.5.5.2.3 Soil**

The estimation of carbon stock changes in soils is done according to section 6.4.1.

The results of the estimation are corroborated by recent estimates according to which converting land from cropland to forest does not entail any net emissions from soil (see Somogyi, 2005, Somogyi-Horváth, 2006a, Somogyi-Horváth, 2006b, and Somogyi et al., 2013), and that converting grassland to forest may lead to some emissions (see Horvath, 2006). However, because most of the huge amount of marginal lands that are afforested are former croplands, and also because of biodiversity concerns, the overwhelming majority of conversions occur on abandoned croplands (see above), overall, no major emissions from soils are expected due to conversion of land to forest land (Figure 6.5.9).



**Figure 6.5.9.** Emissions and removals from converting land to forest land (non-SA: non set-aside; SA: set-aside). The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

Concerning organic soils, there are no afforestations on such soils, therefore, no emissions occur from this source.

### 6.5.5.3 Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

#### 6.5.5.3.1 Emissions from wildfires

In Hungary, very few forest fires occur in the Land converted to Forest Land category. Following the former recommendation of the inventory review, non-CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions are separately reported for L-FL and FL-FL (see above).

#### 6.5.5.3.2 Emissions from mineral soils as a result of loss of soil carbon through change in land use or management

The estimation of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from soils associated with loss of carbon is done according to section 6.4.2, using the appropriate carbon loss data for the sub-category. Note that, consistent with what is reported for soils above, emissions only occur when grasslands are converted to forests.

### 6.5.6 Forest Land converted to other land uses (CRF sector 4.B.2.1, 4.C.2.1, 4.E.2.1)

Forest land in Hungary is rarely converted to other land uses, and the conversions only include conversions to cropland, grassland and settlements. Conversions from forest land to any other land use type are generally prohibited by the Forest Act, and can take place only after the Forest Authorities grant the specific permission. All areas of conversions are surveyed, and emissions are estimated using the land conversion database of the Forest Authorities (see at [https://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti\\_igazgatosag/supplementary\\_inf\\_ERT/statistics.html](https://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti_igazgatosag/supplementary_inf_ERT/statistics.html), in Hungarian). However, these statistics are only available since 1985, and the average of the period 1985-1989 is used for the previous years for which estimates are also needed to run up the calculation of the estimation of emissions from soils.

For further information on deforestation in Hungary, see Section 11.3.1.1.

#### 6.5.6.1 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and removals

Table 6.5.12 reports CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and removals estimated for the biomass, deadwood, litter and soil pools, whereas Table 6.5.13 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

**Table 6.5.12** Total emissions from biomass, deadwood, litter and soils. The light yellow color in some cells of the table (with column title “from DB”) shows that the data in those cells are taken from the database (i.e., they are the result of other calculations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table. NE means net emissions. All notations are as for Tables 6.5.3 and 6.5.6. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)

Inventory year	Emissions and Removals from FL-L, GgCO <sub>2</sub>				
	biomass	minreal soils	organic soils	litter	dead-wood
2008	27	31	IE	9	3
2009	58	33	IE	14	4
2010	28	35	IE	7	2
2011	46	35	IE	9	2
2012	132	34	IE	25	7
2013	62	35	IE	17	5
2014	85	37	IE	19	6
2015	117	39	IE	45	14

**Table 6.5.13.** Methodological summary. (CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Table(5) I, II, V
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
FL-L	E/R	Post-conversion: 0 Pre-conversion: CS	0 CS	CS	CS	D	Drainage: NO Biomass burning: NO
	Uncertainty						

#### 6.5.6.1.1 Biomass

For biomass, the methodology described in section 6.4.4 is applied. For all conversions of FL to CL,



GL, WL, SE and OL, it is assumed that the biomass carbon stock after the conversion is equal to zero, so all carbon in the biomass of the deforested land, estimated as described in section 6.5.3, is completely emitted as CO<sub>2</sub>.

#### **6.5.6.1.2 Dead organic matter**

Emissions from deadwood and litter are estimated by multiplying the area of annual deforestations by area-specific values. In these calculations, just like with biomass, we assume that, in the year of the deforestation, all deadwood and litter are completely removed from the area, i.e. carbon in these pools are emitted in the year of the deforestation.

The area-specific value of the amount of deadwood and litter comes from the Hungarian forest health monitoring system, called Forest Protection Monitoring and Observation System (in Hungarian: EMMRE). The system includes plots in a 4×4km systematic grid, and sampling in this program is done using concentric permanent sample plots. The 16x16km sub-grid of this program is part of the European level forest health monitoring Network (IPC Forest, Forest Focus, Life+ programs & FutMon Project). Since the average amounts of deadwood in the sampled years do not show a decreasing trend (see Figure 6.5.5), we believe that the data available are suitable for estimating of the emissions from deadwood for the entire time series.

In estimating total carbon stock changes from the estimated volume, we used the methodology of stock change as detailed above and applied the assumption that the average wood density of the deadwood is the same as for the woody biomass.

Considering litter, we now rely upon a case study, done by Heil, Kovács and Szabó (2012), which provided an estimate of the mean litter content (excluding coarse litter between about 1 cm and 10 cm) of the Hungarian forests (that are mainly plantations and young stands). In this study, it was found that the average amount of carbon in litter is 8.78 tC/ha.

We note that, because of the small scale of deforestations each year, and because litter and especially DW are relatively small carbon pools, this simple but anyway Tier 2 approach can be regarded as an accurate and precise methodology as far as practicable. We also note that the above value is considerably smaller than the IPCC default values reported in Table 2.2 of Chapter 2 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for mature forests. This is partly because of the differences in the definition of litter in this NIR and the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (i.e., coarse woody debris is excluded from our definition of the litter), partly because the IPCC default values are for mature forests whereas most of our forests are not mature, and possibly partly due to other methodological differences such as the carbon content of litter.

It is additionally (and often conservatively) assumed that neither deadwood nor litter are produced any more after the conversion, thus, no removals are accounted for in these pools.

#### **6.5.6.1.3 Soil**

The estimation of carbon stock changes in soils was done according to section 6.4.1.

For each piece of land converted, the same amounts of annual carbon stock changes are accounted for 20 consecutive years. Thus, for any conversion type and for any inventory year, the total annual carbon stock changes of the newly deforested areas, as well as those of the previous 1-19 years must be added up. Finally, carbon stock changes for the conversion types must be added up to get the aggregated emissions for the entire FL-L category.



The areas identified, and the resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are included in Table 6.5.14.

**Table 6.5.14.** *The area, as well as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from soils on land converted from forest to other land uses.*

Inventory year	FL converted to CL			FL converted to SE			FL converted to GL			All conversions from FL to other land use		
	Area (ha)		CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gg)	Area (ha)		CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gg)	Area (ha)		CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gg)	Area (ha)		CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gg)
	all	subcomp-artments		all	subcomp-artments		all	subcomp-artments		all	subcomp-artments	
1985	94.8	94.8	0.193	210.5	210.5	0.371	20.9	20.9	-0.1	326.1	326.1	0.488
1986	94.8	94.8	0.386	210.5	210.5	0.742	20.9	20.9	-0.2	326.1	326.1	0.976
1987	94.8	94.8	0.579	210.5	210.5	1.114	20.9	20.9	-0.2	326.1	326.1	1.463
1988	94.8	94.8	0.773	210.5	210.5	1.485	20.9	20.9	-0.3	326.1	326.1	1.951
1989	94.8	94.8	0.967	210.5	210.5	1.856	20.9	20.9	-0.4	326.1	326.1	2.440
1990	180.0	180.0	1.335	392.6	392.6	2.548	40.3	40.3	-0.5	612.9	612.9	3.359
1991	453.6	59.9	2.264	1265.6	167.0	4.780	97.8	12.9	-0.9	1817.0	239.8	6.166
1992	511.8	44.4	3.312	827.3	71.8	6.239	107.9	9.4	-1.3	1447.1	125.6	8.298
1993	12.7	12.7	3.341	233.1	233.1	6.650	82.7	82.7	-1.5	328.6	328.6	8.487
1994	28.4	28.4	3.402	162.5	162.5	6.936	27.3	27.3	-1.5	218.2	218.2	8.801
1995	53.2	53.2	3.514	244.1	244.1	7.367	60.5	60.5	-1.7	357.8	357.8	9.179
1996	140.4	78.7	3.805	335.4	188.1	7.958	140.9	79.0	-2.1	616.7	345.9	9.633
1997	192.1	192.1	4.203	239.6	239.6	8.381	90.3	90.3	-2.4	522.0	522.0	10.208
1998	88.9	88.9	4.383	271.4	271.4	8.859	41.7	41.7	-2.5	402.0	402.0	10.762
1999	98.1	26.8	4.582	1016.9	277.9	10.652	331.9	90.7	-3.5	1446.9	395.4	11.743
2000	111.8	67.8	4.802	981.6	594.9	12.383	93.1	56.4	-3.8	1186.6	719.1	13.415
2001	152.8	61.4	5.109	893.0	358.6	13.958	251.2	100.9	-4.5	1297.0	520.9	14.554
2002	317.0	108.9	5.751	1279.7	439.5	16.215	259.6	89.2	-5.3	1856.4	637.5	16.667
2003	54.3	25.7	5.856	1104.7	523.4	18.162	93.1	44.1	-5.6	1252.1	593.3	18.445
2004	109.0	74.2	6.071	1102.7	750.5	20.107	175.0	119.1	-6.1	1386.7	943.8	20.071
2005	148.7	71.2	6.174	654.4	313.2	20.890	55.7	26.7	-6.2	858.8	411.1	20.863
2006	115.8	44.4	6.210	1156.6	443.4	22.558	54.2	20.8	-6.3	1326.7	508.6	22.479
2007	90.7	16.4	6.194	1061.1	192.5	24.058	201.7	36.6	-6.8	1353.5	245.5	23.427
2008	379.6	96.8	6.765	634.7	161.9	24.806	137.5	35.1	-7.2	1151.9	293.8	24.357
2009	183.8	55.5	6.938	970.3	293.0	26.146	335.9	101.5	-8.1	1490.0	450.0	24.949
2010	670.4	59.4	7.922	1154.8	102.3	27.490	526.1	46.6	-9.6	2351.3	208.3	25.801
2011	388.5	66.8	7.780	1074.6	184.9	27.153	140.5	24.2	-9.7	1603.5	275.9	25.188
2012	247.6	113.1	7.237	614.1	280.4	26.777	851.6	388.9	-12.0	1713.2	782.4	22.012
2013	270.2	115.4	7.747	702.4	299.9	27.604	273.5	116.8	-12.6	1246.1	532.1	22.759
2014	382.6	153.4	8.450	877.6	351.8	28.865	241.2	96.7	-13.3	1501.3	601.9	24.064
2015	520.6	423.7	9.380	766.0	623.4	29.785	412.5	335.7	-14.3	1699.1	1382.8	24.819

## 6.5.6.2 Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

### 6.5.6.2.1 Emissions from wildfires

The estimation of non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fires is based on the fact that deforestations in Hungary are done by clear-cutting the areas and removing most biomass from there.

As deforestations rarely occur in the country, the probability that wildfires affect these areas is negligible. In the last years, no wildfires occurred on land that later (in the same year) was converted to other land use. Therefore, emissions from wildfire are reported as not occurring.

On the other hand, controlled burning (burning of slash) occurs on this land. The methodology to estimate emissions from this source is the same as described in section 6.4.3. Activity data is available for both the area and the volume of forest land converted to other land use.

### 6.5.6.2.2 Emissions from mineral soils as a result of loss of soil carbon through change in land use or management

The estimation of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from soils associated with loss of carbon is done according to section

## 6.4.2.

**6.5.7 Category-specific uncertainties and time-series consistency**

For this category, we conducted an uncertainty analysis in 2012. The main objective of that uncertainty analysis, complying with that of the IPCC Guidelines, was to identify possible major sources of errors, and to indicate based on the prioritization of the uncertainty of the estimates where efforts on development should concentrate in future inventories. The uncertainty analysis focused on the uncertainty of carbon stock change estimates of the biomass of forests for the categories under the Kyoto Protocol, therefore, the detailed results can be found in Chapter 11 (Section 11.3.1.5). As the methods of quantitative estimation are similar to respective categories under the UNFCCC, and because KP and UNFCCC categories significantly overlap, we regard the results reported there relevant for the uncertainties of emissions and removals under the UNFCCC, and only some additional information is reported here.

Information on uncertainties includes, among others, information on completeness, accuracy, and non-quantifiable elements. Concerning *completeness*, some minor emissions and removals could not be estimated because of the reasons provided in the respective sections above (and/or were approximated by assumptions), however, it is highly probable that their exclusion only results in conservative estimation, i.e. overestimation of net emissions, and underestimation of net removals.

The reported estimated emissions and removals are generally considered accurate and precise as far as practicable, and are based on the best available data and methods. Where uncertainty seems to be high, and for *non-quantifiable factors*, the principle of conservativeness is always applied. Conservative estimates are used for volume stocks and their change, for the root-to-shoot ratio, and in the case of carbon stock changes in the soil, litter and deadwood pools. Where no country-specific values are available, IPCC default values are used. Whenever more accurate methods could be identified, these were applied (see section 6.1.4 on recalculations above).

It is probable that total forest area is somewhat underestimated, which is shown by the fact that the forest inventory has identified new forest areas ("found forests") each year for the last two decades or so. As long as forests in Hungary are a sink, this underestimation of the forest area can only lead to the underestimation of removals. Nevertheless, the detection and monitoring of forest area has been continuously improving, and will continue to improve.

It is also probable that, due to conservativeness built into the methods of the national forest inventory in order to comply with traditional requirements for sustained yield, both volume stocks and volume stock changes are underestimated. This assessment is also supported by preliminary statistical results of a sample-based inventory which indicate higher volume stocks and higher annual volume increment than the continuous forest inventory. Finally, wood harvests also seem to be underestimated a bit due to illegal cuttings which, according to some expert judgments, may account for up to 250,000 m<sup>3</sup> annually. This amount is additional to, but small relative to, the annual official figure of annual harvests of around 7-8 million m<sup>3</sup>. Although this means that actual wood harvests are somewhat underestimated, so is volume stock increment but to a larger extent, thus, the, net volume stock changes, and thus net removals, are most probably underestimated.

We have continuously been improving not only our stand statistics, but also our country-specific emission factors. As reported in the previous NIRs, the accuracy was improved earlier, among others, by introducing new, more realistic, country-specific basic wood density values, slash fraction, soil C/N values and the biomass of orchards and vineyards that have been removed during conversions of cropland to forest land and grassland.

Accuracy cannot always be quantified partly because the error distributions are unknown due to lack

of measured data, and partly because calculation errors or assumptions cannot be quantified. However, calculation errors during the development of the GHG inventory are highly unlikely due to the double-checking of the data processing as described in the next section.

For carbon stock changes in biomass, the system of calculations allows for the use of a simple sensitivity analysis. This is especially true if only the major sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and removals are considered, which represent the bulk of all emissions and removals. The reason for this is that the equation used for the calculation is simple: only volume stock changes, wood density, root-to-shoot ratio, and carbon fraction factors are involved.

With respect to net *annual* CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (or removals), actual values may deviate from estimated values as the stock volume inventory for the whole country is not able to capture all inter-annual variability of timber growth and harvests, which can be high due to the variability of meteorological conditions. Note that the inter-annual variability of the estimated net removals in the Forest Land sector is due to a number of reasons, including the continuously, although slowly, changing structure of the forests by species, site fertility and age, and the variability of annual harvests and mortality. All these effects have rather different delayed effects, and these effects may be rather small relative to the total volume stocks, but can result in larger variability when combined.

It can be concluded that, with regard to carbon stock change estimation, errors are rather limited in our estimation, and it is expected that current estimates rather well reflect emissions and removals associated with forest land.

With regard to non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the estimation is accurate and precise as far as practicable for the years for which we have data on wildfires and controlled burning, as well as for forests on organic soils. Data collection considerably improved in the last few years.

Finally, both methods and data are applied consistently throughout the entire reporting period. This results in a consistent time series of both the area and the GHG information. Please refer to Section 11.3.1.5 for further details.

#### ***6.5.8 Category-specific QA/QC and verification***

The calculations to obtain emission and removal estimates are generally based on the activity data taken from the National Forest Database, and the databases of the Forest Authorities on afforestations and deforestations. These databases are the most accurate ones in the country on the forests. The first complete and country-wide inventory was accomplished in 1976. Forests have been continuously monitored since that year, and the responsible authorities have been applying computer-based information technology for data management since the early '80-s. The database is updated annually, and the data is checked by many people at subsequent procedures from field assessment to data processing. The constant development of field methods and informatics, improvement of checks, and increasing requirements to ensure the quality of work resulted in the increasing accuracy of the Database in recent years.

Since 2011, the GHG inventory has been completed by the Forestry Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office (formal Central Agricultural Office), i.e. the institute that runs the National Forest Database and other mentioned databases.

As a quality assurance, double-checking of the data processing of the calculations involved in the GHG inventory and the correct application of IPCC assumptions and methodologies have been performed at the national level by the Hungarian Forest Research Institute of the National Agricultural Innovation and Research Center for years. The separation of the two roles (i.e., the preparation and the QA of the GHG inventory) has improved the data quality. Final checks and integration of the data into

the GHG inventory was performed by the Hungarian Meteorological Service, i.e. the institute responsible for the entire national inventory.

Data verification was, and is continuously conducted concerning activity data (see the comparison of volume stock changes with trends of wood volume increment and harvest in Section 6.5.4.2.1, and also previous NIRs of Hungary). All information used for the development of the GHG information is archived by the inventory agency. Thus, the correctness of the estimation methodology is in principle *verifiable*.

### ***6.5.9 Category-specific recalculations***

This year, a number of recalculations were made:

- Following the recommendation of the 2016 In-country Review, litter estimates have been developed for cropland converted to forest land, grassland converted to forest land and settlements converted to forest land categories.
- Carbon stock changes in soils in forest land converted to cropland, forest land converted to grassland and forest land converted to settlements categories have been recalculated as incorrect data was used in some cases.
- We corrected some erroneous data for the proportion (dimensionless) of "From perennial CL" conversions to Forest Land so that it is consistent with the changes derived from the 2012 CORINE land cover change database.
- We corrected a sign change in a formula to estimate carbon stock changes in the dead wood and litter pools for the Forest Land to Settlements category.
- Finally, we corrected an incorrect formula for Forest Land to Grassland conversions.

Whereas the new estimates of the carbon stock changes in the litter pool considerably increased the total removals of the Forest Land, the effect of the rest of the recalculations is rather small.

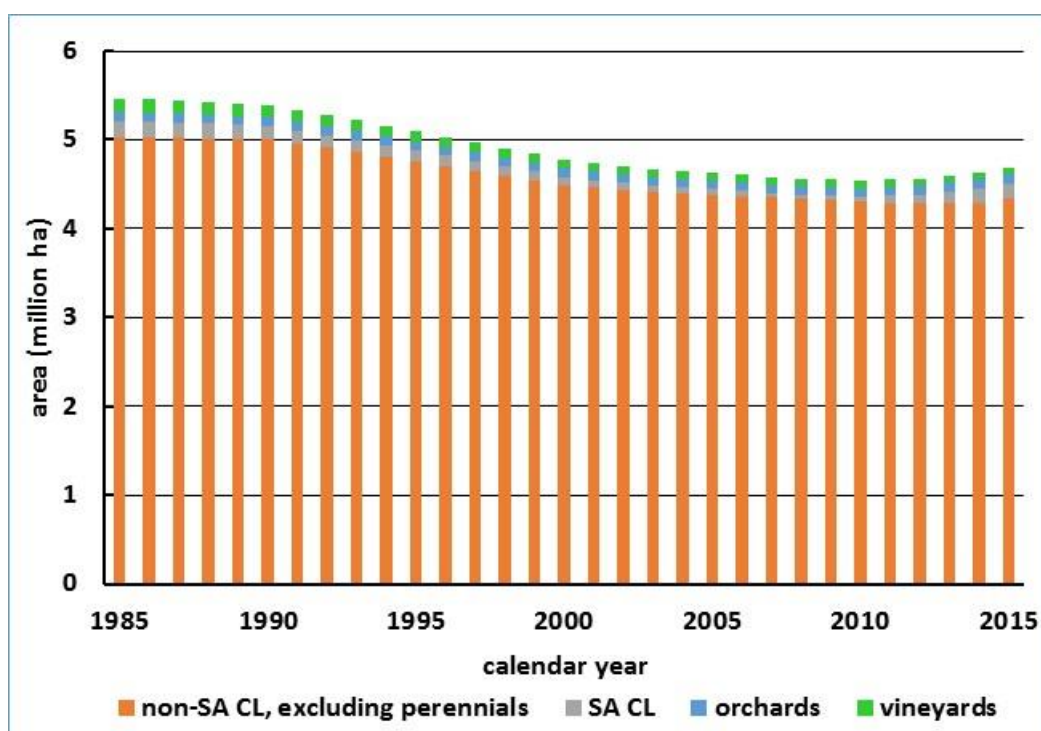
### ***6.5.10 Category-specific planned improvements***

We will continue to develop our data collection on forests and on the Forest Monitoring and Observation Network to develop more advanced estimates for carbon stock changes.

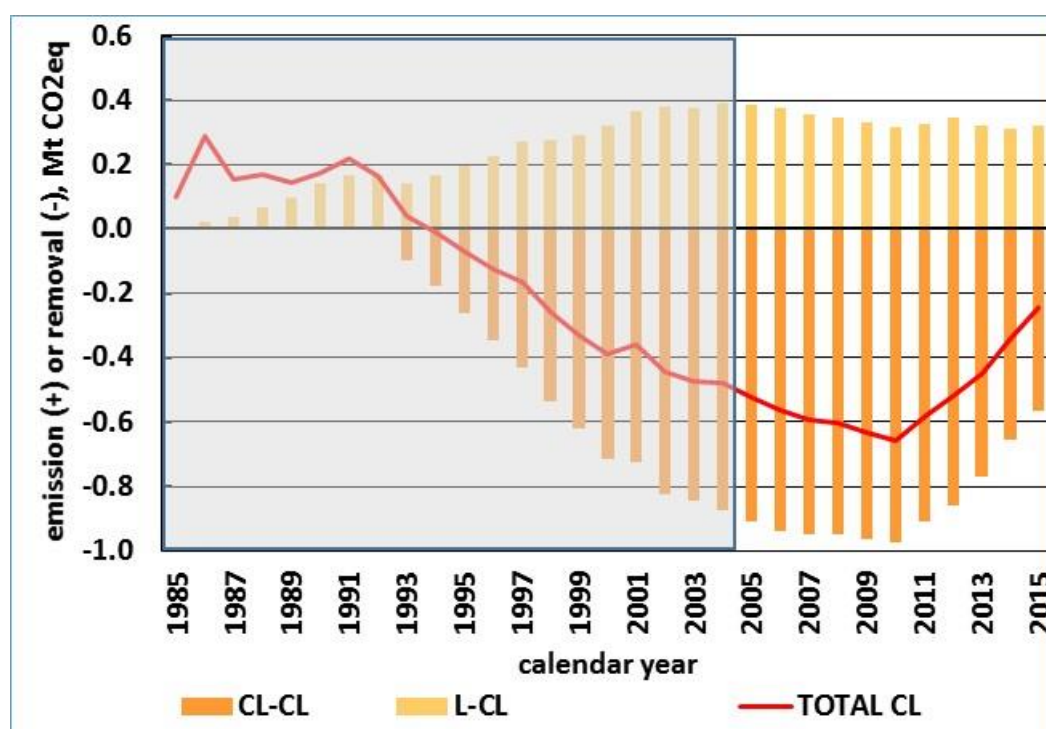
## 6.6 Cropland (CRF sector 4.B)

### 6.6.1 Description of category

Although the area of croplands decreased in the last four decades (roughly 800,000 hectares were abandoned or converted to another category of land use), croplands with their 56% proportion of the total area of the country still represent the main land use category in Hungary (see Figure 6.3.1 above). All the plough-lands with annual crops, orchards and vineyards (i.e., perennial woody crops) and kitchen gardens are all classified as cropland. Set-aside croplands are also reported in this category (Figure 6.6.1.) The distribution of the removals by sub-categories is reported in Figure 6.6.2.



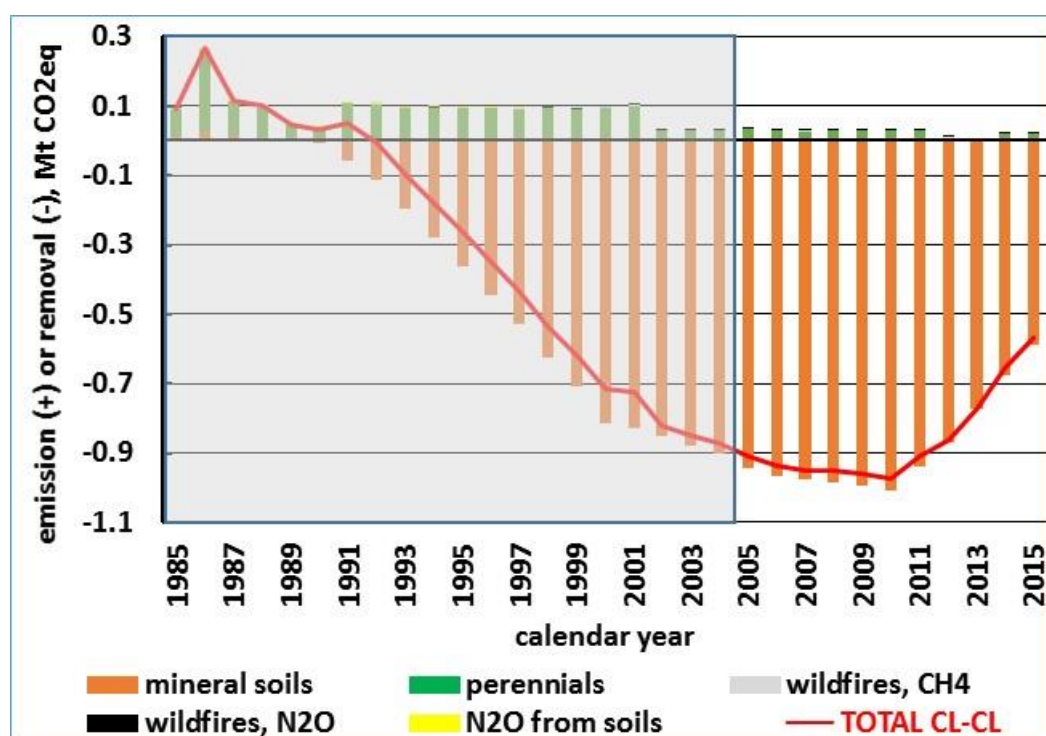
*Figure 6.6.1. The distribution of Cropland area 1985-2015.*



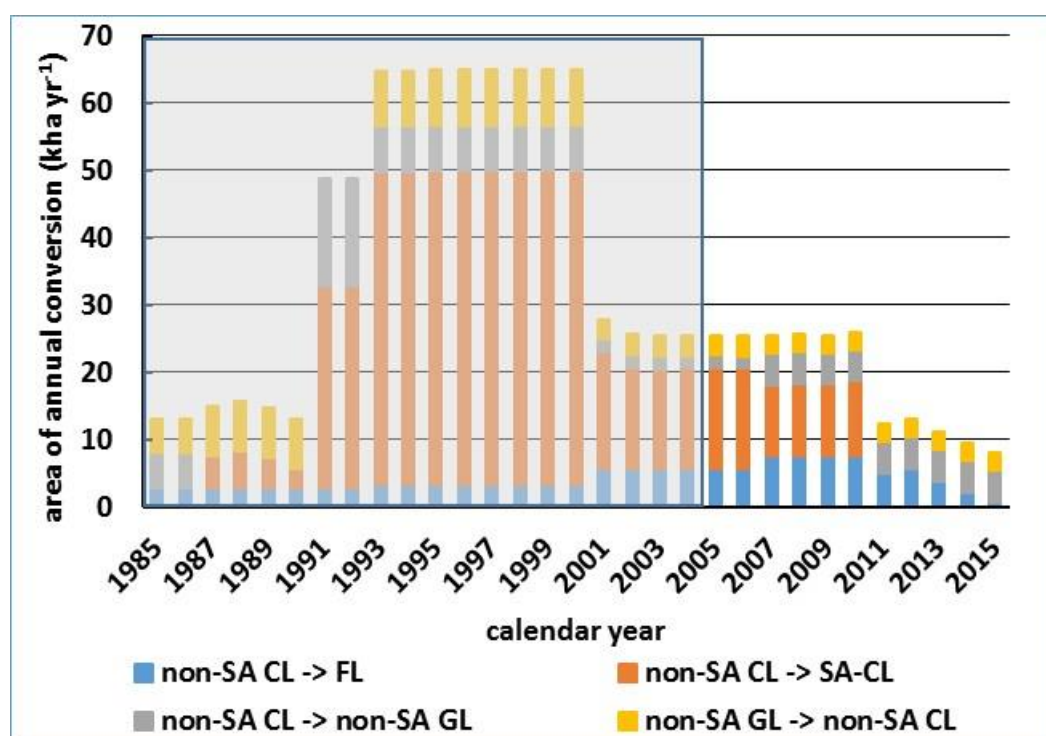
**Figure 6.6.2.** The distribution of removals in Cropland 1985--2015. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

### 6.6.2 Cropland remaining Cropland

Figure 6.6.3 reports emissions and removals, whereas Table 6.6.1 reports methodological information for this sub-category. Figure 6.6.4 is reported to demonstrate that most removals in the Cropland category (including the Cropland remaining Cropland category) arise due to changes in land use either between sub-categories, or (in case of the Cropland remaining Cropland category) within a sub-category, due to changes from non set-aside to set-aside land and back.



**Figure 6.6.3.** The distribution of emissions and removals in CL-CL 1985--2015. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.



**Figure 6.6.4.** The trend of annual area of the most important land use change categories, all of which involve croplands, with significant soil carbon stock changes. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

**Table 6.6.1.** Methodological summary for CL-CL (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data;

*EF: emission/removal factor).*

Carbon stock changes						Table (4)III	Table (4)V
BIOMASS		DOM		SOIL			
annual	perennial	DW	LI	mineral	organic		
Tier 1: 0	AD: CS; EF: CS and D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO	Direct N2O emissions from N mineralization: D	Wildfires: AD: CS; EF: D Biomass burning: NO

### 6.6.2.1 Biomass

Consistent with the IPCC 2006 GL, carbon stock changes in biomass are only estimated for perennial woody crops (the biomass of annual crops is assumed to be in equilibrium). In Hungary, perennial biomass is found in orchards and vineyards. This chapter thus reports on emissions and removals from biomass in areas that remained orchards or vineyards in the inventory year.

Carbon stock change of biomass ( $\Delta C_{\text{Biom}}$ ) was estimated applying Equation 2.15 of the IPCC 2006 GL:

$$\Delta C_{\text{Biom}} = \Delta C_G + \Delta C_{\text{Conversion}} - \Delta C_{\text{loss}}$$

where

$\Delta C_{\text{Biom}}$  = annual change in carbon stocks of biomass, tonnes C yr<sup>-1</sup>

$\Delta C_G$  = annual increase in carbon stocks due to biomass growth, tonnes C yr<sup>-1</sup>

$\Delta C_L$  = annual decrease in carbon stocks due to biomass loss, tonnes C yr<sup>-1</sup>

$\Delta C_{\text{Conversion}}$  = annual carbon loss due to converting perennials to other land use, tonnes C yr<sup>-1</sup>.

The estimation is done separately for orchards and vineyards separately for growth and losses, and for losses due to conversions where perennials are converted to annual croplands or other land use.

#### 6.6.2.1.1 Growth and loss

Carbon stock changes due to growth and loss were estimated using Equation 2.7 of the IPCC 2006 GL:

$$\Delta C_{\text{Biom}} = \Delta C_G - \Delta C_L$$

Orchards and vineyards are assumed to be grown in rotations of 30 and 31.8 years, respectively. For the entire period,  $\Delta C_G$  was estimated using Equation 2.9 of the IPCC 2006 GL:

$$\Delta C_G = A_{\text{perennials}} * G_{\text{TOTAL}} * CF$$

where

$A_{\text{perennials}}$  = area of orchards and vineyards, respectively (taken from the statistics of the HCSO) in the inventory year, ha (all areas included that were perennials at the beginning of the inventory year),

$G_{\text{TOTAL}}$  = county-specific net biomass accumulation rate (0.313 and 0.626 t biomass ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> for orchards and vineyards, respectively), and



CF = carbon fraction (the default value of 0.5 tC t biomass<sup>-1</sup> is used).

G<sub>TOTAL</sub> was estimated in the detailed study of Juhos and Tőkei (2012). As it was not possible to measure below-ground biomass, G<sub>TOTAL</sub> only includes above-ground biomass (which is the application of the default assumption, according to which there is no change in below-ground biomass of perennial trees in agricultural systems).

The annual decrease in carbon stocks from biomass loss due to regenerating perennials was estimated using Equation 2.16 of the IPCC 2006 GL:

$$\Delta C_L = A_{\text{regenerated\_perennials}} * B_{\text{Before}} * CF$$

where

A<sub>regenerated\\_perennials</sub> = the area of regenerated orchard or vineyard in the inventory year =  
= (A<sub>perennials</sub> - A<sub>conv</sub>) / RPL, ha

A<sub>conv</sub> = area if orchards and vineyards that are converted to other land use categories in the inventory year (see below), ha

RPL = length of rotation period, 30 years (orchards) and 31.8 years (vineyards), and

B<sub>Before</sub> = biomass of the regenerated orchard or vineyard at the end of the rotation period, t biomass, and is equal to G<sub>TOTAL</sub> (tC ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>) \* RPL (years). (Since all biomass is considered lost during the regeneration, the “fraction of biomass lost in disturbance” term, or fd, in the original equation is taken to be equal to 1.)

Note that the above methodology implies that removals due to slight increases of the area of perennials (this has only happened in a few years and on small areas) are all accounted for in the Cropland remaining Cropland category (i.e., the assumption is applied that all increases of the area of perennials are due to conversions from annual cropland).

#### 6.6.2.1.2 Conversions

Total emissions from biomass from converting orchards and vineyards are estimated applying the methodology described in section 6.4.4 (i.e., Equation 2.16 of the IPCC 2006 GL) with

B<sub>After</sub> = 0, and

B<sub>Before</sub> and CF as above.

A<sub>conv</sub> was estimated using an estimated proportion of converted perennials, P<sub>P</sub>, that remained in the Cropland category:

$$A_{\text{conv}} = A_{\text{perennials}} * P_P.$$

P<sub>P</sub> for Cropland was estimated from the land statistics database (see section 6.3.2 for details).

Note that the above methodology to estimate conversion areas is somewhat different from what was applied earlier due to the fact that areas removed are now calculated from actual reduction, if any, of the total areas and thus the estimation of emissions from these areas are now fully consistent with that of removals due to growth.

### 6.6.2.2 Dead organic matter

The Tier 1 method is applied. This method assumes that the dead wood and litter stocks are not present in Cropland or are at equilibrium as in agroforestry systems and orchards. Thus, the carbon stock changes are not reported for these pools.

### 6.6.2.3 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1. For CL-CL, what may cause changes of the mineral soil carbon stocks are the following: changes in management, changes in input, and converting non-set aside to set-aside and back. Using county-specific  $SOC_{REF}$  and default  $F_{LU}$ ,  $F_{MG}$  and  $F_I$  values, the effect of all these changes and conversions is included in the calculations.

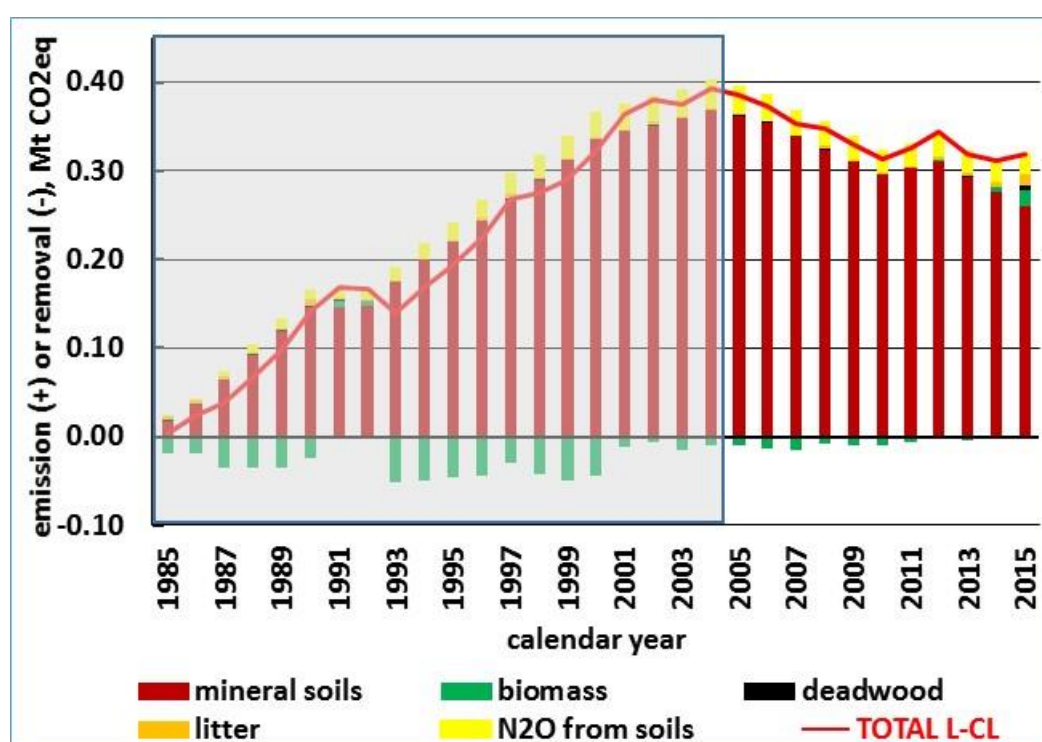
### 6.6.2.4 Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

The amount of non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is estimated according to section 6.4.2 (for N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from soils) and 6.4.3 (for emissions from wildfires).

For the mass of available fuel ( $M_B$ ) in the wildfire calculation, no proper country-specific values have been derived yet, therefore, a default value of 10 t d.m. ha<sup>-1</sup> was assumed. This is a value from Table 2.4 of the IPCC 2006 GL for maize which is quite a representative crop in Hungary, and which can be considered as a conservative value as wheat and other crops of less biomass are also abundant.

## 6.6.3 Land converted to Cropland

Figure 6.6.5 reports emissions and removals, whereas Table 6.6.2 reports methodological information for this sub-category. Note that non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from wildfires, if any, are reported as IE in the Cropland remaining Cropland category. Emissions from burning is NO.



**Figure 6.6.5.** The distribution of emissions and removals in L-CL 1985--2015. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

**Table 6.6.2.** Methodological summary for L-CL. (CS=country specific; D: default; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

"FROM" category	BIOMASS	DOM		SOIL		Table (4)III	Table (4)V
		DW	LI	mineral	organic		
FL	AD: CS; EF: CS	AD: CS; EF: CS		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO	Direct N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from N mineralization (where applicable): D	slash burning: IE (FL-FL)
GL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		IE (CL-CL)
WL	NO	NO		NO	NO		IE (CL-CL)
SE	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		IE (CL-CL)
OL	NO	NO		NO	NO		IE (CL-CL)

### 6.6.3.1 Forest Land converted to Cropland

For the methodology to estimate carbon stock changes in the biomass, DOM and soil pools, see Sections 6.5.6.1.1, 6.5.6.1.2 and 6.5.6.1.3, respectively. Note that the total emissions from these pools were split between FL-CL and other conversions by the area of these conversions. The share of FL-CL to all FL-L varies between about 4 and 37% and was 25.5% in 2014.

### 6.6.3.2 Grassland converted to Cropland

#### 6.6.3.2.1 Biomass

Equations 2.15 of the IPCC 2006 GL were applied as follows:

$$\Delta C_B = \Delta C_G + \Delta C_{\text{CONVERSION}} - \Delta C_L$$

where:

$\Delta C_B$  = biomass carbon stock change due to land use conversion, tC year<sup>-1</sup>

$\Delta C_G$  = annual increase in carbon stocks in biomass due to growth on the 'converted to' land, tonnes C yr<sup>-1</sup>

$\Delta C_L$  = annual decrease in biomass carbon stocks due to losses, tonnes C yr<sup>-1</sup>

$\Delta C_{\text{CONVERSION}}$  = initial change in carbon stocks in biomass on the 'converted to' land, tonnes C yr<sup>-1</sup>, estimated using Equation 2.16 of the IPCC 2006 GL as described in section 6.4.4.

For  $A_{\text{Conv}}$ , data from the annual land use change matrix was used.  $B_{\text{before}}$  was estimated from the proportion of Grassland area of cold dry and warm dry climate types ( $P_{\text{CD}} = 0.41$ ,  $P_{\text{WD}} = 0.59$ ) and respective specific default Grassland biomass (in order that all biomass is accounted for, the following total above- and below-ground biomass values were taken from Table 6.4 of the IPCC 2006 GL:  $B_{\text{CD}} = 6.5$  t biomass ha<sup>-1</sup> and  $B_{\text{WD}} = 6.1$  t biomass ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). The resulting biomass is:  $B_{\text{before}} = P_{\text{CD}} * B_{\text{CD}} + P_{\text{WD}} * B_{\text{WD}} = 6.26$  t biomass ha<sup>-1</sup> (see section 6.7.2.1 for more details). In accordance with the Tier 1 assumption,  $B_{\text{after}}$  in the equation is 0, and the carbon fraction is the default value of 0.47 tC t biomass<sup>-1</sup> (page 6.29 of the IPCC 2006 GL). For  $\Delta C_G$ , the value of 4.7 tC ha<sup>-1</sup> was used, whereas  $\Delta C_L$  was assumed to be equal to 0.

#### **6.6.3.2 Mineral soils**

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

#### **6.6.3.3 Wetlands converted to Cropland**

This land-use change is not occurring in Hungary.

#### **6.6.3.4 Settlements converted to Cropland**

For the rather small conversion areas in this category, only carbon stock changes in mineral soils are estimated. The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

#### **6.6.3.5 Other Land converted to Cropland**

This land-use change is not occurring in Hungary.

### ***6.6.4 Uncertainties and time-series consistency***

An uncertainty analysis of the emission and removal estimates for the Cropland category was reported in the previous NIR. This analysis was made using a Tier 1 approach. As there were recalculations for the entire LULUCF sector, the uncertainty analysis should be updated, however, we focused our capacities on the improvement of the land transition matrix, some other activity data, some emission factors and some methodological issues, and the updating of the uncertainty analysis was not possible.

Part of our efforts to improve the emission and removal estimates was dedicated to further improve the time series consistency. However, whereas this inventory is more consistent than before, further improvements are possible.

### ***6.6.5 Category-specific QA/QC and verification***

Emissions/removals were estimated by the National Food Chain Safety Office, whereas the QA/QC was done by an external expert. This division of tasks made it possible to separate the work related to emission estimation and the QA/QC procedures.

The LULUCF QC measures are based on the QC procedures as described by Chapter 5 of the IPCC 2006 Guidelines.

The main checks that were carried out are as follows:

#### **Activity data:**

- Methodological issues of the collection of the land-use / land-cover data.
- The differences between the different land-use datasets.
- Consistency of the activity data. In the case of inconsistency (methodological change in the data collection) the dataset are adjusted in consultation with the data provider.
- Data inputs for transcription errors.
- The units of activity data in the calculation sheets throughout the emission calculation.
- The consistency of the total area of Hungary in the land-use change matrices and the CRF tables.

- The comparison of activity data with data from other sources, if possible.

**Methodology:**

- The applied methodologies and emission factors against the IPCC 2006 GL.
- The correctness of the equations and factors in the calculation sheets.
- The consistency of the applied methodology throughout the entire time series.

**Emissions and removals:**

- Reported emissions for transcription errors between the calculation sheets and the CRF tables.
- Recalculation differences and reasons for recalculations.

**6.6.6 Category-specific recalculations**

This year, the recalculations made are the following:

- Carbon stock changes in soils in forest land converted to cropland have been recalculated as incorrect data was used, and there were small errors in the formulas used, in some cases.
- We corrected some erroneous data for the proportion (dimensionless) of "From perennial CL" conversions to Forest Land so that it is consistent with the changes derived from the 2012 CORINE land cover change database.

The effect of these recalculations is rather small.

**6.6.7 Category-specific planned improvements**

Planned improvements include Tier 1 (and possibly Tier 2) uncertainty estimation as resources will allow it.

**6.7 Grassland (CRF sector 4.C)****6.7.1 Description of category**

In 1985, the livestock of grazing animals included 2 million cattle, 1 million geese and 3 million sheep. The decade beginning 1980 both saw the highest number of grazing livestock in the country and was the period of the most intensive management of the Hungarian grasslands with respect to fertilizer doses and irrigation. The number of grazing animals and the intensity of grassland management started to decrease after about the mid-1980's and reached its bottom in the middle of the 1990's. All this also affected the area of grassland which considerably decreased after 1985, but started to increase again beginning 2011, and amounted to about 8.4 percent of the official area of Hungary in 2014 (Figure 6.7.1). Of the emissions and removals due to changes to and from grasslands, those that are accounted for in the Grassland category are reported in Figure 6.7.2.

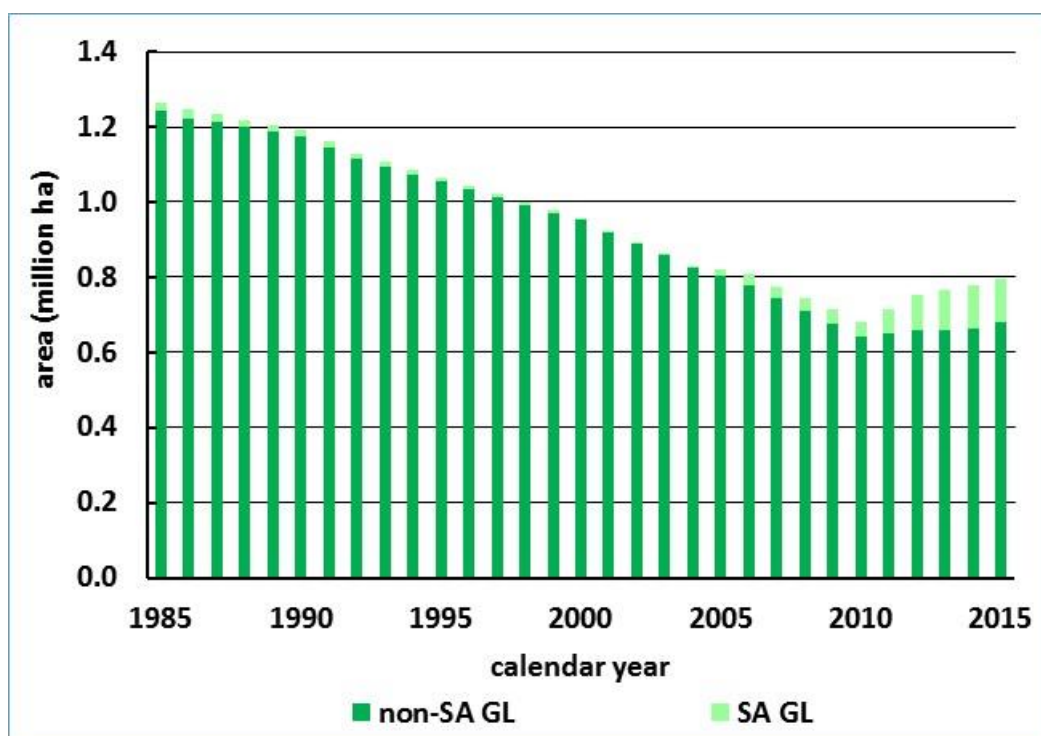


Figure 6.7.1. The area and distribution of the Grassland category 1985-2015.

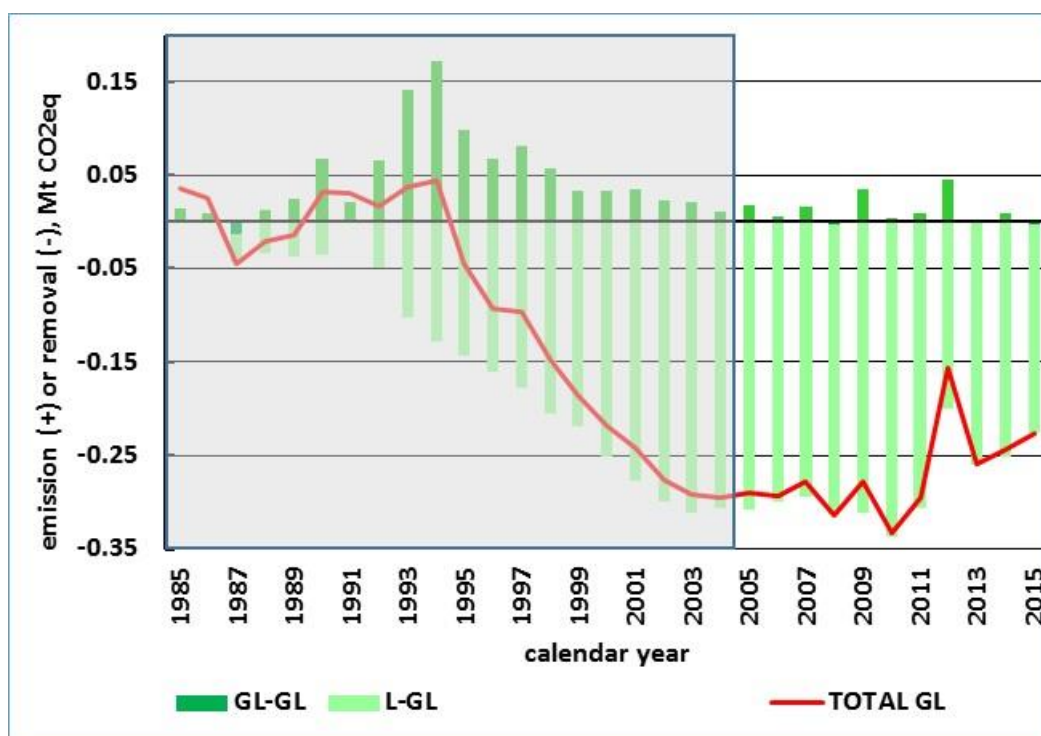
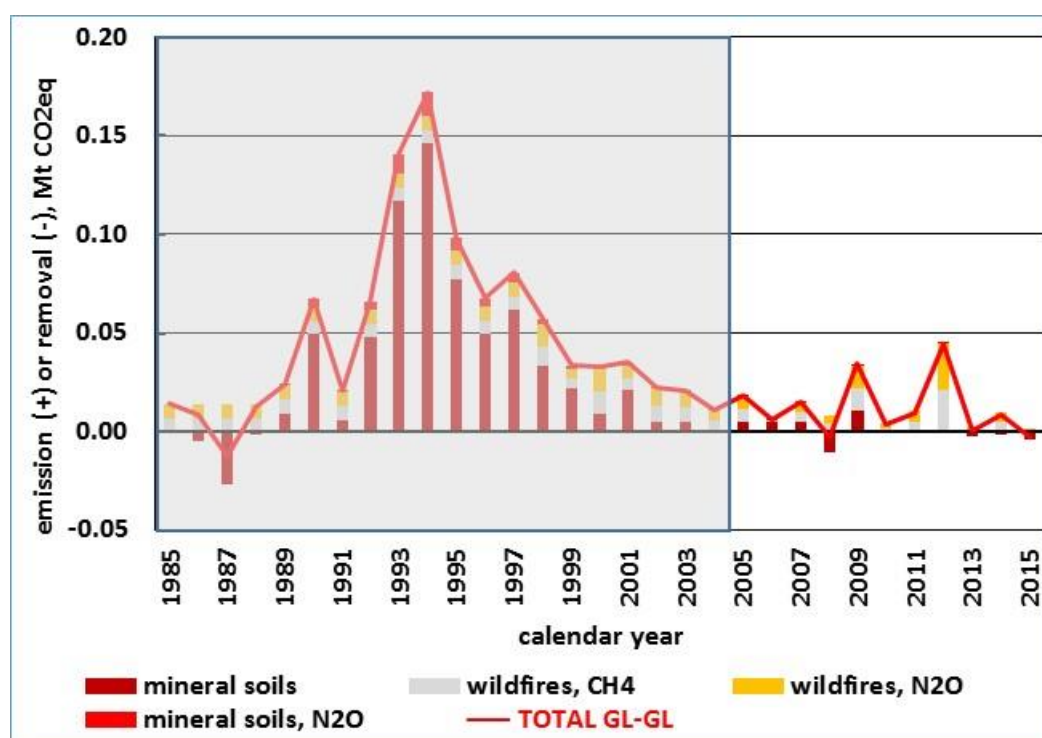


Figure 6.7.2. Emissions and removals in the Grassland category 1985--2015. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

### 6.7.2 Grassland remaining Grassland

Figure 6.7.3 reports emissions and removals, whereas Table 6.7.1 reports methodological information for this sub-category.



**Figure 6.7.3.** Emissions and removals in the GL-GL category 1985--2015. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

**Table 6.7.1.** Methodological summary for GL-GL (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor).

Carbon stock changes						Table (4)III	Table (4)V
BIOMASS		DOM		SOIL			
annual	perennial	DW	LI	mineral	organic		
Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0	AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO	Direct N2O emissions from N mineralization: D	Wildfires: AD: CS EF: D Biomass burning: NO

#### 6.7.2.1 Biomass

Grasslands are meadows and pastures which are grazed or harvested annually and where tree cover is non-existent or very low. Due also to its relatively small area and dynamics, the biomass of grassland remaining grassland is not a key category. Therefore, we adapt the Tier 1 method of the IPCC 2006 GL which assumes no change in biomass. In line with this, 'NO' is reported for the biomass of this category. Note that, due to the increase of set-aside grassland, a rather slow increase in woody biomass might have been occurring, thus, applying the Tier 1 method might slightly underestimate carbon removals.

Note that, in 2016, we conducted a study to estimate the biomass of various grasslands in Hungary. The study (Tasi et al. 2016) reports highly variable above-ground biomass, but no estimates for the below-ground biomass. This information together with expert judgment suggests that the total biomass is around the default IPCC value. Therefore, we continue to apply the IPCC default value.

### 6.7.2.2 Dead organic matter

As the dead organic matter pool and its carbon stock changes are relatively small, the Tier 1 method is applied which assumes that the dead wood and litter stocks are at equilibrium, and the carbon stock changes for these pools are not estimated.

### 6.7.2.3 Soils

As reported above, grassland management has been decreasing for about three decades now. Some direct local results have already been published concerning CO<sub>2</sub>-emission from grasslands (Nagy et al. 2007, Zsembeli et al. 2006). However, in lack of country-wide monitoring results the Tier 2 IPCC method is applied.

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1. Data demonstrate that high activity clay mineral soils are dominant, similar to the case of croplands. (These include salt affected soils that are very characteristic to Hungary and that are partly utilized as grasslands, mainly depending on the extent of salinization.)

Concerning management, sufficient statistics are lacking for the period 1985-2002. As an approximation, the management, hence the quality of grasslands were determined for this period based on the number of grazing animals and the level of management costs for each soil type and climate region, taking into consideration the spatial distribution of the number of livestock by species. The spatial distribution of quality, utilization and load of grasslands were estimated and overlaid on the genetic soil maps and climatic zone maps mentioned in section 6.4.1. Based on this, the following two broad categories are used to characterize the management of the Hungarian grasslands: nominally managed (non-degraded) grasslands (with no input), which includes pastures, rangelands and other unmanaged grasslands, and improved grasslands with medium input. The area of the latter can be calculated from HCSO data based on the area of grasslands treated with chemical fertilizers (Table 6.7.2) and that of irrigated grasslands which are available for some years since 2003. The proportion of irrigated grasslands is less than 0.1 per cent, therefore, the area of grasslands treated with chemical fertilizers is considered to represent improved grasslands in Hungary, and the rest is taken as nominally managed.

**Table 6.7.2.** *The area of grasslands treated with chemical fertilizer (source: HCSO).*

Year	Grasslands treated with chemical fertilizer [ha]
2003	22361
2004	21290
2005	no data
2006	no data
2007	10114
2008	16412



2009	8962
2010	8774
2011	11441
2012	11494
2013	12387
2014	11675
2015	13233

As the data show the management of grasslands was reduced due to the introduction of Agro-environmental Management Program in 2002-2003, and was limited to slightly intensive planted grasslands. This program resulted in the natural succession of pastures that is characterized by the propagation of weeds and soil degradation. The management of grasslands is limited to their grazing and cutting.

All the above information formed a sufficiently good bases for the expert judgment that was necessary to develop the required proportions (Table 6.7.3).

**Table 6.7.3.** *The distribution of grasslands in Hungary by management and input in 2015.*

Management	Input	Proportion of total grassland area (%)
non-degraded	-	98.3
improved	medium	1.74

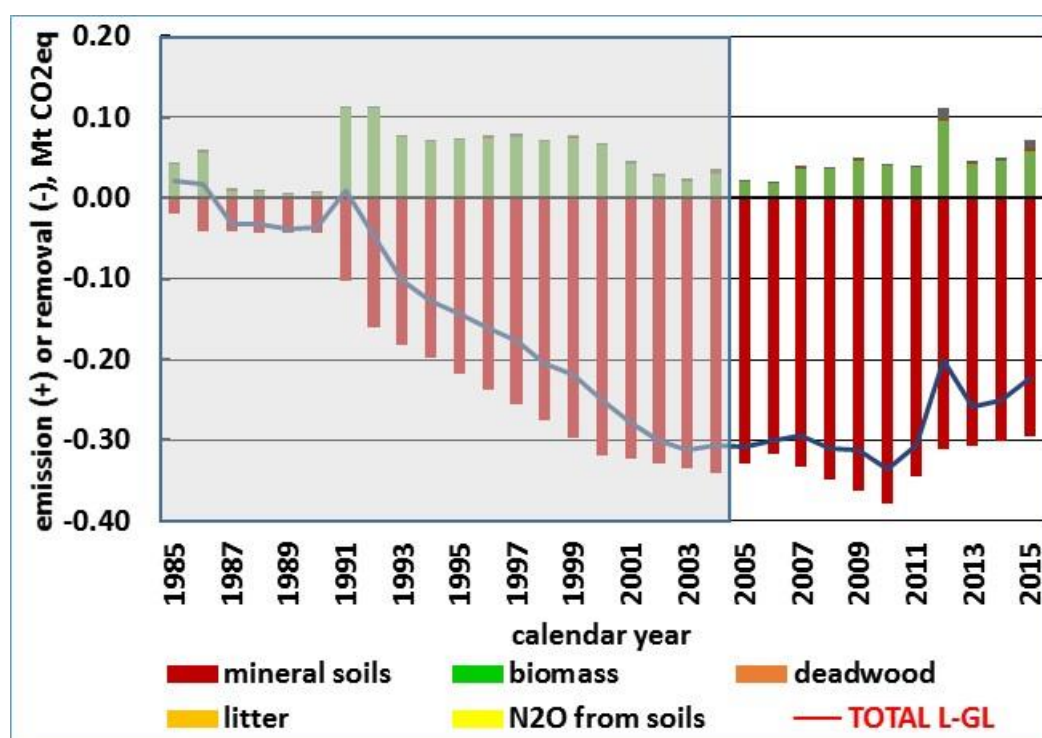
For the above climate, soil, management and input categories, the applied reference soil organic carbon stocks were the same as those reported in Table 6.4.2 above. The land-use factor ( $F_{LU}$ ) is 1.0 for all grasslands, whereas the selected management factors ( $F_{MG}$ ) are reported in Table 6.7.4 and the level of input ( $F_I$ ) was assumed to be 1.0 for both the nominally managed grasslands and the improved grassland (IPCC 2006).

**Table 6.7.4.** *Management factors ( $F_{MG}$ ) for Grassland*

Management regime	$F_{MG}$
Nominally managed (non-degraded)	1.00
Improved	1.14

### 6.7.3 Land converted to Grassland

Figure 6.7.2 reports emissions and removals, whereas Table 6.7.5 reports methodological information for this sub-category.



**Figure 6.7.4.** Emissions and removals in the L-GL category 2006-2015. The data under the grey box are shaded out for reasons explained in section 6.1.1.

**Table 6.7.5.** Methodological summary for L-GL. (CS=country specific; D: default; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

"FROM" category	BIOMASS	DOM		SOIL		Table (4)III	Table (4)V
		DW	LI	mineral	organic		
FL	AD: CS; EF: CS	AD: CS; EF: CS		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO	Direct N2O emissions from N mineralization: D	Wildfires: IE (GL-GL)
CL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		
WL	NO	NO		NO	NO		
SE	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		
OL	NO	NO		NO	NO		

### 6.7.3.1 Forest Land converted to Grassland

For the methodology to estimate carbon stock changes in the biomass, DOM and soil pools, see Sections 6.5.6.1.1 and 6.4.4, 6.5.6.1.2 and 6.5.6.1.3, respectively. The total emissions from these pools estimated using this methodology was split between FL-GL and other conversions by the area of these conversions. The share of FL-GL to all FL-L varies between about 4 and 50% and was 16% in 2014.

### 6.7.3.2 Cropland converted to Grassland

### 6.7.3.3 Biomass

Carbon stock changes in biomass in this category are the sum of those from converting Cropland with annual crops to Grassland and those from converting Cropland with perennials to Grassland.

For annual crops, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is the same as reported in sections 6.4.4 and 6.6.3.2.1, and symbols applied there are used here, too.

For  $A_{\text{Conv}}$ , data from the annual land use change matrix was used.

$B_{\text{before}}$  for annual croplands, the default 10 t biomass/ha, was taken from text to Table 5.9 of the IPCC 2006 GL, whereas  $B_{\text{after}}$  was estimated from the proportion of Cropland area of cold dry and warm dry climate types ( $P_{\text{CD}} = 0.41$ ,  $P_{\text{WD}} = 0.59$ ) and respective specific default Grassland biomass (total above- and below-ground biomass, Table 6.4 of the IPCC 2006 GL:  $B_{\text{CD}} = 6.5$  t biomass  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  and  $B_{\text{WD}} = 6.1$  t biomass  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ , respectively):  $B_{\text{after}} = P_{\text{CD}} * B_{\text{CD}} + P_{\text{WD}} * B_{\text{WD}}$  (see section 6.7.2.1 for more details). In accordance with the Tier 1 assumption,  $B_{\text{after}}$  in the equation is 0, and the carbon fraction is the default value of 0.47 tC t biomass $^{-1}$ .

For  $\Delta C_G$ , the same biomass value of 6.26 tC  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ , together with the default carbon fraction of 0.47 tC t biomass $^{-1}$  was used as for the pre-conversion biomass of  $B_{\text{before}}$  in the CL-GL category, whereas  $\Delta C_L$  was assumed to be equal to 0.

When converting Cropland with perennials to Grassland, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is consistent with the one reported in section 6.6.2.1.1.  $P_P$  for Grassland was also estimated from the CORINE land cover change database (see Table 6.7.6 and section 6.2 for details).

**Table 6.7.6.** The distribution of the area of cropland-grassland conversions 1985-2015.

Year	Area (ha)			
	Annual cropland converted to grassland	Vineyard converted to Grassland	Orchard converted to Grassland	Total CL-GL
1985	4938	80	320	5338
1986	4420	532	386	5338
1987	0	0	0	0
1988	0	0	0	0
1989	0	0	0	0
1990	0	0	0	0
1991	15684	329	0	16013
1992	15690	323	0	16013
1993	5713	994	0	6707
1994	5699	1008	0	6707
1995	5721	986	0	6707
1996	5727	980	0	6707
1997	5737	970	0	6707
1998	5728	979	0	6707
1999	5747	960	0	6707
2000	6020	687	0	6707
2001	1132	715	0	1847
2002	1615	169	64	1847
2003	1600	180	68	1847

2004	1603	177	67	1847
2005	1575	198	75	1847
2006	1607	175	66	1847
2007	4476	165	62	4703
2008	4449	185	69	4703
2009	4453	182	68	4703
2010	4442	190	72	4703
2011	4391	108	204	4703
2012	4641	63	0	4703
2013	4663	0	40	4703
2014	4564	140	0	4703
2015	4634	41	28	4703

#### 6.7.3.3.1 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

#### 6.7.3.4 Wetlands converted to Grassland

This land-use change is not occurring in Hungary.

#### 6.7.3.5 Settlements converted to Grassland

The land cover change databases indicate rather small areas of Settlement converted to Grassland (ranging between 117 and 178 ha per year in the inventory period, peaked between 1990 and 2000 as a result of the economic and political transition to the market economy). These areas are predominantly biological re-cultivation of abandoned surface mines. In general, the biological re-cultivation results in an increase in the carbon stocks. For the sake of consistency and completeness, carbon stock changes in mineral soils are estimated using the method and emission factors that are reported in section 6.4.1.

#### 6.7.3.6 Other Land converted to Grassland

This land-use change is not occurring in Hungary.

### 6.7.4 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

An uncertainty analysis of the emission and removal estimates for the Grassland category was reported in a previous NIR. The analysis was made using a Tier 1 approach. As there have been recalculations for the entire LULUCF sector since then, the uncertainty analysis should be updated. However, we focused our capacities in the last two years on the improvement of the land transition matrix, some other activity data, some emission factors and some methodological issues, and thus the updating of the uncertainty analysis was not possible.

Part of our efforts to improve the emission and removal estimates was dedicated to further improve the

time series consistency. However, whereas this inventory is more consistent than before, further improvements are possible.

#### ***6.7.5 Category-specific QA/QC and verification***

See section 6.6.5.

#### ***6.7.6 Category-specific recalculations***

This year, the recalculations made are the following:

- Carbon stock changes in soils in forest land converted to grassland have been recalculated as incorrect data was used in some cases, and the formula contained a small error.
- We corrected some erroneous data for the proportion (dimensionless) of "From perennial CL" conversions to Grassland so that it is consistent with the changes derived from the 2012 CORINE land cover change database.

The effect of these recalculations is rather small.

#### ***6.7.7 Category-specific planned improvements***

Planned improvements for this category include Tier 1 (and possibly Tier 2) uncertainty estimation.

## 6.8 Wetland (CRF sector 4.D)

### 6.8.1 Description of category

Wetlands account for only 2.8 per cent of the total area of Hungary (Figure 6.3.1) and include inland marshes, peat bogs, and natural and artificial water courses and water bodies. Wetlands are *ex lege* protected in Hungary that is among the signatories of the Ramsar Convention. The preservation and the sustainable use of Wetlands became standard practice decades ago. In 2016, altogether 29 wetland areas (with a total area of 256,948 ha) were included the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance and managed accordingly (<http://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/sitelist.pdf>).

The methodology of identifying Wetlands (see section 6.3) does not allow for the separation of managed and unmanaged Wetlands (the latter having a rather small share), but the area of Wetlands could be split into remaining and ‘converted to’ sub-categories. As wetlands are mainly precipitation dominated, their extent to a certain degree depends on the seasonal and annual variability in precipitation, and due to the nature of land use and land use change statistics, this variability could not be entirely reflected in the annual land-use change matrices.

Emissions from wetlands are not significant in Hungary because both the managed and total Wetland area have been small and quite constant for decades, therefore, the Tier 1 method is applied for the estimation of the emissions. In order to ensure completeness, emissions from both land conversions to water bodies (as conversions to ‘flooded land’) and peat extraction are reported. The Hungarian Mining Authority (HMA) provided data on the establishment of new peat extraction sites and on the amount of peat extracted annually. The effect of peat bogs conversion to peat extraction sites seems to be insignificant, because peat mining is a very rare activity due to the strict natural protection law. No new extraction sites have been established since 2006.

### 6.8.2 Wetland remaining Wetland

Table 6.8.1 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

*Table 6.8.1. Methodology summary for Wetland remaining Wetland (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor; NO: not occurring).*

Carbon stock changes		CO2 emissions, on-site	N2O emissions, on-site	CO2 emissions, off-site	Table (4)I, II, III	Table (4)V
BIOMASS	DOM	SOIL				
AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0	AD: CS; EF: D	AD: CS; EF: CS/D	AD: CS; EF: D	Direct N2O emissions from N inputs to managed soils: NO; Emissions from peat extraction: D; Direct N2O emissions from N mineralization: D;	Wildfires: NO  Biomass burning: NO

#### 6.8.2.1 Carbon stock changes as well as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (on-site and off-site)

According to Equations 7.3. and 7.4 of the IPCC 2006 GL, one source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (for all production phases) from peatlands is emissions from peatland extraction (both on-site and off-site) and

from biomass clearing:

$$\text{CO}_2\text{-C}_{\text{WW peat on-site}} = [(A_{\text{peatRich}} * \text{EF}_{\text{CO}_2 \text{ peatRich}}) + (A_{\text{peatPoor}} * \text{EF}_{\text{CO}_2 \text{ peatPoor}})] / 1000 + \Delta\text{C}_{\text{WW peat B}}$$

where

$\text{CO}_2\text{-C}_{\text{WW peat on-site}}$  = on-site  $\text{CO}_2\text{-C}$  emissions from peat deposits,  $\text{Gg C yr}^{-1}$

$A_{\text{peatRich}}$  = area of nutrient-rich peat soils managed for peat extraction, ha

$A_{\text{peatPoor}}$  = area of nutrient-poor peat soils managed for peat extraction, ha

$\text{EF}_{\text{CO}_2 \text{ peatRich}}$  =  $\text{CO}_2$  emission factors for nutrient-rich peat soils managed for peat extraction or abandoned after peat extraction,  $\text{tonnes C ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

$\text{EF}_{\text{CO}_2 \text{ peatPoor}}$  =  $\text{CO}_2$  emission factors for nutrient-poor peat soils managed for peat extraction or abandoned after peat extraction,  $\text{tonnes C ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

$\Delta\text{C}_{\text{WW peat B}}$  =  $\text{CO}_2\text{-C}$  emissions from change in carbon stocks in biomass due to vegetation clearing,  $\text{Gg C yr}^{-1}$ .

Data for  $A_{\text{peatRich}}$  and  $A_{\text{peatPoor}}$  was obtained from the HMA for the period 1995-2015 (Table 6.8.2). For the years 1985 to 1994 data on area conversions are not available, therefore, proxy data, i.e., data of 1995 was used for the estimation. For the emission factors, IPCC default values, i.e., 1.1 and 0.2  $\text{tonnes C ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , from Table 7.4 of Volume 4 of the IPCC 2006 GL, were used for nutrient-rich and nutrient-poor peats, respectively.

**Table 6.8.2.** Area of land converted annually to peat extraction (ha)

Year	Area of land converted annually to peat extraction (ha)	
	Mire and Peat	Peat
1995	NO	169.32
1996	NO	68.37
1997	12.16	73.87
1998	NO	802.15
1999	205.15	211.97
2000	88.67	28.13
2001	NO	NO
2002	NO	105.45
2003	NO	NO
2004	4.12	NO
2005	NO	34.45
2006	NO	18.53
2007	NO	NO
2008	NO	NO
2009	NO	NO
2010	NO	NO
2011	NO	NO
2012	NO	NO
2013	NO	NO
2014	NO	NO
2015	NO	NO

Carbon stock change in biomass due to vegetation clearing was estimated using Equation 2.16 (see Section 6.4.4). In Hungary, the typical biomass of peat bogs, i.e.,  $B_{\text{before}}$  in this equation, is grass as demonstrated in different studies (e.g., Hubayné, 2005 and Dömsödy, 2006). Therefore,  $B_{\text{before}}$  was estimated from the proportion and average specific biomass for cold dry and warm dry climate types:  $B_{\text{before}} = P_{\text{CD}} * B_{\text{CD}} + P_{\text{WD}} * B_{\text{WD}}$  ( $P_{\text{CD}} = 0.41$ ,  $P_{\text{WD}} = 0.59$ ,  $B_{\text{CD}} = 6.5 \text{ t biomass ha}^{-1}$  and  $B_{\text{WD}} = 6.1 \text{ t biomass ha}^{-1}$ , respectively; see more details in Section 6.7.3.3).  $B_{\text{after}}$  in the equation is 0, and the carbon fraction is the IPCC default value of  $0.47 \text{ tC t biomass}^{-1}$ .

Off-site emissions from managed peatlands were estimated using Equation 7.5 (by modifying it, i.e., deleting the division by 1000, to correct for appropriate dimensions):

$$\text{CO}_2\text{-C}_{\text{WW peat off-site}} = W_{\text{dry\_peat}} * C_{\text{fraction}_{\text{wt\_peat}}}$$

where

$\text{CO}_2\text{-C}_{\text{WW peat off-site}}$  = off-site  $\text{CO}_2\text{-C}$  emissions from peat removed for horticultural use,  $\text{tC yr}^{-1}$

$W_{\text{dry\_peat}}$  = air-dry weight of extracted peat,  $\text{tonnes yr}^{-1}$

$C_{\text{fraction}_{\text{wt\_peat}}}$  = carbon fraction of air-dry peat by weight,  $\text{tonnes C (tonnes of air-dry peat)}^{-1}$ .

$W_{\text{dry\_peat}}$  was estimated from the annual statistics of the amount of peat extracted (provided by the HMA, Table 6.8.3) and the density of the peat, also provided by the HMA by extraction site. The density values showed rather large variation and, in order not to underestimate emissions, the largest density value (i.e.,  $0.8 \text{ tonnes biomass m}^{-3}$ ) was used. For  $C_{\text{fraction}_{\text{wt\_peat}}}$ , the area-weighted value of  $0.42 \text{ tonnes C (tonnes of air-dry peat)}^{-1}$  is used, which was calculated based on the area of nutrient rich and nutrient poor sites and respective data from Table 7.5 of the IPCC 2006 GL.

**Table 6.8.3.** Amount of peat extracted (tonnes)

Year	Amount of peat extracted	
	Estimated by HMA, $\text{m}^3$	Converted to biomass, tonnes
1985	464 000	371 200
1986	797 000	637 600
1987	860 000	688 000
1988	795 000	636 000
1989	704 000	563 200
1990	637 000	509 600
1991	395 000	316 000
1992	263 000	210 400
1993	464 000	371 200
1994	275 000	220 000
1995	321 000	256 800
1996	202 000	161 600
1997	346 000	276 800
1998	240 000	192 000
1999	313 000	250 400
2000	330 000	264 000
2001	355 000	284 000
2002	341 000	272 800
2003	247 000	197 600
2004	273 000	218 400



2005	294 000	235 200
2006	297 000	237 600
2007	226 000	180 800
2008	188 000	150 400
2009	323 000	258 400
2010	169 500	135 600
2011	268 700	214 960
2012	185 700	148 560
2013	285 200	228 160
2014	166 000	132 800
2015	176039	140831

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

The IPCC 2006 GL provides a Tier 1 methodology to estimate N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to peat extraction. These emissions were only estimated for nutrient rich sites using Equation 7.7:

$$N_2O_{WW \text{ peatExtraction}} = (A_{\text{peatRich}} * EF_{N_2O \text{ peatRich}}) * 44/28 * 10^{-6}$$

where

$N_2O_{WW \text{ peatExtraction}}$  = N<sub>2</sub>O emissions due to peat extraction, Gg N<sub>2</sub>O yr<sup>-1</sup>

$A_{\text{peatRich}}$  = area of nutrient rich peat extraction sites, ha (see above)

$EF_{N_2O-N \text{ peatRich}}$  = emission factor for drained nutrient-rich wetlands, kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N ha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup> for which the IPCC default value of 1.8 kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N ha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup> from Table 7.6 was used (the multiplier 10<sup>-6</sup> is necessary in the equation to obtain the result in units of Gg N<sub>2</sub>O yr<sup>-1</sup>).

### 6.8.2.3 Land converted to Wetland

Table 6.8.4 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

**Table 6.8.4.** Methodology summary for Land converted to Wetland (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor; NO: not occurring).

Subcategory	"FROM" category	BIOMASS	DOM		SOIL		Table (4)I, III	Table (4)V
			DW	LI	mineral	organic		
E/R, land converted to peatland	not estimated (insignificant amounts; if any, included in E/R in land converted to flooded land)							
E/R, land converted to flooded land	FL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Direct N2O emissions from N inputs to managed soils: NO; Direct N2O emissions from N mineralization/immobilization: NO	Wildfires: NO; Biomass burning: NO
	CL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		
	GL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		
	SE	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		
	OL	NO	NO		NO	NO		

#### 6.8.2.4 Grassland converted to Wetland

The general methodology of identifying the area of Land converted to Wetlands is described in section 6.3.1.

#### 6.8.2.5 Biomass

Equation 7.10 of the IPCC 2006 GL was applied as follows:

$$\Delta C_{LWfloodLB} = A_{Conversion} * (B_{after} - B_{before}) * CF$$

where:

$\Delta C_{LWfloodLB}$  = biomass carbon stock change due to land-use conversion to Wetland, tC year<sup>-1</sup>

$A_{Conversion}$  = annual area of land converted to Wetland, ha year<sup>-1</sup>

$B_{after}$  = carbon stocks of biomass after the conversion to Wetland, tonnes C ha<sup>-1</sup>

$B_{before}$  = carbon stocks in biomass before the conversion to Wetland, tonnes C ha<sup>-1</sup>

CF = carbon fraction, tC (t biomass)<sup>-1</sup>.

To estimate the amount of biomass cleared in the year of conversion, the annual area of Grassland converted to Wetlands is needed to be used, which is reported in Table 6.8.5.

**Table 6.8.5.** Annual area of Grassland converted to Wetland (ha)

Year	Areas of Grassland converted to Wetland (ha)
1985	298
BY	298
1986	298
1987	298
1988	298
1989	298
1990	298
1991	300
1992	299
1993	597
1994	597
1995	597
1996	597
1997	597
1998	597
1999	599
2000	598
2001	487
2002	488

2003	487
2004	484
2005	491
2006	487
2007	117
2008	117
2009	117
2010	117
2011	117
2012	117
2013	117
2014	117
2015	117

$B_{\text{after}}$  is zero, and  $B_{\text{before}}$  was estimated the same way as described for wetland prepared for peat extraction above. For more details see “Grassland converted to Cropland” in Chapter 6.6.3.2.

#### 6.8.2.6 Settlements converted to Wetland

There area of Settlements converted to Wetlands is very small. The CLC codes which were classified into this category are reported in Table 6.3.2. This land-use change category mainly contains the area of sandpits and gravel pits, extraction and construction area which are not covered by soil and biomass. Therefore, emissions from these land-use change conversions are most probably zero.

### 6.8.3 *Uncertainties and time-series consistency*

An uncertainty analysis of the emission and removal estimates for the Wetland category was reported in a previous NIR. This analysis was made using a Tier 1 approach. As there were recalculations for the entire LULUCF sector in 2015, the uncertainty analysis should be updated, however, we focused our capacities on the improvement of the land transition matrix, some other activity data, some emission factors and some methodological issues, and the updating of the uncertainty analysis has not been possible yet.

Part of our efforts to improve the emission and removal estimates was dedicated to further improve the time series consistency. However, whereas this inventory is more consistent than before, further improvements are possible.

### 6.8.4 *Category-specific QA/QC and verification*

See section 6.6.5.

### 6.8.5 Category-specific recalculations

This year, no recalculations were made.

### 6.8.6 Category-specific planned improvements

As with other categories, we are planning to conduct a Tier 1 (and possibly Tier 2) uncertainty estimation for this sector, too.

## 6.9 Settlements (CRF sector 4.E)

### 6.9.1 Description of category

Settlements account for 6.3 per cent of the area of Hungary, and only for a tiny fraction of emissions of the sector.

### 6.9.2 Settlements remaining Settlements

As this category is not a key category, the Tier 1 assumption of no change in carbon stocks in all pools is applied.

### 6.9.3 Land converted to Settlements

Table 6.9.1 reports methodological information for this sub-category.

**Table 6.9.1. Methodology summary for Land converted to Settlements (CS=country specific; D: default; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor; NO: not occurring).**

"FROM" category	BIOMASS	DOM		SOIL		Table (4)I, III	Table (4)V
		DW	LI	mineral	organic		
FL	AD: CS; EF: CS	AD: CS; EF: CS		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO	Direct N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from N inputs to managed soils: NO; Direct N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from N mineralization: D	Wildfires: NO; Biomass burning: NO
CL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		
GL	AD: CS; EF: D	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		
WL	Tier 1: 0	Tier 1: 0		AD: CS; EF: CS/D	NO		
OL	NO	NO		NO	NO		

#### 6.9.3.1 Forest land converted to Settlements

For the methodology to estimate carbon stock changes in the biomass, DOM and soil pools, see Sections 6.5.6.1.1, 6.5.6.1.2 and 6.5.6.1.3, respectively. The total emissions from these pools estimated using this methodology was split between FL-SE and other conversions by the area of these conversions. The share of FL-SE to all FL-L varies between about 36 and 88%, and it was 58% in 2014.

#### 6.9.3.2 Cropland converted to Settlements

##### 6.9.3.2.1 Biomass

Carbon stock changes in biomass in this category are the sum of those from converting Cropland with annual crops to Settlement and those from converting Cropland with perennials to Settlement.

For annual crops, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is the same as reported in Sections 6.4.4 and 6.6.3.2.1, and symbols applied there are used here, too.

For  $A_{\text{Conv}}$ , data from the annual land use change matrix was used.

$B_{\text{before}}$  for annual croplands, the default 10 t biomass/ha, was taken from text to Table 5.9 of the IPCC 2006 GL. For Croplands,  $B_{\text{before}}$  was estimated from the proportion of Cropland area of cold dry and warm dry climate types ( $P_{\text{CD}} = 0.41$ ,  $P_{\text{WD}} = 0.59$ ) and respective specific default Cropland biomass (total above- and below-ground biomass, Table 6.4 of the IPCC 2006 GL:  $B_{\text{CD}} = 6.5$  t biomass  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  and  $B_{\text{WD}} = 6.1$  t biomass  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ , respectively);  $B_{\text{after}} = P_{\text{CD}} * B_{\text{CD}} + P_{\text{WD}} * B_{\text{WD}}$ . In accordance with the Tier 1 assumption,  $B_{\text{after}}$  in the equation is 0, and the carbon fraction is the default value of 0.47 tC t biomass $^{-1}$ .  $\Delta C_L$  was assumed to be equal to 0.

When converting Cropland with perennials to Settlements, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is the same as reported in section 6.6.2.1.1.  $P_p$  for Settlements was also estimated from the CORINE land cover change database (see Table 6.9.2 and section 6.2 for details).

**Table 6.9.2.** The distribution of the area of cropland annually converted to Settlements.

Year	Area (ha)			
	Annual cropland converted to Settlements	Vineyard converted to Settlements	Orchard converted to Settlements	Total CL-SE
1985	789	10	40	838
1986	724	67	48	838
1987	789	25	25	838
1988	797	26	16	838
1989	818	15	5	838
1990	825	14	0	838
1991	797	41	0	838
1992	798	40	0	838
1993	858	80	0	938
1994	857	81	0	938
1995	859	79	0	938
1996	859	79	0	938
1997	860	78	0	938
1998	859	78	0	938
1999	861	77	0	938
2000	734	203	0	938
2001	1753	212	0	1965
2002	1896	50	19	1965
2003	1892	53	20	1965

2004	1893	52	20	1965
2005	1884	59	22	1965
2006	1894	52	19	1965
2007	1179	49	18	1246
2008	1171	55	21	1246
2009	1172	54	20	1246
2010	1169	56	21	1246
2011	1154	32	60	1246
2012	1227	19	0	1246
2013	1234	0	12	1246
2014	1205	41	0	1246
2015	1166	48	32	1246

#### 6.9.3.2.2 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

#### 6.9.3.3 Grassland converted to Settlements

##### 6.9.3.3.1 Biomass

For converting Grassland to Settlement, the methodology of estimating carbon stock changes is the same as reported in section 6.6.3.2.1 (see also Table 6.9.3), the only exception being that  $\Delta C_G$  (and  $\Delta C_L$ ) were assumed to be equal to 0.

**Table 6.9.3.** *The annual area of Grassland converted to Settlements (ha)*

Year	Area of Grassland converted to Settlements
1985	391
1986	391
1987	391
1988	391
1989	391
1990	391
1991	391
1992	391
1993	297
1994	297
1995	297

1996	297
1997	297
1998	297
1999	297
2000	297
2001	538
2002	538
2003	538
2004	538
2005	538
2006	538
2007	285
2008	285
2009	285
2010	285
2011	285
2012	285
2013	285
2014	285
2015	285

#### 6.9.3.3.2 Mineral soils

The method and emission factors used are those described in section 6.4.1.

#### 6.9.3.4 Wetland converted to Settlements

##### 6.9.3.4.1 Biomass

Wetlands converted to Settlements are typically inland marshes (rarely peat bogs) the biomass of which is typically grass (Dömsödi, 2006) and water bodies with no biomass. Therefore, the emissions from biomass were estimated using the methodology that is applied to the Grassland converted to Settlement, see Section 6.9.3.3.1) which, for water bodies, may somewhat overestimate the amount of biomass lost.

##### 6.9.3.4.2 Organic soils

For these conversions, Equation 2.26 was used to estimate the annual carbon loss:

$$L_{\text{organic from water-bodies}} = A_{\text{entire category}} * P_{\text{water-bodies}} * EF_{\text{water-bodies}}$$

and

$$L_{\text{organic from marshes-bogs}} = A_{\text{entire category}} * P_{\text{marshes-bogs}} * EF_{\text{marshes-bogs}}$$

where

$L_{\text{organic}}$  = annual carbon loss from organic soils of water bodies and marshes-bogs, respectively, from converting Wetland to Settlements, tCyr<sup>-1</sup>

$A_{\text{entire category}}$  = area of the entire category of Wetland converted to Settlements, ha

$P_{\text{water-bodies}}$  = proportion of the area of water bodies relative to  $A_{\text{entire category}}$ , %

$P_{\text{marshes-bogs}}$  = proportion of the area of marshes-bogs, relative to  $A_{\text{entire category}}$ , %

$EF_{\text{water-bodies}}$  = emission factor for water bodies, tCha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>

$EF_{\text{marshes-bogs}}$  = emission factor for marshes and bogs, tCha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>

The P values were identified according to section 6.3.1, whereas for the emission factors the default IPCC (2006) values of 0.25 (cold temperate) and 2.5 (warm temperate) tCha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup> (Table 6.3) and 10.0 tCha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup> (Table 5.6) were used, respectively.

### ***6.9.4 Uncertainties and time-series consistency***

An uncertainty analysis of the emission and removal estimates for the Settlements category was reported in a previous NIR. This analysis was made using a Tier 1 approach. As there were recalculations for the entire LULUCF sector last year, the uncertainty analysis should be updated, however, we focused our capacities on the improvement of the land transition matrix, some other activity data, some emission factors and some methodological issues, and the updating of the uncertainty analysis has not been possible yet.

Part of our efforts to improve the emission and removal estimates was dedicated to further improve the time series consistency. However, whereas this inventory is more consistent than before, further improvements are possible,

### ***6.9.5 Category-specific QA/QC and verification***

See section 6.6.5.

### ***6.9.6 Category-specific recalculations***

This year, no recalculations were made in this category.

### ***6.9.7 Category-specific planned improvements***

Planned improvements in this category include Tier 1 (and possibly Tier 2) uncertainty estimation.



### **6.10 Other Land (CRF sector 4.F)**

The Other Land category includes the sparsely vegetated areas, which account for only 0.03 percent of the total area of the country (see Figure 6.3.1). The area in the Other Land category is unmanaged (excludes unmanaged grasslands) with very little conversions from and to Other land.

### **6.11 Uncertainty and time-series consistency**

As mentioned above for the various sub-sectors, uncertainty estimation for the Forest Land category was earlier calculated using the Monte Carlo simulation, whereas uncertainties for the other LULUCF sub-sectors were earlier calculated using the Tier 1 method. As a summary of the results, the uncertainty analysis for the LULUCF sector using the IPCC Tier 1 methodology indicates an overall uncertainty level of -46/+42% in the 2012 inventory. This value is determined largely by the uncertainty in estimates of CO<sub>2</sub> removals in the Forest Land category, which is the major source of removals in the Hungarian LULUCF inventory and for which the input data and the methodology are the most reliable. However, the Land converted to Grassland category has the highest overall uncertainty ( $\pm 188\%$ ) among all land-use and land use change categories. The impact of non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on LULUCF uncertainty is negligible because they account for only 1.5% of the total net removals.

While it is believed that the above estimates are more or less relevant for the submission this year, our intention is to repeat the uncertainty analysis sometimes in the future, and maybe apply a Tier 2 (Monte Carlo) method for the entire sector, in addition to a Tier 1 estimation.

### **6.12 Sector specific QA/QC and verification**

See section 6.6.5.

### **6.13 Sector specific recalculation**

As indicated above (section 6.1.4, and in the respective section for each land use category), a number of recalculations took place in 2015. No category-specific recalculations were made this year.

### **6.14 Sector specific planned improvements**

One of the main plans is to conduct an uncertainty analysis sometimes in the future.

## 7. Waste (CRF sector 5)

### Recent key developments:

- In contrast with other sectors, emissions from the waste sector are by 14% higher now than in the base year;
- However, the growth in emissions had stopped in the last decade, and a reduction of 13% could be observed between 2005 and 2015;
- Amount of disposed municipal waste decreased by 48% between 2005 and 2015;
- Emissions from wastewater handling have a pronounced decreasing trend due to a growing number of dwellings connected to the public sewerage network.

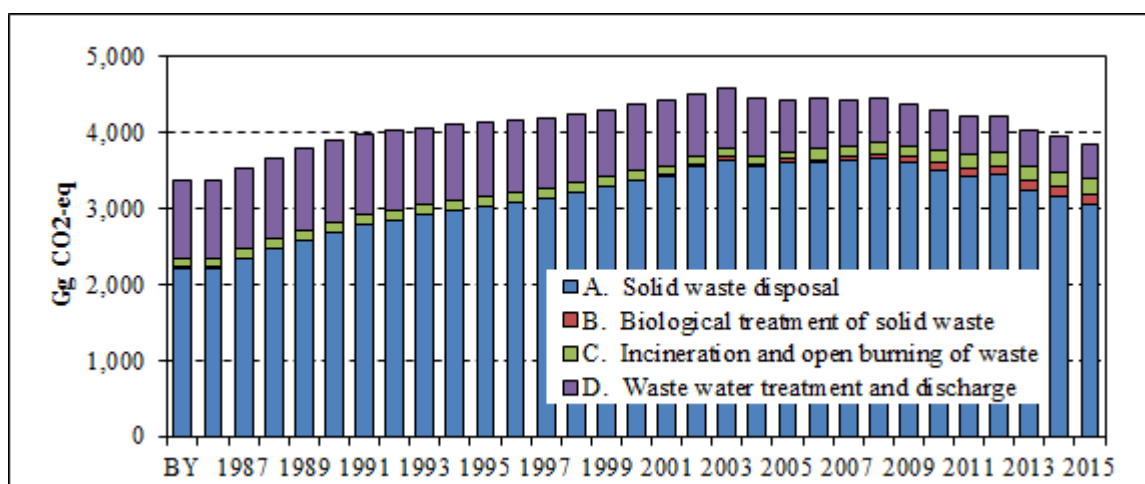
### Major changes from previous submission:

- 5A: Soil and stones have been removed from demolition waste. In addition, revised GDP data affected backward extrapolation of the amount disposed construction waste;
- 5D: Bigger methodological change occurred in case of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. Based on measurements of incoming wastewater, we have re-evaluated the total N content in wastewater. In the calculations, N-removals in modern WWT plants have also been taken into account which consequently led to revision of nitrogen in the effluent.

### 7.1 Overview of sector

This section discusses the emissions from solid waste disposal (CH<sub>4</sub>), biological treatment of solid waste including composting and anaerobic digestion at biogas facilities (CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O), waste incineration (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O), and domestic and industrial wastewater treatment (CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O). One peculiarity of the sector is that most part of the carbon-dioxide emissions is generated from biological (biogenic) sources and this CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are either reported as carbon stock change in the LULUCF sector or do not need to be accounted for (e.g. annual crops).

The waste sector with 3838.6 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent represented 6% of total national GHG emissions in 2015. In the base year, total GHG emissions from the waste sector amounted to 3376.1 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent which accounted for 3% of total national GHG emissions. The largest category was solid waste disposal on land, representing 80% in 2015, followed by wastewater treatment and discharge (12%), incineration of waste (5%), and biological treatment of solid waste (3%). In contrast with other sectors, emissions from the waste sector are by 14% higher now than in the base year. However, the growth in emissions had stopped in the last decade, and a reduction of 13% could be observed between 2005 and 2015. The degradation process in solid waste disposal sites is quite slow which means that waste that were disposed many years earlier have still an influence on current emission levels. However, the amount of disposed waste had decreased so significantly since 2005 e.g. landfilled municipal waste decreased by 48%), that methane emissions started to decrease as well. GHG emissions from wastewater handling have a pronounced decreasing trend due to a growing number of dwellings connected to the public sewerage network. All these developments are summarized in Figure 7.1.1.

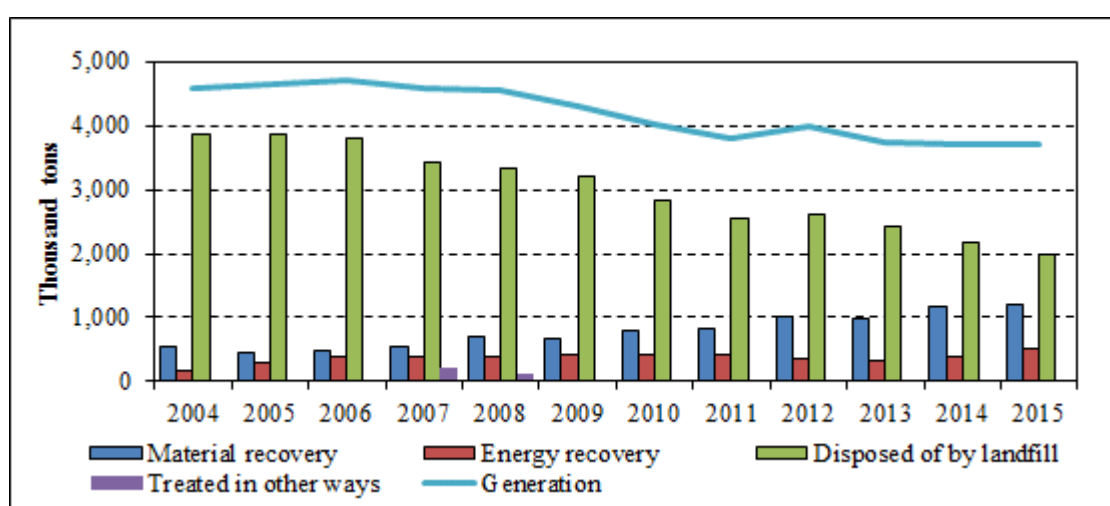


**Figure 7.1.1** Trend of emissions of the different categories in waste sector

The major part of municipal solid wastes (MSW) is treated by managed disposal and a smaller part by reuse, incineration or other means. The average specific municipal household waste generation rate decreased from 1.3 to 1.0-1.1 kg/capita/day in the last few years. The total amount of MSW was 3710 Gg in 2015. Out of this, 1194 Gg (32%) was recovered by recycling and composting, 525 Gg (14%) was incinerated for energy purposes, and 1991 Gg (54%) went to landfills. (In previous years, before 2010, 30-228 Gg waste was treated in other ways which meant mostly mechanical biological treatment (MBT) that produced refuse-derived fuel that could be used in power plants and cement factories.)

Figure 7.1.2 summarizes recent changes in generation and treatment of municipal waste for the period 2004-2015. The following beneficial trends could be observed:

- Increase of waste generation stopped around 2006, and started to decrease quite significantly afterwards (-21% between 2006 and 2015);
- Share of landfilling decreased from 84% to 54% between 2004 and 2015. However, in comparison with the Western-European situation, the share of waste disposal is still relatively high;
- Importance of both recycling and composting increased; currently they represent 26% and 6%, respectively.



## 7.2 Solid waste disposal in landfills (CRF sector 5A)

Emitted gas: CH<sub>4</sub>

Key source category: Level, Trend 1

### 7.2.1 Source category description

In case of managed disposal, the waste is disposed in landfills where it is compacted and covered. Under these circumstances, anaerobic degradation occurs, during which methane and carbon dioxide is emitted. In advanced disposal sites, the generated methane is recovered by incineration or flaring. Degradation requires several decades and occurs at varying rates. Since waste disposal is continuous, gas generation can also be considered continuous on a country scale.

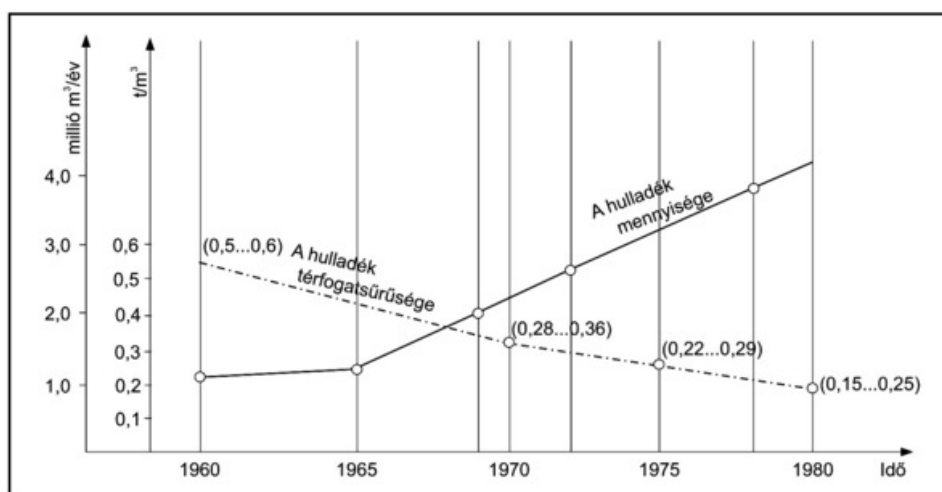
The CO<sub>2</sub> generated in landfills is of biogenic origin and is thus excluded from the inventory. Under the conditions prevailing in landfills, CO<sub>2</sub> generated from wastes containing carbon of fossil origin is insignificant and direct incineration does not occur in landfills. Illegally disposed wastes are not considered here, partly as they are disposed in batches, in thin layers without compaction, in a fashion well-penetrable for oxygen. Therefore, degradation is aerobic and only carbon dioxide is produced. In accordance with the IPCC Guidelines, no CO<sub>2</sub> emission has to be included in this category.

### 7.2.2 Methodological issues

Emissions were calculated using the default first order decay methodology. For the calculations, the IPCC Waste Model from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used with the “waste by composition” option. The FOD method produces a time-dependent emission profile which reflects the true pattern of the degradation process.

#### Activity data

The FOD method requires a quite long time series. The default first year in the IPCC Waste Model is 1950. As the eldest data which could be found in statistical publications were for 1975, extrapolation had to be made. For this purpose, a similar pattern as in Figure 7.2.1 had been used. This figure was taken from a university textbook sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Culture.



**Figure 7.2.1** The loosening trend of municipal solid waste in Budapest. The solid line denotes the amount of waste while the dotted line shows the decrease of volume-density. Source: (<http://www.hik.hu/tankonyvtar/site/books/b108/>).

Before 2001, the amount of removed solid waste was reported in volume units (m<sup>3</sup>), therefore these data had to be converted to mass unit using the gravimetric density (t/m<sup>3</sup>) as an important physical characteristic of the waste. Between 1975 and 2000, the value of this parameter decreased from 0.3 t/m<sup>3</sup> to 0.2 t/m<sup>3</sup> based on the data of the Statistical Office. Both international and national studies suggested that the mass of municipal solid waste increased hardly while waste volumes increased drastically all over the world, which is reflected in decrease of the gravimetric density. These changes are attributable to the increasing amounts of paper and plastic in the packaging sector. In other words, this is the so-called loosening trend in MSW which can be seen clearly in Fig. 7.2.1. To summarize the above, the following densities can be used for conversion from volume to waste units:

**Table 7.2.1** Waste densities suitable for conversion

	1975-1985	From 1990	2000
Density (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.3	0.22	0.2

*(As the statistical office publishes data in mass units from 1990, practically there was no need for the compiler institute to do this conversion for the recent years.)*

For the period 1950-1975, the following assumptions were made. The first data found in statistical publication was from 1975, i.e. 6,241 thousand m<sup>3</sup>. This value was converted using a density of 0.3 t/m<sup>3</sup> which resulted in a mass value of 1,872 kilotonnes. The IPCC Guidelines suggest using surrogates, e.g. population in cases where domestic data do not cover the last 50 years. In this submission amount of disposed waste between 1950 and 1975 is assumed to be proportional to urban population. Urban population increased by more than 50 per cent between 1950 and 1975 based on information from the statistical office. GDP might have been an alternative but then the increase would have been steeper. (GDP grew by 128 per cent, whereas urban population changed by 31 per cent between 1960 and 1975. A little experiment carried out a few years ago showed, however, that the model is not that sensitive for early years. Even when halving the landfilled amount in 1950, the resulting change in emissions was minus 2% to 3% between 2000 and 2011.)

The next published data for landfilled waste we found was 9,952 thousand m<sup>3</sup> for 1980. Using the same conversion, this amount is equivalent to 2,986 kilotonnes. For the years between 1975 and 1980, simple interpolation was carried out. The next data was from 1985, i.e. 13,791 thousand m<sup>3</sup>. Using the same density, it equaled to 4,137 kt from which the incinerated amount (244 kt) was subtracted. Again, an interpolation was made between 1980 and 1985. Then, from 1986, the now yearly published statistical data were converted from volume to mass with a diminishing waste density (from 0.29 t/m<sup>3</sup> in 1986 to 0.24 t/m<sup>3</sup> in 1989).

From 1990, yearly data in mass units published by the central statistical office was used.

From 2006, data from the Waste Management Information System maintained by the Ministry of Environment and Water were analyzed and used for calculations. This database contains very detailed information on waste management practices in Hungary. The Waste Management Information System can be accessed via internet as well. (<http://terkep.kvvm.hu/hirweb/>) Data availability has been improved significantly, at least for recent years.

For activity data collection, the main data sources were the following:

- From 1975: Statistical Yearbooks
- 1990-2002: Statistical Yearbooks, Environmental Statistical Yearbooks, Eurostat;
- 2003-2006: Data provision by the Ministry of Environment and Water, Statistical yearbooks, Eurostat
- 2004- Waste Management Information System, Statistical Yearbooks, Eurostat

Beside municipal waste, also industrial waste disposal is taken into account in emission estimations. In the waste information system, disposed waste is categorized by waste types in line with European legislation. Especially the following categories are considered:

- 02 Wastes from agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, hunting and fishing, food preparation and processing (DOC=15%);
- 03 Wastes from wood processing and the production of panels and furniture, pulp, paper and cardboard (DOC=43%);
- 04 Wastes from the leather, fur and textile industries (DOC=24%);
- 15 Waste packaging; absorbents, wiping cloths, filter materials and protective clothing not otherwise specified (DOC=20%);
- 18 Wastes from human or animal health care and/or related research (except kitchen and restaurant wastes not arising from immediate health care) (DOC=15%);
- 20 Municipal wastes (household waste and similar commercial, industrial and institutional wastes) including separately collected fractions.

The dominant category is municipal waste (20), the above categories represent an additional 2-8 per cent. Our data source for these waste categories was the Waste Management Information System for the period 2005-2015. For the earlier years, extrapolation was carried out using two types of proxy data:

- 1990-2004: primer energy use with the assumption that energy efficiency measures might go hand in hand with improved material usage in industry (e.g. (who is wasting energy might be wasting materials too)).
- 1960-1990: volume index of GDP was used as proxy. For the preceding 10 years (1950-1959) the amount was kept constant.

We have added also construction and demolition waste to our emission calculations. (The total amount from the waste information system reported as EWC waste group 17 Construction and demolition wastes including excavated soil from contaminated sites was taken into account – *except for* the categories "17 05 soil including excavated soil from contaminated sites, stones and dredging spoil"). Quite considerable amount of C&D waste was landfilled in the last decade, i.e. 2 thousand kilotonnes on average which is comparable to the amount of municipal wastes (i.e. 3.6 kt on average). After 2010, however, the amount of landfilled C&D waste decreased substantially. The time series was constructed as follows:

- 2004-2013 data as published by the statistical office was directly used;
- 1996-2004: volume indices of value added in the construction sector were used as proxy;
- 1960-1995: similarly to industrial waste, the volume indices of GDP were used as proxy. For the preceding 10 years (1950-1959) the amount was kept constant.

In earlier submissions, constant methane correction factor of 1.0 valid for well managed landfills was used for the entire time series. This approach could be regarded as overly conservative as it did not take into account the modernization process in solid waste disposal practices and available information on landfill sites. Let me quote a study "Landfills in Hungary" under a research framework "Organising for EU Enlargement: A Challenge for the Member States and the Candidate States"

### State-of-the-art: the Hungarian landfills

In Hungary the typical form of managing waste is disposal: 85 per cent of collected waste is disposed of into landfills. According to a PHARE project designed to assess all landfills in the country, there were 2700 operational landfills, out of these only 728 were registered landfills serving all the municipalities in Hungary in 2002 (European Commission, 2001). Only 6 are so far in line with the *acquis* and a further 67 seem to be aligned to a large extent. In particular, a great number of low capacity local landfills do not conform to the *acquis* and there are a large number of illegal ones. Measures are being implemented to close down all the illegal or non-EU compliant landfills. The objective laid down in the National Waste Management Plan is to establish regional collection and management systems with a maximum of 100-120 landfills. At the end of 2004, the regional collection and management systems planned in the framework of ISPA programme cover one-third of the country. A further objective is that the abovementioned cover-rate should reach 100 per cent by 2009.]

In 2002, a comprehensive survey of landfill sites was carried out with the support of PHARE. During this project, stock was taken of no less than 2,667 landfill sites of which 1,300 were already closed. Out of the operating 1,367 sites, only 42 met current environmental requirements. It was suggested, though, that further 216 sites could operate temporarily till 2009, and the rest should be closed. One of the outcomes of the project was a database of landfills with several attributes such as depth, volume, insulation, cover etc. The database contained information among others on controlling, lining, compacting, leachate drainage, biogas collection. Summarizing the data based on total volume of disposed waste (and not on number of landfills), 15% of the disposal could be classified as managed (controlled), 16% as unmanaged shallow, and the remaining 69% as unmanaged deep.

Based on the above information, it didn't seem to be appropriate anymore to allocate all waste disposals to the managed category for the entire time series. Instead, all disposed waste is allocated now to the uncategorized category between 1950 and 1974. For the next period, between 1975 and 2000, the outcome of the above mentioned PHARE project is used, i.e. 85% of the disposed waste is considered as unmanaged (mostly deep), and the remaining 15% as managed. From 2001 on, all disposals are regarded as managed reflecting also the fact that a domestic act on waste management came into force in 2000 (Act No. XLIII of 2000 on waste management).

Naturally, changes did not occur from one day to another. Still, the development was quite rapid. Hungary started a modernization program relating disposal sites: the number of SWDSs decreased from about 2700 to 701 in 2000, then to 340 in 2005, to 213 in 2008, and to 69 in 2011. Currently (2012), 72 disposal sites are in operation.

Parallel to the closure of obsolete sites, the general level of management of the remaining disposal sites must have been improved.

Some domestic statistics indicate that only about 4% of municipal waste was still disposed uncontrolled in the early 2000's, therefore we decided to use MCF=1 for all years after 2000 which might be a little conservative estimate for the transition years.

As a consequence of this new approach, the formerly used parameters, especially the constant MCF value of 1.0 had to be replaced as follows:

- 1950-1974: MCF=0.6 for uncategorized SWDS, OX=0.
- 1975-1985: MCF=0.77 representing 15% managed, 16% unmanaged shallow and 69% unmanaged deep disposal. OX=0.
- 1986-2000: MCF=0.77-0.81 keeping the same share of managed/unmanaged sites but gradually decreasing shallow disposal. OX=0
- 2001-2003 MCF=1.0 OX=0
- 2004- MCF=1.0, OX=0-0.1.

As for the oxidation factor, previously the default zero value was applied for the entire time series. However, based on the IPCC Guidelines, the use of the oxidation value of 0.1 is justified for covered, well managed SWDS to estimate both diffusion through the cap and escape by cracks/fissures.

The Hungarian Waste Information System that serves as our main source of information for activity data from 2004 contains two categories for disposals:

D1 Deposit into or onto land, e.g. landfill

D5 Specially engineered landfill, e.g. placement into lined discrete cells which are capped and isolated from one another and the environment

Landfills categorized as D5 can be regarded as well-managed therefore an oxidation value of 0.1 is justified. The following table shows, how the share of disposal into well-managed landfills increased in the last years.

**Table 7.2.2** *The ratio of managed vs. well-managed landfills*

	<b>D1</b>	<b>D5</b>
<b>2004</b>	50%	50%
<b>2005</b>	48%	52%
<b>2006</b>	34%	66%
<b>2007</b>	36%	64%
<b>2008</b>	44%	56%
<b>2009</b>	29%	71%
<b>2010</b>	17%	83%
<b>2011</b>	35%	65%
<b>2012</b>	12%	88%
<b>2013</b>	2%	98%
<b>2014</b>	1%	99%
<b>2015</b>	1%	99%

Other parameters used in calculations:

As regards waste composition, statistics only exist for the waste collected in Budapest and in good quality only from 1990. Having no other choice, these yearly data were used for the entire country. Again, as the FOD method requires data starting in 1950, further assumptions had to be made. For 1950, the regional default values representative for Eastern Europe were taken from Table 2.3 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (i.e. food 30.1%, paper 21.8%, wood 7.5%, textiles 4.7% etc.), and interpolation was carried out between these and the measured values for 1980.

In the Hungarian statistics, the following waste composition categories have been used for a longer period of time: paper, plastic, textile, glass, metal, degradable organic, hazardous waste, other non-organic. Recently, hygienic waste (e.g. nappies) has been added to the categories. These categories slightly differ from the requirements of the models, which had a minor impact on the selection of the parameters. Basically, the default values given in the IPCC 2006 Guidelines were chosen whenever possible. However, in the IPCC methodology the food and non-food (e.g. garden waste) fraction of the municipal solid waste are treated differently. As we have only one common category which is “degradable organic waste” that contains food and other organic waste as well, for the degradable organic carbon (DOC) content a value (0.16) between the default values representative for food (0.15) and for garden (0.2) were chosen. We have added wood to MSW composition categories with a contribution of about 2.5%. (Basically, we have considered the following EWC categories as wood: 200138 wood, and half of 200307 “bulky waste”).

Default parameters of the IPCC waste model typical of dry temperate climate were used. The methane generation rate constants (k) were between 0.04 and 0.06 depending on waste type with an average value of 0.05. The default 50% fraction of methane in developed gas was kept, and so was the 6 month of delay time.



*Table 7.2.3 Used DOC content and methane generation rate constant of different MSW components*

	DOC IPCC 2006	DOC Used values	Methane generation rate constant (k)
Paper	0.4	0.4	0.04
Textiles	0.24	0.24	0.04
Food	0.15	0.16	0.06
Wood	0.43	0.43	0.02
Sewage sludge	0.05	0.05	0.06
Hygienic waste	0.24	0.24	0.05
Construction and demolition	0.04	0.04	0.05
Industrial waste	0.01-0.43	0.11-0.03	0.05
DOCF	0.5	0.5	

The amount of recovered CH<sub>4</sub> was calculated on the basis of energy production data obtained from the Energy Centre Hungary. These data in energy unit (TJ) were converted to mass unit as the amount of recovered methane by using the net calorific value from Table 1.2 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (Volume 2, Chapter 1), which is 50.4 TJ/Gg. Data collection has also been started also on flaring. Disposal sites were contacted and asked for amount of flared landfill gas and methane content when available. In case site-specific methane content was not available, it was assumed that the share of methane in biogas was 50%. The collected data are summarized in the table below.

*Table 7.2.4 Data on flaring and biogas utilization (2001-2015)*

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Flaring Mm3	3.060	3.115	2.868	2.893	3.230	7.753	7.353	9.500
CH4 kt	1.0970	1.1167	1.0282	1.0371	1.1580	2.7794	2.6362	3.4058
Biogas TJ	-	-	-	-	2	46	85	86
CH4 kt					0.04	0.91	1.69	1.71
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Flaring Mm3	4.357	4.050	4.271	6.283	7.929	7.438	2.107	
CH4 kt	1.5620	1.4519	1.5310	2.2525	2.8994	2.7642	0.8566	
Biogas TJ	119	199	462	190	471	576	674	
CH4 kt	2.36	3.95	9.17	3.77	9.35	11.43	13.37	

(Please note that recovery from flaring has not yet been included in the emission calculation.)

The following table summarizes the used activity data and the results of our calculations.

*Table 7.2.5 Summary of activity data and the resulting emissions*

	MSW kt	C&D kt	IW kt	Food	Paper	Wood	Textile	Nappies	Recovery Gg CH4	Emission Gg CH4
1950	1224	544	99	30%	22%	8%	5%	0%	0.0	0.0
1975	1872	1240	225	31%	20%	4%	6%	0%	0.0	42.6
BY	4018	2073	300	32%	20%	3%	7%	0%	0.0	88.4
1990	3963	1664	301	32%	20%	3%	7%	0%	0.0	107.0
1991	3340	1462	288	37%	18%	3%	3%	0%	0.0	111.0
1992	3506	1419	263	38%	19%	3%	4%	0%	0.0	113.5
1993	3400	1408	269	33%	17%	3%	7%	0%	0.0	116.3
1994	3571	1452	262	32%	18%	3%	5%	0%	0.0	118.4
1995	3481	1473	272	34%	17%	3%	4%	0%	0.0	120.7
1996	3693	1479	279	31%	19%	3%	3%	0%	0.0	122.7
1997	3928	1585	273	27%	19%	3%	6%	4%	0.0	124.9
1998	3936	1713	270	30%	18%	3%	6%	3%	0.0	127.9
1999	4024	1830	268	29%	20%	3%	5%	3%	0.0	131.1

<b>2000</b>	3736	2013	263	39%	14%	3%	4%	1%	0.0	134.4
<b>2001</b>	3696	2161	269	39%	16%	3%	3%	2%	0.0	136.8
<b>2002</b>	3841	2433	269	29%	16%	3%	3%	2%	0.0	141.5
<b>2003</b>	3968	2418	275	28%	16%	3%	3%	3%	0.0	145.5
<b>2004</b>	3857	2460	275	29%	15%	3%	3%	2%	0.0	141.9
<b>2005</b>	3859	2034	290	28%	15%	2%	3%	2%	0.0	144.4
<b>2006</b>	3792	1989	334	24%	15%	2%	3%	3%	0.9	143.9
<b>2007</b>	3429	1529	294	23%	11%	3%	4%	3%	1.7	145.2
<b>2008</b>	3341	1767	293	23%	13%	3%	4%	3%	1.7	146.4
<b>2009</b>	3212	1265	356	22%	12%	2%	4%	4%	2.4	143.8
<b>2010</b>	2838	822	300	22%	14%	2%	5%	5%	3.9	140.2
<b>2011</b>	2563	1384	469	23%	13%	2%	5%	5%	9.2	136.9
<b>2012</b>	2608	505	535	22%	13%	2%	5%	5%	3.8	137.4
<b>2013</b>	2415	473	510	25%	14%	1%	5%	5%	9.3	129.2
<b>2014</b>	2181	693	449	27%	15%	1%	3%	6%	11.4	125.6
<b>2015</b>	1991	842	230	25%	17%	2%	3%	7%	13.4	122.4
<b>Trend</b>	<b>-50%</b>	<b>-59%</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-32%</b>	<b>-47%</b>			<b>38%</b>

### 7.2.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Uncertainty can be estimated using Table 3.5 of the 2006 Guidelines. Accordingly, the following values were obtained:

Quantity of disposed municipal solid wastes	>±10%
Degradable organic carbon	±20%
Fraction of Degradable Organic Carbon Decomposed	±20%
CH <sub>4</sub> correction factor (=1)	-10 %, +0 %
CH <sub>4</sub> content of landfill gases (0.5)	±5%
CH <sub>4</sub> recovery	one order of magnitude
Half-life	±25%

The time series can be regarded as consistent.

*(In the past, complete and obligatory data reporting on the collection of municipal solid waste did not exist in Hungary and the published data were estimations partly based on representative surveys. During the initial part of the calculation period, the authority procedures for waste recording were not uniform. In this system, which was based on self-reporting (self-registering), data were processed at varying detail and quality levels due to the lack of legal and technical regulations related to individual waste types. In addition, an overall central registry of industrial waste was missing and the rules related to such wastes were not laid down in any legal instruments).*

### 7.2.4 QA/QC information

The compiler institute has now direct access to the Waste Management Information System maintained by the Ministry of Environment and Water. Data from different sources are compared. Our most detailed data source is the Waste Management Information System (HIR) maintained now by the Ministry of Agriculture. This contains among others data on amount, type, consistency, management practices, mode of treatment. Converting these data to an Excel file, we get about 16,000 rows for one year. After analyzing these data, comparisons are made with the aggregated data published by the Hungarian Statistical Office, and also by EUROSTAT. Should we detect any problem, both the statistical office and the ministry can be contacted. The calculations with the IPCC Waste Spreadsheet Model have been saved and archived for future reviews.

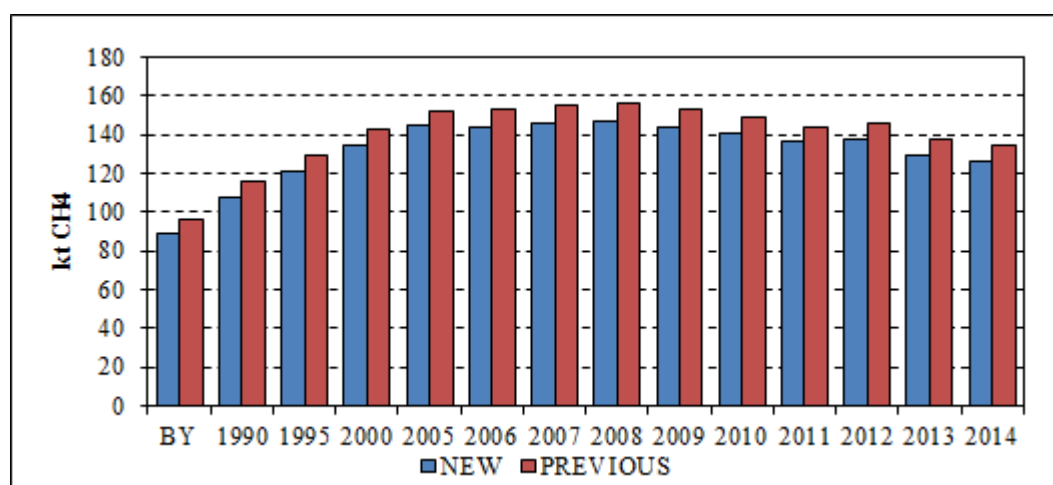
### 7.2.5 Recalculation

The recalculation is mostly due a re-evaluation of the amount of disposed construction and demolition waste. In the previous submission, all disposed waste reported under the main waste category "17 Construction and Demolition Wastes (including excavated soil from contaminated sites)" was regarded as C&D waste. Now, for this submission, we have looked into more details in the waste statistics and it turned out that about one third of the main waste chapter 17 belongs to the waste category "17 05 soil (including excavated soil from contaminated sites), stones and dredging spoil". Consequently, we have removed one third of the previously reported C&D waste from our calculations.

In addition, revised GDP data (i.e. volume indices of value added in the construction sector) affected backward extrapolation of the amount disposed construction waste.

As regards the oxidation factor (OX), minor changes occurred here, too, as a consequence of re-estimation of the ratio of managed vs. well-managed landfills (i.e. D1 vs D5 as seen in Table 7.2.2 above) without waste groups "01 Wastes resulting from exploration, mining, quarrying, physical and chemical treatment of minerals" and "10 Wastes from thermal processes" that are not included in our activity data, either.

Compared to the previous submission, the new emission estimates are lower both for the base year (by 190.03 kt or -7.9%) and for 2014 (by 208.21 kt or -6.2%). As the Figure below demonstrates, the recalculations did not change the general pattern in the trend.



**Figure 7.2.2** Effect of the recalculations in the 5.A category

### 7.2.6 Planned improvements

It is planned to continue data collection on flaring.

### 7.3 Biological treatment of solid waste (CRF sector 5B)

Emitted gases: CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Key source: none

As composting is showing a growing tendency recently, GHG emissions were calculated and reported for this category also in the submissions in the first commitment period using the IPCC 2006 methodology.

#### 7.3.1 Methodological issues

The Tier 1 method from 2006 Guidelines was used with default emission factors.

*Table 7.3.1 Activity data and emissions from biological treatment of solid waste*

Composting						Biogas facilities	
MSW (kt)		dry weight	Sludge (kt)	CH4 (kt)	N2O (kt)	Biogas (TJ)	CH4 (kt)
wet weight							
1985			20	0.20	0.01		
1986			20	0.20	0.01		
1987			20	0.20	0.01		
1988			20	0.20	0.01		
1989			20	0.20	0.01		
1990			20	0.20	0.01		
1991			20	0.20	0.01		
1992			20	0.20	0.01		
1993			20	0.20	0.01		
1994			20	0.20	0.01		
1995			28	0.28	0.02		
1996	18	7	29	0.36	0.02		
1997	19	8	26	0.34	0.02		
1998	18	7	23	0.30	0.02		
1999	18	7	32	0.39	0.02		
2000	17	7	30	0.37	0.02	6	0.01
2001	17	7	27	0.34	0.02	4	0.00
2002	47	19	37	0.56	0.03	4	0.00
2003	47	19	56	0.75	0.04	62	0.06
2004	39	16	24	0.40	0.02	107	0.11
2005	41	16	53	0.69	0.04	102	0.11
2006	58	23	43	0.66	0.04	129	0.13
2007	64	26	51	0.77	0.05	250	0.26
2008	85	34	62	0.96	0.06	490	0.51
2009	90	36	90	1.26	0.08	734	0.77
2010	148	59	82	1.41	0.08	898	0.94
2011	183	73	81	1.55	0.09	1336	1.40
2012	183	73	90	1.63	0.10	1105	1.15
2013	187	75	93	1.68	0.10	2042	2.13
2014	236	94	97	1.92	0.12	2018	2.11
2015	231	92	99	1.92	0.11	1952	2.04

The amount of composted municipal waste was received from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. In 2015, 230.595 Gg waste was composted which represented 6% of all generated MSW.

As regards the amount of composted sludge, the time series of was constructed using the following

data sources:

- Data published by the statistical office;
- Composting related information from the Waste Management Information System (the same database that is used for SWDS);
- Data from the Wastewater Information System or for recent years from the Urban Wastewater Information System (the same databases that are used for emission calculations for wastewater treatment);
- For the period 1985-1993 we used a constant value corresponding to the amount reported for 1994.

In 2015 99.32 kt (dm) sludge was composted.

As generally the calculations were carried out on dry weight basis, and the corresponding emission factors from Table 4.1 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were applied, some of the original data had to be converted to dry weight. Sludge data in the Waste Management Information System are categorized on the basis of their dry matter content which allowed this conversion. For composted municipal waste, 60% moisture content was assumed.

Our starting point for estimating methane emission from anaerobic digestion at biogas facilities was produced biogas from the energy statistics. The energy values (TJ) were then converted to mass of methane (kt) using the default calorific value of biogas, i.e. 50.4 TJ/Gg. Emissions of CH<sub>4</sub> due to unintentional leakages at biogas facilities were then assumed to be 5% as suggested by the 2006 IPPC Guidelines.

### ***7.3.2 Uncertainties and time-series consistency***

No category specific information is available.

### ***7.3.3 Source-specific QA/QC and verification***

The used data from Eurostat was compared with data from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office.

### ***7.3.4 Recalculations***

Activity data (amount of composted sludge) has been updated for 2014. Compared to previous submission, the new emission estimates for 2014 are higher by 1.00 kt in CO<sub>2</sub>-eq.

### ***7.3.5 Planned improvements***

None.

## 7.4 Incineration of waste (CRF sector 5C)

Emitted gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Key source: none

### 7.4.1 Source category description

This subsector covers only emissions from thermal waste treatment without energy recovery (D10). Emissions from waste incineration for energy purposes (R1) are allocated to the energy sector.

During waste incineration, mainly CO<sub>2</sub> is emitted out of which only the fossil part contributes to the total emissions. (Biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were calculated as well but these were included only as memo items). Methane emissions are insignificant and N<sub>2</sub>O generation is also minimal.

*Table 7.4.1 Activity data and emissions from waste incineration*

	Liquid	Clinical	Hazardous	Ind.sludge	Ind.solid	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
	[kt]	[kt]	[kt]	[kt]	[kt]	[kt]	[kt]	[kt]
1985	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1986	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1987	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1988	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1989	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1990	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1991	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1992	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1993	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1994	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1995	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1996	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1997	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1998	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
1999	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
2000	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
2001	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
2002	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
2003	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	120.87	0.011	0.004
2004	22.9	10.3	23.5	0.0	2.9	119.77	0.011	0.004
2005	20.8	9.4	13.9	0.4	2.4	95.75	0.008	0.003
2006	44.1	6.9	16.5	0.1	2.1	164.76	0.008	0.003
2007	33.1	3.8	23.1	0.1	4.5	143.25	0.009	0.003
2008	31.1	5.5	23.8	0.3	4.4	140.47	0.010	0.004
2009	27.8	3.8	26.4	4.0	7.9	135.22	0.011	0.006
2010	38.7	7.6	26.1	5.3	8.0	167.76	0.013	0.007
2011	40.8	7.0	32.5	5.3	6.8	181.48	0.014	0.007
2012	42.5	3.7	33.8	6.1	7.1	186.95	0.013	0.008
2013	42.2	2.3	36.9	6.1	6.1	192.48	0.014	0.008
2014	43.4	2.3	38.0	5.1	5.7	197.33	0.014	0.007
2015	45.3	2.6	32.5	5.9	5.6	194.33	0.012	0.007

(Only fossil CO<sub>2</sub> is included in the above table.)

### 7.4.2 Methodological issues

For estimating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the Tier 2 method was applied as country-specific data on waste amount, composition and management practices was used. The very detailed Hungarian Waste Management Information System made it possible to disaggregate the activity data (amount of incinerated waste) into different waste types according to the European Waste Catalogue (EWC codes). It might be an interesting fact that 82 to 97 per cent of all incinerated waste in this source category was hazardous waste of which most part was liquid.

Having these country-specific waste amount and composition data, the carbon content of the incinerated waste and the fossil (and negligible biogenic) fraction thereof could be determined by using default values from Table 2.5 and Table 2.6 in the 2006 Guidelines (Volume 5. Ch. 2). Our approach was the following. We have determined the DOC and fossil carbon (FC) content of all of the five types of waste (i.e. liquid, clinical, hazardous, industrial sludge, and industrial solid waste). Then, based on the relative share of DOC/Total carbon and FC/Total carbon, we have classified the wastes as “biogenic” and “non-biogenic”, respectively. For example, as clinical waste has a DOC content of 15% and a fossil carbon content of 25% (see Table 2.6 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines), 15/40 (=37.5%) of the amount of incinerated clinical waste was allocated to the biogenic category, and 25/40 (=62.5%) to the non-biogenic category. Naturally, as different waste types have different DOC/FC content, the relation between the waste types and the aggregated CRF categories might not be straightforward.

Table 7.4.2 summarizes the used non-CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors for the different waste types.

**Table 7.4.2** *The used non-CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors*

Waste type	CH <sub>4</sub>	Ref.	N <sub>2</sub> O	Ref.
<b>Liquid</b>	0.56	Page 5.20	9.8	Table 5.5 (waste oil)
<b>Clinical</b>	300	Chapter 2	100	Table 5.6 (industrial waste)
<b>Hazardous (non-liquid)</b>	300	Chapter 2	100	Table 5.6 (industrial waste)
<b>Industrial sludge (non-hazardous)</b>	9.7	Page 5.20	450	Table 5.6 (sludge)
<b>Industrial solid waste</b>	300	Chapter 2	100	Table 5.6 (industrial waste)

The CH<sub>4</sub> emission factor of 300 kg/kt was derived from the default emission factor of 30 kg/TJ for industrial wastes (Table 2.3 in Chapter 2) with an assumed calorific value of 10 TJ/kt.

### 7.4.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Consistency of the time series needs to be investigated, as constant values are used for the years before 2004.

### 7.4.4 QA/QC information

Data taken from the Hungarian Waste Management Information System for the calculations are

compared with the relevant data published by the domestic statistical office and by Eurostat. As most part of waste incineration occurs with energy recovery, even if the resulting emissions are accounted for in the energy sector it is worth mentioning here that the IEA and ETS data were cross-checked, and also the biggest incinerator plant is contacted once in a while for verification purposes.

#### ***7.4.5 Recalculations***

No methodological change took place. However, activity data have been updated which caused a very minor change in emissions: compared to the previous submission, CO<sub>2</sub> emission decreased by 0.8 kt or 0.4% in 2014.

#### ***7.4.6 Source-specific planned improvements***

None.



## 7.5 Wastewater treatment and discharge (CRF sector 5D)

Emitted gas: CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O

Key source: CH<sub>4</sub>: Level

### 7.5.1 Source category description

This sector covers emissions generated during municipal and industrial wastewater treatment. When the wastewater is treated anaerobically, methane is produced. Wastewater handling can also be a source of nitrous oxide, therefore N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from human sewage are also part of the inventory.

### 7.5.2 Methodological issues

While estimating the methane emissions of wastewater handling, the key parameter is the fraction of wastewater treated anaerobically. Methane emissions from wastewater treatment were calculated using partly basic statistical data, partly very detailed facility level information on wastewater discharge together with the specific emission factors recommended by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. For recent years, wastewater data (COD values for the industrial sector, proportion of different treatment methods) based on measurements conducted by the authorities and emitters were obtained from the regional inspectorates for environment, nature and water. Besides, the inventory compilers consulted with experts, visited a few wastewater plants and checked the calculations of the neighboring countries as well.

#### Activity data

For domestic wastewater, the activity data - the quantity of total organic waste (TOW) - was calculated by multiplying the population of the country by the IPCC default value of Biochemical Oxygen Demand that is BOD<sub>5</sub> = 60 g/person/day (Table 6.4 in Volume 5 Chapter 6 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines). This default BOD value was confirmed by Hungarian experts of the Ministry of Environment and Water as well and was used uniformly for the entire times series and for the whole country.

Total organics produced by industrial facilities is partly taken into account with the default correction factor I (=1.25) corresponding to additional industrial BOD discharged into sewers thus accounted for in the domestic category. The activity data in the industrial wastewater category were the total output of wastewater [1000m<sup>3</sup>/year], the emitted total organic wastewater [kg COD/year] and in some cases the organic load (kg BOD/day) which were collected by the regional inspectorates and further processed by the Research Institute for Environmental and Water Management (VITUKI). However, limited data were available on the industrial wastewater generation in individual sectors, especially for the initial years of the calculation period.

The compiler institute has now direct access to the Wastewater Information System, therefore more detailed data were available to refine the calculations. Thus, BOD<sub>5</sub> and COD content of the discharged wastewater reported by wastewater treatment plants and industrial facilities could be taken into account. About 1500 emission reports per year could be analyzed for the period 2005-2013. The following conclusions could be drawn:

- Recently, 140 to 240 million cubic meter wastewater from industrial facilities was discharged into rivers and seas. On average, 60% of this amount had either no treatment or only mechanical treatment beforehand (trend decreasing);
- The average COD content of the above, only partially treated wastewater was as low as 0.05 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

- On average, about 30 million m<sup>3</sup> industrial wastewater was collected via the public sewerage system, and treated in centralized plants, consequently domestic and industrial wastewater treatment could not be separated entirely. Around 80% of this amount went into the public sewerage system after at least biological treatment.
- The average COD content of the above, mostly treated industrial wastewater was definitely higher with 0.6 to 0.8 kg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2008-2012.
- Domestic and commercial wastewater treatment plants, (that also treat industrial wastewater), discharge yearly 440 to 580 million m<sup>3</sup> into open water.
- The share of the collected wastewater treated at least biologically or at more advanced treatment plants increased from 35% in 1990 to 65% in 2005, and to 96-100% in 2010-2015;
- In line with the above development, the average BOD<sub>5</sub> content of the discharged wastewater decreased from 0.15 kg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2005 to 0.02 kg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2013.
- Activity data for the industrial wastewater category were partly taken from the Wastewater Information System database. For earlier years, before 2008, activity data were extrapolated using proxy data, i.e. volume of water supplied to other than household consumers published by the statistical office. (see [http://www.ksh.hu/docs/eng/xstadat/xstadat\\_annual/i\\_uw004.html](http://www.ksh.hu/docs/eng/xstadat/xstadat_annual/i_uw004.html)) For the period 1985-1990, constant values are used

**Table 7.5.1 Municipal wastewater discharge and treatment (1990–) [1000 m<sup>3</sup>]**

#### 5.4.3. Municipal waste water discharge and treatment (1990–)

(1000 m<sup>3</sup>)

Year	Total volume of waste water			Volume of waste water discharged to public sewerage or transported directly to public waste water treatment plant and treated				Total volume of waste water discharged to public sewerage without treatment	Household waste water not collected by public utility <sup>a</sup>
	discharged to public sewerage <sup>b</sup>	discharged to public sewerage and conducted	transported directly	only with mechanical	als with biological	also with advanced	total		
		to public waste water treatment plant	treatment technology						
1990	877 187	779 373	..	475 968	280 426	22 979	779 373	97 814	..
1991	826 978	739 433	..	450 224	267 869	21 340	739 433	87 546	..
1992	787 879	713 278	..	449 544	244 066	19 667	713 278	74 602	..
1993	709 786	644 838	..	389 484	236 192	19 162	644 838	64 948	..
1994	652 960	593 778	..	344 383	235 859	13 536	593 778	59 182	..
1995	639 697	583 444	..	325 451	244 992	13 001	583 444	56 253	..
1996	608 372	520 984	..	265 888	239 665	15 431	520 984	87 388	..
1997	570 615	488 782	..	231 634	245 386	11 762	488 782	81 832	4 850
1998	549 843	487 769	..	222 593	232 777	32 400	487 769	62 074	5 723
1999	588 460	523 269	..	224 673	261 597	36 998	523 269	65 191	6 266
2000	530 484	479 192	..	168 910	252 978	57 304	479 192	51 291	6 172
2001	519 549	480 214	..	197 629	222 229	60 355	480 214	39 336	5 610
2002	525 179	491 667	..	185 064	214 865	91 738	491 667	33 511	5 371
2003	525 082	486 501	1 788	142 451	182 455	163 383	488 288	38 582 <sup>c</sup>	5 133
2004	557 456	534 260	1 575	165 074	193 404	177 357	535 835	23 196 <sup>c</sup>	5 110
2005	588 064	558 245	2 133	174 815	188 779	196 784	560 378	29 819 <sup>c</sup>	5 383
2006	567 303	532 938	3 021	152 939	249 641	133 379	535 959	34 365	4 972
2007	533 889	508 082	2 901	128 143	217 654	165 186	510 983	25 807	4 640
2008	542 106	516 796	2 992	135 845	204 820	179 123	519 787	25 311	4 325
2009	529 022	505 069	2 457	123 512	201 941	182 073	507 525	23 953	3 921
2010	556 338	551 207	2 167	17 607	280 760	255 008	553 375	5 131 <sup>c</sup>	3 643
2011	467 594	464 170	1 793	8 930	219 184	237 848	465 963	3 424 <sup>c</sup>	3 311
2012	435 692	429 355	2 292	831	106 293	324 523	431 647	6 336	3 002
2013	497 930	482 997	1 888	759	108 799	375 327	484 885	14 932	2 928
2014	493 214	473 607	1 732	581	114 972	359 786	475 340	19 607	2 746
2015	496 667	484 262	1 531	646	76 920	408 228	485 794	12 405	2 321

Source: Hungarian Central Statistical Office:  
[http://www.ksh.hu/docs/eng/xstadat/xstadat\\_annual/i\\_uw005.html](http://www.ksh.hu/docs/eng/xstadat/xstadat_annual/i_uw005.html)

Few years ago, we had the possibility to look also into detailed reports of wastewater facilities of different industrial plants. Special emphasis was given to industries with high COD output, e.g. food and beverage, paper and pulp, chemical industry etc. By analyzing organic load data before treatment, we were able to introduce the following country-specific data on industrial wastewater as summarized

in Table 7.5.2 below:

**Table 7.5.2** *The used data for industrial wastewater*

	<b>BOD</b>
	[kg/m3]
<b>Pulp and paper</b>	2
<b>Starch</b>	1.14
<b>Sugar</b>	3.4
<b>Pharmaceutical</b>	1.5
<b>Beer</b>	1.5
<b>Meat</b>	1
<b>Dairy products</b>	1.5
<b>Vegetable oils</b>	0.85
<b>Wine</b>	5.27
<b>Fruits</b>	2.9
<b>Chemical industry</b>	0.25
<b>Coke production*</b>	5
<b>Oil refinery*</b>	1

*\*refers to COD*

As for industrial wastewater, generally COD values are used, the above BOD values were converted using a conversion factor of 2.4. Please note, as we expect more data from individual facilities, the above data might be subject of changes.

### **Emission factors**

For the calculation of the emission factor (EF), default maximum CH<sub>4</sub> producing capacities of 0.25 kg CH<sub>4</sub>/kg COD and 0.6 kg CH<sub>4</sub>/kg BOD were used for industrial and domestic wastewater, respectively.

The choice of a proper methane conversion factor (MCF) was somewhat more difficult. To calculate the weighted average of MCF, additional information was collected on the share of population with no connection to the public sewerage system. Using these additional activity data, the following assumptions were made:

- In accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, for people using septic systems or any other domestic means (no connection to public sewerage network), it can be assumed that half of the BOD settles, therefore MCF=0.5 was chosen. (Table 6.3 in the 2006 Guidelines). In the base year, the portion of population connected to public sewerage system was 38% now it's around 79%. It must be noted, however, that the percentage of dwellings connected to public sewerage network is still below the Central-European average.
- As a refinement of the above, for those dwellings where neither public nor domestic sewerage exists and probably latrines are used, MCF=0.1 was used in accordance with the above referenced table from the 2006 Guidelines.
- The share of population connected or not connected to a sewerage system was estimated based on all dwellings.
- Usually, collected wastewater undergoes aerobic treatment in treatment plants. Default MCF for centralized, aerobic treatment plant is zero. (Table 6.3 in the 2006 Guidelines) Still, MCF values decreasing from 0.05 (for secondary treatment) and to 0.0 (tertiary treatment) were applied up to 2004, thus to allow some emissions in case of incidental overload, and more importantly, to reflect modernization in the sector. (In a previous submission, the default MCF value of 0.1 was applied for direct discharge into rivers and lakes. This was abolished following a recommendation of a European review team, since it can be assumed that flowing rivers (such as the Danube) are not oxygen-deficient.)
- Based on the energy statistics, sewage sludge gas utilization started in 2001 in Hungary. As unintentional leakage might occur during anaerobic digestion of sewage sludge, some CH<sub>4</sub> emission are added to this category. The same methodology was used as for the category 5B

Biological treatment of solid waste, i.e. 5% leakage was assumed.

All the above considerations, used parameters and the resulting emissions are summarized in Table 7.5.3

*Table 7.5.3 Domestic and industrial wastewater treatment (1985-2015)*

	Domestic				Industrial		Biogas	
	TOW kt BOD	primary	secondary	advanced	CH4 [Gg]	TOW kt COD	CH4 [Gg]	production [TJ]
1985	254.3	55%	28%	0%	29.2	216.6	5.4	
BY	253.7	55%	29%	0%	29.8	216.6	5.4	
1986	253.8	55%	29%	0%	29.8	216.6	5.4	
1987	252.9	55%	30%	0%	30.4	216.6	5.4	
1988	252.2	55%	30%	0%	31.0	216.6	5.4	
1989	251.6	55%	31%	0%	31.5	216.6	5.4	
1990	250.8	54%	32%	3%	32.1	216.6	5.4	
1991	251.1	54%	32%	3%	31.8	204.6	5.1	
1992	251.4	57%	31%	2%	31.3	192.7	4.8	
1993	251.5	55%	33%	3%	31.0	180.7	4.5	
1994	251.4	53%	36%	2%	30.7	168.8	4.2	
1995	251.4	51%	38%	2%	30.4	156.8	3.9	
1996	251.8	44%	39%	3%	30.0	120.9	2.7	
1997	252.1	41%	43%	2%	29.6	117.5	2.4	
1998	252.3	40%	42%	6%	29.1	112.6	2.0	
1999	252.4	38%	44%	6%	28.7	109.2	1.6	
2000	252.4	32%	48%	11%	28.3	112.3	1.4	
2001	253.3	38%	43%	12%	27.5	106.1	1.3	86
2002	254.0	35%	41%	17%	26.3	107.8	1.3	132
2003	254.9	27%	35%	31%	24.8	108.0	1.3	135
2004	256.0	30%	35%	32%	23.6	105.0	1.3	173
2005	257.1	30%	32%	33%	20.6	97.7	1.2	193
2006	257.9	27%	44%	24%	19.5	93.1	1.2	337
2007	258.9	24%	41%	31%	18.3	90.5	1.1	365
2008	259.0	25%	38%	33%	17.3	84.9	1.1	337
2009	259.2	23%	38%	34%	16.4	85.5	1.1	441
2010	258.9	3%	50%	46%	15.5	85.5	1.1	419
2011	258.4	2%	47%	51%	14.9	92.5	1.2	742
2012	257.8	0%	25%	75%	14.8	84.4	1.1	923
2013	257.7	0%	22%	77%	14.5	86.1	1.1	823
2014	257.9	0%	24%	76%	14.1	86.1	1.1	731
2015	258.3	0%	16%	84%	13.8	86.1	1.1	707

As regards emissions from sludge treatment, our approach is as follows. It is assumed that whenever anaerobic digestion of sludge takes place, the generated methane (reported as sludge gas in the energy statistics) is recovered and used for energy purposes. The amount of methane recovered for energy is reported in CRF Table 5D but this amount was not subtracted from the total emissions as no additional methane emission from sludge digestion was taken into account in the above calculations.

It has to be emphasized that emissions from sludge treatment (besides leakage at biogas facilities) are taken into account in other emission categories:

- Landfilled sewage sludge is accounted for in the 5A Solid waste disposal in landfills category;
- Composted sewage sludge is taken into account in the 5B Biological treatment of solid waste category;

N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from wastewater has been significantly revised for this submission. Considering direct

emissions, the calculation method for nitrous oxide emissions from advanced centralized wastewater treatment plants remained the same, i.e. the method described in Box 6.1 in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was used. We have, however, changed our approach for indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions on the basis of newly collected data. Based on measurements of the total nitrogen content of incoming wastewater, we have re-evaluated the total N content in wastewater. It turned out that there is no need to apply the parameters for non-consumed protein and for industrial a commercial co-discharged protein. For example, modern (third category) domestic wastewater plants measured 30.9 kt nitrogen in the influent. We know that 84% of all wastewater goes in such advanced WWTPs. We also know that 79% of the population is connected. Based on protein consumption, the estimated N in the effluent would be 55 kt (without applying the parameters F<sub>non-con</sub> and F<sub>ind-com</sub>). Using this figure with the degree of utilization of modern centralized WWT plants (84%) and the connection rate of the population (79%), we would get  $55 \times 84\% \times 79\% = 36.4$  kt that is higher than the measured value, therefore it seems that there is no need for these two additional F parameters. (We got similar results for the period 2011-2015 where measured data were available.)

**Table 7.5.4** Measured N content in wastewater in advanced WWT plants

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total N in influent (kt)</b>	18.36	23.59	24.68	28.58	30.86
<b>Total N in effluent (kt)</b>	4.28	4.75	4.63	4.85	5.34

Consequently, we have recalculated the basic activity data (i.e. available nitrogen in the effluent) by using the same protein consumption data but not taking into account the default parameters for non-consumed protein and for industrial a commercial co-discharged protein. And we went one step further. As we have measured data for the nitrogen content in both the influent and the effluent, their difference was considered as removed nitrogen in the treatment process that won't be discharged to aquatic environments anymore, therefore it was subtracted from the calculated value of N in effluent. Our results are summarized in Table 7.5.5.

**Table 7.5.5** Protein consumption and all the resulting N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

	Protein	Total N	N removed	N effluent	N <sub>2</sub> O plants	N <sub>2</sub> O effluent	N <sub>2</sub> O total
	[g/day]	[kt/year]	[Gg]	[Gg]	[Gg]	[Gg]	[Gg]
<b>1985</b>	106.1	65.7	0.0	65.7	0.00	0.52	0.52
<b>BY</b>	107.3	66.1	0.0	66.1	0.00	0.52	0.52
<b>1986</b>	106.4	65.6	0.0	65.6	0.00	0.52	0.52
<b>1987</b>	109.4	67.1	0.0	67.1	0.00	0.53	0.53
<b>1988</b>	107.8	65.9	0.0	65.9	0.00	0.52	0.52
<b>1989</b>	108.8	66.2	0.0	66.2	0.00	0.52	0.52
<b>1990</b>	104.7	63.4	0.5	62.9	0.00	0.49	0.49
<b>1991</b>	100.5	60.9	0.5	60.4	0.00	0.47	0.48
<b>1992</b>	101.1	61.2	0.4	60.8	0.00	0.48	0.48
<b>1993</b>	94.8	57.4	0.5	56.9	0.00	0.45	0.45
<b>1994</b>	91.3	55.2	0.3	54.8	0.00	0.43	0.43
<b>1995</b>	87.0	52.5	0.3	52.2	0.00	0.41	0.41
<b>1996</b>	84.4	50.9	0.4	50.5	0.00	0.40	0.40
<b>1997</b>	87.7	52.8	0.4	52.4	0.00	0.41	0.41
<b>1998</b>	87.2	52.4	1.0	51.4	0.00	0.40	0.40
<b>1999</b>	89.5	53.6	1.2	52.4	0.00	0.41	0.41
<b>2000</b>	96.6	57.7	2.2	55.5	0.00	0.44	0.44
<b>2001</b>	93.9	55.9	2.4	53.5	0.00	0.42	0.42
<b>2002</b>	93.5	55.6	3.7	51.8	0.00	0.41	0.41
<b>2003</b>	103.0	61.0	7.7	53.3	0.01	0.42	0.43
<b>2004</b>	101.0	59.7	8.1	51.5	0.01	0.40	0.41
<b>2005</b>	105.4	62.2	9.3	52.9	0.01	0.42	0.42
<b>2006</b>	104.6	61.6	6.7	54.8	0.01	0.43	0.44

<b>2007</b>	101.3	59.5	8.9	50.7	0.01	0.40	0.41
<b>2008</b>	100.6	59.0	9.5	49.5	0.01	0.39	0.40
<b>2009</b>	99.5	58.3	9.9	48.3	0.01	0.38	0.39
<b>2010</b>	95.8	56.0	12.8	43.2	0.01	0.34	0.35
<b>2011</b>	93.6	54.6	14.1	40.5	0.01	0.32	0.33
<b>2012</b>	93.4	54.2	18.8	35.3	0.02	0.28	0.30
<b>2013</b>	92.1	53.3	20.1	33.2	0.02	0.26	0.28
<b>2014</b>	95.6	55.1	23.7	31.4	0.02	0.25	0.27
<b>2015</b>	95.6	55.0	25.5	29.5	0.03	0.23	0.26

### 7.5.3 Uncertainties and time-series consistency

Based on the above considerations, the uncertainty of the calculation of the emissions from household wastewater is relatively high. In the industrial sector, data became more reliable in the recent years as a result of the new reporting requirements. However, they do not cover all the emitters, although the most important wastewater emitting sectors are included.

Uncertainty of the emissions from household wastewater treatment:

Per human populations

-5 % to +5 %

BOD/capita

-30 % to +30 %,

Maximum methane production capacity B0

-30 % to +30 %

Uncertainty of the emissions from industrial wastewater treatment:

Quantity of industrial wastewater:

-25 % to +25 %

Wastewater /unit of production COD/ unit of wastewater:

-50 % to +100 %

Maximum CH<sub>4</sub> production capacity B<sub>0</sub> :

-30 % to + 30 %

Uncertainty of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

Emission factor

order of 2

Per capita protein consumption

±10%

Used factors

±20%

Source: according to the recommendations of the Revised Guidelines and 2006 Guidelines, on the basis of expert estimates

The time series of emissions are most probably consistent.

### 7.5.4 QA/QC information

The data collected by the environmental authorities were checked by an independent institution (VITUKI) that further processed the data. Data from the database of facility level wastewater information that are used ultimately by the inventory compiler institute undergoes basic checks, e.g. duplications are removed, outliers are analyzed and corrected whenever necessary.

### 7.5.5 Recalculation

In the previous submission, nitrous oxide emissions from effluents were calculated applying the default method, i.e. Equation 6.8 from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines with all the default parameters. For this submission, the amount of total N in wastewater has been revised. Moreover, N removal in advanced centralized wastewater plants has been taken into account as described above.

This methodological change led to significantly decreased emissions. Compared to the previous submission, N<sub>2</sub>O emissions decreased in the base year by -116.15 kt (in CO<sub>2</sub> eq) or -42.86% that corresponded to -1.05% in total emissions. Due to penetration of advanced WWT plants, the decrease in 2014 was even higher: -143.98 kt (in CO<sub>2</sub> eq) or -64.17% that corresponded to -3.41% in total

emissions.

Due to revised activity data (especially produced sewage sludge gas), also CH<sub>4</sub> emissions have been changed. The change (increase) in 2014 was more limited with 4.20 kt (in CO<sub>2</sub> eq) or 1.12% that corresponded to 0.05% in total emissions. (No change for the base year).

#### ***7.5.6 Planned improvements***

More analyses of the industrial wastewater treatment facilities are planned to confirm or modify data in Table 7.5.2 above.

## **8. Chapter 8: Other (CRF sector 6)**

CRF Table 6 comprises NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from 3B Manure management and total NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from 3. Agriculture to ensure the consistency with the reporting to the UNECE under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP) and the EU Directive on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants.

## **9. Chapter 9: Indirect CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrous oxide emissions**

Not applicable in this submission.



## 10. RECALCULATIONS AND PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

Since the 2015 submission, the methodologies provided in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories have been used in a consistent manner. The switch to the new methodological framework led to recalculations in every sector for the whole time series. The most fundamental changes were implemented for the 2015 submission. This time, rather the usual refinements have been carried out. Recalculations of some data-series of the inventory occur and can be justified by several reasons. Just to name a few, QA/QC procedures, ERT recommendations, changing for higher Tier methodologies can lead to a recalculation. As a basic rule, whenever new information emerges that improves the quality or accuracy of the emission data, the emissions are recalculated.

In May 2016, a comprehensive review was carried out by the EU for the compliance years 2013 and 2014, and for the years 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010 pursuant to Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (EU) 525/2013 Article 27. Some of the recalculations listed below can be regarded as implementation of the recommendations from this review.

### ENERGY

#### Fuel combustion activities:

- The latest version of the Annual IEA/Eurostat Questionnaires submitted to Eurostat in March 2017 were used as activity data. All the changes in the energy statistics, especially in the period 2011-14, are reflected in the current inventory;
- Some of the above changes affected some of the automatic reallocations and extrapolations that usually depend on the energy use of the most recent years:
  - Generally, less gasoil has been reallocated from road transport to off-road machinery;
  - Less natural gas has been allocated to oil and gas extraction from 1A4a;
  - Less natural gas has been reallocated from 1A4a to 1A1b
- To be consistent with the approach in the CL RTP inventory, all gasoil used in all manufacturing industries (1A2) has been allocated off-road machinery (1A2gvii);
- The most up-to-date database received from Eurocontrol has been used for the period 2005-2015. This also had some minor effect on the fuel use (and consequently on the emissions) of the previous years due to the built-in extrapolation procedures.
- NCV of gasoline, gasoil and refinery gas has been changed. This had a smaller effect on transport emissions as these are based on carbon content of the fuels (kt C/kt fuel);
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor of gasoline has been revised as the previously used value corresponded to the blend E5 and not to the fossil part only;
- First estimate is presented for the category 1A4bii;
- T2 methodology from the EMEP/EEA guidebook is applied for the categories 1A2gvii and 1A4cii
- Military aviation is reported for the first time;
- Emissions from lubricants in 2-stroke engines have been added to road transport;

The overall effect of the above recalculations was almost negligible: +89.0 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq or 0.1% in the base year. The changes were higher for 2014, though, with an increase of 629.3 kt or 1.6%.

#### Fugitive emissions:

- 1.B.2.d.i - Emissions from geothermal water extractions and mining of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Extrapolation of AD with constant 2012 value was changed for 2013 and 2014 to data obtained from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. Recalculation reduced the CH<sub>4</sub> emissions by 0.03 and 0.13 kt,

respectively.

Some minor changes can be found in the following categories due to recalculation of IEA statistics:

Sector	Affected years	Changes of AD	Changes in emissions
1.B.2.a.3 Transport	2012, 2013, 2014	LPG - Gross inland deliveries	2012: -0.0230357143 kt CO <sub>2</sub> , 2013: -0.0007678571 kt CO <sub>2</sub> , 2014: -0.0023035714 kt CO <sub>2</sub>
1.B.2.a.4 Refining / Storage	2011, 2012, 2013	Refinery (calculated)	intake 2011: -0.000050 kt CH <sub>4</sub> , 2012: 0.000426 kt CH <sub>4</sub> , 2013: -0.000025 kt CH <sub>4</sub>
1.B.2.c.2.i Oil	1985-2004	Refinery (calculated) affected the extrapolation for 1985 to 2004	intake which Between -0.0052 and -0.0079 kt CO <sub>2</sub>

## INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES AND PRODUCT USE

### • 2.A.1 Cement production – CO<sub>2</sub>

According to the EU ETS directive (2003/87/EC) introduced by the European Union, the factories report their CO<sub>2</sub> emission from 2005 on. The factories calculate their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on the basis of their production data, and the analysis of raw flour, and cement kiln dust (CKD), which contains CO<sub>2</sub> generated from all carbonates, including MgCO<sub>3</sub> and other. Wet and dry technologies and CKD are also taken into account, which is in line with methodology of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The analysis must fulfill the strict requirements of 601/2012/EU regulation which prescribes the use of ISO17025 accredited laboratories and the minimum annual frequency of analysis. Hungary has used the IEF for 2005 for extrapolating emissions to the period before 2005 in the last submission because the IEF is following a decreasing trend from 2005 to 2013.

It was suggested by the UN review (ARR) of 2016 to use a good practice data splicing technique given in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (e.g. overlap technique or surrogate data), as appropriate for Hungary's national circumstances, to fill data gaps in the time series of the CO<sub>2</sub> IEF for the period before 2005.

Until 2015 submission emissions for this period was calculated using activity data provided by factories and the Hungarian Cement Concrete and Lime Association. Dataset contains the following amounts: raw materials, CKD, clinker, cement. Some information from CO<sub>2</sub> content of the raw materials was also available, but these data were not provided by accredited laboratories, so it was neglected. Analyzing the data, it became clear that amount of CKD compared to raw material has a significant decrease in 2005. So, the average IEF from EU ETS cannot be used. Meanwhile the CO<sub>2</sub> content of the raw material are more stable for each factory (factories have their own mines) at least in the period of 2005-2010. After 2010 two plants were closed down, and their productions were quite different in their last years compared to the preview period. During the recalculation, the average CO<sub>2</sub> content of raw material from EU ETS for 2005-2010 period was used for each factory. Hungary had only one cement factory which was closed down before the ETS, in this case we used the average of the mentioned average CO<sub>2</sub> content of all other factories. Due to the recalculation emissions between 1985 and 2004 are higher (+1.4 to +8.1%) in this submission.

year	CO <sub>2</sub> emission 2016	in	CO <sub>2</sub> emission 2017	in	percentage change
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	submission	submission	%
1985	1578.75	1707.261	8.1
1985-1987	1617.122	1744.645	7.9
1986	1564.305	1687.395	7.9
1987	1708.312	1839.278	7.7
1988	1656.502	1785.055	7.8
1989	1692.287	1812.8	7.1
1990	1636.064	1750.724	7.0
1991	1053.556	1101.696	4.6
1992	810.982	858.7835	5.9
1993	971.6745	1021.768	5.2
1994	1126.795	1180.858	4.8
1995	1128.38	1185.84	5.1
1996	1036.562	1110.503	7.1
1997	1113.405	1173.869	5.4
1998	1152.819	1221.699	6.0
1999	1157.142	1224.44	5.8
2000	1290.263	1353.058	4.9
2001	1285.271	1356.593	5.5
2002	1369.394	1425.783	4.1
2003	1373.967	1411.835	2.8
2004	1271.379	1289.299	1.4

- 2.A.4.d Other process uses of carbonates – Other

In the category of waste gas scrubbing new emitter was identified in the EU ETS in 2014 and one other emission was missing. Due to these facts CO<sub>2</sub> emission is higher with 0.03959 kt for 2014.

- 2.A.4.b Other process uses of carbonates - Other uses of soda ash

Revised data for import and export of soda ash were obtained from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. Due to the special calculation method, the whole time-series was recalculated. The following table summarizes the changes in emission (kt CO<sub>2</sub>) of this category.

year	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2017 submission	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2016 submission	changes in emissions (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>1985</b>	1.626673	0.937352	0.689321
<b>1985-1987</b>	1.668459	0.960895	0.707564
<b>1986</b>	1.670327	0.961622	0.708705
<b>1987</b>	1.708376	0.983711	0.724665
<b>1988</b>	1.70222	0.981454	0.720766
<b>1989</b>	1.748	1.007419	0.740581
<b>1990</b>	1.61516	0.93155	0.68361
<b>1991</b>	1.952517	1.121257	0.831261
<b>1992</b>	1.401999	0.926226	0.475773
<b>1993</b>	1.388945	1.123837	0.265108

1994	1.466283	1.184204	0.282078
1995	1.545217	1.250279	0.294938
1996	1.732977	1.402007	0.33097
1997	1.741245	1.402007	0.339238
1998	1.441125	1.166074	0.275051
1999	1.237692	1.001453	0.236239
2000	1.358175	1.09894	0.259235
2001	1.333403	1.078896	0.254507
2002	1.359026	1.099632	0.259395
2003	1.287316	1.041605	0.24571
2004	1.157604	0.936652	0.220952
2005	1.343149	1.086782	0.256367
2006	1.190408	0.962851	0.227557
2007	0.851594	0.68905	0.162544
2008	0.834461	0.675187	0.159274
2009	0.667242	0.539886	0.127357
2010	0.80607	0.652215	0.153855
2011	0.86626	0.700917	0.165343
2012	0.911986	0.737915	0.174071
2013	0.909937	0.735085	0.174851
2014	0.700607	0.566882	0.133725

- 2.B.1 – hydrogen production

To improve the accuracy request was sent to one hydrogen plant to have correct NVC of the used natural gas. According to the new information some revisions were made in the calculation for years 2005-2014, also the time-series was completed with new data for 2002-2004 for the same plant.

year	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2017 submission	CO <sub>2</sub> emission in 2016 submission	changes in emissions (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )
2002	99.032845	10.59146	88.441385
2003	109.25568	9.5457767	99.709906
2004	113.74728	10.272472	103.4748
2005	134.22163	132.82556	1.3960722
2006	154.85095	151.88239	2.9685589
2007	166.77102	164.75631	2.0147111
2008	163.74733	164.40024	-0.652907
2009	144.07349	136.46445	7.6090396
2010	148.35485	134.24463	14.110226
2011	202.14457	169.39336	32.751211
2012	247.36871	250.67976	-3.311052
2013	280.00698	275.84569	4.1612908
2014	311.47798	293.50445	17.973529

- 2.F.1 Refrigeration and Air conditioning— In the case of annual sales and the amount destructed in year 2014 data is not yet available for this subcategory. Therefore, for this year

an interpolation method was applied based on the method of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines chapter 5.3.3.3. So estimates for the intermediate years in the time series can be developed by interpolating between the detailed estimates. As a result of the recalculation the value of emissions was increased from 1209.7 to 1586.8 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq in 2014.

- 2.F.4a Metered Dose Inhalers– In this category a country specific method has been applied which was suggested by expert of the MS Support Project. The suggestion was using the population number and the prevalence of asthma of the country for the calculations. But in this year data on the number of MDI products sold have been made available, so the activity data has been changed and Tier 2a method, the user-based approach was applied for this category. Data was available between 2006 and 2015, so before this period surrogate method was applied to complete time series. The used value was the number of asthma and COPD cases for this period.

Year	2014 submission [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]	2015 submission [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]	Percentage change
<b>BY</b>	15.376	11.679	-3.7	-24.0%
<b>1996</b>	30.723	12.532	-18.2	-59.2%
<b>1997</b>	30.662	13.445	-17.2	-56.2%
<b>1998</b>	30.590	14.520	-16.1	-52.5%
<b>1999</b>	30.504	13.874	-16.6	-54.5%
<b>2000</b>	30.425	15.542	-14.9	-48.9%
<b>2002</b>	30.269	18.006	-12.3	-40.5%
<b>2003</b>	30.182	19.714	-10.5	-34.7%
<b>2004</b>	30.117	21.519	-8.6	-28.5%
<b>2005</b>	30.057	23.799	-6.3	-20.8%
<b>2006</b>	30.009	26.515	-3.5	-11.6%
<b>2007</b>	29.962	25.955	-4.0	-13.4%
<b>2008</b>	29.909	27.653	-2.3	-7.5%
<b>2009</b>	29.863	29.459	-0.4	-1.4%
<b>2010</b>	29.796	30.156	0.4	1.2%
<b>2011</b>	29.674	30.705	1.0	3.5%
<b>2012</b>	29.559	29.834	0.3	0.9%
<b>2013</b>	29.480	30.876	1.4	4.7%
<b>2014</b>	29.401	31.613	2.2	7.5%

- 2.G.2 Other applications – To improve accuracy, the activity data has been changed from 2007. In the calculations, annual sales data of the largest SF<sub>6</sub> distributor for domestic manufacturers was used from 2007 to 2015.

Year	2014 submission [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]	2015 submission [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]	Difference [Gg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]	Percentage change
<b>2006</b>	64,900	64,900	0,0	0,0%
<b>2007</b>	67,800	56,8746	-10,9	-16,1%
<b>2008</b>	45,717	32,04654	-13,7	-29,9%
<b>2009</b>	26,068	19,7733	-6,3	-24,1%

<b>2010</b>	19,280	7,89564	-11,4	-59,0%
<b>2011</b>	41,327	8,59104	-32,7	-79,2%
<b>2012</b>	53,544	7,01784	-46,5	-86,9%
<b>2013</b>	35,299	6,270912	-29,0	-82,2%
<b>2014</b>	12,214	16,62394	4,4	36,1%

## AGRICULTURE

The overall impact of recalculations in 3. Agriculture resulted in -0.6% on average and -37.3 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq in the 1990-2014 trend from the Agriculture. This change mostly related to the recalculated N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, which decreased by 1.5% on average (51.6 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) over the period 1990-2014. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions changed the least. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions were recalculated for the years 1996 and the period 2000-2014. Over the period 2011-2014 CH<sub>4</sub> emissions increased by 0.2% on average and 5.2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq, while for the other years effect of recalculations range from a reduction of 0.03% to an increase of 0.04%. Over the period 1990-2014, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Agriculture increased by 13.8% on average and 13.5 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq.

The overall impact of recalculations in 3. Agriculture on the total emissions (excluding LULUCF) shows decrease by 0.11% (and 118.2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq) in the BY and by 0.07% (and 39.2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq) in 2014.

The main driver behind this decrease in emissions is primarily the revision of indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions through atmospheric deposition in 3.D; due to the recalculations of NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in the reporting to the UNECE under the CLRTAP. The introduction of the most up-to-date 2016 EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook resulted in significant changes in the emissions from inorganic fertilizers.

Reasons for recalculations by source categories are as follows:

### Livestock sector (3.A and 3.B)

As a degree of inconsistency in the time-series of animal population was unavoidable in the NIR Tables in the last years, which was a problem rose in three successive reviews, an adjustment was made to the animal population of subcategories of Swine and Non-Dairy Cattle for some years. The aim of this correction was to eliminate the inconsistencies between the HCSO's data on the total animal population and the sum of the animal population subcategories. The adjustment resulted in a negligible change in the reported emissions and had no influence on the reported animal population in the CRF Tables. For more details on the adjustment see Chapter 5.2.

Livestock numbers for the period 2011-2014 were revised for all livestock categories except buffalo as a result of data revision made by the data provider office (HCSO). The slight changes in the livestock populations resulted in recalculated emissions from the Livestock sector (3.A and 3.B) and additional changes in the emissions from 3.D, due to the change in the animal manure applied to soils and change in the required amount of bedding materials, which is taken into account in the CRF category 3.D.a.4.

The recalculated dairy cattle population effected slight changes in the milk production per head, which led to revisions of the gross energy intake and nitrogen excretion and additional changes in the emissions from 3.A, 3.B and 3.D emissions for the years 2011 to 2014.

Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from Atmospheric deposition in 3.B were recalculated due to the revision of the reported NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in the reporting to the UNECE under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP). The new 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook (which has been introduced in the CLRTAP reporting since this year) enables us to separate NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from animal manure between 3.B and 3.D sectors for those livestock categories for which emissions are

reported by Tier 1 methodologies. This change resulted in changes in the allocation of nitrogen between 3.B and 3.D. However, emissions from livestock categories having small importance are calculated using Tier 1 in the air pollutant emission inventory, therefore this change cause a slight decrease in the reported emissions (-4.3 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq on average over the period 1990-2014).

Additionally, the formerly not estimated N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from nitrogen leaching and run-off have been reported for the first time in this submission under 3.B to improve transparency, and completeness of the inventory. These emissions resulted in an increase in the indirect emissions from 3.B, and a slight decrease in the managed manure N available for application to managed soils. Inclusion of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from nitrogen leaching resulted in 20.1 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq increase in the emissions from 3.B on average for the period 1990-2014.

As a response to the latest UNFCCC in-country review, conducted in 2016, typing error concerning to the MCF for solid manure of Non-dairy Cattle the in the CRF Table 3B(a)s2 was corrected for the full time-series in accordance with the IPCC methodology, and our calculation. This change does not cause change in the reported emissions.

### **3.D Agricultural soils**

Revision of emissions from Livestock sector resulted in changes in the N input from manure applied to soils, which has led to recalculation of emissions from 3.D.a as well as 3.D.b emissions.

#### **3.D.a Direct emissions**

Emissions from 3.D.a.2.c Other organic amendments, compost have been reported for the first time in this submission, which resulted in a negligible, 3.4 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> eq increase in the emissions for the period 1996-2014.

As a result of our QC procedure, emissions from 3.D.a.5 mineralization were revised and the formerly applied C:N ratio, 15 was corrected to 10, which is in accordance with the Guidelines (IPCC, 2006) for cropland remaining cropland. This correction resulted in negligible change in the reported emissions.

Emissions from 3.D.a.4 Crop residues were recalculated due to the changes in the livestock numbers for the period 2011-2014, which has influence on the subtracted amount of crop residues used for bedding.

Activity data for 3.D.a.2.b sewage sludge applied to soils were recalculated due to the revision in activity data for the period 1988-2014.

#### **3.D.b Indirect emissions**

Changes in the emissions from 3Db1 reflect the revision of fraction of synthetic fertilizer N that volatilizes as NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> (Frac<sub>GASF</sub>) due to the revision of the reported NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in the reporting to the UNECE under the CLRTAP.

Recalculation of 3.D.b.2 emissions is on one hand the consequence of the revised estimates concerning N-inputs from different sources as: annual amount of animal manure (F<sub>ON</sub>), urine and dung deposited by grazing animals (F<sub>PRP</sub>), N in crop residues (F<sub>CR</sub>), and N mineralized in soils. Revisions of irrigated areas also led to slight increase in the emissions from 3.D.b.2 for the year 2008 and 2014. The formerly used data on irrigated areas for these years were replaced by data of the Hungarian General Directorate of Water Management (OVF). Emissions increased by 2.0% (1.53 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2008 and 5.2% (4.49 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2014.

The overall impact of recalculations in 3.D resulted in a 2.3% decrease on average and 63 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq in the emissions over the period 1990-2014.

### **3.G Liming**

In former submissions, the large inter-annual fluctuations of activity data for 3.G, were often identified in the UNFCCC as well as the EU review processes therefore CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 3.G were revised for the period 1986-2014 due to the revision of activity data to improve the transparency and consistency of the reported emissions. For the period 1990-2014, recalculation in 3.G resulted in a 13.4 Gg increase on average in the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the 3. Agriculture.

#### LULUCF

This year, there were a number of changes in our database and our calculation system. However, most changes are small and do not substantially change either areas or emissions/removals. The full list of changes will be reported in our NIR under the UNFCCC.

- Land use change matrix: there were some minor calculation errors for years 2013 and 2014.
- Most of the changes in the forest sector are due to adding carbon stock changes of the litter pool in the L-FL sectors that were not reported previously; some minor changes are due to correcting calculation errors.
- Perennial CL to FL: minor mistakes in the estimation of the area time series
  - pCL-FL Vineyards and Orchards (i.e., the ratio (dimensionless) of these perennials in the total CL-FL conversions): minor calculation errors
  - Proportion (dimensionless) of "From perennial CL" conversions: pCL-CL, pGL-GL: former values were replaced by data from the 2012 CORINE database after 2006
- Carbon stock changes in soils in the FL-GL category: there was an error in the formula.

#### WASTE

- 5A: Soil and stones have been removed from demolition waste. In addition, revised GDP data affected backward extrapolation of the amount disposed construction waste;
- 5B: Activity data (composted sludge) has been revised;
- 5C: Activity data have been updated;
- 5D: Bigger methodological change occurred in case of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. Based on measurements of incoming wastewater, we have re-evaluated the total N content in wastewater. (It turned out that there is no need to apply the parameters for non-consumed protein and for industrial a commercial co-discharged protein). In the calculations, N-removals in modern WWT plants have also been taken into account which consequently led to revision of nitrogen in the effluent.

The overall effect of the above recalculations in the waste sector was a decrease of 8.3% (-306.2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) and 8.1% (-347.2 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in the base year and in 2014, respectively.



## PART II: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 7, PARAGRAPH 1

### 11. KP-LULUCF

#### 11.1 General information

According to relevant provisions, Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (KP) must submit information on land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) that is supplementary to what is contained in the report under the UNFCCC (i.e., Section 6). These provisions set principles to govern the treatment of LULUCF activities; require a consistent definition for terms such as “forest”, as well as definitions for activities under Article 3.3 and agreed activities under Article 3.4; and describe how modalities, rules and guidelines are implemented relating to the accounting of activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4. Good practice guidance concerning the methodology for estimating GHG emissions and removals are given in IPCC (2013).

Hungary started, in 2006, to report LULUCF-related information in its Initial Report under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol

([http://unfccc.int/files/national\\_reports/application/pdf/hungaryareport\\_v4fin\\_c3.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/national_reports/application/pdf/hungaryareport_v4fin_c3.pdf)) where, among others, Hungary reported the election of an activity under Art. 3.4, i.e., Forest Management (FM) for the first commitment period, and broadly defined both FM and “forest”.

This part of the NIR provides supplementary information based on the above legal documents. *Information on forests not contained in this chapter, and/or reference from this Chapter, can be found in Chapter 6 of the NIR.*

As Hungary only elected FM under Art. 3.4 for the first commitment period (it is obligatory to report on FM in the second commitment period), and no other activity has been elected for the second commitment period, this part of the NIR mainly covers issues related to the forestry sector. Information on other land use related activities (e.g. cropland management) is limited to relevant information about land use conversions.

##### 11.1.1 Definition of forest and any other criteria

As reported in our both Initial Reports (i.e., 2006 and 2016), Hungary has elected elements and single minimum values for „**forest**” according to Table 11.1. We note that these elements have not been changed since, and are the same for, the first commitment period.

**Table 11.1** Definition of “forest” with prescribed characteristics and the justification of the chosen values.

Characteristics	Chosen value	Justification
Single minimum land area	0.5 ha	identical with value reported to FAO earlier
Single minimum width of forest area	10 m	defined by the methodology of current forest inventory

A single minimum tree crown cover value	30%	identical with value reported to FAO earlier
A single minimum tree height value	5 meters	identical with value reported to FAO earlier

Concerning the **minimum size** of land area, it is the minimum size, by law, of forest stands. The mean size of stands in the country is around four ha. There are also patches of areas covered by trees of forest species in the country that are smaller than 0.5 ha, however, these patches are not surveyed currently.

Concerning **minimum width**, our forests are most often much wider than that, i.e. the chosen value occurs quite rarely. The width of 10m typically allows for only 3-4 rows of trees.

Concerning **minimum crown cover**, the vast majority of the forests are on sites that allow for closed canopy closure already in young stands, and this closure is usually kept well above 50% until final harvest and regeneration. There are some stands in the country on sites where forests would not necessarily occur under natural conditions (and thus have low crown closure), however, the proper and intensive management of even these stands ensures that they would usually have more than 50% crown closure. None of these stands would be cultivated if the management of these stands were not profitable, which requires a relatively high crown closure.

The above also holds true for **minimum tree height**. It only happens on very few extreme sites that trees cannot reach a mean height of five meters at maturity.

In addition to managerial aspects, the above elected definitions match those applied in the forest inventory and monitoring: the definition was elected also in order to attain the highest possible accuracy in reporting. Moreover, the selected values are consistent with those reported to FAO and used in other international statistics.

The above elements of the definition of “forest” under the KP are exactly the same as those under the UNFCCC. Note, however, that additional information is needed to define “forest” under the KP, e.g. *when* a certain piece of land becomes “forest” due to an afforestation or reforestation activity, and which areas are accounted for under FM. These additional pieces of information are detailed in the following sections.

With respect to origin, forests in Hungary are:

- planted, when the propagation material (seeds, cuttings or seedlings) is artificially put in the soil;
- semi-natural, when the propagation material comes from the mature, harvested trees of managed forests during an assisted natural regeneration, or when parts of these trees (roots and stumps) serve as sources of the regenerating shoots of a new generation of trees after harvest; and
- natural, when the entire regeneration process, which includes the production of propagation material of any sort, happens due to natural processes.

Based on the above, Hungary defines “**planted forests**” under the provisions of Decision 2.CMP/7 as forest plantations with artificially regenerated, short rotation (<40 years) species and long rotation species of coppice origin. All other forests, whether managed or not (such as forest reserves, see section 11.1.3.3 below) are considered “**natural forests**”.

### ***11.1.2 Elected activities under Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol***

As stated in both of our Initial Reports, as well as above, Hungary only elected FM under Article 3, paragraph 4 for the first commitment period, and no other activities under Art. 3.4 have been elected for the second commitment period.

### ***11.1.3 Description of how the definitions of each activity under Article 3.3 and each elected activity under Article 3.4 have been implemented and applied consistently over time***

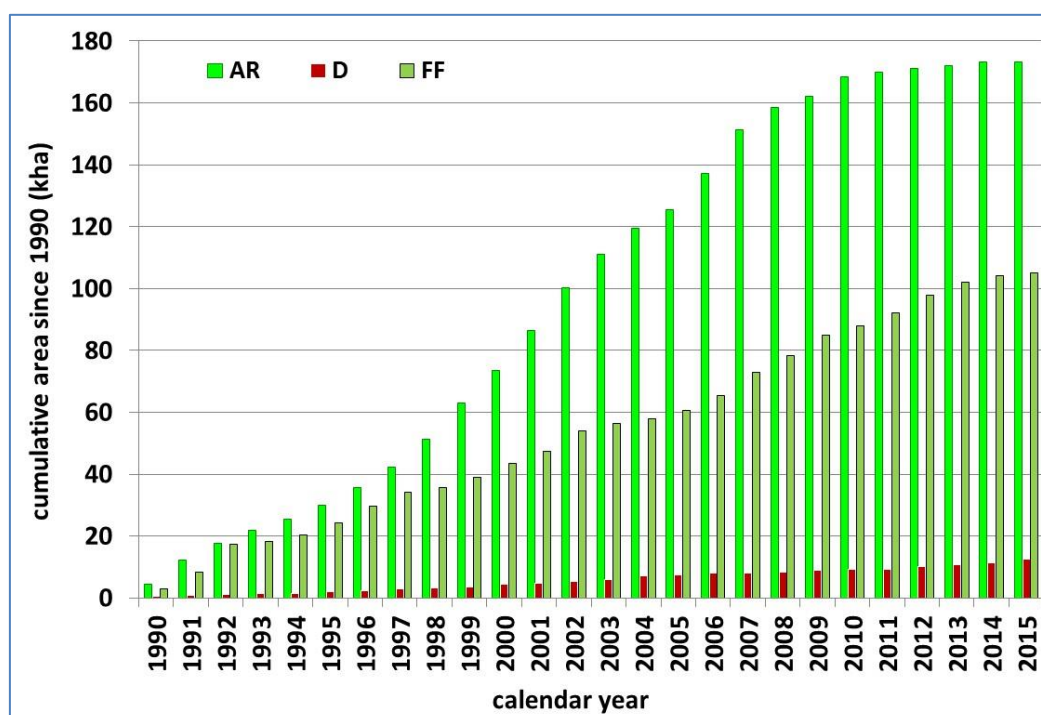
Under the UNFCCC, emissions and removals from forests must be reported for “managed forests”. As reported in Chapter 6, all forests can be regarded as “managed”. Beginning 2015<sup>1</sup>, all forests in each new inventory year that are identified in the reporting year and are classified as “found forests” (FF) are included under FM.

The total area within the forestry sector under the KP is split among the following categories for each inventory year:

- AR: land under afforestation or reforestation since 1990
- D: land that has been deforested since 1990
- FM: all other forest land that was known to exist 31 December 1989 less D plus FF.

In the remaining parts of this section, first we define each activity, then provide details of the methodology of the estimation of emissions and removals. Note that for the development of carbon stock changes of most pools, most methodological information is discussed in Sections 6.4 and 6.5. Both the definitions and methods of estimation are consistently applied throughout the period 1990-2015.

The evolution of the area of AR, D and FF is demonstrated in Figure 11.1, whereas that of FM is demonstrated in Figure 11.3 below.



**Figure 11.1.** The evolution of the cumulative area of AR, D and FF between 1990 and 2015.

<sup>1</sup> This decision is consistent with the suggestion of the ARR of 2013.

### 11.1.3.1 Definition and identification of “AR since 1990”

In general, AR is an activity with the objective to establish “forest” as defined above on land that was not covered by such a “forest” before. The category “AR since 1990” includes all forest that has been established through direct human induced activity since 1990. AR land has so far only been deforested in Hungary in 2015. As required by relevant provisions, AR can only include forest that can be demonstrated to have originated due to direct human induced activity. Therefore, in some years, the area of this category increases less than the L-FL category which includes increases of forest area due to both human-induced and natural causes.

In Hungary, afforestations are done in three steps. The first step is to do site preparation and, after that, to plant the propagation material in the area (initial planting). The second step is a period of one to several years when the newly established stand is tended and when beating-up is done if deemed necessary. Finally, the third and last step occurs when the afforestation is deemed “mature” by authorities. At this point, the stand is inspected, and, if it is found to have established itself and is expected to be able to survive, grow and develop to a fully mature forest, it is regarded as a “certified forest” (however, under the UNFCCC, it is only moved to the FL-FL category 20 years after the planting has taken place, see section 6). The whole process from site preparation to certification can last from one to 10-15 years, depending on species, site, weather and other factors, see **Table 11.7** below. In any event, an area becomes part of AR when the first step is completed.

However, note that we began to identify “AR since 1990” areas by considering the database of the above certificates. It was found during the analysis that some of the certified areas have not yet entered, or could not be identified in, the NFD (i.e. in the database of stands), which contains growing stock information, and which is used for the estimation of emissions and removals. This may mean e.g. that the afforestation proved to be unsuccessful. Therefore, we only included the smaller of the two sets in the “AR since 1990” category, i.e. the one for which we have data in the NFD, and for which a proof exists that the afforestation was indeed successful.

In relation to the KP, which sets a specific cut-off point (1 January 1990) in requesting countries to account for afforestations/reforestations, it is important to precisely define afforestations considering this cut-off point. In Hungary, in order to be conservative, “afforestations since 1990” are those, and only those, areas where both site preparation, as well as the planting of the propagation material started to happen after 1 January 1990. In a similar fashion, new AR areas by an inventory year are those, and only those, areas where both site preparation as well as the planting of the propagation material started to happen after 1 January of the inventory year. In general, site preparation and planting do occur in the same season anyway, shortly one after the other.

It is also important to define the cut-off point after which an afforestation counts as an area “subject to 3.4 FM”. Indeed, due to provisions of the Hungarian Forest Act, all afforestations become subjects to FM right away as they enter the AR category. Thus, all forests under AR since 1990 are subject to 3.4 FM.

We also note here that the category “AR since 1990” includes the areas of stands that were actually afforested (i.e., the area of forest subcompartments), but not adjacent roads or other areas that are not covered by trees, see section 11.2.2 below.

Finally, we note again that the statistically captured forest area keeps increasing at a rate that is higher than the area of land under AR. This is due to the fact that not all increases are due to direct human induced activities, and that we find forests (i.e., FF) each year as explained later.

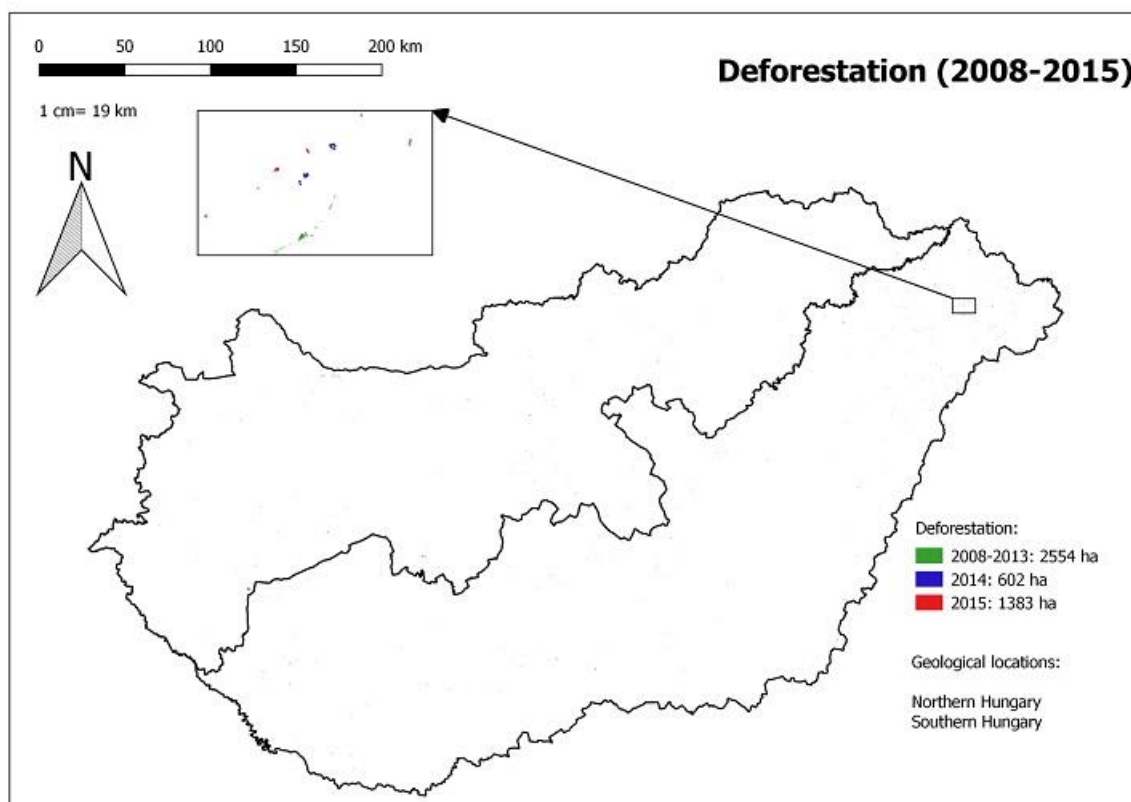
**11.1.3.2 Definition and identification of “D since 1990”**

D areas are those that have been clear-cut and removed from areas under forest management in order that the area can be used for non-forestry purposes (i.e., for road building and other land use).

An area enters the D category right away, i.e. in the year, of the clear-cut which is made in order that the area can be used for non-forestry purposes.

In Hungary, deforestations have not been done frequently since 1990 nor were they done before that. The *location* of D areas has only been registered since 2008, i.e. the beginning of the first commitment period under the KP, as it was of no importance for the forest inventory earlier, and the exact location of most deforestations prior to 1 January 2008 are thus not known. Because all deforestations have to be identified under the KP, we set up a system to identify at least the total area of deforestations from all available information even before 2008. This system allows for estimating and accounting for all emissions from deforestations. (Note that all possible emissions are accounted for on D land in the year of the deforestation, therefore, no emissions can be expected on any of the land that was deforested before 2008, and no removals are accounted for, either, on this land in order to be conservative. Therefore, we believe that the ignorance of the location of land deforested before 2008 presents no risk at all of underestimation of emissions.)

The total area of deforestations was established based on statistical data collection back to 1990 using the certificates of the deforestations. However, it was suspected that these certificates are fully available only since 2003. Therefore, a sample-based study was conducted that indeed showed that the total area of the deforestations before 2003 that could be retrieved from the National Forestry Database, which contains data of forest stands only, was higher than the one that could be developed from the hard copy files of the certificates. This means that in fact some certificates, thus, some deforestation areas could not be identified by only using these certificates. Therefore, the area established by the certificates before 2003 was multiplied by a factor of 1.18, which was established in the above study and was deemed representative for the whole country, to estimate the area of the total deforestations before 2003. We could thus establish a full time series data of deforestations since 1990 as reported in the CRF tables; see also Figure 11.2.



**Figure 11.2.** The spatial distribution of deforested land 2008-2015, with an enlarged portion directly showing deforested areas for several years/periods.

It is noted here that, just like with AR, D areas only include the area of stands, which in the case of deforestation are those with tree cover that have been actually deforested, and exclude areas outside of the stands, like roads, see section 11.2.2 below.

The demonstration that regenerated areas under FM are not accounted for as D can be found in section 11.4.2 below.

### 11.1.3.3 Definition and identification of “FM since 1990”

The definition of “forest management” in Hungary is well described in the Forest Act. The relevant forest act that was mainly in effect for the period of 1990-2008 was passed by Parliament in 1996 (Act LIV of 1996 on Forests and the Protection of Forests, see at [http://www.mgszh.gov.hu/data/cms/132/407/Act\\_LIV\\_of\\_1996\\_eng.doc](http://www.mgszh.gov.hu/data/cms/132/407/Act_LIV_of_1996_eng.doc)). Article 7 of this Act stated that “For the purposes of this Act, forest management shall be qualified as the entire range of activities aimed at maintaining, guarding and protecting forests, ensuring their public function, increasing forest assets, and exercising the forest usufructs in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.” The relevant section of Article 2, in turn, reads: “Forests should be used and exploited in such a manner and at such a rate, which allows the prospects of management to endure also for future generations (hereinafter referred to as: sustainable forestry), so that the forests preserve their biological diversity, naturalness, fertility, ability to regenerate, viability, furthermore, that they satisfy the protective and economic needs in harmony with the requirements of society, and fill their role of serving the purposes of nature conservation and environmental protection, health and welfare, tourism, research and education.” The most recent forest act was passed in 2009 (Act XXXVII of 2009 on Forests, Protection of Forests and Forest Management), which further reinforced provisions to protect forests and avoid deforestations,

and initiated a transition to close-to-nature forestry at an increased rate. (The text of the Act, currently in Hungarian, can be found at [http://net.jogtar.hu/jr/gen/hjegy\\_doc.cgi?docid=A0900037.TV](http://net.jogtar.hu/jr/gen/hjegy_doc.cgi?docid=A0900037.TV).)

“Forest management” in general includes all kinds of activities in the forest from protecting forests through their economic utilization (of all kinds) to making use of a wide variety of social and ecological functions and services of the forests. All these activities often require all forests are managed rather intensively, although the intensity is quite different in the various stands depending on site, species, and the local objective of managing the stand. Managing forests involves preparing forest management plans, afforesting, regenerating, intensive thinning, harvesting, forest protection, maintenance of roads and road building, inspecting of forestry operations and others. The intensity of management is characterized by the length of the operational cycle of returning to each forest subcompartment (of about four ha in average as mentioned above), which varies from about a few weeks (in afforested or regenerated areas where tending is necessary) to a year (in young poplar stands for tending) to five years (between pre-commercial thinnings in young stands of fast growing species) to maximum 15-20 years (between thinnings in older stands of slow growing species). Forest management planning covers all forests, and forest management plans are made for 10(-12) years. That all forests (in the sense of the above “forest” definition) are managed in one way or another in Hungary is partly an economic and practical necessity because of the high rate of wood utilization, and because the density of the population, which requires all kinds of products and services from the forests, is quite high according to official statistics (108 capita km<sup>-2</sup>, KSH 2009).

We also note that there are practically no remnants of virgin forests, old growth forests or other primary forests in the country. There are some 70 so called forest reserves in the country, whose total area amounts to some 12 kha. Forest operations in these reserves are limited to a so called protection zone (altogether about 8 kha), which thus makes up most of the area of these reserves, and which surrounds the so called core zone (altogether about 4 kha) where no traditional operation is conducted whatsoever. However, there is usually some activity even within these core areas such as protection by fencing, wildlife management, forest protection, research and education, and tourism. All protected forests are also included in the so called “Natura 2000” protection network of the European Union that involves various protection measures.

Activities that are carried out in all Hungarian forests also include preparing forest management plans, surveying and inspecting stands regularly.

Because one or several of the above activities are carried out in each known stand each year, all forests in Hungary are regarded as “*managed since 1990*”.

The above also means that Hungary applies a *broad definition* of “Forest Management” under Art. 3.4 of the KP.

Land under the “FM since 1990” activity is identified by establishing FM in 31 December 1989 (which equaled the total FL at that point), and then subtracting D areas and adding FF areas in subsequent years. It thus excludes D areas, but includes all land that, with the exception of AR, increased forest area (see also Chapter 6.2). FF are young, and are thus in their intensive growing phase. Note that as very little information was available on the origin of these forests, it was deemed to be impossible to demonstrate “direct human induced activity” in their establishment, therefore, we excluded these forests from FM in the first commitment period. However, as it seems improbable that these forests are unmanaged, and to comply with the requirements of ARR 2013, we now include all FF in our FM estimates.

Finally, it is also noted that we report the area of FM, just like for AR and D, as the total area of subcompartments that excludes the area of associated roads etc., see section 11.2.2 below.



**11.1.3.4 Separating AR from FM**

As stated above, as soon as site preparation and planting or seeding of propagation material is done, all AR lands become “forest” from the viewpoint of the definition of “forest” under the KP. From a domestic administrative point of view, when an AR land becomes a “forest” under the Hungarian regulations, it right away becomes an area subject to FM. Thus, since the category “AR since 1990” includes all areas that have been afforested since 1990, these areas could also be regarded as 3.4 FM. These areas are, however, not considered as FM areas to avoid double counting.

This separation is done, thus, double counting is avoided, and full consistency with the report under the UNFCCC is achieved, by first establishing the area of AR and then developing FM as all forests (“FL” in the report under the UNFCCC) minus the total of the “AR since 1990” minus “D since 1990” plus FF (see below). In this way, AR since 1990 that would otherwise classify as FM is automatically excluded from FM.

**11.1.3.5 Separating D from FM**

This issue is covered under section 11.4.2 below.

***11.1.4 Description of precedence conditions and/or hierarchy among Article 3.4 activities, and how they have been consistently applied in determining how land was classified***

As Hungary only elected FM under Article 3.4, no precedence or hierarchy issues arise.

## 11.2 Land-related information

The information below is supplementary to that reported in Section 6.2

### *11.2.1 Spatial assessment unit used for determining the area of the units of land under Article 3.3*

The spatial assessment unit in Hungary that is applied for the purposes of reporting under the KP is 1 ha. This is ensured by the forest inventory that includes information of stands as small as 0.5 ha, i.e. areas that are smaller than 1.0 ha. Individual stands that are larger than 0.5 ha are also mapped at a spatial assessment unit of around 0.5 ha.

### *11.2.2 Methodology used to develop the land transition matrix*

The land transition matrix is developed the following way:

- Areas under annual AR activities are identified on a per stand basis each year, and the area of these stands are summed up.
- Areas under D activity are identified since 1 Jan 2008 on a per stand basis each year, and the area of these stands is summed up.
- Both before and in years 2008-2015, all additional changes in the forest area were also identified that were not due to AR or D activities (i.e., FF).
- The total (known) forest area at the end of each year (since 1990) is identified on the basis of the NFD that includes appropriate records for each known stand in the country.
- By identifying the total forest area, as well as all additions to, and reductions from, the forest area of the previous year, the constant elements (i.e. FM) can be identified. Land under FM was first identified at 31 December 1989. FM area has subsequently been reduced by the area of the deforested stands and increased by the area of FF.

As noted above, this procedure ensures the consistency of land identification under all KP activities, as well as FL under the UNFCCC. We identified all changes in the land use statistics and classified them so that, eventually, all land can be accounted for in the respective categories since 1990. (See also section 6.2 above.)

In order to demonstrate that the land use and land use change information as reported under the UNFCCC is consistent with information under the various activities under the KP, below is a summary of the method of establishing the area of FM with the relevant data at the country level.

Note that, as discussed in Chapter 6.2 above, we report the total “Forest land” area in the CRF table under the UNFCCC, which is more than the total area of all *stands* (the difference being forest roads and other areas not covered by trees). The reason for reporting total forest land area under the UNFCCC is that it is only possible to account for all land area of the country in the CRF tables under the UNFCCC if this area is to be consistently reported together with the area of all other land uses so that the total of all these areas add up to the total land area of the country. However, for KP reporting purposes, we can only use and report, for FM, AR and D, the total area of *stands*, or *sub-compartments*, which is included in the above “forest land” but excludes areas outside of the stands such as roads. (The area of stands includes areas *within* the stands that are occasionally not covered by trees, however, these are reported under the KP.) We note that, in order to be conservative, emissions from soils are estimated for the total area of the FL-L category, i.e., the total of the area of stands plus the area not covered by trees.

We use the area of stands in the KP CRF tables because, for statistical reasons, we only have this type

of data for land under AR and D, and it would be impossible to fill in the land transition matrix (CRF Table NIR 2. LAND TRANSITION MATRIX) of the KP CRF with the total area of forests under the various activities. (Anyway, many “forest area” statistics that are widely used in the country as official statistics publish this, and often only this, type of area data.) However, the purpose of this matrix is only to demonstrate the consistent accounting of changes between lands under the various KP activities, as well as other land, and the category “Other” is used to allocate non-stand areas, and the consistent use of the area of stands for FM, AR and D alike perfectly achieves this purpose. Additionally, applying these slightly different types of areas does not affect the estimation of emissions and removals at all as it is done with respect to all direct human induced activities affecting these emissions and removals by using volume statistics.

The time series data of the total area all forests, along with that of the land that is strictly covered by trees (“calculated area covered by trees”) is reported in Table 6.5.1 of the NIR. Table 11.2 below summarizes changes of area under AR and D, whereas Figure 11.3 below is a draft graphical representation of all changes in the area of all mandatory and elected activities under the KP (using the area of forest sub-compartments). These changes represent actual changes (for AR, D and FM) due to the activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the KP, but also include those processes mentioned above that have resulted in the creation of the FF category.

**Table 11.2** *The size of annual land conversions (in terms of subcompartments) for (a) D, (b) AR and (c) FF for the years of the first and second commitment periods.*

**(a) D**

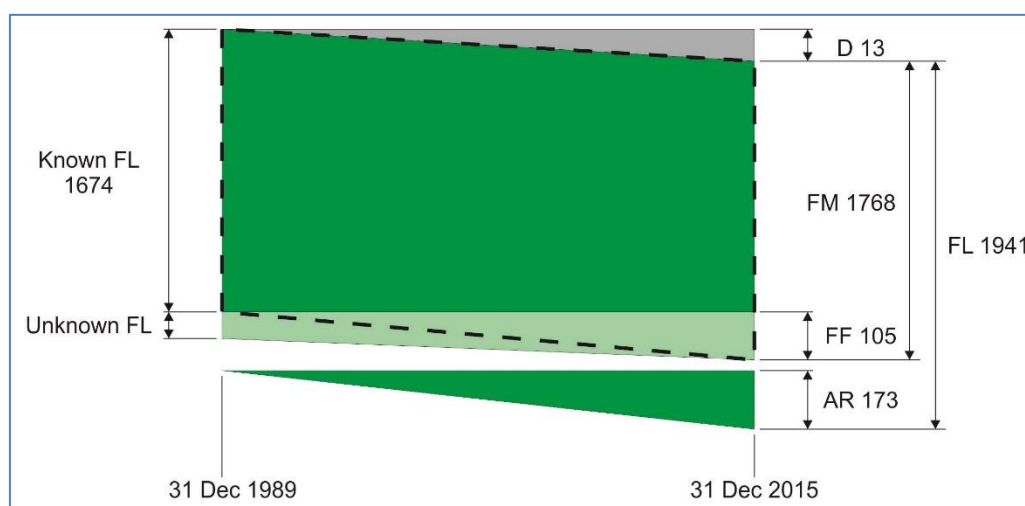
Inventory year	FL converted to Cropland	FL converted to Grassland	FL converted to Settlement	All conversions from FL to other land use
	Area (ha)			
2008	97	35	162	294
2009	56	101	293	450
2010	59	47	102	208
2011	67	24	185	276
2012	113	389	280	782
2013	115	117	300	532
2014	153	97	352	602
2015	424	336	623	1 383

**(b) AR**

Inventory year	Cropland converted FL	Grassland converted to FL	Settlement converted to FL	All conversions to FL from other land use
	Area (ha)			
2008	6 674	389	157	7 220
2009	3 177	273	68	3 518
2010	5 429	321	510	6 261
2011	1 413	211	23	1 647
2012	1 012	134	17	1 164
2013	539	119	39	697
2014	891	392	138	1 422
2015	179	40	26	245

(c) **FF**

Inventory year	Found Forests
	Area (ha)
2008	5 567
2009	6 495
2010	3 136
2011	4 224
2012	5 520
2013	4 369
2014	2 058
2015	841



**Figure 11.3.** Graphical demonstration of changes in the area of the various activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the KP since 1990 (numbers after the activities are in kha). The area denoted by the dashed lines shows the development of the area over time identified by the NFD in each inventory year except for the AR area. For any given inventory year (i.e., at any vertical intersection of the graph), the distance between the dashed lines shows the area of FM including that part of the FF that was identified up to the inventory year. Data under various activities are total areas of sub-compartments (they may be slightly different from respective numbers as reported elsewhere due to rounding-off, and so they do not represent official statistics). See text for other details.

Based on the definitions and the graph as outlined above, the areas of the sub-compartments under the Article 3.3 and 3.4 activities are derived as shown by the formulas and data in Table 11.3 (only rounded numbers are used for the entire area of the various activities; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the KP CRF table).

**Table 11.3.** The evolution of areas under the relevant land use categories under the KP, together with data for total forests and found forests for the first commitment period, as well as the algorithm (i.e. formulas, in the heading) of developing the data. The area of “FM since 1990” in 1990 (“TF89t2”) was 1,674,815 ha and, for any year later, the table then shows all changes according to the formulas in which t1 means the beginning of the inventory year (i.e., the end of the preceding year), whereas t2 means the end of the year. The light yellow color in some cells of the table (with column title “from DB”) shows that the data in those cells are taken from the database (i.e., they are the result of other compilations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table. All other notations are as in Tables 6.5.3. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding-off errors; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)

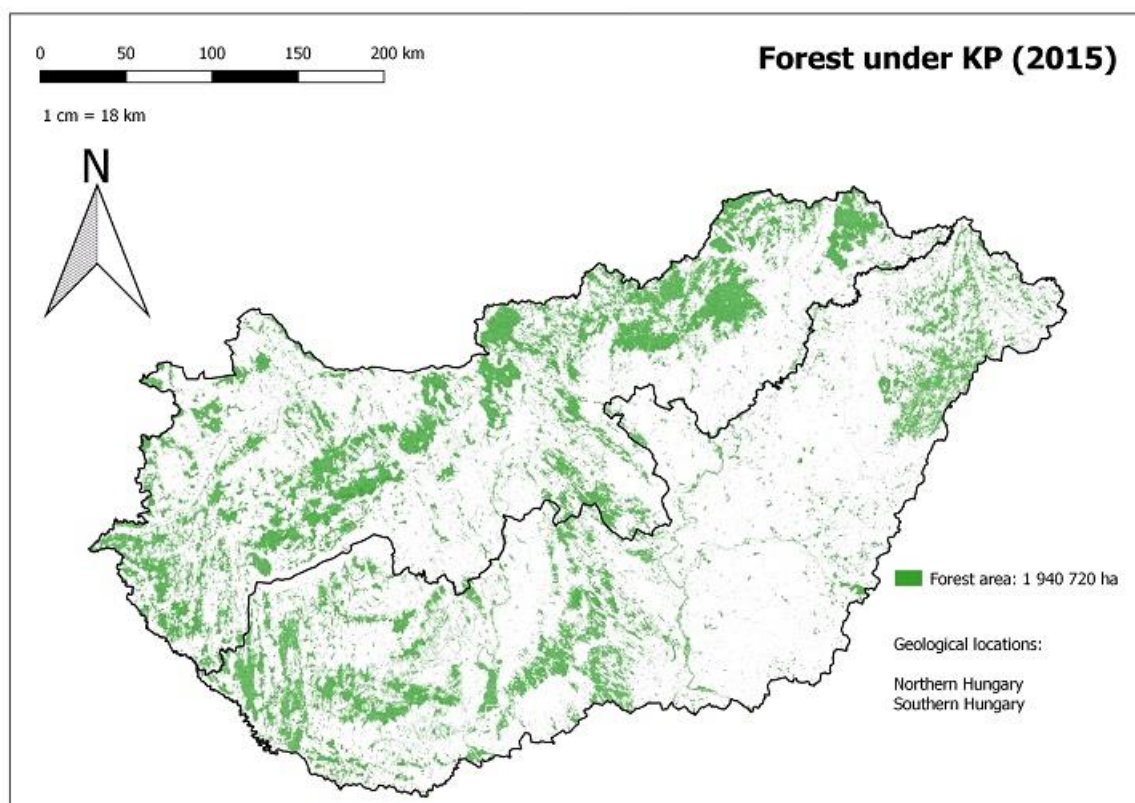
Inventory year	AREA (sub-compartments), ha													
	All Forest Land (FL)			D since 1990			FF since 1990			AR since 1990			FM since 1990	
	FL = FM + AR(cum.) + FF(cum.)													
	t1	t2	Δ	t1	Δ	t2	t1	Δ	t2	t1	Δ (net)	t2	t1	t2
	from DB	from DB	t2-t1	from DB	from DB	t1 + Δ	from DB	from DB	t1 + Δ	from DB	from DB	t1 + Δ	FL89t2 - D + FF	t1 - ΔD FM + ΔFF
2008	1 890 866	1 903 360	12 494	8 128	294	8 422	72 779	5 567	78 346	151 401	7 220	158 621	1 739 465	1 744 739
2009	1 903 360	1 912 917	9 557	8 422	450	8 872	78 346	6 489	84 835	158 621	3 518	162 139	1 744 739	1 750 778
2010	1 912 917	1 922 108	9 191	8 872	208	9 080	84 835	3 138	87 974	162 139	6 261	168 400	1 750 778	1 753 708
2011	1 922 108	1 927 702	5 594	9 080	277	9 357	87 974	4 224	92 198	168 400	1 647	170 046	1 753 708	1 757 656
2012	1 927 702	1 933 604	5 902	9 357	782	10 139	92 198	5 520	97 718	170 046	1 164	171 210	1 757 656	1 762 394
2013	1 933 604	1 938 139	4 535	10 139	532	10 671	97 718	4 369	102 088	171 210	697	171 908	1 762 394	1 766 231
2014	1 938 139	1 941 016	2 878	10 671	602	11 273	102 088	2 058	104 146	171 908	1 422	173 329	1 766 231	1 767 687
2015	1 941 016	1 940 720	-296	11 273	1 383	12 656	104 146	841	104 987	173 329	-82	173 247	1 767 687	1 767 473

The above calculation demonstrates that (1) all land is accounted for; (2) double counting is avoided; (3) all areas that are not in sub-compartments, but are included in the “forestry area” (i.e., 2,061,432 - 1,941,016 = 120,416 ha in 2014, see also Table 6.5.1) are included in, and accounted for under “Other” of the KP CRF table (Table NIR 2. LAND TRANSITION MATRIX).

### 11.2.3 Maps and/or database to identify the geographical locations, and the system of identification codes for the geographical locations

Hungary applies **Reporting Method 1** of IPCC (2013). This means that, in reporting area as well as emissions and removals, we identify regions for which we developed total areas under the various KP activities.

**Two geographical locations** are separated under the requirement of Annex II of 2/CMP.8 that the geographical location of the boundaries that encompass the lands subject to activities under Article 3.3 and FM under Article 3.4 must be reported. These locations are called North-Hungary and South-Hungary (see Figure 11.4 below). These are geographical locations that are separated along the borders of municipalities (which in turn follow partly other administrative, partly natural borders), and that were found appropriate for the purposes of this reporting. (The boundaries are the same as in the first commitment period.) The identification codes used in the CRF tables are the following: North-Hungary, 1; South-Hungary, 2. „North” consist of the North Hungarian Mountains, the agglomeration of Budapest, the Trans-danubian Mountains (north to Lake Balaton) and the Little Hungarian Plain. The Great Hungarian Plains and the Trans-danubian Hills (South to Lake Balaton) belongs to „South”.



**Figure 11.4.** Map of Hungary with forests (green patches) and the border of the two geographical locations.

For each year, all area (i.e. each stand) is allocated to one of the above geographical locations, thus, aggregate data (e.g. volume stocks, volume stock changes etc.) for these locations can be developed for each year. The identification system of sub-compartments is made up of three elements which are registered for every sub-compartment. These elements are: the municipality (village, or town) to which the sub-compartment is administered, the compartment (a larger piece of forest, e.g. a hillside or a valley) and the sub-compartment (which is part of a compartment). The sub-compartment is the basic unit of forest management, its mean size being approximately 4 ha. The number of municipalities was 3166 in 1990 and 3195 in 2014, so the borders of the municipalities are considerably stable over time. (The borders of municipalities declared and mapped by the Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing, FÖMI, Hungary.) Since every sub-compartment exactly belongs to one and only one municipality, and municipalities are unambiguously mapped, data for the geographical locations can be developed from the above stand level data by appropriately summing them up (see below).

## 11.3 Activity-specific information

### 11.3.1 Methods for the estimation of carbon stock changes and GHG emissions and removals

#### 11.3.1.1 Description of the methodologies and the underlying assumptions used

##### 11.3.1.1.1 Definition of pools as applied in Hungary

For all carbon pools, we apply the same definitions under the Kyoto as those under the UNFCCC. See Sections 6.4 and 6.5.3 for details.

##### 11.3.1.1.2 Methodological issues

As AR and FM are different from L-FL and FL-FL, emissions and removals to be reported on land under AR and D are different from those under the respective categories under the UNFCCC. Therefore, these emissions and removals must be estimated using specific procedures. However, it is mainly the land to be accounted for that is different, and the methodology of the estimation is in general the same as that described in section 6.4 and 6.5. This methodology is accurate and precise as far as practicable.

In case of Hungary, the methodology is pool-dependent and depends on the non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases. The coverage of emissions and removals estimation and its main methodological elements are detailed in Tables 11.4 and 11.5, respectively.

**Table 11.4.** Emissions and removals by source on land under (a) AR, (b) D and (c) FM.

(a)

Inventory year	Emissions and Removals from AR since 1990, GgCO <sub>2</sub>						
	post-conversion biomass	pre-conversion biomass	minreal soils	organic soils	litter	dead-wood	burning (CH <sub>4</sub> +N <sub>2</sub> O), GgCO <sub>2</sub> eq
2008	-1 160	4	demonstrated that not a source	IE	demonstrated that not a source	demonstrated that not a source	0.162
2009	-1 154	5		IE			0.170
2010	-1 294	3		IE			0.247
2011	-1 258	5		IE			0.853
2012	-1 234	5		IE			0.297
2013	-1 246	2		IE			0.430
2014	-1 092	2		IE			0.928
2015	-1 223	0		IE			1.006

(b)

Inventory year	Emissions and Removals from D since 1990, GgCO <sub>2</sub> eq					
	biomass	minreal soils	organic soils	litter	dead-wood	burning (CH <sub>4</sub> +N <sub>2</sub> O), GgCO <sub>2</sub> eq
2008	27	31	IE	9	3	0.042
2009	58	33	IE	14	4	0.097
2010	28	35	IE	7	2	0.043
2011	46	35	IE	9	2	0.095
2012	132	34	IE	25	7	0.229
2013	62	35	IE	17	5	0.132
2014	85	37	IE	19	6	0.178
2015	117	39	IE	45	14	0.170

(c)

Inventory year	Emissions and Removals from FM since 1990, GgCO <sub>2</sub>					
	biomass	minreal soils	organic soils	litter	dead-wood	burning (CH <sub>4</sub> +N <sub>2</sub> O), GgCO <sub>2</sub> eq
2008	-2 983	demonstrated that not a source	62	demonstrated that not a source	demonstrated that not a source	11
2009	-2 062		62			10
2010	-1 858		62			11
2011	-1 710		62			26
2012	-2 604		62			22
2013	-1 878		62			16
2014	-3 283		62			18
2015	-3 796		62			28

**Table 11.5.** Methodological summary for (a) FM, (b) AR, (c) D. (CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor; NO: not occurring)

(a)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Non-CO <sub>2</sub> emissions
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
FM	E/R	CS	D/EJ	Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source)	Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source)	Mineral: Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source); Organic: AD: CS; EF: D	N <sub>2</sub> O (N fertilization): NO N <sub>2</sub> O (drainage and re-wetting): NO C (liming): NO Burning: D, CS
	Uncertainty	Tier 2 (Monte Carlo)		N/A			Tier 2 (Monte Carlo, where applicable)

(b)



Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Non-CO <sub>2</sub> emissions
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
AR	E/R	Post-conversion: CS Pre-conversion: CS	D/EJ D	Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source)	Not estimated (demonstrated that not a source)	Mineral: not estimated (demonstrated that not a source); Organic: not occurring	N <sub>2</sub> O (fertilization): IE N <sub>2</sub> O (drainage and re-wetting): NO C (liming): NO Burning: D, CS
	Uncertainty	Tier 2 (Monte Carlo)		N/A			Tier 2 (Monte Carlo) where applicable

**Table 11.5 (ctd.).** Methodological summary for (a) FM, (b) AR, (c) D. (CS=country specific; D: default; EJ: expert judgment; IE: included elsewhere; AD: activity data; EF: emission/removal factor)

(c)

Category	Type of information	Carbon stock changes					Non-CO <sub>2</sub> emissions
		AGB	BGB	DW	LI	SOIL	
D	E/R	Post-conversion: 0 Pre-conversion: CS	0 CS	CS	CS	D	N <sub>2</sub> O (disturbance): mineral soils: D; Organic soils: NO C (liming): IE (reported under Agriculture) Burning: D, CS
	Uncertainty	Tier 2 (Monte Carlo)					Tier 2 (Monte Carlo) where applicable

### Biomass

Carbon stock changes of trees are estimated using the stock change method (in a fashion similar to categories under the UNFCCC), which automatically ensures that all processes, i.e. all changes due to gains, i.e. growth, and all changes due to losses, i.e., harvest, natural disturbances like fires etc., are taken into account. The estimation of emissions and removals on lands under the AR and D activities are directly estimated from the carbon stocks of consecutive calendar years, i.e. from carbon stocks as of 31 December 2007-2015 for AR, and of the inventory years 2008-2015 for D.

The forests included in the AR category are identified and mapped at the sub-compartment (stand) level. Growing stocks and stock changes in the afforested areas are estimated by using field measurements and applying yield tables by appropriate species and site classes. These yield tables (which are true yield tables and different from the volume stock functions applied for the L-FL category) are planned to be updated once information is available that the growing conditions may have deteriorated. (We note here that, according to Somogyi, 2008, the growth of trees accelerated in Hungary recently. Not adjusting the yield tables for this acceleration means an underestimation of the removals, thus, it is conservative.)

The parameters of the equation used for the estimation are as detailed in section 6.5.3. In lack of country-specific measurements, the same root-to-shoot value of 0.25 is assumed for stands of land under AR (i.e. for young forests) as for all other forests. This can be regarded as rather conservative because young trees usually have higher root-to-shoot ratios than mature trees. As forests in the AR category are net sinks, this assumption leads to an underestimation of removals on AR land.

It must also be noted here that the forest inventory is designed to provide information on the actual *situation* (i.e., stocks) of stands *in each year*. However, the borders of the stands often change due to reasons of ownership or changes of professional standards (e.g., better complying with site patterns), and it is not possible to keep track of most of these *changes* at the stand level, rather, only at higher

administrative units (including the geographical locations). This means that the carbon stock *changes* cannot typically be estimated bottom-up from the stand level, rather, they are calculated from carbon stocks of consecutive years at aggregate levels (i.e. species and species groups), and thus estimated bottom-up from the stand level for categories of AR and D. The same applies to all forests, for which of course the estimation of carbon stocks is split for the two geographical locations.

Consistent with section 6.3, the emissions and removals for lands under FM are indirectly estimated from those of all forest land (FL-FL + L-FL) as well as AR and D. (Emissions and removals from FL-FL and L-FL in an inventory year exclude carbon stocks of FF found in that inventory year.) This procedure is applied, among others, in order that the estimates under the UNFCCC and under the KP are consistent, that carbon stock changes are neither underestimated nor overestimated, and that double counting is avoided. With this approach, total net removals (NR, i.e., net gains) for FM are calculated using NR of FL under the UNFCCC (FL-FL plus L-FL, which includes NR of FF, but excludes NE (net emissions) of deforested land) and NR on land under AR (Table 11.6).

**Total NR of forests under FM in 2014 =**  
**+ Total NR of FL-FL in 2014**  
**+ Total NR of L-FL in 2014**  
**- NR of AR in 2014**

**Table 11.6** The development of emissions and removals in FM land, together with the algorithm (i.e. formulas) of the calculations, since 2008. In the table and the formulas, *t1* means the beginning of the year (i.e., the end of the preceding year), whereas *t2* means the end of the year. The light yellow color in the table shows that the data is taken from the database (i.e., it is the result of other calculations), whereas data in white cells are calculated in this table. All other notations are as in Tables 6.5.3 and 7.3.7. (The table is for demonstration only and may include rounding; for precise numbers, and for data by geographical locations, see the respective CRF tables.)

Inventory year	ΔC of biomass UNDER THE KP, GgCO <sub>2</sub>					
	FL (includes FF and AR since 1990)		AR since 1990		FM since 1990	
	NR	IEF	Δ	IEF	Δ	IEF
	from DB	NR/area (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> /ha)	from DB	NR/area (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> /ha)	FL - AR - FF C stock found in year	NR/area (Gg CO <sub>2</sub> /ha)
2008	-4 143	-0.00218	-1 160	-0.00731	-2 983	-0.00171
2009	-3 217	-0.00168	-1 154	-0.00712	-2 062	-0.00118
2010	-3 152	-0.00164	-1 294	-0.00768	-1 858	-0.00106
2011	-2 968	-0.00154	-1 258	-0.00740	-1 710	-0.00097
2012	-3 838	-0.00198	-1 234	-0.00721	-2 604	-0.00148
2013	-3 124	-0.00161	-1 246	-0.00725	-1 878	-0.00106
2014	-4 375	-0.00225	-1 092	-0.00630	-3 283	-0.00186
2015	-5 020	-0.00259	-1 223	-0.00706	-3 796	-0.00215

For AR, we have also developed a methodology to account for emissions from pre-conversion biomass losses due to afforestation. This is necessary as some of the afforestations take place in former orchards and vineyards. (The majority of the AR area is nevertheless done in former cropland with annual crops and grasslands with no woody vegetation.) To estimate these emissions, the country-specific loss rates of 9.4 and 18.8 tdm/ha are used for orchards and vineyards, respectively, consistent with data used under the UNFCCC (see section 6.6.2.1.1 on accounting for gains in carbon stocks of perennial crops on croplands). This loss, which is a mean value for all types of orchards and vineyards converted to forest, is assumed to be accumulated in 30 and 31.8 years, respectively, so the mean annual accumulation rates are 0.3 and 0.59 tdm/ha\*yr.

For AR, we also estimated the loss of carbon from the pre-conversion biomass of other vegetation (predominantly the remains of annual crops, and herb vegetation on abandoned croplands and grasslands). The estimation was done the same way as described in Section Pre-conversion biomass of Section 6.5.5.2.1.

#### Dead organic matter

For the deadwood and litter pools, too, the same approach was taken for the categories under the KP as for categories under the UNFCCC. See methodological details in section 6.5.4.2.2 for D. For FM and AR, the option is applied that it is demonstrated that the dead organic pools in these categories are not a source, see section 11.3.1.2 below.

#### Soil

For soils, the approach described in details in section 6.5.4.2.3 was taken for D, however, only emissions were accounted for, whereas removals were not. For FM and AR, the option is applied that it is demonstrated that the dead organic pools in these categories are not a source, see section 11.3.1.2 below.

#### Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are estimated based on the amount of harvests, and experience that almost all natural forest fires occur on FM land, and only very few on AR land. The methodology is the same as described in the various sections of Chapter 6. The resulting data are reported in Table 11.4.

#### **11.3.1.2 Justification when omitting any carbon pool or GHG emissions/removals from activities under Article 3.3 and elected activities under Article 3.4**

For FM and AR, Hungary does not explicitly quantify emissions and removals for three forest carbon pools, i.e. soil, deadwood and litter, but demonstrates that these pools are not a source. To demonstrate that soils are not a source, a conservative approach is taken based on the IPCC 2006GL methodology using country-specific and other data. The demonstration for DW and LI is based on expert judgment which is a practicable method in our situation (see below).

#### ***Demonstration for FM and AR that the soil carbon pool is not a source***

This demonstration, which is separately for AR and FM land, is necessary because, until this point, there has not been any forest soil carbon monitoring program in Hungary. The below demonstration involves all available country-specific data and information, i.e., Tier 2 elements. This data notwithstanding, we continue to apply the conservativeness approach used before, i.e. we always apply the information from various options, when there is any, that leads to higher emission estimates and lower removal estimates. Overall, the data suggests that the demonstration can be done with a high certainty.

(Note that, under the UNFCCC, it was not possible to estimate soil carbon stock changes for FL-FL, but it was possible for the L-FL category using a Tier 1 method. However, this estimation was regarded as not accurate enough to develop an acceptable carbon stock change estimate under the KP. Nevertheless, the estimates for the L-FL category will be cited below to further support the demonstration.)

A major research project was run 2009-2011 with the aim to develop more country-specific data for the demonstration, and all information from that project is used to support the demonstration.

The results of the project were published in a peer-reviewed research journal (Somogyi et al., 2013), therefore, only a summary of the most important arguments is presented.

The demonstration is based on an approach that stratifies the forest area into strata of rather different emissions or removals so that both the area and specific emission or removal factors of the strata, which mainly depend on the types of forestry operations conducted in the strata, can be identified. Stratification is used to most efficiently use information and data that is available in the country, including forestry statistics that are developed each year. The strata that are defined in this demonstration are based on relevant KP activities and available country-specific data.

The strata applied are the following:

for AR:

- areas where afforestations and reforestations occurred since 1990 on cropland, and
- areas where afforestations and reforestations occurred since 1990 on grassland,

for FM since 1990:

- land where final cutting and artificial regeneration following professional standards occur,
- land where final cutting and natural regeneration following professional standards occur,
- land where no final cutting occurs, only thinnings and other operations that cause no disturbance to the soil.

The area of each above stratum is known each year from the national forestry database. The area of AR on cropland is calculated using the relative amount of land that was cropland and that was grassland prior to the afforestation. There are no reliable estimates of this ratio for historic times, however, sample-based estimates were made for selected years to cover the 1990-2012 period for which we could identify land use prior to afforestations. The data shows a high share of cropland as a predominant land use before afforestations with a mean value of 85%. The land use change matrix as reported above shows almost exactly the same data, i.e., that the mean share of grassland converted to forest land in the period 1990-2015 is 14.9%, and that of all other conversions, which are equivalent to conversions of cropland to forest land, is 85.1. We used these last figures in the demonstration.

For FM land, there are specific statistics available for the above first two FM strata, from which the area of the third stratum is deducted from the total FM area.

Concerning the area-specific emission and removal factors, field measurements (in the above-mentioned project and an earlier one), modelling, literature review, expert judgment and reasoning are applied.

**For the AR land since 1990 that was converted from cropland,** local case studies (Horváth, 2006, Somogyi, 2005 and Somogyi et al. 2013) demonstrated that carbon is hardly ever lost from soils. Horváth (2006) earlier used the below equation for carbon stock changes over time,  $t$ , after the afforestation on cropland:

$$\Delta C_t = 43.5 * (1 - e^{-0.016 * t})$$

This equation is for the top 60 cm layer, however, estimates must be done for the top 30 cm only. It is well known that the majority of soil organic carbon can be found in the topsoil layer, and according to Table 4 of Hiederer (2009), the share of the SOC of the top 30 layer of all SOC in the top 100 cm of sampled forest soils (based on a fairly large sample) is, on average, 5.1/6.6, i.e. 77%. Thus, we

reduced the value of the above equation by 0.33. The field measurements by Somogyi et al. (2013) re-assessed the validity of this model using a paired-plot series of cases studies in fast-growing Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) stands, and in slow-growing sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*) afforestations, representing typical fast and slow growing species of afforestations in the past several decades, respectively. Carbon stock changes over age were estimated in this study to be  $1.44x \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$  for Black locust and  $0.34x \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$  for sessile oak (these two species are among the most frequently afforested species), where  $x$  is for the age of the stand. Although a weighted average could be used, for the sake of conservativeness, we used the smaller of the above rates, which were those resulting from the equation of Horvath (2006). The choice for the smallest possible removals is also to the fact that, as it is evident from the above two graphs, the uncertainty of the rate of the stock change over the age of the stand is still rather high. However, Somogyi (2005), Horvath (2006) and Somogyi et al. (2013) all found only evidence of carbon stock increase, which justifies the above procedure that, by applying the most conservative estimates, the resulting estimate is regarded as sufficiently robust.

Note that the Tier 1 estimate, whose methodology is reported in section 6.4.1, yielded area-specific removals varying between  $0.330\text{--}0.371 \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$  for the period 2008-2015, so this, too, justifies the use of the above value of  $0.3337x \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$ .

**For the AR land since 1990 that was converted from grassland,** the situation is quite different as converting grassland to forest is associated with a much more substantial disturbance as far as carbon emissions are concerned. This is mainly due to the fact that soils under grassland usually contain much more carbon than forests, thus, losses from the soil due to soil preparation, which may also be more intensive than on croplands, cannot be easily offset by the growth of forest vegetation. Indeed, a local study demonstrated that soil carbon is being lost for decades after conversion (Horváth, 2006).

This stratum will therefore be assumed to have an overall emission for decades, and the change of carbon over time will be assumed to take place according to the equation for grassland by Horváth (2006). Again, the original equation for grassland is rearranged to directly estimate carbon stock changes over time,  $t$ , after the afforestation:

$$\Delta C_t = 32.9 \cdot (1 - e^{-0.015 \cdot t}) - 29.0 \cdot (1 - e^{-0.046 \cdot t})$$

This equation, when combined with the above reduction by 0.33 to only consider a soil depth of 30 cm, yields a mean area-specific emission value of  $1.56 \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$  for a period of 20 years. We note that, as opposed to afforestations on former croplands, we continue to estimate emissions even after the 20 year default period (i.e., as long as the above formula yields emission values) in order to be conservative.

Note that the Tier 1 estimate, whose methodology is reported in section 6.4.1, yielded area-specific emissions varying between  $0.646 - 0.7285 \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$  for the period 2008-2015, so this, too, justifies the use of the above equation, making the resulting estimate very conservative (see also Table 11.8 below).

**Concerning land under FM since 1990 where final cutting and artificial regeneration following professional standards occur,** artificial regeneration means that a stand is replaced by a new one by

applying operations that closely resemble those of conversions. These operations may include disturbances associated with final cutting and skidding of timber, soil preparation, erosion (on steep slopes), and planting or seeding. The amount of loss may depend on tree species, site and the technologies applied. According to IPCC default factors, if a forest land is converted to a full-till cropland without additional input of organic carbon (when forests are regenerated, no additional organic carbon input is applied), it loses some 18% of the original (i.e., reference) carbon stock, for which we assume the mean value (Table 11.7) that results from classification of the area by climate type and soil type, and from applying IPCC default soil carbon stock values (IPCC, 2006, see section 6.4.1 for details).

**Table 11.7.** *The distribution and carbon stock of forest soils in Hungary by climate and soil types (for details, see section 6.4.1).*

Soil characteristics	WD HAC	CD HAC	WD sandy	CD sandy	Total
Distribution of area (%)	35.7%	53.6%	0.9%	9.8%	100.0%
SOC <sub>ref</sub> (tC/ha)	58	48	21	15	<b>48.09</b>

Based on the above loss rate and reference carbon stock, the overall loss in a conversion is equal to  $48.09 \times 0.18 = 8.6 \text{ tCha}^{-1}$ . The Tier 1 estimate of forest land – cropland conversions, whose methodology is reported in section 6.4.1, yielded mean area-specific emissions  $6.45 \text{ tCyr}^{-1}\text{ha}^{-1}$  which are thus smaller than the default IPCC estimate.

Until 2011, we used an area-specific emission value of  $6 \text{ tCha}^{-1}$  for the specific carbon loss for this stratum. It was assumed that all emissions due to disturbing soils take place in the year of the start of the regeneration, i.e. the above specific value is applied to the total area of the harvested forests in the inventory year.

Beginning the reporting year of 2011, we started to use another specific carbon loss for this stratum which we consider more appropriate for the Hungarian conditions, and which is based on the recent project by Somogyi et al. (2011, 2013). In this project, several case studies were conducted to estimate the potential area-specific emissions. To model these emissions, the carbon stocks of paired stands before and after regeneration (1-15 years of age) were compared, and differences were regarded as carbon stock changes. In stands of slow growing species, sessile oak was used again, whereas intensively growing poplars were used to represent fast growing species. According to results, there are indeed areas where carbon stocks decrease after afforestation, with a rather high variability.

There are, however, several other factors to consider, too. One is that carbon stocks also increase due to the transfer of carbon from the dead roots of trees of the mature stand, which were harvested before the regeneration, to the soil pool. In a mature stand, it is not uncommon to have  $320 \text{ m}^3$  of above-ground wood volume (this value was only chosen for the sake of demonstration). If basic wood density is  $0.5 \text{ tm}^{-3}$  (a good approximation of national average), then the above-ground biomass is  $160 \text{ tha}^{-1}$ , which translates to a carbon stock of  $80 \text{ tCha}^{-1}$ . After applying a root-to-shoot ratio of 0.25 (that we consistently apply for the belowground biomass pool, see above), we get a carbon stock of  $20 \text{ tCha}^{-1}$  in the roots of the mature trees. Because the root-to-shoot ratio is a conservative one, this estimate is again a rather conservative estimate, but it must also be considered that some of this carbon can be found in the coarse roots and stump. Most of the carbon that is transferred from the roots to the soil is found in the topsoil layers, and the transfer takes place a few years after felling the trees, i.e. after the death of the roots. The full decomposition of most of this dead-wood-turned-soil-carbon may take decades.

Note that the emissions from dead roots due to decomposition are fully accounted for in the biomass pool as both gains due to increments and losses due to harvests and mortality are taken into account when estimating carbon stock changes of the biomass pool by using the stock change method.

That carbon stocks of the soil do not decline much, rather, increase after regenerations, show that emissions from soils due to direct human induced disturbances from soil preparation are more than offset by the transfer of carbon from the dead roots to the soil. However, this transfer could not be measured separately from emissions which thus remain rather uncertain.

It must also be highlighted that most forest soils in Hungary, just like those elsewhere, are deeper than the 30 cm for which the estimation / demonstration of carbon stock changes must be done according to the IPCC methodology. The set depth of 30 cm is rather artificial, and has nothing to do with soil

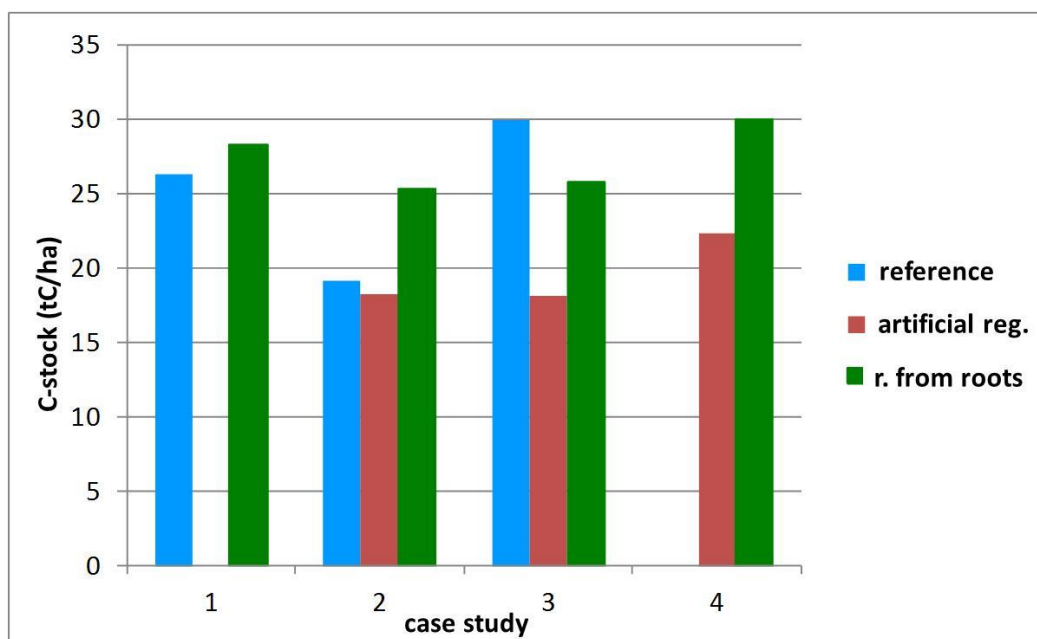
processes. Also, soil preparation may mix up various soil layers, which may also result in an increase of soil carbon in plains where soil layers of relatively large organic content are covered by layers of lower soil organic carbon content (discussed to some extent by Somogyi et al., 2013). Therefore, estimates and the demonstration for the 30 cm layer may not have to do anything with actual processes.

All the above, combined with the specific soil conditions of Hungary, would call for a substantial reduction of the mean area-specific emissions that is applicable for conversions so that it can be used in this demonstration. In order to stay conservative, however, we keep this rate at a still highly conservative value of **5 tCha<sup>-1</sup>** until further evidence.

**For land under FM since 1990 where harvesting and natural regeneration is made following professional standards**, natural regeneration means that the area is regenerated exclusively through the propagation material that is locally produced by the trees of the mature stand. With a few exceptions, when seeds or seedlings from elsewhere are planted under the mature stand, and which sometimes involves some, but not intensive soil preparation, this type of regeneration usually makes it unnecessary to do any soil preparation, thus, only some small amounts of carbon may be lost due to inevitable damages caused by removing timber from the area. However, this loss, if any, is assumed to be quickly offset by the growth of the dense new generation of trees, if not offset right away by inputs from deadwood (mostly dead branches of harvested trees) and dead roots (of the same harvested trees) originating from the harvest of the mature stand.

Because of the above, this stratum is assumed to have no overall emissions, i.e. a specific carbon loss of **0 tCha<sup>-1</sup>**.

Here we again present one specific result from the above mentioned research project (Somogyi, 2013, Figure 11.5). We measured carbon stock changes of soils in several stands of Black locust, which is the most widespread tree species in Hungary. It seems that in stands where artificial regeneration took place, carbon stocks declined, however, regenerating the stands from roots, which is considered one form of natural regeneration in Hungary, resulted in both increase (in two case studies) and decrease (in one case study), or at least a much higher C stock than in the comparable stand after artificial regeneration (in the fourth case study). Thus, the above assumption is supported by some evidence.



**Figure 11.5.** Soil carbon stock before (“reference”) and after regeneration (artificial regeneration: “artificial reg.”, and regeneration from roots: “r. from roots”) of chronosequences of Black locust

*stands in four case studies. (Somogyi et al., 2011).*

Finally, the stratum of **all other land under FM since 1990** includes stands that are between regeneration and the beginning of the subsequent regeneration and final cutting and that may only be affected by normal silvicultural operations such as thinnings. This stratum is by far the biggest one by area, and it includes all forests that cannot be classified into any of the previous categories. In these forests, the predominant process is the slow but steady growth of trees together with the associated slow but steady sequestration of carbon in the soil. These stands may occasionally and locally be disturbed by abiotic or biotic natural agents, or by thinnings, and some carbon may thus additionally be lost due to natural decomposition of dead biomass. However, these disturbances generally only affect trees but not the soil, the roots of the cut trees slowly decompose and some of their parts become part of the soil, and the overall balance of all these processes is a net gain.

Therefore, these areas will be assumed to have a rather small but positive net carbon stock change per unit area. The assumed value, which is based on an extensive literature review (see below and Somogyi et al., 2013), is a net removal of **0.05 tCha<sup>-1</sup>**.

The summary of the data for AR and FM, and all of the above strata for 2015 are found in Table 11.8. The data in the table should only be regarded as values whose only role is to establish the sign of the net results for the demonstration. In other words, the estimated values, including the total carbon stock change value, are not regarded as accurate, and are not intended to be the basis for accounting, rather, they are only intended to serve the demonstration of the correctness of the assumption that soils are not a source.



**Table 11.8** The area, emission and removal data for the various AR and FM strata and for their total in 2015. For the calculations for years preceding this inventory year, see our previous NIRs. See text for other details.

Forest Land Stratum under the KP		Estimated area (kha)	Emission (+) and removal (-) factor (IEF in italics) (tC ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Total emissions (+) or removals (-) (ktC)
Land under AR since 1990	that was converted from cropland	$173.2 \times 0.851 = 149.0$	estimated using functions by Horváth, 2006 (corrected for 0-30 cm depth) and Somogyi et al. 2013	-39.7
	that was converted from grassland	$173.2 \times 0.149 = 24.3$		3.7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>173.2</b>	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>-36.0</b>
Land under FM since 1990	where final cutting and artificial regeneration is made following professional standards	16.0	5	80.0
	where harvesting and natural regeneration is made following professional standards	3.3	0	0
	that are between regeneration and the beginning of the subsequent regeneration and final cutting, and that may be affected by normal silvicultural operations such as thinnings	$1767.5 - 15.99644 - 3.28649 = 1748.2$	-0.05	-87.4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1767.5</b>	<b>-0.0042</b>	<b>-7.4</b>

The result of the calculations for the current inventory year is a considerable sink for AR land, and a very tiny sink for FM. However, for FM, values have been meandering around zero for the last few years, so it can safely be stated that, overall, the mineral soils of forests of the FM land are not a source.

For reasons of transparency, Table 11.9 below reports the time series for AR estimated using the above methodology and that for L-FL using the Tier 1 methodology.

**Table 11.9.** The time series of net removals of soils for AR and FM using the methodology in the demonstration that AR and FM soils are not a source, and for L-FL using the Tier 1 methodology under the UNFCCC.

Inventory year	Total emissions (+) or removals (-) (ktC)		
	AR	FM	L-FL
2008	-34.3	-5.8	-46.4
2009	-35.6	-9.6	-48.6
2010	-35.7	-0.6	-51.6
2011	-36.0	8.8	-52.4
2012	-36.4	3.0	-53.4
2013	-36.4	1.7	-53.4
2014	-34.3	-5.9	-52.5
2015	-36.0	-7.4	-51.0

In order to further support the confidence in the above derivation for FM, i.e. why the above reasoning leads to highly conservative estimates, and therefore, highly certain conclusions that soils are not a source in lands under all KP activities, we note the following additional arguments:

- Concerning the value applied for artificially regenerated FM land, the assumed value of 5 tCha<sup>-1</sup> for the emissions in this land is the absolute maximum that one could assume based on the idea of completely converting forest to any another land use. However, even if regenerating (including tilling once) may mean high disturbance, no till certainly occurs continuously after the regeneration is done, which means that repeated emissions of ploughing do not occur in forests, thus, total carbon stock losses must be much smaller in forest land remaining forest land than converting a forest land to cropland. Also, there are many types of artificial regeneration applied, including ones that do not involve any types of high-disturbance operations like ploughing. Currently, however, no statistics exist with respect to the share of the various regeneration types. According to experience, the operations leading to high emissions have been continuously replaced by less intensive ones (even due to economic reasons). The selected area-specific emission estimate of 5 tCha<sup>-1</sup> is with high probability a rather high overestimation, and it is applied for the sake of the demonstration only.
- The removal value of 0.05 tCha<sup>-1</sup> for a stratum under FM is also a rather conservative estimate if it is considered that the Horváth (2006) equation, which predicts a low rate of sequestration of after the age of 75, i.e. long after the afforestation, suggests that this lowest rate of increase (after the correction for the 30 cm soil depth as above), which may correspond to a rate in a “forest land remaining forest land”, is about double of the 0.05 tCha<sup>-1</sup> rate. The Somogyi et al. (2013) estimates are even much higher than that.
- It is documented in many scientific publications that forests accumulate C in their soil. We selected a rather comprehensive study published recently by Berg et al. (2007) that states that “The amount of carbon sequestered in humus increases in forests and it appears that the average rate for Sweden is of the magnitude 100 to 200 kg C ha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>.” (Note that this accumulation occurred in the

humus layer of podsol soils, the depth of which never reached 12 cm.) Hungary is situated in a warmer region and has definitely higher tree growth rates, which involve higher ecosystem turnovers. Therefore, assuming a sequestration rate of  $0.05 \text{ tCha}^{-1}\text{yr}^{-1}$ , i.e.  $50 \text{ kg C ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , is a highly conservative approach. It is also conservative, because this rate decreases over time, but is by far the highest for decades after disturbance, which is the latest regenerations of these stands that used to be artificial one most of the cases in the previous decades.

- We also note here that we also conducted a study to try to estimate the rate of removals by forest soils. However, this attempt, which included the carbon stock of 12 stands of similar site in a chronosequence proved to be inconclusive due to the low sampling intensity relative to the high variation in soil parameters (Somogyi et al. 2013). According to a more intensive study conducted in Thuringen (Germany), where soil and forest conditions are similar than those in Hungary, an annual rate of change in forest soils of  $0.05 \text{ tha}^{-1}$  can be detected by a  $4 \times 4 \text{ km}$  soil monitoring, which is certainly not a practicable method in Hungary, only if changes are monitored in a period of 82-96 years (Baritz et al., 2006).
- We highlight the fact that carbon stock change estimates are rather uncertain for both Hungary and any other country. This means that the uncertainty range of the above estimates, which cannot be quantified at the moment, is in our view so wide that makes no accounting reasonable. This is one major reason we opted for the demonstration. Our demonstration is, however, heavily biased on the emission side, thus increasing the confidence in the final conclusion that soils are not a source.
- Finally, we note that, although we do not use either our Tier 1 or Tier 2 estimates for accounting, the method of the above demonstration is capable of serving one important aim, which is the final goal of preparing greenhouse gas inventories, i.e., to identify sources of emissions due to direct human induced activity in order that the impacts of these activities can be reduced. By having identified such processes broadly in our demonstration, we are now able to develop policies to reduce the emissions mentioned above.

All in all, by applying a method whereby all steps included conservative or even highly conservative estimates, we can conclude that the sum of all emissions and removals is negative emissions for both AR and FM, i.e., we demonstrated that the Hungarian forests are not a source. By applying conservative values, and demonstrating how and why they are conservative ones, leads to a high level of confidence in the conclusion.

Finally, once again, all the above is only meant to demonstrate that the Hungarian forests are not a source. The final result of the reasoning is not meant to be interpreted as an accurate scientific estimate of the rate of removals, or values used for accounting emissions or removals under the KP.

### ***Demonstration that the deadwood and litter carbon pools are not a source on AR and FM land***

We currently do not have a monitoring that could provide accurate estimates for the amount of carbon stock or carbon stock *change* in the DW and LI pools on AR and FM land. The below demonstration is based on some measurements, but mainly on sound scientific knowledge and reasoning.

#### **AR land**

When an area is afforested, first it is cleared of all above-ground biomass in case there was any, however, no DW and LI are usually present on these lands prior to afforestation. After afforestation, dead woody debris, litter as well as dead trees start to accumulate. In lack of representative measurements, the rate and timing of accumulation is not known, however, standard forestry experience suggests that they depend on species, site and silvicultural regime, and quickly accumulate over time. Fast growing species are usually planted so that no large amount of deadwood is produced, or thinned so that self-thinning does not ensue, but litter is continuously produced even in these stands. On the other hand, slow-growing species tend to produce dead wood and litter even at an early stage. Overall for all AR land, and also considering that AR activity has been continuous since 1990 and

stands on AR land are usually younger for deadwood and litter accumulation to saturate (and reach just under 9 tCha<sup>-1</sup> for both pools as suggested by our monitoring programs detailed below as well as Heil, Kovacs and Szabó, 2012), it can be safely concluded that the carbon in the deadwood and litter pools in AR lands were increasing between 2008-2015, i.e. these pools are not a source.

The above demonstration is based upon well-established principles of forest science, the every-day experiences of forestry practice, the experience and data of forest surveys, as well as sound reasoning. Because of this, although no representative measurements have been made as mentioned, the level of confidence of the demonstration is suggested to be very high.

### **FM land**

No intensive monitoring of DW and LI exists in Hungary. An earlier estimate showed that the amount of the standing deadwood in Hungary has increased by just under 1% during the period 2000-2005 (Figure 12 of Somogyi-Zamolodchikov, 2007, which is based on data of the National Forestry Database). This value is in about the mid-range of similar data for other European countries. A more recent estimate of standing deadwood (i.e., most of the deadwood) which was based on data collected in a 4×4 km sampling grid of the European-wide, so called ICP Forest monitoring network also shows a slightly increasing tendency (see *Figure 6.5.5* above).

This empirical data is also supported by field experience. The silvicultural approach changed in the last two decades, and stands of indigenous species are managed much more along the lines of the close-to-nature forestry principles than those of plantation forestry (this process is related to our most recent Forest Acts, see section 6.5.4.2.2). This inevitably means leaving more deadwood in the forests than before, which continuously increases the amount, and thus the carbon stock, of deadwood. The same obviously applies to litter.

Just like for AR land, the above demonstration for FM land is based upon well-established principles of forest science, the every-day experiences of forestry practice, the experience and data of forest surveys, as well as sound reasoning. Because of this, although only measurements of low representativity have been made so far, the level of confidence of the demonstration is suggested to be high.

#### **11.3.1.3 Information on whether or not indirect and natural GHG emissions and removals have been factored out**

According to the report of a rather recent IPCC meeting (Expert Meeting on Revisiting the Use of Managed Land as a Proxy for Estimating National Anthropogenic Emissions and Removals, 5-7 May 2009, Sao Paulo, Brazil), there are currently no scientifically sound methods to separate out indirect and natural GHG emissions and removal (IPCC, 2010). On the other hand, this is not necessarily needed if appropriate proxies are used. The above mentioned meeting, among others, stated that, although not perfect, the currently applied proxy, i.e. the so called “managed land” proxy is one that approximates the effects of direct human induced activities.

We also note that, especially for FM, this separation is taken care of by the various steps of the accounting, thus, no additional separation is necessary, and we have indeed not have done any.

#### **11.3.1.4 Changes in data and methods since the previous submission (recalculations)**

We recalculated the emissions removals from FM land in 2015 mainly due to the fact that FF are now included in FM. This year we completed the methodology by adding the estimation of losses of carbon from pre-conversion biomass on AR land (this only involved a small adjustment of the estimated

emissions under AR).

For other details, see Chapter 6.1.4.

#### 11.3.1.5 Uncertainty estimation

Uncertainties are associated with each step of the estimation of emissions and removals. Some of the uncertainties are already assessed above, and uncertainties are also covered to some extent in Chapter 6.5.7. Uncertainties are further assessed in a detailed procedure below. This section describes methods and results of uncertainty estimation both for categories under the Kyoto Protocol and those under the UNFCCC as it seems more practicable to describe similar systems once and highlight differences.

One of the objectives of the uncertainty analysis is to demonstrate that emissions are not underestimated. It is therefore underlined here, too, that, whenever the inherent uncertainties of our estimation procedure justify that, we always take a conservative approach to avoid the underestimation of emissions and to minimize those sources of uncertainties that we are aware of.

Another, by far not unimportant, aspect of dealing with uncertainties is to identify and quantify them in order that the inventory can be developed so that the more important and/or less certain estimates can be improved first. One principle in this identification and quantification is that we should first identify and quantify, and then prioritize uncertainties that could effectively be reduced by practicable policies and measures.

Concerning identification, we believe that the most important sources of uncertainties in the estimation of GHG emissions and removals due to the various KP activities include the following (the ones that are regarded less important, based on the magnitude of their size, are in brackets):

- identification of land under the various 3.3 and 3.4 activities over time,
- growing stock and its changes,
- basic wood density,
- root-to-shoot ratio,
- (carbon fraction of wood),
- carbon loss from soils, deadwood and litter due to forestry operations,
- (forest fires and other disturbances within their normal, i.e. usual, range),
- forest fires and other disturbances outside their normal range (such events, however, have not occurred in our forests in the last decades).

We note here that the uncertainty of some forest characteristics, e.g. the size of the area of land under the various activities, is rather unimportant *in the process of estimating emissions and removals* in our system because they do not directly enter the algorithm of the GHG estimation. However, when estimating the stand-level values during surveys, the area is used to upscale sampling plot information (or unit area information in case of using yield tables). Whether a land is identified or not, i.e. whether carbon stock changes on that land must be estimated or not, is also important, see the first bullet point above. In this respect, we believe that our data collection system can be regarded as conservative and may in this sense result in an underestimation of removals and overestimation of emissions as demonstrated in section 11.2.2 above.

With respect to the estimation related to the biomass on FM land, data from the forest monitoring system is used, the primary objective of which has been to obtain accurate information on the status and development of all forests in the country, and to assist forest management by developing forest management plans at the sub-compartment and forest enterprise level. The forest inventory was designed to collect data at the stand level, but to provide accurate estimates at various aggregate levels. In order to achieve efficiency and practicability, different levels of accuracy are applied in the survey

of individual sub-compartments depending on the age of the trees and the estimated amount and value (quality) of their growing stock.

Due to needs for accurate emission and removal estimates from D, the data collection system has been developed since 2008 so that an accurate and detailed field survey is applied to areas to be deforested, thus, a fairly high accuracy has been achieved with respect to the biomass lost in deforestations.

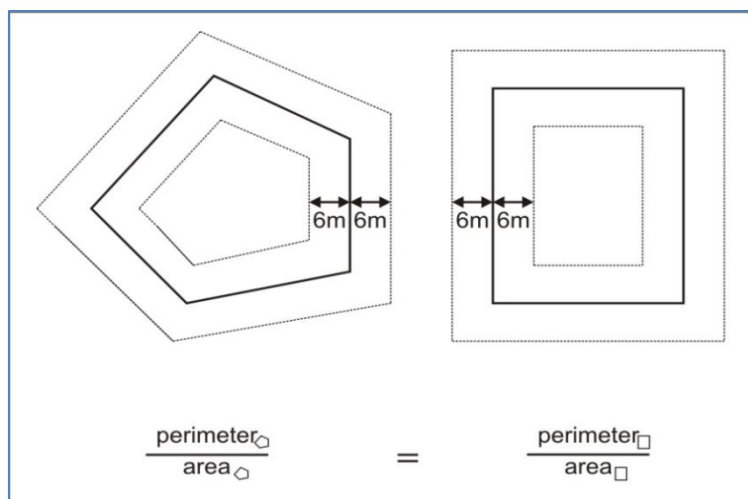
Concerning the estimation of carbon stock changes on AR lands, it is noted that volume is estimated using yield tables, as well as ground surveys. Where the volume of the stand makes it practical to take field measurements, sampling and actual measurements are applied according to the forest monitoring protocol. The same way, where the growth of the stands is still slow and, due to the height of the trees and the thickness of the stand, the model estimates of yield tables are used as it is simply impractical to take field measurements. Because of all the above, the emission and removal estimates for the AR lands can be regarded as accurate and precise as far as practicable, but with somewhat higher uncertainty than for FM or D. Also, as mentioned before, a low root-to-shoot ratio is assumed for the AR stands, thus, below-ground biomass values are most probably underestimated. As long as AR land is a net sink, this yields a conservative estimation.

For FM, we conducted (in 2012) a thorough uncertainty estimation based on the above list. It focuses on source and sink categories in the various activities under the Kyoto Protocol. We assume that the uncertainty estimates developed apply to the respective categories under the UNFCCC. (Concerning the estimation of the uncertainty of L-FL under the UNFCCC, a different method should have had to be applied as the methodology of estimating removals for the L-FL category is different from that for AR. However, we focused on the estimation of the uncertainty of the estimates at the activity level under the Kyoto Protocol, and assume that, some methodological differences notwithstanding, similar uncertainties will apply to both AR and L-FL.)

The analysis involves calculations of the emissions and removals at the same levels that are used for the GHG inventory, but, in order to obtain information on the error distributions, we applied some calculations at the stand level (see below), too. The quantifiable uncertainties were calculated using a (Tier 2) Monte Carlo (MC) analysis. The methods of the uncertainty calculations are demonstrated first for forest area, then for carbon stock changes by pool and emissions by sources.

### **Forest area**

As greenhouse gas information in general is related to the area of the various categories, it is important to estimate the error of area identification. This was done by assuming that the location of the borders of the stands as polygons have a maximum error of 6 m. A dedicated study showed that, in calculating the error of the size of the area, it did not matter if we used actual polygons or rectangles of the same size (see Figure 11.6 below). Thus, we could simulate the errors of the area for all stand assuming a normal distribution and using the mean size of the areas as the mean of the distribution, and the maximum and minimum areas as their range.



**Figure 11.6.** Possible largest, mean and smallest area of a stand if perimeters are assumed to be off (thin lines) from those in the database (i.e., those in the middle, thick lines) by a maximum 6 m in both directions (left). To simplify calculations, we used rectangles to actually estimate the error of the area (right).

### Biomass pools

For all activities, we have calculated the uncertainties of the GHG inventory in the MC analysis using aggregated volume stock changes and error estimates at the *species level* (i.e. for 22 subdivisions). The estimation of the errors at this level using stand level volume stock information is described in a dedicated document that can be found at [https://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti\\_igazgatosag/supplementary\\_inf\\_ERT/nir1985-2011-ua.html](https://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti_igazgatosag/supplementary_inf_ERT/nir1985-2011-ua.html). In essence, the National Forestry Database (NFD) contains a volume stock per unit area (m<sup>3</sup>/ha) data for each species of each of the circa 450 thousand stands. For each species, total volume stock is obtained by multiplying this species data with the area of the stands. The uncertainty of the total volume stock of a species thus depends on the uncertainty of the volume stock per unit area and that of the area data. The uncertainty of the volume stock per unit area data arises from sampling errors (when field surveys are made once in 10-12 years) and errors using yield tables (when volume stocks are updated for each year between consecutive surveys). The size of the two errors combined was assessed in a study using detailed field measurements in 642 stands. The study concluded that for stands of each slow growing species, the uncertainty of the volume stock per unit area for *individual stands* older than 40 years was typically between  $\pm 30$ -40%. For these stands, the uncertainty in the MC analysis was assumed to be  $\pm 40$ %. For stands younger than 40 years, the assumed uncertainty was  $\pm 80$ %. For one fast growing species, i.e. Black locust, similar values were assumed for ages above 20 years and below, respectively. The resulting overall uncertainty at the species level can be found in Table 11.10.

For basic wood density, we used a  $\pm 10$ % uncertainty based on Somogyi (2008), assuming a triangular distribution whereas default data in Table 3A.1.8 of Annex 3A.1 of the GPG for LULUCF 2003 and Table 4.3 of the IPCC 2006 GL and triangular distributions were used for other factors such as root-to-shoot ratio and carbon fraction.

### Deadwood and litter

Emissions from these pools are estimated for deforested areas. The mean amount of deadwood (8.78 m<sup>3</sup>/ha) and its uncertainty ( $\pm 8$  %) was estimated using a statistical sampling, the methodology of

which is described in the following document:

[http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti\\_igazgatosag/erdeszeti\\_szakteruletek/monitoring/EMMRE\\_20\\_eve/fmo-eng.html](http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/erdeszeti_igazgatosag/erdeszeti_szakteruletek/monitoring/EMMRE_20_eve/fmo-eng.html). Other parameters to estimate carbon content are the same as for biomass above.

The amount of carbon stored in the litter pool (8.78 t C/ha) and its uncertainty (-94/+308 %, a rather asymmetrical interval) was derived by the literature review and expert judgment by Heil et al. (2012).

### Soil

As reported above, emissions from soils are only estimated for deforested land. For the area of this land, the same uncertainty was assumed as above.

The uncertainties of the  $F_{LU}$ ,  $F_I$  and  $F_{MG}$  factors were taken from Table 3.3.4 of the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003). For the uncertainty of the  $SOC_{ref}$ , country-specific values were used (Zsembeli et al. 2011, see Table 11.5). For all these factors, triangular distributions were assumed.

The estimation of  $N_2O$  emissions due to disturbances required the application of C:N ratio as well as the EF1 emission factor. The uncertainty of the former was set to be between -48.6/+172.5% (i.e. a rather asymmetrical range) based on the expert judgment by Heil et al. (2012). The uncertainty of the EF1 factor (80/+380 %, again, very asymmetric) was taken from pages 3.47-3.48. of the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003). Because of these asymmetrical values, it was not possible to apply the triangular distributions, and, as the emissions are small, we applied Approach 1 error propagation methods to estimate the resulting uncertainties.

### Burning slash and wildfires

The estimation of the uncertainty of emissions from burning slash and wildfires is based on the formulas as reported in previous NIRs (i.e., not exactly as it is currently done as described in section 6.4.2 as the uncertainty estimation was done when the methodological basis was the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003) (however, this probably does not much affects the developed uncertainty estimates). Preliminary estimates of uncertainties of the various factors were provided by Rumpf (2013). As the fraction of harvested volume burnt could not be modeled using a triangular distribution, the error propagation method was used to estimate its effect. Based on expert judgment, the uncertainty of the fraction of the amount burnt in wildfires is estimated to be  $\pm 20\%$  (Debreceni, 2011). The uncertainty of factors that are the same way necessary to calculate biomass carbon as with other categories is as above. Finally, the uncertainty of the emission ratios are from Table 3A1.15 of the Annex of the GPG for LULUCF (IPCC, 2003;  $CH_4$ :  $\pm 25\%$ ,  $CO$ :  $\pm 33.3\%$ ,  $N_2O$ :  $\pm 28.6\%$ ,  $NO_x$ :  $\pm 22.31\%$ ), whereas that of the N/C is assumed to be  $\pm 100\%$  based on the default value of Table A1-1 of Annex1 of the IPCC Revised 1996 Guidelines. The uncertainty of the fraction oxidized on site was set to  $\pm 10\%$ .

Concerning error distributions, normal distribution was assumed for the volume data, whereas triangular distributions were assumed for the emission factors.

All input data that were applied for the Monte Carlo analysis are summarized in Table 11.10.



**Table 11.10.** *Input data for the uncertainty analysis.*

pool	gas	variable	KP category	UNFCCC category	assumed type of the pdf of errors	uncertainty value	source
area	CO <sub>2</sub>	area of forest subcompartment	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	normal	+/- 6 m in border lines	expert judgement (Mezei 2011)
biomass	CO <sub>2</sub>	m <sup>3</sup> /ha values of tree species on forest subcompartment level	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	normal	+/- 40 % (stands older than 40 years old), +/- 80 % (younger stands)	analyses of forest planning sampling data
	CO <sub>2</sub>	wood density	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	triangular	+/- 10 %	Somogyi (2008)
	CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon fraction	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	triangular	+/- 4.17 % (deciduous species), +/- 7.84 % (conifers)	GL for LULUCF 2006 Table 4.3
	CO <sub>2</sub>	root-to-shoot ratio	AR, D, FM	L-FL, FL-L, FL-FL	triangular	-50 / +100 %	GPG for LULUCF 2003 Annex 3A.1 Table 3A.1.8
	CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon content of orchards and vineyards	AR (losses)	L-FL (losses)	triangular	+/- 40 %	expert judgement (Juhos and Tókei 2012)
deadwood	CO <sub>2</sub>	area of forest subcompartment	D	-	normal	+/- 6 m in border lines	expert judgement (Mezei 2011)
	CO <sub>2</sub>	m <sup>3</sup> /ha value on country level	D	-	normal	+/- 8 %	data of National Forest Monitoring and Observation System
	CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon fraction	D	-	triangular	+/- 10 %	GPG 2003 Appendix 3A.1 Table 3a1.4
	CO <sub>2</sub>	wood density	D	-	triangular	+/- 10 %	Somogyi (2008)
litter	CO <sub>2</sub>	t C/ha	D	-	N/A	-94/+308 %	expert judgement (Heil et al. 2012)
slash burning	CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, N <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub>	m <sup>3</sup> /ha values of tree species on forest subcompartment level	AR, D, FM	FL-FL	normal	+/- 40 % (stands older than 40 years old), +/- 80 % (younger stands)	analyses of forest planning sampling data
	CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, N <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub>	burned slash fraction on forest subcompartment level	AR, D, FM	FL-FL	N/A	-100 % / +98-269 % (depending on the tree species; in the case of beech +2608 %, however, it means very little absolute volume value because only 1000 m <sup>3</sup> beech wood is burnt on site on country level)	expert judgement (Rumpf 2012)
wildfires	CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, N <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub>	burned fraction of the total standing volume on subcompartment level	AR, FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 20 %	expert judgement (Debreceni 2011)
slash burning, wildfires	CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, N <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub>	fraction oxidized on site	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 10 %	expert judgement (Kottek and Tobisch 2012)
	CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, N <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub>	carbon fraction	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 4.17 % (deciduous species), +/- 7.84 % (conifers)	GL for LULUCF 2006 Table 4.3
	CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, N <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub>	wood density	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 10 %	Somogyi (2008)
	CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, N <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub>	emission ratio	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	CH <sub>4</sub> : +/- 25 %, CO: +/- 33.3 %, N <sub>2</sub> O: +/- 28.6 %, NO <sub>x</sub> : +/- 22.31 %	GPG 2003 Annex 3A1 Table 3A1.15
	N <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub>	N/C ratio	AR, D (slash burning only), FM	FL-FL	triangular	+/- 100 %	GPG_1996annex1ri, Table A1-1
soil	CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	FLU, FI, FMG on country level	D	FL-L	triangular	FMG: +/- 9 %; FLU: +/- 10 %; FI: +/- 7 %	GPG Table 3.3.4 and area of climate and soil types (Zsembeli et al. 2011)
	CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	SOCref on country level	D	FL-L	triangular	WD-HAC: +/- 85 %; CD-HAC: +/- 103 %; WD-SANDY: +/- 113 %; CD-SANDY: +/- 87 %	study of Zsembeli et al. (2011)
	N <sub>2</sub> O	C/N ratio in forest soils	D	FL-L	N/A	-48.6 / +172.5 %	expert judgement (Heil et al. 2012)
	N <sub>2</sub> O	EF1	D	FL-L	N/A	-80 / +380 %	GPG p. 3.47-3.48

## Results

We report all results in Table 11.11 below. According to the results, the combined uncertainty of the net removal estimates of categories under the KP amount to between about  $\pm 15\%$  (for D) and  $\pm 30\%$  (for FM), and the uncertainty of the activity data (volume stock change, volume and area) is the source of roughly the half of all uncertainties except for FM where it has a larger share. For AR we estimated uncertainties somewhere in between the above estimates.

As the absolute value of total emissions from D are smaller than that of the removals from AR and FM by a factor of two, the uncertainty of emissions from D is considered satisfactory. The confidence interval of the emissions from D is rather asymmetrical mainly due to the asymmetrical confidence interval of the uncertainty of the carbon stock change estimate from litter. The overall uncertainty of the emissions from D is also mainly affected by the litter uncertainty, but the biomass and soil uncertainties are also considerable. Although the factors used to estimate emissions from litter and soil can be considered country-specific, they are mainly based on expert judgment (Heil et al. 2012) but also partly representative sampling (Zsembeli et al. 2011).

For both AR and FM, the combined uncertainty practically comes from that of the biomass stock change due to the fact that other emissions are very small. Concerning the uncertainty of the biomass stock change estimates, they are affected by the uncertainty of the area, volume stock change, wood density, root-to-shoot ratio and carbon fraction estimates. Of all these, the uncertainty of the area is very small (0.03 % at the country level), and that of the wood density, root-to-shoot ratio and carbon fraction cannot really be affected by any policy, nor it is practicable to obtain more accurate estimates.

The uncertainty of the volume stock change at the stand level is due to sampling errors, measurement errors, and errors resulting from the use of yield tables. The resulting uncertainty of the volume stock changes at the level of various species or species group varies between 15-290%. The results suggest that efforts should be taken to reduce the uncertainty of data at the stand level. The distribution of the uncertainty could also be studied in relation to the age as well as other characteristics of the stands (e.g. the mixing rates, heterogeneity of the stand structure etc.)

**Table 11.11.** Aggregate results of the Monte Carlo analysis for AR (a), D (b) and FM (c).**(a) AR**

Sink/source	Gas	E/R	E/R	Activity data		Emission factor		Combined		Contribution to overall uncertainty
		Gg	GgCO <sub>2</sub> eq.	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	%
biomass (stock-change)	CO <sub>2</sub>	-1256.35	-1256.353	-12.1	11.5	-17.65	11.83	-21.4	16.5	>99
slash burning	CH <sub>4</sub>	0.015256	0.320375	-3.2	3.1	-66.52	97.75	-66.6	97.8	<1
slash burning	CO	0.133504	0	-3.2	3.1	-67.32	98.35	-67.4	98.4	<1
slash burning	N <sub>2</sub> O	0.000105	0.032513	-3.2	3.1	-83.34	110.66	-83.4	110.7	<1
slash burning	NO <sub>x</sub>	0.003792	0	-3.2	3.1	-83.84	110.46	-83.9	110.5	<1
wildfires	CH <sub>4</sub>	0.03601	0.756219	-18.4	19.3	-18.09	24.00	-25.8	30.8	<1
wildfires	CO	0.315125	0	-18.4	19.3	-25.81	30.39	-31.7	36	<1
wildfires	N <sub>2</sub> O	0.000248	0.076745	-18.4	19.3	-76.11	87.80	-78.3	89.9	<1
wildfires	NO <sub>x</sub>	0.008951	0	-18.4	19.3	-75.90	90.46	-78.1	92.5	<1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-1255.167</b>							<b>100</b>

**(b) D**

Sink/source	Gas	E/R	E/R	Activity data		Emission factor		Combined		Contribution to overall uncertainty
		Gg	GgCO <sub>2</sub> eq.	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	%
Deadwood	CO <sub>2</sub>	2.397653	2.397653	-8.7	9.2	-9.52	12.10	-12.9	15.2	0.045
litter	CO <sub>2</sub>	8.879759	8.879759	-2.3	2.3	-93.67	307.49	-93.7	307.5	71.385
biomass (stock-change)	CO <sub>2</sub>	45.75307	45.75307	-9.9	10.5	-11.14	15.71	-14.9	18.9	22.245
slash burning	CH <sub>4</sub>	0.005822	0.12227	-9.2	10	-51.18	93.27	-52	93.8	0.002
slash burning	CO	0.050951	0	-9.2	10	-51.79	93.57	-52.6	94.1	0.000
slash burning	N <sub>2</sub> O	4E-05	0.012409	-9.2	10	-63.84	101.71	-64.5	102.2	0.000
slash burning	NO <sub>x</sub>	0.001447	0	-9.2	10	-64.04	101.61	-64.7	102.1	0.000
soil	CO <sub>2</sub>	12.99638	12.99638	-2.3	2.3	-29.91	19.46	-30	19.6	6.192
soil	N <sub>2</sub> O	0.000833	0.258115	-4.9	4.8	-57.79	552.18	-58	552.2	0.131
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>70.420</b>							<b>100</b>

**(c) FM**

Sink/source	Gas	E/R	E/R	Activity data		Emission factor		Combined		Contribution to overall uncertainty
		Gg	GgCO <sub>2</sub> eq.	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	CI_lower, %	CI_upper, %	%
biomass (stock-change)	CO <sub>2</sub>	-1560.13	-1560.134	-28.3	27.1	-13.83	11.91	-31.5	29.6	>99
slash burning	CH <sub>4</sub>	1.118271	23.4837	-0.7	0.7	-39.09	39.09	-39.1	221.3	<1
slash burning	CO	9.785924	0	-0.7	0.7	-39.49	39.49	-39.5	221.4	<1
slash burning	N <sub>2</sub> O	0.007688	2.383262	-0.7	0.7	-48.79	48.79	-48.8	223.4	<1
slash burning	NO <sub>x</sub>	0.277964	0	-0.7	0.7	-49.20	49.20	-49.2	223.3	<1
wildfires	CH <sub>4</sub>	0.486317	10.21265	-6.7	5.8	-20.64	20.91	-21.7	22.3	<1
wildfires	CO	4.255726	0	-6.7	5.8	-27.29	27.49	-28.1	28.1	<1
wildfires	N <sub>2</sub> O	0.003343	1.036439	-6.7	5.8	-78.01	78.08	-78.3	87.7	<1
wildfires	NO <sub>x</sub>	0.120882	0	-6.7	5.8	-78.31	78.39	-78.6	86.2	<1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-1523.018</b>							<b>100</b>

**11.3.1.6 Information on other methodological issues**

It is important to highlight that we always use the best methods and data that is currently available.

This often, but not always, represents Tier 2 or 3. In order not to underestimate emissions and overestimate removals, a highly conservative approach is applied in all steps of the inventory whenever the application of higher Tiers is not possible. This approach is characterized by always selecting data and methods that overestimate emissions and underestimate removals.

Generally, the area, harvest and forest fire statistics are based on annual nationwide assessments, whereas the emission factors and models applied do not consider the inter-annual variability of the physical processes. Therefore, the estimated emissions and removals partly, but not completely, reflect the inter-annual variability of the true processes. (The annual stock data mainly reflect actual harvests, but partly only modelled increment data.) It also needs to be underlined that the net removal values for either FM or AR represent rather small changes (i.e., net removals) relative to rather large stocks (i.e., the total carbon stocks of the biomass of all forests in the respective categories). It is due to the nature of such relatively small net values that they have a rather high inter-annual variability, and are not a result of some artefacts.

In principle, we consistently use the same methods for estimating carbon stock change and non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions for the whole 1990-2015 period, and data reported under the KP is consistent with those under the UNFCCC.

With respect to the methodological Tiers applied in this report, at least the same or higher Tiers are applied for the categories under the KP as in our report under the UNFCCC. In general, higher tier, or at least methods of higher accuracy, are applied with respect to the identification and estimation of areas in the various land use and land use change categories under the KP. In general, too, Tier 2/3 is applied for AR, D and FM land: the land area identification is country-specific, and so is the estimation of volume, as well as that of the biomass conversion factor from volume to above-ground biomass. For the expansion of above-ground to total biomass, a Tier 1 factor is applied. The application of such a Tier 1 default factor is well compensated by selecting a conservatively low root-to-shoot factor, which may result in a bias in the estimation, but this bias is conservative as it is towards lower net removals.

Concerning QA/QC, estimations and QC have been done by the Forestry Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office, whereas the QA activities have been done by the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, in a similar fashion to the system applied for the preparation of the GHG inventory under the UNFCCC.

Almost all forestry data that have been used for the development of the GHG emission and removal estimates are collected, processed, aggregated and archived by the Forestry Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office. Experts of the Directorate participated in a training earlier on the requirements and methods of developing the GHG inventory for the forestry sector. This system ensures that all background data are collected and processed at the required quality, and the number of possible sources of errors and uncertainties are reduced. On the other hand, the expert of the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, which has been involved in the QA activities, used to develop the GHG inventory for the country, and is a lead author of various IPCC methodological Guidelines thus, he is knowledgeable about the needs, method and challenges of the development of the inventory. Some data and experience of the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, as well as the Institute of Site Fertility of the West-Hungarian University, were also incorporated in the GHG inventory.

#### **11.3.1.7 The year of the onset of an activity, if after 2008**

The Kyoto CRF tables, as well as data and calculations as demonstrated above, clearly and transparently report both the areas and the associated emissions and removals under Article 3.3 that have entered the accounting system. For Art. 3.4 FM, activities on all land are assumed to be started before the beginning of the first commitment period. As a consequence, the Hungarian accounting system fully complies with paragraph 23 in Annex to Decision 2/CMP.7.

## 11.4 Article 3.3

### ***11.4.1 Information that demonstrates that activities under Article 3.3 began on or after 1 January 1990 and before 31 December 2013 and are direct human-induced***

For D and AR, field certificates of conversions exist by stand for the majority of the stands. These are archived and documented. Such certificates are only prepared for conversions that are inspected and proved to have taken place, i.e. where human activity has indeed occurred. These certificates are in general documented since 1 January 1990. Also, forest management plans are prepared for all stands in the AR category (see under section 11.5.1).

### ***11.4.2 Information on how harvesting or forest disturbance that is followed by the re-establishment of forest is distinguished from deforestation***

In Hungary, all forests must be regenerated after clearing mature stands by law (as defined by all Forest Acts since 1879, the latest one in 2009). Regeneration usually means that a cut-and-regeneration sequence of operations is applied, which involves that most of the area that is cut in a year is void of mature trees for many years. Moreover, regeneration may start one or two years after the final cut is made. When the regeneration is established, it may take years, even a decade, for the seedlings to reach a height of one-two meters, and a full crown closure. In general, less time is needed to reach a crown closure of 30% (i.e., the minimum requirement to meet the definition of forests), but more time may be needed in parts of the regenerations where the first attempt is not successful (where seedlings cannot establish themselves due to, e.g., bad weather conditions, weed competition, browsing by game and others). In general, the rate of closure and whether an area is cleared (deforested) or is under regeneration can only be monitored in the field.

There are country specific professional standards (as defined in the Implementation Rules of the Forest Act, 2009, practically unchanged for years) that set the time limits when regenerations (and afforestations) are deemed as successful. According to these Rules, regeneration must be started not later than 31 May of the second year after land becomes subject to regeneration. "Successfulness" of regeneration means that it is believed that, except for rare extreme events, trees will continue to normally develop after the regeneration has been deemed successful so it can already be regarded a forest. This stage is defined by the following criteria:

- species composition is within the limits as requested by the forest management plan
- an even distribution of trees over the entire area
- healthy tree individuals overall
- the number of trees with main shoots is more than a species-specific minimum value, usually between four and eight thousand trees per hectare
- no invasive tree species is widespread in the stand
- minimum height of the main species reaches 1.5 m.

This stage is to be reached by time limits that are also defined by the above Rules. The time limits depend on species and site conditions and can vary quite substantially (see Table 11.12 below). All areas that had to be regenerated have always been regenerated within these limits so far. In case the regeneration of an area is unsuccessful, it becomes part of the D category.

**Table 11.12.** *Time limits of completing regenerations and afforestations (years after the area becomes subject to regeneration, e.g. after clear-cutting).*

Species and origin	Time limit (years) for regeneration type: shelterwood cutting or selection cutting
Quercus pubescens, seed origin	12
Quercus petraea, seed origin	10
Quercus robur, seed origin	
Quercus farnetto, seed origin	
Fagus silvatica, seed origin	
Other species, seed origin	8
	Time limit (years) for other types of regeneration
Quercus pubescens, seed origin	14
Quercus petraea, seed origin	12
Quercus robur, seed origin	
Quercus farnetto, seed origin	
Fagus silvatica, seed origin	
Coniferous sp.	10
Quercus cerris, seed origin	
Other hard broadleaves, seed origin	
Other species, seed origin	8
Any species of shoot origin	5

All AR and D areas, as well as those under regeneration are identified by categorizing the above mentioned forest compartments. These compartments have been surveyed since 1 Jan 2008 for all information that is relevant for assigning them to the respective Kyoto forest categories (AR or D and, in case of regenerations, FM), as well as their location within each geographical area. It is also possible to identify each compartment in both the underlying database of this report (which is part of the documentation) and on the forest management maps since 2008.

Harvests on afforested area have so far mainly been final cuttings in stands that have reached their rotation age. In case an area is regenerated that was afforested or reforested earlier but after 1989, the same rules apply by law than for all other forests. These rules require that harvested forests must be regenerated. All areas under regeneration are continuously surveyed by the Forest Authorities, and tough penalties are applied to those that violate relevant provisions.

#### ***11.4.3 Information on the size and geographical location of forest areas that have lost forest cover but which are not yet classified as deforested***

In Hungary, the Forest Authorities disclose a report each year on the current status of forests and forestry. This report includes the area of stands under regeneration. As Table 11.13 below demonstrates, this area varies around 120 kha on average. The same reports also state the area of final harvests each year which varied around 20-25 kha in the last three decades. From these numbers one can conclude that the average time a stand is regarded as “under regeneration” is about five-six years. For areas “under regeneration”, the same thresholds and criteria are in effect as for an afforested area (see section 11.4.2 and Table 11.12 above, and section 6.5.5 of the NIR). Thus, the above mean length

of period of five-six years is regarded as a normal value for regenerations. (Note here, too, that individual stands can be classified “under regeneration” for a much shorter or longer time depending on species, site fertility, weather and other local conditions that determine the success of the regeneration.)

**Table 11.13.** *The total area of stands under regeneration as reported by annual reports on forests and forestry.*

Reporting Year	Area of stands under regeneration (ha)
1985	120 043
1986	126 120
1987	128 265
1988	130 333
1989	132 956
1990	132 816
1991	136 330
1992	135 582
1993	133 522
1994	127 611
1995	120 067
1996	116 716
1997	115 768
1998	112 926
1999	110 286
2000	112 814
2001	113 825
2002	115 740
2003	117 197
2004	117 855
2005	118 989
2006	119 854
2007	120 419
2008	123 717
2009	125 344
2010	127 783
2011	131 453
2012	141 205
2013	149 997
2014	155 822
2015	165 357

#### ***11.4.4 Information related to the natural disturbances provision under article 3.3***

As reported in our Initial Report in 2016, Hungary does not intend to apply the provisions to exclude emissions from natural disturbances for the accounting for afforestation and reforestation under Article 3.3 (and forest management under Article 3.4) of the Kyoto Protocol during the second commitment period.

***11.4.5 Information on Harvested Wood Products under article 3.3***

As requested by para 26 of Annex to 2/CMP.7, carbon stock changes in the HWP pool are reported and accounted for in the Hungarian inventory. The methodology of estimation is described in Section 11.5.2.5. In applying the methodology it was assumed that all harvesting is allocated to forest management and that all forests in Hungary are managed because, due to lack of data, we are unable to separate harvest from AR and FM. Therefore, according to page 2.118 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement, “in case it is not possible to differentiate between the harvest from AR and FM, it is conservative and in line with good practice to assume that all HWP entering the accounting framework originate from FM”, thus we report carbon stock changes together for the two categories. In contrast, harvest from D is separated and excluded, and treated as instantaneous oxidation.



## 11.5 Article 3.4

### *11.5.1 Information that demonstrates that activities under Article 3.4 have occurred since 1 January 1990 and are human-induced*

As mentioned above, all forests are rather intensively managed in Hungary. The basis for the management is forest management plans that are prepared for all forests of the country, i.e. all stands of both the AR and the FM category. These plans, which are parts of the underlying documentation, contain information, among others, on the status of the stand during the survey, long-term objectives, plans for short-term operations (for as long as a maximum 10-year period) and information on the last harvesting operations. These plans thus demonstrate that activities under Article 3.4 have occurred since 1 January 1990 and are human-induced.

### *11.5.2 Information relating to Forest Management*

#### **11.5.2.1 Conversion of natural forest to planted forest**

Hungary does not apply the Carbon Equivalent Forest Conversion provision (paragraphs 37 – 39) of Annex to Decision 2/CMP.7 contained in document FCCC/KP/CMP/2011/10/Add.1, p.19. Nevertheless, below we report the required information:

- plantations in Hungary are stands of exotic species (e.g., *Robinia pseudoacacia*, a species of North-American origin) or hybrids (e.g., *Populus x euramericana* clones), or that are intensively managed monocultures of indigenous species (e.g., *Salix* sp.) where the management is done for biomass production with a rotation age is much shorter than in stands that are managed for industrial wood production, protection or social services;
- natural forests are the rest of the forests;
- in general, based on the relevant provisions of the Forest Act of 2009, natural forests are replaced with plantations only in exceptional cases on insignificant areas.

#### **11.5.2.2 Forest Management Reference Level**

Note: as there has not been any changes in our calculations for the forest management reference level, this and the subsequent section are identical to the respective section in our NIR of 2016.

As reported in our Submission of information on forest management reference levels (URL: [https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/ad\\_hoc\\_working\\_groups/kp/application/pdf/awgkp\\_hungary\\_2011.pdf](https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/ad_hoc_working_groups/kp/application/pdf/awgkp_hungary_2011.pdf)), the forest management reference level (FMRL) for Hungary, a member state of the EU, was developed in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission in 2011. First, annual net emissions for FM were estimated for 2000-2008 and projected until 2020, assuming a 'business as usual' scenario, for the total of the above- and below-ground biomass carbon pools using two models of EU modelling groups, i.e., the G4M (Global Forestry Model) (from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, or IIASA) and the EFISCEN (European Forest Information Scenario Model of the European Forest Institute) models. Then, the emissions and removals estimated by the models in this run for the period 2000 to 2008 were calibrated/adjusted using an offset, defined as the difference between the average of the historical forest management net emissions for 2000–2008, included in the National GHG Inventory of 2011, and the average of the mean values from the two models for the same period. (The offset was applied to the model results in order to make the projection and the historical forest management values more consistent.)

Note that, at the request of the review team, the models were re-run during the technical assessment of the FMRL submission of Hungary, producing a somewhat different output. Then, the above calibration was also repeated, yielding the FMRL value that was officially approved by the Report of the technical assessment of the forest management reference level submission of Hungary submitted in 2011 (FCCC/TAR/2011/HUN), and is used in Appendix to Decision 2/CMP.7.

The only forest pools included in the construction of the FMRL were the above- and below-ground biomass pools. Later, emissions from organic soils, and non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from wildfires were added, but the dead organic matter (litter and dead wood) and the mineral soil organic carbon pools were not included as they are demonstrated that they are not a source. The contribution of HWP to the FMRL of Hungary was estimated using the approach proposed in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1, chapter II, annex I (see section 11.5.2.5 below).

Due to a number of methodological changes since the above estimation and review, a technical correction of the FMRL has become necessary. This is described in the next section.

### 11.5.2.3 Technical Corrections of the FMRL

Pursuant to Paragraphs 14 and 15 of Annex to Decision 2/CMP.7 (Land use, land-use change and forestry) contained in document FCCC/KP/CMP/2011/10/Add.1, p.15, a technical correction was necessary for the above FMRL. This is because although the pools included in the FMRL are the same as those reported in both the 2011 NIR and the NIR last year and were consistent with previous reporting, there are several methodological changes that have been implemented in the estimation of emissions and removals from FM, including the HWP pool.

*NOTE: due to some editing mistakes, the version of the below tables related to FMRL that can be found in our last NIR submission contains slightly different numbers. It is the tables in the NIR of this year that contain the correct numbers (these numbers replace the 2015 ones because the NIR this year is a resubmission of the report of last year, too). However, the CRF tables of both last and this year contain the respective correct values. Note also that, in order to apply the same methodological approach as all other Member States of the EU, we changed our choice so that we do not now account for the emissions from HWP originating from forests prior to the start of the second commitment period (see above), which has also had an effect on both the HWP estimates and the technical correction of the FMRL (see the respective tables below).*

The HWP contribution was also revised in the last submission due to the revised methodology as reported in the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement (see section 11.5.2.5 below).

All these changes, which have been identified using Table 2.7.1 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement, are reported in Table 11.14. As a result, emission and removal estimates that are used in the estimation of the FMRL were changed. For the sake of transparency, Table 11.15 reports both historical and projected estimates from the submission of 2011 and this year as relevant.

**Table 11.14.** Elements of the Technical Correction (conducted in 2015) based on Table 2.7.1 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement.

Criteria	Change in the estimation of emissions and removals from FM	Partial technical correction (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>1 Changes in the method used for GHG reporting of FM or Forest Land remaining Forest Land (FL-FL) after the adoption of FMRL</b>	none	0
<b>2. Changes in any of the following methodological elements used to establish the FMRL (as reported in the FMRL submission) after the adoption of FMRL</b>		
a) New pools and gases	emissions from organic soils	62
b) Area under FM	area was increased by adding the area of Found Forests	-99
c) Historical data from GHG inventory	recalculated due to the change of several emissions/removal factors	-15
d) Forest characteristics and related management	all changes, if any, are reflected in the recalculation of historical data	
e) Historical harvesting rates	none	0
f) Climate data assumed by models for projecting	none	0
g) HWP: new/recalculated data and/or methods; inclusion of provisions	revised data and method according to the KP Supplement	12
h) Natural disturbances	Hungary has elected not to exclude emissions from natural disturbances	0
<b>3. Other possible methodological inconsistencies</b>	none	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-40</b>

**Table 11.15.** Emission and removal estimates of corrected elements: (a) historical values of non-HWP elements, and (b) projected values for the HWP pool, as reported in our FMRL submission of 2011 and in this year (data are in ktCO<sub>2</sub>eq).

(a)

Emissions and removals (ktCO <sub>2</sub> eq) from:	Submission	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	average 2000-2008	difference
biomass pools	2011	95	-1 309	-672	-2 676	-1 555	-3 576	-1 536	-1 769	-2 808	-1 756	-99
	2016	120	-1 447	-591	-2 863	-1 743	-3 840	-1 613	-1 736	-2 983	-1 855	
organic soils	2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
	2016	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	
non-CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	2011	35	32	32	32	27	44	28	39	27	33	-15
	2016	21	18	18	17	12	28	12	24	11	18	
TOTAL	2011	130	-1 277	-639	-2 645	-1 528	-3 532	-1 508	-1 729	-2 780	-1 723	-53
	2016	202	-1 368	-512	-2 785	-1 670	-3 750	-1 540	-1 650	-2 911	-1 776	

(b)

Emissions and removals (ktCO <sub>2</sub> eq) from:	Submission	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	average 2013-2020	difference
HWP	2011	-107	-101	-100	-101	-105	-110	-116	-122	-108	12
	2016	-74	-78	-87	-94	-100	-106	-112	-119	-96	

It is important to highlight that the basis for the projection of emissions and removals from FM, i.e. the average of the estimates of the two above model, has not been changed since 2011. Thus, the methodology of the projection, including the effect of policies on the projections, is the same as before. Therefore, the technical correction should only concern the revised estimates of the historical time series of the emissions and removals from FM that are used for the adjustment.

Considering all the above, all elements of the necessary technical correction are reported in Table 11.6. The technically corrected FMRL was developed from the total of these elements using Equation 2.7.1 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement:

$$\text{FMRL}_{\text{corr}} = \text{FMRL} + \text{Technical\_Correction}$$

where

FMRL<sub>corr</sub> = the corrected FMRL,

FMRL = Forest Management Reference Level inscribed in Appendix to Decision 2/CMP.7

Technical\_Correction = the total of the partial corrections in Table 11.16.

**Table 11.16.** The development of the technically corrected FMRL and the related FMRLcorr based on the FMRL estimated in 2011, the various elements of Technical\_Correction values, and the corrected FM projection (data are in ktCO<sub>2</sub>eq).

Derivation of data				average 2000-2008	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	average 2013- 2020
FMRL as approved earlier	Step 1: models' results (only biomass)	EFISCEN		-1,394	-1,413	-1,406	-1,300	-365	522	-103
		G4M		-2,225	-2,055	-2,382	-2,020	-1,981	-1,611	-1,845
		Average of models		-1,809	-1,734	-1,894	-1,660	-1,173	-545	-974
	Step 2: ex-post processing	Offset	biomass	53						
			non- biomass pools and GHG sources	28						
			total offset	82						
		Calibrated average of models		-1,728	-1,652	-1,812	-1,578	-1,091	-463	-892
	Step 3: Applying first-order decay function for HWP	Offset due to difference in accounting between instantaneous oxidation and first order decay function from HWP								-108
		Calibrated average of models		-1,728	-1,652	-1,812	-1,578	-1,199	-571	-1,000
Technical correction	due to new pools (i.e., organic soils)		62						62	
	due to revision of biomass estimates		-99						-99	
	due to revision of HWP estimates								12	
	due to estimating non-CO2 emissions		-15						-15	
	Total								-40	
Corrected historical and projected FM as well as the technically corrected FMRL as the average of projected values				-1,781	-1,705	-1,865	-1,631	-1,240	-611	-1,040

#### 11.5.2.4 Information related to the natural disturbances provision under Article 3.4

As reported in the Initial Report, Hungary did not elect the option to apply the natural disturbances provision.

#### 11.5.2.5 Information on Harvested Wood Products under Article 3.4

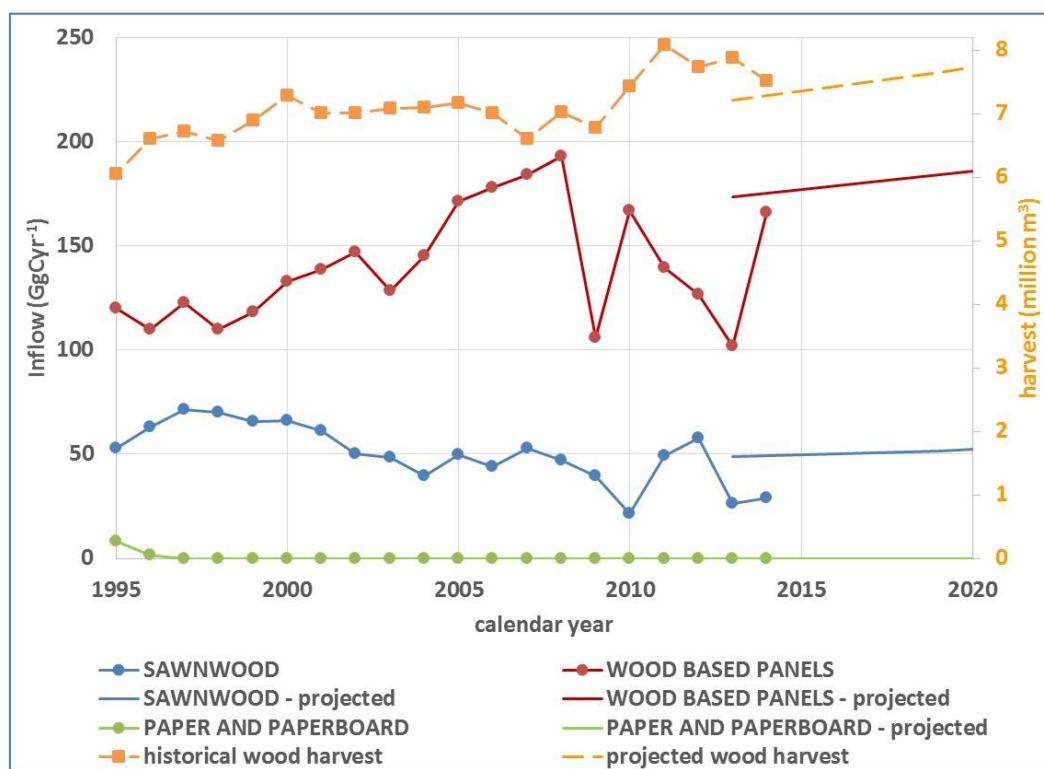
From a methodological point of view, historical emissions and removals from HWP under FM are treated similarly than those under the UNFCCC, see Section 6.5.4.2.4.

The estimation was done with annual historical production data, specific half-lives for product types, application of the first-order decay function using equation 12.1 from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, with default half-lives of two years for paper, 25 years for wood panels and 35 years for sawn wood and instantaneous oxidation assumed for wood in solid waste disposal sites. Historical data dated back to 1964. It was assumed that, with the exception of wood harvested in deforestations, all harvested wood is allocated to forest management and that all forests in Hungary are managed. The estimates include exports.

As a result of the above procedure, the net emission estimates from the HWP pool in the FM category under the KP are only different from those under the UNFCCC in that while the latter includes harvested wood products produced from all harvests from all forests, the former excludes harvested wood products from the Deforestation category.

Concerning the contribution of the HWP pool to the FMRL, data was developed for all other years until 2020 using a projection with the below steps (following the example provided in Box 2.8.2 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement):

1. For harvests, the same projection of an increasing trend was used as those in the development of the projection of net removals of the forests under FM (Figure 11.7).
2. Annual changes (in percent) of the projected total annual wood harvest rates were calculated between subsequent years.
3. The averages of the historical inflow rates of the most recent five years before the projected years (i.e., 2005-2009) were calculated for the sawnwood, wood-based panel and paper and paper board categories.
4. These averages were increased using the annual changes under item 2 above to get projected inflow values for each HWP pool (Figure 11.7).
5. The projected inflow values were used in Equation 2.8.5 of the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement to estimate carbon stocks, as well as gains and losses.



**Figure 11.7.** Projected (in 2015) rates of inflow, historical rates that were used to develop the projected ones, and the historical and projected (in 2011) trend of total wood harvests.

For the technical correction of the FMRL (see section 11.5.2.3 above), the average of the carbon stock changes for years 2013-2020 (projected as described above) was used.

For the sake of transparency, some additional information is provided below to demonstrate how the provisions in paragraph 16 of the Decision 2/CMP.7 are observed:

- "Emissions that occur during the second commitment period from harvested wood products removed from forests prior to the start of the second commitment period shall also be accounted for."

These emissions are only relevant for the non-firewood wood products, and are estimated using the first order decay approach.

- "In the case the forest management reference level is based on a projection, a Party may choose not to account for the emissions from harvested wood products originating from forests prior to the start of the second commitment period, ..."

Hungary's FMRL is based on a projection, and Hungary has chosen not to account for the emissions from HWP originating from forests prior to the start of the second commitment period. For any particular year, estimates of the emissions from the HWP pool are included in both the FMRL and the annual total emissions from the FM category and, under the assumptions of the construction of the FMRL, the difference between sums of the two estimates taken for the entire CP should result in zero credits/debits.

- "... and shall ensure consistency in the treatment of the harvested wood products pool in the second commitment period in accordance with paragraph 14 above."

Consistency is ensured by the application of the above described estimation and accounting methodologies through the entire CP.

- "Emissions from harvested wood products already accounted for during the first commitment period on the basis of instantaneous oxidation shall be excluded."

This requirement is met by only including during the second CP emissions from the non-firewood harvested wood product sub-categories (i.e., sawnwood, wood based panels, as well as paper and paperboard).

- "The treatment of harvested wood products in the construction of a projected forest management reference level shall be on the basis of provisions outlined in paragraph 29 below and shall not be on the basis of instantaneous oxidation."

This requirement is fully met by applying the first order decay functions, and other methodological elements as described in the IPCC 2013 KP Supplement.

### ***11.5.3 Information relating to Cropland Management, Grazing Land Management, Wetland drainage and Rewetting, and Revegetation, if elected, for the base year***

As Hungary did not elect either Cropland Management, nor Grazing Land Management, nor Wetland drainage and Rewetting, nor Revegetation, this is a non-issue.

### ***11.5.4 Information relating to Forest Management***

#### **11.5.4.1 That the definition of forest for this category conforms with the definition in item 11.1 above**

FM land only includes managed forest areas that are included in the FL category, for which the definition of "forest" is applied as required by the Forest Act, as it is demonstrated above in section 11.1.

### 11.5.4.2 That forest management is a system of practices for stewardship and use of forest land aimed at fulfil relevant ecological (including biological diversity), economic and social functions of the forest in a sustainable manner (paragraph 1(f) of the annex to decision 16/CMP.1 (land use, land-use change and forestry))

All the principles defined in paragraph 1(f) of the annex to decision 16/CMP.1 (land use, land-use change and forestry) are among the principles of forestry of Hungary as set by law. The text of the most recent Forest Act (in Hungarian) can be found at [http://net.jogtar.hu/jr/gen/hjegy\\_doc.cgi?docid=A0900037.TV](http://net.jogtar.hu/jr/gen/hjegy_doc.cgi?docid=A0900037.TV).

### 11.5.3.3 Emissions and removals from Forest Management

The methodology is described in section 11.3.1.1, General methodological notes, whereas the estimated emissions and removals are reported in the KP CRF tables.

## 11.6 Other information

## 11.7 Information relating to Article 6

## 11.8 NIR tables

TABLE NIR 1. SUMMARY TABLE

Activity coverage and other information relating to activities under Article 3, paragraph 3, forest management under Article 3.4, and elected activities under Article 3.4

Activity	CHANGE IN CARBON POOL REPORTED <sup>(1)</sup>							GREENHOUSE GAS SOURCES REPORTED <sup>(2)</sup>									
	Above-ground biomass	Below-ground biomass	Litter	Dead wood	Soil		HWP <sup>(4)</sup>	Fertilization <sup>(5)</sup>	Drained, rewetted and other soils <sup>(6)</sup>		Nitrogen mineralization in mineral soils <sup>(6)</sup>	Indirect N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from managed soil <sup>(5)</sup>	Biomass burning <sup>(8)</sup>				
					Mineral	Organic <sup>(3)</sup>			N <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>4</sub> <sup>(7)</sup>	N <sub>2</sub> O		N <sub>2</sub> O	N <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>(10)</sup>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
Article 3.3 activities																	
Afforestation and reforestation	R	R	NR	NR	NR	NO	IE	IE	NO	NO	NO	NO	IE	R			
Deforestation	R	R	R	R	R	NO	IO	IE	NO	NO		R	IE	R			
Article 3.4 activities																	
Forest management	R	R	NR	NR	NR	R	R	IE	NO	NO	NO	NO	IE	R			
Cropland management	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			NA		NA		NA	NA	NA	N	
Grazing land management	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			NA		NA		NA	NA	NA	N	
Revegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N	
Wetland drainage and rewetting	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA		NA	NA				NA	NA	NA	N	

Table NIR 2. LAND TRANSITION MATRIX

Areas and changes in areas between the previous and the current inventory year<sup>(1), (2)</sup>

	ARTICLE 3.3 ACTIVITIES		ARTICLE 3.4 ACTIVITIES					Other <sup>(6)</sup>	Total area at the end of the previous inventory year <sup>(7)</sup>
	Afforestation and reforestation	Deforestation	Forest management <sup>(5)</sup>	Cropland management (if elected)	Grazing land management (if elected)	Revegetation (if elected)	Wetland drainage and rewetting (if elected)		
	(kha)								
Article 3.3 activities									
Afforestation and reforestation	173.00	0.33							173.33
Deforestation		11.27							11.27
Article 3.4 activities									
Forest management		1.06	1766.63						1767.69
Cropland management <sup>(3)</sup> (if elected)	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
Grazing land management <sup>(3)</sup> (if elected)	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
Revegetation <sup>(3)</sup> (if elected)	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
Wetland drainage and rewetting <sup>(3)</sup> (if elected)	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	0.25	NO	0.84	NA	NA	NA	NA	7349.89	7350.98
Total area at the end of the current inventory year	173.25	12.66	1767.47	NA	NA	NA	NA	7349.89	9303.27



TABLE NIR 3. SUMMARY OVERVIEW FOR KEY CATEGORIES FOR LAND USE, LAND-USE CHANGE AND FORESTRY ACTIVITIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

KEY CATEGORIES OF EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS	Gas	CRITERIA USED FOR KEY CATEGORY IDENTIFICATION			Comments <sup>(4)</sup>
		Associated category in UNFCCC inventory <sup>(1)</sup> is key (indicate which category)	Category contribution is greater than the smallest category considered key in the UNFCCC inventory <sup>(2)</sup> (including LULUCF)	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	
Specify key categories according to the national level of disaggregation used <sup>(1)</sup>					
Afforestation and Reforestation					
CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	Land converted to forest land	Yes	NO	as key in the UNFCCC inventory.
Deforestation					
CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	to grassland, Land converted to settlements	No	NO	as key in the UNFCCC inventory.
Forest Management					
CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	Forest land remaining forest land	Yes	NO	as key in the UNFCCC inventory.

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## 12. Information on the Accounting of the Kyoto Protocol Units

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15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 11: Standard electronic format (SEF)	The SEF Report is submitted as a separate file created by the UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.6.1 The filename is: [ITL_HU_2015_2_1.zip]. There have been no transactions in 2016 involving CP2 units.
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 12: List of discrepant transactions	R2 report has been generated with UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.6.1. The filename is: [RREG2_HU_2016.xlsx].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 13 & 14: List of CDM notifications	No CDM notifications occurred in 2016. R3 report has been generated with UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.6.1. The filename is: [RREG3_HU_2016.xlsx].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 15: List of non-replacements	No non-replacements occurred in 2016. R4 report has been generated with UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.6.1. The filename is: [RREG4_HU_2016.xlsx].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 16: List of invalid units	No invalid units exist at 31 December 2016. R5 report has been generated with UNFCCC SEF Report Tool 3.6.1. The filename is: [RREG5_HU_2016.xlsx].
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 17 Actions and changes to address discrepancies	No discrepancies have occurred in the reporting period.
15/CMP.1 annex I.E Publicly accessible information	Publicly available information accessible on the website of the Hungarian National Registry are the following: - Account information detailed in 13/CMP.1 par. 45 are available at: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/hu_accinfo_en.xls">http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/hu_accinfo_en.xls</a> - Article 6 project information detailed in 13/CMP.1 par. 46 are available at: <a href="http://ji.unfccc.int/JI_Parties/DB/BBOE0EE02Y77126OGTQ91OS4GBWMZN/viewDFP">http://ji.unfccc.int/JI_Parties/DB/BBOE0EE02Y77126OGTQ91OS4GBWMZN/viewDFP</a> - Holding and transaction information detailed in 13/CMP.1 par. 47 are available at:

	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/hu_SEF_2016.xlsx">http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/hu_SEF_2016.xlsx</a>  - List of legal entities authorized by party detailed in 13/CMP.1 par. 48 is available at: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/hu_legal_en.xls">http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/hu_legal_en.xls</a>
15/CMP.1 annex I.E paragraph 18 CPR Calculation	The commitment period reserve is calculated in accordance with 11/CMP.1 (and paragraph 18 of decision 1/CMP.8), based on the inventory of 2015 (NIR submission 2017).

## 12.1 Calculation of the commitment period reserve (CPR)

The commitment period reserve is calculated in accordance with decision 11/CMP.1 (and paragraph 18 of decision 1/CMP.8):

"Each Party included in Annex I shall maintain, in its national registry, a commitment period reserve which should not drop below 90 per cent of the Party's assigned amount calculated pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 7 and 8, of the Kyoto Protocol, or 100 per cent of eight times its most recently reviewed inventory, whichever is lowest."

At the time of the preparation of this document the "most recently reviewed inventory" is the inventory of 2014 (National Inventory Submission 2016). However, the inventory of 2015 (National Inventory Submissions 2017) is already available and by the time this document will be assessed, the inventory of 2015 might already be the "most recently reviewed inventory", so CPR is calculated based on 2015's data. (Please note that the above choice of the most recently reviewed inventory has no effect on the CPR.)

### Calculations:

(a) On the basis of assigned amount:

90% of the assigned amount of Hungary

$$434,486,280 \times 0.9 = 391,037,652 \text{ Mg CO}_2\text{-eq}$$

(b) On the basis of the inventory of 2015 (NIR 2017)

eight times the inventory of 2015:

$$61,091,749 \times 8 = 488,733,994 \text{ Mg CO}_2\text{-eq}$$

Based on the above calculations, the commitment period reserve amounts to **391,037,652 Mg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq.**

## 13. Information on changes in national system

There have been no changes since the last submission.

## 14. Information on changes in national registry

The following changes to the national registry of Hungary have occurred in 2016:

Reporting Item	Description
<p>15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(a)</p> <p>Change of name or contact</p>	<p>The registry administrator (EU-ETS National administrator and UNFCCC RSA) of Hungary has changed as of 1 January 2017.</p> <p>Due to reorganization of governmental institutions, the former registry administrator organization (National Inspectorate for Environment and Nature - NIEN) had been abolished. Successor of NIEN as the registry administrator is the National Climate Protection Authority (NCPA). NCPA is a department of the Ministry of National Development.</p> <p>Directive 2003/87/EC is transposed by Law 2012/217 which defines the National Emission Trading Registry (2§ 7.) as the registry system defined by Article 4 of Regulation 389/2013/EU, and the National Administrator (2§ 25.) as defined by Article 3 (22) of Regulation 389/2013/EU. Governmental decree 410/2012 is an implementing regulation of Law 2012/217 (government is mandated to establish the implementing regulation by 39§ 1. g. of Law 2012/217). Decree 410/2012 nominates NCPA () as the National Administrator of the Hungarian Emission Trading Registry, serving as the EU-ETS and the KP registry.</p>
<p>15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(b)</p> <p>Change regarding cooperation arrangement</p>	<p>No change of cooperation arrangement occurred during the reported period.</p>
<p>15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(c)</p> <p>Change to database structure or the capacity of national registry</p>	<p>New tables were added to the CSEUR database for the implementation of the CP2 SEF functionality.</p> <p>Versions of the CSEUR released after 6.7.3 (the production version at the time of the last Chapter 14 submission) introduced other minor changes in the structure of the database.</p> <p>These changes were limited and only affected EU ETS functionality. No change was required to the database and application backup plan or to the disaster recovery plan. The database model, including the new tables, is provided in Annex A.</p> <p>No change to the capacity of the national registry occurred during the reported period.</p>
<p>15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(d)</p> <p>Change regarding conformance to technical standards</p>	<p>Changes introduced since version 6.7.3 of the national registry are listed in Annex B.</p> <p>Each release of the registry is subject to both regression testing and tests related to new functionality. These tests also include thorough testing against the DES and were successfully carried out prior to the relevant major release of the version to Production (see Annex B). Annex H testing was completed in January 2017 and the test report will be provided at a later date.</p> <p>No other change in the registry's conformance to the technical standards occurred for the reported period.</p>

Reporting Item	Description
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(e) Change to discrepancies procedures	No change of discrepancies procedures occurred during the reported period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(f) Change regarding security	The mandatory use of hard tokens for authentication and signature was introduced for registry administrators.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(g) Change to list of publicly available information	No change to the list of publicly available information occurred during the reporting period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(h) Change of Internet address	No change of the registry internet address occurred during the reporting period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(i) Change regarding data integrity measures	No change of data integrity measures occurred during the reporting period.
15/CMP.1 annex II.E paragraph 32.(j) Change regarding test results	Changes introduced since version 6.7.3 of the national registry are listed in Annex B. Both regression testing and tests on the new functionality were successfully carried out prior to release of the version to Production. The site acceptance test was carried out by quality assurance consultants on behalf of and assisted by the European Commission; the report is attached as Annex B.  Annex H testing was carried out in January 2017 and the test report will be provided at a later date.

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## **15. Information on minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 14**

Information on how Hungary as a Party included in Annex I of the Convention is striving, under Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol, to implement its commitments mentioned in Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol in such a way as to minimize adverse social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties, particularly those identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention.

In accordance with Article 3, paragraph 1 of the Kyoto Protocol Hungary is committed to limit its anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of greenhouse gases listed in Annex A of the Protocol to such level that they are in line with Hungary's reduction targets while aiming at further emission reduction. Hungary is guided by the principle that ambitious national reduction targets shall be supported by a climate policy ensuring that adverse impacts on developing countries, such as carbon leakage are avoided. Hungary fully supports the endeavours, measures and implements regulations of the European Union targeting the avoidance of such impacts and fostering sustainable development, while in the same time also a specific policy framework has been put into practice.

The policy framework is laid down in Hungary's National Climate Change Strategy (NCCS) for the period 2008-2025, based on extensive scientific research, a wide public consultation process and impact assessment. The strategy was adopted by the Hungarian Parliament unanimously in early 2008 (Parliamentary resolution 29/2008. (III. 20.) OGY). It has not been modified since then, however its review is currently underway. The NCCS guarantees that in accordance with the principle of integration, climate policy is integrated into development policy as well, safeguarding that emission mitigation projects, cooperation fostering technological transfer and enhanced funding options for climate change related projects will play an integral role among future development projects. Climate research shall be integrated into other scientific studies and research activities and the business sphere shall be involved in climate friendly investments in developing countries.

For the time being Hungary alone does not take part in large scale development projects relating to climate change, however as a Member State, it fully supports the EU's activities in this regard.

There have been no changes in the above matter since the last submission.