VALUATION OF TRANSPORT EXTERNALITIES -THE GRACE SOFTWARECarlo Sessa & Riccardo Enei ISIS



General objectives

- ☐ Introdution to the GRACE software
- Data input
- ☐ The output of the software



Introduction to the software

- □ Targeted users: non experts
- User friendliness
 - Guided, interactive
 - No display of mathematical formulas (cost functions)
 - Basic inputs required
 - ✓ Select network section
 - ✓ Select cost category(ies)
 - ✓ Provide values of cost drivers
 - Fall back options (reference values, statistical estimates)

Introduction to the GRACE software

- □ The software GRACE was set up as result of the EU funded project GRACE "Generalisation of Research on Accounts and Cost Estimation" (2005-2007)
- ☐ The software aims to estimate the transport external costs in presence of lack of information through two options:
- 1. The identification of cost functions (CF) depending on the analysis of key drivers: (e.g. type of vehicles, population density, etc)
- 2. The set up of a database of reference external costs (RC)

Possible approaches: cost functions (CF) and reference costs (RC)

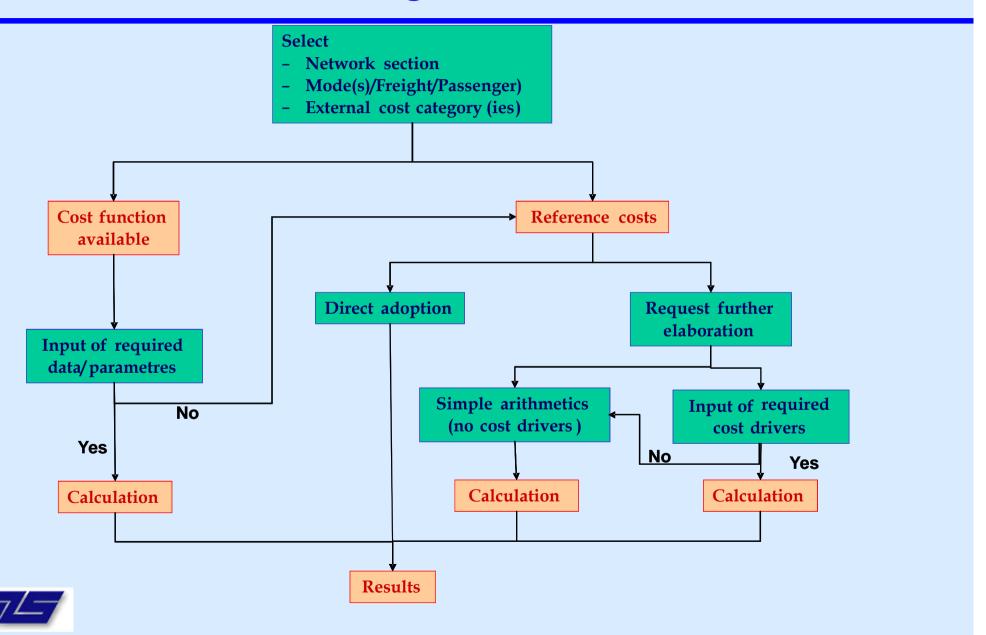
| Cost | ROAD | | RAIL | IWW | AIR | SSS |
|----------------------|-------|------------|------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Category | Urban | Interurban | | | | |
| Air Pollution | CF | CF | CF | CF | CF Airport | CF (Port) |
| Noise | CF | CF | CF | - | CF Airport | - |
| Accidents | CF | CF | - | - | - | - |
| Congestion/s carcity | CF* | CF | N.A. | CF | CF Airport | - |
| Global Warming | CF | CF | CF | CF | CF Airport | CF (Port) |
| Wear and tear | RC* F | RC* | RC | CF | CF Airport | CF (Port) |



Introduction to the GRACE software: summing up

- ☐ The software in based on a review of methodological approaches to calculate transport external costs
- Comparative analysis of available external costs values
- Preconditions for transferability and generalisation (for each cost category):
 - Existence of a mainstream (preferred) method for external costs valuation
 - Existence of cost drivers (cost functions)
 - Availability and quality of reference datasets

Possible software configuration: an overview



Data input: Accident costs (Cost Function)

THE USER SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

1. SELECT COUNTRY AND MODE:

COUNTRY (REGION or LINK)

-Mode **ROAD or RAIL**

2. MODIFY THE COST FUNCTION PARAMETERS:

Ext. Costs = Accident risk [Euro/v]

[Number of fatality, **Injury (severe, slight)**

/vkm]

INPUT

•URBAN

NOT URBAN

Or other road

types...

Accident valuation km

[Euro/Number of fatality, [km] Injury (severe, slight)

•VEHICLE TYPE

(less the proportion of internal costs Car, HGV, buses)

Link length



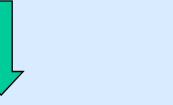
Data input Air pollution (Cost functions)

THE USER SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- 1. SELECT COUNTRY AND MODE:
- **COUNTRY (REGION, LINK)**
- -Mode **ROAD, RAIL, AIR AND INLAND**
- 2. MODIFY THE COST FUNCTION PARAMETERS:

Ext. Costs = Emission factor * Energy cons. * Geographical location* Vkm

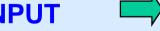
(Euro)



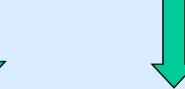


INPUT

- Emission factor
- •Ton o kWh *It/kWh * vkm
- •SPEED
- •FUEL TYPE
- EMISSION STANDARD







- •URBAN Number of
- NON URBAN kilometer



Data input: Global warming (Cost function)

THE USER SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- 1. SELECT COUNTRY AND MODE:
- -Mode -----→ ROAD, RAIL, AIR AND INLAND
- 2. MODIFY THE COST FUNCTION PARAMETERS:

Ext. Costs = Emission factor * Energy cons. * Monetary valuation * Vkm

(Euro)



ton •Number of kilometer

INPUT



- Emission factorTon o kWh(direct emission) * vkm
- * It/kWh

Euro * ton emitted (damage or abatement)



Infrastructure costs (Reference costs)

THE USER SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- 1. SELECT COUNTRY AND MODE:
- -Network section------ COUNTRY
- -Mode -----→ ROAD, RAIL
- 2. SELECT REFERENCE VALUES (BY COUNTRY) OF AC AND COST ELASTICITY BY:
- -Operation
- -Maintenance
- -Renewal



Data output

- Main output
 - Unitary values of transport external costs (e.g. in €/veh.km, €/pass.km, €/ton.km)
 - Total trip external costs (€: unitary value multiplied by the overall traffic flows)
 - Data produced at link level or at regional/country level



The Software



GRACE Main Menu

FIRST STEP: SET UP
THE CORRIDOR/AREA



- Set Up Urban Area
- Set Up Non Urban Area
- Set Up Corridor
- Set Up Port/Airport
- Delete

SECOND STEP: CALCULATION



Calculation

LOG OUT

