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1. National projections of gas air pollutants emissions [2025] – [online Tables](#)
2. Chapter in Informative Inventory Report 2025

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INTRODUCTION

The general methodology of the emission projections calculations was based on the same structure as the national emissions inventory of Air pollutants. The data structure for activities, input emission factors and emission data, calculations is based on the Nomenclature for Reporting (NFR). The outputs are aggregated.

Dynamic changes in global politics as well as economic developments in recent years and months have also significant impact and they were complications for the preparation of AP emission projections, especially given the constant changes in the estimated development of macroeconomic indicators for the near future.

Despite the existing constraints resulting from dynamic changes in critical parameters, it is possible to reach a state of actual compliance with the emission reduction targets, as well as to create the conditions for further emission reductions after 2025.

The modelling of emission projections was provided consistent with the GHG emission projections reported on 15th March 2023 under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on Energy Union Governance and Climate Action.

Even use of a wide range of input data and improvement of methodological approach at activity projection in relevant sectors, the results are influenced by the uncertainties of future development, preferably in the case of the macro-economic data and elasticity of the final energy consumption. These uncertainties are predominantly related to the process of economic transformation and privatization and historical data can be hardly used for future development extrapolation.

The year 2022 was determined as the base year for modelling of emissions projections for the actualized scenario for which verified data sets were available from the national emission inventory reported in March 2024.

SCENARIO DEFINITION

Projections of air pollutant emissions were prepared with the base year 2022 for the years 2025-2050 within the following scenarios:

With measures scenario (WEM) – projections reflect all measures implemented or adopted before the date of preparation of the projections (31 December 2022).

With additional measures scenario (WAM) – projections include WEM policies and measures and all other measures planned for an increase of air quality according to the national air pollution control program.

KEY CHANGES IN UPDATED PROJECTIONS

Energy and Industry – The most important change was the wider implementation of the TIMES model in the calculation of emissions in these sectors. Changes were also driven based on new information from producers.

Transport – Actualization based on new methodology with model COPERT using new assumptions and data.

Agriculture – Changes were driven by the improvement of methodology, new model was implemented.

WAM scenario for NMVOC was included. Published policies and measures after 2022 from the national strategies were considered in the WAM scenario.

Waste – New calculations, and improved methodology together with GHG emission projections estimations.

CHAPTER 1. AGGREGATED AIR POLLUTANTS EMISSION PROJECTIONS

The actualization of the emission projection led to some changes in comparison with previously reported projections. In the tables below are presented national totals of air pollutant emissions and a comparison to the absolute values of emission targets.

Table 1.1: WEM scenario emission projection trends and targets

TOTAL EMISSIONS OF SLOVAKIA (kt)	2005	2010	2015	2020	TARGET 2020-2029	2022*	2025	2030	TARGET 2030	2040	2050
NO _x	106.67	88.36	68.41	56.39	68.27	54.65	56.78	52.66	54.65	43.74	40.56
NM _{VOC}	135.20	111.21	98.70	82.68	110.86	82.49	77.73	72.61	82.49	62.79	55.19
SO _x	87.60	69.05	68.25	14.86	37.67	13.30	10.74	10.26	13.30	9.56	8.59
NH ₃	34.61	30.31	32.90	30.54	29.41	27.51	30.27	28.80	27.51	30.27	30.39
PM _{2.5}	36.52	26.99	21.25	17.08	23.37	17.85	16.14	13.85	17.85	9.90	7.12

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

Table 1.2: WAM scenario emission projection trends and targets

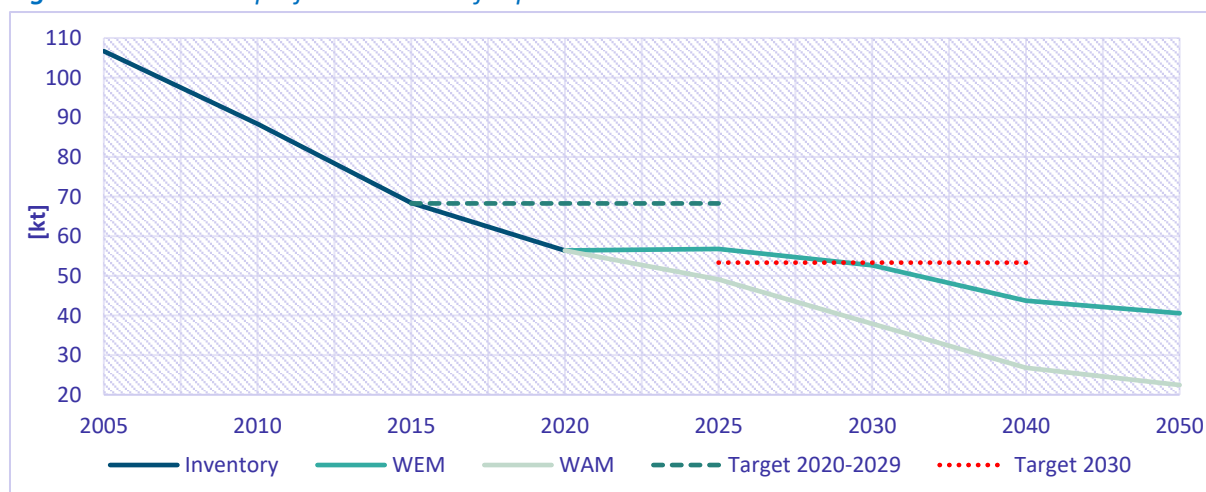
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NM _{VOC}	135.20	111.21	98.70	82.68	110.86	82.49	73.94	64.66	82.49	48.37	41.15
SO _x	87.60	69.05	68.25	14.86	37.67	13.30	10.66	8.03	13.30	5.84	4.59
NH ₃	34.61	30.31	32.90	30.54	29.41	27.51	20.75	20.78	27.51	19.75	19.43
PM _{2.5}	36.52	26.99	21.25	17.08	23.37	17.85	15.52	12.10	17.85	6.89	4.86

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NO_x emissions

Figure 1.1 shows a general view of trends of emissions NO_x and estimated emissions projections based on encountered measures. Emissions slightly decrease and adopted and planned measures should be sufficient to meet the 2030 target will be very tight even in the WAM scenario.

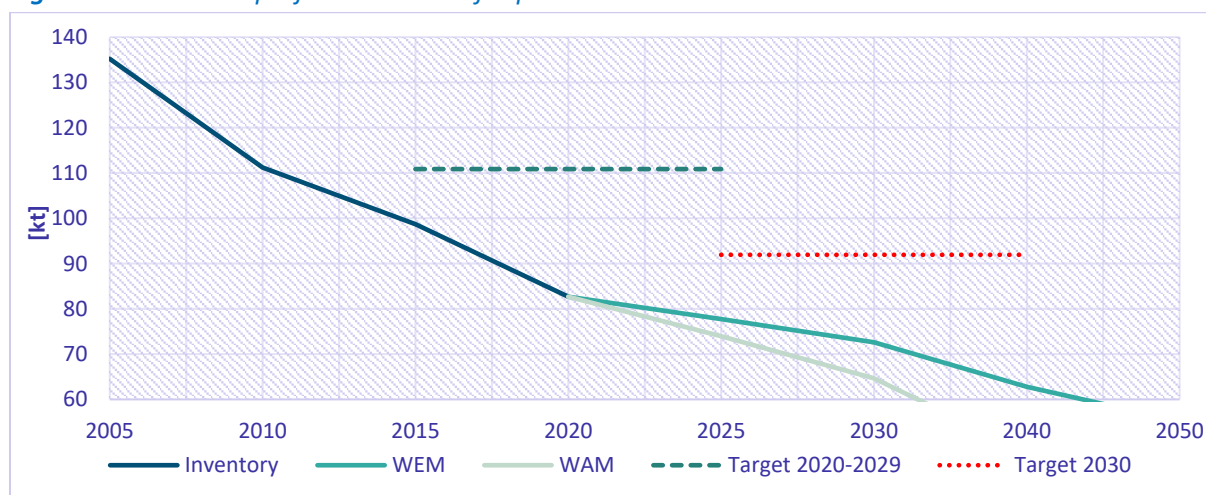
Figure 1.1: Emission projections trends for pollutant NO_x



NM VOC emissions

Figure 1.2 shows a general view of trends of NMVOC emissions and estimated emissions projections based on encountered measures. Emissions show an overall decreasing trend and the 2030 target should be achieved in both scenarios.

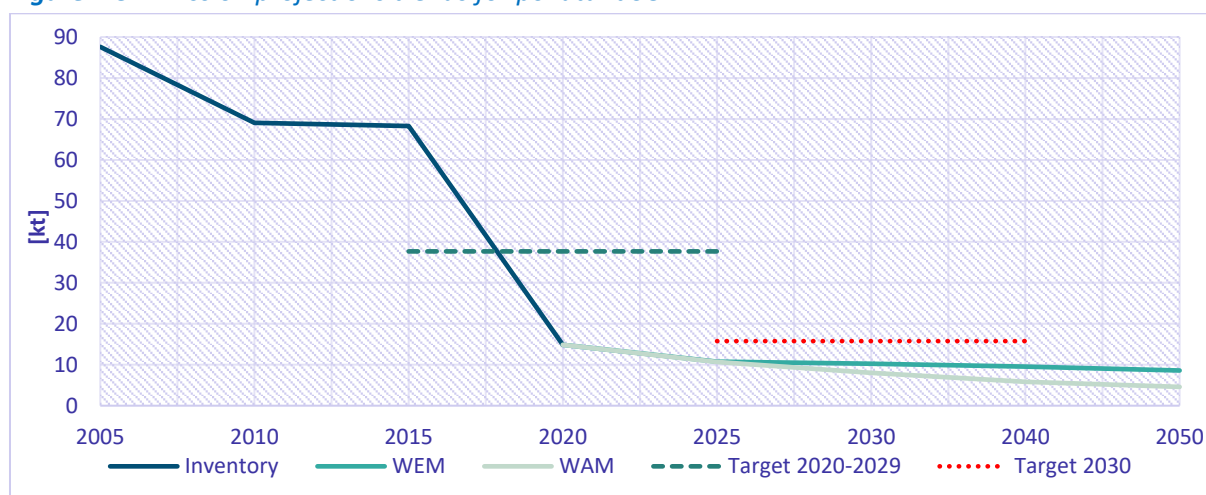
Figure 1.2: Emission projections trends for pollutant NMVOC



SOx emissions

Figure 1.3 shows the general view on trends of SOx emissions. After implementing strong measures in the energy sector Slovakia should achieve the 2030 target in the WAM scenario.

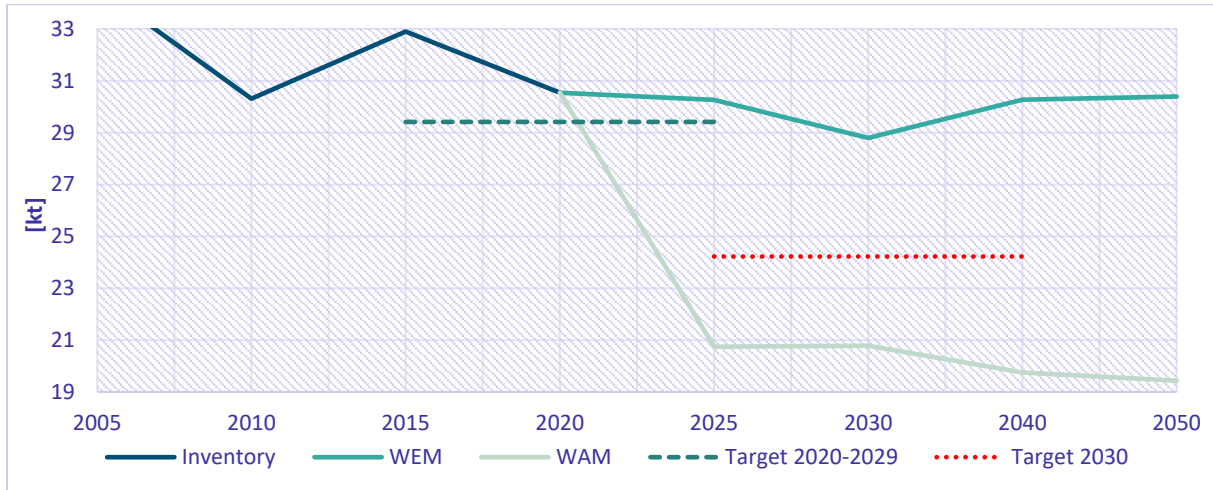
Figure 1.3: Emission projections trends for pollutant SOx



NH₃ emissions

Figure 1.4 shows a general view of trends in NH₃ emissions. According to the measures contained in both scenarios will be very hard to achieve the 2030 target. After implementing strong measures in the agriculture sector Slovakia should achieve the 2030 target in the WAM scenario.

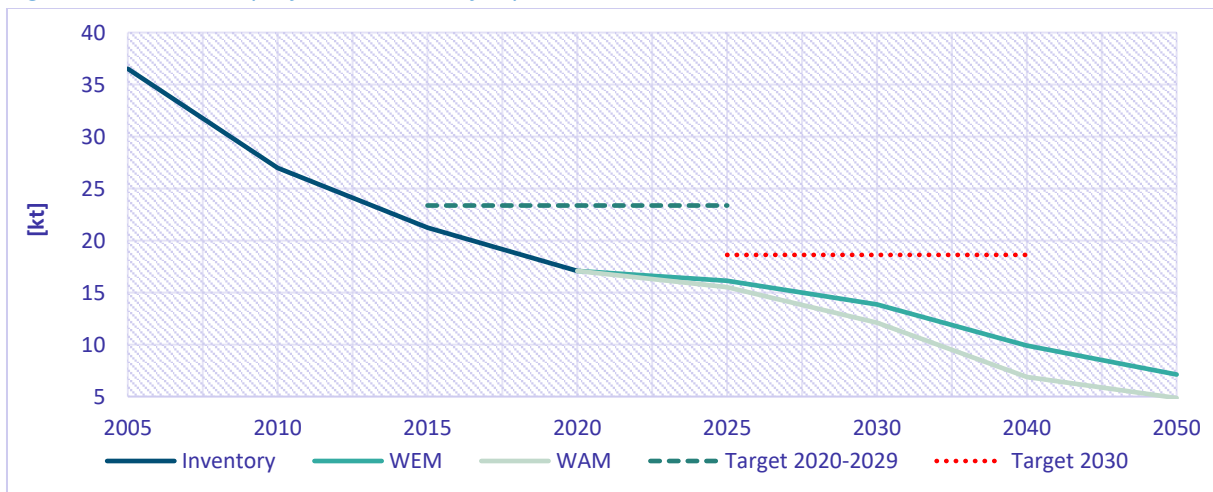
Figure 1.4: Emission projections trends for pollutant NH_3



PM_{2.5} emissions

Figure 1.5 shows the estimated trend of PM_{2.5} emissions. This is a key pollutant and the future target achievement mainly depends on development in the household and transport sector. For now, trends of emissions seem to be in the margin of the target 2030.

Figure 1.5: Emission projections trends for pollutant PM_{2.5}



CHAPTER 2. EMISSION PROJECTIONS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

This chapter describes the methodology for calculating emission projections from NFR categories, which includes public heat and electricity production, including industrial energy, emissions from households and processing of fuels. This chapter excludes emissions from fuel consumption in transport. Emissions from small households not connected to a District Heating Network (DHN) were modelled separately and a description of the procedure is given at the end of this chapter.

The long-term development of emissions also depends on other parameters, such as energy market developments, technological developments and the trading of CO₂ emission allowances. The ETS is one of the measures that was implemented before the projected base year, but the new trading period will continue to have an impact in the future, not only on **AP** but also on **GHG** emissions. Nevertheless, the additional impact of this measure is limited due to the technical and economic potential.

Emission projections in the Energy sector were calculated separately for large and medium-sized energy appliances, households, transport and fugitive emission categories.

As with earlier emission projections, the analysis incorporated data derived from the CPS model (Compact Primes for Slovakia). This model was specifically designed, adapted, and implemented by the Institute for Environmental Policy under the Slovak Ministry of the Environment. Detailed explanations of the CPS model's framework and applications are available in the 2023 emission projections report. The outputs from the CPS model were subsequently integrated into the TIMES model, a more granular analytical tool developed and utilized by SHMÚ (Slovak Hydro-meteorological Institute).

TIMES-Slovakia model is suitable for the projection reporting structure and greater detail. Along with the Energy sector, TIMES also calculates emissions from the industry sector which falls under the EU ETS trading scheme.

2.1. Methodologies and Key Assumptions/Trends

Energy and Industry model: TIMES

There are several sources of input data among which the most important are the National Emission Information System (NEIS) and activity data from the Slovak statistical office (ŠÚ SR).

Some input parameters for the calculation of AP projections in TIMES-Slovakia, from industry and energy are provided by the CPS + Macro economical model (IEP), which was developed for the needs of the Low Carbon Strategy. Other input data consist of EU ETS reports, National Energy statistics, NEIS and the NIMS.

Fuels data are provided by (ÚRSO) - prices of tradable fuels, if possible also separately for sectors such as industry, households and others: Natural gas EUR/GJ, Heating oils, Brown coal, Black coal, Coke, Fuel wood, waste wood, wood chips EUR/ton or EUR/GJ;

RES technologies (Ministry of Economy or with the association of operators of renewable resources) – available input data on RES, their structure and time development. For individual types of resources, the following data are preliminary:

- Photovoltaics - the estimated potential of electricity production in MWh/year in topographic distribution, i.e. by districts or regions,

- Annual distribution of production - when it can be divided into hours, days, weeks and months, as the case may be, in a different arrangement than this production is balanced;
- Investment costs EUR/kW.
- Wind power plants - similar to photovoltaics:
- Investment costs EUR/kW.
- Annual power distribution as in the case of photovoltaics.
- Biomass - biomass potential in TJ/year according to its type - wood, wood chips, etc.
- Geothermal - Potential TJ/year in geographical distribution, investment costs EUR/GW.

The NEIS remains a major source of data for inventory in the key categories and sectors (Energy, Industry) for the main pollutants.

The energy sector covers the following subsectors: energy industries (NFR 1A1), stationary combustion in manufacturing and construction (NFR 1A2), transport (NFR 1A3), small combustion (NFR 1A4), non-road mobile machinery (NFR 1A5) and fugitive emissions (NFR 1B). The emissions covered by the energy sector originate from fuel combustion (NFR 1A1, 1A2, 1A3, 1A4 and 1A5) and fugitive emissions (NFR 1B). These subsectors are further described in the following chapters. Categories of energy sector are the key categories for most of the main pollutants.

Category energy industries 1A1 covers the following subcategories: Public Electricity and Heat Production (1A1a), Petroleum Refining (1A1b) and Manufacture of Solid Fuels and Other Energy Industries (1A1c). Energy industries are a substantial contributor to most air pollutants.

This activity covers emissions from combustion plants as point sources. The emissions considered in this activity are released by a controlled combustion process (boiler emissions, furnace emissions, emissions from gas turbines or stationary engines) and are mainly characterised by the types of fuels used.

The 2025 Projection Report, which forms the basis for this report, shows how AP emissions might develop up to 2050, assuming the framework data in place and the parametrization of the instruments.

Table 2.1: Main parameters applied in emission projections

Item	Units	2022	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Gross domestic product: Constant prices	EUR million	109 782	97 678	108 257	117 475	125 398	132 773	139 622
Population	1 000 people	5 429	5 410	5 339	5 260	5 195	5 135	5 075
EU ETS 1 carbon price	EUR/EUA	88*	95	95	100	100	160	190
International coal import prices	EUR/GJ	10.9	4.1	4.1	4	3.8	3.8	4
International oil import prices	EUR/GJ	16.7	12.4	13.9	15.4	15.8	17.2	19.7
International gas import prices	EUR/GJ	35.1	9.4	9	8.2	10.1	9.9	9.6

Even use of a wide range of input data and improvement of methodological approach at activity projection in relevant sectors, the results are influenced by the uncertainties of future development, preferably in the case of the macro-economic data and elasticity of the final energy consumption. These uncertainties are predominantly related to the process of economic transformation and

privatization and historical data can be hardly used for future development extrapolation. The emission projections from the Energy sector will be influenced by the main pollutant and GHG emission caps in the new EU ETS regime. Decision 406/2009/EC on effort sharing in the sectors not included in the emission trading plays an important role.

2.2. Model Description

Table 2.2: SWOT analysis of the TIMES model

Strengths	Opportunities
Compatibility with emission model for emission inventories Detailed data break down Database is compatible with EU data and national data Detailed sectoral break down Available Emission trading system Finding Objective function (optimal solution) Stochastic modelling Seasonal availability User constraint options (environmental, energy, monetary, supply, production, subsidies...)	Incorporate to the model new technologies (CHP,HP, ELE) Attach transport (all transport categories) Versatile use on different geographical level (Regional break down of energy demand) Versatile use of time series (Day, Night and Peak availability) Modelling of particulate matter (PM) Stochastic modelling of RES Trading between regions
Treats	Weakness
Maintenance fee Infeasibility due to lack of macro economical and technology data GAMS solvers need to be paid separately	Disconnected from macroeconomic models Too much pre-calculations needed Lack of economic data Lack of technology data (Investment cost for new technology) Whole structure needed to be built up from scratch

TIMES (an acronym for *The Integrated MARKAL-EFOM System*) is an economic model generator for local, national, multi-regional, or global energy systems, which provides a technology-rich basis for representing energy dynamics over a multi-period time horizon. It is usually applied to the analysis of the entire energy sector, but may also be applied to study single sectors such as the electricity and district heat sector. Estimates of end-use energy service demands (e.g., car road travel; residential lighting; steam heat requirements in the paper industry; etc.) are provided by the user for each region to drive the reference scenario. In addition, the user provides estimates of the existing stocks of energy related equipment in all sectors, and the characteristics of available future technologies, as well as present and future sources of primary energy supply and their potentials.

All VEDA-TIMES model input data is organized in Excel workbooks (or files). VEDA2.0 then integrates information from all of these workbooks into internal databases to facilitate management of the model data and to prepare and submit a TIMES model, generated and solved with the GAMS sub-system. The main goal of the model TIMES ([Figure 2.1](#)) is to find energy system, that meets all demands over the entire time period at least costs. The scenarios are used specifically for region needed based on the possibilities of energy supplies, energy trade and technology availability. The configuration of production and consumption of commodities and their prices is performed. The optimization is done

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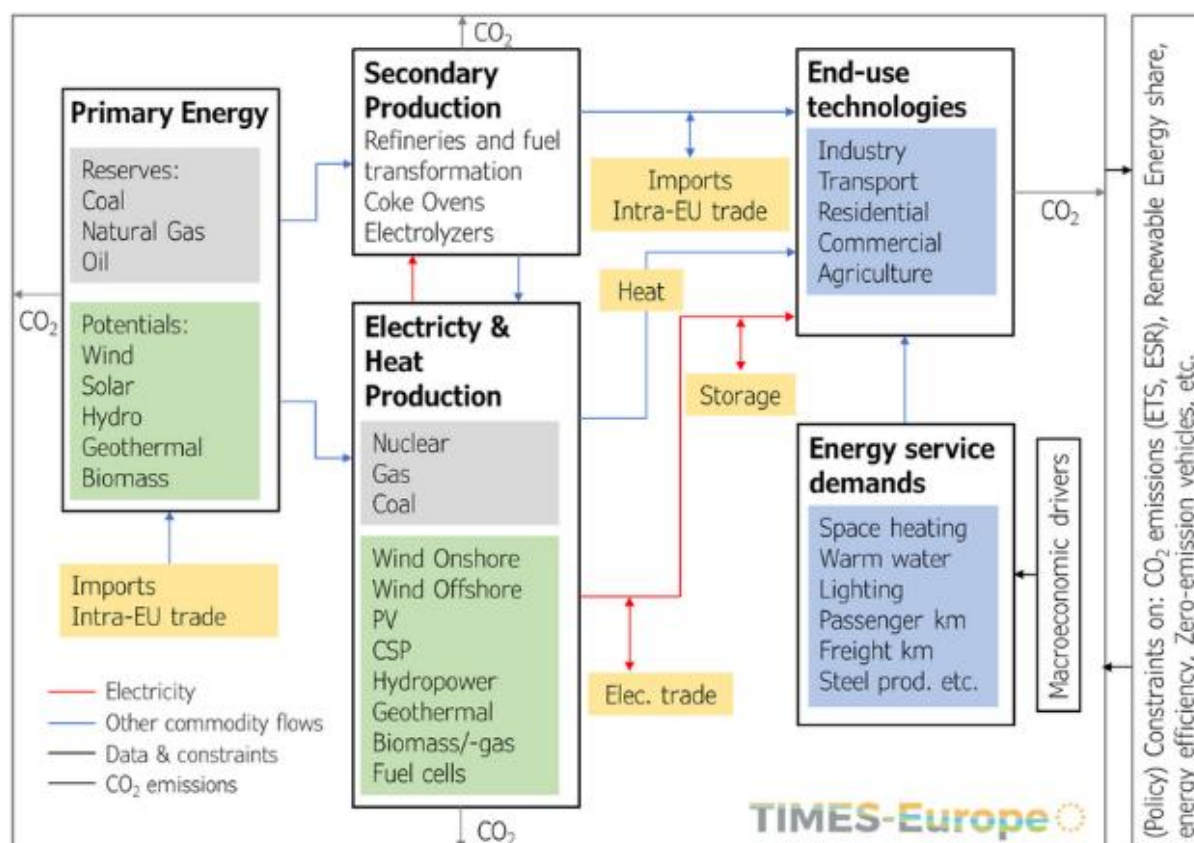
Once all the inputs, constraints and scenarios have been put in place, the model will attempt to solve and determine the energy system that meets the energy service demands over the entire time horizon at least cost. It does this by simultaneously making equipment investment decisions and operating, primary energy supply, and energy trade decisions, by region. **TIMES-Slovakia** assumes perfect foresight, which is to say that all investment decisions are made in each period with full knowledge of future events. It optimizes horizontally (across all sectors) and vertically (across all time periods for which the limit is imposed). The results will be the optimal mix of technologies and fuels at each period, together with the associated emissions to meet the demand. The model configures the production and consumption of commodities (i.e. fuels, materials, and energy services) and their prices; when the model matches supply with demand, i.e. energy producers with energy consumers, it is said to be in equilibrium.

Calculation includes various policies and measures (in numerical formulation) defined according to the **WEM** and **WAM**.

The model itself operates with several sectors:

- POWER (Public electricity and heat production)
- IRON (Iron and Steel production)
- FAT (Food processing)
- CHEM (Chemical production)
- NMM (Non Metallic mineral)
- NFM (Non Ferrous metal)
- PPP (Pulp paper and print)
- OTH (Other categories)
- SUPP (Refinery and Petrochemicals)

Figure 2.1: Different elements of the TIMES model



Before preparing input data for the model, it is necessary to prepare a balance sheet, i.e. so. Called the spider, which represents the network of progress and processing of incoming commodities - fuels and materials in the process of processing, energy production, distribution and final consumption of products and energy. In the entire scheme (Figure 3.13) there are several levels that more or less coincide with the energy statistics data processing system for the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic:

- Primary fuels – simulations of their import or extraction.
- Material inputs. This represents for individual sources a summary of material inputs that participate in the formation of AP. For example by the decomposition of carbonates contained in them - inputs to lime plants, cement plants, ceramic production, glass plants, etc.
- Secondary fuels. In the specific conditions of the Slovak Republic, these are petroleum products, i.e. their production in the **Slovnaft refinery** together with the refinery gas that is burned in this complex. Furthermore, there are technical gases such as blast furnace gas, coke oven gas and converter gas, all produced and consumed within metallurgy.
- Fuel-mix represents the simulation of the entry of fuels into energy or production processes. At this level, based on the composition of the fuel mixture, the aggregated GHG emission factor is defined for individual appliances and, if necessary, also the other AP.
- Production of energy carriers - electricity and heat. A mixture of fuels enters each such set, and electricity and heat leave in heating and power plants, and only heat in heating plants. Within the framework of the scheme, the distribution of the produced heat is used directly by the source or enters the remote supply system - DH.

- Integration of energy and material flows for the enterprise. This applies to enterprises with their own consumption of electricity and heat, which produce it themselves. Here, the flow of heat and electricity from own consumption is integrated with the material flow as well as the external supply of electricity and heat. In the latter case, the balance of import and export of electricity or heat is calculated.
- Simulation of the public electricity and heat distribution network.
- Simulation of final consumption - Demand according to macroeconomic and/or production indicators = assumption of product volumes, value added (VA) sectors, etc.

AP Emission Projections in Households – Excel Sheet Model

Emission from combustion in households was modelled separately in the MS Excel sheet model, where was taken into account improving efficiency, equipment status and structure and good practice.

The projection calculation is based on inputs from CPS model calculations by Institute of environmental policy (IEP) and in line with the prepared National Energy and Climate Plan.

Information was obtained from the questionnaire surveys in households, new implemented and planned measures were taken into account. Based on this information datasets were improved together with estimations of natural improvement in the structure of households and heating equipment was implemented.

Main characteristic:

- Based on emission inventory methodology – Excel model,
- Estimation of total energy demand per m² of living space in the household sector,
- Number of flats - a living area of flats, flats under DH, age and renewal of flats,
- Structure of heating equipment, method of heating,
- Climatic conditions.

2.3. Scenarios, Parameters and PAMs

List of policies and measures which have been taken into account in the [scenario with measures \(WEM\)](#):

TIMES-Slovakia model is equivalent to the Reference Scenario of the CPS-PRIMES model. It includes policies and measures (PAMs) adopted and implemented at the EU and national levels by the end of 2021 and the measures being in place to achieve the national renewables (RES) and energy efficiency targets for the year 2021.

Following parameters and PAMs on the EU level were used in the projections of the Energy sector:

- Eco-design Framework Directive (Directive 2005/32/EC).
- Energy Labelling Directive (Directive 2010/30/EU).
- Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, Energy Efficiency Directive (Directive 2012/27/EU).
- Completion of the internal energy market, including provisions of the 3rd package (Directive 2009/73/EC, Directive 2009/72/EC) - Regulation (EC) No. 715/2009, Regulation (EC) No. 714/2009.

- Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources - "RES Directive" - incl. amendment on ILUC (Directive 2009/28 EC as amended by Directive (EU) 2015/1513).
- EU ETS Directive 2003/87/EC as amended by Directive 2004/101/EC (international credits), Directive 2008/101/EC (aviation), Directive 2009/29/EC (revision for 2020 climate and energy package), Regulation (EU) No. 176/2014 (back-loading), Decision (EU) 2015/1814 (Market Stability Reserve), and implementing Decisions, in particular 2010/384/EU, 2010/634/EU, 2011/389/EU, 2013/448/EU (cap), 2011/278/EU, 2011/638/EU (benchmarking and carbon leakage list).
- Industrial emissions (Recast of Integrated Pollution and Prevention Control Directive 2008/1/EC and Large Combustion Plant Directive 2001/80/EC) - **Directive 2010/75/EU**.
- Increasing energy efficiency with a number of measures in force since 2014 on the energy consumption side, according to which energy savings are reflected as a reduction in final energy consumption. These measures are broken down by sector (buildings, industry, public sector, transport and appliances). In the buildings sector, it is mainly about improving the thermal technical performance of buildings by carrying out cost-effective deep renovation. Legislation and changes to national technical standards since 2012 have introduced conditions for progressively stricter energy performance requirements for new and substantially renovated buildings, which are regularly reviewed. Measures in the buildings sector represent the most important source of potential energy savings by 2030.
- Optimisation of district heating systems - switching from fossil fuels to biomass and natural gas and installation of combined heat and power (CHP) units in district heating systems. Industrial cogeneration plants produce industrial steam, which can also be used for district heating or is a secondary use of industrial steam. Other measures are also taken into account (e.g. improving the efficiency of the District heating network (DHN), installing innovative district heating technologies, improving the supply of heat from combined heat and power plants).
- Specific emissions limits and specific technical conditions for MCP and LCP - Setting limits on concentration for specific air pollutants for particular combustion plants.
- National Air Pollution Control Program (**NAPCP**) – sectoral measures from NAPCP.
- Support for the replacement of old solid fuel boilers with low-emission ones - Replacement of old non-ecological solid fuel boilers with new ones, low-emission and more energy-efficient boilers in Households.
- The transition of households using solid fuel for heating to another low-emission heat source (e.g. natural gas) - The aim of the measure is to support the transition to low-emission methods of household heating. The measure assumes that households currently using solid fuel will be connected to a low-emission heat source.
- Awareness campaign and education on good practice in coal and biomass combustion - Raising people's awareness of the importance and risks of poor air quality. And also raising information on the possibilities and simple measures to improve proper heating methods, use of wood, etc.
- Transformation or phase-out of fossil fuel-fired power plants - transition to low-emission fuels. Phase-out of Thermal power plant **Nováky** and **Vojany** combustion brown and hard coal.

With Additional Measures scenario (WAM) – is equivalent to scenario Dcarb2 of the CPS-PRIMES model. This is consistent with the results presented in the LCDS of Slovakia; however, the scenario was updated based on the latest input data and parameters assumption (including consideration of development with the COVID-19 situation).

WAM scenario have been designed as contrasting combinations of energy efficiency and renewable targets, representing the trade-offs between targets. The scenario includes Slovakia's participation in the EU ETS, and median targets for renewable energy efficiency involving the construction of new nuclear electricity-generation capacity, which will ensure continuity of the higher share of nuclear energy in the generation mix. To shape a range of possible contributions by the Slovak Republic in the achievement of the EU targets for 2030, at first a summary of possible flexibilities in targets using several trend-variants was quantified by using the CPS-PRIMES model. The Basic, Median and Ambitious categorisations refer to the possible intensiveness of the policy targets for the year 2030. The specification of the WAM scenario relies on the logic of the design of the EU scenarios and in particular, the EUCO30 scenario, which sets the 2030 targets at the EU level on GHG emissions reductions but also have impact on **AP emissions**. It contain:

▪ GHG emissions reduction;
▪ EU ETS CO ₂ emissions reduction;
▪ Non-EU ETS GHG emissions reduction;
▪ RES share: 27% of gross final energy demand in 2030;
▪ Energy efficiency: reduction of primary energy by 30% (1 321 Mtoe – excluding non-energy consumption of energy products) in 2030 compared to the 2007 baseline;
▪ Continuing to reduce final energy consumption in all sectors after 2020. The measure puts emphasis on policies supporting the acceleration of the renewal of the building stock (residential and non-residential, public and private), with a focus on carrying out cost-effective in-depth renovations and applying minimum energy performance requirements for near-zero energy buildings after 2020 for new buildings.

In addition to the national policies included in the **WAM** scenario, the following national policies are also included:

- Earlier decommissioning of solid-fired utility power plants: Vojany and Nováky power plants are assumed to decommission in 2024 and 2023 respectively;
- RES support scheme in power generation: Eligible RES technologies are Solar PV, wind onshore turbines and biomass. The scenarios assume support of 50MW in the period 2021-2025, followed by the support of another 500 MW based on auctions;
- Further development of nuclear energy is possible based on economic optimality;
- Carbon capture and storage are excluded;
- Assessment of the future structure of appliances used for domestic heating based on survey data;

- Support for the replacement of old solid fuel boilers in households with low-emission systems;
- Support for insulation of family houses - Programme Slovakia, Green renovation;
- Awareness campaign and education on good coal and biomass combustion practices;
- Commissioning of new nuclear power sources: MOCHOVCE (Blok 04) after 2026;
- Installation of two Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) processing iron scrap;
- Decommissioning of Coke oven battery;
- Decommissioning of Sinter installation;
- Continuous Casting;
- Decommissioning of two blast and oxygen furnaces;
- Reduction of energy coal consumption in Energy and Manufacturing industry.

2.4. Emission Projections in Energy Sector

This projections covers emissions from combustion plants as point sources. The emissions considered in this activity are released by a controlled combustion process (boiler emissions, furnace emissions, emissions from gas turbines or stationary engines) and are mainly characterised by the types of fuels used. Activities listed within this category are shown in [Table 2.3](#), [Table 2.4](#), [Table 2.5](#), [Table 2.6](#), and [Table 2.7](#).

Category 1A1 energy industries includes the power installations for the production of electricity and heat and the combined heat power installations (CHP) 1A1a. The emissions from the combustion of municipal waste are included because of the energy recovery from the combustion process. The emissions from the refineries are allocated in category 1A1b. Emissions from petroleum refining, classified by code 1A1b, concern all combustion activities required to support the refining of petroleum products. Manufacture of Solid Fuels and Other Energy Industries 1A1c. The activity covers coke production and emissions associated with combustion in the coke oven. It is the key category for NO_x, SO_x, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, and TSP.

Category manufacturing industries and construction 1A2 is focused on the following combustion subcategories: Iron and steel (1A2a); Non-ferrous metals (1A2b); Chemicals (1A2c); Pulp, paper, and print (1A2d); Food processing, beverages, and tobacco (1A2e); Non-metallic minerals (1A2f); and Other (1A2g). The projections depend on fuel and process activity. Relevant pollutants are generally as described for combustion: NO_x, SO_x, CO, NMVOC. The iron and steel industry is one of the most energy-intensive industrial branches in the Slovak Republic and it is represented by one biggest iron and steel companies in the Slovak Republic (U.S. Steel Košice)

Small combustion (1A4 and 1A5) appliances are used to provide thermal energy for heating and cooking. In small combustion installations, a wide variety of fuels are used and several combustion technologies are applied. Emissions strongly depend on fuel, and combustion technologies as well as on operational practices and maintenance. Households' heating is a very significant contributor to particulate matter PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, CO and TSP (approximately 80% as well as other emissions in Slovakia).

Projection emissions from leaks and other irregular releases of gases or vapours from a pressurized containment, such as appliances, storage tanks, pipelines, wells, or other pieces of equipment mostly from industrial activities. **Categories included in the chapter are fugitive emission (1B)** from solid fuels: Coal mining and handling (1B1a), Fugitive emission from solid fuels: Solid fuel transformation (1B1b), Fugitive emissions oil: Exploration, production, transport (1B2ai), Fugitive emissions oil: Refining/storage (1B2aiv), Distribution of oil products (1B2av) and Fugitive emissions from natural gas (exploration, production, processing, transmission, storage, distribution and other) (1B2b). Fugitive emissions are an important source of NMVOC emissions.

Projections of fugitive emissions from the transport and distribution of fossil fuels (oil and natural gas) are important because Slovakia is a critical transit country for oil and natural gas from East-European countries to the European Union. This category is a key category for projections of NMVOC and TSP. For the period from 2023 onwards, all mines are categorized as "closed mines" (WEM and WAM scenarios). The emission factor for fugitive methane emissions from abandoned mines was estimated based on emission factors from **EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2023**. The modelling of emission projections in the Energy sector was based on sectoral trends and development from the CPS-Slovakia and actualization was made by taking into account the results of model **TIMES-Slovakia** in the Energy Industry (**1.A.3 excluded**). The outputs from modelling were determined also by the reduction potential of measures to reduce emissions. The next tables show trends of emissions for individual pollutants.

NOx emissions

Table 2.3: NOx emissions in sector Energy in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	19.10	13.04	8.49	5.47	5.26	4.00	4.03	3.68	3.39
1.A.2	15.32	11.74	10.85	8.41	9.35	9.78	10.01	10.58	10.97
1.A.4	9.19	8.89	8.88	8.37	7.76	7.08	6.64	5.84	5.20
1.A.5	0.20	0.13	0.48	0.45	0.38	0.35	0.32	0.32	0.32
1.B	0.20	0.19	0.21	0.23	0.19	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.14
1 Energy	44.00	33.99	28.91	22.92	22.94	21.39	21.16	20.59	20.01

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	19.10	13.04	8.49	5.47	5.26	3.94	3.14	2.06	1.59
1.A.2	15.32	11.74	10.85	8.41	9.35	9.80	8.24	5.98	4.46
1.A.4	9.19	8.89	8.88	8.37	7.76	7.08	6.21	4.79	4.24
1.A.5	0.20	0.13	0.48	0.45	0.38	0.35	0.32	0.32	0.32
1.B	0.20	0.19	0.21	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.13	0.10
1 Energy	44.00	33.99	28.91	22.92	22.94	21.34	18.08	13.29	10.71

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the AP inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NMVOC emissions

Table 2.4: NMVOC emissions in sector Energy in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	2.68	1.92	1.83	1.19	1.00	0.97	0.98	0.91	0.83
1.A.2	5.33	4.91	5.72	5.69	5.26	5.60	5.68	6.00	6.23
1.A.4	49.24	47.58	37.91	31.62	33.69	29.15	24.40	16.05	9.90

1.A.5	0.47	0.57	0.82	0.55	0.60	0.55	0.51	0.51	0.51
1.B	6.77	6.32	5.60	4.84	4.12	4.22	4.13	3.92	3.21
1 Energy	64.50	61.29	51.88	43.89	44.68	40.49	35.70	27.40	20.68

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	2.68	1.92	1.83	1.19	1.00	0.95	0.64	0.40	0.25
1.A.2	5.33	4.91	5.72	5.69	5.26	5.36	5.48	5.50	5.03
1.A.4	49.24	47.58	37.91	31.62	33.69	29.09	21.88	10.31	5.87
1.A.5	0.47	0.57	0.82	0.55	0.60	0.55	0.51	0.51	0.51
1.B	6.77	6.32	5.60	4.84	4.12	3.83	3.80	2.80	2.03
1 Energy	64.50	61.29	51.88	43.89	44.68	39.79	32.32	19.52	13.68

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

**WAM scenario for NMVOC emissions are higher than WEM scenario due to higher biomass consumption in households projected with higher EFs.

SOx emissions

Table 2.5: SOx emissions in sector Energy in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	60.82	52.75	52.04	3.22	4.03	2.44	2.38	2.09	1.81
1.A.2	10.01	4.94	3.29	1.47	1.33	1.17	1.20	1.23	1.25
1.A.4	3.40	2.34	1.93	1.57	1.58	1.20	0.82	0.55	0.45
1.A.5	0.32	0.10	0.21	0.19	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.11
1.B	1.37	1.34	1.46	1.58	1.32	1.29	1.21	1.14	0.95
1 Energy	75.92	61.47	58.94	8.03	8.40	6.22	5.72	5.12	4.58

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	60.82	52.75	52.04	3.22	4.03	2.38	2.06	1.20	0.71
1.A.2	10.01	4.94	3.29	1.47	1.33	1.35	1.03	0.85	0.73
1.A.4	3.40	2.34	1.93	1.57	1.58	1.20	0.77	0.45	0.38
1.A.5	0.32	0.10	0.21	0.19	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.11
1.B	1.37	1.34	1.46	1.58	1.32	1.21	1.20	0.93	0.71
1 Energy	75.92	61.47	58.94	8.03	8.40	6.27	5.17	3.54	2.63

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NH₃ emissions

Table 2.6: NH₃ emissions in sector Energy in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	0.08	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
1.A.2	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.12
1.A.4	2.06	2.09	1.60	1.39	1.54	1.48	1.37	0.96	0.60
1.A.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.B	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Energy	2.17	2.15	1.69	1.48	1.66	1.61	1.50	1.10	0.76

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	0.08	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00
1.A.2	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.06

1.A.4	2.06	2.09	1.60	1.39	1.54	1.48	1.22	0.59	0.32
1.A.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.B	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 Energy	2.17	2.15	1.69	1.48	1.66	1.60	1.32	0.66	0.38

PM_{2.5} emissions

Households (1.A.4) are a dominant contributor to PM_{2.5} emissions.

Table 2.7: PM_{2.5} emissions in sector Energy in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	8.08	0.89	0.67	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.39	0.42	0.43
1.A.2	0.72	0.41	0.23	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.27	0.32	0.36
1.A.4	22.44	20.99	16.25	13.38	14.24	12.40	10.09	6.37	3.77
1.A.5	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
1.B	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.086	0.072
1 Energy	31.40	22.42	17.28	13.99	14.90	13.04	10.85	7.20	4.64

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.1	8.08	0.89	0.67	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.29
1.A.2	0.72	0.41	0.23	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.26
1.A.4	22.44	20.99	16.25	13.38	14.24	12.37	9.04	4.04	2.18
1.A.5	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
1.B	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.06
1 Energy	31.40	22.42	17.28	13.99	14.90	13.03	9.70	4.69	2.80

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

Projections of AP emissions in the Energy sector

On the basis of available data from the national emissions inventory, updated forecasts of emissions trends to 2030 and 2050 were prepared using models and tools to prepare emission projections. In this step, the existing (valid, adopted) policies and measures implemented so far were included in the projections. Here we are discussing the scenario with measures, or more precisely, with existing measures (the WM - with measures- scenario) and with additional measures - WAM. The following figures display emission trend and projections in sector – **Energy (1.A) – transport 1.A.3 excluded**.

Figure 2.2: NO_x emissions trends in sector Energy

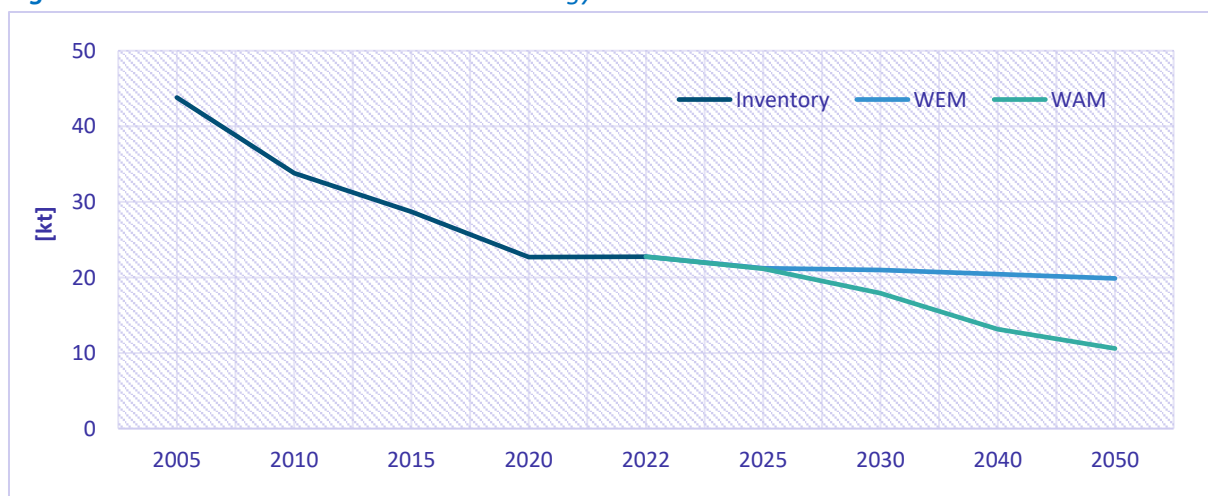


Figure 2.3: NMVOC emissions trends in sector Energy

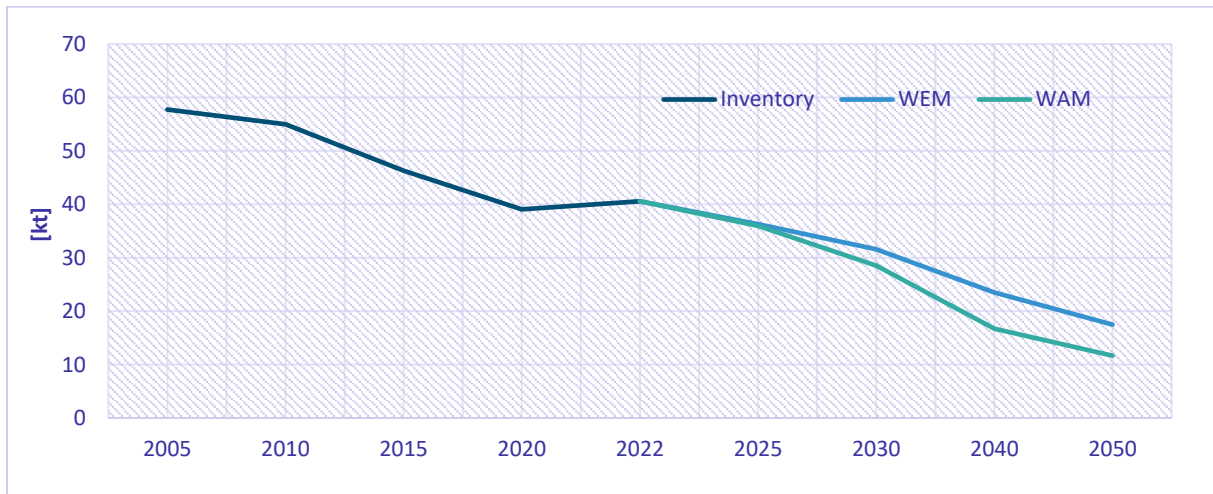


Figure 2.4: SO_x emissions trends in sector Energy

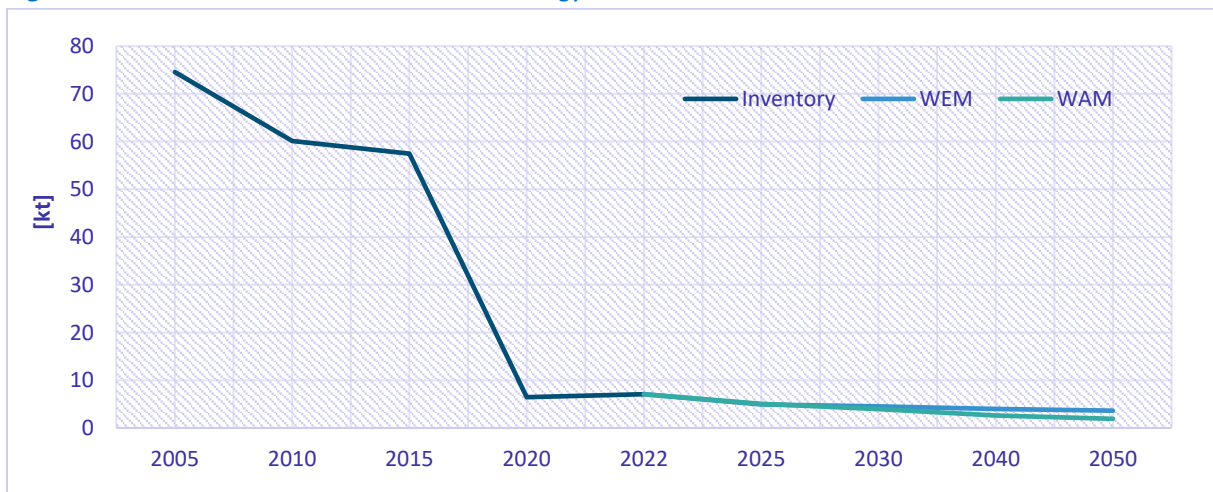


Figure 2.5: NH₃ emissions trends in sector Energy

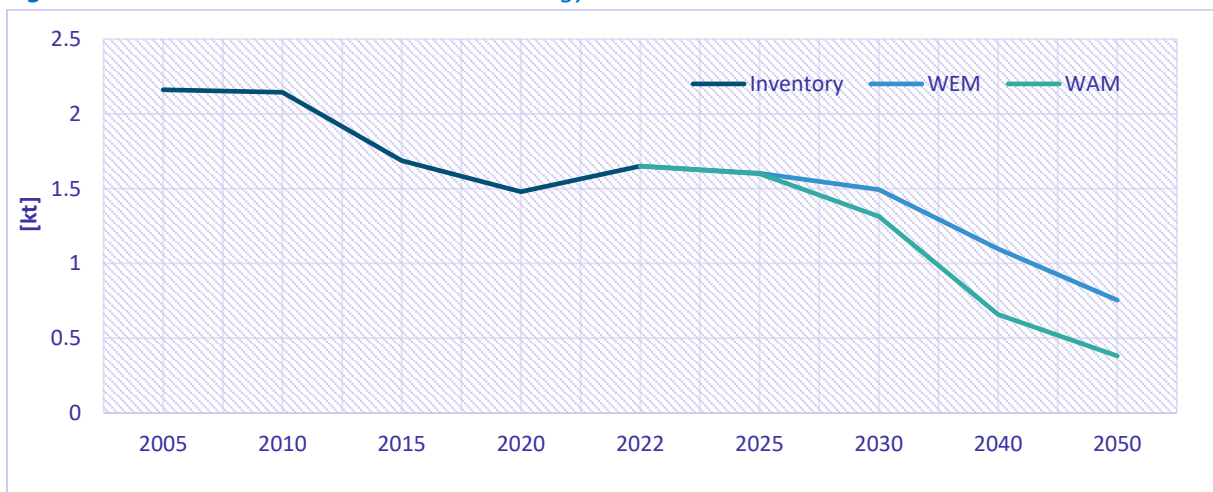
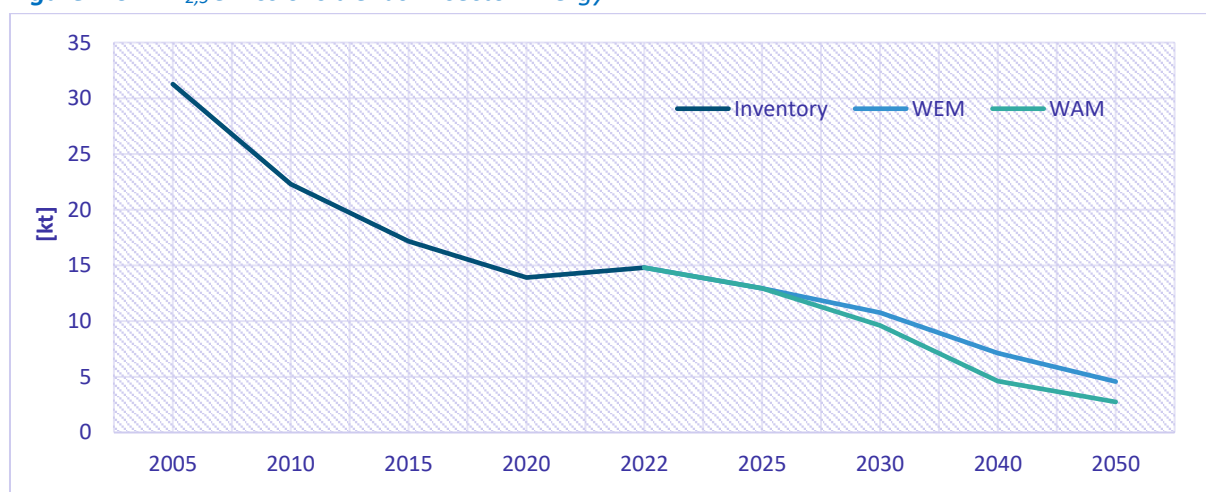


Figure 2.6: PM_{2.5} emissions trends in sector Energy



Emission reduction is visible across all sectors (1A) as well as pollutants. This reduction aligns with Slovakia's National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) and NAPCP exceeds EU-wide targets. Key drivers include the coal phase-out, industrial electrification, and EU Emissions Trading System (ETS 2) expansion to buildings/transport (2027). Emissions in the energy sector - fuel combustion come mainly from the energy industry (production of electricity and heat), processing industry and construction, fuel pipeline transport and other energy industries. The most important sources of emissions are emissions from electricity and heat production, oil refineries and iron and steel production. Emissions from road, rail, air and ship transport are listed separately in the subsection below. As it is visible, both scenarios contain decarbonisation measure, known as phase-out of solid fossil fuel in Slovakia's biggest thermal power plant in Vojany and Nováky which led to significant decrease of SO_x CO, NO_x or TSP in category **1A1(a)**. The closure of Nováky (2023) and Vojany (2024) coal plants eliminated 98% of SO_x and 74% of PM emissions from category **1A1(a)**.

Emissions of air pollutants in the **WAM scenario** are projected to decline across all sectors between 2025 and 2035, with the most significant reductions expected in the electricity and heat sector. These declines stem from increased renewable energy capacity (solar, wind) and stricter pollution controls. In the **WEM scenario**, a less ambitious electrification pathway (based on SEPS data) is applied, though both scenarios assume the operational start of the MOCHOVCE IV nuclear reactor. By 2030, NO_x reduction, emissions are projected to fall by 52% compared to 2005. NMVOC by 45%, SO_x by 93%, NH₃ by 30%, and PM 2.5 by 65% levels in the baseline **scenario - WEM**, and by the **WAM scenario** the reduction is follow: NO_x by 59%, NMVOC by 50%, SO_x by 95%, NH₃ by 39%, and PM 2.5 by 69%. Slovakia's national targets for reducing air pollution are only fully met under the WAM pathway. Post-2035, further reductions are expected, but limited policy frameworks currently detail how major cuts by 2040 will be achieved.

Key drivers for short-term reductions include:

- Electrification of the Košice steelworks (reducing industrial combustion emissions – 1A1(c), 1A2(a).
- Transition to electric vehicles (lowering NO_x and PM from transport) – 1A3.
- Closure of coal-fired plants (Nováky in 2023, Vojany in 2024), significantly reducing SO_x, CO, NO_x and PM – 1A1(a).
- ETS 2 implementation (2027) for buildings and transport, incentivizing cleaner technologies

- Post-coal transition challenges: The Horná Nitra region now relies on a hybrid system: Biomass district heating (30 MW capacity, funded by EU Just Transition Mechanism). Geothermal pilot in Košice.

Air pollutants from Electricity Production

Slovakia's phase-out of coal (Nováky plant closed in 2023, Vojany in 2024) has reduced significantly SO_x and PM emissions but raised challenges for regional heat supply. The Horná Nitra region, previously reliant on coal, now requires sustainable alternatives. Options include biomass heat sources, heat pumps, and natural gas backups. The government is prioritizing solutions that balance air quality improvements with economic feasibility. In 2022, the Slovak authorities finalised their territorial just transition plan and submitted it under the Just Transition Mechanism. The Prievidza Thermal Energy Management (PTH) project includes three main components: renewable energy sources (existing biomass boilers, heat pumps, and possibly solar sources) and small cogeneration units in the HBP complex in the municipality of Cigeľ, as well as hot-water gas boilers on the outskirts of Prievidza, plus a hot water transport pipeline from Cigeľ to Prievidza. The installed capacity is 51.1 MW thermal, including solar sources. It solely addresses the heat supply for the city of Prievidza

Vojany Plant: The shutdown of its 1,210 MW coal units eliminated a major source of PM, NO_x and SO_x. Residual gas-fired units (220 MW) operated flexibly until 2024. Historically, solid fuels—primarily lower-quality brown coal and lignite mined in the Slovak Republic—were intensively used for this purpose. Due to proactive environmental policies by the Slovak Ministry of Environment, the use of solid and liquid fossil fuels has gradually decreased in recent years, replaced by increased consumption of natural gas and biomass, alongside improved energy efficiency in industries. This phenomenon is termed decoupling—a state where production growth does not align with emission trends, as emissions decline instead.

Air pollutants from Fuel Production (Refinery)

Slovakia's Bratislava refinery (5.5 million-ton capacity) is a major emitter of SO_x and NMVOCs due to its processing of high-sulphur crude. Recent shifts to non-Russian oil reduced sulphur intake by 4x in 2023, but technological limitations hinder deeper cuts. Emission reductions in this sector are linked to declining fossil fuel use in transport (modelled via **COPERT**). The WAM scenario projects steeper declines due to synergies with electric mobility and hydrogen adoption.

Steel Production (Manufacture Industrial Combustion)

U.S. Steel Košice's post-pandemic recovery has led to increased production, resulting in higher SO_x, NO_x, and PM emissions. Planned shifts to electric arc furnaces (replacing blast furnaces) alongside the phase-out of coke battery operations, sinter production, and a transition from combustion of energy-grade coal (category **1.A.2.a**) to natural gas in its main heat and electricity installations (which deliver high-pressure steam and electricity) could achieve significant emission reductions:

- PM: ~42.8% reduction,
- NO_x: ~35% reduction,
- SO_x: ~60% reduction,
- CO: ~79% reduction.

However, ownership uncertainties and potential delays in adopting hydrogen-based iron ore reduction threaten progress. Current projections assume the WAM scenario's furnace transition (planned for 2026) proceeds as scheduled.

Air pollutants from Fertilizer Production

The major ammonia production DUSLO Šaľa, reliant on natural gas, emits significant NO_x and NH₃. A proposed shift to hybrid hydrogen (grey + green) was excluded from projections due to data gaps. An external study found minimal near-term impact on air pollutant reductions. Ammonia production in Slovakia, primarily based on the traditional Haber-Bosch synthesis with a high carbon footprint, faces multiple sustainability challenges. Despite existing national strategies such as the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) and the National Emission Reduction Programme (NAPCP), modelling of the WAM (With Additional Measures) and WEM (With Existing Measures) scenarios indicates that implemented measures lack the ambition needed for significant pollutant reduction.

The **WEM** scenario, which assumes a continuation of current trends without new policies, predicts only marginal improvements in AP emissions. This is primarily due to reliance on fossil-based hydrogen (methane) and limited investments in low-carbon technologies, such as electrolyzers for green hydrogen or carbon capture systems (CCUS). The **WAM** scenario also does not reflect structural transformations in practice.

Air pollutants from Heat Production

Decarbonizing district heating focuses on cutting PM and SO_x by replacing coal with:

- Biomass/biogas systems (lower PM vs. coal).
- Heat pumps (zero direct emissions).
- Natural gas (transitional, with stricter EU air quality rules).

CHP plants and waste heat integration are prioritized to align with EU air quality directives. Support for insulation of family homes. Support for connecting households to district heating.

Air pollutants from Households

Probably the most important sector for PM_{2.5} emissions and a significant amount of NO_x and NMVOC emissions. Based on the information from the questionnaire survey, files with higher data quality were used and on this basis estimates of a natural improvement in the structure of household heating equipment were made. The replacement rate was extrapolated based on historical survey data.

The WEM scenario projects a significant reduction in solid fossil fuel consumption and balanced trend in gas consumption these two trends will lead to decreasing of emission by 2030, keeping them at lower level as in the 2022. Emissions of PM_{2.5} decrease by almost 30%, SO_x by 57% and NMVOC by 27%.

In the WAM scenario, there is a more significant reduction in emissions by 2030. This reduction will be mainly due to significant savings in heating. Due to investments in insulation and more efficient equipment. There will be a decrease in the consumption of natural gas (-19.7%) and solid fuels (-76.1%). Emissions of PM_{2.5} decrease by almost 37%, SO_x by 61% and NMVOC by 34% compare to 2022.

After 2030, the share of heat pumps in heating will increase the use of heat pumps will lead to partial savings in final energy consumption. These will be significantly supported, especially in the WAM scenario, by investments in improving the thermal insulation properties of buildings. The final energy

consumption of fuels for heating and hot water (excluding electricity consumption) in households sector between 2030 and 2050 will decrease by 45% in WEM scenario and by 70% in WAM scenario.

Due to decarbonisation in the WAM scenario will also see a significant shift away from natural gas, which will be gradually replaced by biogas and hydrogen and with mix of synthetic gases. In the WEM scenario, the share of natural gas will also be significantly reduced, mainly in favour of electricity. Due to the significant electrification of heating (especially through the use of heat pumps), the use of biomass will decrease between 2030 and 2050 in both scenarios.

Energy Efficiency

Slovakia's 50.8% energy intensity reduction (2000–2015) lowered associated pollutants from power generation. Future gains depend on industrial efficiency upgrades and stricter emission standards for energy-intensive sectors. Energy Efficiency Concept for the Slovak Republic¹ - describes energy-saving measures based on advanced and environmentally-friendly technologies, making a significant contribution to reducing greenhouse gas and pollutant emissions;

Renewable Energy

Hydropower: Limited expansion potential, but existing plants aid in reducing grid-related pollutants. Geothermal: Underutilized (48,500 GWh potential) but could displace coal in district heating (e.g., Košice pilot). Data gaps in the TIMES model hinder precise projections.

Air pollutants from Fugitive emissions

The trend is steadily decreasing as an outcome of the introduction of new technologies, methodologies and closing part of mines. Fugitive emissions from the transport and distribution of fossil fuels (oil and natural gas) are significant because Slovakia is an important transit country for oil and natural gas from East-European countries to the European Union. Raw materials are transported through high-pressure pipelines and distribution networks and are pumped by pipeline compressors. The trend in fugitive emissions from the transport and distribution of oil and natural gas in the Slovak Republic was stabilized and since 2000 slightly decreased. The increase in the past was caused by the expansion of the distribution system for natural gas and the growth of its consumption. Production of coke in **WAM** shows a phase-out trend that reflects also the emissions within this category. This category is key for emissions of TSP, PM₁₀ and CO.

Pollutants from mining, post-mining activities, solid fuel transformation, oil/gas transmission, and distribution were projected. These emissions include particulate matter (PM), sulfur dioxide (SO_x), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and volatile organic compounds (TOC). In Slovakia, fugitive air pollutants account for ~1% of total emissions, with a declining trend due to stricter regulations. Based on trends in coal mining, oil/gas activity, and fuel transformation, projections under the **WEM** (With Existing Measures) and **WAM** (With Additional Measures) scenarios were calculated and are summarized in [Tables 2.3 – 2.7](#) and [Figures 2.7 – 2.11](#).

- 1.B.1 Solid Fuels

¹ <https://www.enviroportal.sk/energetika/koncepcia-energetickej-efektivnosti-sr?>

WEM: Assumes current dust control measures (e.g., water spraying in mines). All mines classified as "closed" post-2023, with residual PM emissions from abandoned sites. **WAM:** Additional investments in filtration systems and electrification of mining equipment.

- 1.B.2 Oil and Gas

WEM: Baseline leakage rates (2015–2022 average). Limited upgrades to compressor stations. **WAM:** WAM's LDAR (Leak Detection and Repair) program targets 1,200 km of pipelines, potentially avoiding 740 t/year NMVOC emissions.

Figure 2.7: NO_x emissions trends in fugitive emissions

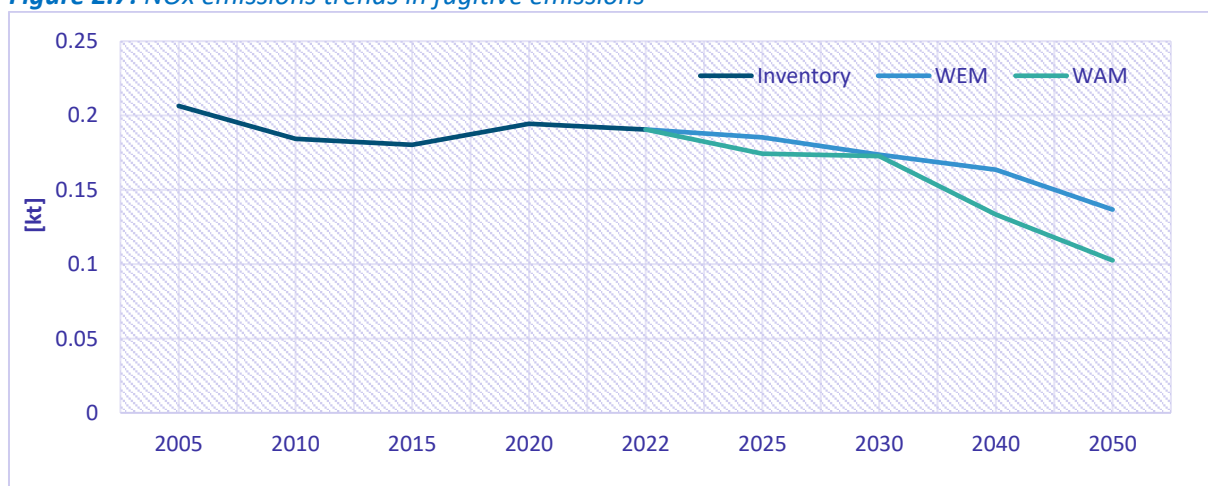


Figure 2.8: NMVOC emissions trends in fugitive emissions

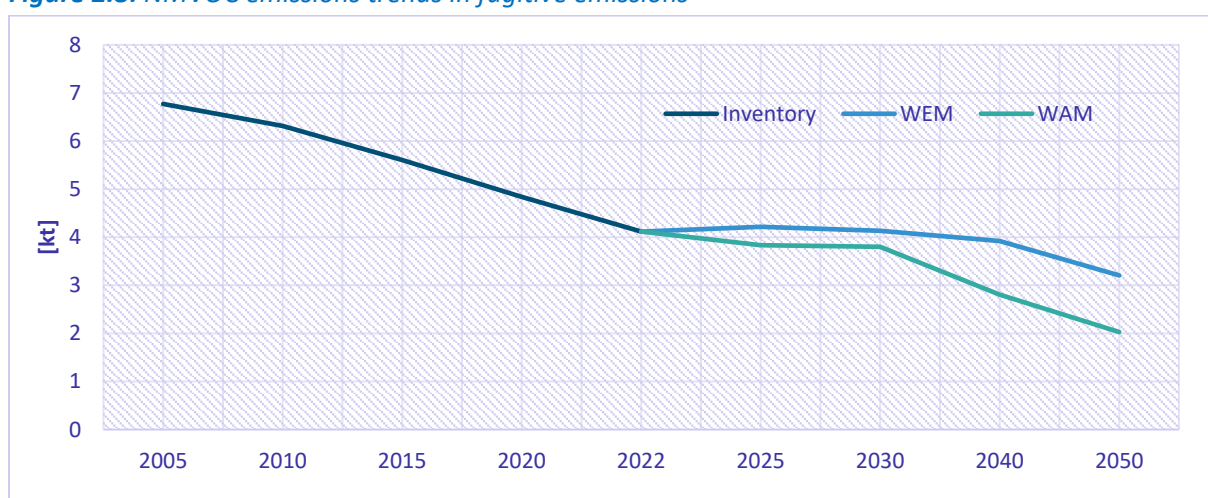


Figure 2.9: SO_x emissions trends in fugitive emissions

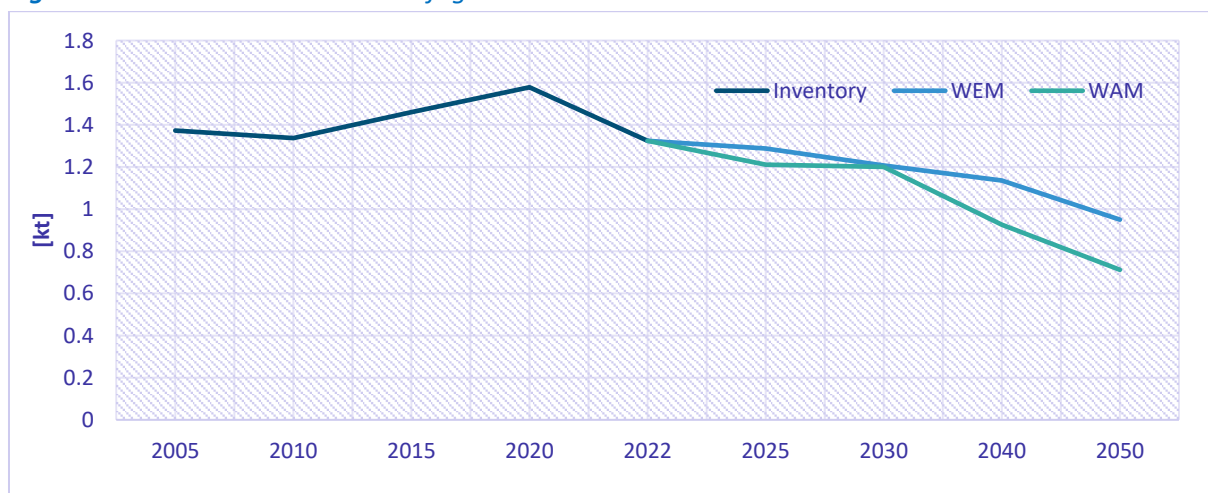


Figure 2.10: NH₃ emissions trends in fugitive emissions

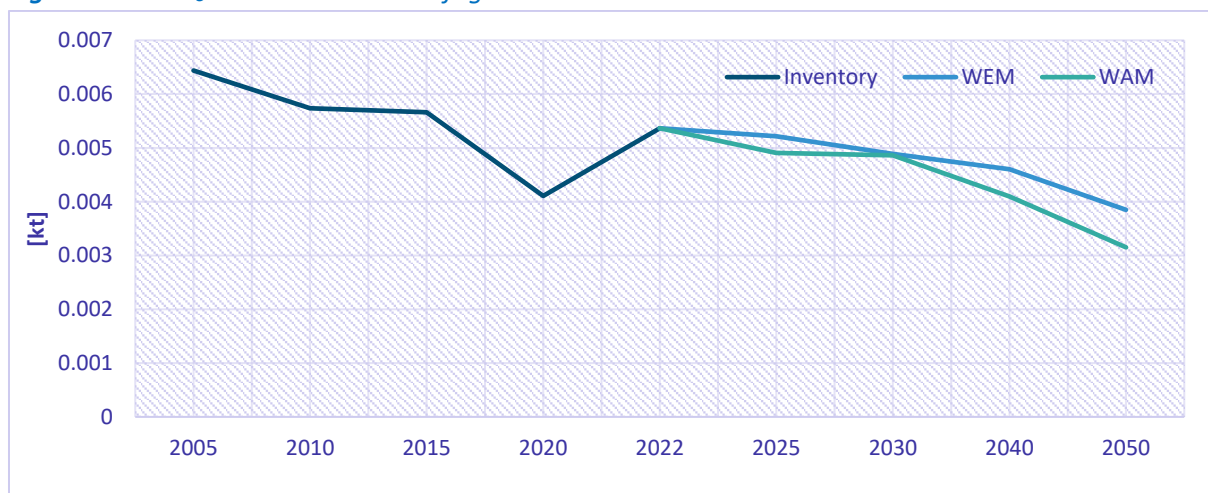
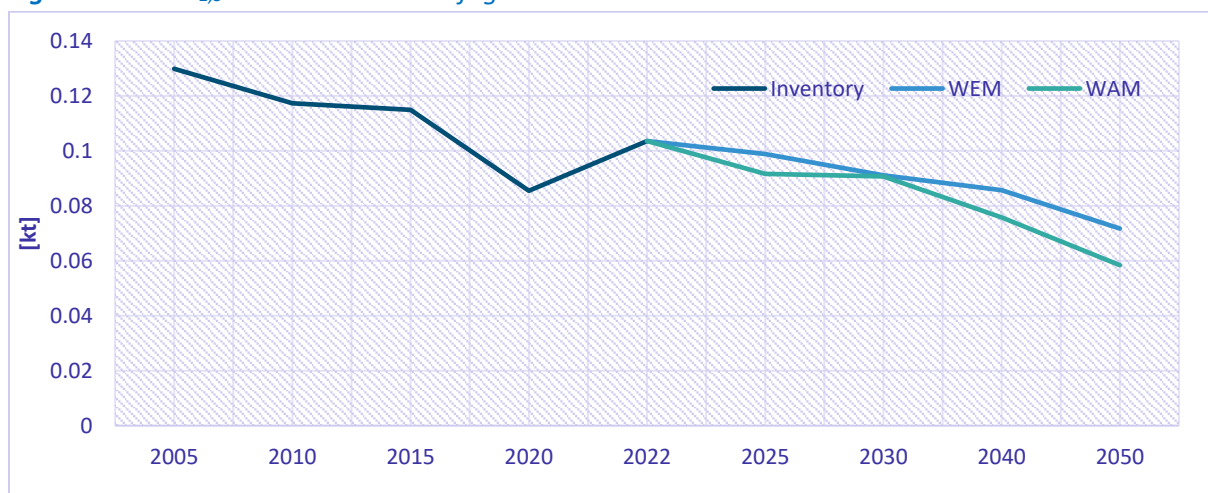


Figure 2.11: PM_{2.5} emissions trends in fugitive emissions



CHAPTER 3. EMISSION PROJECTIONS IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

The transport sector consists of five subcategories:

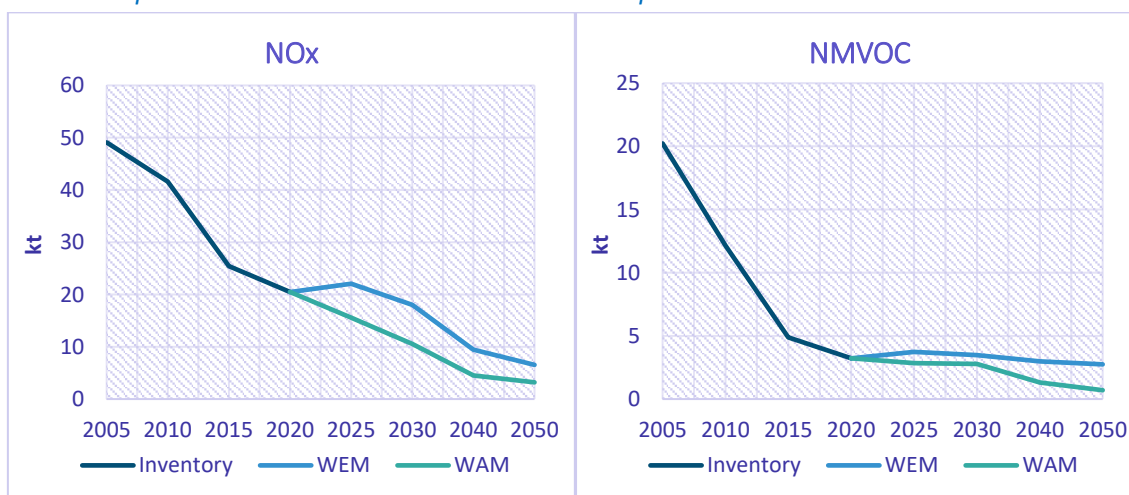
- 1.A.3.a Air transport
- 1.A.3.b Road transport
- 1.A.3.c Rail transport
- 1.A.3.d Water transport
- 1.A.3.e Other mode of transport (e.g. pipeline transport)

The largest contributor to air pollution in the transport sector is road transport, specifically the use of diesel heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs) and passenger cars. The transport sector includes emissions from various sources, including road transport (passenger cars, light-commercial vehicles, heavy-duty vehicles, buses, mopeds, and motorcycles), as well as emissions from petrol evaporation, tire and brake wear, and road abrasion. Additionally, it includes emissions from air, rail, maritime, and pipeline transport (such as the transportation of natural gas). However, the majority of emissions in 2019 originated from road transport. Therefore, Slovakia's focus and detailed analysis are primarily directed towards the potential reduction of emissions from road transport, while the ARIMA model is employed for other transportation categories.

The starting point for gaining control over emissions is a thorough understanding of the current situation and an awareness of how emission trends have changed, both quantitatively and compositionally. By relying on official sources, a detailed, comprehensive, and consistent dataset on vehicles and their activity can be compiled. This dataset serves as the foundation for accurately calculating national-level emissions using advanced emissions modelling tools.

Both the WEM and WAM scenarios demonstrate diverse trends in terms of air pollutants. Emissions of NO_x, NMVOC, and the WAM scenario for NH₃ indicate a decrease in emissions, while other pollutants show an increase in emissions ([Figure 3.1](#), [Tables 3.1-3.5](#)) due to varying factors. The rising trend of SO_x and NH₃ emissions is caused by the extensive use of diesel-fuelled vehicles, while the increase in PM_{2.5} emissions is attributed to the introduction and expansion of electric vehicle usage. Electric vehicles, being heavier, result in higher tire and brake wear emissions.

Figure 3.1: Air pollutants emissions trends in sector Transport





NOx emissions

Table 3.1: NOx emissions in sector Transport

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	43.27	36.84	22.84	18.49	17.75	19.82	15.71	7.06	4.10
1.A.3.acde non road	5.82	4.74	2.59	1.99	2.12	2.25	2.30	2.38	2.44
1.A.3	49.09	41.58	25.43	20.48	19.87	22.07	18.01	9.45	6.54

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	43.27	36.84	22.84	18.49	17.75	13.33	8.25	2.14	0.76
1.A.3.acde non road	5.82	4.74	2.59	1.99	2.12	2.25	2.30	2.38	2.44
1.A.3	49.09	41.58	25.43	20.48	19.87	15.57	10.55	4.53	3.20

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NMVOC emissions

Table 3.2: NMVOC emissions in sector Transport

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	19.83	11.79	4.50	2.88	4.95	3.41	3.18	2.71	2.41
1.A.3.acde non road	0.39	0.36	0.39	0.35	0.29	0.32	0.30	0.27	0.33
1.A.3	20.22	12.15	4.89	3.23	5.24	3.73	3.48	2.99	2.75

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	19.83	11.79	4.50	2.88	4.95	2.52	2.48	1.04	0.37
1.A.3.acde non road	0.39	0.36	0.39	0.35	0.29	0.32	0.30	0.27	0.33
1.A.3	20.22	12.15	4.89	3.23	5.24	2.84	2.78	1.32	0.70

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

SOx emissions

Table 3.3: SOx emissions in sector Transport

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	0.19	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01
1.A.3.acde non road	0.01	0.21	0.18	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.21	0.00
1.A.3	0.20	0.24	0.21	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.23	0.01

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	0.19	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01
1.A.3.acde non road	0.01	0.21	0.18	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.21	0.00
1.A.3	0.20	0.24	0.21	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.23	0.01

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NH₃ emissions

Table 3.4: NH₃ emissions in sector Transport

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	0.53	0.47	0.33	0.33	0.38	0.40	0.43	0.36	0.21
1.A.3.acde non road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0003	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.A.3	0.53	0.47	0.33	0.33	0.38	0.40	0.43	0.36	0.21

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	0.53	0.47	0.33	0.33	0.38	0.30	0.36	0.16	0.08
1.A.3.acde non road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0003	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.A.3	0.53	0.47	0.33	0.33	0.38	0.30	0.36	0.16	0.08

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

PM_{2.5} emissions

Table 3.5: PM_{2.5} emissions in sector Transport

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	2.24	2.18	1.34	1.05	1.02	1.25	1.16	0.87	0.65
1.A.3.acde non road	0.05	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.09
1.A.3	2.29	2.28	1.42	1.11	1.09	1.32	1.24	0.95	0.74

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
1.A.3.b road	2.24	2.18	1.34	1.05	1.02	0.67	0.63	0.47	0.34
1.A.3.acde non road	0.05	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.09
1.A.3	2.29	2.28	1.42	1.11	1.09	0.74	0.70	0.55	0.42

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

3.1. Methodologies and Key Assumptions/Trends (Road transport)

Input (historical) data for the calculation of air pollution emission projections from road transport are the IS EVO (Vehicle Registration Information System) database provided by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic – Police department (DI PPZ), the database of the Periodical Technical Inspection (PTI) of the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic (MDV SR) and the transport indicators from the CPS+ model (Compact PRIMES model) provided by the Institute of Environmental Policy of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (IEP MŽP SR). The Sybil database is also an important input source of information in the preparation of emission projections and input parameters. This database is being prepared by EMISIA on the basis of:

- EUROSTAT statistical data (national statistics)
- Project outputs (FLEETS, TRAACS, NMP project) for all EU countries
- EC Statistical Pocketbooks
- ACEA (The European Automobile Manufacturers' Association)
- ACEM (The Motorcycle Industry in Europe)
- CO₂ monitoring database (operated by the EEA)
- EAFO
- NGVA EUROPE/NGV GLOBAL
- UNFCCC reports
- Weibull's distribution for preparing the age structure until 2050

The data in this database are based on the same input parameters as the EU Reference Scenario for Slovakia, which was discussed and presented in 2018-2019. The EU Reference Scenario for Slovakia was modelled using the PRIMES model and its transport module TREMOVE. The fleet development trends are therefore based on the same parameters and complex calculations, taking into account changes in the market as well as dynamic developments in the sector. This model is not directly applicable to Slovak conditions, as it requires a lot of detailed data, which Slovakia does not have.

Using trends from the Sybil database, an estimate of fleet development was prepared based on real data for the years 2013-2022. The data for this time period were obtained from IS EVO as a by-product of a project. Data and emissions prior to 2013, i.e. the period 1990-2012, were compiled according to official DI PPZ statistics and historical emission inventories.

Another important factor for calculating emissions and energy demand is the average value of annual mileage in each vehicle category and the average value of total vehicle kilometres travelled in each category. These data for the historical years 1990-2012 were taken from emission inventories. Subsequently, for the years 2013-2022, these figures were calculated using the information contained in the Slovak Technical Control database. Specifically, it is the information from the odometer about the kilometres driven. Using the VIN number, the data is matched with the data from IS EVO. A detailed description of the methodology was published in the first phase of the project "[Improving the allocation of road transport emissions in the AEA module](#)".

The COPERT model itself operates with 5 vehicle categories:

- Passenger cars (M1)
- Light-commercial vehicles (N1)
- Heavy-duty vehicles- trucks (N2 and N3)
- Buses (M2 and M3)

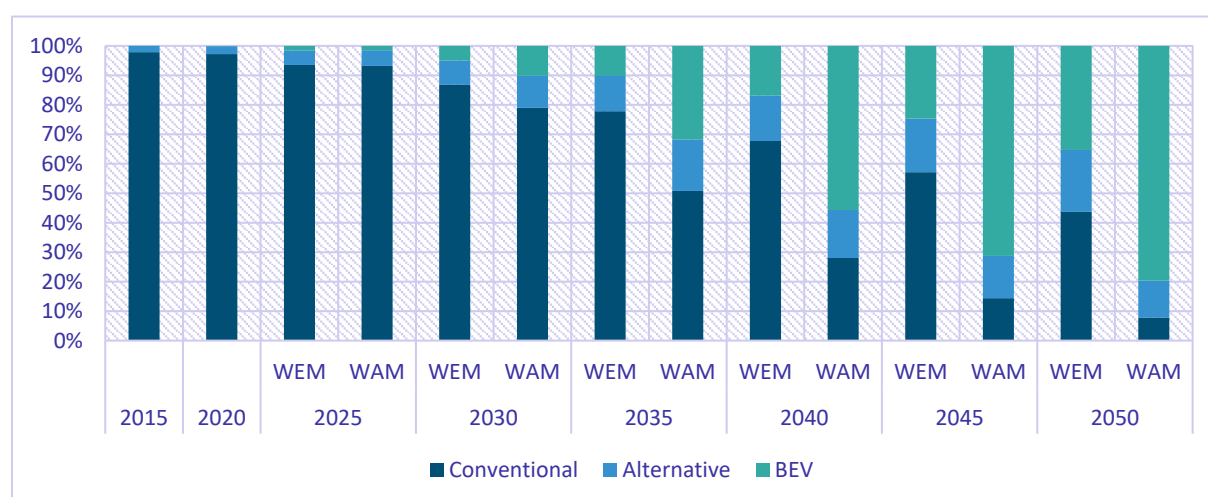
- L-category (L1 to L7)

Estimates for the period 2023-2050 were taken directly from the Sybil database and then broken down into individual fuel bases, segments (by engine capacity or vehicle weight) and emission standards. The model works with up to 620 separate data streams in total. The numbers of vehicles in each data stream each year are determined by an age composition matrix and a "survival rate" calculated from the data of the above-mentioned projects and the Weibull distribution and EUROSTAT data.

Vehicle engines (fuel types) are subdivided and described in detail in the model, but for the purpose of this report, the different types of engines are divided into three groups: conventional, alternative, and zero emission (BEV). Conventional engines are diesel and gasoline with their bio-component. CNG, LPG, LNG, hybrid (both diesel and petrol) and plug-in hybrid (both diesel and petrol) are being considered as alternative engines. BEV is currently represented by electric and hydrogen engine.

The overall evolution of the fleet can be seen in [Figure 3.2](#).

Figure 3.2: Fleet development by fuel types in WEM and WAM scenarios



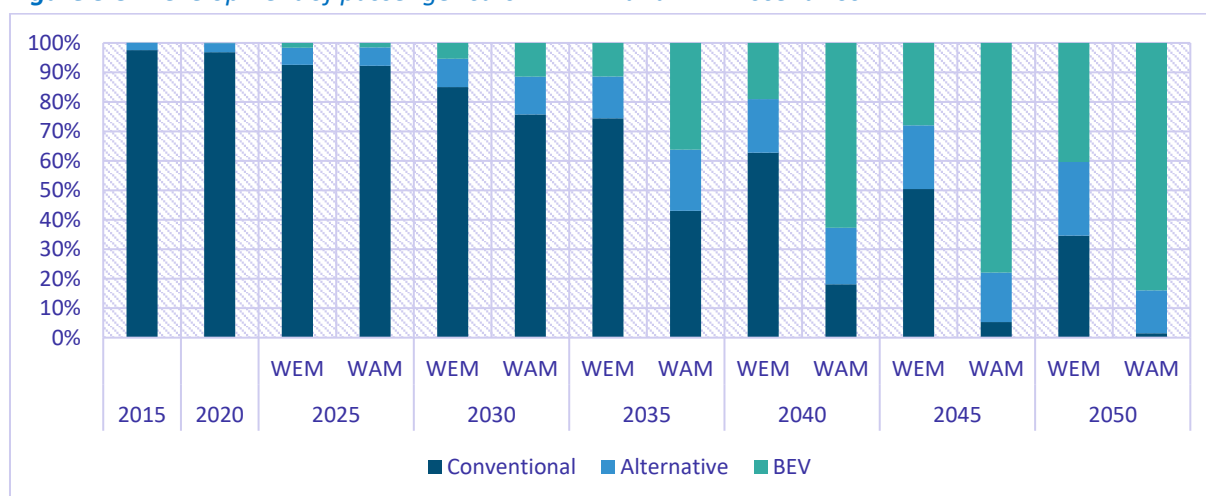
Passenger cars (M1)

Passenger cars account for the largest share of the fleet. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in their number. The main assumption for the projections is that the number of passenger cars in the fleet has still not at its peak. It is expected to peak around 2040, followed by a gradual and slow decline in the number of passenger cars, also driven by a declining demographic curve.

WEM scenario expects conventional passenger car sales will peak in 2030 ([Figure 3.3](#)). In the case of the WAM scenario, this peak could happen earlier, sometime around the year 2026. For alternative

engines, there is a slightly lower increase in the WAM and this is due to the greater weight given to BEV in the fleet development for this scenario, which have exponential growth up to 2050.

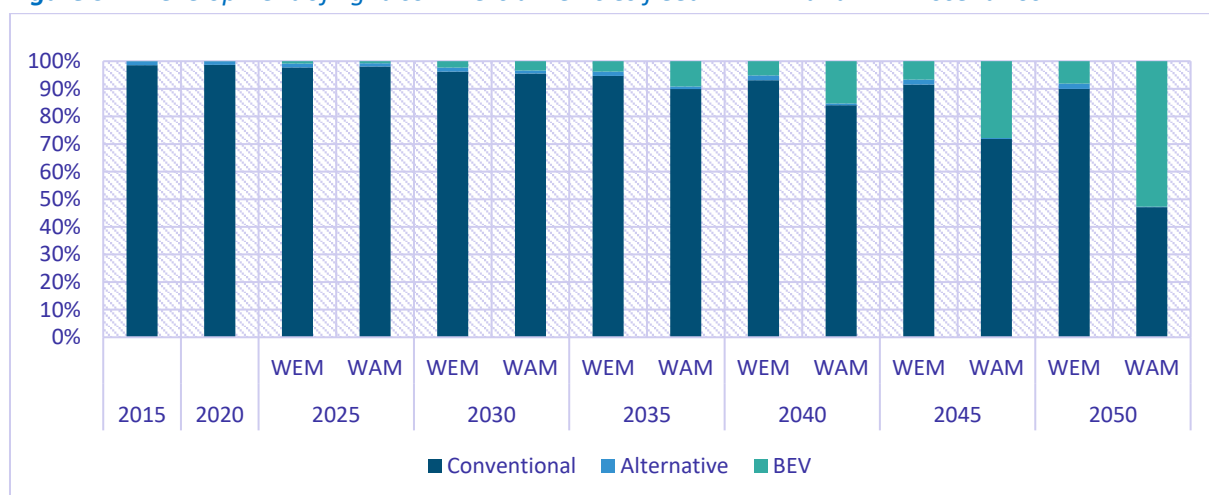
Figure 3.3: Development of passenger cars in WEM and WAM scenarios



Light-commercial vehicles (LCV or N1)

The light-commercial vehicle category (category N1 - up to 3.5 tonnes) has undergone a significant change, moving from a category of no major importance in the 1990s to one of the key categories for future decarbonisation. The reason for its significant growth and the assumption of further growth is mainly due to the development of courier services and the "last mile" transport of goods. If the Slovak Republic does not try to decarbonise this part of road transport, the number of these conventionally fuelled vehicles (petrol and diesel) could reach up to 350 000 vehicles in 2050 ([Figure 3.4](#)). For LCVs, there is little expectation of a turnover to alternative fuels as there would be a reduction in transport space and hence the WAM scenario will not affect this category. For the overall decarbonisation of road transport, it will be necessary to decarbonise in particular the 'last mile' in the form of zero-emission vehicles.

Figure 3.4: Development of light-commercial vehicles fleet in WEM and WAM scenarios

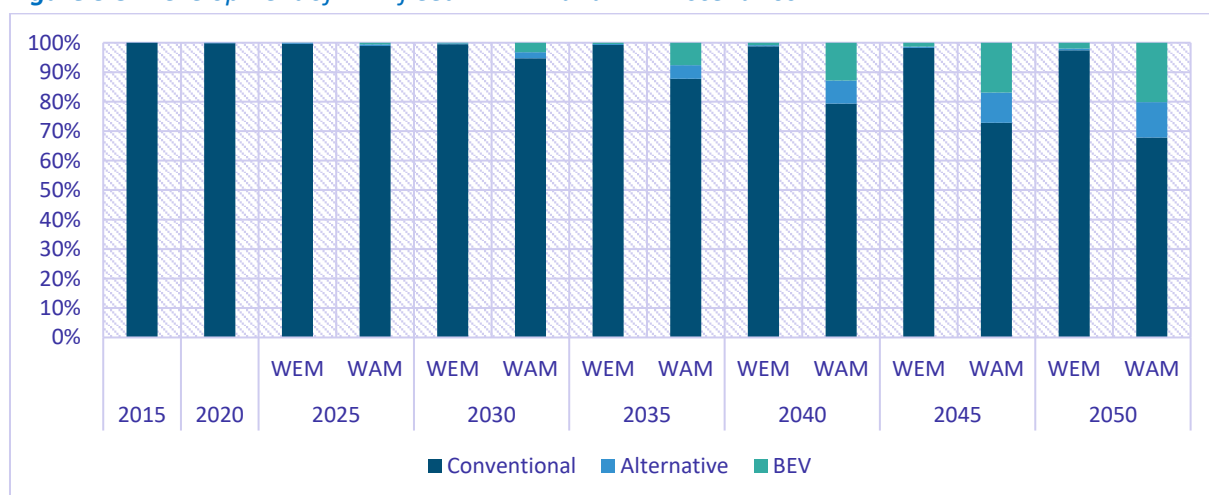


Heavy-duty vehicles – trucks (HDV or N2 and N3)

The heavy-duty vehicles category (traditional freight transport) is also extremely specific within road transport, mainly because of the possibilities of replacing conventional fuels with alternative fuels. This often leads to greenwashing campaigns about emission-free transport in the form of LNG/CNG. Decarbonisation is challenging due to the need for extremely high range and engine power.

In the WEM scenario, there is a steady increase in the number of HDVs ([Figure 3.5](#)) as the production of goods that will needed to be transported over medium and long distances are projected to increase by the CPS+ model. Alternative fuels can contribute to reducing GHG emissions but cannot be the ultimate solution in this category. The WAM scenario assumes a significant change and an exponential increase and shift away from conventional fuels towards BEV. This is limited, as for the other categories, only by the production capacities of the car manufacturers.

Figure 3.5: Development of HDV fleet in WEM and WAM scenarios

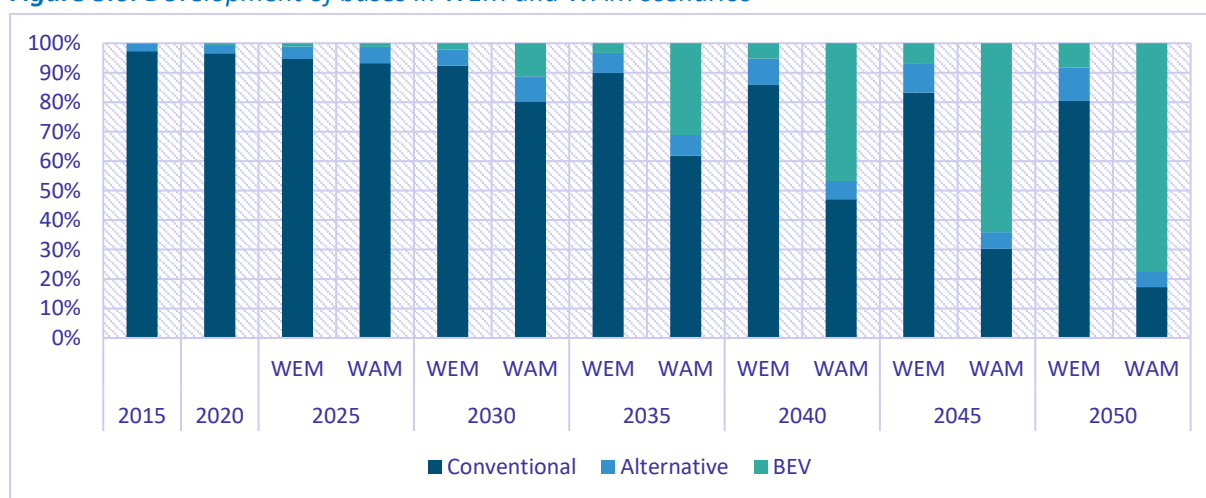


Buses (M2 and M3)

In the case of public passenger transport (PPT), there is no difference between the development in the WEM and WAM fleet scenario in total number of vehicles, but there is a turnover of the fleet (*Figure 3.6*). The WAM scenario assumes a shift of passengers to rail and a densification of PPT intervals, which is reflected in higher annual bus mileage. This assumption was subsequently reflected in the model. Given the small share in road transport, no major interventions in the form of measures to support the fleet turnover have been necessary.

The decline in alternative fuel buses between 2015 and 2020 is mainly due to the phasing out of CNG buses. This trend is changing with the gradual introduction of hybrid buses and their gradual growth, replacing not only conventional buses but also older CNG-powered buses.

Figure 3.6: Development of buses in WEM and WAM scenarios



L-category (L1 to L7)

This category includes all two- and three-wheel vehicles. In addition to these, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and micro-cars are included. The term micro-car is used in the model to unite all vehicles of category L (1-7) that use diesel as a source of energy. Overall, this category consists of:

- Mopeds
- Motorbikes
- ATVs
- Buggies
- Micro-cars

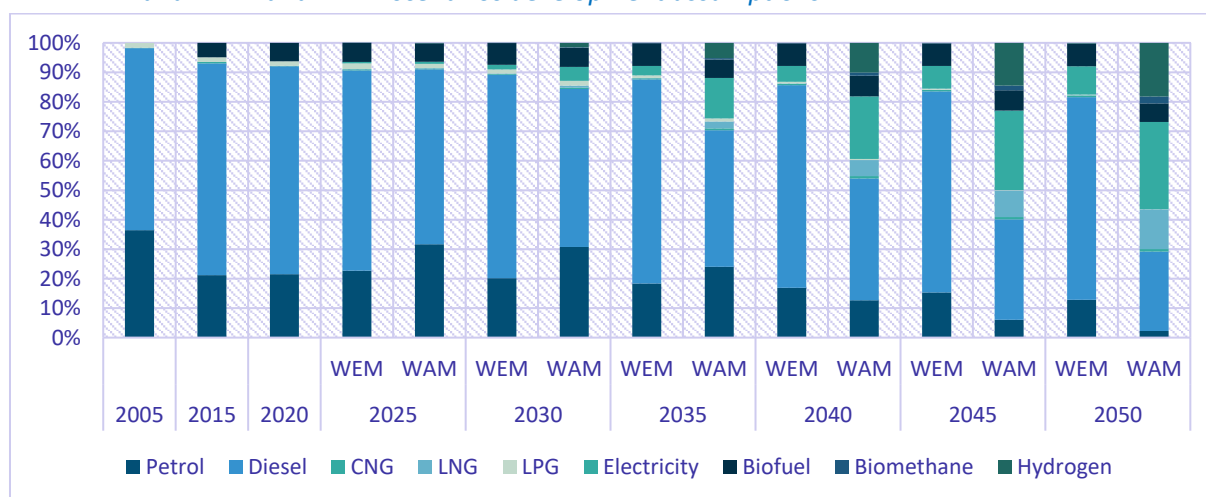
This is the smallest and least important vehicle category in terms of emissions. These vehicles account for around 0.3% of greenhouse gas emissions and projections show that this trend should not change, with the massive decarbonisation of the passenger car category seeing the share rise to around 1% in 2050.

Energy Consumption

In terms of energy, according to the WEM scenario, in Slovakia will dominate consumption of diesel oil until 2050. Its consumption will slowly decrease in this scenario but will still account for up to 69% of the total energy consumption of road transport in 2050.

From other alternative fuels will be the most dominant electricity consumption, rising gradually from a share of 2% (2 178 TJ or 605 GWh) in 2030 to around 10% (7 710 TJ or 2 140 GWh) in 2050 (*Figure 3.7*).

Figure 3.7: Historical evolution of the energy demand for road transport for the years 1990 – 2020 and WEM and WAM scenarios development assumptions



In the WAM scenario, significant diversification and an overall decline in fuel and energy consumption is expected in 2050. In this case, electricity will be the most used source of fuel, accounting for 1% (856 TJ or 240 GWh) in 2030 and up to 30% (15 400 TJ or 4 300 GWh) of the total energy demand in 2050. Diesel oil will still have a similarly important but significantly smaller share, with a share of 54% in 2030, falling to half (27%) in 2050. This significant share, despite strong decarbonisation, is mainly due to the heavy-duty vehicles' category, which is extremely difficult to decarbonise while maintaining the parameters required of them.

3.2. Model Description (Road transport)

Input data for the calculation of emission projections from road transport are databases provided by the Traffic Inspectorate of the Presidium of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic (IS EVO - Information System of Vehicle Registration) and the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic (STK=PTI – Periodical Technical Inspection), transport indicators from the CPS+ model (IEP MŽP SR), which was developed for the needs of the Low Carbon Strategy.

An important aspect in the preparation is the Sybil database. This database is being prepared by EMISIA on the basis of:

- EUROSTAT statistics (national statistics),
- Project outputs (FLEETS, TRAACS, NMP project) for all EU countries,
- EC Statistical Pocketbooks,

- ACEA (The European Automobile Manufacturers' Association),
- ACEM (The Motorcycle Industry in Europe),
- CO₂ monitoring database (operated by the EEA),
- EAFO (European Alternative Fuels Observatory),
- NGVA EUROPE/NGV GLOBAL (The Natural & bio Gas Vehicle Association),
- UNFCCC reports,
- Proprietary algorithms for the preparation of the age structure up to 2050.

The data in this database are based on the same input parameters as the EU reference scenario for Slovakia. The EU reference scenario for Slovakia was modelled using PRIMES and its transport module TREMOVE. However, for the conditions of Slovakia, as a small country, this model is directly inapplicable, as it requires many detailed data, which Slovakia does not have.

Using trends from the Sybil database, an estimate of fleet development was prepared based on real data for the years 2013-2022. The data for this time were obtained from IS EVO. Data and emissions prior to 2013, i.e. the period 1990-2012, were compiled from official Traffic Inspectorate of Police statistics and historical emission inventories.

Another important factor for calculating emissions and energy demand is the average value of annual mileage in each vehicle category and the average value of total vehicle kilometres travelled in each category. These data for the historical years 1990-2012 were taken from emission inventories. Subsequently, for the years 2013-2022, these data were calculated using the information contained in the Vehicle Technical Inspection (VTI) database.

The model itself operates with 5 vehicle categories:

- Passenger vehicles (M1)
- Light-commercial vehicles (N1)
- Heavy-duty vehicles - trucks (N2 and N3)
- Buses (M2 and M3)
- L-category (L1 to L7)

Table 3.6: SWOT analysis of the COPERT CLI model

Strengths	Opportunities
Compatibility with emission model for emission inventories Detailed data break down Database used is compatible with EU data and national data	Incorporate to the model new technologies Versatile use on different geographical level Versatile use of time series
Treats	Weakness
Easy data entry Basic software is free	Disconnected from macroeconomic models Disconnected from national energy models (needs to feed outcomes to energy models) Too much pre-calculations needed

Estimates for the period 2023-2050 were taken directly from the Sybil database. These estimates are based on European statistics and qualified estimates by transport experts. Subsequently divided into individual fuel bases, segments (by engine capacity or vehicle weight) and emission standards, the model works with up to 620 separate data streams in total. The numbers of vehicles in each data stream each year are determined by an age composition matrix and a "survival rate" calculated based on data from the above-mentioned projects and EUROSTAT data.

The COPERT model is used for the actual calculation using the CLI module (Command Line Interface), which allows new technologies that are not directly defined by the model to be brought into the model. This includes emissions-intensive technologies such as LNG, flexi-fuel, e-fuel or hydrogen engines.

The COPERT model always reflects and incorporates the latest developments and scientific knowledge into emissions calculations. The emission calculation methodology is described in the EMEP/CORINAIR Atmospheric Emissions Inventory Guidebook 2023 (EMEP GB 2023) on tailpipe emissions from road transport. The model has roughly 50 predefined (and modifiable) parameters, ranging from environmental conditions (air temperature and humidity) to parameters detailing the generation of emissions in individual vehicle types. When using the CLI module, many of these parameters are unavailable and set to the default value.

Basic emission factors are integrated in the model, which are adjusted based on user-supplied input parameters. Emission factors are defined for each air pollutant separately. Actual values for 2020 were used for the model, except for new technologies where it was necessary to supply emission factors directly.

In terms of technology and the use of different technologies within a single vehicle (plug-in hybrids, CNG, LPG), basic settings were used. In the case of CNG and LPG, it is assumed that 100% of these fuels are used at the expense of petrol, and in the case of plug-in hybrids, the split is 75% in favour of petrol and diesel and 25% in favour of electricity (electric motor). The low share of electric motor use is based on several studies summarised by the ICCT (International council on clean transportation).

Minimum and maximum temperatures have also been introduced into the model, which affect emissions to some extent. The regional climate model KNMI-RACMO22E and its optimistic scenario RCP2.6 were used.

3.3. Scenarios, Parameters and PAMs (Road transport)

Slovakia prepared two scenarios for road transport: WEM and WAM scenario. The WEM scenario describes the development of vehicle fleet and GHG emissions using only existing measures in force until end of 2022. In contrast, the WAM scenario foresees a number of additional measures and policies that will need to be put in place both nationally and locally. The policies and measures used are based directly on legislation or on national and EU strategies and action plans. The reference year to compare to the WAM scenario was 2005. The reason for choosing this year as a reference year for comparison is that in 1990 road transport in Slovakia was not yet developed in all areas and did not reflect the current situation. In 1990, the light-commercial vehicle segment, which plays an important role today and especially in the future, was almost non-existent. At the same time, the last validated year with real values was determined to be 2022.

The policies affecting emissions from road transport can be split to three types: energy policies, transport policies and environmental policies. Energy policies and measures focus mainly on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in transport. Transport policies and measures focus on transport infrastructure and intensity, and environmental policies and measures focus directly on reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and pollutants. The policies and measures taken into account in each scenario are based on a number of national documents:

- Low-Carbon Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic until 2030 with a view to 2050 (NUS SR)
- Action plan for the development of electromobility in Slovakia
- National Air Pollution Control Program (NAPCP)
- Strategic plan for the development of transport in Slovakia up to 2030
- Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Slovakia (NECP)
- Review and update of the National Policy Framework for the Development of the Alternative Fuels Market
- EU hydrogen strategy

In addition to these documents, separate acts and European directives also intervene in the preparation of individual scenarios:

- Act No. 277/2020 amending Act No. 309/2009 Coll. on the Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources and High Efficiency Combined Heat and Power Generation
- Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action
- Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality

WEM Scenario

The baseline scenario is the WEM (With Existing Measures) scenario, which includes only policies and measures in place by the end of 2022. The WEM scenario contains only five known measures that affect the energy mix and the vehicle fleet. They are:

- Act No. 277/2020, which is a partial national transposition of consolidated Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council (RED III) on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources
- Sale of low-emission vehicles (electric hybrids or plug-in hybrids) or directly zero-emission vehicles (battery electric cars and fuel-cell electric cars)
- Energy efficiency
- Regulation (EU) 2019/631 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 setting CO₂ emission performance standards for new passenger cars and light-commercial vehicles
- Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 setting CO₂ emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles

The RED III Directive on the promotion and use of energy from renewable sources is currently still not fully transposed into national legislation. Its validity and inclusion in the WEM scenario was necessary and mandatory based on the scenario preparation framework. The RED III Directive sets new targets for the blending of renewable fuels (biofuels) into fossil fuels.

The new, increased targets are:

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
7.6%	8.0%	8.2%	8.6%	8.8%	9.2%	9.5%	10.0%	10.4%	10.8%	11.4%

At the same time as this increased target, the possibility of double counting of the energy share of advanced biofuels has also been introduced. However, the double counting of advanced biofuels has no impact on the production of greenhouse gas emissions.

The historical and projected promotion of zero-emission vehicles (BEV) can be seen in [Figures 3.8](#). Total BEV accounts for 4.9% of the vehicle fleet in 2030, 35% in 2050 according to the WEM scenario and 9.2% in 2030 and 44% in 2050 according to the WAM scenario. Passenger cars account for the largest share of eBEV, accounting for 75% in 2022, 86% in 2025 and up to 93% of all BEV on the road in 2030 and up to 96% in 2050 in the WAM scenario.

Figure 3.8: Share of zero-emission vehicles in the total vehicle fleet of the Slovak Republic - historical development and projections to 2050



Energy efficiency is converted into the model identically to the real options. The potential for improving combustion and engine efficiency to the level of "ultra-efficiency" was estimated at 15% in the ERTRAC report for passenger cars with spark-ignition engines. For diesel engines for passenger cars, this estimate was a 12% improvement by 2050, but for light and heavy duty vehicles there is only a 10% level by making the engine more efficient. In the model it is represented by coefficient directly reducing the outputs of energy demand and emissions. Both EU regulations (2019/631 and 2019/1242) are also incorporated into the model this way.

WAM Scenario

WAM (With Additional Measures) scenario is built on policies and measures, strategies and action plans that have not been put into force before 2020. The list of policies and measures used is summarised in [Table 3.7](#).

Table 3.7: List of policies and measures used in WAM scenario

Name of the measure	Scenario	Short description for WAM
Regulation for CO₂ emission standards for new passenger cars & light commercial vehicles	WEM, WAM	WEM: 2021 Targets WAM: 2025, 2030, 2035 targets (Fit for 55) achieved
Regulation for CO₂ emission standards for new heavy-duty vehicles	WAM	2030, 2035, 2040 targets partially achieved
Freight Modal Shift	WEM, WAM	WEM: Low Modal Shift - e.g. Trucks to Rail WAM: High Modal Shift - e.g. Trucks to Rail
Passenger Modal Shift	WAM	High Modal Shift - e.g. cars to cycling or public transport
Euro 7: Council adopts new rules on emission limits for cars, vans and trucks	WAM	In compliance
Support for the use of low-emission vehicles	WEM, WAM	WEM: Moderate transition to low-emission forms of transport WAM: High transition to low-emission forms of transport
Promotion of biofuels	WEM, WAM	WEM: In compliance WAM: High increase of biofuels share
Low-emission zones in cities	WAM	UVAR for conventional vehicles
Regulation for CO₂ emission standards for new heavy-duty vehicles	WAM	2030, 2035, 2040 targets partially achieved

The measure to support the continuation of direct support for the use of low-emission vehicles is mentioned in the Action Plan for the Development of Electromobility in the Slovak Republic and is also referred to in the National Air Pollution Control Program. In this measure, the penetration of electric vehicles in the passenger car segment is assumed to be more efficient, up to twice as strong, than in the WEM scenario.

Stricter technical and emission inspections should result in the capture and removal of the oldest and non-compliant vehicles from transport. Strict rules are now in place for technical and emission inspection stations, but despite these measures, there is still circumvention of the rules. According to some research there can be up to 60% of tampered heavy-duty vehicles. This measure is expected to have a gradually diminishing effect under the influence of positive changes in the behaviour of vehicle owners. In the model, this measure manifests itself as a change in the age structure of the passenger car fleet.

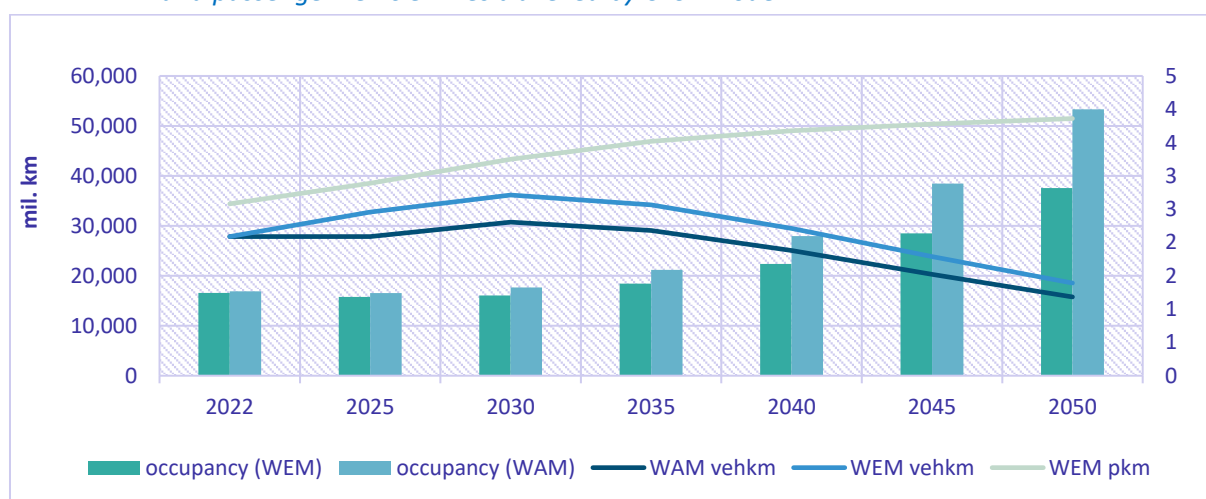
Modal shift in passenger transport implies a shift of passengers from passenger vehicle transport to public passenger transport (PPT) or cycling in cities. As a result, the occupancy rate of passenger vehicles is expected to increase by 50% compared to 2022, reducing in particular the number of kilometres travelled by passenger vehicles up to 33% by 2050. The transfer of passengers to the PPT will go in two directions at the same time: road PPT and rail PPT. In the case of the rail PPT, it is expected that there will be an improvement in the quality of transport as well as the restoration of a

number of railway connections. The prerequisite for this is the approved new Transport Service Plan for railways passenger transport. In the case of bus services, it is expected that there will be a slight increase in kilometres travelled. This effect on public bus services was reflected in a 10% increase in average annual mileage.

For shorter distances and in the city, it is also possible to use bicycle transport in addition to PPT. This possibility should also results from the National Strategy for the Development of Cycling Transport and Cycling Tourism in the Slovak Republic. It is estimated that it could reduce the share of road passenger transport in cities up to 10% by 2030. For the purposes of the projections, more conservative estimates of 6% have been used (3% for traffic peak and 3% for off-peak traffic).

The input data are pkm (person-km), which is a macroeconomic indicator from the CPS+ model for the Low Carbon Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic. From this data, the vehicle occupancy was then calculated, to which the increased occupancy was applied. It was then possible to calculate the new mileage with increased vehicle occupancy while maintaining passenger kilometres (*Figure 3.9*).

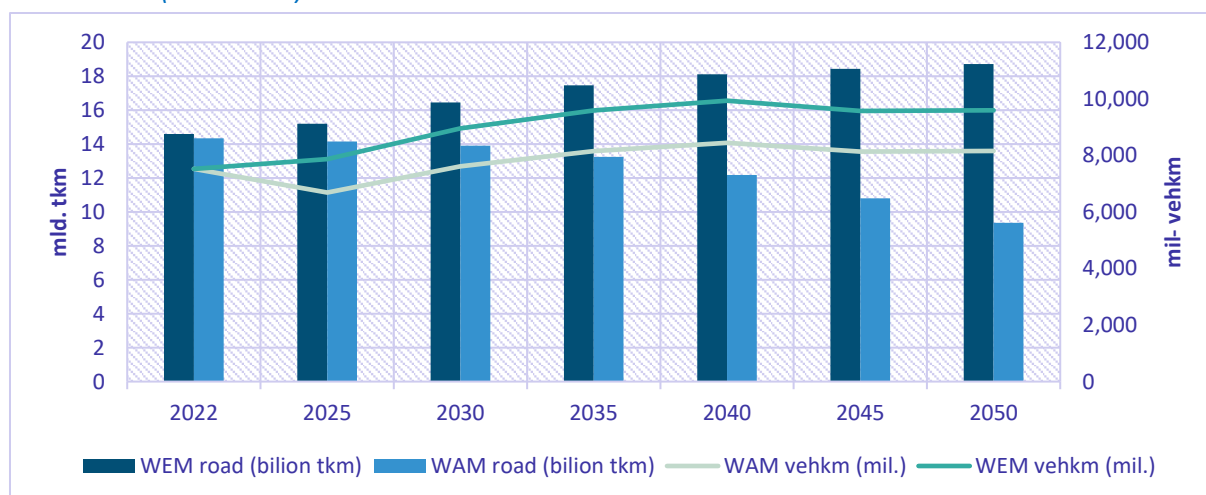
Figure 3.9: *Changes in passenger vehicle occupancy, annual passenger vehicle miles travelled, and passenger vehicle miles travelled by CPS+ model*



Modal shift in freight transport or the movement of goods in Slovakia is currently mainly carried out by freight road transport. From this point of view, modal shift in freight transport is more than necessary. According to the freight modal shift policy, the volume of goods transported by trucks is expected to decrease by 50% by 2050. This goal is foreseen in the Low Carbon Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic. As a consequence of shifting some of the goods to the railways, the annual vehicle mileage will be reduced and ultimately the number of trucks will also be reduced. A possible reduction in the number of trucks has not been estimated, as the WAM scenario currently only assumes a reduction in annual mileage.

The calculation procedure is analogous to the modal shift in passenger transport. In this case, tonne-kilometres (tkm) play a role, which were also obtained from the CPS+ model for the Low Carbon Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic as a macroeconomic indicator (*Figure 3.10*).

Figure 3.10: Changes in freight transport, annual boarding and goods transported by road and rail (billion tkm)



The most effective measure in this scenario appears to be the phasing out of fossil fuelled cars and light-commercial vehicles and their replacement by electric and hydrogen vehicles, especially for last mile goods movements. A complete ban on the sale of these pure fossil fuel vehicles (diesel and petrol) is due to take place in 2035. This measure will result in an exponential growth of BEVs in the light-commercial vehicle category. This measure will be also facilitated by the introduction of low emission zones in cities.

The introduction of hydrogen passenger vehicles, similar to trucks, was estimated in the European Hydrogen Strategy report to reach a maximum possible implementation rate of 20% of the vehicle fleet by 2050. In Slovakia, this level is reduced to 10% in the WAM scenario following a consensus of experts in the field.

The addition of bio-based methane (bio-methane) to vehicle fuels is now common practice in other EU countries. In Slovakia, this obligation will be introduced by the amendment of Act No. 309/2009 on the Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources and High Efficiency Combined Production. This amendment introduces an obligation to add a bio-component to compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) from 2023. The minimum energy content of this bio-ingredient is determined as follows:

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
2.0%	3.0%	4.0%	6.0%	8.0%	10.0%	12.0%	14.0%

Even at the highest achievable share in 2030 (14% of the bio-based component), this does not have a significant reduction impact on emissions and traffic intensity in the scenario.

3.4. Emission Projections in Road Transport

NOx emissions

The NOx emissions are continuously decreasing ([Figure 3.11](#)), and according to the WEM scenario, 65% of the remaining emissions in 2050 are from freight transport. The decrease in emissions is based on fleet turnover towards newer technologies (EURO 6 D/E and EURO 7) but with only a minor inclination towards alternative fuels. On the other hand, the WAM scenario shows a higher diversification of fuel technologies and a significant reduction in emissions by 2050. ([Figure 3.12](#))

Figure 3.11: Historical emissions and projections of NOx emissions according to WEM scenario

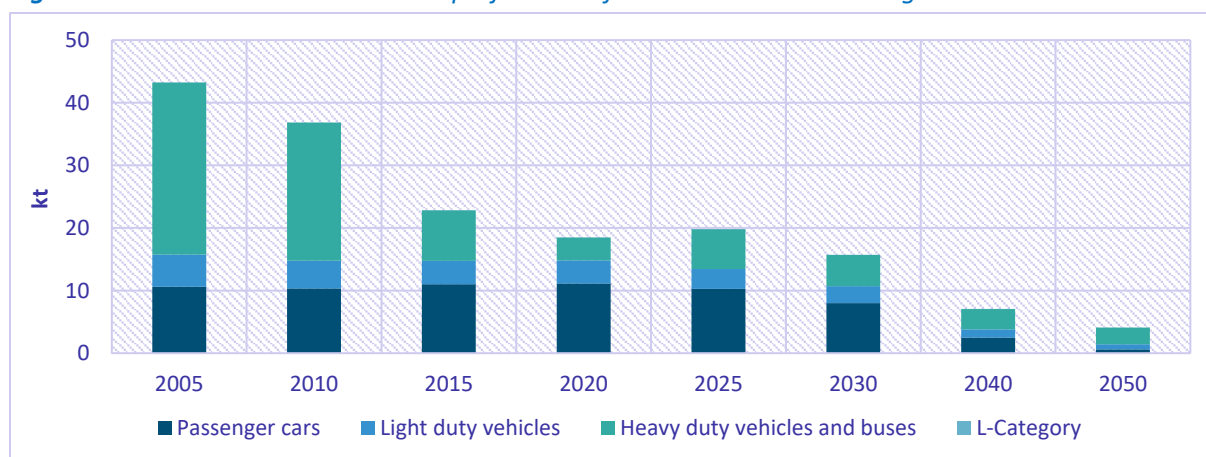
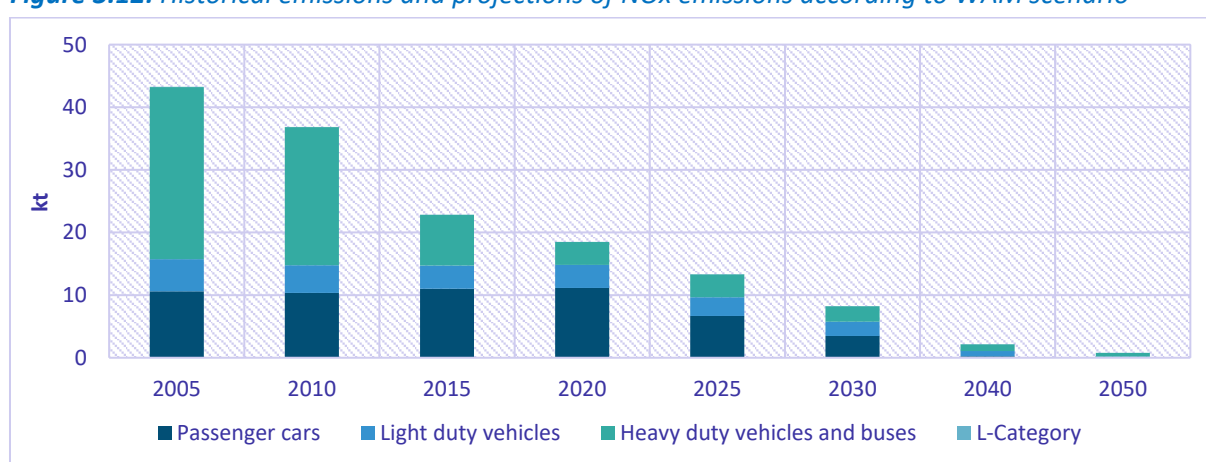


Figure 3.12: Historical emissions and projections of NOx emissions according to WAM scenario



PM_{2.5} emissions

Most of the PM_{2.5} emissions come from tire and brake wear abrasion, and road abrasion. Reduction of these emissions is possible only by decreasing the total traffic. In the WAM scenario ([Figure 3.13](#)), these emissions from electric and fuel cell electric vehicles are accounted for in the vehicle category since the COPERT model is currently unable to distinguish between exhaust and non-exhaust emissions for new vehicle categories. Even though the total emissions are 50% lower than the emissions in the WEM scenario ([Figure 3.14](#)).

A fraction of PM is also reported as black carbon (BC). There is a slight increase in these emissions in the WAM scenario from passenger cars. This increase is a result of the aforementioned missing capability of the COPERT model and higher average mileage. In the WAM scenario, it is assumed that there will be a more radical turnover of the vehicle fleet, which temporarily increases the total mileage of the fleet. BC is calculated as a fraction of PM_{2.5}, and these emissions come not only from exhaust emissions but also from brake and tire wear and road abrasion. The emissions from the last source depend only on the total mileage of the vehicle fleet, thus these emissions will be temporarily higher. With the predicted decrease in traffic after 2030, the emissions of PM_{2.5} and BC will also decrease.

Figure 3.13: Historical emissions and projections of $PM_{2.5}$ emissions according to WEM scenario

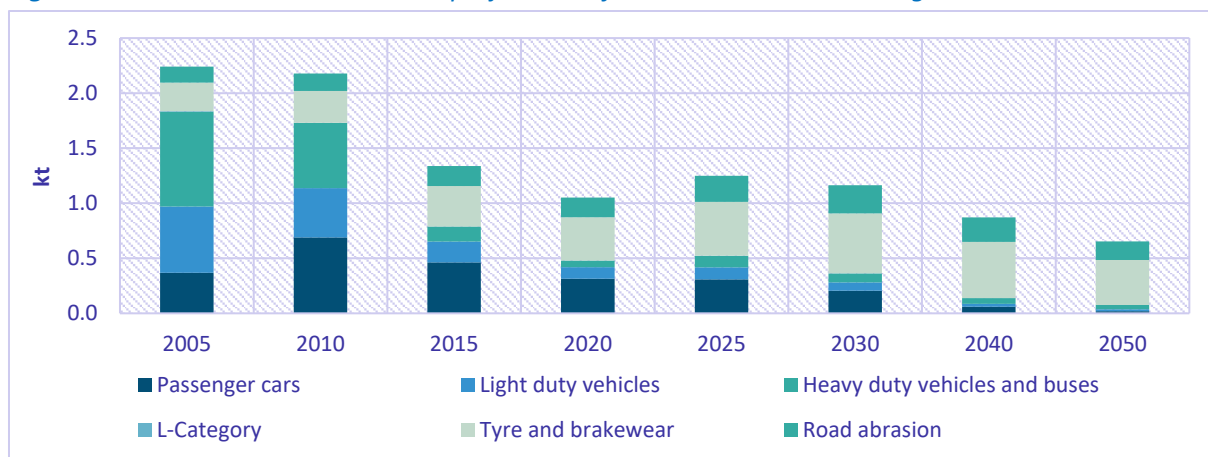
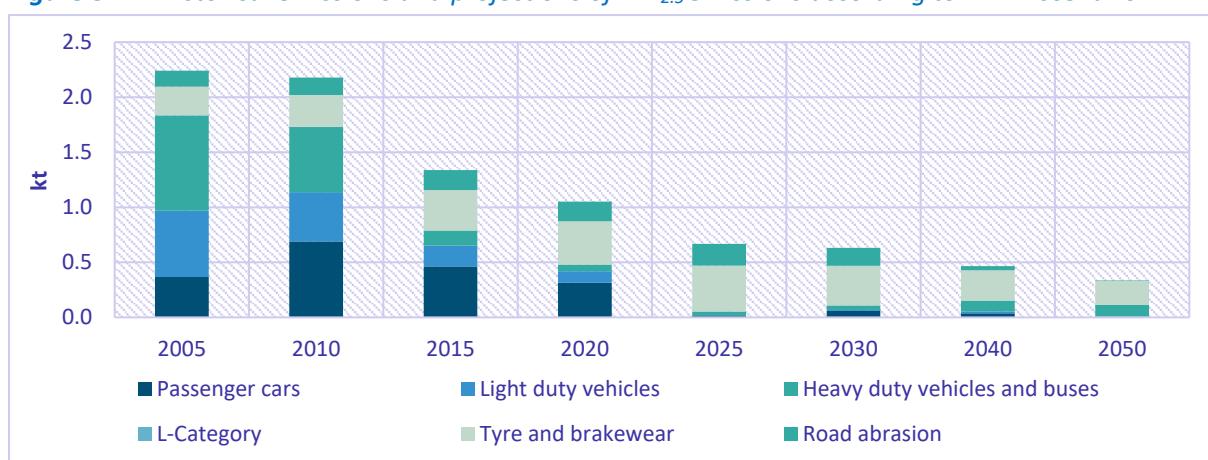


Figure 3.14: Historical emissions and projections of $PM_{2.5}$ emissions according to WAM scenario



NMVOC emissions

The most important source of NMVOC emissions from road transport is gasoline evaporation and passenger cars. These emissions depend on technological advantage of the vehicle and ambient temperature. There is a predicted decrease in NMVOC emission in the WEM scenario, but only a slight change in the ratio between the two major categories ([Figure 3.15](#)). In the WAM scenario ([Figure 3.16](#)), passenger cars (17 %) and gasoline evaporation (79 %) are responsible for 97% of NMVOC emissions in 2030, while in 2050, 82% of NMVOC emissions come from gasoline evaporation. At the same time, there is a significant decrease in these emissions, which is caused by the electrification of road transport.

Figure 3.15: Historical emissions and projections of NMVOC emissions according to WEM scenario

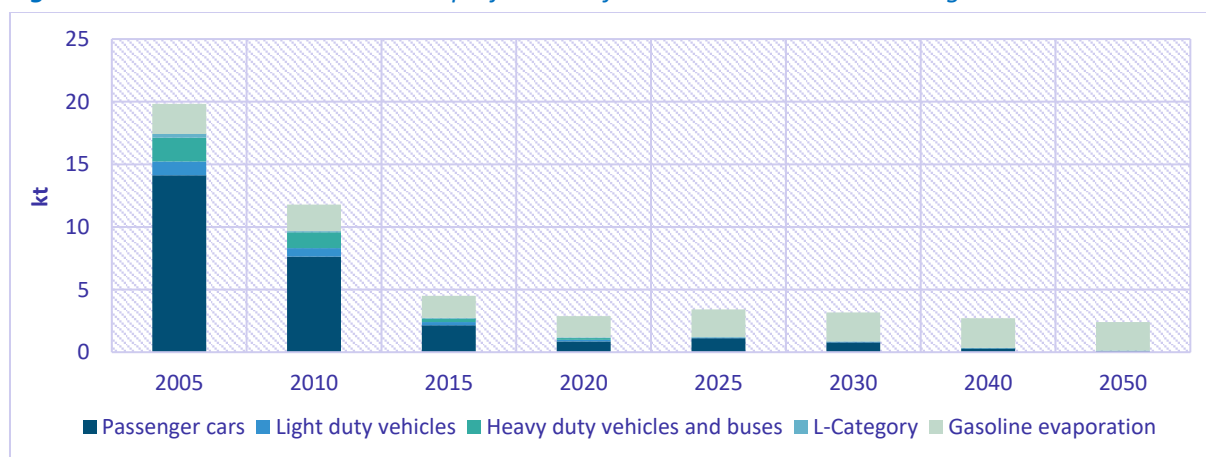
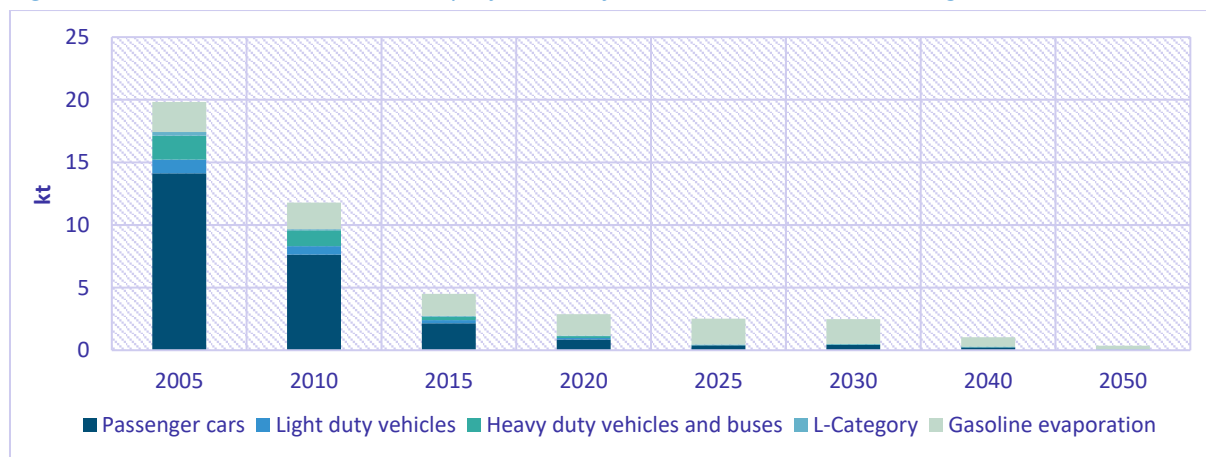


Figure 3.16: Historical emissions and projections of NMVOC emissions according to WAM scenario



SOx emissions

Sulphur oxide emissions significantly decreased after 2005 as a result to banning high-sulphur content fuels. These emissions depend on the fuel consumption, and in the WEM scenario ([Figure 3.17](#)), a decrease of SOx is assumed after 2030. The tipping point of SOx in the WAM scenario ([Figure 3.18](#)) is assumed to be much earlier, around the year 2025.

Figure 3.17: Historical emissions and projections of SOx emissions according to WEM scenario

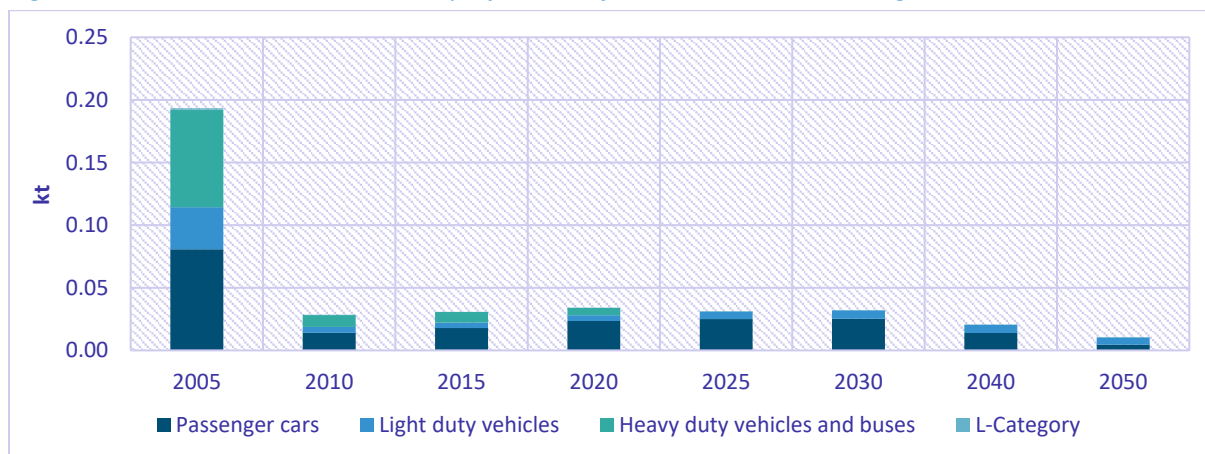
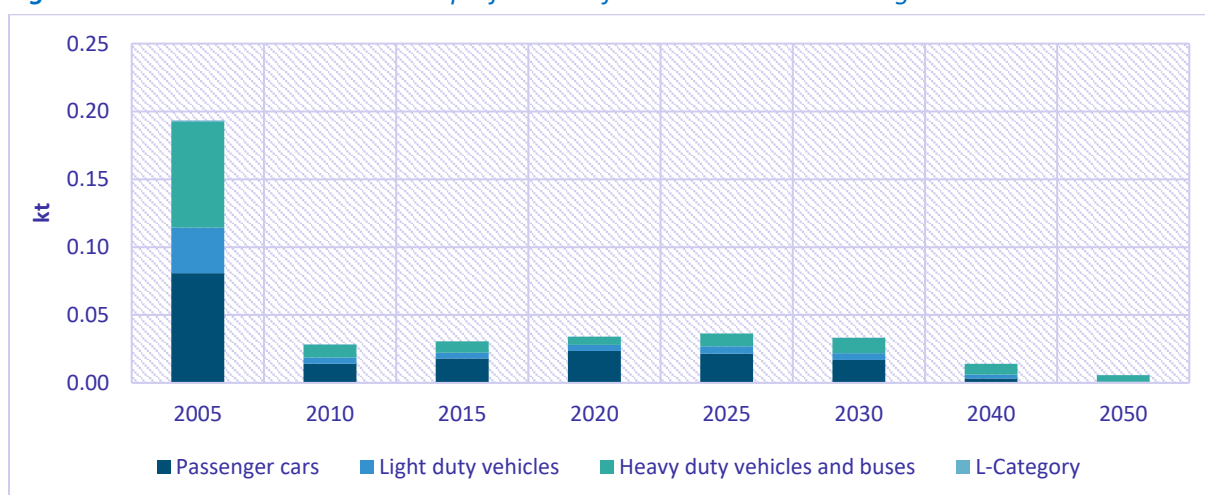


Figure 3.18: Historical emissions and projections of SOx emissions according to WAM scenario



NH₃ emissions

Ammonia emission trends are mainly a result of a phenomenon known as "emission control technology rebound" or "emission shifting." This phenomenon slows down the possible reduction of ammonia emissions in the road transport. This will cause the ammonia emission according to the WEM scenario, to stay at the same level as in 2020 ([Figure 3.19](#)). In the WAM scenario ([Figure 3.20](#)) alternative fuels (electricity and hydrogen) are introduced, and ammonia emissions will fall to 35% of the emissions compared to the WEM scenario by 2050.

Figure 3.19: Historical emissions and projections of NH₃ emissions according to WEM scenario

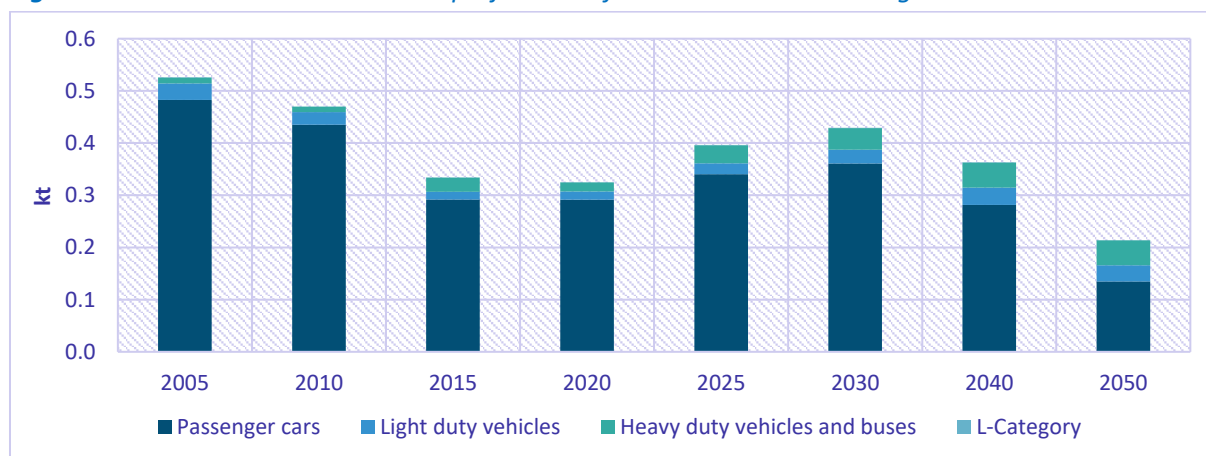
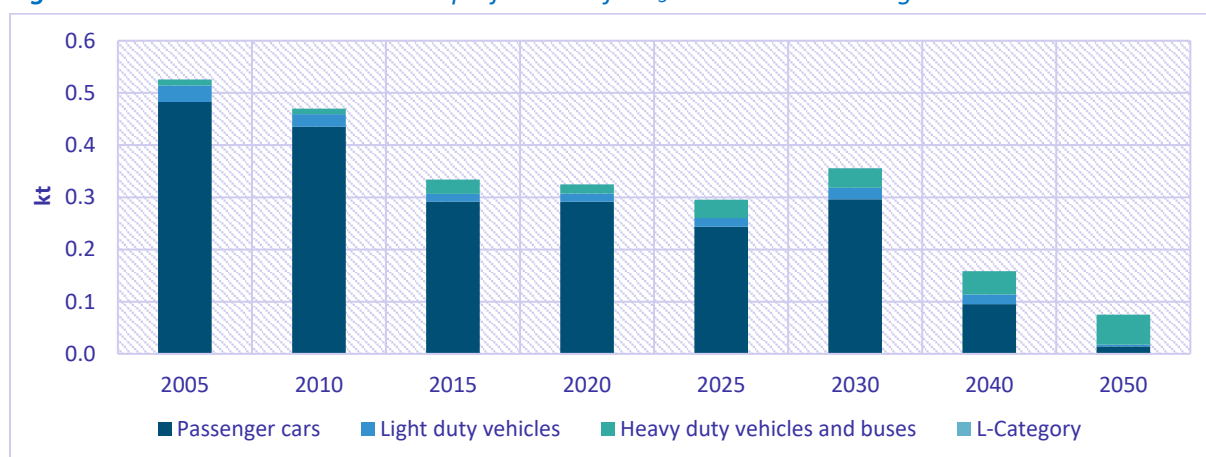


Figure 3.20: Historical emissions and projections of NH₃ emissions according to WAM scenario



3.5. Emission Projections in other Transport Categories (1.A.3.a, c, d, e)

In addition, projections of air pollutants from non-road transport in the Slovak Republic have been prepared (according to recommendation SK-1A3a,c,d,e-2021-0004), but their relevance is currently to overall air pollution emission projections negligible, so only the WEM scenario has been prepared. Highest ratio of non-road transport have the NO_x with a 12% share (excluding SO_x as these emission from the whole transport are negligible). Projections of non-road emissions were calculated using ARIMA (AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average) modelling. Emissions from pipeline transport have been prepared based on information about projections of long distance transmission of natural gas through the pipelines system. The outcome are in [Tables 3.1 – 3.5](#).

CHAPTER 4. EMISSION PROJECTIONS IN THE IPPU SECTOR

4.1. Methodologies and Key Assumptions/Trends

Emission projections from industrial processes (IPPU) primarily arise from non-combustion activities. A core assumption for the sector remains the durability of equipment and availability of raw materials, with GDP trends continuing to drive production demand. While emission reductions are typically tied to declines in output, modernization and decarbonisation measures now offer pathways to cut emissions without sacrificing productivity. In Slovakia, iron and steel production remains the largest contributor to IPPU emissions.

Slovakia's metal production sector, deeply rooted in its industrial history, has rebounded post-pandemic. After a 40% production drop in 2020 due to COVID-19, output stabilized by 2022, aligning with pre-pandemic levels. However, geopolitical tensions (e.g., the Ukraine conflict) and energy market volatility in 2022 introduced new challenges, including rising natural gas prices and supply chain disruptions. Despite this, the sector aims to maintain production through investments in electric arc furnaces (EAFs) and phased closure of coke batteries and sinter plants.

In the iron and steel sector, it is possible to reduce **AP** emissions by reducing the consumption of coke as a fuel for energy processes and as a reducing agent in blast furnaces. However, this would result in a reduction in steel production and hence economic problems for the region. One of the most recent measures in the iron and steel sector is electric arc furnaces (**EAF**) or **Phase-out Coke battery alongside with Sinter production decommissioning**. The current set of measures foresees investments in technology, which should lead to significant emission savings in the sector.

The share of enterprises in the non-metallic and chemical industries is also significant. One of the most effective measures in reducing emissions in the non-metallic industry is waste recovery. Specific waste mineral wastes can, by their chemical composition, replace natural raw materials such as limestone or clay that have to be extracted from nature. Many of them also contribute to reducing emissions of air pollutants. Waste recovery (e.g., using mineral by-products to replace limestone/clay) remains a top measure, cutting both raw material extraction and PM/SO_x emissions.

The trend in the chemical industry is influenced by various segments. Slovakia has a strong tradition in all major segments of the chemical industry including oil refining, fertilizer production, rubber and plastics. The product portfolio is also influenced by the strong automotive and electronics sectors in Slovakia, which serve as regular high-capacity clients for various companies in the chemicals and plastics industries.

No closure of existing chemical facilities is currently anticipated or planned. As regards the trend in emissions from the chemical industry, it is expected to be fairly constant and no significant decrease is foreseen. However, the largest reductions in this sector could be due to reductions in the production or consumption of fuels by cars and trucks, or reductions in the consumption of artificial fertilisers in agriculture. By transforming the production of petroleum-based fuels to the production of green hydrogen as a fuel using RES, or by producing more advanced biofuels and bioplastics.

Sectors 2D and 2G are key sources for NMVOC emissions. The calculation of emission projections are based on following parameters: gross value added for relevant sector, expected population trend and

extrapolation of trends from the past. Since these are key categories, in the future it will be necessary to improve the methodology for calculating emissions projections.

4.2. Model Description

Model description used for the EU ETS part of IPPU emissions (large sources of technological emissions) is provided in the [Chapter 2.2](#). MS Excel tools were used for modelling emission projections in the sources outside of the EU ETS system. Emission projections were prepared in accordance with the methodology of the **EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2023**. The calculation analysis tool is based on the Excel platform and the calculation includes different policies and measures (in numerical formulation) defined according to the WEM and WAM scenarios. The model that was developed in connection with the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/841 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry in the 2030 climate and energy framework, and amending Regulation (EU) No. 525/2013 and Decision No. 529/2013/EU.

4.3. Scenarios, Parameters and PAMs

The IPPU sector allocates emissions from sources regulated by EU ETS Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and non-EU ETS sources (ESR).

While EU ETS emissions have their reduction mechanisms set by the allocation of allowances at the operator level, ESR emissions are not sectoral regulated and the ESR reduction target is set only at the level of the country as a whole. It is therefore very important to identify potential areas for reduction, regulation or promotion. This sector accounts for process (technological) emissions, i.e. not emissions from fossil fuel combustion (which are accounted for in the Energy or Buildings sectors).

ESR emissions in categories 2.A-2.I were mainly prepared by forecasting the development of value added for the identified industrial category and also based on population trends. In the absence of relevant direct policies and measures in these sectors, it is very difficult to predict developments up to 2050. It is likely to be influenced only by the availability of raw materials, energy and material prices, and supply and demand. We foresee regulation mainly at EU level. The nature of process (technological) emissions does not allow much room for manoeuvre for their regulation (they are dependent on chemical reactions and processes).

The base (reference) year for modelling the AP emission projections was the latest revised inventory year 2022 in all scenarios.

Projections of air pollutants emissions for the EU ETS emissions component have been developed for the years 2022 – 2050 under the following scenarios:

Two scenarios, **WEM** and **WAM**, have been prepared for the purpose of determining the target for 2030 and subsequently for 2050 in the different categories of industrial activities.

The data sources: The NEIS database of stationary large and medium sources of air pollution providing facility data for nitrogen oxides (NO_x), non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC) sulphur oxides (SO_x), ammonia (NH₃), total suspended particles (TSP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are consequently compiled) and carbon monoxide (CO). All data that comes from the database is considered as T3 methodology.

The policies and measures taken into account in each scenario are based on a number of national documents:

- Low Carbon Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic until 2030 with a view to 2050 (NUS SR)
- National Air Pollution Control Programme (**NAPCP**)
- Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Slovakia (**NECP**)

In addition to these documents, separate laws and European legislation also intervene in the preparation of individual scenarios. Act No. 277/2020, which amends Act No. 309/2009 Coll. on the Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources and High Efficiency Combined Production, significantly interferes with the preparation of laws. Within the framework of common European legislation, these are mainly directives setting emission limits and the European Parliament's Energy Union Governance Regulation 2018/1999, complemented by Regulation 2021/1119, which establishes a framework for achieving climate neutrality.

The policies and measures used were taken from the Low Carbon Strategy of the Slovak Republic (LCDS) from the National Air Pollution Control Programme and from the Slovak Recovery Plan.

The reduction potential presented is based on the WEM and WAM scenarios reported for emission projections in 2021 under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action.

The specification of the WAM scenario according to the Low Carbon Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic depends on the logic of the draft EU scenarios and in particular on the EUCO3030 scenario, which sets the EU target for energy efficiency for 2030 at 30%.

Most of the above measures were applied at the level of the CPS-PRIMES model, from which trends in energy consumption or other parameters were taken for modelling emissions in the TIMES model.

Existing Measures Scenario (WEM) - includes policies and measures adopted and implemented at EU and national level by the end of 2021. In industrial processes, improving energy efficiency is essential for productivity growth, which is part of sustainable growth in added value.

The scenario with additional measures (WAM) - is equivalent to the Dcarb2 scenario of the CPS-PRIMES model, in the IPPU sector the outputs from CPS-PRIMES were used to obtain trends in the different industry types.

The trend of emission projections below the ESR in categories 2.A to 2.I is very complicated to express due to the lack of legislative and market mechanisms, which are mainly driven by energy policy. The trend of emission projections depends on the technologies used, which are mainly influenced by the EU ETS Directive, therefore emission reductions cannot be expected as production grows.

4.4. Emission Projections in the IPPU Sector

The modelling of emission projections in the IPPU sector was based on sectoral trends and development from the CPS model and actualization was made by taking into account results of model TIMES-Slovakia and new information from producers. Significant impact has planned new installations in steel production.

The emissions covered by the industry sector originate from industrial processes but also from combined combustion and technology processes, which are united and reported for the basic unit (source). The emissions and facility data reported directly from an operator that is recorded in the NEIS database cannot be in some cases divided into separate combustion and technology emissions. The reported data involve emissions and activity data from the technological processes in the mineral products industry (2A), chemical industry (2B), metal production (2C), solvent use (2D), other product manufacture (2G) and other industrial activities (2H, 2I, 2K).

MINERAL INDUSTRY

The category covers these NFR activities: Cement production (2A1), Lime production (2A2), Glass production (2A3), Quarrying and mining of minerals other than coal (2A5a), Construction and demolition (2A5b), Other Mineral Products (2A6). Most of the producers, which are important concerning the release of emissions in the sector, belong to international concerns and operate in several states. The Slovak Republic produces a moderate range of mineral products and does not belong to a significant world producer of mineral commodities. The mining and quarrying sector is not a significant contributor to the country's economy.

CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

The category covers the NFR activities: Ammonia production (2B1), Nitric acid production (2B2), Adipic acid production (2B3), Carbide production (2B5), Titanium dioxide production (2B6), Soda ash production (2B7), Chemical industry: Other (2B10a), Storage, handling and transport of chemical products (2B10b). Emissions from this category have a general decreasing trend. Emissions of NO_x originate mostly from category 2B10a which includes the production of various organic and inorganic compounds, fertilizers etc.

METAL PRODUCTION

Metal production is an important sector in the national economy. The category covers the NFR activities: Iron and steel production (2C1), Ferroalloys production (2C2), Aluminium production (2C3), Magnesium production (2C4), Lead production (2C5), Copper production (2C7a), Other metal production (2C7c) and Storage, handling and transport of metal products (2C7d). The major contributors of emissions of main pollutants are Iron and steel production 2C1.

SOLVENTS AND OTHER PRODUCT USE

The sector solvents, covers NFR categories 2D3a, 2D3b, 2D3c, 2D3d, 2D3e, 2D3f, 2D3g, 2D3h, 2D3i and 2G. Categories 2D3b and 2D3c are relevant emissions of PMs, TSP. Concerning air protection, the most important emissions rising from the categories of so-called solvents are non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC). They are part of many different substances, which are used in industry and human activities

OTHER PROCESSES

The category is divided into 3 industrial activities: Pulp and paper industry (2H1), Food and beverages industry (2H2) and other industrial processes (2H3).

WOOD PROCESSING

The present chapter 2I addresses emissions of dust from the processing of wood. This includes the manufacture of plywood, reconstituted wood products and engineered wood products. This source category is only important for particulate emissions, NMVOC.

NO_x emissions

The NO_x emission projections in the IPPU sector are mostly driven with the EU ETS emissions from metal production, in addition with the chemical industry. The trends according to the WEM and WAM scenarios are provided in the [Table 4.1](#).

Table 4.1: NO_x emissions in sector Industry in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.45	0.33	0.23	0.29	0.31	0.34	0.34	0.35	0.35
2B	0.75	0.52	0.79	0.86	0.75	0.83	0.83	0.78	0.72
2C	4.90	4.86	5.01	4.19	3.90	4.11	4.11	4.13	4.14
2D, G, H	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
2 I,J,K,L	0.32	0.08	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
2 Industry	6.44	5.80	6.27	5.60	5.19	5.51	5.51	5.48	5.43

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.45	0.33	0.23	0.29	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.32
2B	0.75	0.52	0.79	0.86	0.75	0.79	0.79	0.61	0.50
2C	4.90	4.86	5.01	4.19	3.90	4.11	1.19	1.19	1.17
2D, G, H	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
2 I,J,K,L	0.32	0.08	0.22	0.23	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
2 Industry	6.44	5.80	6.27	5.58	4.96	5.44	2.51	2.33	2.21

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NMVOC emissions

NMVOC emission projections in the IPPU sector arise mainly from the Coating applications, Domestic solvent use and Degreasing. Significant impact have also Food and beverages industry. The trends according to the WEM and WAM scenarios are provided in the [Table 4.2](#).

Table 4.2 NMVOC emissions in sector Industry in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.16	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17
2B	3.17	1.99	2.20	2.10	2.03	2.11	2.11	2.00	1.82
2C	0.78	0.66	0.79	0.69	0.67	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.75
2D, G, H	35.12	26.19	29.76	24.87	22.13	22.04	22.04	21.52	21.10
2 I,J,K,L	0.40	0.22	0.50	0.52	0.63	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59
2 Industry	39.63	29.12	33.33	28.26	25.60	25.64	25.64	25.01	24.42

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.16	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
2B	3.17	1.99	2.20	2.10	2.03	1.99	1.97	1.44	1.10

2C	0.78	0.66	0.79	0.69	0.67	1.97	0.37	0.38	0.38
2D, G, H	35.12	26.19	29.76	24.87	22.13	20.58	19.35	18.22	17.88
2 I,J,K,L	0.40	0.22	0.50	0.52	0.63	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59
2 Industry	39.63	29.12	33.33	28.26	25.60	25.29	22.44	20.78	20.10

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

SO_x emissions

The SO_x emission projections in the IPPU sector are mostly driven by the emissions from metal production and in addition with the chemical industry. The trends according to the WEM and WAM scenarios are provided in the [Table 4.3](#).

Table 4.3: SO_x emissions in sector Industry in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.50	0.33	0.36	0.45	0.35	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.39
2B	1.08	1.20	1.37	1.27	1.50	1.58	1.58	1.43	1.22
2C	9.85	5.77	7.32	4.91	2.82	2.33	2.33	2.34	2.35
2D, G, H	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
2 I,J,K,L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Industry	11.45	7.33	9.08	6.65	4.70	4.32	4.32	4.19	3.99

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.50	0.33	0.36	0.45	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.35	0.35
2B	1.08	1.20	1.37	1.27	1.50	1.49	1.44	0.87	0.50
2C	9.85	5.77	7.32	4.91	2.82	2.33	0.83	0.82	0.81
2D, G, H	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
2 I,J,K,L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Industry	11.45	7.33	9.08	6.65	4.70	4.19	2.64	2.07	1.69

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NH₃ emissions

The NH₃ emission projections in the IPPU sector are in general negligible, the largest share comes from the chemical industry primarily from Nitric Acid, Calcium Carbide. The trends of emissions are provided in the [Table 4.4](#) and both scenario are projected based on sectoral value added respectively projected demand.

Table 4.4: NH₃ emissions in sector Industry in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08
2B	0.22	0.07	0.09	0.20	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.10
2C	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2D, G, H	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
2 I,J,K,L	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Industry	0.26	0.12	0.16	0.26	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.22

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07

2B	0.22	0.07	0.09	0.20	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.07	0.04
2C	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2D, G, H	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
2 I,J,K,L	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Industry	0.26	0.12	0.16	0.26	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.18	0.15

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

PM_{2.5} emissions

The PM_{2.5} emission projections in the IPPU sector do not have a significant source and also their share in the national totals are very small. The trends of emissions are provided in the [Table 4.5](#).

Table 4.5: PM_{2.5} emissions in sector Industry

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
2A	0.38	0.16	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16
2B	0.20	0.08	0.15	0.08	0.04	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08
2C	0.63	0.40	0.45	0.21	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
2D, G, H	0.23	0.26	0.24	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25
2 I,J,K,L	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
2 Industry	1.47	0.91	1.02	0.64	0.59	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.60

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2030	2030
2A	0.38	0.16	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15
2B	0.20	0.08	0.15	0.08	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.05
2C	0.63	0.40	0.45	0.21	0.17	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.08
2D, G, H	0.23	0.26	0.24	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25
2 I,J,K,L	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
2 Industry	1.47	0.91	1.02	0.64	0.59	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.53

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

Air Pollutant Emissions from Iron and Steel Production

Industrial processes in Slovakia have long been dominated by traditional sectors including metallurgy, iron and steel production, coke and refined petroleum product manufacturing, chemical production, paper/pulp industries, food processing, mineral product manufacturing, and related activities. This sector also encompasses solvent use and other product applications (e.g., pyrotechnics). SO_x emissions primarily originate from iron and steel production (22% in 2022) and aluminium manufacturing (nearly 15%, with additional contributions from oil refining).

The metal processing industry remains the largest contributor. While PM_{2.5} emissions have shown a declining trend, the IPPU (Industrial Processes and Product Use) sector contributes minimally to these emissions. However, under the WAM (With Additional Measures) scenario, significant reductions in AP (Air Pollutant) emissions – particularly SO_x from fuel refining and CO from coke production – are anticipated through:

- Decommissioning of coke oven batteries
- Cessation of sinter production
- Reduced petroleum processing aligned with transport sector decarbonisation pathways

Air Pollutant Emissions from Mineral Production

The manufacture of cement is a strongly regulated process by legislative limits for pollution. The primary fuel used is usually finely ground coal dust, products based on coal dust (coal, stern pellets) petroleum coke, and pyrolysis. All four cement producers (large point sources) in the Slovak Republic have the approval to utilize alternative fuels (refuse-derived fuel – RDF and used tires, sludge, fly ash, beef and bone meal or similarly categorized fuel waste) and raw materials for energy and resource recovery. The plant provides a yearly report on types and amounts of alternative fuel used.

Cement production is a major contributor to industrial air pollution, releasing particulate matter (PM), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and non-volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs). In Slovakia, this sector is critical for meeting infrastructure demands but requires stringent emission controls to align with EU air quality standards.

Replacement of an existing electrostatic precipitator by a bag textile filter, including reconstruction and modification of the housing and connecting pipes, installation of new internal parts of the filter, compressed air regeneration system and necessary auxiliaries. The bag filter will significantly reduce electricity consumption comparing the electrostatic filter and can achieve the lowest dust particle limits defined by BAT Directive for cement production.

WAM Scenario cuts emissions by 30–35% through alternative fuels (Biomass) and reduction of refinery coke and waste. It concerns mainly NO_x, CO and SO_x. The installation of DECONOX is related to the reduction of organic carbon emissions (TOCs), the reduction of carbon monoxide (CO) emissions and the reduction of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions, which mainly come from alternative raw materials. Installation of the equipment will make it possible to reach the lowest limits defined by the BAT Directive for cement production.

Slovakia's cement industry faces dual challenges: meeting production demands while reducing air pollutants. The WAM scenario provides alternative raw materials (e.g., blast furnace slag) could reduce process emissions by 20% in 2050 with comparison in 2022.

Air Pollutant Emissions from Chemical Production

Chemical production also has a long-term presence in Slovak industry, e.g. production of urea, nitric acid, mineral fertilizers (Duslo, a. s.) and various other chemicals (FORTISCHEM, a. s.). This category is not one of the most significant sources of pollutant emissions.

Nitric acid production consumes approximately 20% of all ammonia produced. The production volume increased in 2022 compared to 2021, despite this, a decrease in N₂O emissions of approximately 16% was recorded, thanks to the use of secondary YARA catalysts. In this category, the WAM scenario does not include any fundamental measures to reduce air pollutants. One of the measures in future projections may be the so-called green hydrogen, which will replace natural gas as a raw material in the production of ammonia and the installation of catalytic systems for the decomposition of N₂O in the production of nitric acid. Both scenarios are quite conservative due to conservative assumptions over almost all sector. Use of BAT technologies in industry represent only significant measure in this sector,

Air Pollutant Emissions from use of Solvents

A significant influence on emissions in this area is the volume of production. HFCs (hydrofluorocarbons) and SF₆ (sulfur hexafluoride) are the fastest-growing emissions in this sector, resulting from industrial demand for these substances in construction, building insulation, electrical engineering, and the automotive industry.

Production volumes critically influence sectoral emissions. HFCs (hydrofluorocarbons) and SF6 (sulfur hexafluoride) represent the fastest-growing emission categories, driven by industrial demand for these substances in:

- Construction (thermal insulation)
- Electrical engineering (switchgear manufacturing)
- Automotive industry (air conditioning systems)

The use of solvents is a significant source of emissions. A wide range of substances is used in both industry and households, which also contain non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC), leading to NMVOC emissions. These include pure organic solvents or various mixtures used in industry, cleaning agents, paints, thinners, adhesives, cosmetics, toiletries, and various household or automotive care products. Emissions from road asphalt application are also included. The versatile use of these substances leads to complex tracking of their flows. Some categories are estimated (particularly emissions from household products) NMVOC emission projections in the IPPU sector arise mainly from the Coating applications, Domestic solvent use and Degreasing. Significant impact have also Food and beverages industry. The trends according to the WEM and WAM scenarios are relatively stable and we expect slightly decreasing in accordance of BAT use.

Air Pollutant Emissions from Other processes

The category is divided into 3 industrial activities: Pulp and paper industry (2H1), Food and beverages industry (2H2) and other industrial processes (2H3). Emissions of PMs and NH₃ have a decreasing trend due to the installation of abatement technologies on the plants during the time series. Emissions of NO_x, NMVOC, SO_x and CO have a substantially increasing trend, but this category does not belong among key categories for the Slovak Republic and both scenarios are based on sectoral value added.

Air Pollutant Emissions from Wood processing

Category wood processing addresses emissions of dust from the processing of wood. This includes the manufacture of plywood, reconstituted wood products and engineered wood products. This source category is only important for particulate emissions PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ and TSP. Emission projections in this category decrease slightly in general for both scenarios.

The following figures display inventory and projection of main pollutants:

Figure 4.1: Historical emissions and projections of NO_x emissions according to WEM and WAM scenario in Industry sector

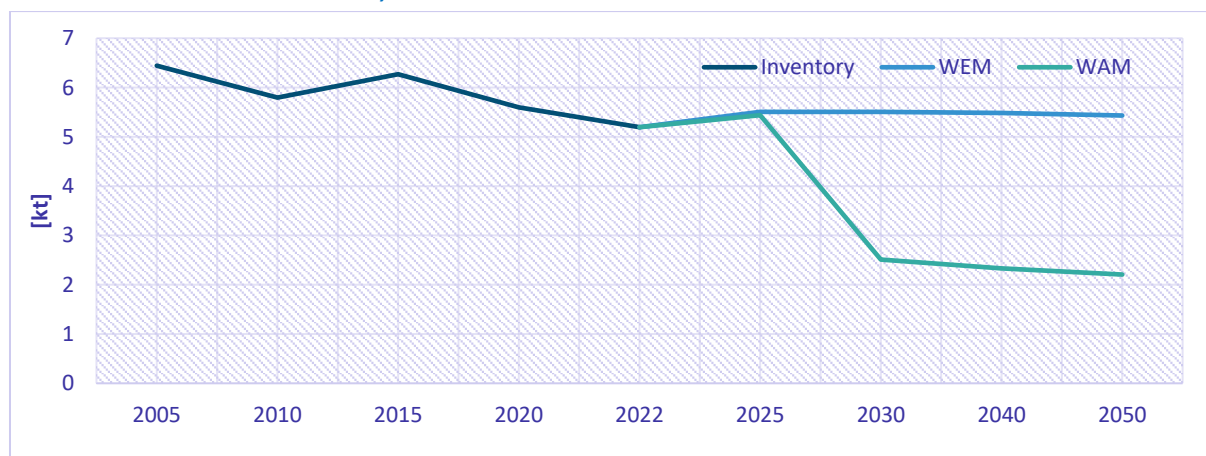


Figure 4.2: Historical emissions and projections of NMVOC emissions according to WEM and WAM scenario in Industry sector

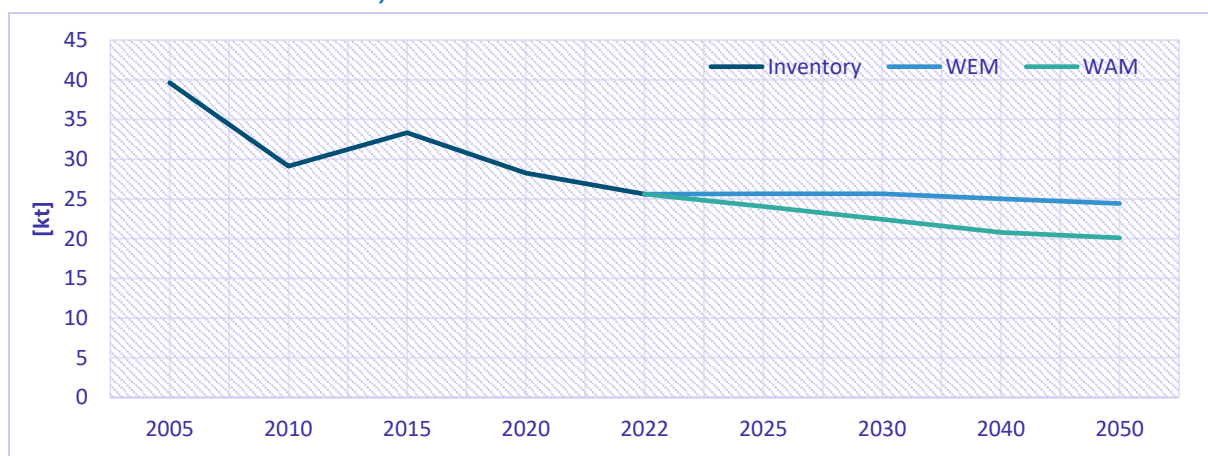


Figure 4.3: Historical emissions and projections of SO_x emissions according to WEM and WAM scenario in Industry sector

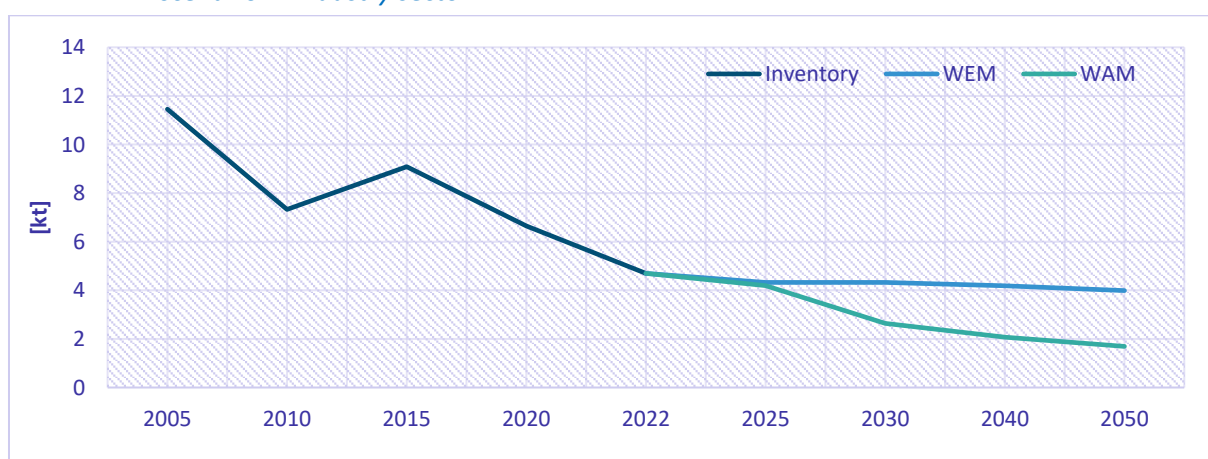


Figure 4.4: Historical emissions and projections of NH₃ emissions according to WEM and WAM scenario in Industry sector

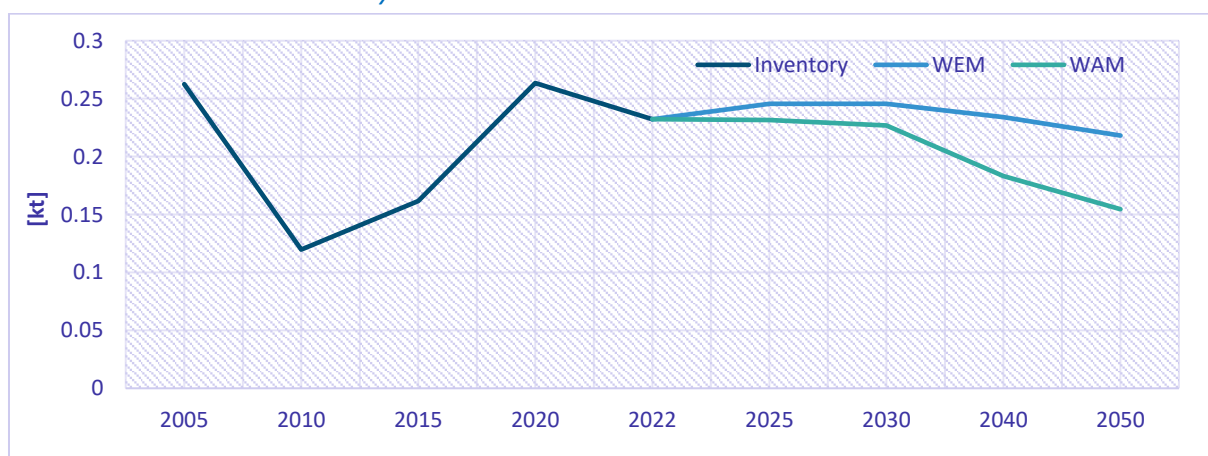
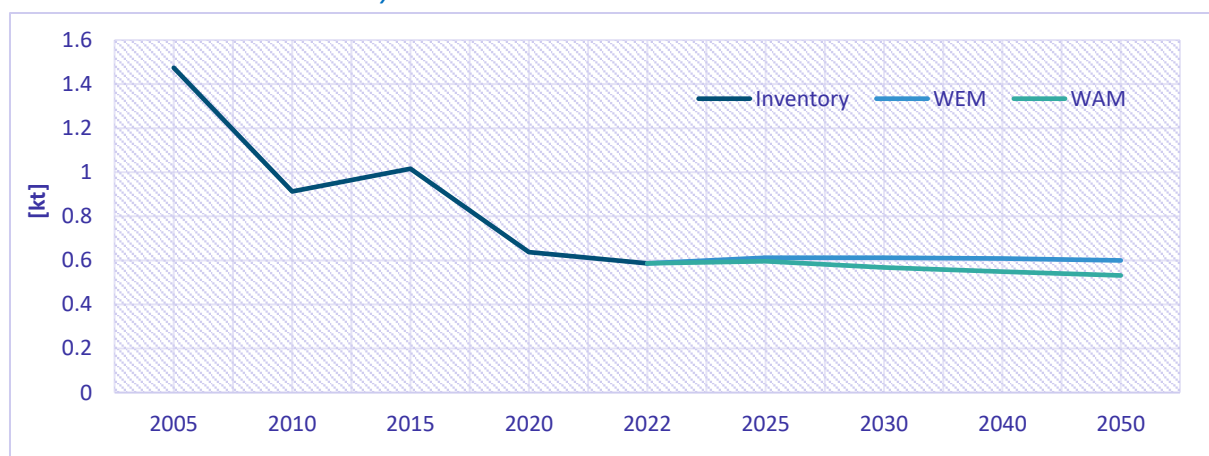


Figure 4.5: Historical emissions and projections of PM_{2.5} emissions according to WEM and WAM scenario in Industry sector



CHAPTER 5. EMISSION PROJECTIONS IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

5.1. Methodologies and Key Assumptions/Trends

Emission calculation: The Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute compiles an annual emissions balance and uses emission factors according to the EMEP/EEA GB₂₀₂₃. During the preparation of projected emissions of ammonia were considered the same input data and policies and measures as in the preparation of projected GHG emissions. Emissions of NO_x and NH₃ from manure storage and application were estimated taking into account the abatements requirements to reduce emissions from livestock farms.

PM_{2.5}, emissions from manure management and agricultural soils were calculated using the default Tier 1 emissions factors for each category of farm animals. PM_{2.5} from 3.D Agricultural soils are calculated with Tier 2 methodology and emission factors for wet climate outlined in EMEP/EEA GB₂₀₂₃. The same emissions factors were used for all years.

NM VOC was estimated by the available parameters time of housing feeding situation – the amount of silage in the ration and gross feed intake. Dairy cattle and non-dairy cattle have been calculated using Tier 2 methodology by EMEP/EEA GB₂₀₂₃. NM VOC emissions from other animal categories were calculated using the Tier 1 methodology and emission factors outlined in the EMEP/EEA GB₂₀₂₃. NM VOC emissions from Agricultural soils were calculated using the Tier 1 methodology and emission factors outlined in EMEP/EEA GB₂₀₂₃.

The NH₃, NO_x emission projections were estimated according to the EMEP/EEA GB₂₀₂₃ Guidebook methodologies, the Slovak Republic did not use the specific model for forecasting emissions. NH₃ and NO_x emission projections were modelled following the Tier 2 approach based on analysing the nitrogen cycle. To prepare the model for agricultural emissions projections, it is necessary to obtain a wide range of input data and parameters along with their historical time series. (Selected activity data is available in Annex of this report according to the NECD recommendation). Emissions projections have been modelled in various areas of the agricultural sector for different pollutants (NH₃, NM VOC, PM, NO_x, TSP).

The revision of projections was done due to new policies and measures with calculated costs for the use of individual measures. The analysis was done in National Food and Agriculture Center and was taken by Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic. Emission projection revision was done in Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute.

Activity data

The available time series of input data have varied lengths (the longest covering the period 1970-2022, the shortest covering the period 2003-2022) and were obtained from various sources (Green Report of the Slovak Republic, Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, situational and outlook reports of NPPC-VÚEPP, Central Control and Testing Institute of Agriculture - ÚKSUP). This chapter was included based of Recommendation number [SK-3B-2019- 0002](#) from National Air Pollution Projection Review.

The input data required for the preparation of projections are as follows:

- Number of cattle in the head (data available by regions for the period 1990-2022, source: Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic - ŠÚ SR)

- Number of pigs in the head (1990-2022, ŠÚ SR, data available by regions)
- Number of sheep in the head (1990-2022, ŠÚ SR, data available by regions)
- Number of poultry in the head (1990-2022, ŠÚ SR, data available by regions)
- Number of goats in the head (1990-2022, ŠÚ SR, data available by regions)
- Number of horses in the head (1990-2022, ŠÚ SR, data available by regions)
- Milk yield per cow - average annual milk yield per dairy cow in kilograms (1990-2019, ŠÚ SR, data available by regions)
- Milk yield per ewe - average annual milk yield per dairy ewe in kilograms (1990-2019, ŠÚ SR, data available by regions)
- Consumption of nitrogen fertilizers in tons (1990-2022, sources: IFASTAT and ÚKSUP), data available for Slovakia by types

The input data for the given time period were subsequently processed for use in preparing projections of parameters in Slovak agriculture for 2022-2040. The exponential smoothing model SAS 9.3 was modelled at the Research Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics in Bratislava (NPPC-VÚEPP). Subsequently, projections of input parameters such as livestock populations and quantities of applied organic and mineral fertilizers were calculated until 2040-2050 at the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute (SHMÚ) using the exponential smoothing function in MS Excel's forecasting tool, Projections. The principle of exponential smoothing is an adaptive method for forecasting time series, which means that the values of parameters in the model change over time. The forecast is based on smoothing weights that assign different importance to individual observations. The most recent observations have the highest weight, exponentially decreasing to the past. The values of the weights are optimized by the statistical software itself.

Slovakia still uses the Grade 1 method in the 2023 submission due to the unavailability of public policies and strategies. In terms of data revision, SHMÚ conducted a review of livestock numbers and fertilizer consumption using exponential smoothing. The results underwent a thorough review process involving relevant ministries (Ministry of Environment of SR, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of SR), research institutes (National Agriculture and Food System, Institute of Environmental Policy), and other entities such as breeding unions and NGOs. Information was included based of Recommendation number [**SK-3B-2021- 0002**](#).

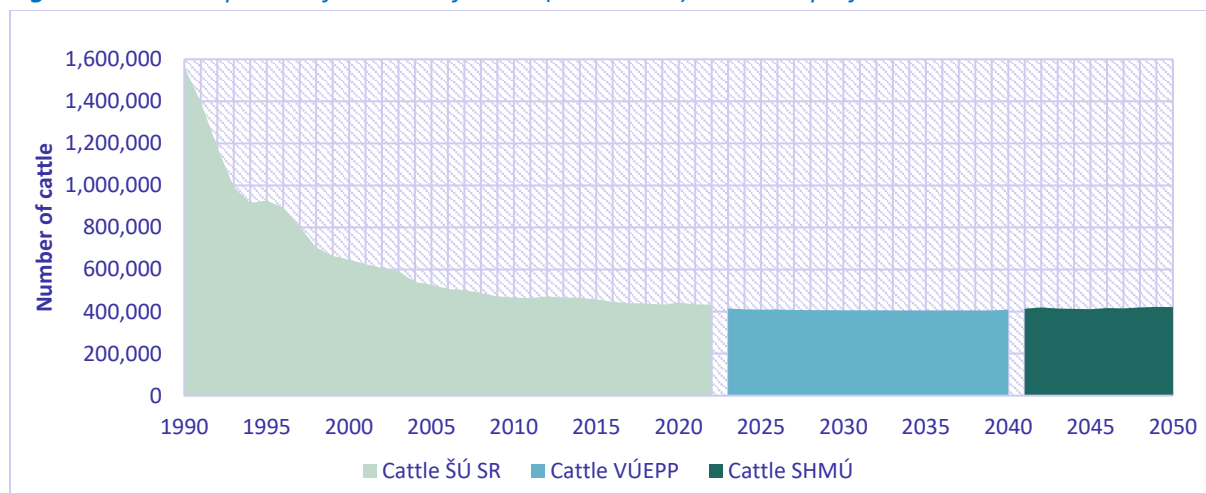
The input from breeding unions provided a more accurate view of the development of livestock numbers in Slovakia. Furthermore, it is mentioned that future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) measures are expected to impact increasing the mentioned livestock species, particularly through increased grazing breeding. Additionally, the consumption of inorganic fertilizers was modified based on planned European Farm to Fork Strategies and national measures to reduce urea use

Number of cattle

Due to the transformation of the Slovak Republic into a market economy, there was a significant decline in the cattle population compared to the base year of 1990, especially in the first four years. The population dropped to approximately 993 000 head in 1993, and although at a slower pace, this downward trend continued in the following years. By 2004 (Slovakia's accession to the EU), the cattle population was already only about one-third of the 1990 level, reaching 540 000 head. Thanks to higher subsidies under the EU Common Agricultural Policy, this decline was mitigated, and in 2020, Slovakia recorded 433 175 head of cattle, representing a decrease of approximately 72% compared to 1990.

According to an analysis that was conducted, the cattle population, especially the meat breeds predominantly raised on pasture, is expected to increase. Given the current state of the cattle population, the dairy cattle population is likely to decline while the meat cattle population is projected to increase to around 420 768 head by 2050.

Figure 5.1: Development of number of cattle (1990-2023) and their projections until 2050

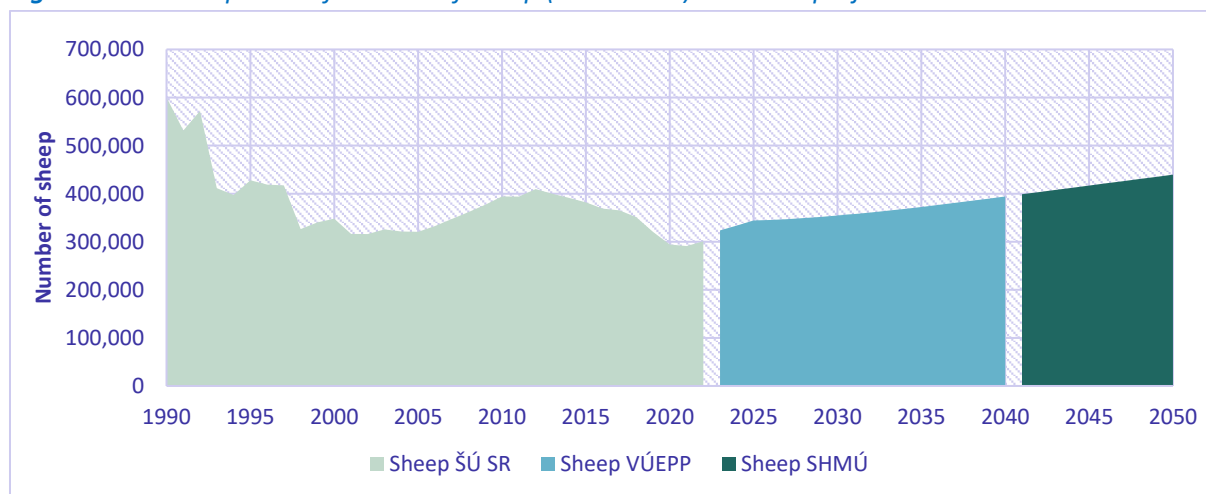


Number of sheep

Slovakia had the highest number of sheep in the 1990s, as the centrally planned economy system was coming to end, with the population reaching approximately double the current level ([Figure 5.2](#)). However, their development exhibited a cyclical pattern. After a decline from 698 000 head in 1970 to 541 000 head in 1976, there was a gradual increase to nearly 600 000 head in 1990, followed by another decline to around 400 000 head in 2001 and 2002. After reaching this minimum, the sheep population in Slovakia began to stabilize, reaching almost 410 000 head in 2012. In recent years, there has been a decline to less than 301 131 head in 2022, which is just over half of the population at the beginning of the observation period.

Sheep farming in Slovakia has a tradition mainly due to favourable conditions and an abundance of pastures. The model predicts an increase in the sheep population, expecting 439 518 head in Slovakia by 2050.

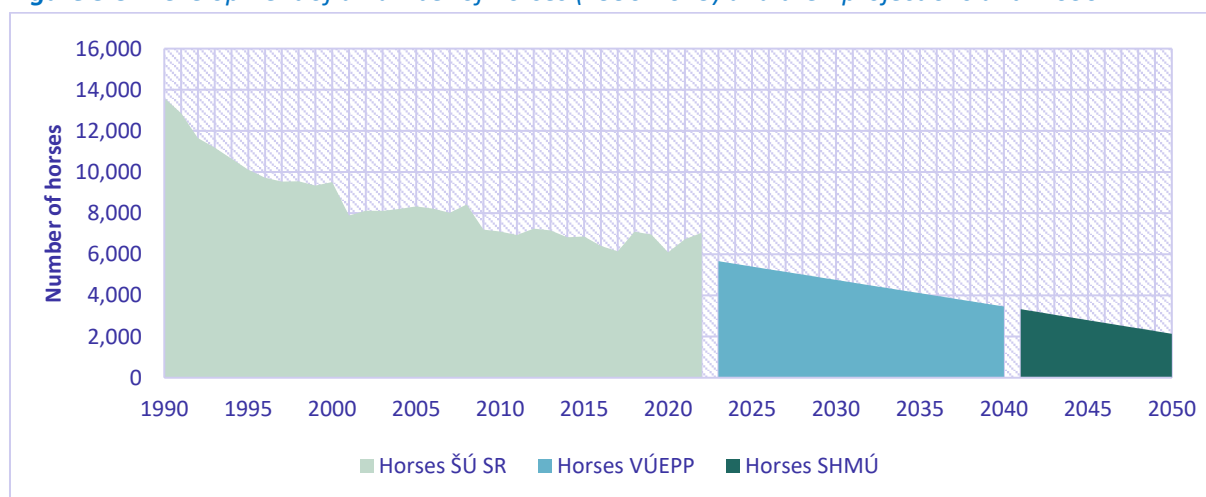
Figure 5.2: Development of number of sheep (1990-2023) and their projections until 2050



Number of horses

The highest number of horses in Slovakia was recorded in 1990 (13 595 head). Throughout the observed period, it is evident that the horse population has generally had a declining trend. This downward trend can be attributed to the transformation of the agricultural sector after 1990 and the transition to a market mechanism. The decline represents approximately two-thirds compared to the level at the beginning of the observation period (1990). The declining trend during the observed period (**Figure 5.3**) also had an impact on the analysis of projections until 2050, which indicates that the horse population in Slovakia is expected to continue to decline. By 2050, the projected number of horses in Slovakia is only 2 132 head (-84%).

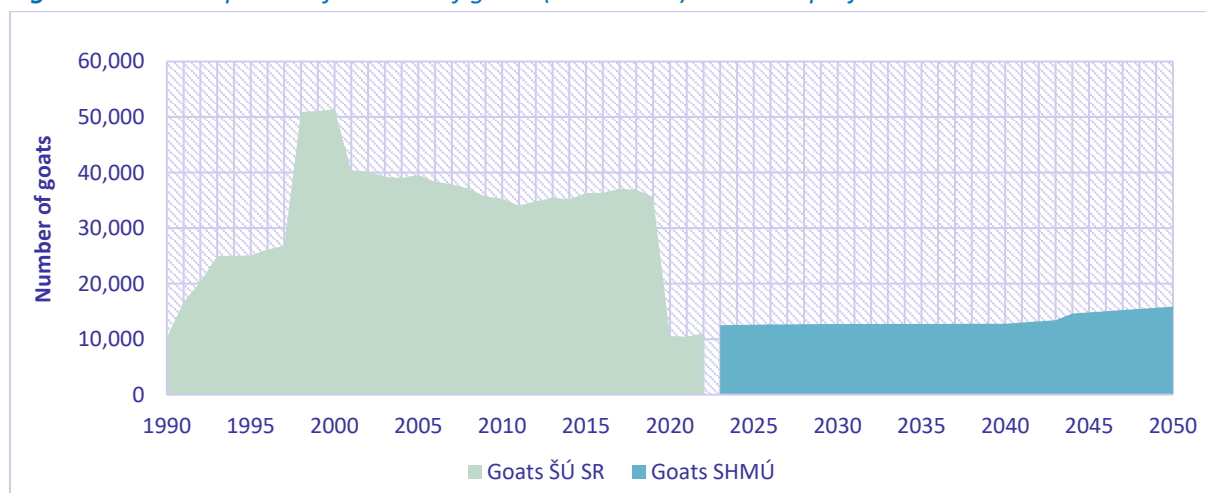
Figure 5.3: Development of a number of horses (1990-2023) and their projections until 2050



Number of goats

The data for goat populations in Slovakia is available from 2000 onwards, with extrapolated data for the period from 1990 to 2000 based on ŠÚ SR records. The number of goats decreased by more than a fifth in 2001 compared to the previous year (from 51.4 thousand to 40.4 thousand head) (**Figure 5.4**). Following this sharp decline, there was a gradual decrease in the goat population throughout the next decade, stabilizing at just over 34 thousand head in 2011. In 2020, the goat population further decreased to 11 thousand head. This decline continued in 2021 (10 thousand head) and was caused by the poor economic situation among breeders. Compared to 1990, this represents an increase of 3%. Based on the annual fluctuations in population, the model predicts a gradual increase in the goat population in Slovakia in the future, albeit at a slower pace. From the level of 11.008 thousand head in 2022, the goat population is projected to reach approximately 15.9 thousand head by 2050. The increase in population will also be supported by financial subsidies for pastoral farming methods from the upcoming EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for the years 2023-2027.

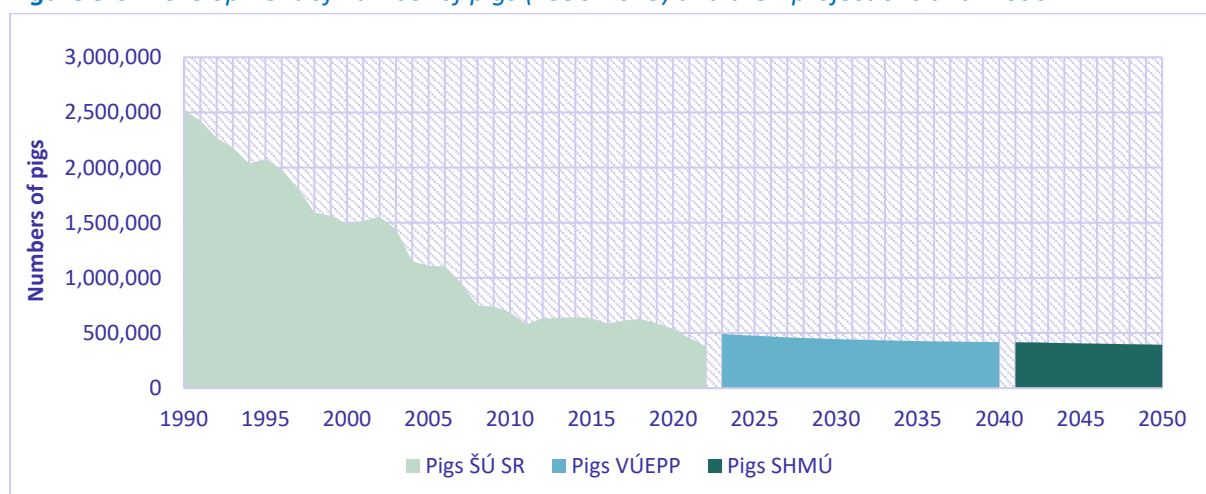
Figure 5.4: Development of number of goats (1990-2023) and their projections until 2050



Number of pigs

Similarly to the stocks of cattle and sheep, we can observe high numbers of pigs in the 1990s ([Figure 5.5](#)). In 1990, there were 2.52 million pigs registered in Slovakia, reaching the maximum level. Since 1991, during the transformation to a market economy, there has been a continuous decline in the pig population from the level of 2.43 million pigs, which continued even after the country's accession to the EU (1.15 million pigs in 2004), until reaching the lowest point in 2016 (586 000 pigs), representing a decrease of almost 76% compared to 1990. Only in recent years, in 2017 and 2018, we can observe a slight increase in the pig population, with 627 000 pigs recorded in Slovakia in 2018. In 2019, a decline in pig numbers was recorded. The reasons for this decline are of an economic nature. Based on the results of the modelling, a decrease in pig numbers can be expected from the level of 492 000 pigs in 2022 to approximately 393 000 pigs in 2050.

Figure 5.6: Development of number of pigs (1990-2023) and their projections until 2050

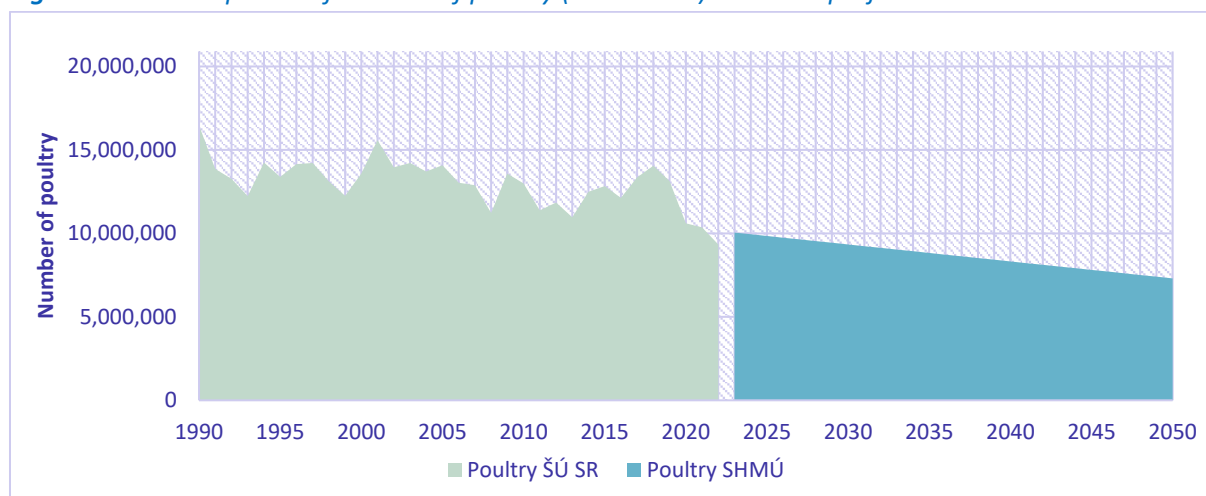


Number of poultry

A relatively dynamic trend can be observed in the poultry stocks ([Figure 5.7](#)). In the period leading up to 1990, poultry numbers remained at around 16.3-16.6 million birds, but in the following three years, they decreased by approximately a quarter (to 12.2 million birds in 1993). This was followed by a period of frequent fluctuations in poultry stocks in Slovakia, with the peak level after 1990 reached in 2001 (15.6 million birds) and the lowest point recorded in 2019 (less than 11 million birds). In 2020, the

poultry population was at the level of 10.6 million birds, which is roughly 36% compared to the beginning of the analysed period. The results of projection modelling suggest that poultry numbers will decrease to approximately 8.3 million birds by 2040 and to less than 7.3 million birds by 2050.

Figure 5.7: Development of number of poultry (1990-2022) and their projections until 2050

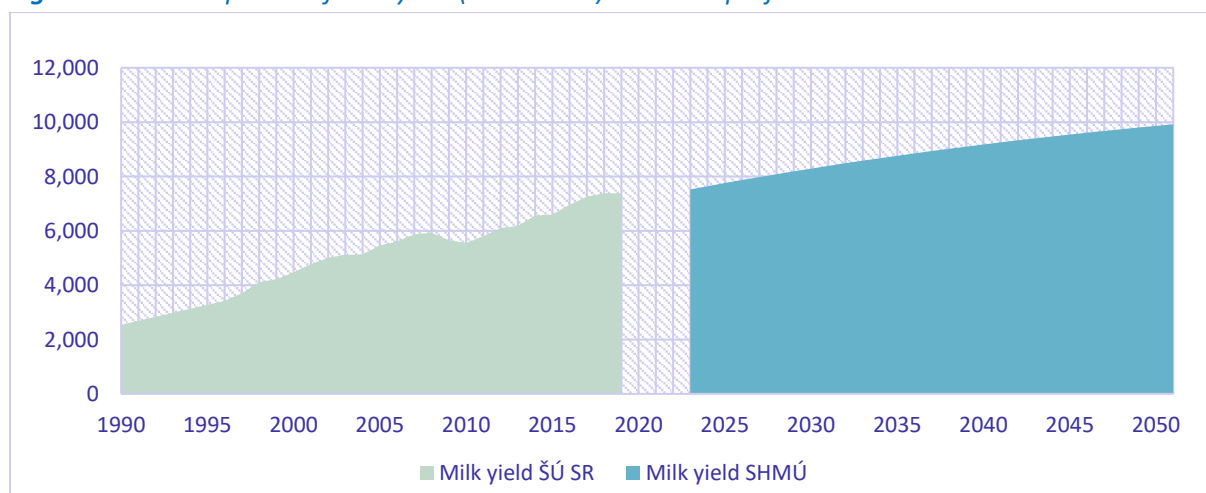


Milk yield of cows

This parameter was forecasted at the regional level. The model results indicate a growing trend in milk production per cow, which is expected to continue in the coming years. The average value could increase from 8 362 liters per cow in 2022 to nearly 9 919 liters per cow in 2050. [Figure 5.8](#) illustrates the trend of average milking yield for the entire Slovak Republic.

The increase in milking yield until 2050 will depend on several factors, primarily the composition of the cattle population in Slovakia in terms of the prevalence of meat or dairy breeds. Nutrition is also a crucial factor in increasing milking yield. Modernizing and improving housing conditions also play a significant role in enhancing cow productivity.

Figure 5.8: Development of milk yield (1990-2022) and their projections until 2050



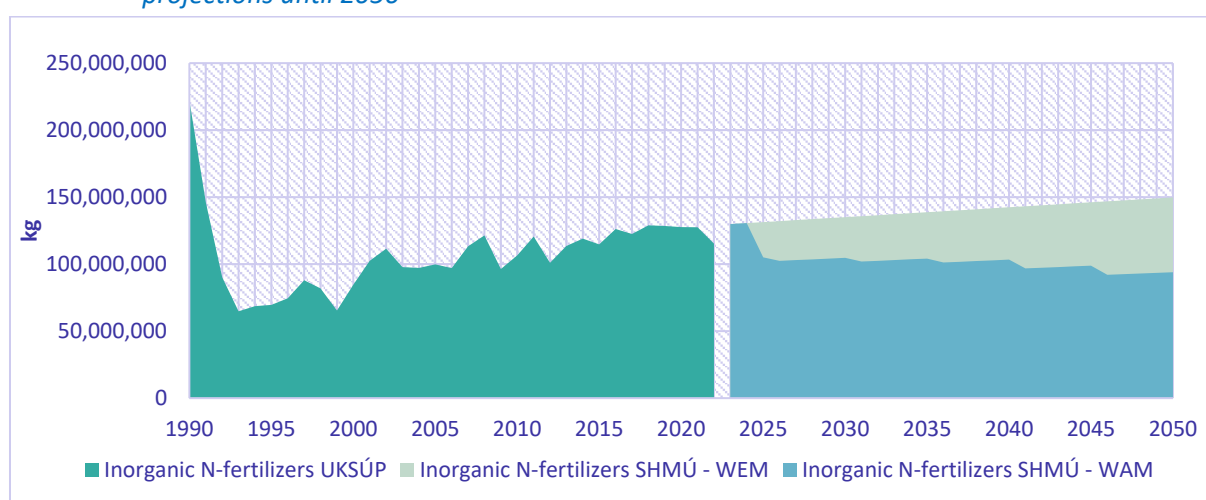
Consumption of Inorganic nitrogen fertilizers

Data on the consumption of inorganic nitrogen fertilizers were available in the database of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic (ŠÚ SR) from 1990 to 2020. The consumption of nitrogen fertilizers in the first year of observation was 69.6 thousand tons of pure nitrogen nutrients,

characterized by alternating periods of growth and decline with a slight upward trend (*Figure 5.9*). The minimum consumption of nitrogen fertilizers, 65.4 thousand tons, was recorded in Slovakia in 1999. Particularly in the recent years of the observed period, this indicator was significantly above average and reached its maximum level in 2022 at 115 thousand tons, representing an increase of almost 59% compared to 2005. In comparison to 1990, their consumption decreased by 42%.

It is expected that the consumption of nitrogen fertilizers will continue to increase until 2023, stabilizing at a level of approximately 149 thousand tons. In the WAM scenario, the consumption of fertilizers is projected to decline after 2024 to a level similar to that of 2001, at approximately 105 thousand tons. Subsequently, by 2050, fertilizer consumption is expected to decrease to 93.9 thousand tons of pure nitrogen applied to the soil. Information was included based of Recommendations number *SK-3D-2023- 0001* and *SK-3D-2019- 0001*.

Figure 5.9: Development of Inorganic N-fertilizers consumption (with urea) (1990 - 2022) and their projections until 2050



5.2. Model Description

The principle of exponential smoothing is based on adaptive methods for time series parameters projections; the projections of parameters made according to exponential smoothing. Exponential smoothing is the weighted average of the past data, with the recent data points given more weight than earlier data points. The weights decay exponentially towards the earlier data points (NPPC, 2017).

The whole model of calculating emissions from livestock breeding is based on regional differences, which means that the input parameters and stocks of animals had to be re-modelled at the level of smaller territorial units - regions. Projections of the number of livestock, which were delivered to NPPC-VÚEPP only at the level of the Slovak summary, were distributed by the SHMÚ to the regional level and only after this re-division were they implemented into the calculations of emission projections.

At the time of preparation of projections of emissions from agriculture, there was no national strategic document, except for a case study prepared by the NPPC-VÚEPP, which would model the development of livestock numbers and consumption of fertilizers in the Slovak Republic.

The algorithm in the system Python was developed, which is an automated version of the N-Tool, developed following the methodology EMEP/EEA GB₂₀₂₃.

The calculation model is based on regional differences, which means the input parameters and number of livestock was modelled on a regional (district) level. After, this redistribution was implemented to calculate emission projections.

Measures in compound feed (CF) composition: The measures in the CP composition concerned the addition of additives reducing NH_3 emissions. In order to determine the costs for their application, it was necessary to establish the consumption of the CP and their price in relation to the livestock species (LFA) and their categories cited above. To determine the consumption of CP we used the manuals Nutrient requirements for pigs, Nutrient requirements and nutritional value of feed for poultry, as well as data from livestock associations (Pig Breeders Association, Union of Poultry Breeders, Association of Meat Cattle Breeders, Slovak Holstein Association...) and farmers (Hyza, Branko...). We determined the consumption of CP per animal (of a given species and category) and per day. We then converted it to all animals of a given species and category per day and multiplied by 365 to obtain the consumption of CP for each category of a given species per year. We then obtained the price of CF for the species and category (€/t and €/q of feed, respectively) through compound feed manufacturers and farmers. We multiplied the consumption of CF of a given species and category by the price of CF attributable to that species and category. Thus, we obtained the total price of CF of each category of the species. By summing them, we determined the resulting price of CP for the species. We repeated the above for all the species quoted above. We increased the final price of CP by 2% (feed manufacturers', farmers' data), which covers the cost of adding additives to the CP to reduce NH_3 emissions. However, the final price of CF had to be increased by a further 8 % (feed manufacturers' figure), which covers the cost of feed treatment (heat treatment, granulation...), bagging and transport. The resulting price of CF was thus increased by 10 %, which quantifies the total cost of reducing NH_3 emissions when using the addition of additives to the CF, its treatment, bagging and transport.

In the case of additives - synthetic essential amino acids (SAMA), which also reduce NH_3 emissions, it is possible for monogastric animals (pigs, poultry) to incorporate them into the CP or premixes as standard, i.e. they are 100% available to all farmers, and therefore the applicability in livestock farms has been kept at 100%.

Manure and slurry storage measures: For manure and slurry storage, we have chosen only one measure to reduce NH_3 emissions, namely covering the manure and slurry stores with a plastic sheet. This can be made of plastic, tent canvas or any other suitable material. This measure best met the requirements of BAT techniques as it reduced NH_3 emissions by 60 %, the cost per kg of emission reduction per year was 1.3€, i.e. it did not require a large financial investment compared to converting storage lagoons to high tanks or building hard covers over existing tanks.

The calculation of the investment for the measure was based on the cost per kg of NH_3 /year reduction, which we obtained from the Code of Good Agricultural Practice for the reduction of ammonia emissions from livestock farming and land application of fertilisers, and the amount of NH_3 emitted from storage for the livestock species quoted above. To determine the amount of NH_3 emitted from storage for the given livestock species and their categories, we used the ammonia emission inventory for the year 2022, where the emission factor for storage was input into the calculation of the amount of NH_3 emitted, which was calculated from the amount of excreted nitrogen (Nex, expressed in kg/animal/year) calculated in the calculation of N_2O emissions (a very accurate TIER 2 procedure using the new methodology of the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for

National Greenhouse Gas Inventories). In addition to the amount of nitrogen excreted and the contribution of this amount to ammonia emissions, the volatilization of manure, slurry in storage also entered into the calculation of NH_3 emissions from storage. The amount of ammonia emitted from storage was expressed per animal (species and category) and year, i.e. as an emission factor (EF). From the EF of all categories of a given species, the NH_3 emissions from storage were calculated by multiplying the EF of a given category by the number of animals of that category to determine the ammonia emissions from storage from all categories of a given species. We then calculated the amount of reduction in NH_3 emissions from storage for each category of a given species, by the % reduction in the amount of emissions by the measure used. We further adjusted the amount of ammonia emission reduction from storage after the measure for the % of its applicability to farmers. Finally, we multiplied the amount of reduction in NH_3 emissions from storage by the cost per kg of its reduction per year to determine the cost of reducing its emissions after application of the measure in a given percentage of farms within each category of a given species. By summing the costs for each category of a given species, we determined the cost of reducing NH_3 after the measure and its application for that species.

Measures for manure and slurry application: The calculation was based on manure production management, where the amount of manure and slurry entered into the application. For manure, we chose one measure to reduce emissions from the application, namely incorporation within 4 hours after application, with a maximum ammonia emission reduction efficiency of 65% and a reduction cost per kg NH_3 /year of 1.5 euro. For slurry, we used 3 measures to reduce NH_3 emissions, namely band application with a trailing hose with a foot with a max efficiency of 60% and a cost of 1.5 euro/kg NH_3 /year, subsurface application with an open slot with an efficiency of 70% and a cost of 1.5 euro/kg NH_3 /year, and incorporation of surface-applied slurry within 4 hours with a max efficiency of 65% and a cost of 1.0 euro/kg NH_3 /year. The above measures were applied in cattle and pig farming. In poultry farming only 1 measure was used, namely incorporation of manure within 4 hours after application, as in this case it was always only manure application and not slurry application. In selecting the measures, we again used the BAT system and selected measures that are highly effective, available and feasible at a 'reasonable' financial cost.

To calculate costs, we used the Code of Good Agricultural Practice for reducing ammonia emissions from livestock and fertilizer land application and the NH_3 emission inventory for 2022. The application EFs (amount of emissions per animal and year) were entered into the application emission calculation. For their calculation, Nex (from the calculation of N_2O emissions by the TIER 2 procedure of the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories), the ammonia fraction of this amount, and the volatilization of manure, slurry at application were used. Subsequently, from the EF of the application of each category of a given species, the NH_3 emissions from the application were determined by multiplying the EF of a given category by the number of animals of that category. We then used the % reduction in NH_3 emissions after application of the measure to obtain the amount of emissions after application of the measure for all categories of a given species. Next, we used the % application of the measure to farmers to calculate the % application of the measure to farmers, thus obtaining the amount of emissions from each category of a given species after application of the measure and application to farmers. We further multiplied the amount of reduction by the cost per kg of NH_3 reduction per year to obtain the total cost of reduction for all categories of a given species.

Table 5.1: SWOT analysis of the Agri-model

Strengths	Opportunities
Compatibility with emission model for emission inventories Detailed data break down National database used is compatible with EU data	Incorporate to the model new technologies Versatile use of time-series
Treats	Weakness
Easy data entry Basic software is free	Disconnected from macroeconomic models Too much pre-calculations needed Missing measurable indicators in national policies and strategies Data consistencies in the projection estimation process

Most implemented measures have a measurable effect on the emission inventory. List of policies and measures taken into account in emissions by individual scenarios and their effect (antagonistic, synergic). The limiting factor during the preparation of projections was the lack of details of the measures and their implementation plans within the Agriculture sector. Lack of information makes it difficult to implement and evaluate their impact. For this reason, an expert estimate of selected parameters was used during the preparation of the projections or European goals were used. It is therefore necessary to supplement the further specification of measures in the future for a more correct setting of models:

- Mechanism of implementation.
- Supporting resources requirements.
- Monitoring of implemented measures at the farm level, respectively business entity.

5.3. Scenarios, Parameters and PAMs

A review of actual and planned policies and measures was done. The forthcoming EU food strategy aims to reduce the use of pesticides, fertilizers and antibiotics in agriculture. By 2030, the consumption of hazardous pesticides should be reduced by 50% and the consumption of inorganic fertilizers should decrease by 20%. Targets were set for the entire European Union, the Slovak Republic has not set binding reduction resulting from the [Farm to Fork strategy](#).

The [Low Carbon Strategy of the Slovak Republic](#) aims to identify measures, including achieving climate neutrality in the Slovak Republic in 2050 and achieving a 55% emission reduction in 2030 compared to 1990. This ambitious goal was formally defined in the last stage of the Low Carbon Strategy. Other less ambitious emission reduction scenarios were analysed in detail.

In preparing projections, measures were selected and analysed to detectable impact on the estimated emissions and their quantified impact on the greenhouse gas inventory and inventory of pollutants as possible. All other measures proposed in the Low Carbon Strategy are not implemented in the projections due to a lack of measurable effect on inventory but have an impact on the whole concerning the environment.

Based on the qualification of the probable impact of mitigation measures on emission inventories, we distinguish:

1. Measures having an identifiable impact on emissions. This impact can be specifically attributed to the implementation of mitigation measures. They are measurable and effective, this type of measure has been used in the preparation of emission projections.
2. Measures that have an impact on emissions are reported in inventories, but this impact cannot be specifically attributed to a specific mitigation measure. This includes measures that are difficult to measure and often have different synergistic or antagonistic effects.
3. Measures whose impact on emissions reported in inventories is possible because emission reductions are visible. The effect of these measures depends on other factors.
4. Measures that do not have a direct impact on emissions but which may have a positive impact on farmers' behaviour or the environment in the sector.

In the context of this document were prepared two scenarios:

The **WEM** scenario is a measures scenario that includes projections of anthropogenic emissions from agricultural sources, taking into account the effects of policies and measures adopted by the end of 2022. The measures considered in the **WEM** scenario prevent NH₃ emissions by storing manure and manure more efficiently by isolating them from the environment. This measure can be found in several strategic documents, especially in the Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic no. 248/2023 Coll., which implements certain provisions of the Air Act. The implementation of this measure has an impact on NH₃ and NO_x from category 3B Manure and slurry management.

The **WEM** scenario takes into account the estimated consumption trend of nitrogenous organic and inorganic fertilizers based on exponential equalization by analysing previous emission trends. The **WEM** scenario has an increasing trend of nitrogen oxide emission projections, mainly due to Slovakia's expected continued revival of crop production. After 2020, the consumption of inorganic fertilizers is expected to increase by 50% compared to 2005. We assume that the consumption of inorganic fertilizers will increase, which will be necessary to compensate for the lack of organic nitrogen due to the decrease in the number of farm animals until 2050. The increase will be caused mainly by the growth in the number of grazing animals (meat species of cattle, sheep and goats). The increase in emissions projections in the **WEM** scenario is also visible in the category of applied other organic waste, namely compost and digestate. The amount of applied matter from cultivated plants to the soil will also increase.

The measure, taken from the Farm to Fork strategy, is to limit the use of pesticides, fertilizers and antibiotics in agriculture. This strategy was developed in synergy with the [European Green Deal](#), which set itself the goal of reducing the environmental and climate footprint of the European food system. Within the **WAM** scenario, a target of reducing nitrogen fertilizer consumption by 20% by 2030 was implemented. The **WAM** scenario is a scenario with additional measures containing projections of emissions from agricultural sources, which include the effects of policies and measures adopted and implemented after 2020. The **WAM** scenario was modelled on strategic documents prepared by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic. A transition period was implemented in the emission

projections, which aligns with the transition period for limiting urea (2020-2025) – [Table 5.3](#). It is likely that the Slovak Republic will negotiate its own percentage reduction in fertilizer consumption and will claim a transitional period that will be legislated at the national level. After the legislative process, it will be necessary to adjust the emission projections in accordance with the future valid state strategy. Even though planned mitigation measures have been implemented, emissions are projected to increase by 2030 and 2050, creating pressure for much more ambitious measures. The urea reduction had a gradual trend, shown in the [Table 5.3](#). Limiting urea also affects CO₂ emissions from agriculture and especially on NH₃ emissions.

The **WAM** scenario includes mitigation measures that have a synergistic effect. The measure adopted from NUS SR recommends a legislative restriction on the application of urea-based nitrogen fertilizers. The implementation of this measure has an impact on the reduction of ammonia emissions, mainly due to the high volatility of ammonia from urea fertilizers. By limiting the consumption of urea, nitrogen oxide emissions will also be prevented based on the reduction of the total consumption of inorganic fertilizers in the resulting sum of consumption. The information on the validity of the legislation was unavailable. Therefore, an expert judgement was used.

The potential for reducing ammonia emission, NMVOC emissions in agriculture is mainly related to the efficiency of manure management, in particular the handling and storage of manure and slurry and their application to the soil in a low-emission manner. Some measures are included in [Decree No. 248/2023 Coll. of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic](#) and are also valid for farms classified under [Act No. 39/2013 Coll.](#) on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control. Mitigation measures included in the current legislation have been included in the WEM scenario. Currently, a revision of the Decree of the MŽP SR No. 248/2023 Coll. is underway, as well as an amendment to the Air [Act No. 146/2023 Coll.](#), in order to introduce the obligation to comply with the principles of Good Agricultural Practice. Measures to reduce ammonia (NH₃) emissions from livestock farming were applied to the key sources of these emissions, namely cattle, pig, and poultry farms. In selecting the measures, the "BAT" (Best Available Techniques) approach was followed, meaning that the most effective, accessible, and economically feasible options were used. The measures themselves were categorized into three groups: those related to the composition of feed mixtures, and those concerning the storage and application of manure and slurry. Financial capital of €29 440 465 (Pigs 7 392 790, Cattle 6 678 726, Poultry 15 368 949) is needed to implement measures to reduce ammonia emissions from livestock, which are the key producers. The measures consist of the addition of additives (reducing ammonia emissions) to the feed mixtures, covering the manure stores with plastic sheeting, ploughing in the manure and incorporating the manure within 4 hours of application, band application of the manure by means of a trailing hose with a foot and subsurface application of the manure in the form of an open slit.

The WAM scenario also contains measures of increased processing of animal waste in biogas plants to produce biogas, which can be used as a local energy source. This measure included in the Low Carbon Strategy of the Slovak Republic does not contain details such as animal species, percentages of recovered waste and others that would provide measurable indicators potentially usable in the calculation of emission projections. As part of the preparation of emission projections, this information was additionally expertly estimated. For this analysis, it was considered that 10% of organic manure from cattle and 23.2% of organic manure from pigs would be recovered in biogas plants. Cattle and

pigs are key categories of animals with the highest emission recovery potential, the potentials were chosen as expert judgement. Biogas from stations is a promising source of renewable electricity and heat, which can be used at the local level. Information was included based of Recommendation number [SK-3B-2019- 0002](#)

Table 5.2: Efficiency of used abatements

Abatement efficiency of measures	Reduction potential	References
Storage of Manure or Slurries		
Fixed hatch or roof	80%	<u>Code Good Agricultural Practice*</u>
Covering the surface of the tank with straw	40%	
Covering the surface of the tanks with foil	60%	
Slurry/liquid with natural crust cover	40%	
Application of manure Or Slurries		
Furrow injection	40%	<u>Code Good Agricultural Practice*</u>
Deep injection	90%	
Incorporation within 12 hours	50%	
Incorporation within 24 hours	30%	
Incorporation within 4 hours	65%	

*In Slovak

The **WAM** scenario contains measures that are in synergy and can be implemented in the calculation model. This is the use of amino acids in the ration reducing the nitrogen excretion of animals, it was implemented in the model through a more precise optimization of nitrogen substances in the ration. The measure was used in the estimation of nitrogen excretion per 1 animal per year in cattle. Based on the [meta-analysis](#), the estimate of the mitigation potential compared to the reference value was in the range of $17 \pm 6\%$ N_{EX}.

Emissions of NH₃ from manure and manure storage in the WAM scenario were modelled by taking into account the measure of introducing requirements to reduce emissions from livestock farms.

Another implemented measure, which has an impact on NH₃ and NO_x emissions in category 3.B Manure and manure management, was the use of manure as a feedstock into biogas plants. The impact on reducing emissions in two main ways - reducing carbon emissions from fossil fuels through the production of energy sources and reducing direct emissions of methane and nitrous oxide from manure and sludge storage. Although anaerobic digestion does produce methane, it is captured and used in energy production, which has a positive impact on increasing the share of energy from renewable sources.

Emissions of NH₃ and NO_x from the application of inorganic nitrogen fertilizers (category 3.D Agricultural soils) were modelled in the **WAM** scenario based on a measure implemented from the Low Carbon Strategy of the Slovak Republic. This measure recommends the transition or legislative restriction on the application of nitrogen fertilizers to urea bases. This measure's implementation impacts the reduction of NH₃ and NO_x emissions, mainly due to the high volatility of ammonia from urea fertilizers. At the same time, limiting urea consumption will prevent carbon dioxide emissions. Nitrous oxide emissions are limited based on reducing the total consumption of inorganic fertilizers in the resulting consumption summary.

The last implemented measure was taken from the European Green Deal and mentioned in the Farm to Fork strategy. This measure recommended a 20% reduction in inorganic fertilizers consumption by 2030. This measure has an impact on NH₃ and NO_x.

The implemented measure taken from the Low Carbon Strategy recommends the transition or legislative restriction on the application of urea-based nitrogen fertilizers. The implementation of this measure has an impact on the reduction of ammonia emissions, mainly due to the high volatility of ammonia from urea fertilizers. Limiting the consumption of urea also avoids NO_x emissions by reducing the total consumption of inorganic fertilizers in the resulting consumption summary. The information on the validity of the legislation was unavailable. Therefore, an expert judgement was used. The reduction of urea had a gradual course, which is shown in [Table 5.3](#).

Table 5.3: Limitation of urea consumption from 2025 to 2050 according to the WAM scenario

YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION	PERCENT OF UREA CONSUMPTION REDUCTION
2020-2025	The transition period, time to implement legislation
2026-2030	10 %
2031-2035	20 %
2036-2040	30 %
2041-2045	50 %
2046-2050	70 %

The list of policies and measures that have been taken into account in the emission projections according to the individual scenarios and their effect is given in [Table 5.4](#).

Table 5.4: List of implemented policies and measures into projections according to the scenarios

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT LEGISLATION	SCENARIO	GAS / CATEGORY	MEASURE	EFFECT OF THE MEASURE
Code of good agricultural practice National Air Pollution Control Programme Low carbon strategy Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 248/2023 Coll.	WEM	NH ₃ , NMVOC - 3.B Manure management	Efficient storage of animal waste, specifically storage of liquids in isolated tanks from the environment or in tanks with access to oxygen and storage of manure in plastic bags without or with minimal addition of water	synergistic
Code of good agricultural practice	WAM	NH ₃ , NMVOC – Manure management	Application of amino acids into feeding doses	synergistic
Low carbon strategy	WAM	NH ₃ - storage of manure and manure	Effectively process animal waste and use biogas, especially as a local energy source	synergistic
	WAM	NH ₃ , NO _x - agricultural land	Intensification of the use of nitrogen fertilizers with stabilized nitrogen at the expense of the use of urea	synergistic
Farm to fork strategy	WAM	NH ₃ , NO _x , HCB agricultural land	Reduction of inorganic nitrogen fertilizers by 20 % compared to 2030	synergistic

5.4. Emission Projections in the Agriculture Sector

NMVOC emissions

NMVOC emission projections were prepared using the WEM and WAM scenarios. The emission projections decreased mainly due to a decrease in the projected number of livestock and intensive feeding with active substances in dairy cattle, sheep and swine categories. Projection by the WEM scenario followed the Ordinance of the Government of the Slovak Republic No. 248/2023 Coll.

Figure 5.10: Emission projections trends for pollutant NMVOC in sector Agriculture

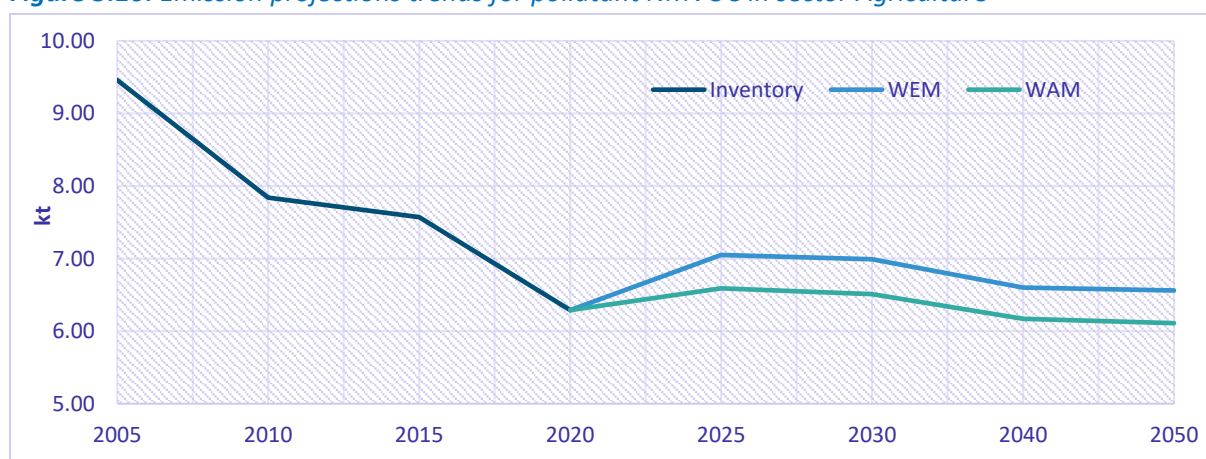


Table 5.5: NMVOC emissions in sector Agriculture in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	9.30	7.68	7.41	6.13	5.79	7.18	7.13	6.74	6.70
3.D	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
3 Agriculture	9.46	7.84	7.57	6.29	5.92	7.05	6.99	6.60	6.56

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	9.30	7.68	7.41	6.13	5.79	6.45	6.372	6.03	5.97
3.D	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
3 Agriculture	9.46	7.84	7.57	6.29	5.92	6.59	6.51	6.17	6.11

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NH₃ and NO_x emissions

Sector agriculture is a dominant contributor to NH₃ emissions, approximately 90% share of the national total. The largest share of ammonia emissions was generated by 3.D Agricultural soils, which produced approximately 70% of NH₃ within the sector. The key source in Agricultural Soils in the Animal manure applied to soils where were implemented abatements (Incorporation within 12 and 24 hours, deep injection of manure), followed by the category Inorganic N-fertilizers representing approximately 20% of the total NH₃ emissions, there are no abatements were implemented, due to missing policies. Emissions from 3.B.1 Cattle, 3.B.3 Swine and 3.B.2 Sheep are key emission sources of NH₃.

Projections of NH₃ and NO_x emissions from manure and manure management and agricultural soils were prepared in the WEM and WAM scenarios.

The WEM scenario is conservative and does not envisage further measures to reduce emissions. The emission trend in WEM scenario has stable increasing trend (**Figure 5.11**) of NO_x emissions. In the WEM scenario, higher consumption of inorganic nitrogen fertilizers is included compared to the

recorded values in historical years. The year 2020 and 2021 was particularly affected by the pandemic, which led to higher prices of natural gas and subsequently increased prices of inorganic N-fertilizers. As a result, farmers reduced their consumption of these fertilizers.

For the projection, the impact of the pandemic year was avoided, and the projection was prepared without considering the influence of the pandemic. Similar trends were observed in animal production, where there was a decrease in the number of pigs, goats, and poultry. If this negative trend continues beyond the after-pandemic years, the projections will be adjusted accordingly in future submissions.

Figure 5.11: Emission projections trends for pollutant NH_3 in sector Agriculture

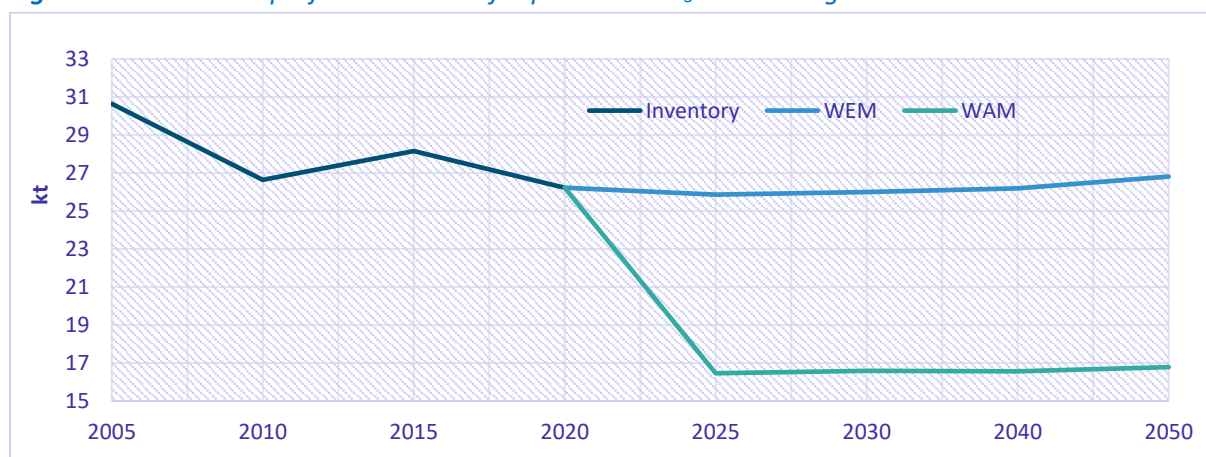


Table 5.6: NH_3 emissions in sector Agriculture in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	9.14	7.71	7.48	6.26	5.72	6.73	6.64	6.55	6.55
3.D	21.50	18.93	20.67	19.96	17.35	19.13	19.37	19.64	20.26
3 Agriculture	30.64	26.64	28.15	26.22	23.07	25.86	26.00	26.19	26.81

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	9.14	7.71	7.48	6.26	5.72	4.89	4.90	4.87	4.90
3.D	21.50	18.93	20.67	19.96	17.35	11.57	11.70	11.69	11.88
3 Agriculture	30.64	26.64	28.15	26.22	23.07	16.46	16.59	16.56	16.78

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

Agricultural NO_x emissions have increased. The NO_x emissions from agricultural soils especially Inorganic N-fertilizers application is a key source of emission. The emission projections increased due to the increasing consumption of nitrogen N-fertilizers, which will be needed to replace the lack of organic nitrogen in soils due to livestock decreasing. Agriculture is an insignificant source of NO_x emissions and no policies and measures are available.

Figure 5.12: Emission projections trends for pollutant NO_x in sector Agriculture

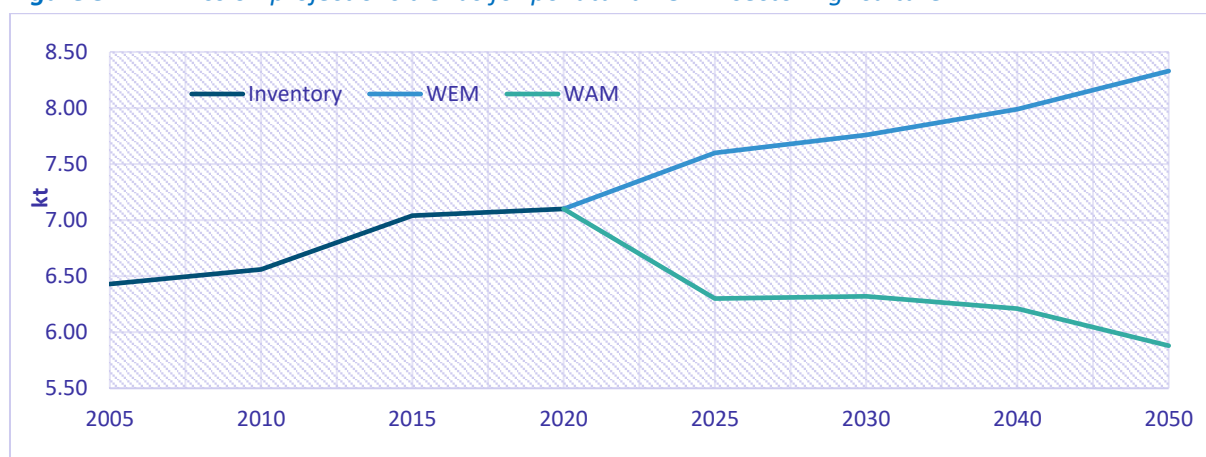


Table 5.7: NO_x emissions in sector Agriculture in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
3.D	6.26	6.42	6.90	6.97	6.43	7.48	7.64	7.86	8.21
3 Agriculture	6.43	6.56	7.04	7.10	6.55	7.60	7.76	7.99	8.33

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
3.D	6.26	6.42	6.90	6.97	6.43	6.18	6.20	6.09	5.76
3 Agriculture	6.43	6.56	7.04	7.10	6.55	6.30	6.32	6.21	5.88

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

The decrease in emissions by 2040 in the WEM scenario compared to 1990 is at the level of -51.6% and compared to 2005 at the level of -7%.

PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, TSP emissions

The PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ and TSP emissions were calculated in one scenario due to missing strategical documents and mitigation measures for emissions emitted in Manure management and Agricultural soils. The agricultural PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ and TSP emissions from Agricultural Soils have decreased trend from 2005 to 2020 and the decrease will continue until 2050 due to a decrease in cropped areas of oat, barley and rye. Agriculture is an insignificant source of PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ and TSP emissions and no policies and measures are available. The decrease in PM_{2.5} emissions by 2050 in the WEM scenario compared to 1990 is at the level of -62% and then decreases by 40% compared to 2005.

The decrease in PM₁₀ emissions by 2050 in the WEM scenario compared to 1990 is at the level of -41% and then decreases by 35% compared to 2005.

The decrease in TSP emissions by 2050 in the WEM scenario compared to 1990 is at the level of -50% and then decreases by 34% compared to 2005.

Figure 5.13: Emission projections trends for pollutant PM_{2.5} in sector Agriculture

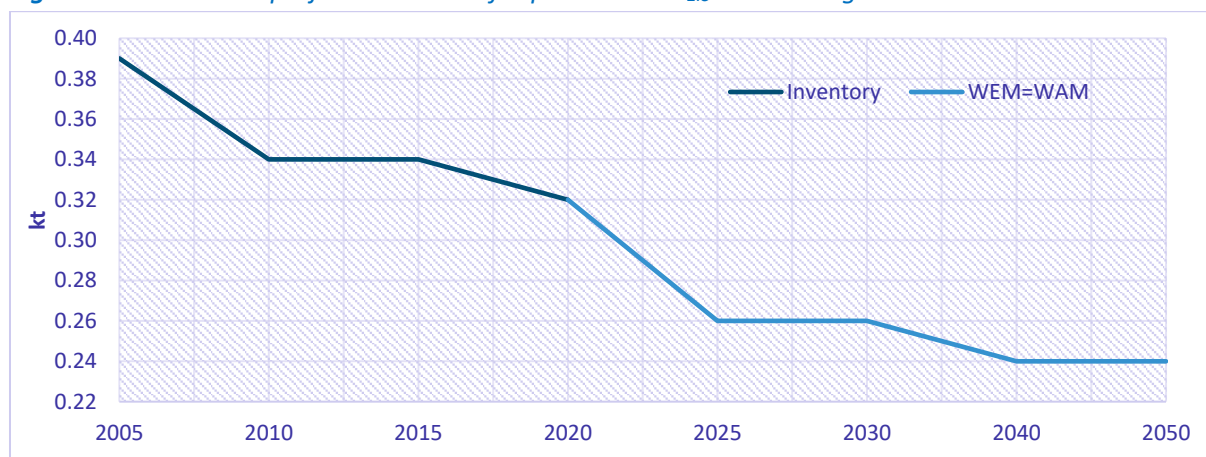


Table 5.8: PM_{2.5} emissions in sector Agriculture in kt

WEM=WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
3.D	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.14
3 Agriculture	0.39	0.34	0.34	0.32	0.30	0.26	0.26	0.24	0.24

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

Table 5.9: PM₁₀ emissions in sector Agriculture in kt

WEM=WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	0.79	0.70	0.67	0.52	0.48	0.50	0.49	0.46	0.43
3.D	3.66	3.23	3.26	3.28	3.02	2.81	2.77	2.52	2.43
3 Agriculture	4.45	3.93	3.93	3.80	3.49	3.31	3.26	2.98	2.87

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

Table 5.10: TSP emissions in sector Agriculture in kt

WEM=WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.B	2.73	2.47	2.37	1.70	1.56	1.90	1.83	1.72	1.62
3.D	2.73	2.64	2.58	2.60	2.10	2.08	2.10	2.00	1.98
3 Agriculture	5.46	5.11	4.95	4.31	3.66	3.98	3.93	3.72	3.59

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

HCB emissions

Historically, hexachlorobenzene (HCB) was widely used as a seed treatment to prevent fungal growth in crops such as wheat, barley, oats and rye. Emission projections were made using two scenarios, WEM and WAM. In the WAM scenario, the objective of the Farm to Fork strategy was implemented (50% reduction in the use and risk of chemical pesticides and a 50% reduction in the use of more hazardous pesticides). The emission of hexachlorobenzene decreases more in the WAM scenario compared to the WEM scenario. Volume of pesticides containing contamination of hexachlorobenzene decrease continuously, this trend is visible in WEM scenario.

The decrease of HCB by 2050 in the WEM scenario compared to 1990 is at the level of -94% and then decreases by 83%. HCH TSP emissions by 2050 in the WEM scenario compared to 1990 is at the level of -97% and then decreases by 91% compared to 2005.

Table 5.11: HCB emissions in sector Agriculture

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.Df	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.03
3 Agriculture	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.03

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
3.Df	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01
3 Agriculture	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

CHAPTER 6. EMISSION PROJECTIONS IN THE WASTE SECTOR

6.1. Methodologies and Key Assumptions/Trends

In general, the more waste we produce, the more we have to get rid of. Some waste disposal methods release both pollutants and greenhouse gases into the air. Recycling is one method of reducing the impact of waste disposal on the air and the climate. However, there are also ways of managing waste that are more environmentally friendly.

The waste management sector consists of the following NFR categories:

- 5.A Solid Waste Disposal on Land
- 5.B Biological Treatment of Solid Waste
- 5.C Waste Incineration an Open Burning of Waste
- 5.D Wastewater Handling
- 5.E Other Waste

The most common disposal methods are landfill and, to a lesser extent, incineration. When waste from landfills decomposes, non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs) and methane are released into the air, and particulate emissions are released when waste is handled (PM).

Incineration is the second most common method of waste disposal in the Slovak Republic. In the past energy from incineration was not often used and waste was only disposed of. Modern plants now use waste as a fuel in the production of energy or heat, and waste is also recovered in this way. In this case, the emissions from incineration are classified in the energy sector. In our country, waste incineration contributes significantly to the number of dioxins and furans (PCDDs/PCDFs) that are emitted into the air. Since dioxins are virtually unbreakable in nature and can persist for hundreds of years, they are deposited in animal tissues and thus enter the human food chain. Dietary intake, especially of meat, fish, eggs, milk and fats, is the most important route of entry of dioxins into the human body. Incineration of waste also releases high levels of heavy metal emissions into the air. Modern waste incineration plants capture these pollutants efficiently, but this was not common practice in the past. Heavy metals are deposited in the soil and subsequently in organisms, from which they are difficult to break down. Through the food chain, contamination of organisms gradually increases. Animals at the end of the food chain, and therefore humans, are particularly at risk from heavy metals. The risk is particularly higher in coastal areas, where seafood consumption is generally higher.

Recycling is not the only sustainable way to recover waste. Composting any organic waste, such as food and garden waste, is one of them. Organic waste decomposes into mulch in a matter of weeks, which can be used as fertilizer for the soil. Many households practise small-scale composting, large-scale composting systems are also being developed with the collection of organic waste from parks and urban amenities. Similar types of organic waste can also be treated in biogas plants. Unlike composting, here the waste is decomposed anaerobically (without air access) and biogas is produced which can be further burned to generate energy that can be used for heating.

This sector also includes cremations of human and animal remains, which are also a source of air pollution through emissions of heavy metals and POPs.

Wastewater treatment also releases pollutants and greenhouse gases (both CH₄ and N₂O). In general, emissions of POPs as well as NMVOCs, CO and NH₃ occur in wastewater treatment plants, but in most cases, these are negligible amounts.

6.2. Model Description

Projections of emissions were prepared in accordance with the methodology of EMEP GB 2023, the methodology is consistent with the methodology of estimating emissions in Waste sector. The calculation analysis tool is based on the MS Excel platform and the calculation includes various policies and measures (in numerical formulation) defined according to the WEM and WAM scenarios. Calculations of emissions projections of individual gases were carried out in consistency with the GHG emission projection from waste activities.

There are several specially developed mathematical models for the preparation of emission projections, but due to the need for complex input data including economic and energy indicators, it is currently not possible to use them for the purposes of reporting national projections. The small Slovak economy would need its own model developed exactly for our conditions, or at least specifying the specific national parameters that enter the calculations (ideally up to tier 3 level). We are currently working partly at the level of tier 1 and partly already at the level of tier 2 (national data on production and waste management), as we lack the necessary statistical data specific to Slovakia.

Improving the quality and timely availability of input data as well as further improvements in the preparation of emissions projections from the waste sector should enable the entire calculation process to be automated, which should bring a reduction in calculation time and create space for the creation of a larger number of scenarios and the processing of sensitivity analysis.

Calculating of NMVOC emission projections from landfilling is connected with the methane emissions and it follows that two of parameters used are of an objective nature - the development of the population over the monitored period as well as the total production of waste. These parameters are influenced by social and economic factors, which we still do not know how to regulate or guide significantly. Their future values for the monitored period are therefore relatively difficult to predict and burdened with a relatively high degree of uncertainty. The other three parameters (proportion of landfilled waste, composition of waste, capture and use of landfill gas) are more or less subjective in nature and can be influenced by external interventions and state policies. Some of these parameters may (but may not) act synergistically and increase their impact on overall emissions from landfilling. For example, the construction and operation of additional waste-to-energy facilities ("incinerators" = WtE) will in any case contribute to a decrease in the amount of landfilled waste, for example, in the data from BSK and KSK. More intensive separated collection of waste components will lead to a decrease of DOC in landfilled waste. The construction and operation of new MBU facilities will combine both of these parameters. However, it should be noted that the residue from MBU facilities (ending up in landfills) has a higher DOC > 0 than the residue from WtE (DOC < 0). The resulting impact of the measures on these parameters will depend on the capacity of the new facilities and their operational efficiency. However, from a time point of view, it is necessary to think with a horizon of at least 5-10 years, so that these policies are also reflected at the output. Based on knowledge from European countries, where there has already been a shift away from landfilling, it is clear that the production of landfill gas and thus the amount NMVOC from landfills will subsequently decrease. On the other hand, according to the EEA report from May 2021, Slovakia is among the EU27 countries with the lowest use

of landfill gas (only 5%), while the EU average is around 39%. Due to the lack of data, it is not possible to more precisely quantify the total potential of usable methane from landfills and the current efficiency of its capture and processing.

When describing the preparation of emission projections, it should be noted that emissions from landfilling are calculated according to the components of the landfilled waste (food, wood, paper, textiles, sludge...) and not according to the type of landfills in the sense of the Directive on landfills (2018/850 or 1999/31/EC). Considering the different development and production of municipal and industrial waste in Slovakia, as well as the requirement in previous revisions of the national inventory, emission projections were calculated separately with industrial waste = ISW (sk. 01 to 19 EWC) and separately with municipal waste = MSW (sk. 20 EWC). The resulting emission projections from the waste landfill category (5.A) are then the sum of both sub-categories.

Table 6.1: SWOT analysis of the Waste-model

Strengths	Opportunities
Compatibility with emission inventories Detailed data break down Database used is compatible with national data Models are free of charge	Incorporate to the model new technologies Versatile use of time-series
Treats	Weakness
Bugs can be introduced if data is incorporated manually Lack of input data introduce high uncertainty	Disconnected from macroeconomic models Too much pre-calculations needed Missing measurable indicators in national policies and strategies Data consistencies in the projection estimation process

6.3. Scenarios, Parameters and PAMs

Two scenarios have been prepared to model the emission projections for categories 5.A - Landfills and 5.D - Wastewater:

- WEM – scenario with existing measures (realistic)
- WAM – scenario with additional measures (optimistic)

For the modelling of emission projections from categories 5.B - Composting of non-biogenic waste and 5.C - Incineration of waste without energy recovery, only one scenario was prepared, namely WEM = WAM, due to the lack of relevant PAMs.

The scenario with existing measures (realistic) scenario, or also called BAU = Business as Usual, is based on the expectation that developments in solid waste landfill management will continue as observed in other EU countries undergoing economic transition.

Municipal waste production - the WEM scenario presents a projection of methane emissions from MSW with the continuation of current trends and policies in waste management in Slovakia without taking into account more significant externalities or radical economic collapses. The production of municipal waste for the years 2023 – 2050 copies the expected development of GDP with annual growth in the range of 1.48% - 1.03%. At the same time, we assume that the current significant decrease in the share of landfilled waste to the total production of MSW (-3.1% per year or -40 300

t/y) will slow down and stabilize at 1% per year (-20 000 t/y). Methane emissions from landfilling of municipal waste are shown in [Table 6.2](#) below.

Table 6.2: Trend projections of MSW parameters in WEM scenario up to 2050

Year	Unit	2022	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
MSW	kilo tonnes	2 597.46	2 592.79	2 750.77	2 943.83	3 137.35	3 196.77	3 524.17
MSW-> SWDS	kilo tonnes	2 597.46	2 592.79	2 750.77	2 943.83	3 137.35	3 196.77	3 524.17

Production of industrial waste - the WEM scenario represents a projection with a continuation of the current trends given by the policies and measures in the waste management in Slovakia without taking into account more significant externalities or radical economic collapses. The amount of landfilled industrial waste containing biodegradable carbon stabilises at around 92 000 t/year. Methane emissions from landfilling of industrial waste are shown in [Table 6.3](#) below.

Table 6.3: Trend projections of ISW parameters in WEM scenario up to 2050

Year	Unit	2022	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
ISW -> SWDS	kilo tonnes	65.90	90.27	89.40	91.14	92.02	93.61	95.07

The WAM scenario presents a projection of the future development of methane emissions from waste landfills in Slovakia when new policies in waste management are introduced and applied without taking into account significant external influences (economic crisis, war, another pandemic, etc.). The scenario with additional measures (optimistic) is based on the expectation that additional supporting measures will be implemented in the waste management sector in Slovakia to increase the rate of waste recovery and reduce the amount of landfilled waste (MBU, WtE, etc.).

Municipal waste production – in the WAM scenario is expected a decrease of the “FOOD” component in municipal waste due to separate collection of kitchen waste. Similarly, the separate collection of textiles from 1.1.2025 will contribute to the reduction of this component in the MSW landfilled. Further intensification of separate collection, support of composting and aerobic digestion will also bring a decrease in the components of paper and garden waste in landfilled MSW. The deposit system of returnable packaging will probably be reflected in the reduction of the production of mixed packaging, which represents a significant share of landfilled waste. The introduction of mandatory treatment of municipal waste before landfilling and an increase in the share of waste that can be used for energy will also have a significant impact on reducing the amount of landfilled municipal waste. By 2050, there could thus be a substantial decrease in landfilled bio-degradable carbon, which also represents an adequate decrease in the DOC value by about 35% and, ultimately, a decrease in methane production from landfills. This scenario assumes a significant decrease in the amount of landfilled municipal waste, i.e. diversion of mixed MSW to other (new) facilities gradually by approx. 80 000 t per year until 2050. In accordance with goals of European Commission for waste management, the goal for 2035 is set: landfill less than 10% of MSW and recover more than 60% MSW. The 2030 environmental strategy has a set goal for the year 2030 to landfill max. 25% and evaluate min. 60%. The WAM scenario envisages reaching the landfill goal of max. 25% in 2030 and max. 15% of MSW in 2035 with a gradual reduction of landfilled MSW from 2023 by approx. 42 000 tons per year. Methane emissions from landfilling of municipal waste are shown in the following [Table 6.4](#).

Table 6.4: Trend and projections of parameters and methane emissions from MSW in WAM scenario up to 2050

Year	Unit	2022	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
MSW	kilo tonnes	2 597.46	2 592.79	2 750.77	2 943.83	3 137.35	3 196.77	3 524.17
MSW-> SWDS	kilo tonnes	1 021.58	886.22	684.61	482.99	281.38	206.11	146.97

Production of industrial waste - WAM scenario represents a projection of the future development of methane emissions from landfilling of industrial waste in Slovakia with a slight decrease in the amount of landfilled ISW. Methane emissions from landfilling of industrial waste are shown in the following **Table 6.5**.

Table 6.5: Trend and projections of ISW parameters in WAM scenario up to 2050

Year	Unit	2022	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
ISW -> SWDS	kilo tonnes	65.90	66.55	77.18	72.67	69.66	66.13	62.87

Biological treatment of solid waste (5.B) – Category was calculated in scenario with existing measures (WEM) scenario due to missing strategical documents and mitigation measures after 2021. The WEM scenario with existing measures is based on the expectation that the development of waste composting will continue to increase, as observed in the last decade. This trend was mainly determined by the adopted Strategy for Reducing the Disposal of Biodegradable Waste in Landfills, developed in accordance with Article 5(1) of Directive 1999/31/EC. The goal of this strategy, as per Article 5(1) of the Waste Landfill Directive, is to limit the amount of biodegradable municipal waste disposed of in landfills and propose measures to achieve the goals set out in Article 5(2), primarily through recycling, composting, biogas production, or the use of waste as a source of secondary raw materials and energy.

In Slovakia, basic legal conditions were established to fulfil this requirement in Section 5(1)(d) of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic Decree No. 283/2001 Coll. This section stipulates that the binding part of the waste management program of the relevant state administration authorities should include measures to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste deposited in landfills. This reduction is expressed in units of weight in the baseline and target years, with the aim of achieving a reduction in the disposal of such waste in landfills in the following manner:

- Within 9 years from the effective date of Decree No. 283/2001 Coll., the amount of biodegradable municipal waste deposited in landfills will be reduced to 75% (-25%) of the Strategy for Reducing the Disposal of Biodegradable Waste in Landfills Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic 8 total amount (weight) of biodegradable municipal waste generated between 1995-2010.
- Within 12 years from the effective date of Decree No. 283/2001 Coll., the amount of biodegradable municipal waste deposited in landfills will be reduced to 50% (-50%) of the total amount of biodegradable municipal waste generated between 1995-2013.
- Within 19 years from the effective date of Decree No. 283/2001 Coll., the amount of biodegradable municipal waste deposited in landfills will be reduced to 35% (-65%) of the total amount (weight) of biodegradable municipal waste generated between 1995-2020.

Table 6.6: Projections of activity data on composting in WEM scenario

Year	Unit	2020	2030	2040	2050
MSW	kilo tonnes of dm	265.15	264.10	310.64	357.18

Other SW	kilo tonnes of dm	315.78	306.70	322.77	338.84
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Waste incineration (5.C) - Currently, no strategy addresses the construction of new incineration plants for non-municipal waste without energy recovery. According to the Environmental Strategy 2030, the recycling rate of municipal waste, including its preparation for reuse, should increase to 60% in Slovakia by 2030, and the rate of landfilling should decrease to less than 25% by 2035. The Waste Management Program for 2020-2025 does not anticipate the construction of new incineration capacities. Increasing the recycling rate and reducing the amount of waste landfilled will not have a significant impact on the amount of waste incinerated without energy recovery. For modelling emission projections, one scenario was prepared only one scenario based on existing measures (realistic), also known as BAU (Business as Usual), is founded on the expectation that the trend in incinerating industrial waste without energy recovery will continue as observed over the past decade.

Wastewater treatment (5.D) – the scenario with existing measures (realistic) or also called BAU = Business as Usual, is based on the expectation that wastewater management developments will continue as observed over the last decade. According to these assumptions, the development of the wastewater sector is characterized by an increase in the share of the population covered by sewerage systems, with the aim of reaching 85% coverage in 2050. This scenario corresponds with the information from the Envirostrategy 2030², as well as with the recently adopted document "Concept of water policy of the Slovak Republic until 2030 with a view to 2050"³. Similar visions are also declared in the Plan for the Development of Public Sewers for the Slovak Republic⁴. This goal is also indirectly stated in the frequent statements that all agglomerations with population of over 2000 and half of the agglomerations with population of up to 2000 are planned to be part of sewage network, which in total gives the value of about 85% of population connected to sewage system. This development can be characterised by the continuous development of sewerage systems and the modernisation of wastewater treatment plants to meet the requirements of the EU water sector strategies.

The scenario assumes that the number of inhabitants using storage tanks (cesspools) will decrease (from 26% in 2022 to 12% in 2050) due to the expansion of the sewerage network from 71 to 85% and also by increasing the number of domestic wastewater treatment plants from the current 2 to 3%.

The scenario with additional measures (optimistic) is based on the expectation that developments in the wastewater sector will continue with increased financial support from the Slovak government as well as EU support under the Recovery Plan for Europe. This development is characterised by an accelerated increase in the share of the population connected to sewerage systems, with a target of 90% connection in 2050. This scenario corresponds to the aspiration to achieve a level of sewerage connection as high as in the developed Western European countries (at least 90% connection to sewers and wastewater treatment plants).

The scenario assumes that the number of inhabitants using septic tanks will decrease (from 26% in 2022 to 7% in 2050) as a result of the intensive expansion of sewerage from 71 to 90% and the construction of decentralised domestic wastewater treatment plants from 2 to 3%. This strategy corresponds to the strict requirement of the European Commission, as stated in procedure No

² https://www.minzp.sk/files/iep/03_vlastny_material_envirostrategia2030_def.pdf

³ <https://www.minzp.sk/files/sekcia-vod/koncepcia-vodnej-politiky/koncepcia-vodnej-politiky.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.minzp.sk/voda/verejne-vodovody-verejne-kanalizacie/>

2016/2191, for non-compliance with certain articles of Council Regulation 91/271/EEC of 21 May 1991 concerning urban wastewater treatment. These measures are expected to contribute to a reduction of methane emissions in the municipal sector by almost 70% and in the industrial sector by 76% in 2050 compared to 2005.

6.4. Emission Projections in the Waste Sector

Emissions from the Waste sector do not have a key impact on overall emissions. Projection emissions are estimated based on new calculations for AP emissions projections in this sector. A significant share of total emissions is for NMVOC and NH₃, however emission projections of SO_x, NH₃ a PM_{2,5} are also prepared (*Tables 6.7 – 6.11, Figure 6.1*).

NO_x emissions

Table 6.7: NO_x emissions in sector Waste in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	0.427	0.434	0.477	0.383	0.385	0.386	0.387	0.391	0.395

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	0.427	0.434	0.477	0.383	0.385	0.386	0.386	0.390	0.394

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NMVOC emissions

Table 6.8: NMVOC emissions in sector Waste in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	1.378	0.823	0.798	0.750	0.718	0.685	0.658	0.650	0.643

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	1.378	0.823	0.798	0.750	0.718	0.663	0.612	0.588	0.566

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

SO_x emissions

Table 6.9: SO_x emissions in sector Waste in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	0.012	0.012	0.014	0.011	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	0.012	0.012	0.014	0.011	0.012	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

NH₃ emissions

Table 6.10: NH₃ emissions in sector Waste in kt

WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	1.007	0.925	2.548	2.226	2.177	2.162	2.301	2.383	2.394

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	1.007	0.925	2.548	2.226	2.177	2.155	2.287	2.191	2.035

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

PM_{2.5} emissions

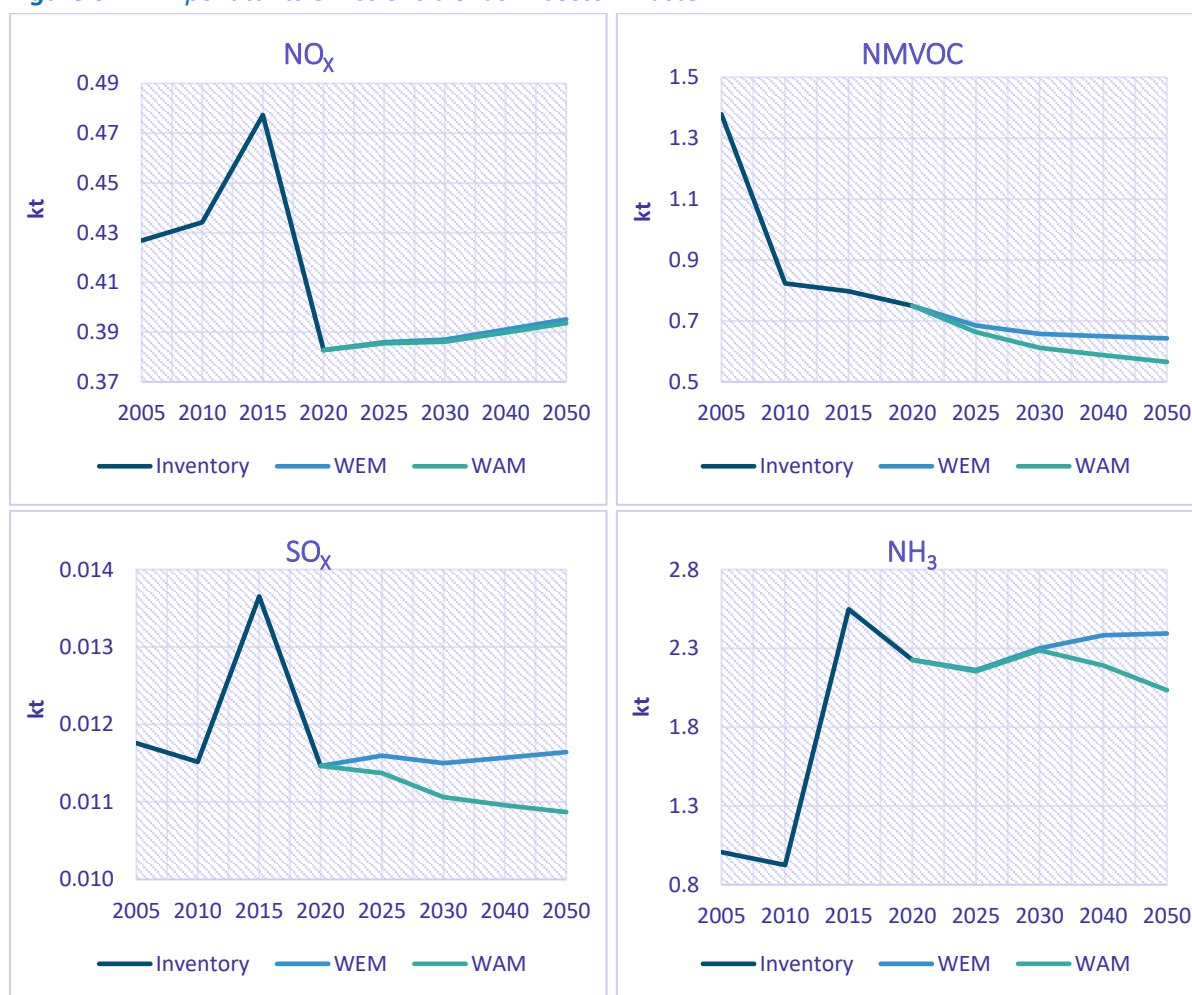
Table 6.11: PM_{2.5} emissions in sector Waste in kt

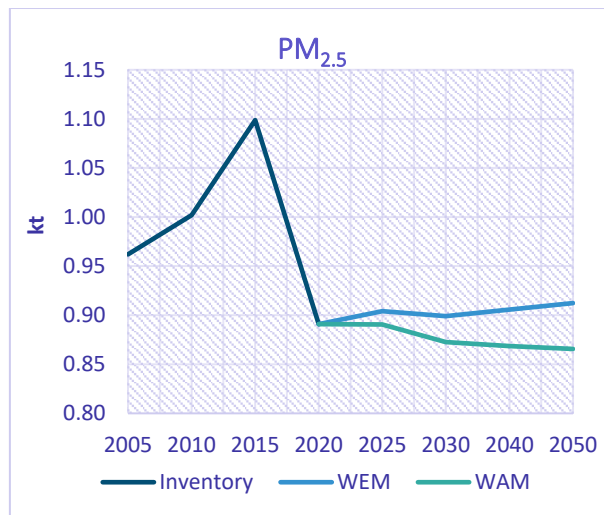
WEM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	0.962	1.002	1.099	0.891	0.898	0.904	0.899	0.906	0.912

WAM	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022*	2025	2030	2040	2050
5 Waste	0.962	1.002	1.099	0.891	0.898	0.891	0.873	0.869	0.866

* Base year 2022; 1990 – 2022 based on the inventory submission 15. 3. 2024

Figure 6.1: Air pollutants emissions trends in sector Waste





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