Energy and climate modelling tools in the Western Balkans – experience from ECRAN and RIPAP

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National systems

National system needs for projections

Countries need to prepare for regular submission of projections and PaMs

This requires continuous maintenance of system for modelling used for preparing projections, including updating input data, reviewing policies and measures, updating scenarios, etc.

Implementation details will differ by country,

Common elements of national systems:

1. Insitutional arrangements:

- Main responsibilities for technical analysis and making proposals
- Additional institutions involved
- Involvement of other stakeholders
- **2.** Climate mitigation requires economy-wide aciton, therefore significant need for **policy coordination**:
- National system components (inventory, projections, policies and measures)
- Analytical and policy coordination (national policies build on analysis)
- Climate and other: energy, transport, agriculture, etc.

National system needs for projections

3. Significant capacity needs

- Technical knowledge: modelling, data collection,
- Sufficient number of staff
- Staff turnover issues addressed

4. Procedures

- Data sharing
- Information flows, consultation procedures
- Approval procedures

5. Significant data needs:

- Inventory and energy statistics
- Information on activity levels from different sources such as industrial outputs and transport performance, including current and planned (e.g. transport and insustrial strategies)
- Technology related information
- Other sector-specific information
- Data management systems
- 6. **QC/QA, evaluation** of existing system and improvement

To Do – Setting up national systems for projections

Legal elements

- Climate law
- MMR/Energy Union Governance
- Other (institutional responsibilities, statistics laws, etc.)

Funding

Continuity

Institutional arrangements and procedures

- Institutional responsibilities
- Administrative capacity
- Procedures for data collection and sharing

Policy coordination

- Coordination between institutions
- Procedures for stakeholder involvement
- Regional cooperation

Technical elements

- Modelling tool
- Modelling team
- Permanence
- Constant improvement and updating

Data needs and gaps

Data needs for projections

- Energy Balance
- Detailed energy production and consumption data
- GDP, population, other macro level drivers of energy demand
- Sector specific activity levels (industrial sector GVA, industrial production natural units, transport pkm and tkm, heated floor area in buildings, etc.)
- Technology attributes (e.g. power plant efficiency, building envelope insulation properties, etc.)
- Cost and price data
- Other economic data (demand elasticities, SAMs, etc.)
- Emission factors

Data gaps in the Western Balkans

RIPAP project gap analysis:

- Legislative basis for of roles and responsibilities of data providers and data suppliers lacking
- Ad hoc procedures for sharing data among government institutions (MoU and informal requests)
- Focus on energy balance, more detailed sub-sectoral data or data disaggregated by energy end use missing
- Limited capacity in statistical offices and other institutions dealing with data collection
- Data validation an issue
- Inventories using tier 1 calculation methods,
- Data gaps on activity (e.g. pkm, vkm and tkm in the transport sector), technological data (e.g. building typology or vehicle stock), costs, elasticities

Models and technical capacity

Projections to date – Albania (1)

Project	Model	Sectors	Gases	Timeframe	Institution
NC3 UNDP	LEAP, GACMO, MARKAL	Energy	CO2, CH4, N2O	2030	National experts
EU Reference / PRIMES	PRIMES	Energy	CO2 (energy and process)	2050	E3MLab/ICCS
SLED	EEMM, LEAP	Electricity, residential buildings	CO2 (energy)	2030	REC, REKK, IKEM
LOCSEE	LEAP	Road transport	CO2 (energy), CH4, N2O	2030	NOA, Joanneum Research
PROMITH EAS4	LEAP	Energy	CO2 (energy)	2050	University of Tirana, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Projections to date – Albania (2)

Project	Model	Sectors	Gases	Timeframe	Institution
SEE 2050 carbon calculator	SEE 2050 Calculator	Energy	CO2	2050	SEEChangeNet
SEERMAP	EEMM, EGMM, Green-X, EKC network model		CO2	2050	REKK
INDC	LEAP	Energy	CO2, CH4, N2O	2030	ECRAN project experts
National Energy Strategy 2030	LEAP	Energy	n.a.	2030	National Agency of Natural Resources
Transport strategy	TRANSCAP model	Transport	none	n.a.	Institute of Transport

Energy models used in the Western Balkans

Country	LEAP	TIMES/ MARKAL	MAED, WASP	PRIMES	Other
Albania	X				
Bosnia and Herzegovina	X				
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	x	x	X		Х
Kosovo*					
Montenegro	X				X
Serbia	X	X		Х	

• Includes models used for preparation of official strategies and reports only (source: RIPAP project)

Creating capacity (1)

Main issues identified in the Western Balkans:

- Reliance on foreign expertise on a project basis
- Where technical capacity exists outside national public administration, funding of experts a challenge
- Issue is also related to low staff numbers (often single person with more extensive modelling experience)
- High staff turnover

Challenge to identify realistic options – balance different criteria:

- Achievable technical capacity
- Available funding
- Data availability
- Modelling requirements, sophistication

Capability to provide integrated climate and energy projections

Analytical Time horizon Sector coverage Time resolution paradigm **Technology** Geographical **Activity** International trade explicitness explicitness coverage Capacity to Other Microeconomic represent GHG emissions environmental robustness macroeconomic impacts feedback Capacity to Capacity to Computing represent nonrepresent Data requirement requirements / Tools market preferences uncertainties integration

Source: Rocco De Miglio, E4SMA

Capability to provide integrated climate and energy projections

Tool	Purpose	Emissions	Cost optimization	Activity Explicitness	Technology Explicitness	Microeconomic Robustness	Macroeconomic Feedback
BALMOREL	Electricity and CHP only	N	Υ	L	Н	Н	N
MAED	Energy demand modeling	N	N	L	Н	L	N
MESSAGE	Energy supply modeling	N	Υ	Н	M	M	N
WASP	Electric capacity planning	N	Y	L	M	L	N
LEAP	Energy/Non Energy planning	Y	Y	Н	Н	M	Y (w/ API)
ENPEP/BALANCE	Energy system simulation	N	N	Н	M	Н	N
							Yes w/ MARKAL-
TIMES/MARKAL	Energy sector planning	Υ	Υ	Н	M	Н	MACRO
OSeMOSYS	Energy supply modeling	Υ	Υ	Н	M	M	N

Source: Charlie Heaps, SEI (2018)

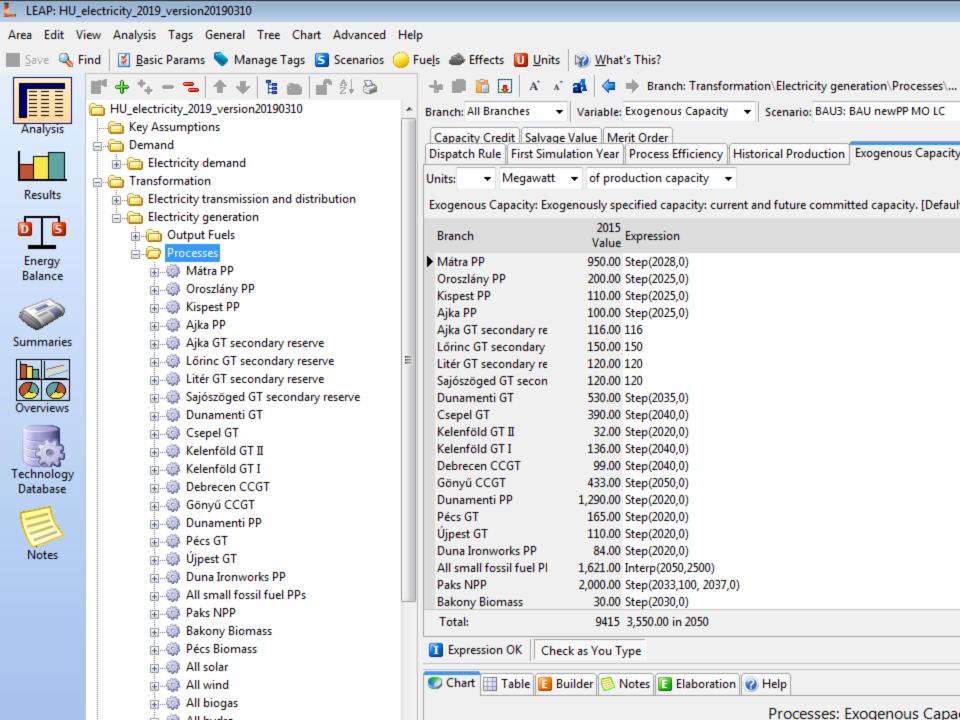
Technical/analytical capacity

Technical expertise indicated for modelling of projections (RIPAP project)

Foreign expertise	National expertise outside public administration	National expertise in public administration
AL BH ME KO* RS	MK (Macedonian Academy of Arts and Sciences) RS (University of Belgrade, private sector) BH (University of Banja Luka) AL (University of Tirana, individual consultant) ME (individual consultant)	(RS – Ministry of Mining and Energy, private sector) AL (National Agency of Natural Resources)

Creating capacity (2)

- 1. Pay external consultant
- 2. Opt for simpler model solutions
- User friendly software LEAP
- Model structures pre-programmed
 - TIMES Starter, available free of charge to licence holders
 - EU TIMES, to be made available early 2019, covers Western Balkans countries



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User friendliness

Tool		Expertise/ Data Required	Users/Countries
BALMOREL	N	Н	Handful of users
MAED	N	M	Hundreds of users
MESSAGE	N	Н	88 countries
WASP	N	Н	107 countries
LEAP	Υ	M	37,000/ 190 countries
ENPEP/BALANCE	N	Н	80 countries
TIMES/MARKAL	Υ	Н	Hundreds of users
OSeMOSYS	Υ	Н	Handful of users

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Creating capacity (3)

- 1. Pay external consultant
- 2. Opt for simpler model solutions
- User friendly software LEAP
- Modelling structures pre-programmed TIMES Starter and EU TIMES (?)
- 3. Build capacity
- Use EU, UNDP funding and bilateral support for capacity building
- LEAP ECRAN training and support received in past, user forum
- TIMES support for licence holders, VEDA forum
- IAEA toolset (e.g. MAED, MESSAGE, WASP) support programmes for training and TA

Thank you for your attention!

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