

Sustainability evaluation in asset management platforms

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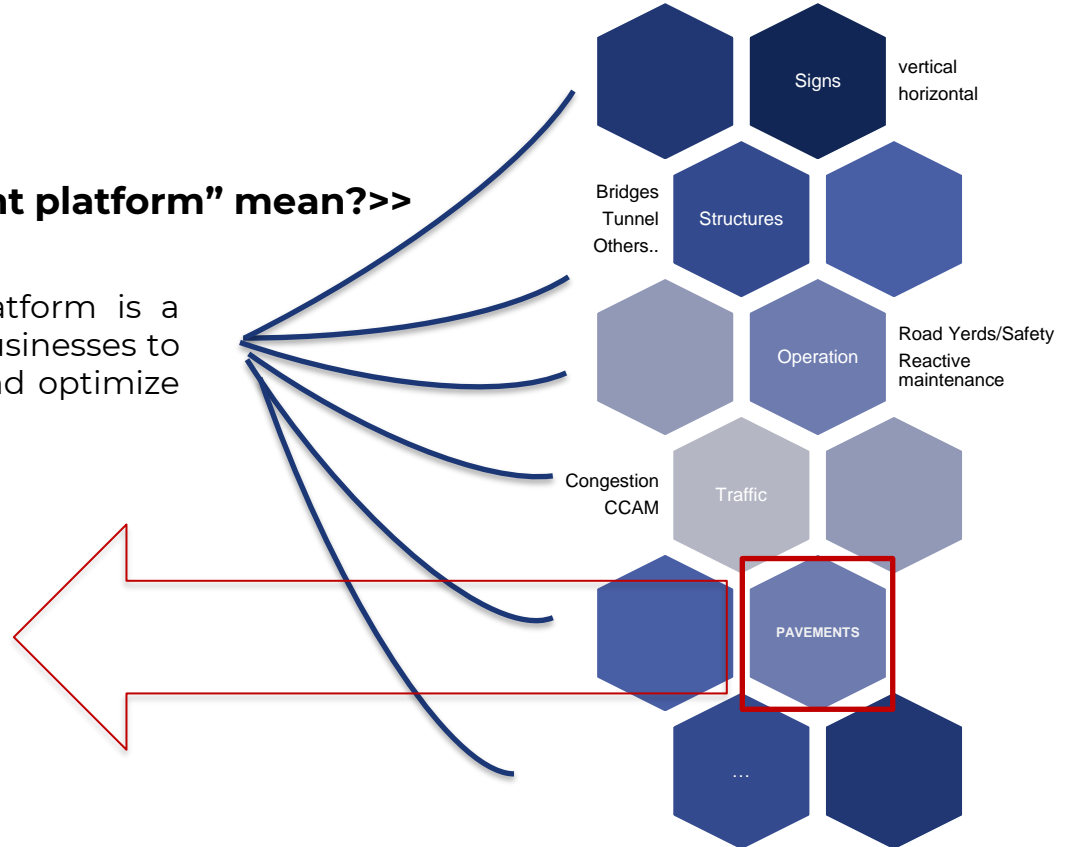
[Open Question]

<<What does “asset management platform” mean?>>

“an asset management platform is a **powerful tool** that allows businesses to efficiently track, manage, and optimize their **assets**.”

E-PMS

Evolutionary Pavement Management System



E-PMS:

Evolutionary Pavement Management System

ASPI E-PMS is an innovative and strategic tool developed by

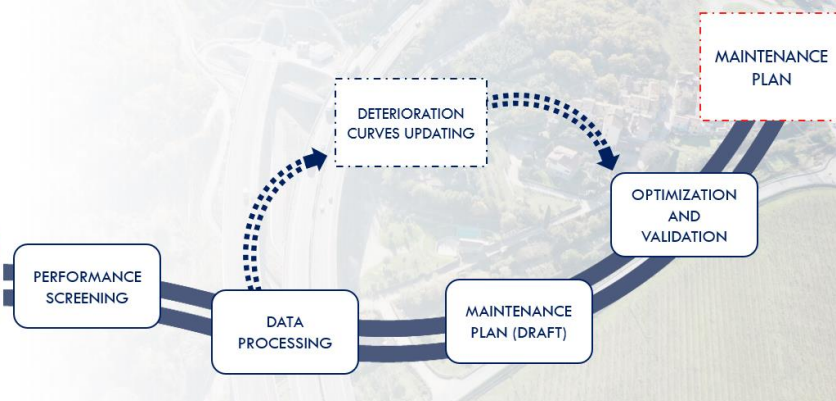


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which is already in use to define and validate



with the technical optimized maintenance



Monitoring

High-performance vehicles to collect performance data on the slow lane;

Knowledge

20-years data collection used to define procedures and «local» decay curves

Flexibility

Decay curves can be updated to consider significant variations of traffic spectra, weather conditions and construction characteristics in each traffic section;

Sustainability

Environmental Asphalt Rating (EAR) introduced to evaluate different maintenance strategies;

Evolutionary [work in progress...]

Real time analysis of data from connected vehicles, fleet of vehicles, embedded sensors

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Performance Screening

Maintenance plan definition process



PERFORMANCE SCREENING

SKID RESISTANCE - ROUGHNESS



- Side Force Coefficient (CAT - Coefficiente di Aderenza Trasversale)
- MPD (Mean Profile Depth)
- IRI (International Roughness Index)
- Measures under traffic
- Measurement pitch: 10 metres

BEARING CAPACITY



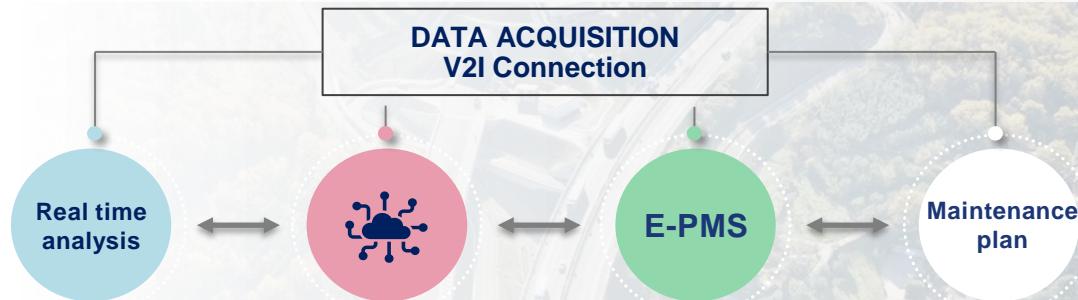
- ΔV (Deflection velocity of the road surface) -> deflections (micron) -> **SCI300 (Surface Curvature Index)**
- Measures under traffic
- Measurement pitch: 10 metres
- Thickness measurement by Georadar

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Performance Screening

E-PMS innovations



✓ Automatic deteriorations analysis

These algorithms allow the identification of distress through a Real-Time analysis of the pavement. The images come from ASPI fleet of vehicles moving on the network.



✓ Embedded Sensors

A monitoring technology, integrated into the pavement, capable of acquiring "undisturbed" measurements of the main physical characteristics inside the bounded layers (ex. temperature, humidity).



✓ Smart Tyres fastest lanes.

The interaction between the vehicle and the pavement takes place through the tire, and this technology is used to make very fast acquisition on the



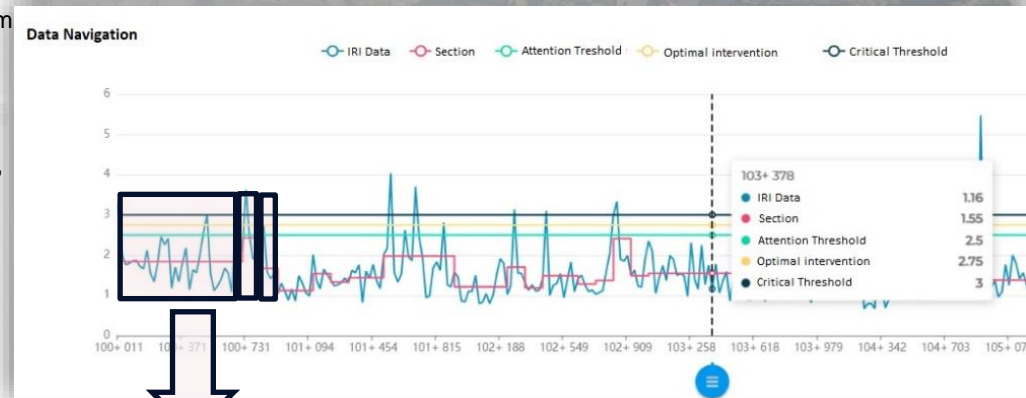
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Data Processing Traffic Data Homogeneous sections

- customised procedure to normalise the traffic effects
- a study of traffic spectra to define updated Load Equivalent Factors (LEF)
- traffic data available from tolling system (**close network**)
- The platform creates homogeneous sections for each parameter (IRI, CAT, SCI300)
- Bridges have been considered as independent homogeneous sections
- The process adopted in the E-PMS starts from a preliminary clustering in function of the traffic. These data are subsequently analysed through a statistical process

LEF (ESAL/vehic)	Motorway Type	1 st lane	2 nd lane	Motorway Type
5,11	4 lanes – high traffic	68%	32%	4 lanes – high traffic
5,06	3 lanes – high traffic	83%	17%	3 lanes – high traffic
4,94	3 lanes – medium traffic	86%	14%	3 lanes – medium traffic
3,95	2 lanes – low traffic	97%	3%	2 lanes – low traffic



Definition of
homogeneous sections



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Data Processing Deterioration curves



- Prediction models and deterioration curves represent a crucial aspect of any Pavement Management System due to many combined influences of traffic, environment, pavement structure and maintenance strategies adopted;
- For this reason, parametric deterioration curves have been implemented within the E-PMS;
- This allows to customize the platform by setting different parameters in each traffic-section of the entire network.

¹ Skid Resistance	$CAI_{20,5-mis} = A - B \ln(t)$
² Roughness	$\theta_i = a \cdot (SCI300_{r,50})^b$
³ Bearing Capacity	$\varepsilon_{t,max}^r = a \cdot (SCI300_{r,85})^b$ $E_r = c \cdot (\varepsilon_{t,max}^r)^d$ $N_{100}^r = 0,0795 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{t,max}^r}\right)^{3,291} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{E_r}\right)^{0,854}$

¹ Marchionna, A. P. (1994). Decadimento dell'aderenza sulle pavimentazioni autostradali. Autostrade.

² Regression curve obtained from field data.

³ F. Canestrari, L. I. (2022). Assessing the remaining structural life of motorway pavements at the network level from Traffic Speed Deflectometer measurements. submitted to International Journal of Pavement Engineering.

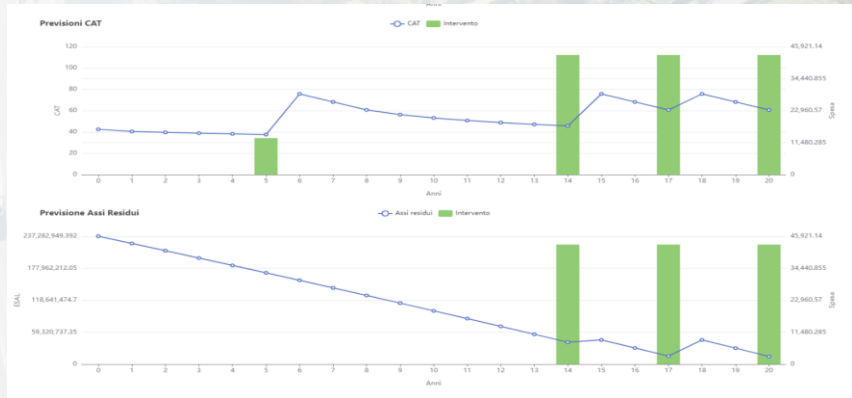
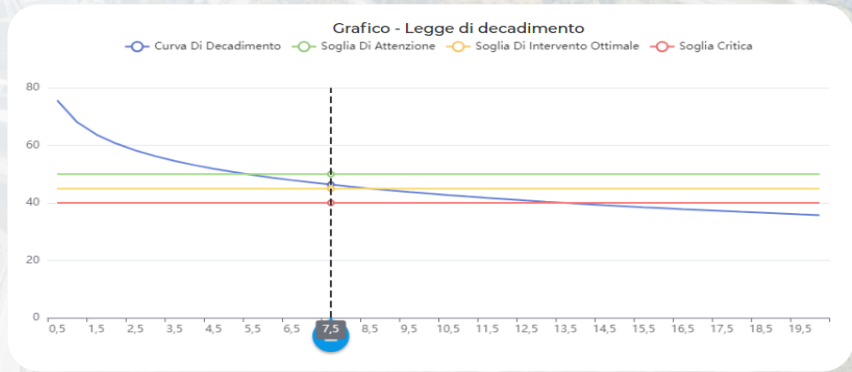
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Data Processing Deterioration curves

- An example of a homogeneous sections decay curve;
- The purpose of the decay curves is to estimate the residual service life for each hom.sec., therefore of the entire network;
- Thanks to the use of deterioration curves we can predict how often we need a maintenance activities;
- We can define a scenario according to the quality parameters (skid resistance and roughness);
- For each homogeneous section we can predict the maintenance for a short, medium and long period.

DATA
PROCESSING



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SCENARIO

Strategy



kpi: performance, economics...other

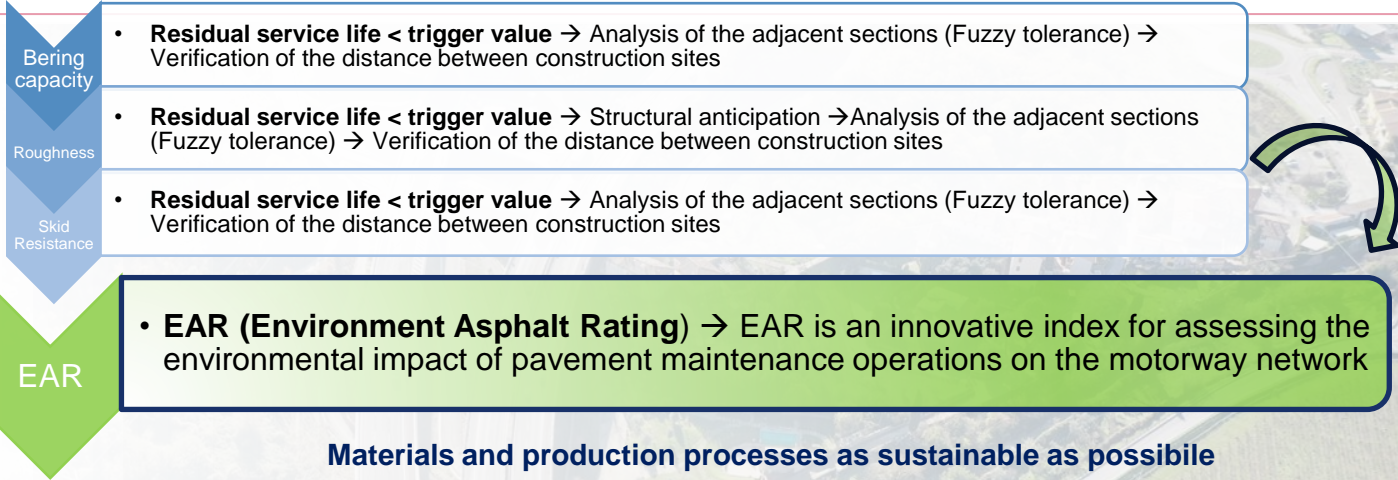
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Maintenance Plan

Maintenance plan definition and optimization

OPTIMIZATION AND VALIDATION



Materials and production processes as sustainable as possible

PRODUCTION PHASE			REALIZATION PHASE	
Extraction of raw material	Transport to the production site	Production	Transport to the worksite	Realization
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5

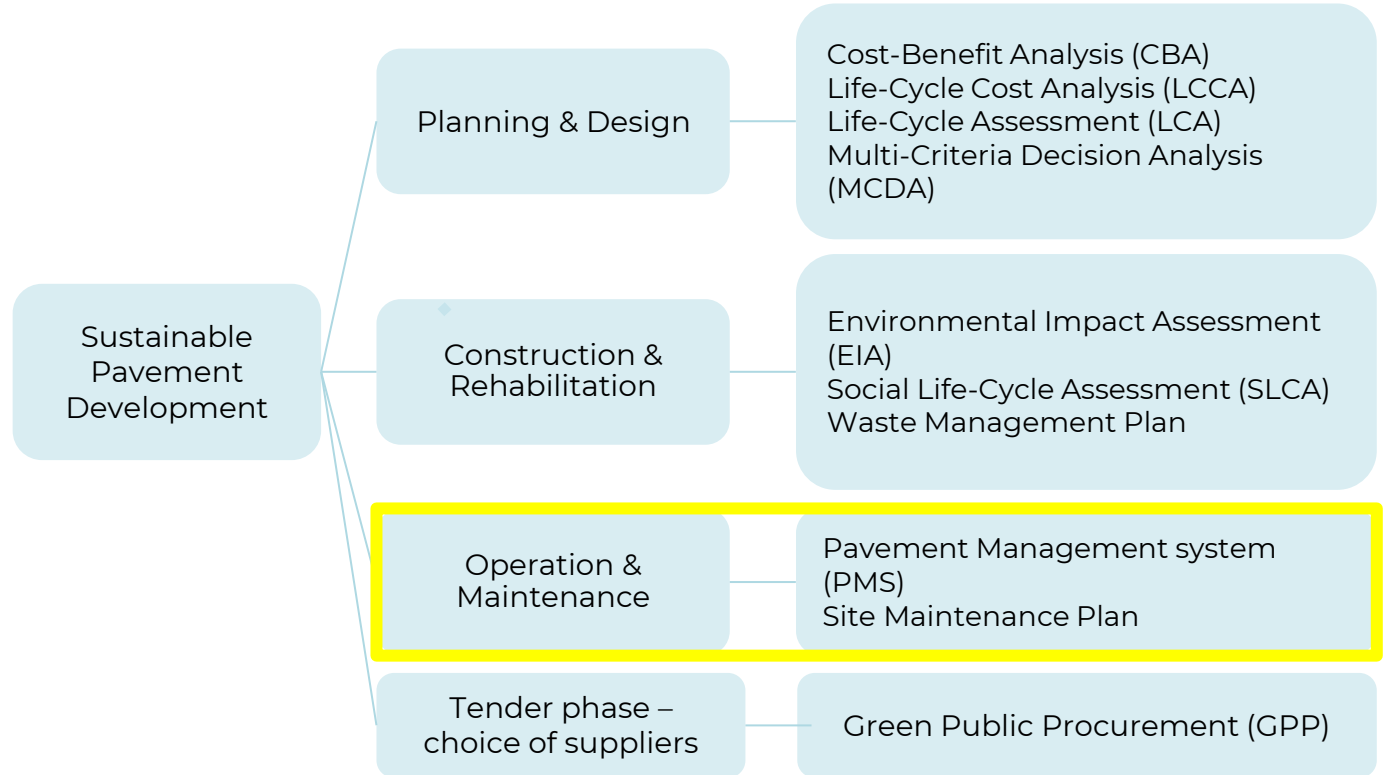


Environmental Asphalt Rating

Introduction: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FACTORS IN PAVEMENT LIFE-CYCLE



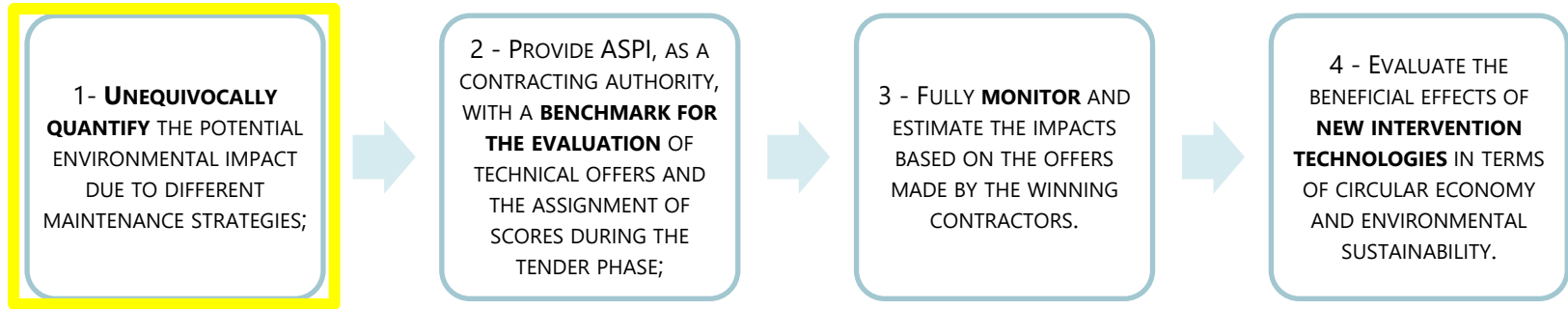
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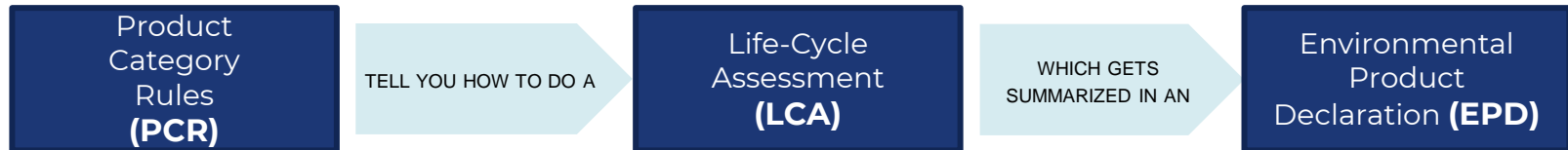
Environmental Asphalt Rating

Definition

- The Environmental Asphalt Rating, hereinafter EAR, is an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDEX** to be associated with asphalt concrete mixtures used as part of scheduled maintenance plans. This index has been defined with the **aim** of:



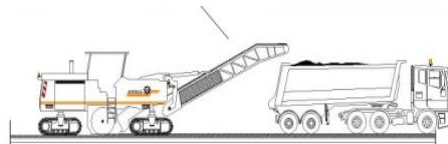
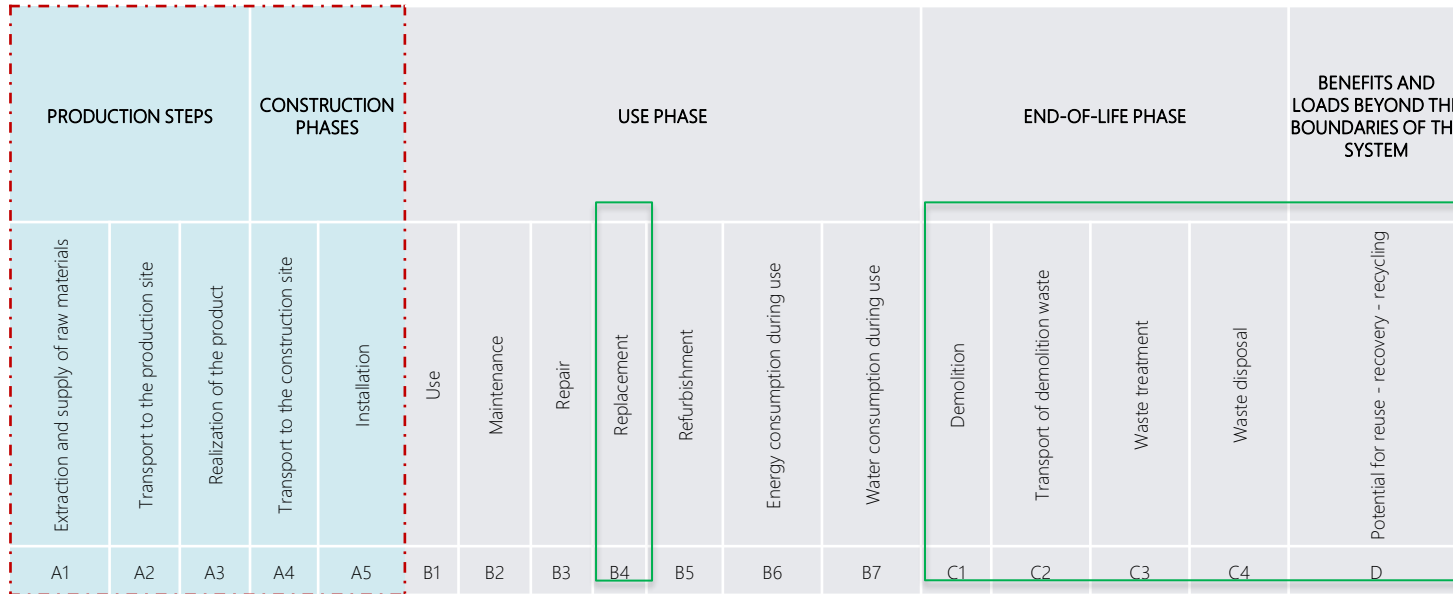
- The EAR indicator is a dimensionless number ranging from 0 (zero impact) to infinity
- The EAR is based on the Environmental Product Declaration (**EPD**) certification:



Environmental Asphalt Rating

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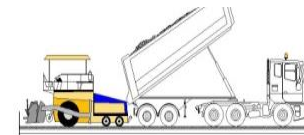
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Milling



Preparation of the laying surface



Asphalt paving



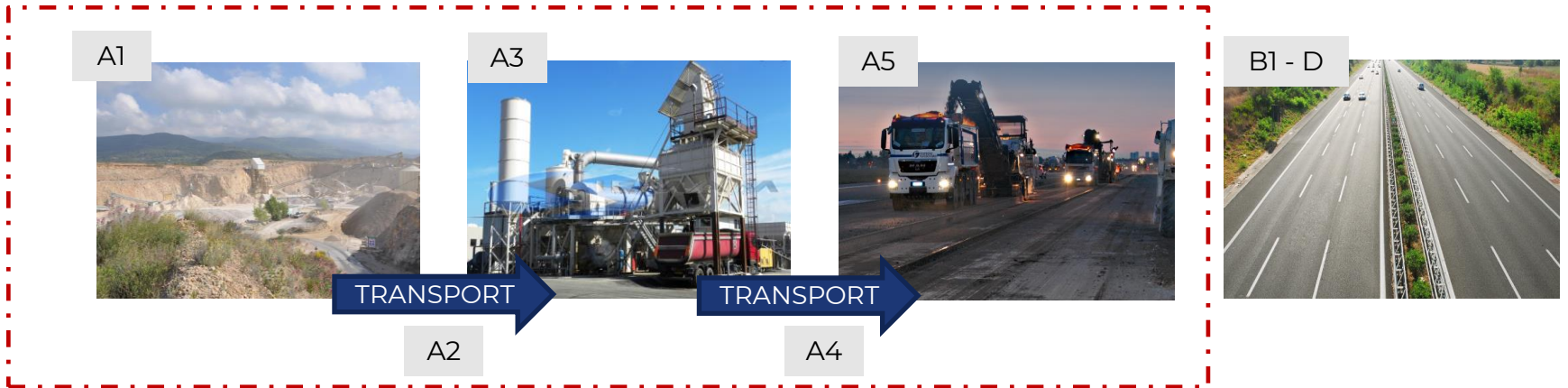
Compaction

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Environmental impact assessment of 1 tonne of asphalt



PRODUCTION STEPS			CONSTRUCTION PHASES		USE PHASE							END-OF-LIFE PHASE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SYSTEM
Extraction and supply of raw materials	Transport to the production site	Realization of the product	Transport to the construction site	Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Energy consumption during use	Water consumption during use	Demolition	Transport of demolition waste	Waste treatment	Waste disposal	Potential for reuse - recovery - recycling
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D

Environmental Asphalt Rating

Drafting of the EPD

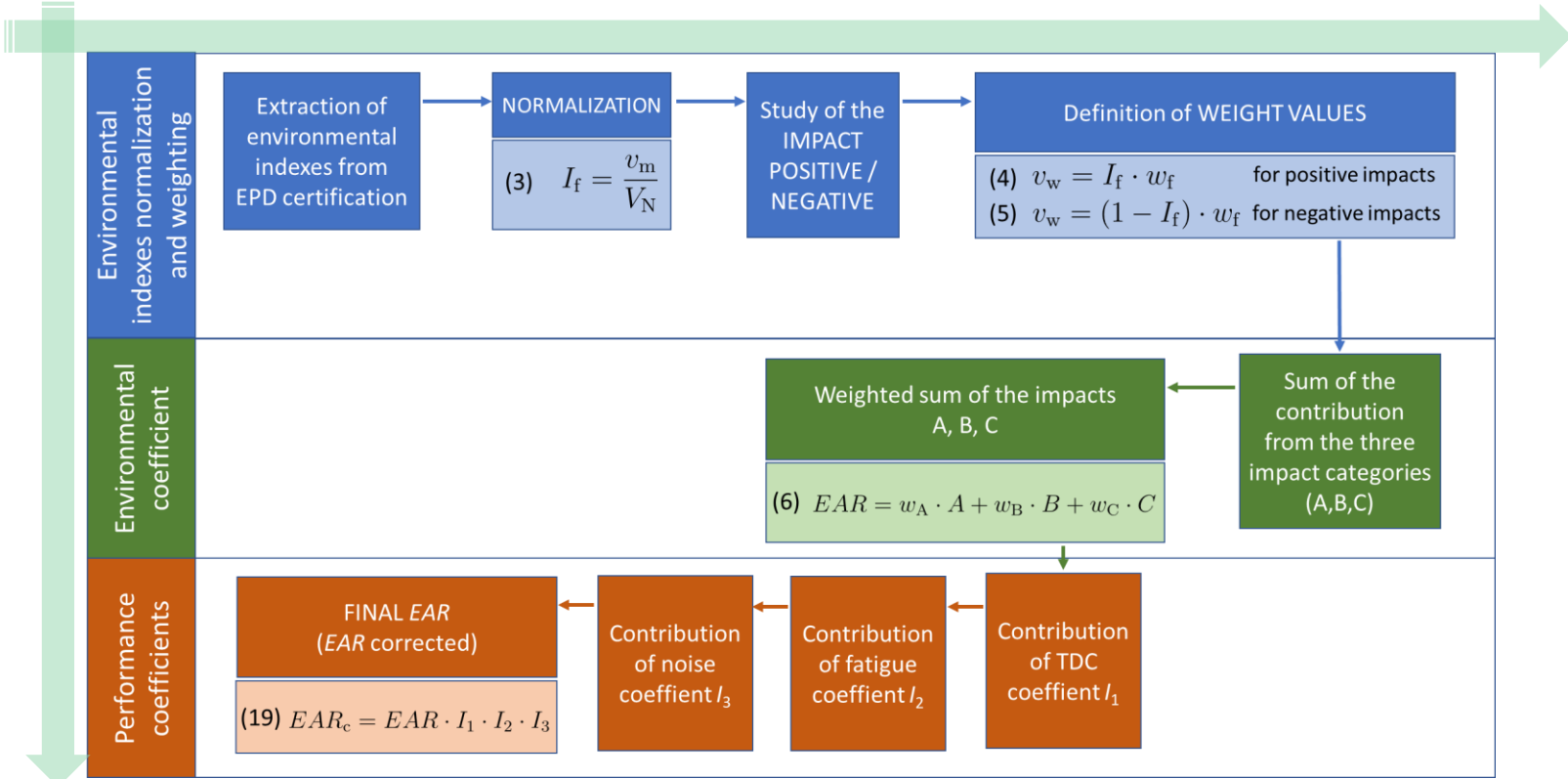
Parameter	Absolute value (v_m)	Weighting factor (w_f)	Normalization value (V_n)	Relative impact (I_f %)	Weighted value (v_w)
Emissions - Category [A]					
GWP	$6.15 \cdot 10^1$	3.00	$8.86 \cdot 10^1$	69%	2.08
ODP	$6.70 \cdot 10^{-6}$	1.00	$5.12 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0%	0.00
AP	$3.25 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1.00	$4.35 \cdot 10^{-1}$	75%	0.75
POCP	$1.68 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.00	$7.39 \cdot 10^{-2}$	23%	0.23
EP	$5.24 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.00	$1.07 \cdot 10^{-1}$	49%	0.49
ADPE	$3.10 \cdot 10^{-5}$	1.00	$2.36 \cdot 10^{-4}$	13%	0.13
ADPF	$3.19 \cdot 10^3$	2.00	$3.39 \cdot 10^3$	94%	1.88
Total for emissions - A =					55.59
Use of resources - Category [B]					
PERE	$5.60 \cdot 10^1$	0.00	$5.39 \cdot 10^2$	-	-
PERM	$1.76 \cdot 10^0$	1.43	$6.40 \cdot 10^1$	3%	1.39
PERT	$5.78 \cdot 10^1$	1.43	$6.03 \cdot 10^2$	10%	1.29
PENRE	$7.80 \cdot 10^2$	0.00	$3.28 \cdot 10^3$	-	-
PENRM	$2.56 \cdot 10^3$	1.43	$2.78 \cdot 10^3$	92%	1.32
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NRSF	$1.15 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.43	$1.13 \cdot 10^2$	0%	0.00
FW	$2.16 \cdot 10^0$	0.00	$2.45 \cdot 10^0$	-	-
Total use of resources - B =					76.80
Output flows and waste - Category [C]					
HWD	$3.32 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.00	$6.43 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1%	0.01
NHWD	$9.21 \cdot 10^0$	1.00	$1.98 \cdot 10^9$	0%	0.00
RWD	$0.00 \cdot 10^0$	1.00	$1.91 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0%	0.00
CRU	$0.00 \cdot 10^0$	0.00	0.00	-	-
MFR	$4.64 \cdot 10^{-2}$	2.50	$6.70 \cdot 10^{-1}$	7%	2.33
MER	$0.00 \cdot 10^0$	2.50	$3.40 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0%	2.50
EEE	$0.00 \cdot 10^0$	2.00	$3.40 \cdot 10^0$	0%	2.00
EET	$0.00 \cdot 10^0$	0.00	$0.00 \cdot 10^0$	-	-
Total output flows and waste - C =					68.32
EAR =					62.17

Drafting of the EPD

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Environmental Asphalt Rating

Calculation process



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$$EAR = 0.65 A + 0.25 B + 0.1 C$$

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Performance Corrections

Finally, the EAR index, calculated as described above, must be adjusted based on the expected performance in terms of residual service life, which is evaluated based on the pre-qualification values (grain size, binder quality, binder %, voids %, ITS...):

- For open graded mixtures, an approach based on the top-down cracking evolution model was used:

$$TDC(N) = TDC_{\max} e^{-\left(\frac{a}{n}\right)^B} \quad \begin{aligned} a &= 1,008 - 0,071 \cdot (\text{età c.b.}) \\ B &= 0,716 - 0.220 \cdot ITS \end{aligned}$$

- For dense graded mixtures, an estimation of fatigue axes is performed according to the Asphalt Institute report (NCHRP 1-37):

$$\log E^* = 3.750063 + 0.02932 \rho_{200} - 0.001767 (\rho_{200})^2 - 0.002841 \rho_4 - 0.058097 V_a - 0.802208 \left(\frac{V_{beff}}{V_{beff} + V_a} \right) + \frac{3.871977 - 0.0021 \rho_4 + 0.003958 \rho_{38} - 0.000017 (\rho_{38})^2 + 0.005470 \rho_{34}}{1 + e^{(-0.603313 - 0.313351 \log(f) - 0.393532 \log(\eta))}}$$

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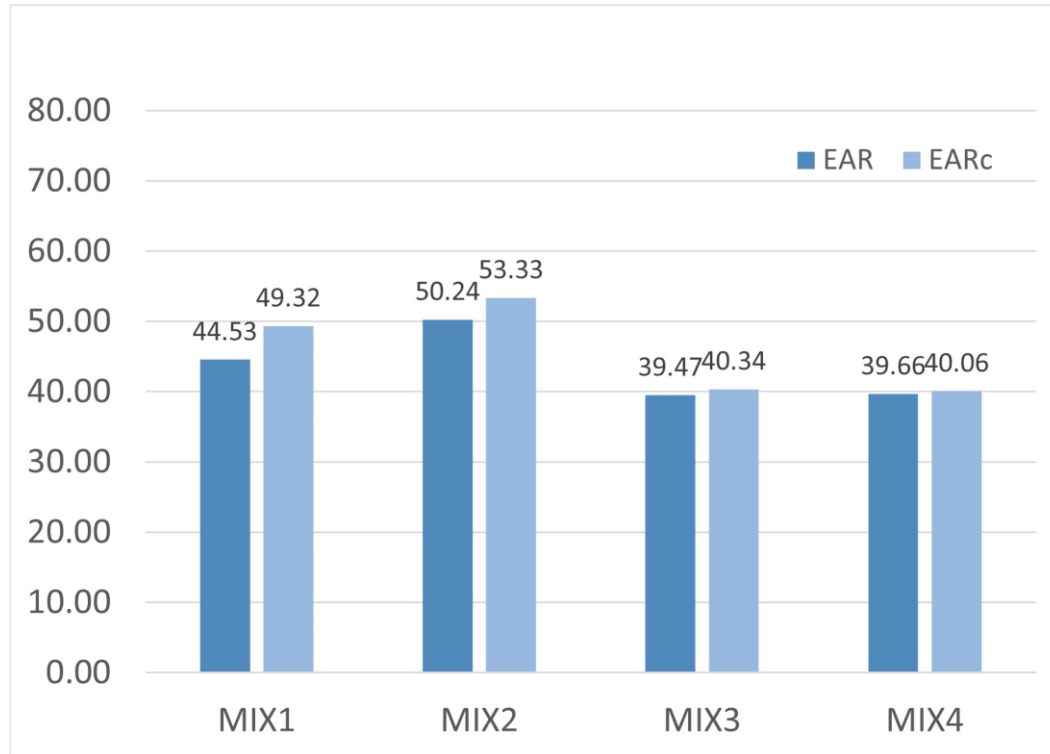
Performance Corrections

For surface mixtures only, emissions are also considered from the noise point of view, calculated using the following model:

$$\text{CPXL} = a_1 + a_2 \cdot \text{Log}\left(\frac{S}{S_0}\right) + \left[a_3 + a_4 \cdot \text{Log}\left(\frac{S}{S_0}\right) \right] \cdot \frac{D_{95}}{D_F} + \left[a_5 + a_6 \cdot \text{Log}\left(\frac{S}{S_0}\right) \right] \cdot \frac{V_A}{\text{VMA}}$$

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Results



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Latest revision of the method

Most recently, the EAR index calculation procedure has been updated considering the latest developments in LCA methods, practices and standards.

- ✓ Consideration of the updated version of Environmental Performance Indicators (Version 2.0).
- ✓ Consideration of an updated set of weighting and normalization factors, based on a much larger and publicly available library, to obtain a well-founded and shareable estimation of the EAR index.

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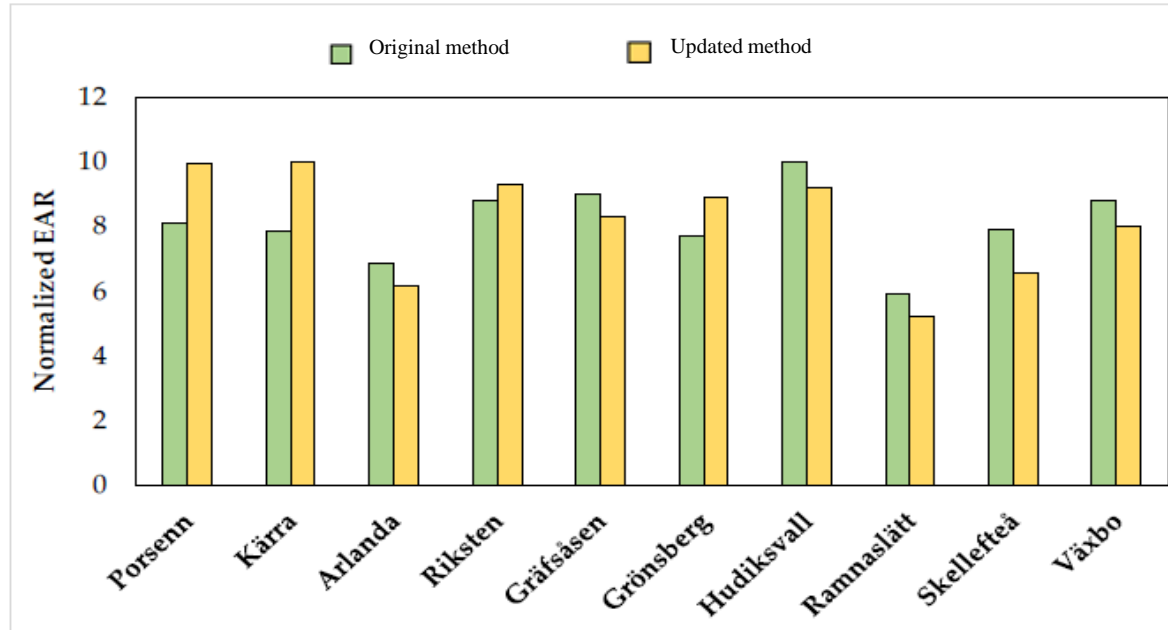
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- Sala S., Cerutti A.K., Pant R.; *Development of a weighting approach for the Environmental Footprint*; Publications Office of the European Union; Luxembourg, 2018.

Indicator	Weighting Factor w_j	Normalization Factor V_n	Normalization Factor Unit of Measurement
Core environmental indicators (A)			
GWP, Total	2.11×10^{-01}	$8.10 \times 10^{+03}$	kg CO ₂ eq.
ODP	6.31×10^{-02}	5.36×10^{-02}	kg CFC11 eq.
AP	6.20×10^{-02}	$5.56 \times 10^{+01}$	mol H ⁺ eq.
EP, freshwater	2.80×10^{-02}	$1.61 \times 10^{+00}$	kg P eq.
EP, marine	2.96×10^{-02}	$1.95 \times 10^{+01}$	kg N eq.
EP, terrestrial	3.71×10^{-02}	$1.77 \times 10^{+02}$	mol N eq.
POCP	4.78×10^{-02}	$4.06 \times 10^{+01}$	kg NMVOC eq.
ADPE	7.55×10^{-02}	6.37×10^{-02}	kg Sb eq.
ADPF	8.32×10^{-02}	$6.50 \times 10^{+04}$	MJ
WDP	8.51×10^{-02}	$1.15 \times 10^{+04}$	m ³
Use of resources (B)			
PERE	$0.00 \times 10^{+00}$	$0.00 \times 10^{+00}$	MJ
PERM	$0.00 \times 10^{+00}$	$0.00 \times 10^{+00}$	MJ
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Latest revision of the method: results



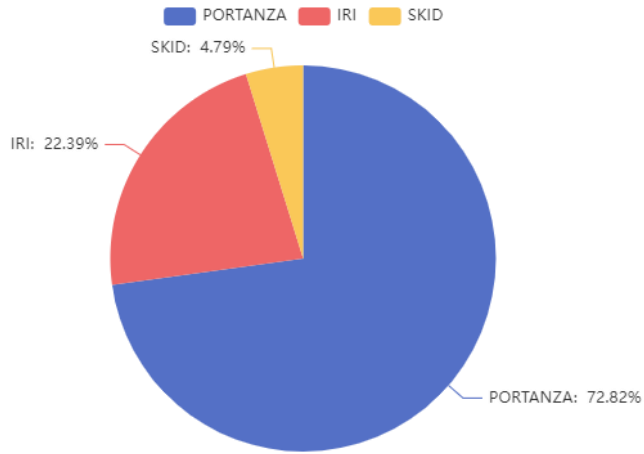
Comparison of EAR values calculated with original and updated method (no performance corrections applied).

Note: To efficiently compare the two methods, a second normalization to the EAR values is applied, dividing the EAR value of each mixture by the maximum EAR value obtained from the entire set of mixtures. This is conducted separately for the set of EAR values obtained with the original method and for the set of EAR values obtained with the updated method.

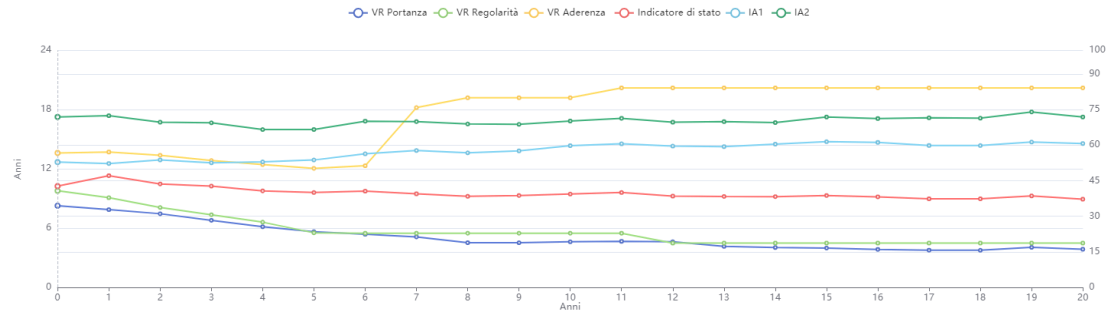
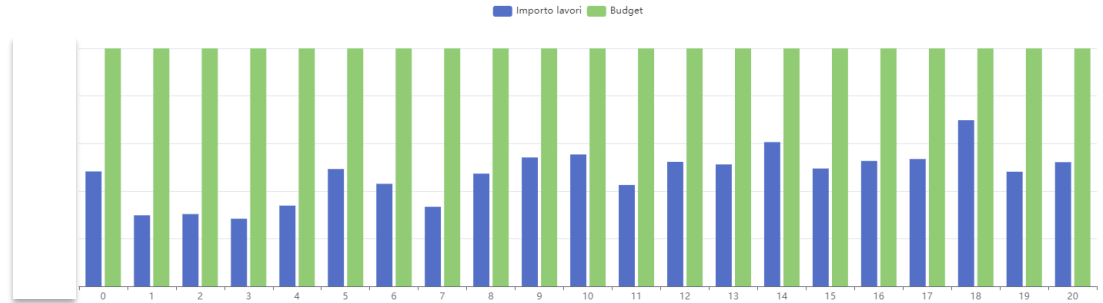
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EXAMPLES: Geocomposite

Scenario 1: default boundary conditions + Geocomposite to restore bearing Capacity on the 20% of the Network*



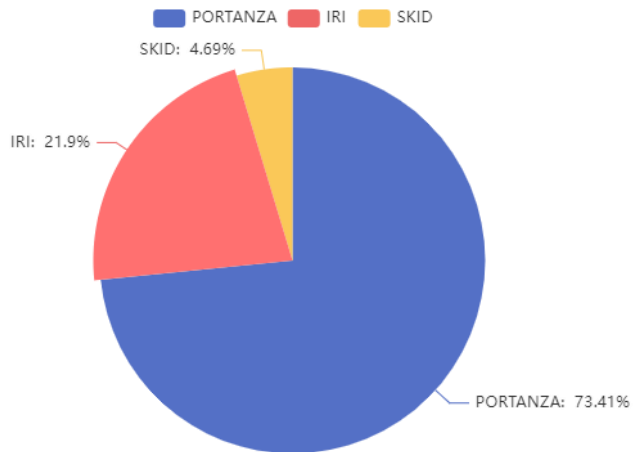
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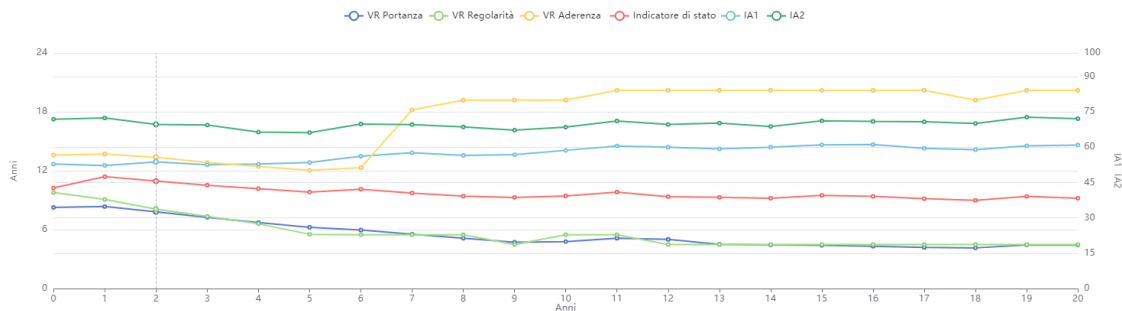
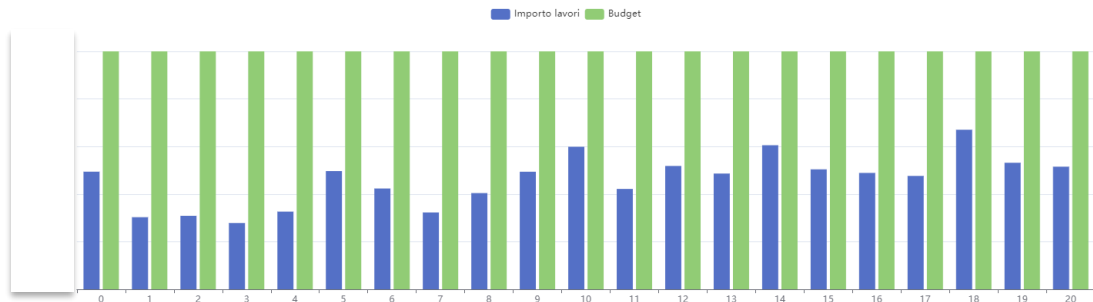
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EXAMPLES: Geocomposite

Scenario 2: default boundary conditions + Geocomposite to restore bearing Capacity on the 50% of the Network*



EAR = 14.283.487,82



* the Scenario is just a demonstration of the tool and all the data and the graphs reported in this slide are not referred to a real case.

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EXAMPLES: Geocomposite

Comparison Between **SCENARIO 1*** (20% Geocomposite to restore Bearing Capacity) and **SCENARIO 2*** (50% Geocomposite to restore Bearing Capacity)



Scenario 1

- 20y-Budget: 100%
- Global indicator @10th year: 9,4y
- Global indicator @20th year: 8,9y
- EAR 20y: 14,974 M



Scenario 2

- 20y-Budget: 98%
- Global indicator @10th year: 9,4y
- Global indicator @20th year: 9,2y
- EAR 20y: 14,283 M

Environmental Asphalt Rating

CONCLUSIONS

- a) AS shown, Asset Management Platforms are spreading to manage different components of the asset
- b) A merging process of different asset management platforms is running to analyse every aspect of the Asset by using one single Territorial-scale Digital Twin,
- c) PMS platforms are used to **support** decision-makers by generating 20-years scenarios
- d) Comparison between different strategies can be made in terms of economic aspects, Global-Performance and **Sustainability**
- e) The ASPI|Movyon E-PMS allows sustainability assessment through the **EAR** Index, which is one of the first examples of sustainability analysis integrated in a PMS
- f) The challenge is to develop new procedures to track the whole process, from tender phase to the execution.

Thank you.

