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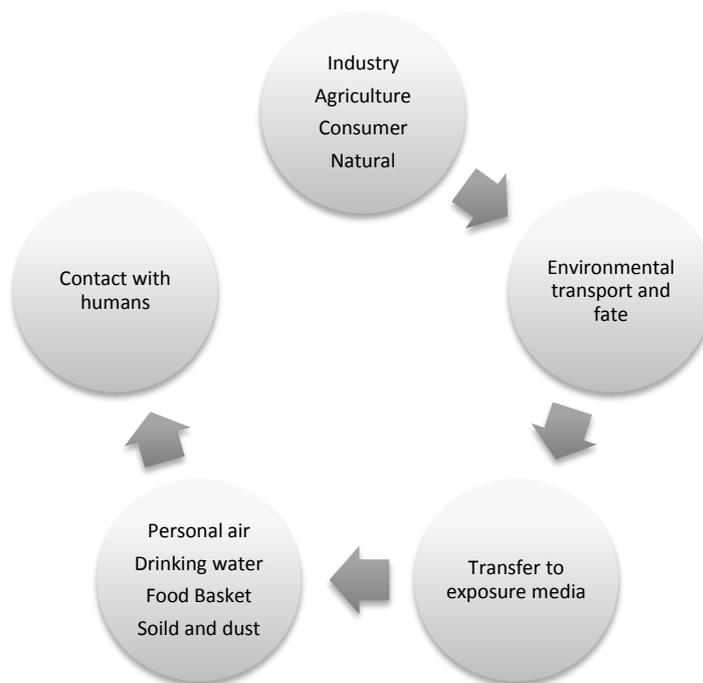
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## 1 Introduction

Exposure can be assessed by measuring exposure concentrations, once chemicals are produced, used and emitted. For new chemicals, exposure assessments can only be based on predictions. This involves estimating emissions, pathways and rates of movement of a substance and its transformation or degradation in order to obtain concentrations or doses to which human populations or environmental compartments are or may be exposed. It involves describing the nature and size of the populations or compartments exposed to a substance, and the magnitude and duration of their exposure. The evaluation may concern past or current exposures, or anticipated future exposures. Multimedia exposure models are often used, especially in environmental exposure assessment.

There are many models for assessing exposure to human health and/or the environment. Some of them are multimedia models, which assess the exposure in different environmental matrices, such as soil, water and food chains with different degrees of complexity within each medium. Conversely, others are more specific with regard to a medium or a system (e.g. river or food chain). Other models assess only human health exposure or environmental exposure, while some assess both.



**Figure 1: A conceptual illustration of the migration of pollutants from sources, through the multimedia environment and into exposure media, followed by contact with humans (McKone & MacLeod, 2003)**

Government programmes used to focus their assessments on single media, such as air, water or food, and specific segments of the population, such as workers, pesticide applicators and consumers. Single-pathway and single-medium assessments are useful to decision-makers because they can provide quantitative risk estimates on which to base risk management decisions. However, such assessments do not provide an estimate of the baseline exposure in the absence of the pathway of concern.

Aggregate exposure assessments estimate total exposure via all pathways and routes and are more complex and costly than single-medium assessments. They require the collection of data and development and implementation of models for the additional pathways and sometimes for additional groups of people to serve as control groups for comparison with the subgroup of interest.

**Humans** may be exposed to a variety of substances from multiple exposure pathways. A distinction can be made between exposure through environment, exposure from use of consumer products and exposure at the workplace or during professional use. Human exposure to chemicals through multiple environmental pathways is classically estimated by multimedia models, to calculate the distribution of contaminants over environmental matrices and products of interest for human exposure (drinking water, inhaled air, vegetables, meat, fish, milk and other foodstuffs). When combined with data describing human behaviour, such multimedia models provide an estimation of the daily dose inhaled, ingested or dermally adsorbed by the population of interest. Many tools for exposure of humans to chemicals from contaminated air, water and soil have been developed.

Multimedia **environmental** fate models play a significant role in the assessment of the environmental fate of chemicals. Multimedia models have recently been used for the purposes ranging from exposure assessment of industrial chemicals to the long-range transport and persistence potential of chemicals (Mackay, 2001; Cowan et al., 1995; Brandes, 1996; OECD, 2002).

Modelling approaches are used for those assessments because monitoring data are not necessarily sufficient, the future state of the environment cannot be predicted from monitoring data, and mechanistic insights into the fate of chemicals are useful for the strategic assessment of countermeasures.

Existing exposure models can be broadly categorised according to the following types of exposure source: environmental, dietary, consumer product, occupational and aggregate and cumulative (different chemical sources and pathways).

The goal of task 2.1 is to set up an exemplary list with all available exposure modelling tools.. This deliverable is part of WP2 in which the main objective is to identify strengths and weaknesses of the 2-FUN tool using a SWOT analysis. This analysis will be used as an input for the design of the final integrated 2-FUN tool (WP3) that will be in agreement with stakeholders' requirements.

## 2 Exposure models

### 2.1 Environmental exposure models

Environmental exposure models have been developed in an effort to quantify human exposure to chemicals via contact with the surrounding environment. A wide range of existing exposure models fall into this category, with individual models tending to focus on human exposures from a limited range of environmental media. Two broad categories of environmental exposure models can be distinguished: (1) environmental concentration models, and (2) human intake models. Environmental concentration models simulate environmental processes in order to generate chemical concentrations in particular media to which humans may come into contact. Environmental concentration models are typically sophisticated mechanistic assessment tools with (or without) a temporal or spatial aspect and involve the use of a series of parameters representing the modelled environment and the chemical in question. Human intake models go one step further by quantifying human chemical intake from contact with the relevant environmental media. Human intake models differ from exposure concentration models in that they require the user to have knowledge of parameters relating to human activities and physiology in addition to parameters representing the chemical and environmental conditions.

**Table 1: Examples of environmental concentration models**

<b>Model</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Author</b>
<b>ADAM</b>	ADAM (Air Force Dispersion Assessment Model) a modified box and Gaussian dispersion model which incorporates thermodynamics, chemistry, heat transfer, aerosol loading, and dense gas effects.	AF Research Laboratory
<b>ADMS-3</b>	Atmospheric Dispersion Modeling System	Cambridge Environmental Research Centre
<b>AFTOX</b>	Gaussian dispersion model that will handle continuous or instantaneous liquid or gas elevated or surface releases from point or area sources.	Kunkel, 1991
<b>Consim</b>	ConSim is designed to provide those concerned with the management of contaminated land with a means of assessing the risk that is posed to groundwater by leaching contaminants.	Golder Associates
<b>HYDRUS</b>	HYDRUS is a software package for simulating water, heat, and solute movement in two- and three-dimensional variably saturated media.	Simunek et al., 2008
<b>MACRO</b>	MACRO is a physically-based one-dimensional numerical model of water flow and reactive solute transport in field soils	Jarvis et al., 1994
<b>PRZM</b>	PRZM is a surface water model that simulates chemical movement in soil within and immediately below the plant root zone.	Carsel et al., 1985
<b>PEARL</b>	Pesticide Emission Assessment at Regional	Tiktak et al., 2000

	and Local scales. It is a one-dimensional numerical model of pesticide behaviour in the soil-plant system.	
<b>PELMO</b>	A one dimensional simulation model simulating the vertical movement of pesticides in soil by chromatographic leaching.	Klein, 1995
<b>EXAMS</b>	EXAMS is a surface water model that evaluates the fate, transport, and exposure concentration of pesticides.	Bruns, 2004
<b>SCI-GROW</b>	SCIGROW is an aquatic model used to estimate pesticide concentrations in ground water.	US EPA, Water Models

Table 2: Examples of human intake models

<b>Model</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Author</b>
<b>APEX</b>	Air pollutant exposure model	Graham et al., 2012
<b>HAPEM</b>	Hazardous air pollutant exposure model	Rosenbaum & Huang, 2007
<b>SKINPERM</b>	Estimates the skin permeation coefficient of a chemical from aqueous solutions using physicochemical properties.	Ten Berge, 2006
<b>AirPEX</b>	Air pollution exposure model	Freijer et al., 1997

## 2.2 Dietary exposure models

Dietary exposure models have been developed to predict human exposure to chemicals resulting from the consumption of contaminated food and water and also for e.g. substances naturally occurring in them.

Model	Description	Author
<b>DEEM</b>	DEEM is a dietary exposure analysis system that may be used to estimate exposure to constituents in foods comprising the diets of the US population, including population subgroups.	Kidwel, et al., 2000
<b>DEPM</b>	The model and database system, correlates extant food information in a format for estimating dietary exposure.	US EPA, 2003
<b>PRIMo</b>	The model is based on national food consumption figures and unit weights provided by Member States and implements internationally agreed risk assessment methodologies to assess the short-term (acute) and long-term (chronic) exposure of consumers.	EFSA
<b>Consumer Exposure Model</b>	Deals with exposure to pesticides via the ingestion of residues in agricultural commodities.	UK Pesticide Safety Directorate
<b>Intake Program</b>	It evaluates exposures via the ingestion of food items and drinking water.	UK Food Standards Agency

Table 3: Examples of dietary exposure models

## 2.3 Consumer product exposure models

Consumer product exposure models are developed to assess human chemical intake via contact with consumer products.

Table 4: Examples of consumer exposure models

Model	Description	Author
<b>CONSEXPO-3</b>	A range of models for predicting human exposure to chemicals used in consumer products.	Vermeire et al., 1993
<b>PROMISE</b>	A software tool developed for the Solvents Council of the ACC to assist in the exposure assessment of industrial chemicals	American Solvents Council, 2005
<b>MCCEPA</b>	Multi-Chamber Concentration and Exposure Model (MCCEPA)	USEPA/ Office of Research and

		Development
<b>BEAT</b>	Bayesian Exposure Assessment Tool	Health and Safety Laboratory, UK
<b>REx</b>	The residential exposure model evaluates ingestion, inhalation, and dermal contact exposures from a range of residential pesticide products.	Non-dietary Subcommittee of the Organophosphate Case Study Group, USA
<b>MCCEM</b>	Multi-chamber concentration and exposure model (MCCEM). Estimates average and peak indoor air concentrations of chemicals released from products or materials in house.	US EPA Exposure Assessment Tools and Models
<b>CEM</b>	An interactive model, which calculates conservative estimates of potential inhalation exposure and potential and adsorbed dermal exposure to consumer products.	US EPA
<b>PIRAT</b>	The pesticide risk assessment tool (PIRAT) provides screening level estimates of exposure and risk to pesticide inert ingredients that are used in a residential setting, i.e. ingredients other than the active ingredients in pesticide products	US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP)
<b>WPEM</b>	Wall paints exposure model estimates the potential exposure of consumers and workers to the chemicals emitted from wall paint.	US EPA
<b>SprayExpo</b>	A deterministic model to predict inhalation and dermal exposure during spray application of biocidal products.	BAuA, 2006
<b>ECETOC-TRA</b>	The TRA consists of 3 separate models for estimating exposures to workers, consumers and the environment that arise during a series of events ('exposure scenarios').	ECETOC, 2012

## 2.4 Occupational exposure models

Occupation exposure models assess the magnitude of exposure to a variety of substances potentially hazardous to their health in the workplace.

Table 5: Examples of occupational exposure models

Model	Description	Author
<b>EASE</b>	Estimation and assessment of substance exposure	HSE, 2000
<b>POEM</b>	Predictive operator exposure model	PSD, 1992
<b>RISKOFDERM</b>	The RISKOFDERM Dermal Exposure Model is a model for estimating potential dermal exposure, i.e. the total amount of a substance coming into contact with the protective clothing, work clothing and	TNO, 2006

	exposed skin.	
<b>Stoffenmanager</b>	A tool for prioritizing worker health risks to dangerous substances, a quantitative inhalation exposure tool and a REACH Tier one quantitative inhalation exposure tool	Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, The Netherlands, 2012
<b>EMHG-Expo-Tool</b>	A generic tool that can be used to derive a Tier 1 inhalation exposure value for the workplace	EMKG, BAuA, 2008
<b>ECETOC-TRA</b>	The TRA consists of 3 separate models for estimating exposures to workers, consumers and the environment that arise during a series of events ('exposure scenarios').	ECETOC, 2012

## 2.5 Aggregate and cumulative exposure models (multimedia models)

In order to quantify total human exposure to a particular chemical it is often necessary to consider exposures from different sources and pathways simultaneously. This requirement has led to the development of models capable of aggregating different chemical sources and pathways into a single exposure assessment.

Some models listed in Table 6 might also belong in one of the previous listed categories. These models are however defined as aggregated models if they consist of 2 or more compartments.

**Table 6: Overview of aggregate exposure models**

<b>Model</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Author</b>
<b>3MRA</b>	3MRA provides the ability to conduct screening-level risk-based assessment of potential human and ecological health risks resulting from long term (chronic) exposure to HWIR chemicals released from land-based waste management units (WMUs) containing currently listed waste streams.	Johnson et al., 2002
<b>BETR</b>	Modelling the movement of persistent organic pollutants on a continental scale	Toose et al., 2004
<b>BREEZE Risk</b>	Human health and ecological risk assessment modelling system designed to conduct multi-pathway human health risk assessments and food-web based ecological risk assessment modelling.	Breeze
<b>Calendex</b>	Calendar-Based Dietary & Non-Dietary Aggregate and Cumulative Exposure Software System	Petersen et al., 2000
<b>CalTOX</b>	Exposure model for hazardous waste sites	California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Hertwich et al., 2001; McKone, 2001; McKone et al., 2001

<b>CARES</b>	Quantifies risks to human health from exposures to pesticides in drinking water, food and from home-based treatments.	CropLife America, 2002
<b>ChemCan</b>	Human exposure assessment, designed for use in Canada	Canadian Environmental Modelling Centre (CEMC). Webster et al., 2004; Mackay et al., 1991.
<b>ChemFrance</b>	Prediction of persistence and spatial range of organic chemicals	Devillers et al., 1995
<b>CHEMGL</b>	A multimedia compartment model, which predicts fate and transport of chemicals in the Great Lakes region.	Zhang et al., 2003
<b>ChemRange</b>	Prediction of persistence and spatial range of organic chemicals	Scheringer et al.,
<b>ChemSTEER</b>	Estimates occupational inhalation and dermal exposure to a chemical during industrial and commercial manufacturing, processing, and use operations involving the chemical. Estimates releases of a chemical to air, water, and land that are associated with industrial and commercial manufacturing, processing, and use of the chemical.	US EPA
<b>CLEA</b>	Quantifies human exposure to chemicals resulting from direct and indirect contact with contaminated soils	DEFRA, 2002
<b>CREMe</b>	An exposure assessment tool specializing in the areas of population exposure assessment to consumer products, food and environmental concerns.	CREMe Ltd., 2006
<b>CSOIL 2000</b>	CSOIL 2000 calculates the risks that humans are exposed to if they come into contact with soil contamination.	Brand et al., 2007
<b>Ecofate</b>	A computer tool used for assessing chemical emissions from point and non-point source pollution sources for the purpose of developing Ecosystem-based risk assessments and determining potential effect on human health.	Gobas et al., 1998
<b>ECOSENSE</b>	An integrated environmental impact assessment model. Developed to support the assessment of priority impacts resulting from the exposure to airborne pollutants, namely impacts on health, crops, building materials, forests, and ecosystems.	Genon & Brizio, 2005
<b>E-FAST</b>	Provides screening-level estimates of the concentrations of chemicals released to air, surface water, landfills, and from consumer products.	US EPA, 2007
<b>ELPOS</b>	Environmental Long-range Transport and	Beyer & Matthies, 2002

Persistence of Organic Substances Model		
<b>EN-forc</b>	An environmental food transfer model for organic contaminants	Fierens,et al., 2013
<b>ERDEM</b>	ERDEM is a physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) model with a graphical user interface (GUI) front end.	Blancato et al., 2006
<b>EUSES</b>	EUSES is a decision-support instrument which carries out rapid and efficient assessments of the general risks posed by chemical substances	Vermeire et al., 1997
<b>Fug3ONT</b>	A four compartment level II fugacity model for simulating the relative multimedia distribution of non-ionic organic chemicals in a regional environment.	Mackay & Paterson, 1991
<b>G-CIEMS</b>	A spatially resolved and geo-reference dynamic multimedia environmental fate model.	Suzuki et al., 1994
<b>GEMCO</b>	Generic Estuary Model for Contaminants. Designed as an easy-to-use tool to determine the sediment and water concentrations as well as the concentrations and fluxes of contaminants through the different trophic levels in a schematic food web.	Cefic, 2003
<b>GLOBOX</b>	Is a spatially differentiated multimedia fate, exposure and effect model.	Sleeswijk & Heijungs, 2010
<b>GREAT-ER</b>	An advanced environmental exposure model for chemicals in river basins, for use e.g. in the European chemicals risk assessment process (REACH), and in the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD)	Koormann et al., 2006
<b>HAZCHEM</b>	It consists of the following models: estimation of release to the environment, wastewater treatment model, environmental exposure on a regional scale, environmental exposure of water/air/soil on a local scale, characterisation of risk, extrapolation of NOECs	ECETOC, 1994
<b>HESP</b>	Human Exposure to Soil Pollutants (HESP). The model calculates the total exposure of adults and children resulting from pollutants present in soil, via 10 different exposure routes.	Poels & Veerkamp, 1992
<b>Humanex</b>	Combination of EUSES and CSOIL 2000	Bontje, et al., 2005
<b>IMPACT2002+</b>	A LCA method comprising a European multimedia fate and exposure model	Jolliet et al., 2003
<b>INTERA</b>	<b>INT</b> egrated <b>E</b> xposure for <b>R</b> isk <b>A</b> ssessment in indoor environments	Asikainen et al., 2012
<b>IRAP-h</b>	RAP-h View is a user-friendly graphical interface for conducting a comprehensive	Lakes Environmental, 2009

	multi-pathway human health risk assessment. It simultaneously calculates risk values for multiple chemicals, from multiple sources, at multiple exposure locations.	
<b>ISMCM</b>	Integrated spatial-multimedia-compartmental model (ISMCM) to assess the multimedia environmental partitioning of volatile and particle-bound pollutants in the environment.	Cohen & Clay, 1994
<b>LIFELINE</b>	Quantifies exposure to and human health risks from pesticides in agricultural crops, drinking water supplies and residences	LifeLine Group, USA
<b>LOTOS-EUROS</b>	LOTOS-EUROS is a regional chemical transport model (CTM) designed for the assessment of gaseous and particulate air pollutants	Segers, 2012
<b>MAFRAM</b>	Multimedia agricultural fate and risk assessment model, for comparing and establishing the general features of new and existing non-volatile organic chemicals (NVOCs) used in agricultural activities, based on simple and readily available properties.	Batiha et al., 2010
<b>MENTOR</b>	A mechanistic source-to-dose Modelling Environment for Total Risk studies. A computational toolbox that provides various modelling and data analysis tools to facilitate assessment of cumulative and aggregate exposure to contaminant mixtures.	Georgopoulos and Lioy, 2003
<b>MEPAS</b>	Hazardous waste site and radioactive waste	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Whelan et al., 1992
<b>MMSOILS</b>	The Multimedia Contaminant Fate, Transport, and Exposure Model (MMSOILS) estimates the human exposure and health risk associated with releases of contamination from hazardous waste sites.	USEPA
<b>MODUL'ERS</b>	A modular computational tool for estimating concentrations, exposure and risks levels due to a source of local pollution due to soil pollution or emissions from facilities	Bonnard, 2010
<b>MSCE-POP</b>	For the assessment of the transport and accumulation of POPs in the framework of air quality policies in Europe.	Gusev et al., 2005
<b>MULTIMED</b>	Simulates the movement of contaminants leaching from a waste disposal facility. The model consists of a number of modules which predict concentrations at a receptor due to transport in the subsurface, surface air, or air.	USEPA, 1996

<b>NORMTOX</b>	NORM- TOX models the daily exposure to contaminants from air, soil, drinking and surface water and food products, averaged over a lifetime.	Ragas et al., 2009
<b>OURSON</b>	A dynamic model developed to evaluate radionuclide transfer from surface water to man.	Ciffroy et al., 2006
<b>QWASI</b>	It describes the steady state behaviour of an organic chemical in a lake subject to chemical inputs by direct discharge, inflow in rivers, and deposition from the atmosphere.	Mackay et al., 1983
<b>RAIDAR</b>	RAIDAR is an evaluative, regional-scale, mass balance model for screening level exposure and risk assessment. The model simulates chemical fate and transport in the environment, bioaccumulation in a range of species, food web bioaccumulation, far-field exposures to humans and representative ecological species, and effects (risk).	Arnot et al., 2006
<b>RESRAD</b>	Radionuclide contaminated soil	Yu et al., 1989
<b>RISC</b>	Designed to assess the potential for adverse human health impacts due to exposure to contaminated soil, water and air, to calculate target clean-up levels for these media, and to estimate the cross-media transport of chemicals in the environment.	Spence & Walden, 1997
<b>SADA</b>	Spatial Analysis and Decision Tools. It incorporates tools from environmental assessment fields into an effective problem solving software.	Stewart & Purucker, 2011
<b>SHEDS</b>	Stochastic human exposure and dose simulation model for multimedia, multiroute/pathway chemicals	Zartarian et al., 2008
<b>SimpleBox</b>	Understanding chemical fate in urban area	Brandes et al., 1996
<b>S-RISK</b>	A mode that allows to calculate human health-based soil remediation values, to perform site-specific human health risk assessment or calculate soil clean-up goals.	Cornelis et al., 2013
<b>SWAT</b>	<b>SWAT (Soil &amp; Water Assessment Tool)</b> is a river basin scale model developed to quantify the impact of land management practices in large, complex watersheds.	Neitsch et al., 2002
<b>TRIM.FaTE</b>	A spatially explicit, compartmental mass balance model that describes the movement and transformation of pollutants over time, through a user-defined, bounded system that includes both biotic and abiotic compartments.	US EPA, 2005

<b>USES-LCA</b>	The model is based on the European Union system for the evaluation of substances model and is applied for risk assessment purposes in the EU.	RIVM, 1998
<b>USEtox</b>	An environmental model for characterization of human and ecotoxic impacts in Life Cycle Impact Assessment and for comparative assessment and ranking of chemicals according to their inherent hazard characteristics.	Rosenbaum et al., 2008
<b>Vlier-Humaan</b>	A model to determine human exposure caused by soil contamination.	OVAM, 2010
<b>WATSON</b>	Water and soil environmental fate and exposure model of noxious substances at the European scale	Bachman, 2006.
<b>WHATIF</b>	WHATIF is software that integrates a number of calculators, tools, and models for assessing the health of watersheds and streams with an emphasis on fish communities in the Mid-Atlantic Highland region.	Rashleigh et al., 2006
<b>Xtrafood</b>	Model for the impact analysis of contaminants in primary food production	Seuntjes et al., 2006

### **3 Models to include in the SWOT analysis**

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Not all models presented in Table 1-6 will be in-depth analysed in the SWOT analysis. The focus will be on the multimedia models from Table 6. Consumer product and occupational exposure models will not be included as the only human pathway in 2-FUN is the exposure of man via environment. Therefore there is no need to include these models in the analysis.

A selection of models will be made in Task 2.3 at the start of the SWOT analysis. In this selection, the following criteria can be considered: a) it should preferably be a multimedia model, b) the model should fit more-or-less in the scope of the identified regulatory frameworks from Task 2.4, c) models, with a focus on a geographical area outside Europe, will be excluded, d) models with a focus only on radionuclides will be excluded, e) older versions of a certain model (e.g. SimpleBox – EUSES) will not be included, f) the scope of the model should be within the scope of the 2-FUN tool.

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