

ITU-T L.1430 Factsheet

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	ITU-T L.1430 - Recommendation ITU-T L.1430: Methodology for assessment of the environmental impact of information and communication technology greenhouse gas and energy projects	
Name of Initiative/Methodology	Recommendation ITU-T L.1430: Methodology for assessment of the environmental impact of information and communication technology greenhouse gas and energy projects	
Link to the latest published version	L.1430 (12/2013): Version 1.0 http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-L.1430-201312-l/en	
Developed by	The International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	
History and Status	Approved in December 2013 Publicly available and used	
Involved companies / parties	The Study Group 5 of ITU-T is responsible for studying ICT environmental aspects of electromagnetic phenomena and climate change. The SG5 includes Huawei, Hitachi, Telecom Italia, Orange, Littelfuse, Ericsson, Epcos AG, the JRC, TU Budapest, Aalto University, ETRI, NTT	
Scope	✓ Organisation env. accounting✓ Scope 1✓ Scope 2✓ Scope 3	Product env. assessment Life cycle approach Use phase only
	✓ GWP✓ Energy (focus on secondary energy)	Other environmental impacts KPIs
System(s) covered by the methodology	 ICT greenhouse gas and ICT energy projects. An ICT GHG (energy) project is an ICT project which uses ICT goods, networks and services to reduce GHG emissions (energy consumption), increase the capture and storage of GHG, or enhance GHG removals (energy generation and storage) Projects implemented in the ICT sector or other sectors 	
Goals	Identifying GHG sources, sinks and storage systems of a project, as well as energy consumers, generators and storage systems Assessing, monitoring and reporting on GHG emissions reduction and energy consumption reductions of ICT projects Providing information to organisations in charge of the projects Assessing first and second order effects (i.e. reductions) of ICT projects Intended as a complement to [ISO 14064-2] and [GHG Protocol]	
Generic features	GHG programs may include GHG offsets and credits. The GHG and energy effects of the project are considered for the projects' full life cycle, but may be quantified only on the most significant stage (i.e. use phase). First order effects: impact created by the physical existence of ICTs and the processes involved (e.g. GHG emissions, e-waste, use of hazardous substances, use of non-renewable resources) Second order effects: impact and opportunities created by the use and application of ICTs, incl. environmental load reduction effects The general steps include: Planning of the ICT GHG or ICT energy project (definition of project boundary, baseline scenario, etc.) Identification of GHG sources, sinks and storage systems of the project, as well as energy consumers, generators and storage systems Quantification of GHG and energy effects for the baseline scenario and the project results Reporting and verification of the project The assessed time period of the baseline scenario concurs with that of the ICT project Any uncertainties associated with the GHG and energy effects of each project activity shall be described in the final report.	
ICT-specific features	The user shall refer to [ISO 14064-2] for general requirements on ICT projects. A description of ICT projects shall be completed, e.g. using examples of ICT greenhouse gas and energy projects provided in Appendix I. ICT projects may be implemented in both the ICT sector and the non-ICT sector. GIG projects shall only be those intended for GIG emission reductions and/or removal enhancements, without regulatory enforcement and economic advantages Significant unintended changes (either one-time, upstream or downstream) need to be considered in the GIG and energy assessment boundary. E.g. replacement of low performance equipment with high performance equipment (potential dismantling of discarded equipment); activities that include transportation of employees or products.	
Examples of implementation / experience feedback	None identified - to be filled later	
Interaction with other methodologies	• [ITU-T L.1410] Methodology for environmental impact assessment of information and communication technology goods, networks and services • [ISO 14064-2] Greenhouse gases - Part 2: Specification with guidance at the project level for quantification, monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emission reductions or removal enhancements • [ISO 14064-3] Greenhouse gases - Part 3: Specification with guidance for the validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions • [GHG Protocol] A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard • [Kyoto Protocol] to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	

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