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Holistic Approach
for Providing Spatial & Transport
Planning Tools and Evidence
to Metropolitan and Regional
Authorities to Lead a Sustainable
Transition to a New Mobility Era

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HARMONY Project - Overview



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Objective

- Develop a new generation of **harmonised spatial and multimodal transport planning tools** to support Metropolitan and Regional Authorities toward a **Sustainable Transition to a New Mobility Era**



Results

- **Model Suite (MS):** multi-scale, software-agnostic, integrated model system (mainly based on the activity-based approach).
- **Recommendations for SUMP update** (new technology and services, modelling tools)



Applications

- Analyse regional and urban interventions for **passenger and freight mobility**
- **Six European metropolitan areas:** Rotterdam (NL), Oxfordshire (UK), Turin (IT), Athens (GR), Trikala (GR), Upper Silesian-Zaglebie Metropolis (PL)



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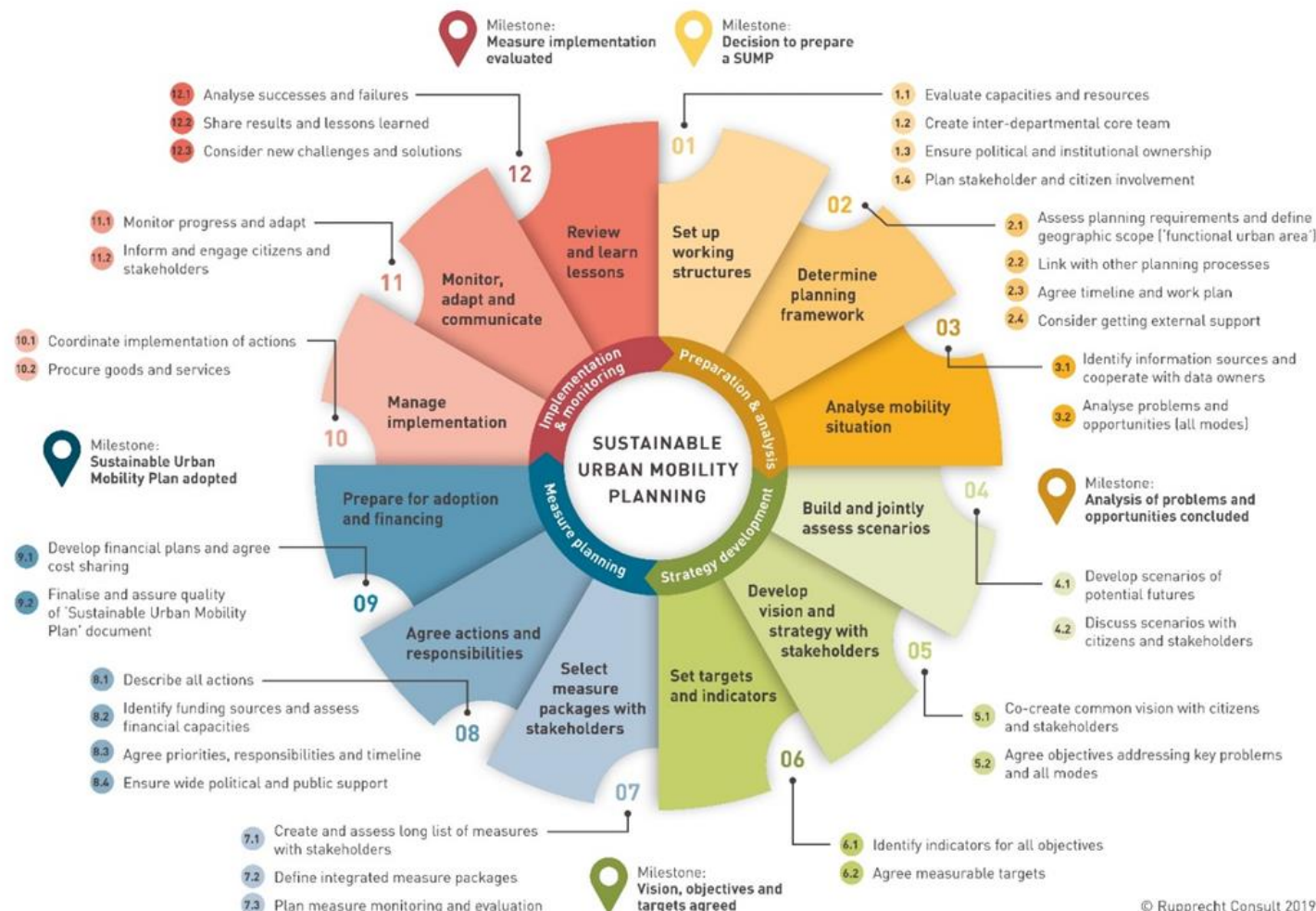
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Transport modelling to support transport planning

- **New mobility services and technologies** offer new opportunities
- **Integrated modelling approach** is needed to support land use and transport planning in metropolitan areas as **strategic** decisions, affect the **tactical** and **operational** levels and viceversa



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HARMONY Model Suite



Multi-scale, software-agnostic, integrated activity-based model system

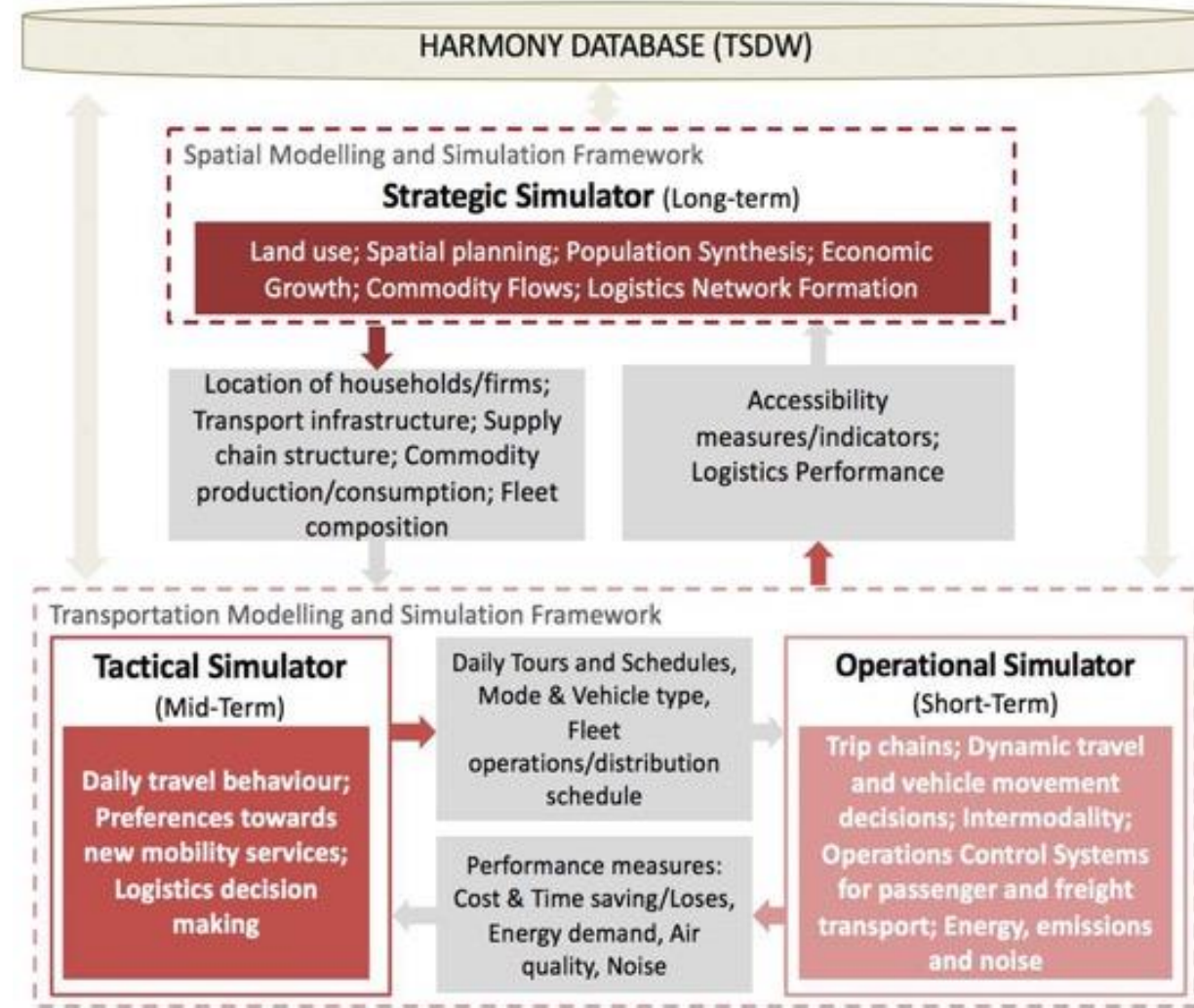
Integrates new and existing sub-models:

- land-use models (strategic/long-term)
- passenger and freight activity-based models (tactical/mid-term)
- multimodal network models (operational/short-term)

Enables the analysis of interventions for both passenger and freight mobility



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STRATEGIC

Regional economic, demographic forecasting, **land-use**, spatial freight and passenger interaction and long-term **mobility choice** models.

Long-term horizon (e.g., year-to-year, every 5 years)



TACTICAL

Agent-based passenger and freight demand model, representing passenger and freight agents' choices.

Mid-term horizon (e.g., on a day-to-day level)



OPERATIONAL

Representing the transport supply and demand interactions at high granularity on **transport network**.

Short-term horizon (e.g., second to second, minute to minute)



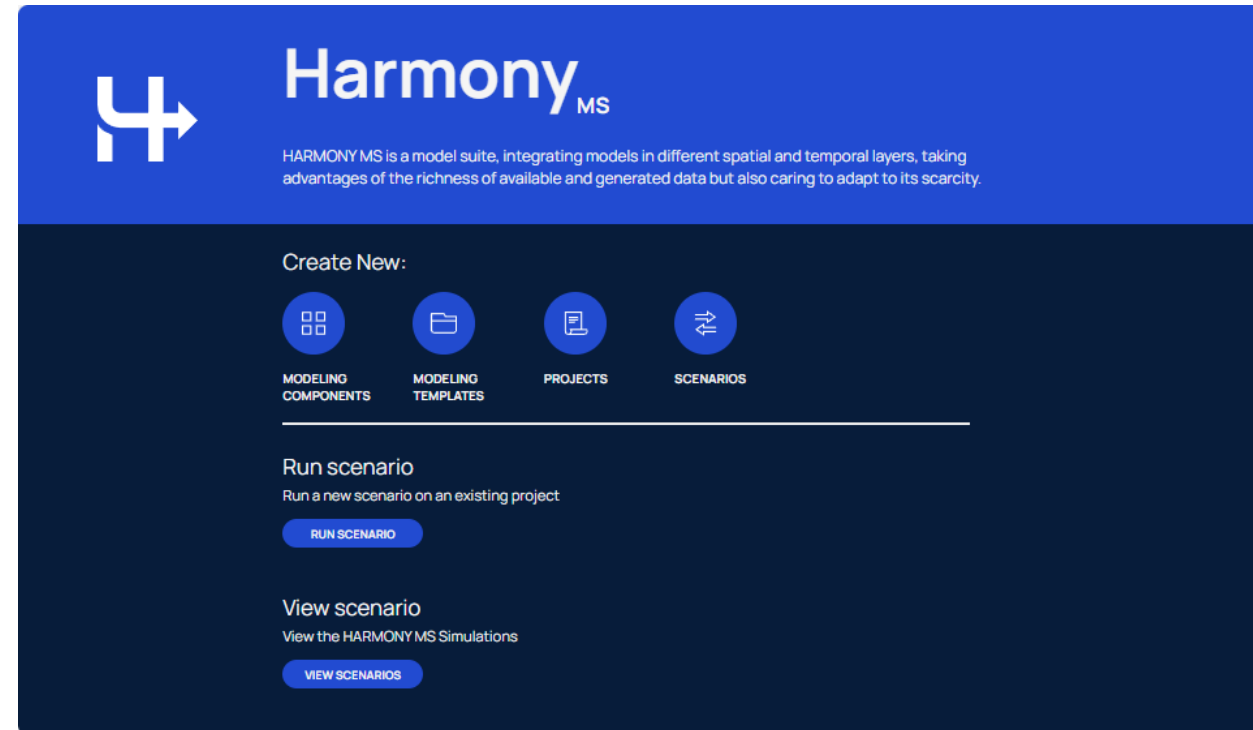
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- **Integrated** spatial and transport **models**
- Integrated supply and demand models with **feedback loops**
- Customized interface for **modellers/planners and decision makers**
- Ability to **connect** existing models (i.e., Aimsun / PTV / Sumo etc.)
- **Comparison** of scenarios
- Visualisation/comparison of **KPIs**
- **State-of-the-art tools** developed by researchers and offered to practitioners in a simple and user-friendly way



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HARMONY MS Dashboard: ABM setup



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- List of **configuration parameters of the Agent Based Model** to allow the user to **specify the inputs and configure the scenario**

HARMONY MS Tactical Passenger Simulator

Spatial context

Usual school location

Dropdown ▾

Usual work location

Dropdown ▾

Temporal context

When to connect?

If time to next activity =

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Joint tours

Very flexible*

When to connect?

Hierarchy of non-elastic temporal "prism-ends"

☒ 1.Children school hours if DO/PU is happening

☒ 2. Work start time (Flexibility accounted for in model)

☐ 3.Non-leisure activities start time

Joint travel

Accompany trips for children

If no driving parent

☒ PT/Carpool/Walking

☐ Other carer (helper)

If 1 driving parent

☒ PT/Carpool/Walking

☐ Parent drives

If 1 driving parent

☒ Model between parents

☐ RW/Other hierarchy

Other joint travel

☒ Joint tours

☒ Harmonize schedules

Activity hierarchy

Location specific

Commercial working hours

☒ Respect local settings

Accessibility indicators

☒ Spatial

☒ Temporal

☒ Opportunities per time of day

Effect of local measures

☒ Update skim matrices

Output mode

☒ Agent schedules

☐ OD matrices

Select geographies



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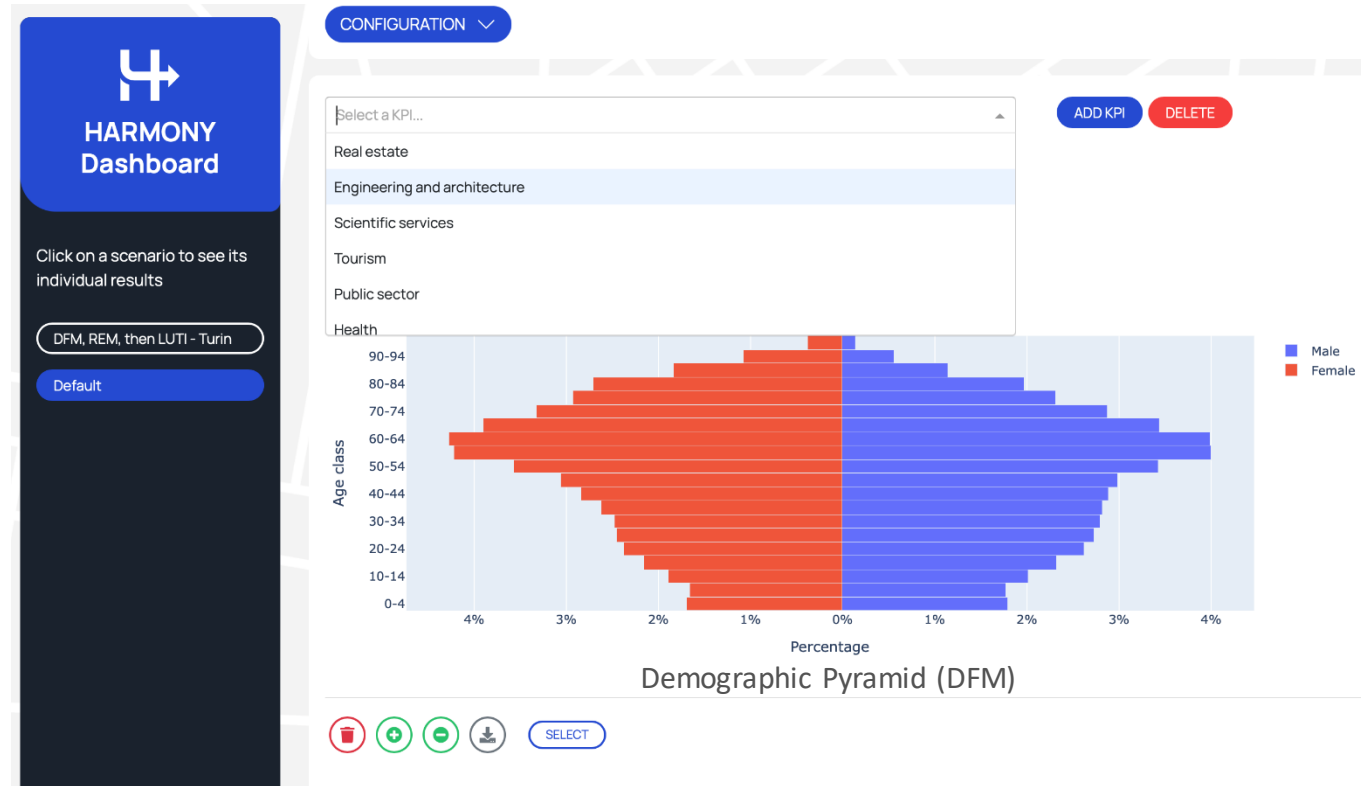
HARMONY MS Dashboard: KPIs



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- **KPI** visualization in the HARMONY MS Dashboard
- **Predefined set of KPIs** for each modelling template, related to each modelling component used, e.g.:
 - Demographic pyramid (DFM)
 - Total Jobs by Year (REM)
 - Jobs accessibility by rail (LUTI)
 - House accessibility by car (LUTI)
 - Trips per activity per hour of the day (ABM)
 - Modal split (ABM)
- Dropdown menu to choose **additional KPI**





HARMONY MS – Turin use cases



Land use development & New public transport infrastructures:

- 1
 - new land use development and relocation in Turin and FUA (work, health, university)
 - Extension / new metro lines and metropolitan rail system in the FUA

Designed on top of use case 1:

- 2 **MaaS demand:** Integration of public transport with shared mobility services in the FUA

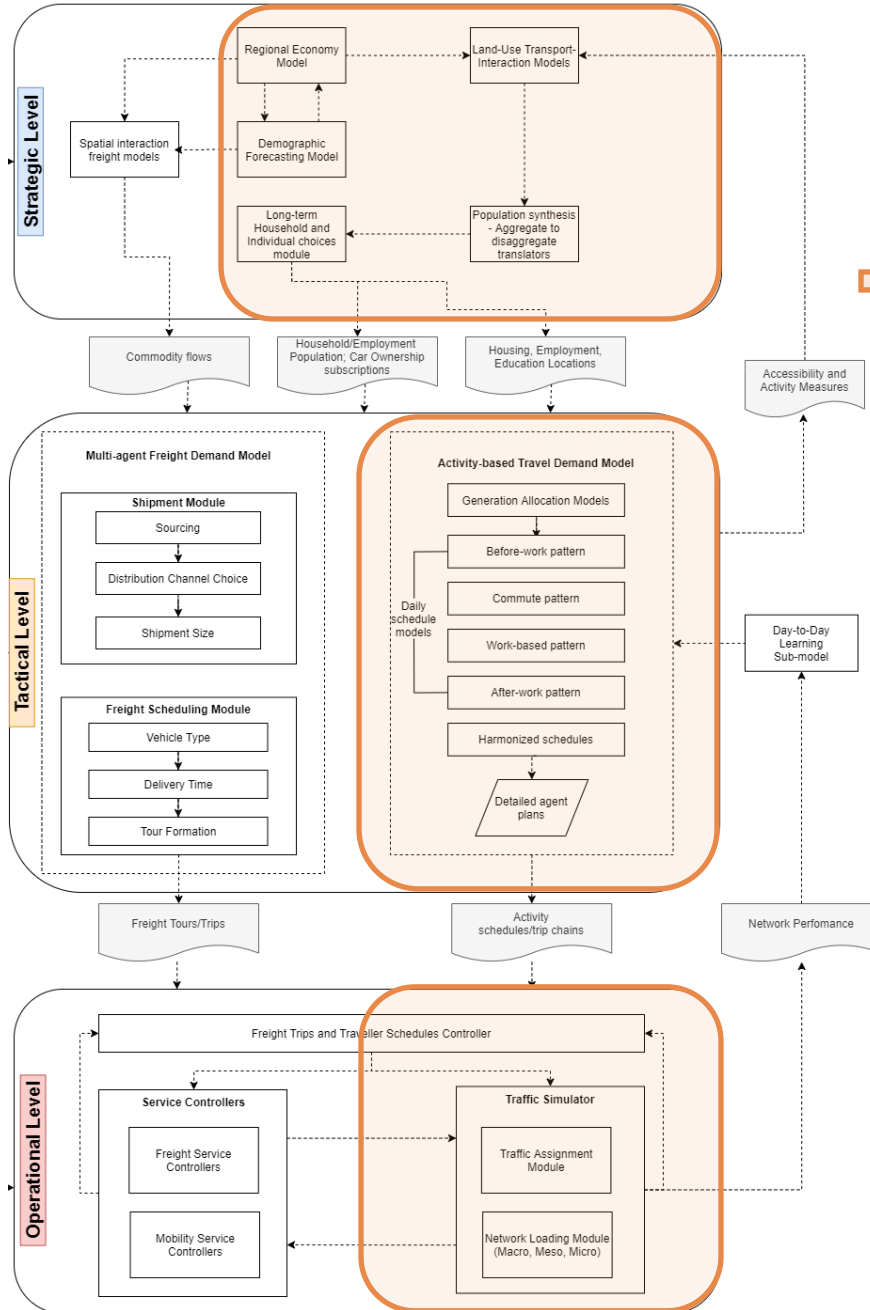
- 3 **Remote working / activity schedule:** Reduction of trips for work and study (remote); change of travel patterns during the day

- 4 **Urban Vehicles Access Regulation measures:** daily ZTL area (Turin central zone), Traffic calming extensively in Turin and first belt municipalities, Low Emission Zone in Turin and several neighbouring municipalities





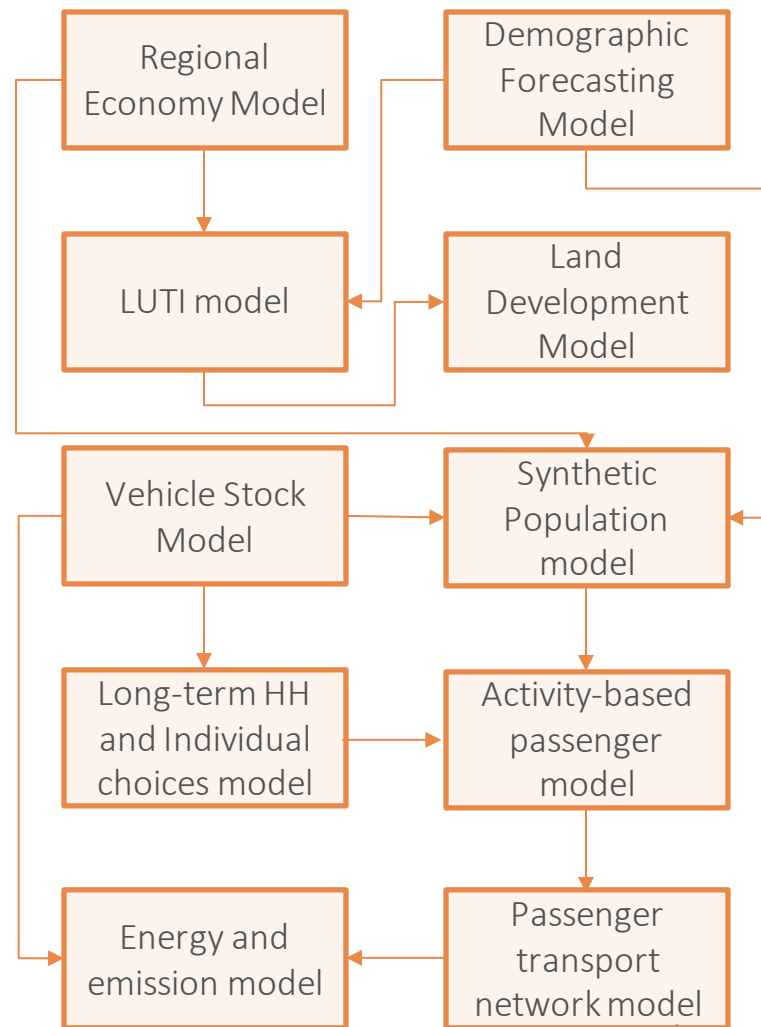
STRATEGIC



TACTICAL



OPERATIONAL



HARMONY project outcomes



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HARMONY MS applied for



HARMONY MS training courses at Delft, Athens, London and Barcelona Universities and in Turin and Katowice

Harmony guidelines for the use of modelling tools for sustainable urban mobility plans in the new mobility era

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- 2-day Workshop - **HARMONY MS training course**
- 1-day Conference - **The Next Generation of Transport Planning Tools for Sustainable Urban Mobility**



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