Urban Geochemical Background (UGB project) and the French database for urban soils analyses (BDSolU)

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Context

> Urban soils: poorly known

- > No soil guidance values in France
- Compare (potentially) contaminated soils
 - to uncontaminated neighbour soils
 - to the geochemical background.
- Need of data to determine geochemical background



Nom du service émetteur

Determination of Urban and Industrial pedogeochemical backgrounds (UGB project)

> 2 agreements ADEME-BRGM

> 2010-2014



- Determination of anthropic pedo-geochemical background in the main French urban areas
- based on data collected during the national campaign of soil diagnoses on schools located on former industrial sites
- Driver : Management of (potentially) contaminated sites

> 2014-2017

- Extended objectives: Assessment of urban soil and subsoil geochemical quality to meet also other stakeholders needs, mainly to enhance excavated soil reuse
- Development of the Urban Soil Analyses Database: BDSoIU





The example of lead for 3 urban areas

Pb mg/kg	А	В	С	France
Available results	30 🗙	2 49	28	425
Maximum	288,1	270,0	410,0	720,0
Upper whisker	288,1	140,0	170,0	171,4
90 ^e percentile	213,5	131,0	170,0	165,0
Median	99,0	43,0	73,0	52,0
Mean	115,1	68,8	95,6	79,8
10 ^e percentile	24,0	22,8	40,4	22,0
Minimum	15,3	12,0	8,7	5,0



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Local backgrounds more relevant than a national one

Urban vs rural data



Urban vs rural data : same sample preparation

Aqua regia mineralization



Rapport final. BRGM/RP-66501-FR, 118 p., 12 tab., 23 fig., 3 ann.

Need of more urban data



Database of Urban Soil (and Subsoil) Analyses BDSolU

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BDSolU

Uses known standards





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FIGE	INTERNATIONAL ISO/FDI
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ISO/FDIS 18400-107 – Soil quality – Sampling Part 107 : Recording and Reporting

Ensures consistency with existing database







Inspection des installations classées S3IC

Allows data interpretation with 3D GDM software



Will follow the INSPIRE Directive requirements (formalization, interoperability, diffusion)



Feeding BDSolU



- A dedicated website presents
 - UGB project framework
 - the « Geochemical Background » ADEME Working Group,



Spreadsheets containing soil analyses are uploaded by data owners



BDSolU goals

BDSolU aims to offer a better knowledge of soil (and subsoil) quality in towns in order to help urbans stakeholders to deal with:

- Diagnoses of (potentially) contaminated soils
- Excavated soils management
- Urban planning
- Health protection
- Impact studies
- State of play
- Post-accident reviews







Technical constraints

- Industrial waste fillings (potentially) containing metals, hydrocarbons are often found in urban soils
- Important spatial variability of concentration over short distances
- Heterogeneous data originating from several suppliers or studies complicate interpretation





Technical constraints

Statistical treatment should be adapted to:

- A small number of available analyses according to the spatial scale chosen
- High rate of values below quantification limits

	Rate of values below quantification limit (%)	
Compounds Family	Min	Max
Metals/metalloid	0	40
НАР	8	88
PCDD/PCDF	4	95
РСВі	75	99
Aliphatic Hydrocarbons TPHW	93	100
Aromatic Hydrocarbons TPHW	95	100

Sancho L. (2016) – Protocole d'Analyse Statistique pour la construction d'un Fond Pédo-Géochimique Anthropisé des Sols Urbains. Rapport final. BRGM/RP-66501-FR, 118 p., 12 tab., 23 fig., 3 ann.

			Rate of values below
Compounds Family	Substance	Population	quantification limit (%)
Metals/metalloid	Arsenic	30	10
Metals/metalloid	Lead	30	0
Metals/metalloid	Cadmium	30	30
НАР	Acenaphtylen	30	80
РСВі	PCB#138	30	70
PCDD	1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	12	42
PCDF	2,3,7,8-TCDF	12	33
PCDF	OCDF	12	17



Engaging partnerships

Adapted agreements have to be proposed to each data owner wishing to contribute to **BDSolU**.

Detailed rules must be found for:

- the feeding of **BDSoIU** (duration, data volume and nature...)
- Data use and dissemination





Perspectives for BDSolU feeding

- Data from (re)development of neighborhouds and local geochemical backgrounds determination with the help of BRGM
- Implementation of the methods adovacted by the WG in a test city (Toulouse) with the support of the Ministry for ecological and solidarity Transition
- Participation to national projects GEOBAPA and MATRICE
- Partnerships with public data owners: e.g. municipalities/agglomerations



Perspectives for BDSolU development

- Dissemination of public data online
- Valuation of data with GIS and statistical/geostatistical treatment
- Development of an interactive online interface for querying database







