

<b>Measurement procedure and tool</b>	RUSLE (model/survey)
<b>Scale of measurement</b>	Unit of measure: ton/ha/year
<b>Data source</b>	
<b>Required data</b>	Rain data, soil characteristics, land use information.
<b>Data input type</b>	Quantitative
<b>Data collection frequency</b>	
<b>Level of expertise required</b>	High
<b>Synergies with other indicators</b>	
<b>Connection with SDGs</b>	13
<b>Opportunities for participatory data collection</b>	
<b>Additional information</b>	
<b>References</b>	

## 8.25 Soil Ecotoxicological Factor

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Soil Ecotoxicology factor (EcoF)	Green Space Management
<b>Description and justification</b>	This Ecotoxicology factor is able to describe initial planning problems, like ecotoxicity for plant growth, soil microorganisms, micro- meso- and macro- fauna It gives an assessment of the environmental risk due to soil pollution and will help urban planners in choosing the best soil management solution according to the intended use.
<b>Definition</b>	EcoF is based on (i) an evaluation of the concentration of pollutants for which an effect is measured in 50% of a population (EC50) and (ii) the time needed for 50% of a pollutant disappears (DT 50) (Nature4Cities D2.1).

	<p>It will be used for the :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the effect of contaminants on soil organisms (microorganisms, micro- meso- or macro-fauna)</li> <li>• Evaluation of the dissipation (sorption, full or partial degradation) of contaminant over time</li> </ul>
<b>Strengths and weaknesses</b>	It is possible to apply the indicator in numerous cases (different locations). The indicator has been used in different circumstances (different soil uses) and delivered reasonable results. However it requires a number of samples adapted to soil heterogeneity
<b>Measurement procedure and tool</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• soil sampling materials</li> <li>• calculations must be done to get EC50</li> </ul> <p>Calculating CE50 and DT50 require to collect soil samples and to perform experiments in laboratory.</p>
<b>Scale of measurement</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object
<b>Data source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bibliography</li> <li>• Measurement/Monitoring</li> </ul>
<b>Required data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil or water content in pollutant</li> </ul> <p>Measurement unit :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for EC 50 : mg/L (for water), mg/kg (for soil)</li> <li>• for DT 50 : in days</li> </ul>
<b>Data input type</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• quantitative data</li> </ul>
<b>Data collection frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnostic</li> <li>• At least 2 times of sampling for being able to measure DT50</li> </ul>
<b>Level of expertise required</b>	Medium calculation difficulty and required data
<b>Synergies with other indicators</b>	In Nature4Cities the EcoF Score indicator is based on an evaluation of the concentration of pollutants for which an effect is measured in 50% of a population (EC50) expressed in mg L <sup>-1</sup> (in case of water) and mg kg <sup>-1</sup> (in case of soil). EC50 is determined using ISO 6341 (2012) standard method. The index is given in form of a performance bar with numerical values ranked in terms to the best (1) and worst (0) scenario.
<b>Connection with SDGs</b>	SD15 Life on Land, SD14 Life bellow water
<b>Opportunities for participatory data collection</b>	
<b>Additional information</b>	
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## 8.26 Soil structure

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Soil Structure	Biodiversity
<b>Description and justification</b>	This indicator evaluates the soil fertility, in terms of nutrients, structure and C and N cycling.
<b>Definition</b>	Defined by the way individual particles of sand, silt, and clay are assembled. Single particles when assembled appear as larger particles. They are called aggregates. Aggregation of particles can occur in different patterns, resulting in different soil structures. The circulation of