# STORMWATER RUNOFF IN EUROPEAN CITIES: RISK OF URBAN GROUNDWATER POLLUTION DUE TO STORMWATER INFILTRATION?

<u>Ulla. E. Bollmann</u><sup>1</sup>, Christian N. Albers<sup>1</sup>, Thomas M.M. Karlsson<sup>2</sup>, Jan H. Christensen<sup>2</sup>, Anders R. Johnsen<sup>1</sup>

1 Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS), Dep. of Geochemistry, Copenhagen, DK

2 Copenhagen University, Dep. of Plant and Environmental Sciences, Copenhagen, Denmark, DK







## Stormwater handling



**Focus: Quantity** 

↑ Retention & Infiltration ↑

**Stormwater quality?** 

What is the risk of urban groundwater pollution?





#### Stormwater sampling

Sampling stations across Europe

Street runoff

Roof runoff

Residential areas

Artificial football fields

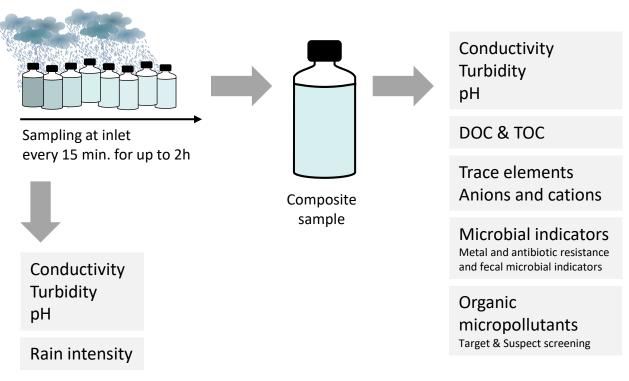
Combined sewer overflow (CSO)

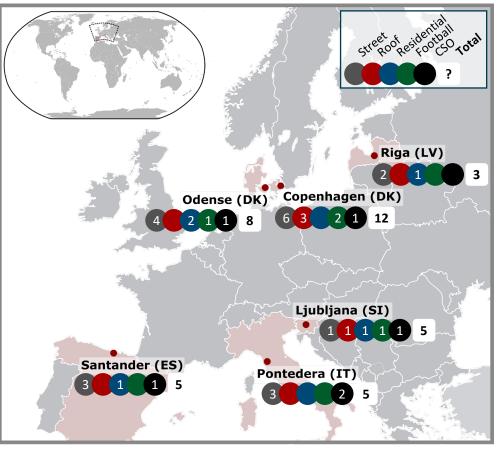




#### Stormwater sampling and analysis

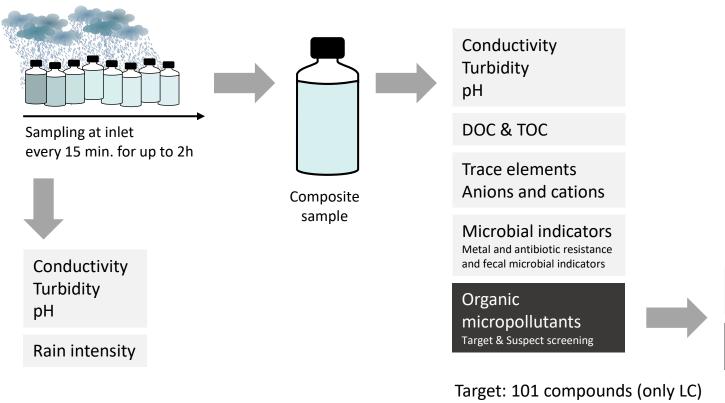
Sampling stations across Europe (38 in total)

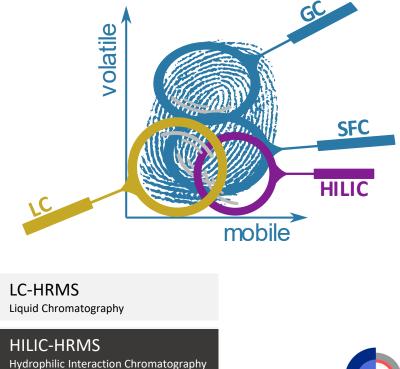




#### Stormwater sampling and analysis

Sampling stations across Europe (38 in total)



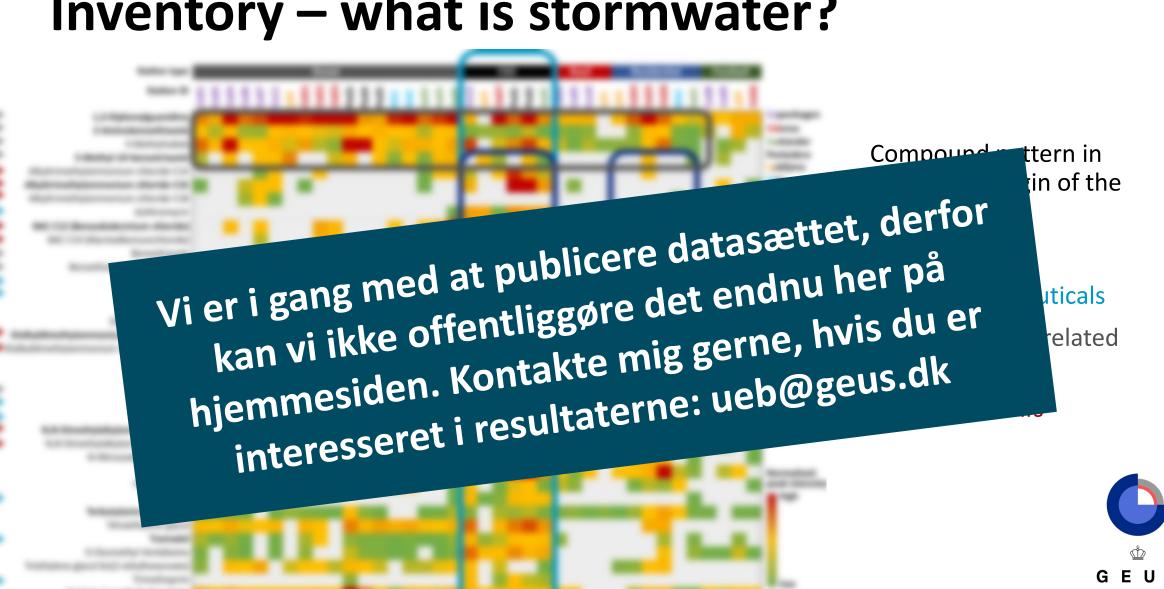


Target: 101 compounds (only LC)
Suspect list: ~1300 compounds
Biocides, pharmaceuticals, corrosion inhibitors,

rubber & plastic additives...



## Inventory – what is stormwater?



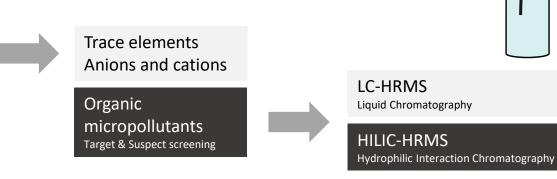
## Risk of leaching to groundwater?

4 stations (2x Odense (DK), 1x Santander (ES), 1x Pontedera (IT)

Stainless steel suction cups in 80-120 cm depth

Sampling by vacuum suction

3-times sampled

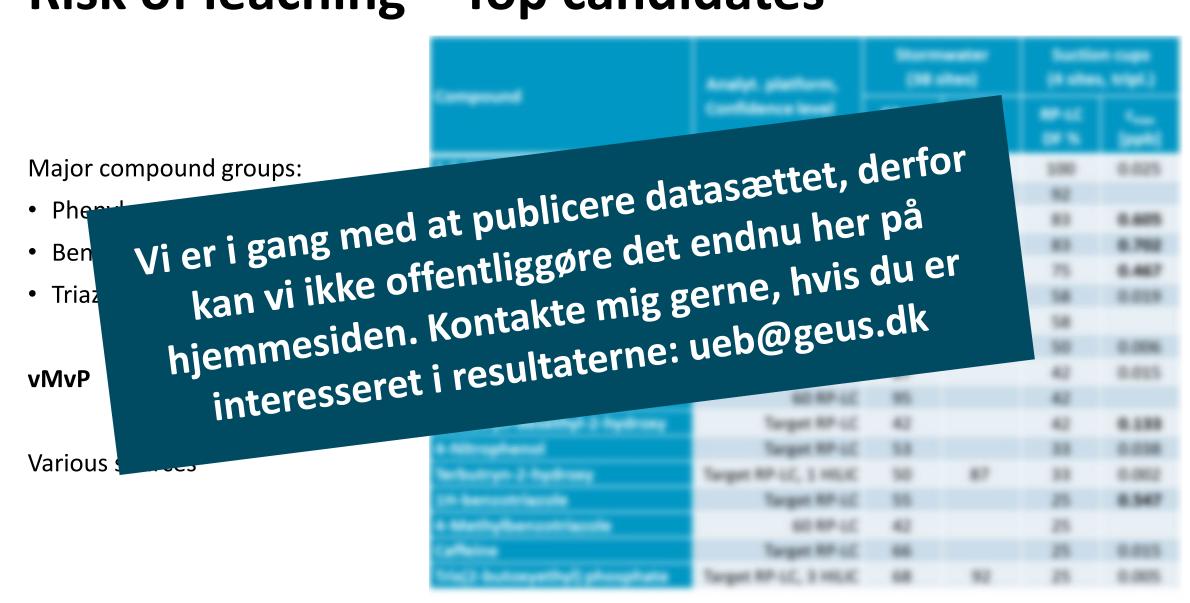




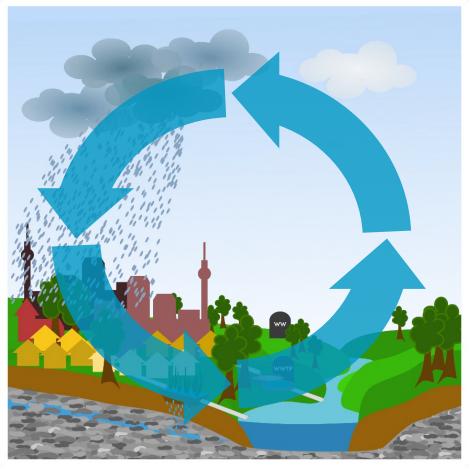




## Risk of leaching – Top candidates



# Sustainable urban water cycle



- ↑ Infiltration
- ↑ Retention
- **↓** Pollution
- **↑** Treatment

#### **Acknowledgement**

Christian N. Albers, Thomas M.M. Karlsson, Jan H. Christensen, Anders R. Johnsen

Sampling team in Odense (Vandcenter Syd), Santander (U. of Cantabria), Pontedera (Aque), Ljubljana (Jožef Stefan Institute), and Riga (U. of Latvia)

#### **Funding**

D4RUNOFF: Preventing and managing pollution from urban water runoff through the design of data-driven hybrid nature-based solutions.

D4RUNOFF has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101060638.



Funded by the European Union



www.d4runoff.eu