20 Years of French Grey Literature on Sustainable Development

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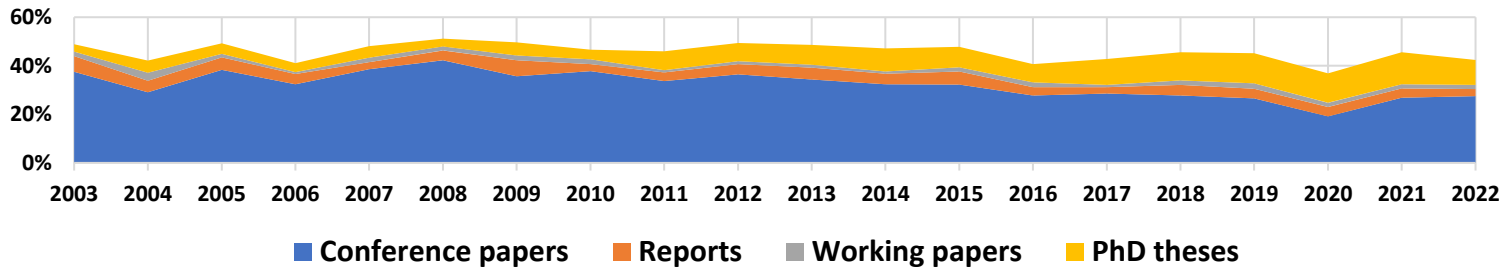
Grey literature on sustainable development 2003-2022



Purpose: *How is sustainable development addressed in the realm of French grey literature – evolution, availability, prevalence of French language, disciplines?*

Data sources: *French national open repository HAL (conference papers, scientific reports, working papers, and other unpublished documents) and French open data platform data.gouv.fr (theses).*

Data acquisition: *August 16, 2023 (data.gouv.fr) and October 13, 2023 (HAL).*

Main findings (significant on p<.05 level):

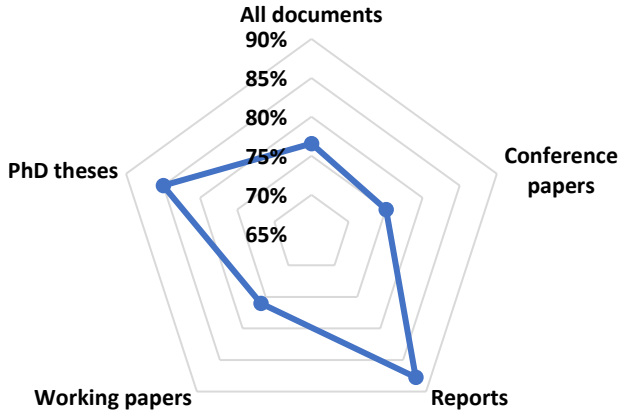
Evolution: More grey literature but decreasing part (49% -> 42%), especially conferences and reports.

Language: Grey literature is more French, especially reports and theses.

Availability: Grey literature is more open (except for conferences).

Disciplines: More grey literature in engineering and computer sciences.

Part of French language (in %)



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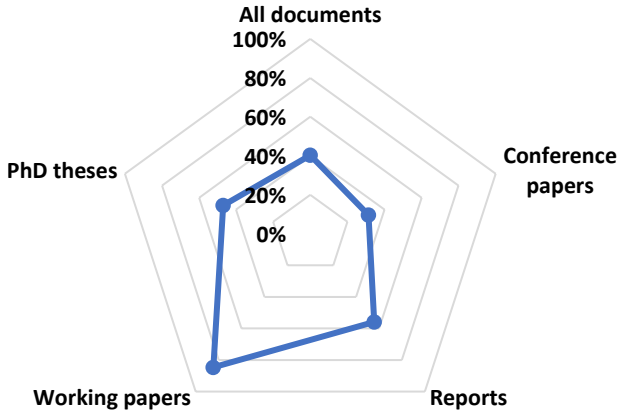
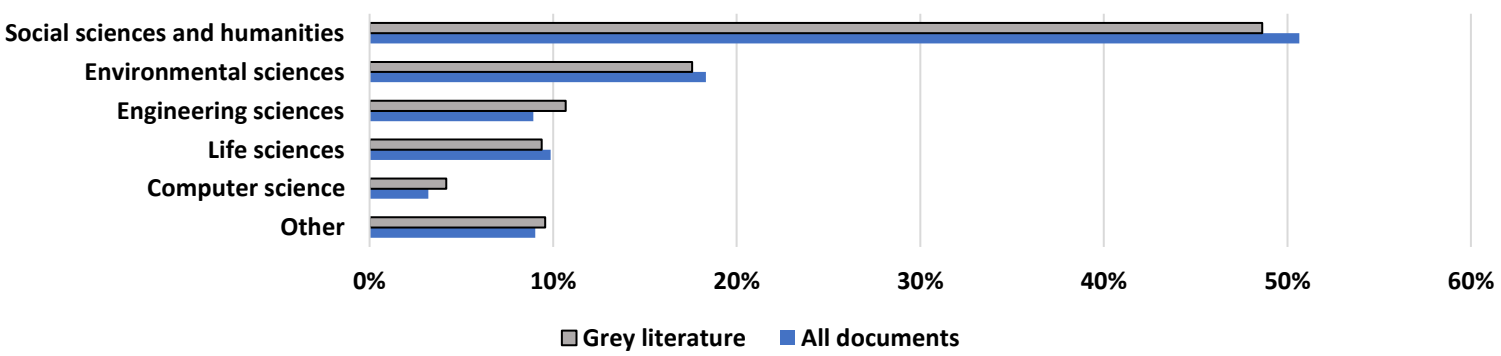


Disciplinary distribution (in %)



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