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# Monitoring of SPP

Practical approach to SPP monitoring  
within the Flemish Environment,  
Nature and Energy Department  
(DENE)

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NATURE &  
ENERGY  
DEPARTMENT**

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# Introduction

# Who are you?

- Introduce yourself
- Does your organisation monitor SPP / GPP / ... (short)
  - Yes / No?
  - Quantitative / qualitative?
  - Mandatory?

# Why monitoring of SPP

- Flemish government programma: 100% SPP by 2020
- ISO 14001 within DENE

→ 3 goals for SPP:

× 2015:  $\geq 25\%$

× 2018:  $\geq 75\%$

× 2020: 100%

→ For product groups for which minimum criteria are available

Vehicles

Cleaning products and services

Furniture

Paper products

PCs, laptops and monitors

Imaging equipment

Electricity

Textiles and clothing

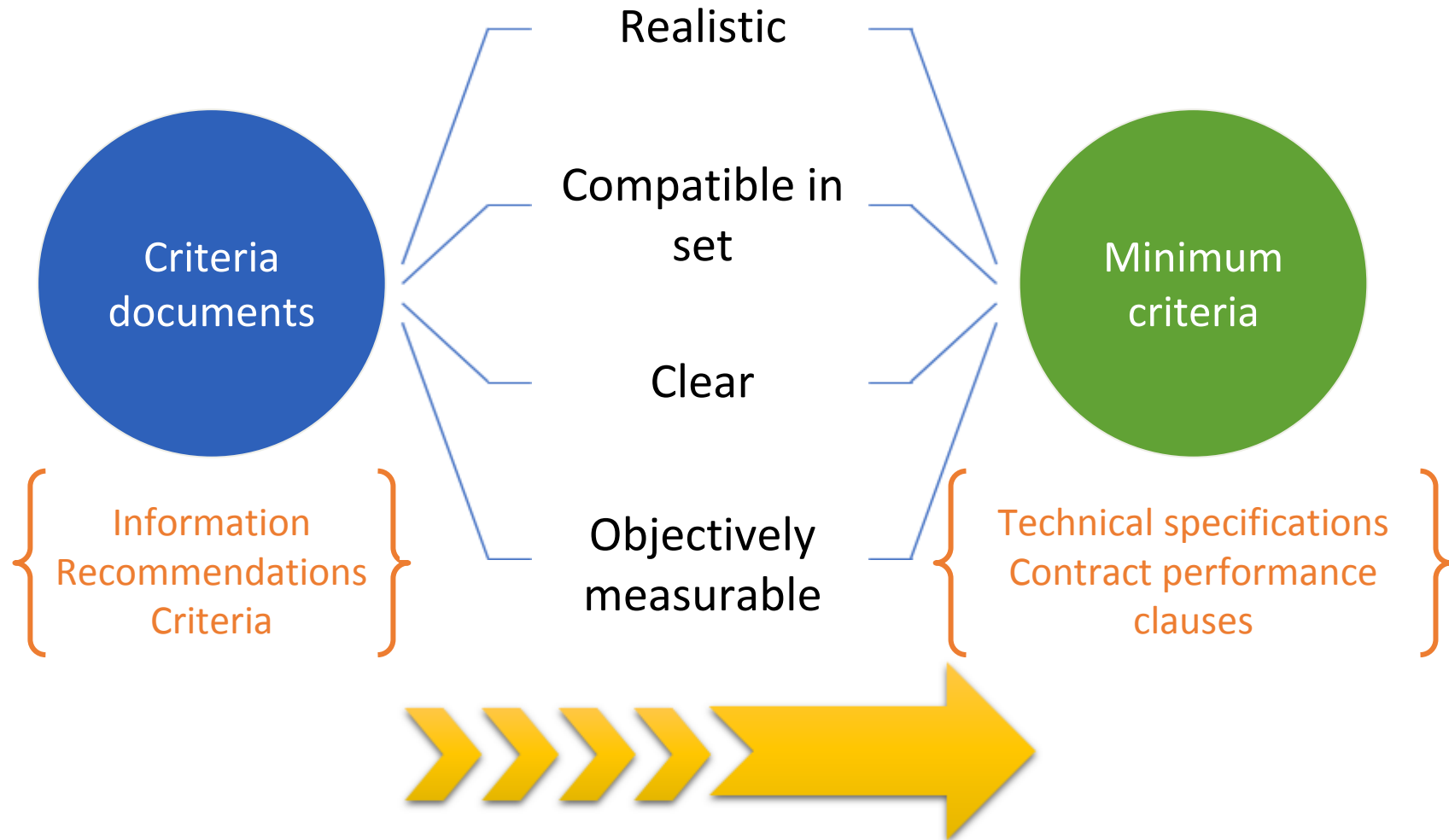
Websites

Studies

Office supplies (markers, erasers, tape ...)



# Minimum criteria



# Procurement within DENE

- DENE

- Personnel: ± 640
- 12 divisions
- 10 locations

- Procurement

- Dispersed (everyone = potential procurer)
- Framework contracts are often used  
(1 framework contract = 1 procurer)
- Lots of small orders (96% in number < €8.500)
- Procurement in 2014
  - × ± 4.500 tenders / orders
  - × ± €15.0000.000

# The DENE monitoring system

# History

- No system
  - In place until 12/31/2012
  - No data
- 'Old' system
  - In place: 2013 - 2014
  - No useful data
- 'New' system
  - Developed and tested (in 1 division) in 2014
  - In place since January 1st 2015



# The DENE monitoring system

- User friendly form
- Improvement of data through:
  - Limitation of the maximum length of description (limitation as in accounting system)
  - 35 project codes (for now) ↔ 3 simple questions
    - × Product groups with SPP criteria available
    - × Product groups without SPP criteria available
  - Information on SPP criteria in the form

» Schakelbord Voorblad voor vastlegging

Voorblad opslaan Voorblad verwijderen Print voorblad Kopieer voorblad Print alle voorbladen

Division:  Unit:

INKOOPORDER VEREFFENAAR

INITIEEL WIJZIGING van IOrr ANNULATIE van IOrr

Name employee:  Phone.:  Date:

**Beneficiary**

Name:  Address:

No. VAT:  IBAN:  BIC:

Vraag VOP-nr. (buitenlands bedrijf/persoon)

**Budget**

Entity code:

Program:  ESR-code:  Credit type:

**Description**

Procurement / other:  Project code:

Delivery address:  Billing address:

**Recommendation IF no.**

Inspector:  Recommendation:  Date:

**Payment calender**

(= Uitsplitsing totaal vastleggingsbedrag ifv de verwachte uitbetalingen over de verschillende begrotingsjaren)

	VAT 0%	VAT 6%	VAT 12%	VAT 21%
Benodigd VEK in 2015 (excl. BTW):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Benodigd VEK in 2016 (excl. BTW):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Benodigd VEK in 2017 (excl. BTW):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Enz. (excl. BTW):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Total amount excl. VAT: € 0,00

VAT 6%: € 0,00

VAT 12%: € 0,00

VAT 21%: € 0,00

Total amount incl. VAT: € 0,00

Print voorblad vastlegging

Knip Plak Sorteer Kopieer Zoek Sorteer Filter

Roze veld = Nog verplicht in te vullen veld

Pink fields = mandatory  
Impossible to file form  
without filling out pink  
fields  
Consequence: empty  
pink fields → no money!

# The DENE monitoring form

Description	
Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation	
<u>Procurement / other:</u>	<div><div></div><div>?</div></div>

→ Project code:

First question

Description: max. length = 240 characters

More accurate descriptions

Quicker and better verification / correction of project codes

# The DENE monitoring form

**Description**

Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation

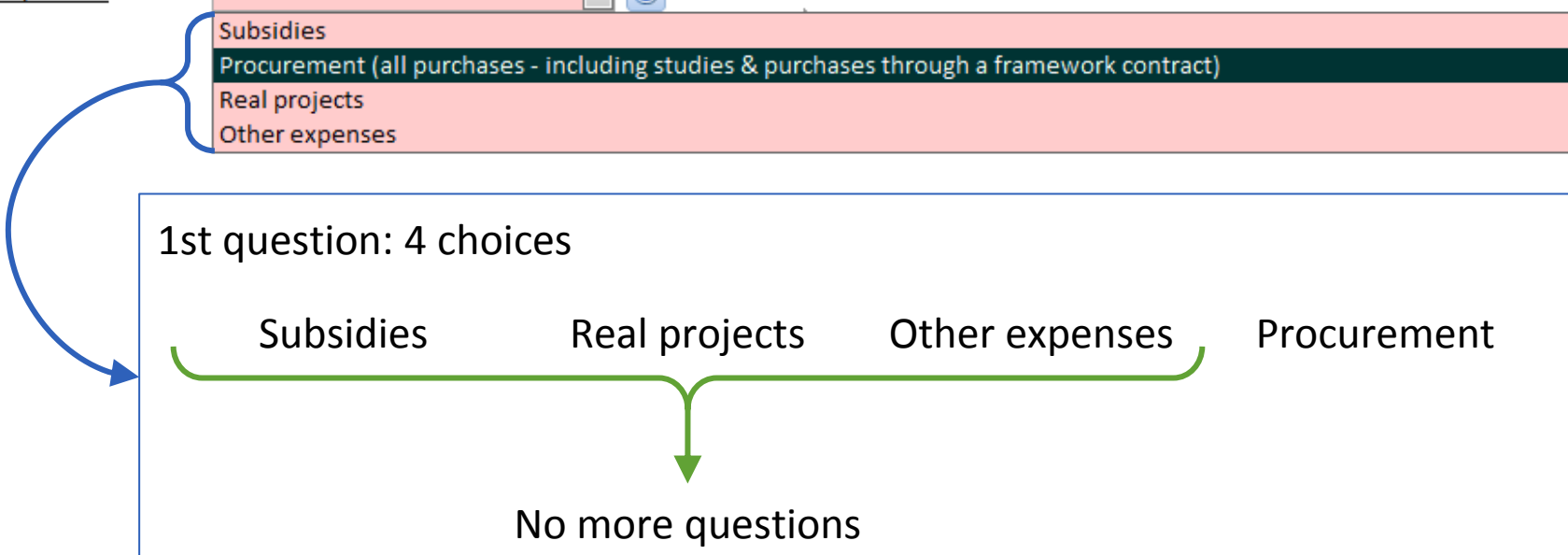
Procurement / other:

Subsidies  
Procurement (all purchases - including studies & purchases through a framework contract)  
Real projects  
Other expenses


1st question: 4 choices

Subsidies      Real projects      Other expenses      Procurement

No more questions



# The DENE monitoring form

Description	
Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation	
<u>Procurement / other:</u>	Subsidies 

→ Project code: LS0000



Automatically generated project code

LS = Subsidies

LU = Real projects

LO = Other expenses

# The DENE monitoring form

**Description**

Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation

Procurement / other:

Subsidies  
Procurement (all purchases - including studies & purchases through a framework contract)  
Real projects  
Other expenses




1st question: 4 choices

Subsidies      Real projects      Other expenses      Procurement

No more questions      2 questions

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graph TD; A[Subsidies] --> B[No more questions]; C[Real projects] --> B; D[Other expenses] --> B; E[Procurement] --> F[2 questions];
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# The DENE monitoring form

Description	
Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation	
Procurement / other:	Procurement (all purchases - incl) 
Product groep:	
Use of SPP criteria:	

→ Project code: LZ0000

Automatically generated project code

2 questions - mandatory!!!

LS = Subsidies  
LU = Real projects  
LO = Other expenses  
LZ = Procurement

# The DENE monitoring form

Printing of 5000 leaflets on de

Procurement / other:

Product groep:




Use of SPP criteria:

Catering  
Cleaning products and services  
Electricity  
Furniture  
Gardening services en products  
Imaging equipment  
Interior lighting  
Office supplies  
Painting jobs  
Paper products and (paper) printing  
PCs, laptops and monitors  
Software  
Studies  
Tap water  
Telecom  
Textiles and clothing  
Vehicles  
Websites  
Wooden products  
Other products / services / works

Project code: LZ0011



# The DENE monitoring form

Description	
Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation	
<u>Procurement / other:</u>	Procurement (all purchases - incl) 
<u>Product groep:</u>	Vehicles 
<u>Use of SPP criteria:</u>	

→ Project code: LZ00C1



Automatically generated project code

LZ = Procurement

5th digit = product groep

0 = Other product / service / work

A = Interior lighting

B = Catering

C = Vehicles

...

# The DENE monitoring form

3 possible situations ⇒ different answering possibilities (~ product groep)

Description	
Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation	
<u>Procurement / other:</u>	Procurement (all purchases - incl) ?
<u>Product groep:</u>	Paper products and (paper) print ?
<u>Use of SPP criteria:</u>	<div><div></div><div>SPP criteria used</div><div>SPP criteria not used</div></div>
→ Project code: LZ00H1	
<u>Procurement / other:</u>	Procurement (all purchases - incl) ?
<u>Product groep:</u>	Wooden products ?
<u>Use of SPP criteria:</u>	<div><div>No SPP criteria available (criteria in development)</div></div>
→ Project code: LZ00T0	
Description	
Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation	
<u>Procurement / other:</u>	Procurement (all purchases - incl) ?
<u>Product groep:</u>	Tap water ?
<u>Use of SPP criteria:</u>	No SPP criteria available ?
→ Project code: LZ00R0	

# The DENE monitoring form

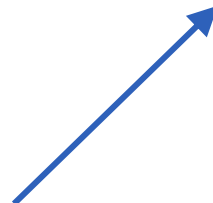
Description	
Printing of 5000 leaflets on deforestation	
<u>Procurement / other:</u>	Procurement (all purchases - incl) ?
<u>Product groep:</u>	Paper products and (paper) print ?
<u>Use of SPP criteria:</u>	SPP criteria used ?

→ Project code: LZ00H1



Automatically generated project code

???



LZ = Procurement

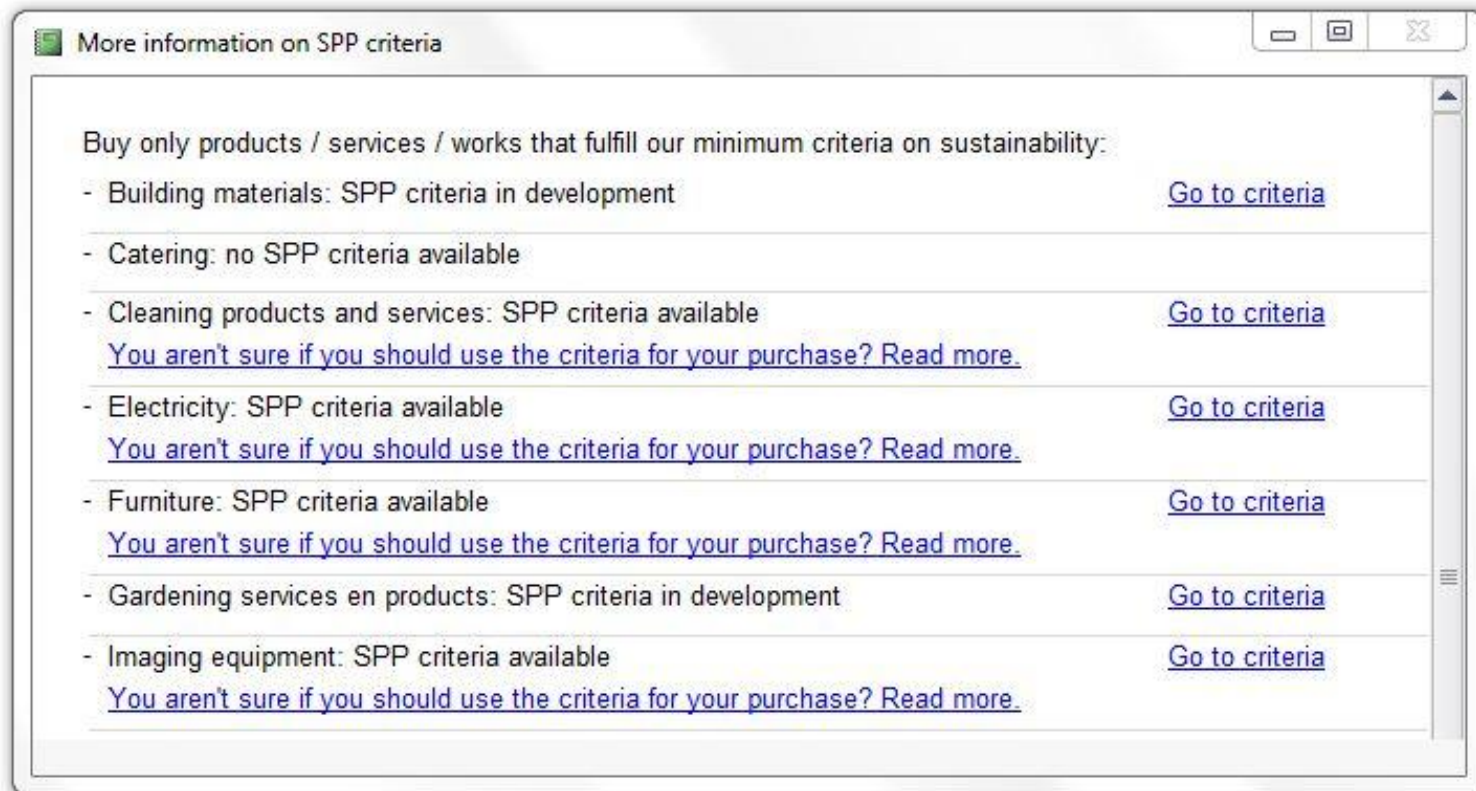
H = Paper / (paper) printing

6th digit = use of criteria

1 = criteria were used

0 = criteria weren't used /  
no criteria available (yet)

# The DENE monitoring form



More information on SPP criteria

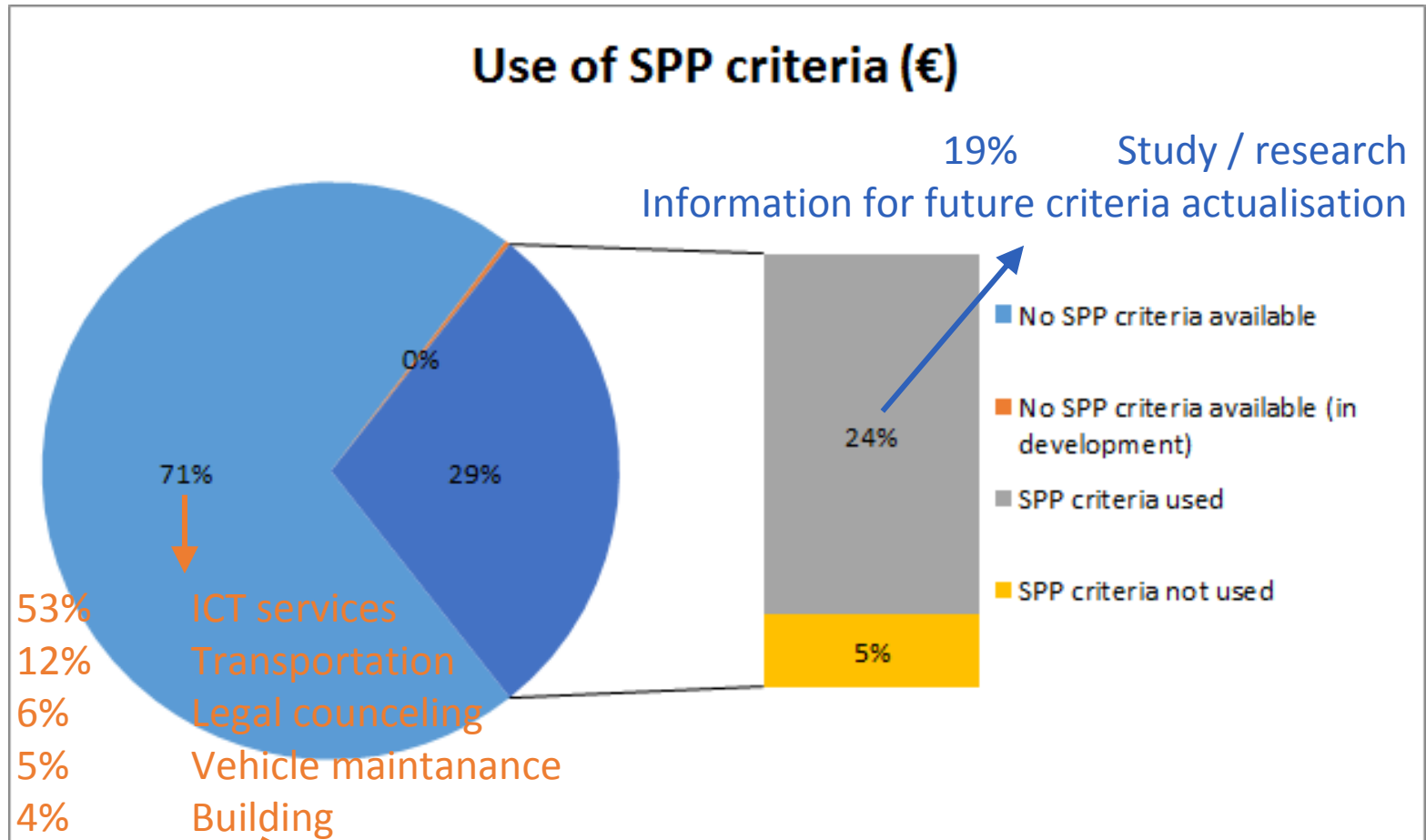
Buy only products / services / works that fulfill our minimum criteria on sustainability:

- Building materials: SPP criteria in development [Go to criteria](#)
- Catering: no SPP criteria available
- Cleaning products and services: SPP criteria available [Go to criteria](#)  
[You aren't sure if you should use the criteria for your purchase? Read more.](#)
- Electricity: SPP criteria available [Go to criteria](#)  
[You aren't sure if you should use the criteria for your purchase? Read more.](#)
- Furniture: SPP criteria available [Go to criteria](#)  
[You aren't sure if you should use the criteria for your purchase? Read more.](#)
- Gardening services en products: SPP criteria in development [Go to criteria](#)
- Imaging equipment: SPP criteria available [Go to criteria](#)  
[You aren't sure if you should use the criteria for your purchase? Read more.](#)

Information on product group and direct link to criteria in form  
→ procurers know where to find criteria

# Preliminary results

# Results (1/1/2015 - 8/31/2015)



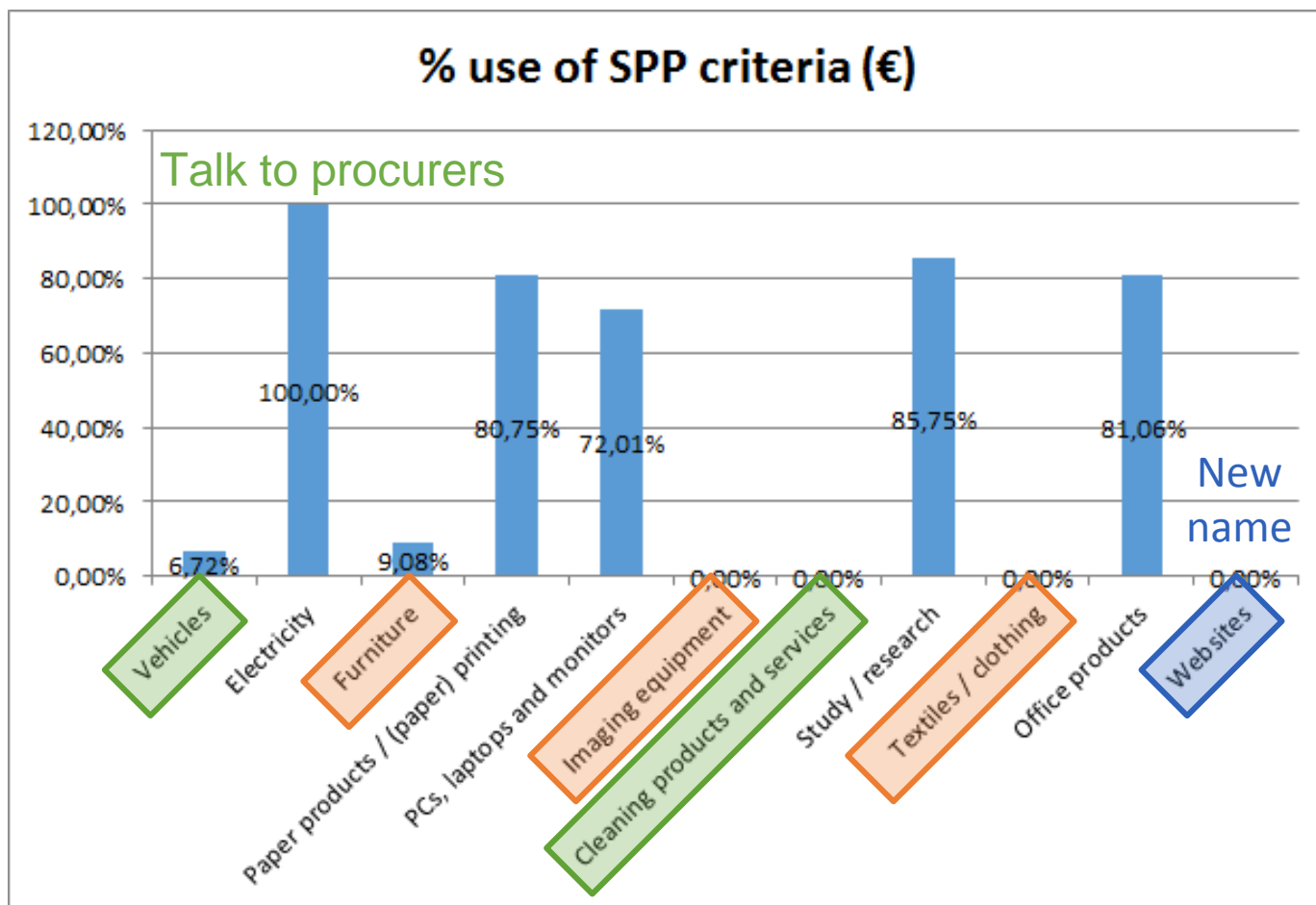
maintenance



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Information for future criteria development

# Results (1/1/2015 - 8/31/2015)

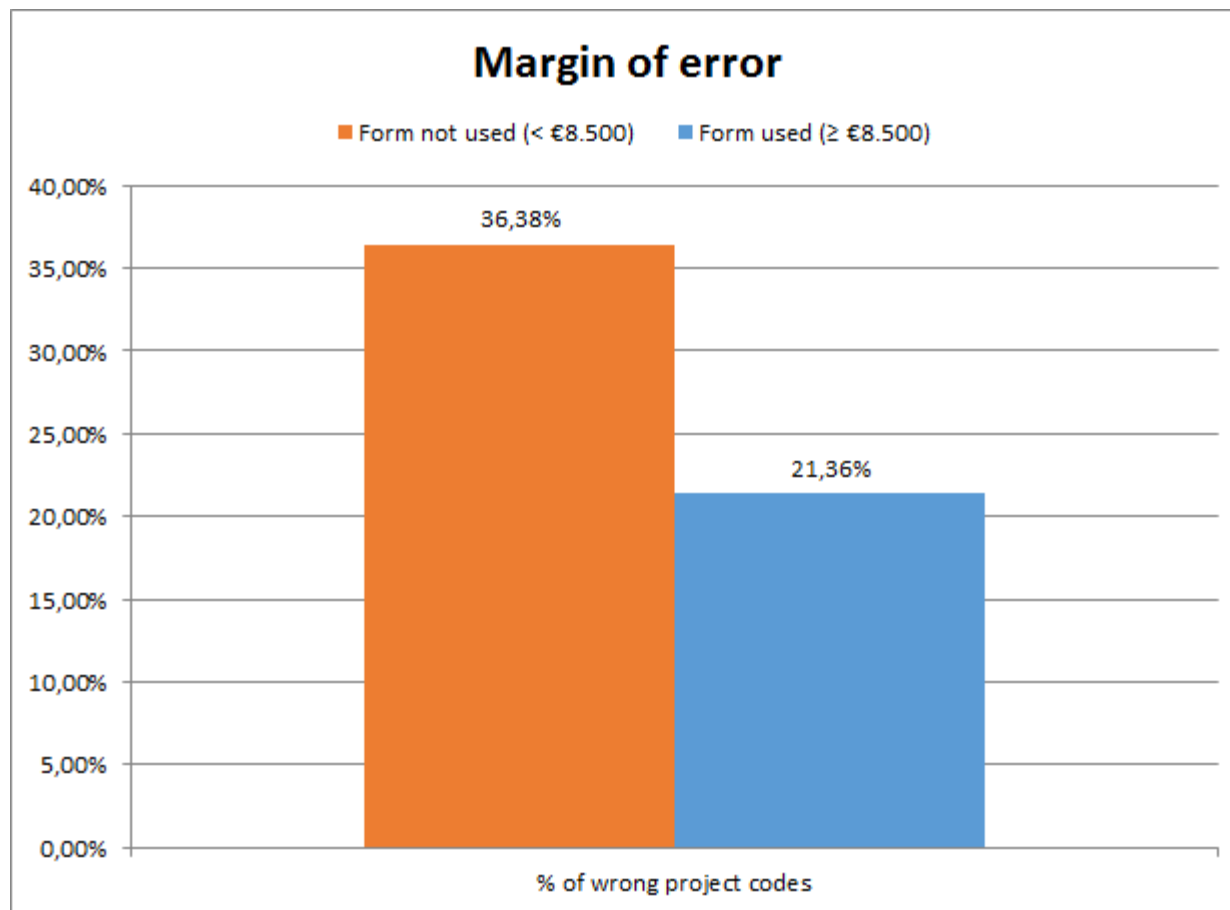


Framework contracts without minimum criteria

→ Special attention when contracts are renewed



# Results (1/1/2015 - 8/31/2015)



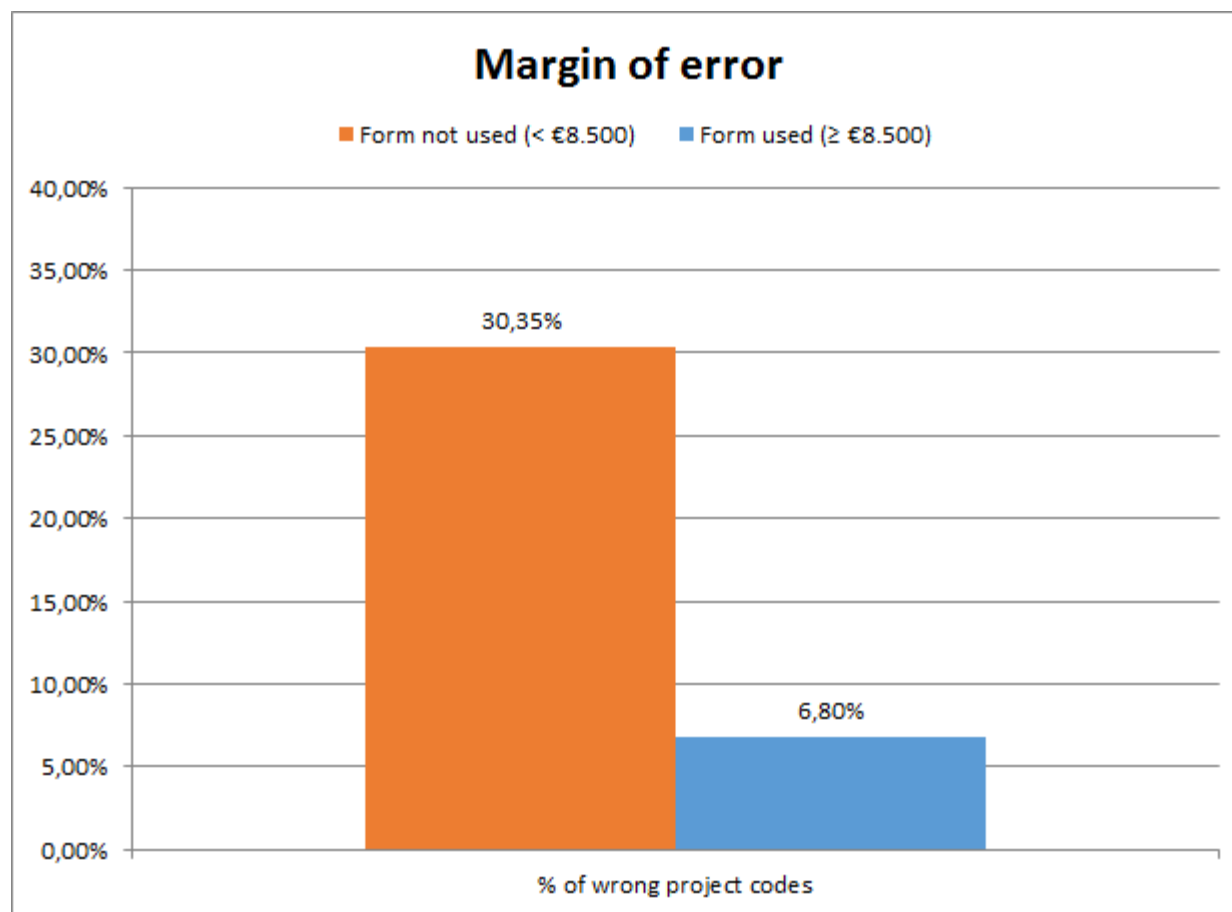
Margin of error: all product groups



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# Results (1/1/2015 - 8/31/2015)



Margin of error: product group for which no name change is necessary  
(= 75% of total)



# Results (1/1/2015 - 8/31/2015)

Product groups for which a name change is necessary:

- Vehicles → Purchase and lease of ...
- Imaging equipment → Purchase and lease of ...
- Catering → ... and food products
- Paper products / printing → ... DENE (paper) printing
- Study / research → ... (incl. sampling and inspections)
- Development of Websites → Development (incl. lay out) and maintenance of websites

25% of total procurement

# Costs of the system

# Costs

- (Extra) costs for external providers for goods / services: €0
- Personnel cost (30/4/2014 - 30/09/2015)
  - Initial development:  $40h^1 + 56h^2$
  - Testing / improvement before launch:  $10h^1 + 116h^2$
  - Improvement after launch:  $0,5h^1 + 3,5h^2$
  - Analyses: 21h
    - × Setting up charts, graphs & report templates: 10h
    - × Analyses and sampling of tender documents: 11h

<sup>1</sup> Hours spend on development / improvement of monitoring system

<sup>2</sup> Hours spend on general improvement of accounting form (not related to monitoring system)

# Monitoring PPI

A future challenge for DENE

# Monitoring PPI

- 3% of procurement to be spent on PPI (decided on July 3, 2015) → New challenge for monitoring system
- PPI? Being a 'first buyer' or enabling innovation
  - Product innovation
  - Process innovation
  - (Procurement aimed at) organisational innovation
  - Use of innovative techniques (e.g. LCC) in procurement
  - Use of innovative contract clauses & contract types
- Monitoring of PPI through project code: several possibilities (under discussion within DENE)

# Potential for other transferability

# Expansion within the Flemish Government

- Two steps
  - Expansion to interested parties (2016 - 2017)
  - Expansion to Flemish government
- Step 2: Interested parties (call for interest: 9/23/2015)
  - Goal: at least 3 departments / agencies are implementing SPP monitoring by the end of 2016
  - November 2015: 3 interested parties but timing 2017
  - Role of DENE:
    - × Explanation about the DENE monitoring system
    - × Thinking along with departments / agencies on how to integrate the principle in the procurement process



# Transferability towards other governments

- Concept as a whole: no!
- Main principle (short questions linked to existing data collection tool): yes
  - Knowledge of procurement process necessary
  - Knowledge of financial data gathering necessary
    - × Which tools are used to collect financial data?
    - × How are data gathered to input in the tool?
    - × Which changes are possible and to what cost?

# Discussion

# Questions

- Which approach?
  - Quantitative / Qualitative
  - Predefined criteria / 'gut feeling'
- Making monitoring mandatory?



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