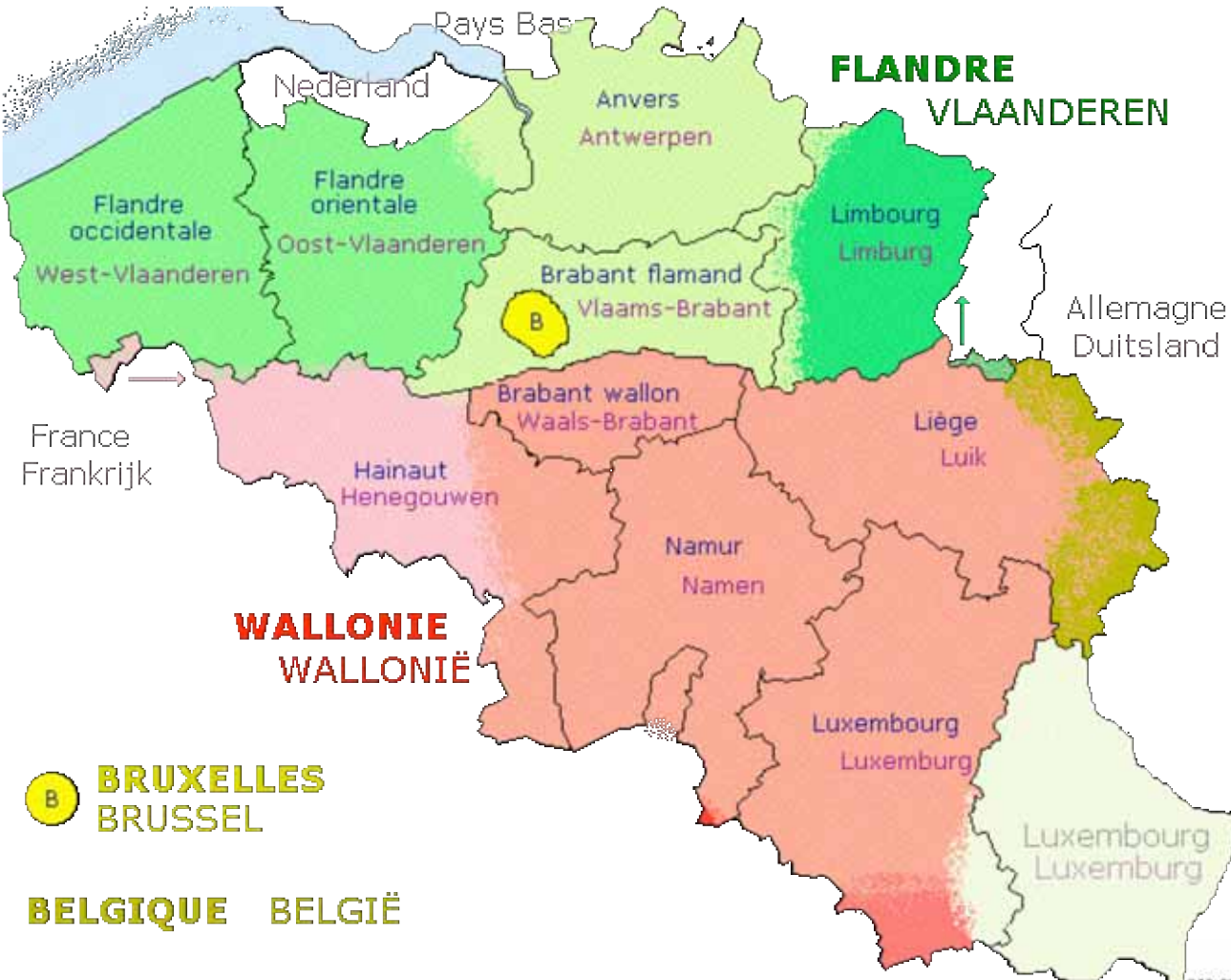


Analysis of the Belgian situation of green (and sustainable) public procurement (GPP)

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Belgium is a complicate country...

- 10 million inhabitants
- 32.000 km²
- Federal government
 - 20 ministries
 - 100 000 employees
 - 2000 buildings
- 3 regional goverments and 10 provinces
 - Brussels regio (19 local authorities)
 - Wallonian regio (262 local authorities)
 - Flemish regio (308 local authorities)
- Environment is a regional competence
- Product labelling (ecolabelling) is a federal competence

Outline

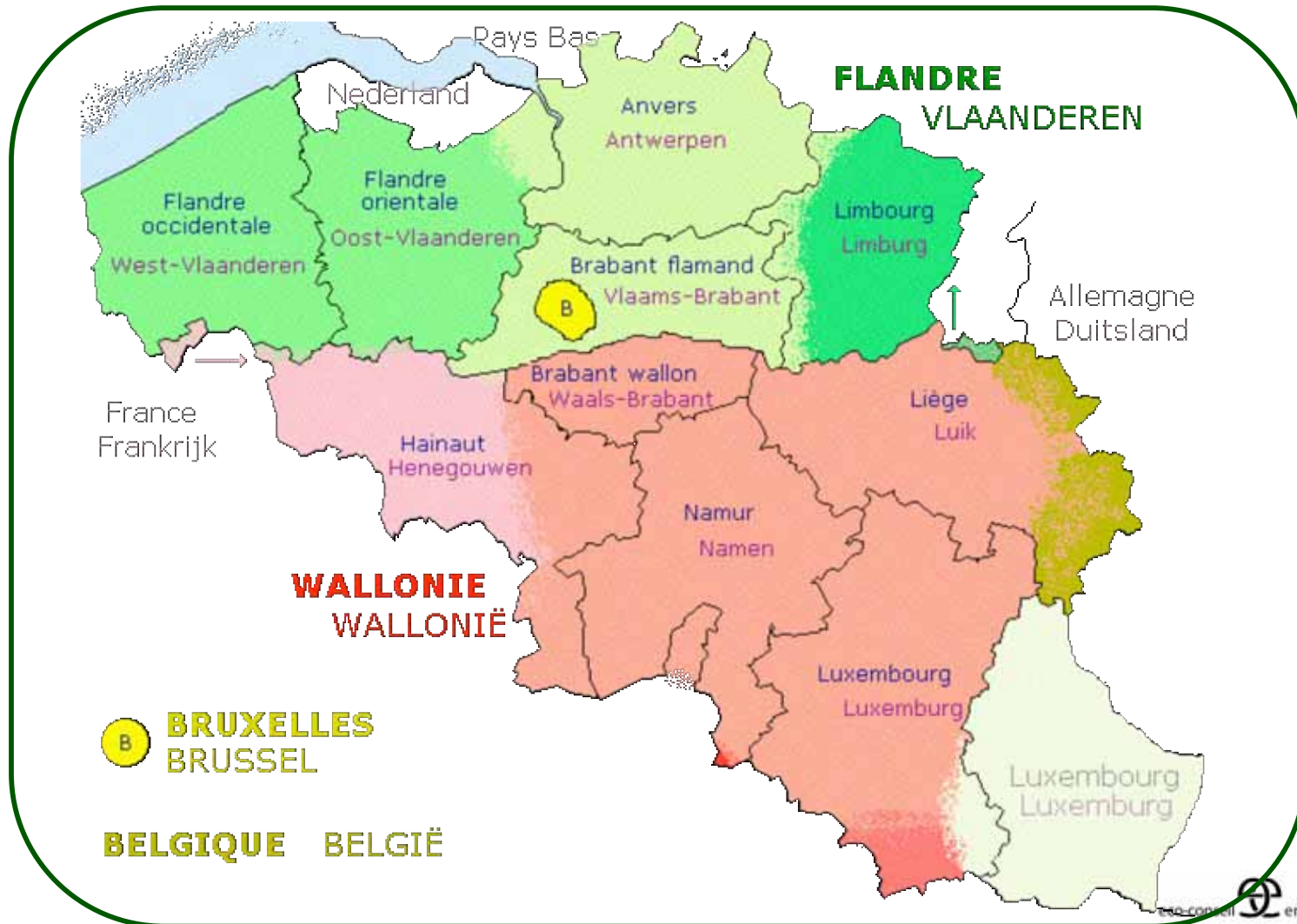
1. Show GPP strategies and tools developed at federal level
2. GPP tools and experiences at regional and local level
 - Flemish regio
 - Brussels regio
 - Wallonian regio



EU GPP survey

Belgium is not in the GREEN 7

1/. GPP at federal level



GPP at federal level



- 2000 : Federal Plan for Sustainable Development 2000-2004
- 2001 : Information Guidance on GPP with database for 77 product criteria www.guidesachatsdurables.be
- 2003 : Revision of the federal law on public purchasing authorising the use of environmental, social and ethical criteria
- 2004 : Federal Plan for Sustainable Development 2004-2008
Multi Contracts Purchasing cell supporting GPP
- 2005 : Guidance on GPP becomes mandatory
3 new product criteria (Cars, IT, wood)
CIDD - interdepartemental and interregional working group on GPP
- 2006 : EMAS is mandatory for all public administrations

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Elaboration of the environmental and social criteria for the 77 product categories

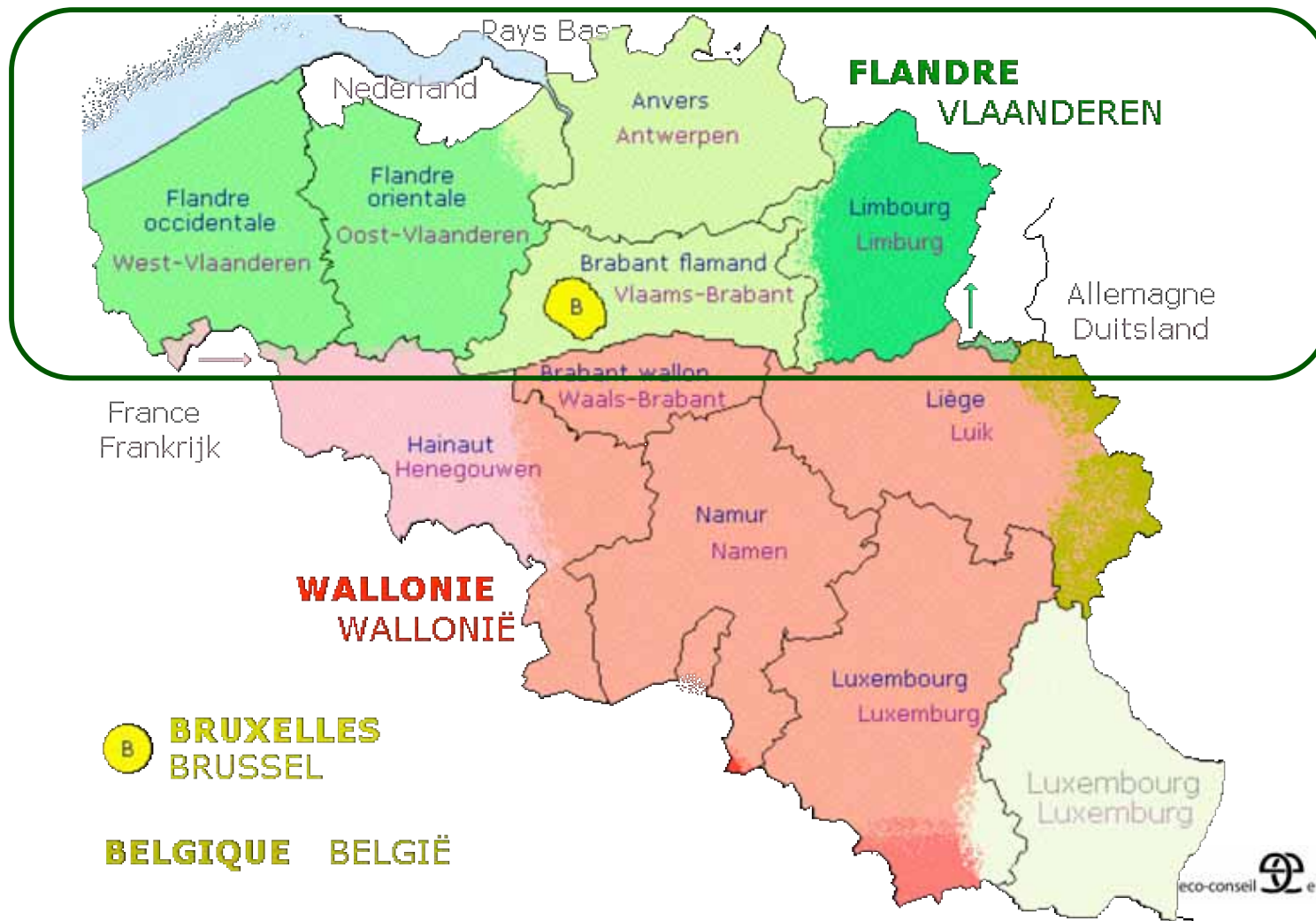
- Choice of 77 product categories that are generally used in federal public institutions
- For each product category, selection of a specific limited number of criteria :
 1. Preference is made for the criteria of the EU ecolabel if it already exists for this product category
 2. Criteria used by official type 1 ecolabels
 3. Existing Studies, or publications
- Product criteria represents 20 % of the Belgian market
- Criteria have been reviewed in 2004 following discussions with sectorial stakeholders



Example of one product category

- **Description of the product**
 - Office Paper
- **Subject of the tender**
 - Recycled paper for office needs
- **Link with environmental objectives**
 - « reducing consumption of natural resources »
- **Technical specifications (incl link with ecolabel)**
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- **Informations and documents to submit**
- **Contract clauses**

2/. GPP at regional level : the flemish regio




GPP in Vlaanderen



GPP Guidelines were already published in 2000 (OVAM)

milieukoopwijzer.be

- GPP promotion website
- Financed by the flemish regio
- Runned by the NGO « Bond Beter Leefmilieu », a federation of environmental associations
- Database of product categories
- Rating of products  AND brands
- List of suppliers selling these products in Belgium



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Hieronder vindt u de lijst met **merken** van Gekleurd papier. De duimpjes geven de rangorde aan. [Lees hier welke criteria aan de basis liggen van die rangorde.](#)

Hier vindt u de lijst met [leveranciers van Gekleurd papier.](#)

Klik op *merknaam of type* voor meer details en de lijst van verdelers.



Merksnaam	Type	Fabrikant	Milieulabel(s)
Steinbeis Vision	Magic Colour	Steinbeis Temming	Blaue Engel Nis Milieukeur Nordic Swan



Merksnaam	Type	Fabrikant	Milieulabel(s)
Bur-O-Class	16 x 21 / ASS	Aurora	-
Bur-O-Class	21 x 29,7 / ASS	Aurora	-
Bur-O-Class	21 x 29,7 / ASS 100	Aurora	-
Bur-O-Class	21 x 29,7/... kleur	Aurora	-
Bur-O-Class	21 x 29,7/kleur/100	Aurora	-
Bur-O-Class	24 x 32/160/100 AS	Aurora	-
Bur-O-Class	24 x 32/270/100 AS	Aurora	-
Bur-O-Class	50 x 65/160/100 AS	Aurora	-
Evercolor		Everbal	Blaue Engel

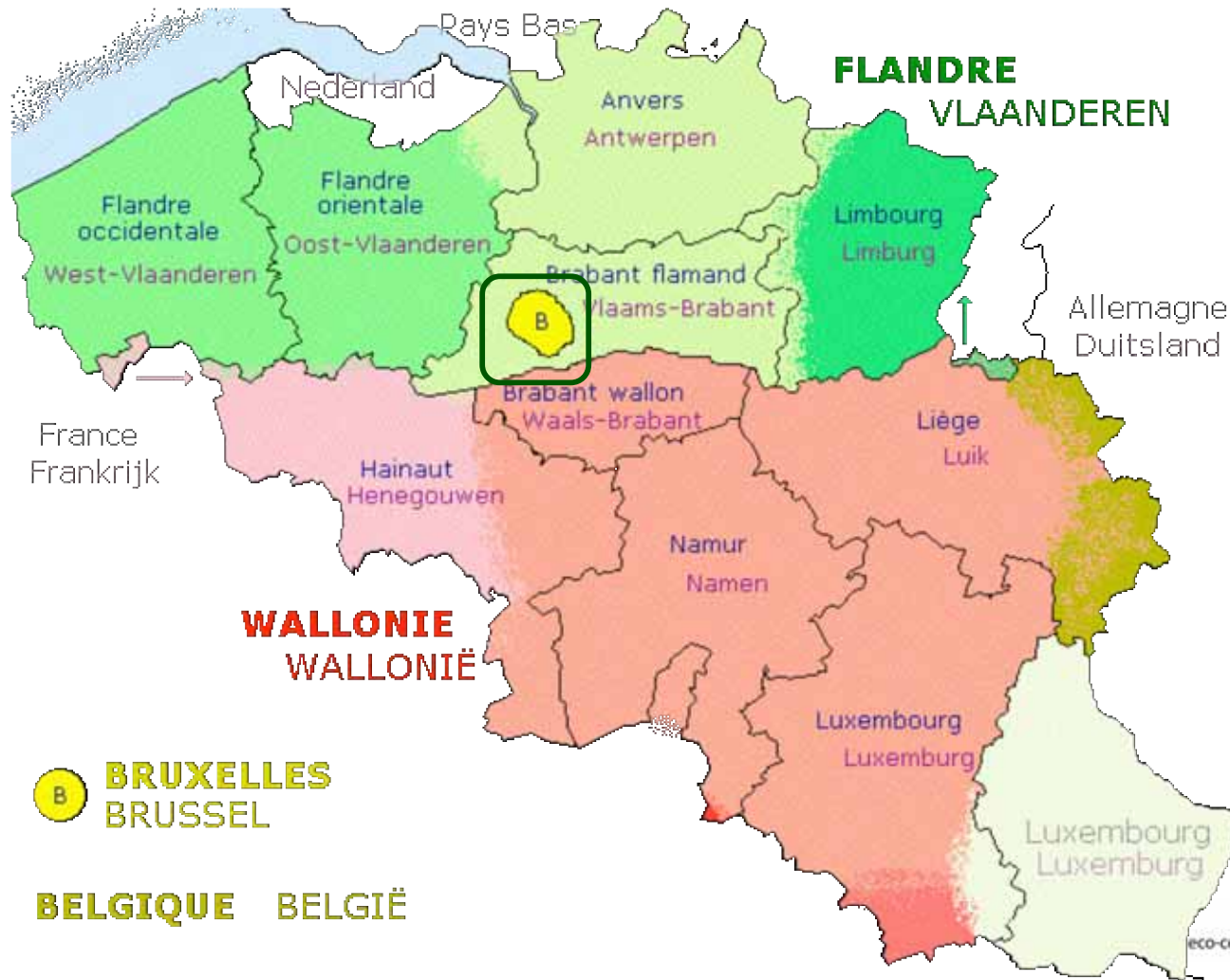


Flemish local authorities and GPP



- Local plan for environmental management and sustainable development « Samenwerkingscontract »
- One of the several environmental topics is GPP
- 10 local authorities are more proactive in this field

3/. GPP at regional level : the Brussels regio



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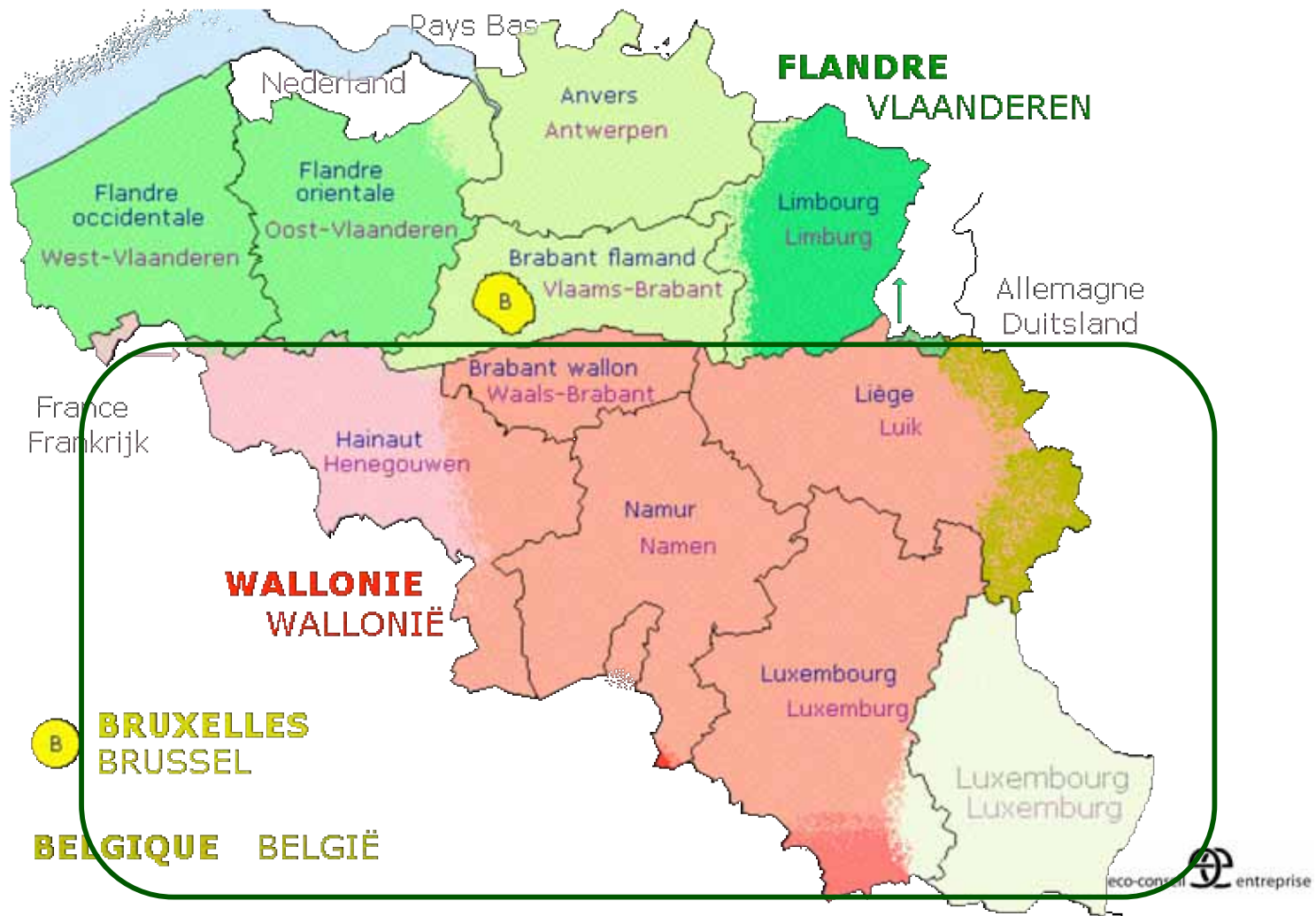


GPP in Bruxelles



- Brussels Intitute for Environmental Management
- 75% of the local authorities have an eco-counselling department
- Regional label for environmental management - 3 stars (open for all organisations - 120 labels reached 1st or 2nd star)
- 5 of the 19 local authorities reached the 1st star and include GPP, also federal public administrations can apply
- One of the horizontal topics of the label is GPP
- Organisation of trainings together with the Union of Cities and Local Authorities of the Brussels Regio in 2002 and 2005
- Support to local authorities to develop green investments and GPP strategies in 2006

4/. GPP at regional level : the Wallonian regio



GPP en Wallonie



For the regional ministries

- EMAS for the Ministry of Environment (incl. Obj. 9 : GPP)
- One purchasing cell for amounts >100 000 euro (includes environmental and social criteria)

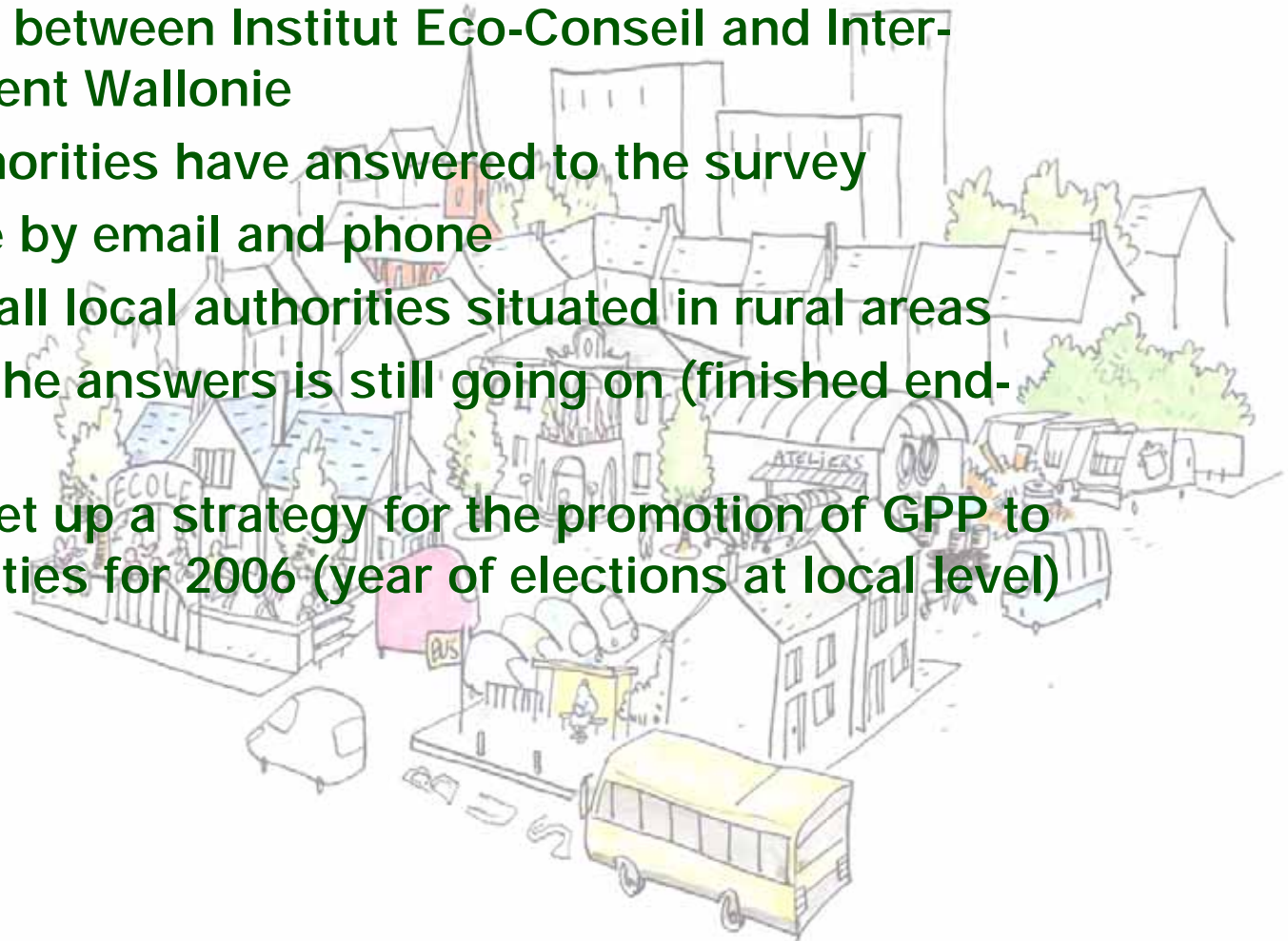
For local authorities :

- Training for 40 local authorities in 2004 (CePEFEDD)
 - 1 day cycles for 15 participants * 6 cycles
 - Participants : eco-counsellors, procurement officers, technical and works dept, politicians
 - Sustainable procurement (incl. fair trade ad social issues)
- Ongoing training for eco-counsellors
- Guidelines from political groups and NGOs
 - Eco-building for local authorities (green party - Ecolo)
 - Fair trade for local authorities (Fair Trade Movement)

GPP Survey in Wallonia



- Cooperation between Institut Eco-Conseil and Inter-Environnement Wallonie
- 40 local authorities have answered to the survey
- Survey done by email and phone
- 50 % are small local authorities situated in rural areas
- Analysis of the answers is still going on (finished end-november)
- In order to set up a strategy for the promotion of GPP to local authorities for 2006 (year of elections at local level)



Answers : general



- 1 local authority answered the EU GPP survey
- Purchasing practises
 - 30% decentralised
 - 40% mixed
 - 30% centralised
- 10 % of the local authorities are in a LA 21 or EMS implementation process
- 70 % of the local authorities say they use -some- environmental specifications in call for tenders
 - 40 % use environmental criteria in less than 5% of the tenders
 - 20 % use environmental criteria in 5 to 50 % of the tenders
 - 10 % use environmental criteria in more than 50% of the tenders

Analysis : specificities



- Green public procurement criteria means specifications :
 - Based on environmental performance of product
 - Life Cycle Analysis
- Product categories most often selected :
 - Paper
 - Food and drinks
 - Paints
 - Cars and fuel
 - Green spaces maintenance
 - Green energy supply
- Use of social criteria for waste recycling and maintenance of green spaces

Analysis : other issues

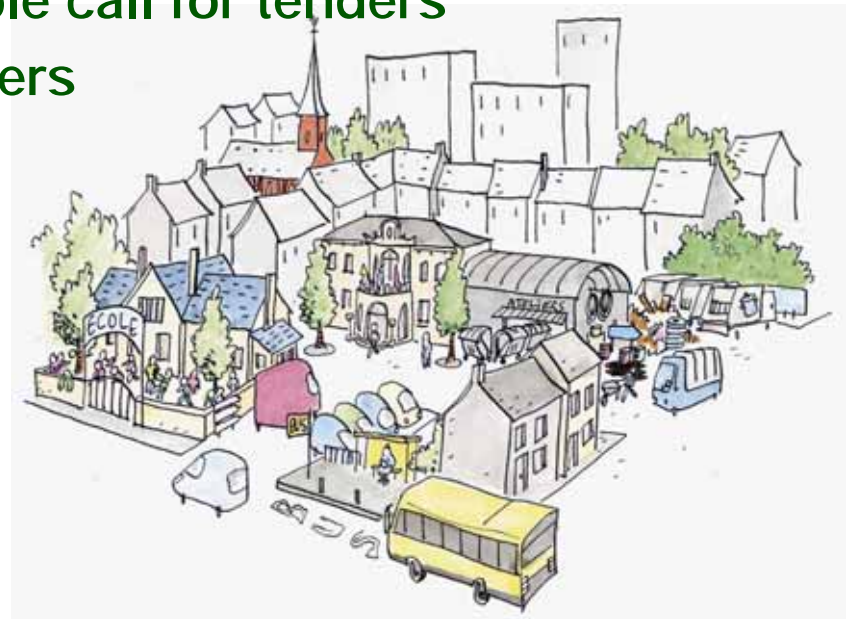


- 70 % have followed a training on GPP
- 40 % have set up a working group together with the environmental departement and the purchasing departement
- 10 % are exchanging good practices with other local authorities
- 2 local authorities are trying joint procurement

What kind of support are local authorities asking ?



- Trainings and awareness raising for purchasers and decision makers (incl. benefits of GPP)
- Toolkit on GPP (step by step implementation)
- Environmental criteria specific for local authorities (work departments, etc.)
- Examples of green and sustainable call for tenders
- Support to elaborate call for tenders



Belgium could do better...

(Le Soir newspaper : 05 november 2005)

- ☹️ EU GPP survey : Belgium is not in the GREEN 7
- In terms of GPP and sustainable purchasing Belgium could do better
- Especially in terms of social and ethical criteria (not only fair trade)
- Regulation is ready and some tools exist at federal and regional level
- But lack of use of environmental criteria in call for tenders due to :
 - GPP is not yet seen as a relevant political topic at local level
 - Lack of training
 - Lack of information
 - GPP is not mandatory (only at federal level - and no control)
 - Lack of monitoring

Merci beaucoup

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