



# **ENEA-MA Working Group on mainstreaming the environment into 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy: concluded tasks and expected final report**

**Workshop on environmental integration and monitoring  
in the 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy**

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## **ANNEXES**



# OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRATION AND DRIVING FORCES



# What does environmental integration mean/'environmental mainstreaming'?

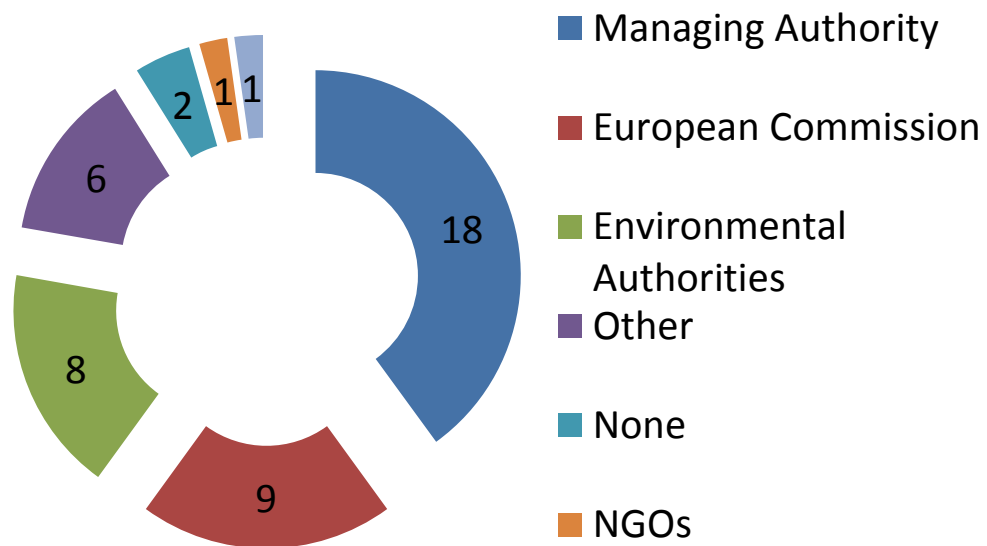
## Theory

- ❖ Giving environment more prominent position in non-environmental policies
- ❖ Art. 11 of the TFEU
- ❖ Art. 8 of the CPR

## Our understanding (Survey)

- ❖ Over half of answers close to Art. 8 and some Art. 11
- ❖ Some going beyond: eco-friendly solutions, green public procurement, project selection criteria, resource efficiency for SMEs.
- ❖ *E.g. "The OP has a primary economic focus. The environmental aspects focus on resource efficiency measures in SMEs, supporting technological and environmental innovations preferably by SMEs acting together, and reducing energy consumption in the built environment."*

## Who is the driving force for integration for sustainable development?



- ☐ **MA (18) – driving force**
- ☐ European Commission (9)
- ☐ Env. authorities (8)
- ☐ Other drivers (6):
  - regional and national authorities

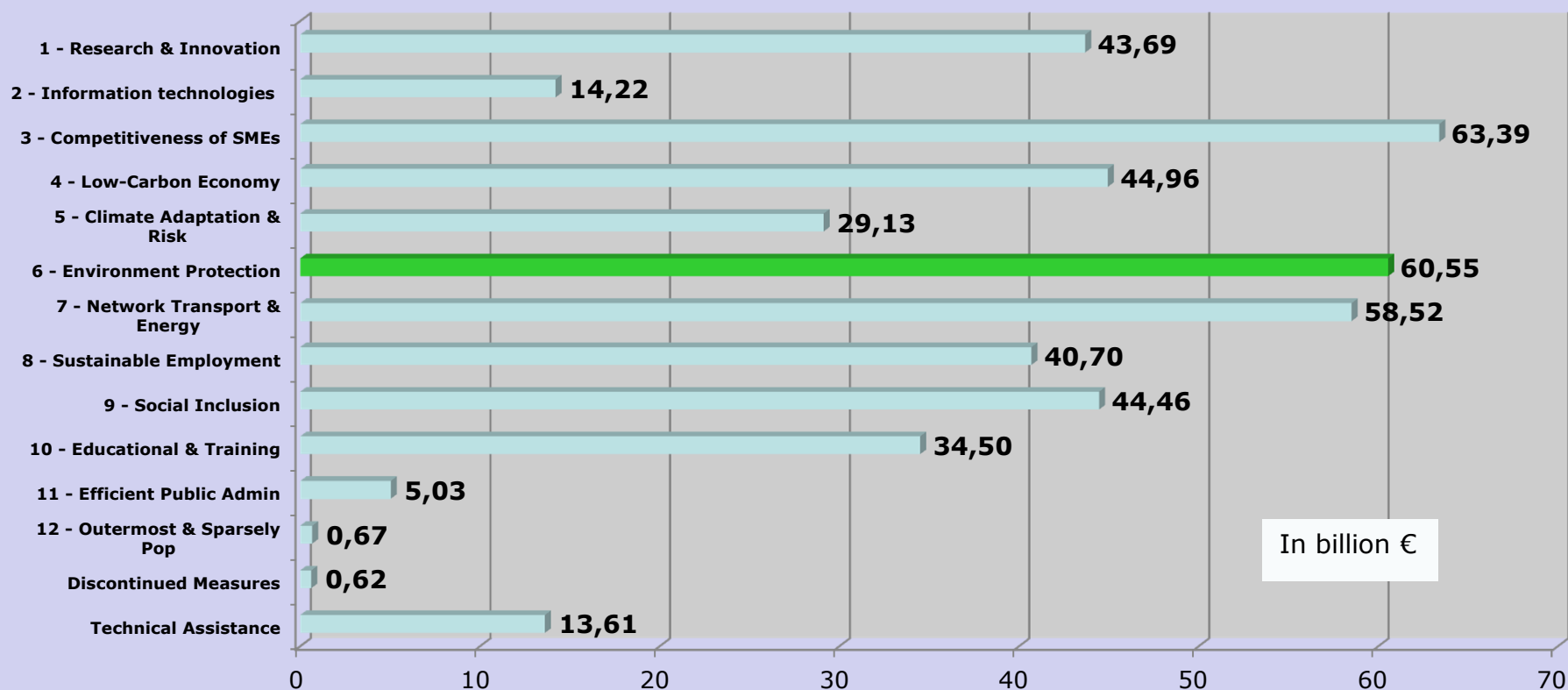


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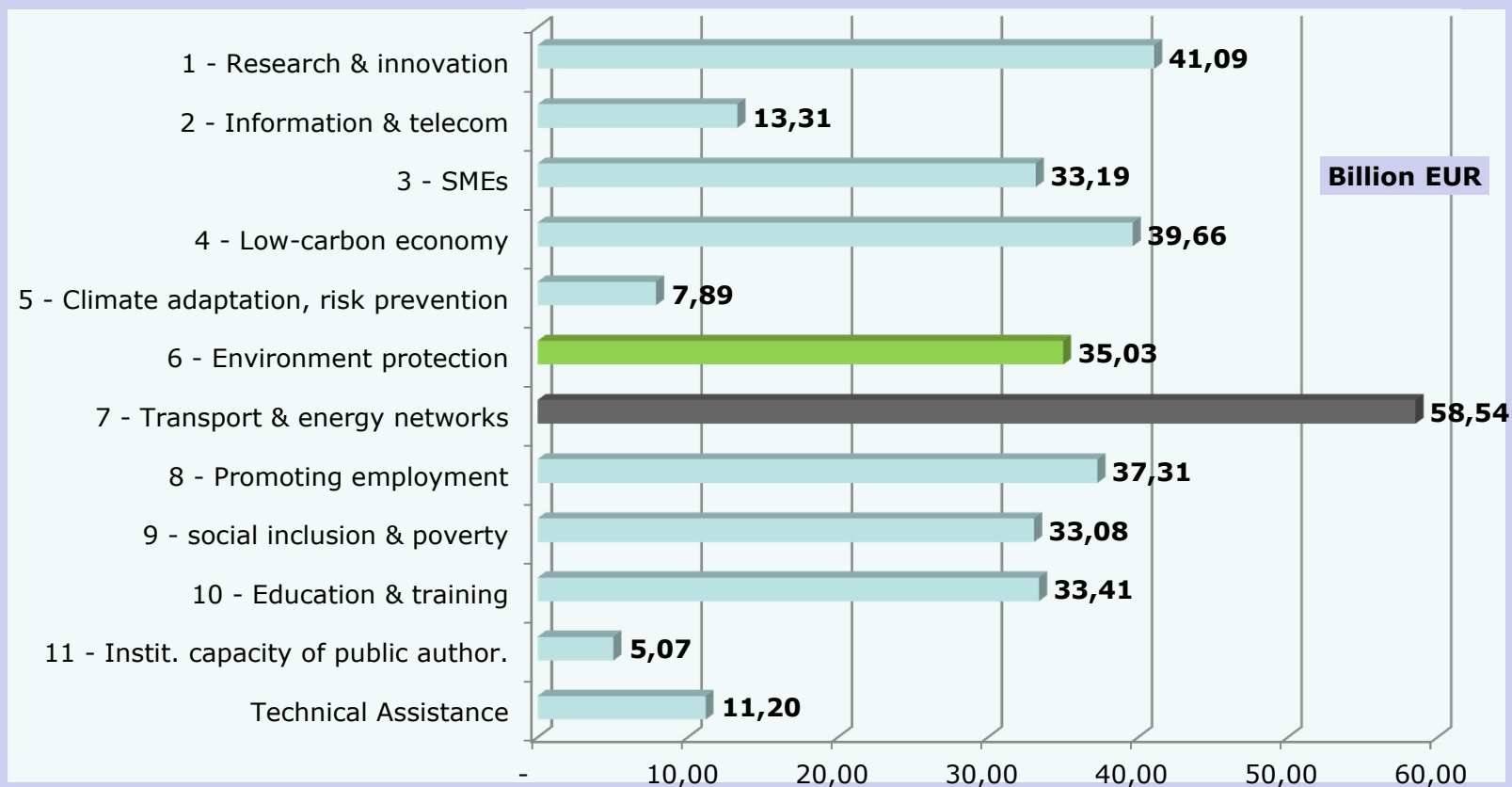
# FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRATION

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## Support of the ESI Funds (ERDF, CF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFF) to the 11 TOs



## Support of the 3 Cohesion Policy funds (ERDF, CF and ESF) to each TO

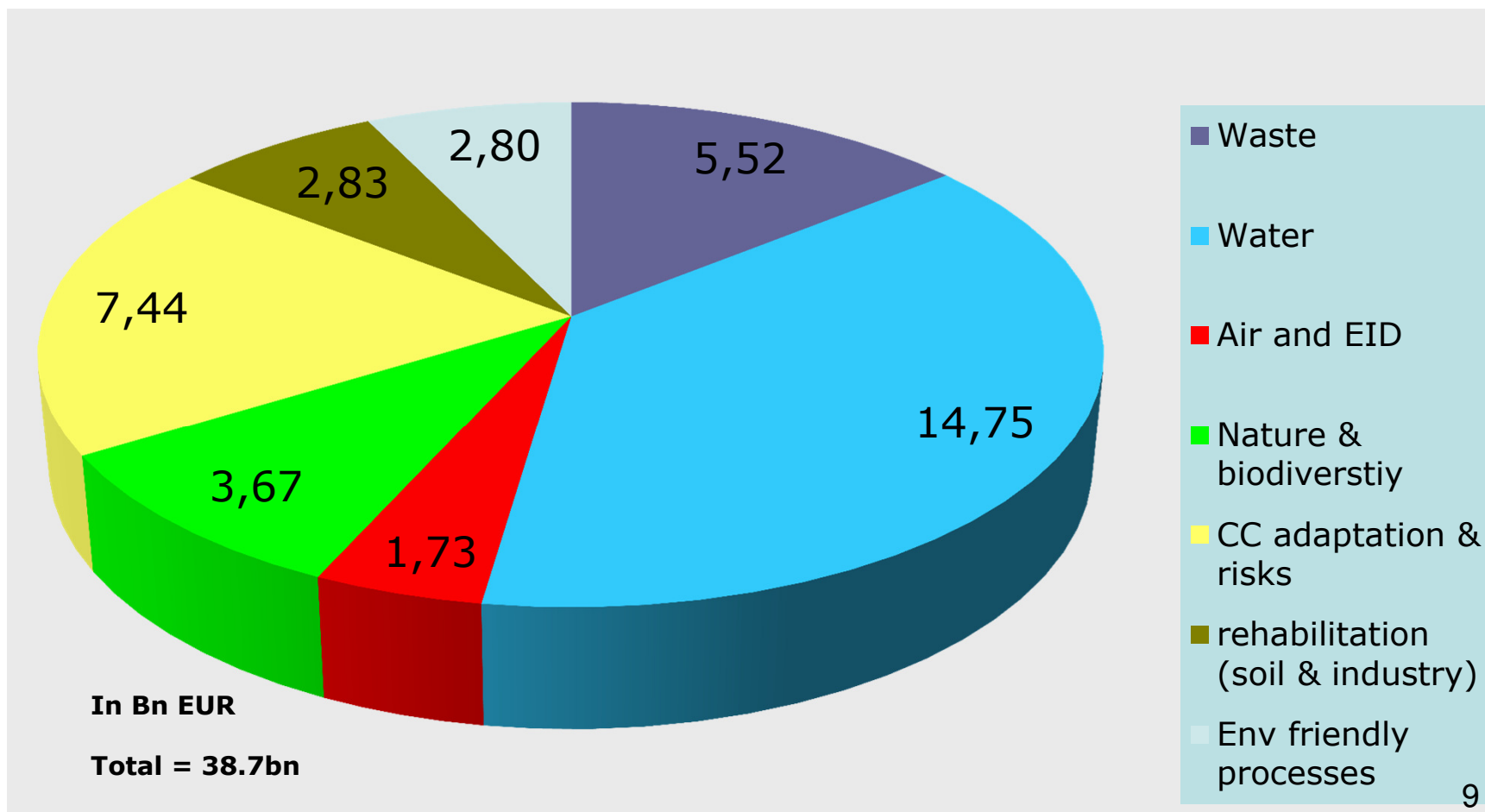






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## Contribution of Cohesion Policy (ERDF, CF and ESF) to environmental protection (types of investment)





## The overall result for environmental policy

### ➤ *Environmental protection represents:*

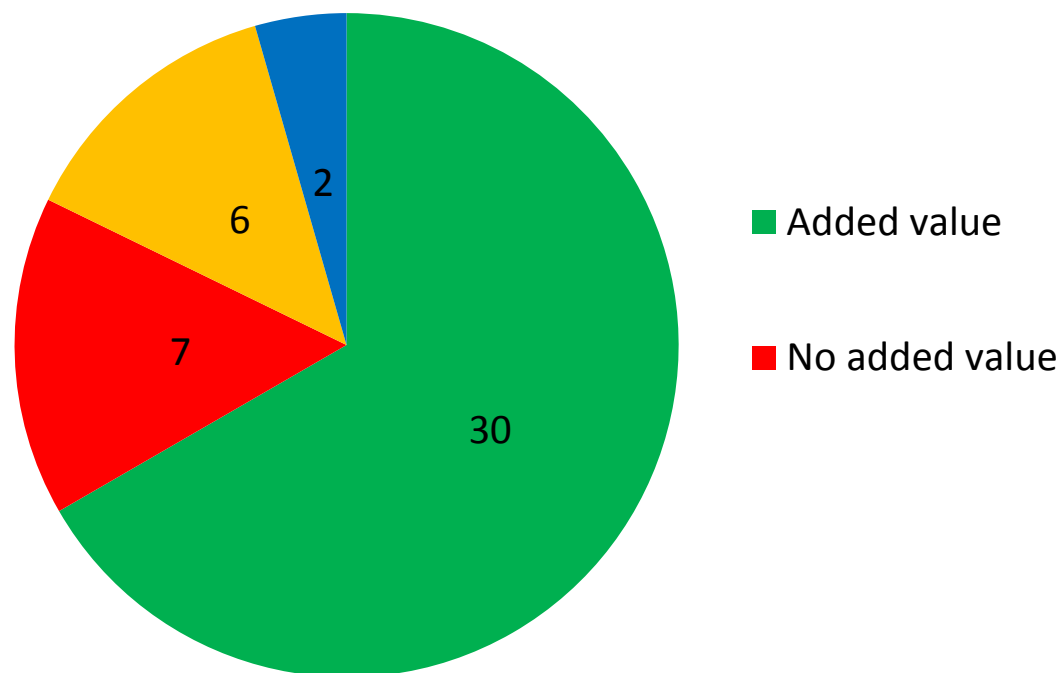
- 11,1% of the overall Cohesion Policy budget in 2014-2020 ; 12% in 2007-2013.
- Compared to 2007-13:
  - ↓ Funding for water and risk prevention has decreased. Water = **- 7bn**
  - ↓ Funding for biodiversity, air quality and adaptation to climate change has increased.
    - Thematic concentration constraint and earmarking for TOs 1, 2 3 and 4 may explain the global decrease.
    - Thanks to thematic concentration, the allocation for low-carbon economy (TO-4) has reached €39.6 billion (€10.6 billion in 2007-13).

### ➤ *Support to a low-carbon economy (€40bn) and to adaptation to climate change (€8bn) are also promoting environmental objectives!*



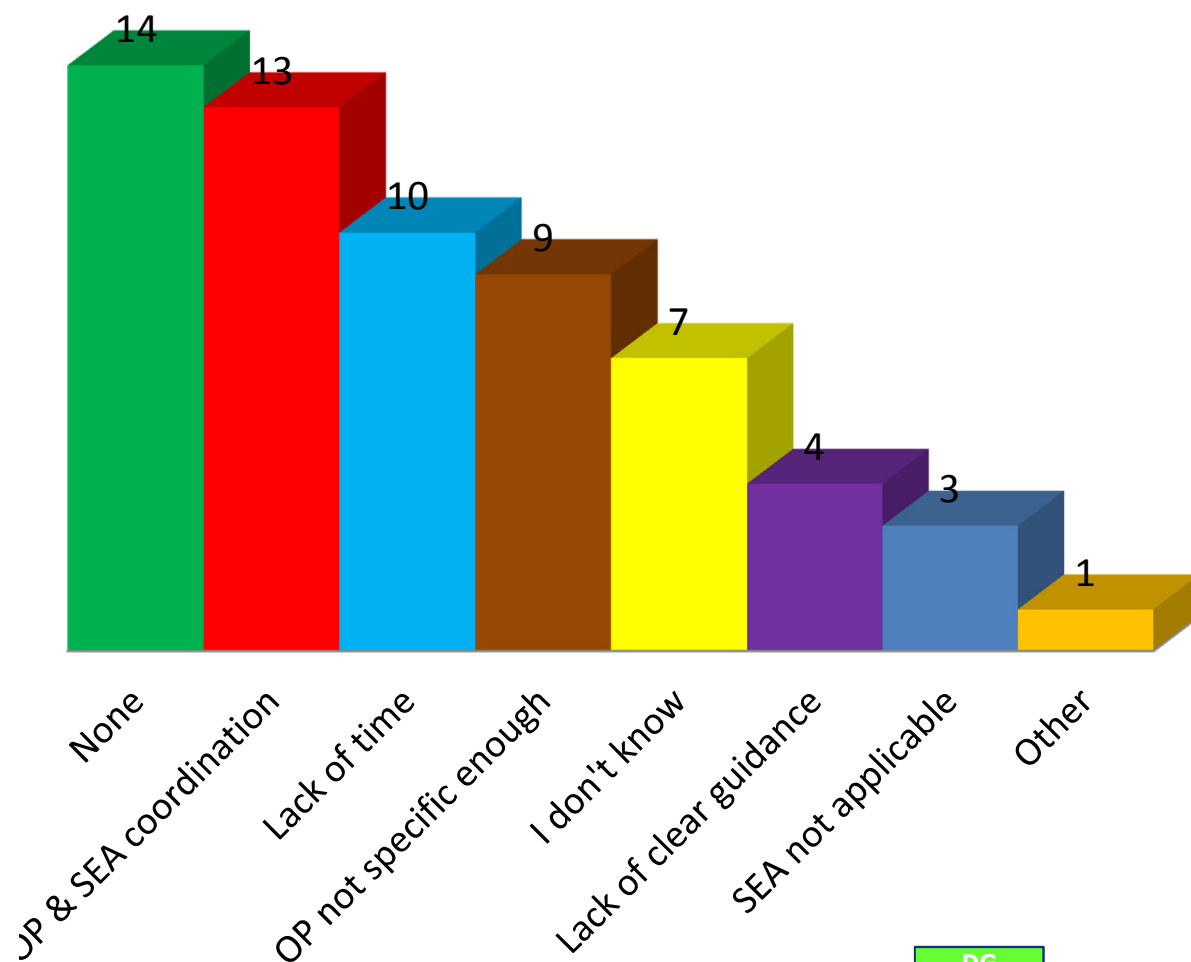
# STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

## What is your opinion about the contribution of the SEA for your Operational Programme?



- Added value (30)
  - additional independent expertise
  - local knowledge
  - awareness raising
  - public involvement
  - clear environmental improvements
  - recommendations for the implementation stage
- No added value (7)
  - pure formality
  - did not bring any new information
  - brought few changes

## What was your major barrier as regards the application of the SEA to your Operational Programme?



### Barriers (37)

- problems with the coordination of OP and SEA (13)
- lack of time (10)
- nature of the OP (9) – "OP not specific enough to deliver a good SEA"
- lack of clear guidance (4)
- other (1) – "Difficulties were minor, however, some adjusting here and there at times."