Tender published for Green Profile Assessment Tool

Questions and answers to tender material:

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1. The CESME project focuses on SMES and circular economy, yet the tender opens up to assessment tools that focus on a wider scope around green economy. Is there a reason why you did not want to focus preferably on tools designed only with circular economy principles in mind? (I'm thinking of tools developed by ellen macarthur, but also by other organisations such as circle economy in the Netherlands).	The partnership in CESME consists of partners from 6 different countries being at very different levels when it comes to circular economy. Therefore, we ask for tools that can be used in a wider scope for SMEs that are not nearly close to the circular economy yet, but who can be advised in a green direction taking the first steps towards circular economy.
2. If the scope is indeed opened to green business in a larger context there are several tools (dozens) that could meet your needs. Two constraints however: some tools are not necessarily available for free. Should these tools be automatically filtered out or have you foreseen some budget to access and use such tools in the project?	As mentioned in the tender material p. 9, some tools may be subject to a license. In such case the potential tool must be discussed with the Business Development Centre North Denmark before, it may be chosen.
3. in order to be perfectly used in the context of the CESME project, there is a possibility that some tools need to be adapted (for instance if the assessment takes into account energy intensity/Carbon emissions, one tool relevant for france might not be exactly applicable in Denmark or Finland). This leads to two constraints: the possibility of the tool to be adapted (quite often online tools are not easily adaptable) and the permissions rights to be adapted. In both cases, this might also lead to negotiations with the tool provider and additional budget might be necessary. Is this something also foreseen? I do have in mind some tools that could be fitting your needs (having been involved personally in the development of such tools in previous EU projects), but indeed the availability and adaptability are still criteria that may have a big impact on the decision process.	We do have this challenge in mind. Hopefully, we will succeed identifying a tool that all the project partners can use with no need of changes. If changes are required, we must need to see how and if this can be solved in the specific case, as this may require some further funding from the project partners.