



From Research to Standards: Building a Safer and More Accountable Future for Perpetrator Work in Probation

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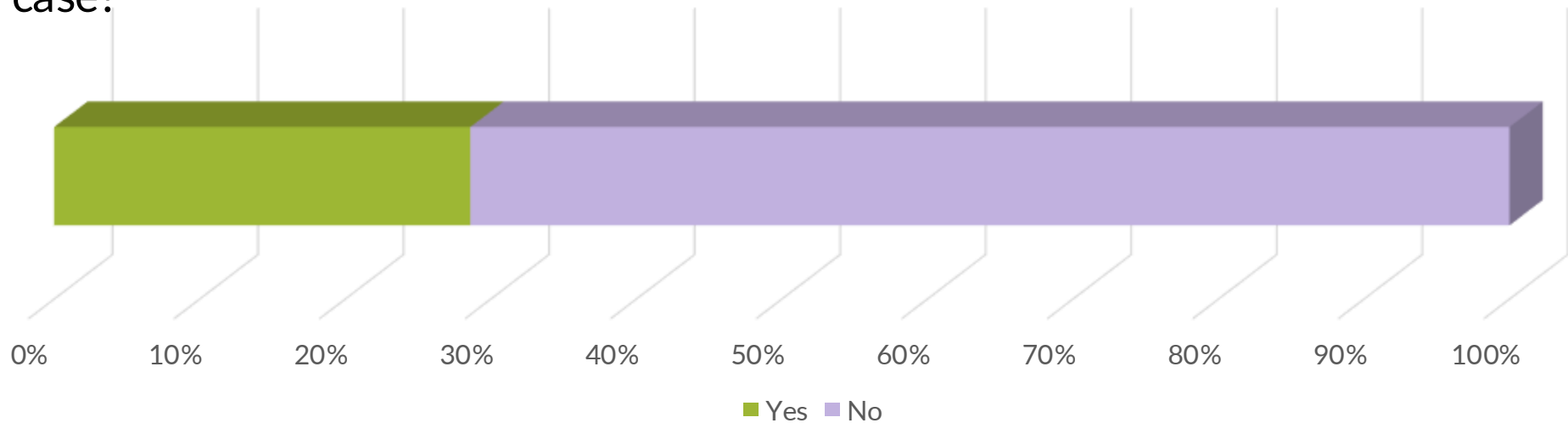
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A high-contrast, black and white close-up photograph of a woman's face. She has light-colored eyes and is looking slightly downwards and to the right. Her expression is somber and contemplative. The lighting is dramatic, with deep shadows on the right side of her face and forehead.

Victim safety

How will Sofia feel?

Is there a collaboration between perpetrator programmes and services that works with victims in each case?



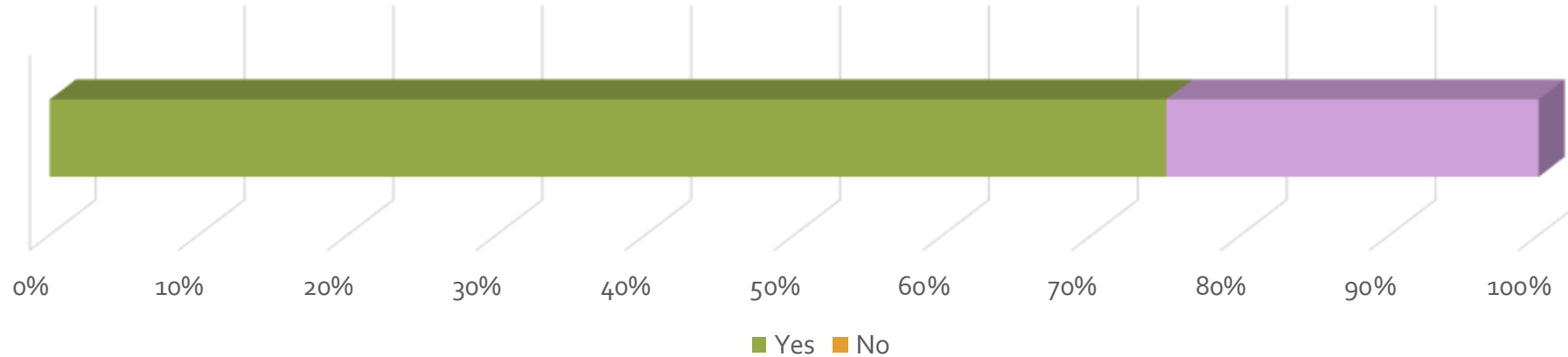


Risk assessment

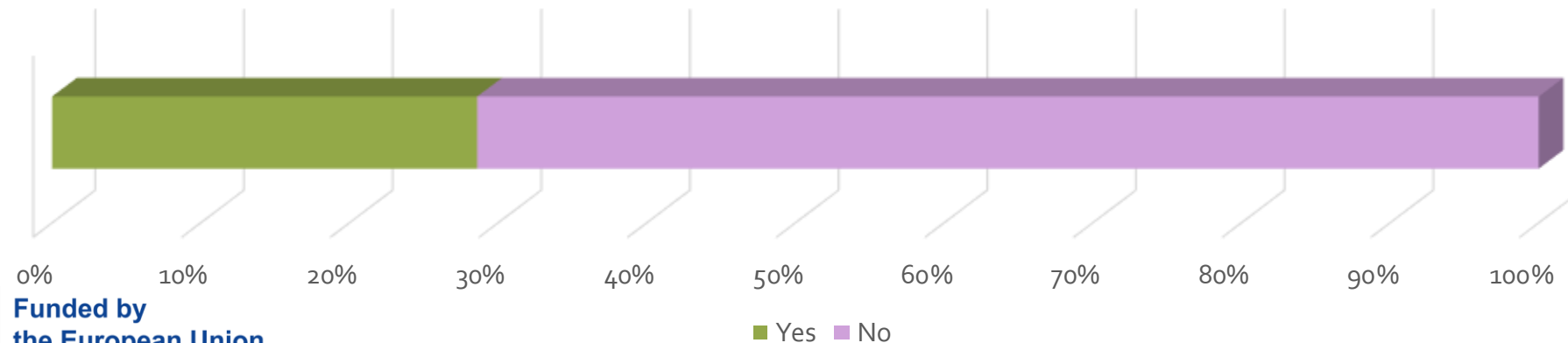
Is it safe?

How do programmes assess risks?

Programmes apply standardised procedure to assess risks



Programmes include victim's perspective in assessing the risks



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Evaluation

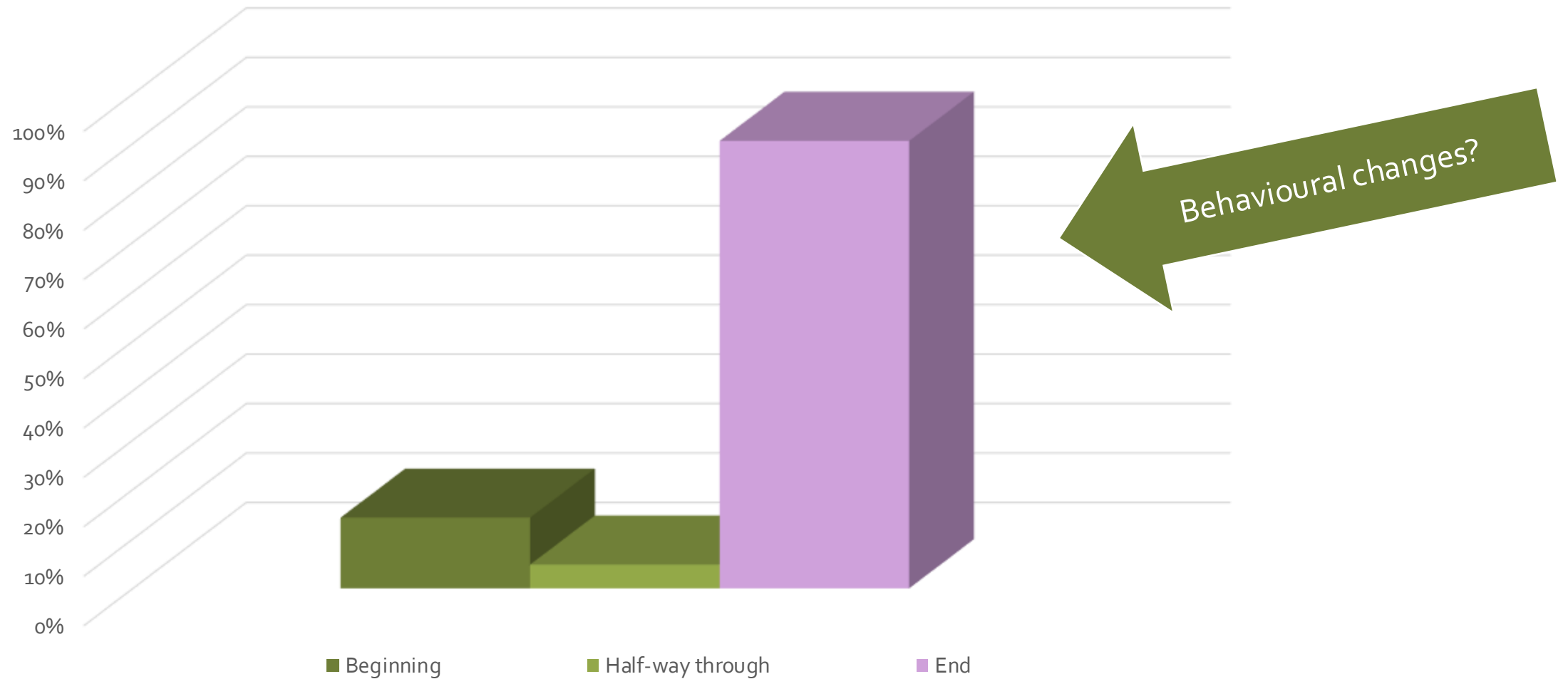


How do you feel?



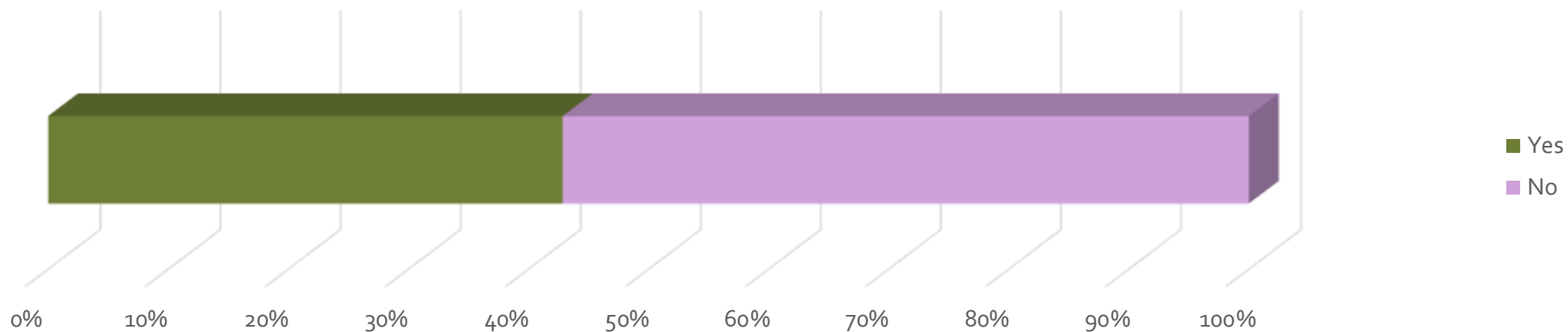
What do you need?

Do programmes evaluate their outcome?

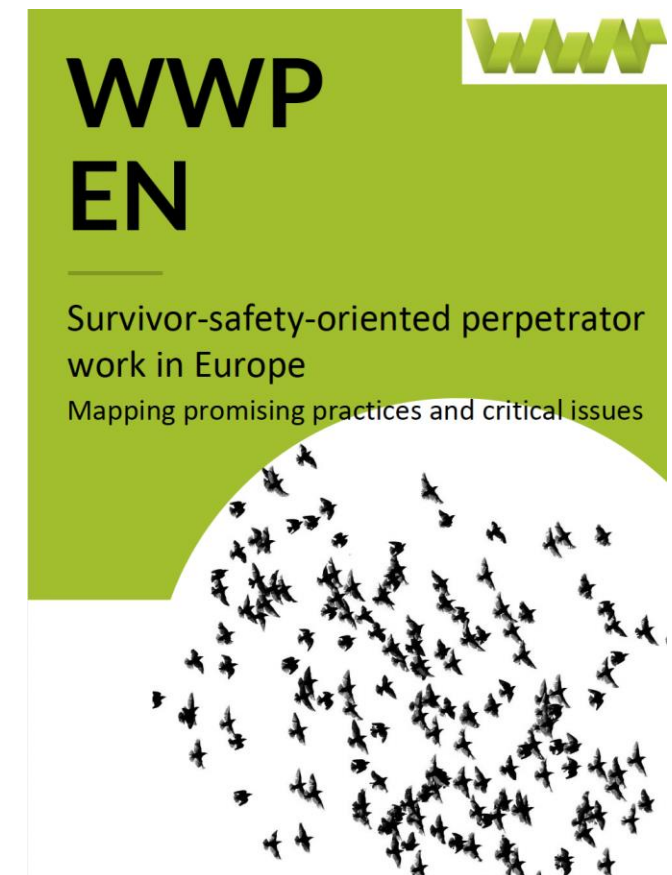
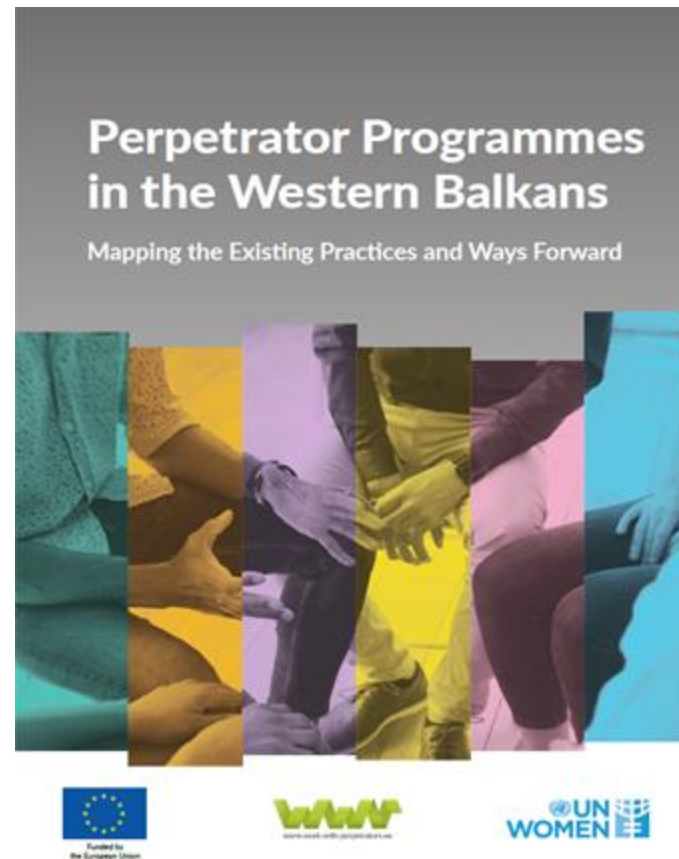
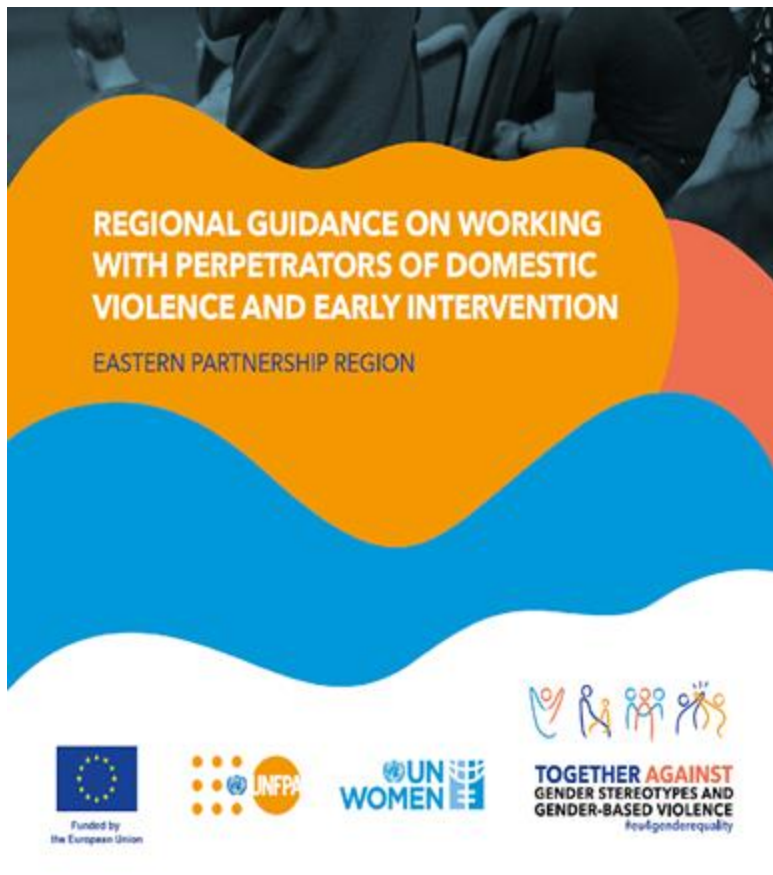


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Are victims involved in evaluating the outcomes of the work?



Perpetrator programmes (123) from 32 countries



Guidance for safe and effective perpetrator programmes: Article 16 of the Istanbul Convention



A comparative study and recommendations on programmes for perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence



Mid-term Horizontal Review of GREVIO baseline evaluation reports



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STANDARDS & ACCREDITATION

CAPACITY BUILDING



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European Standards for Perpetrator Programmes

Standards for Survivor-Safety-Oriented Intimate
Partner Violence Perpetrator Programmes

WORKING DOCUMENT



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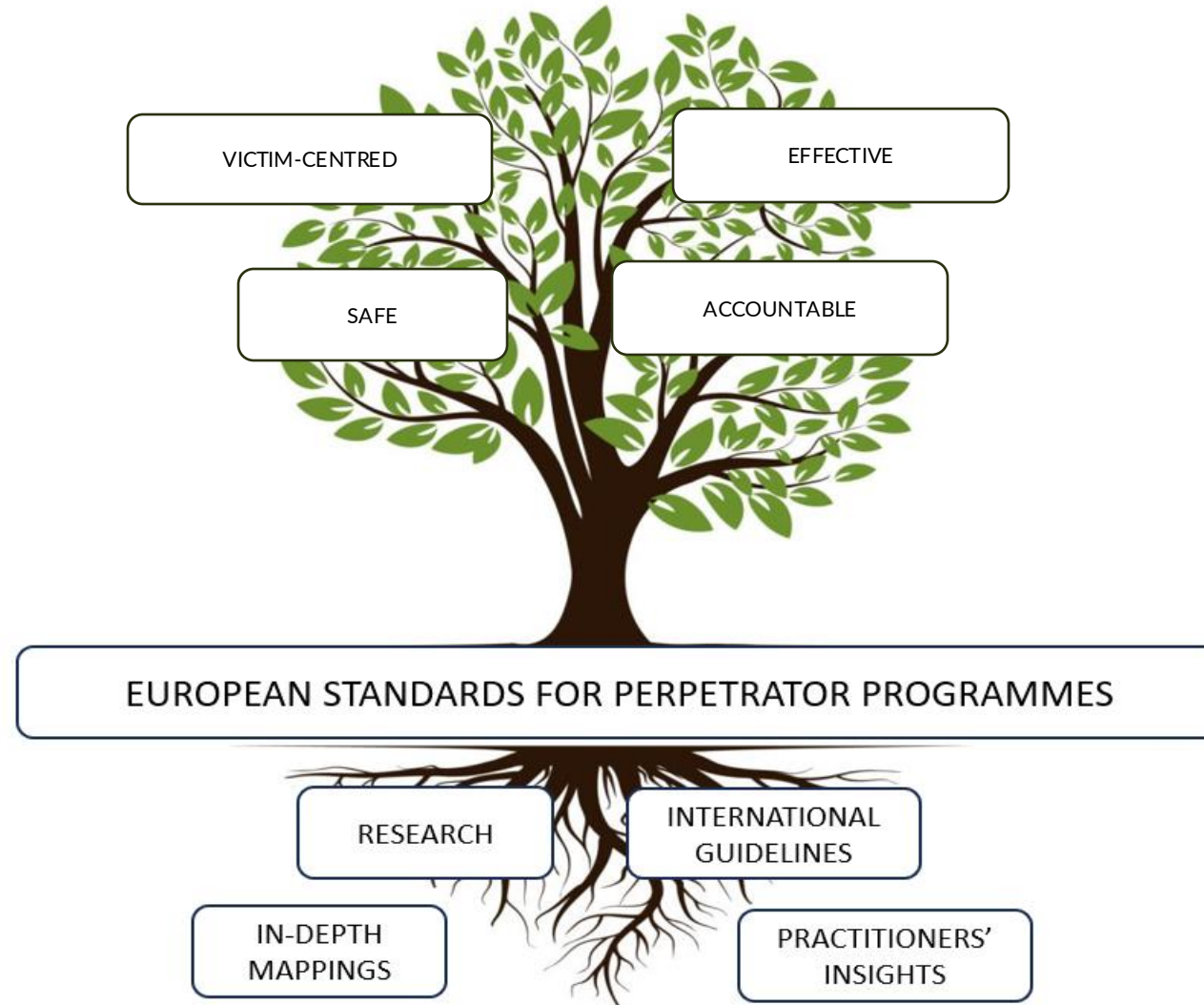


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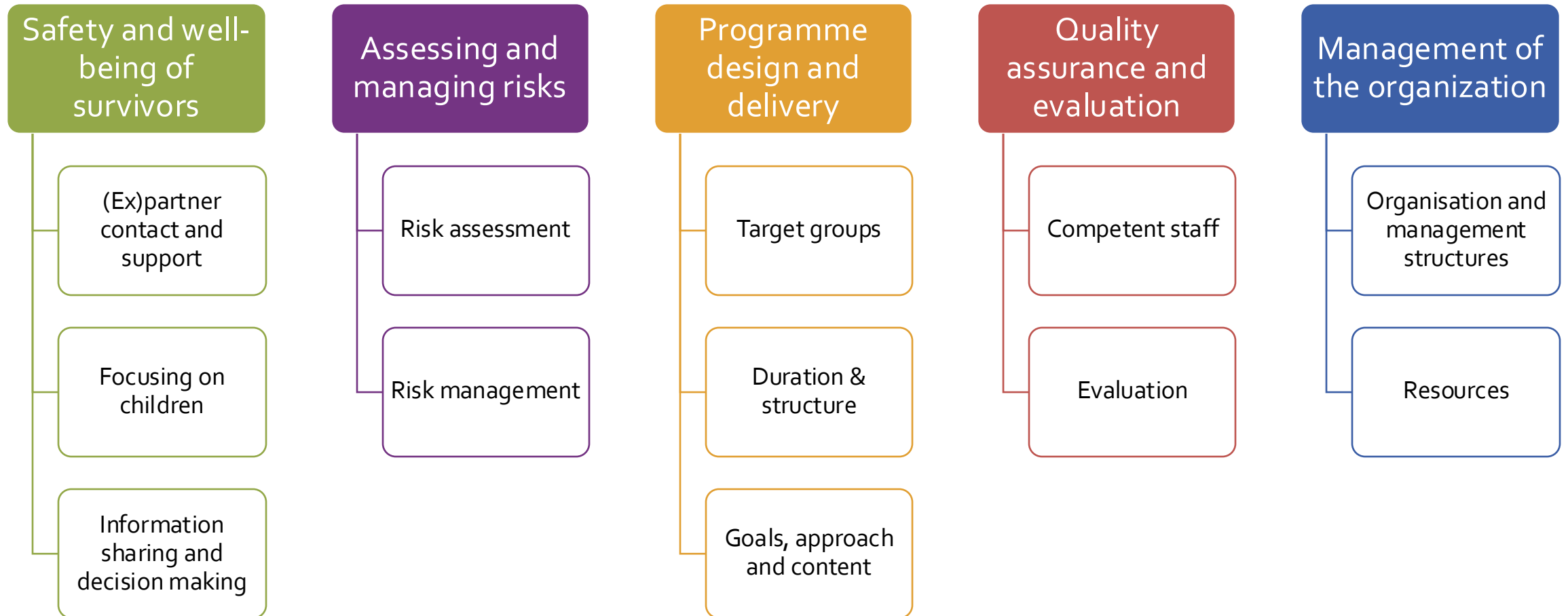


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Evidence based and practice informed



Sections & areas



Evidence base of the European Standards

Innovative aspects of European Standards



Gap:



Current standards relies on non-contextualized existing research (usually USA based)



Innovation:



Information from European PPs



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Innovative aspects of European Standards



Gap:



Current development of standards relies on existing research and insights from practitioners

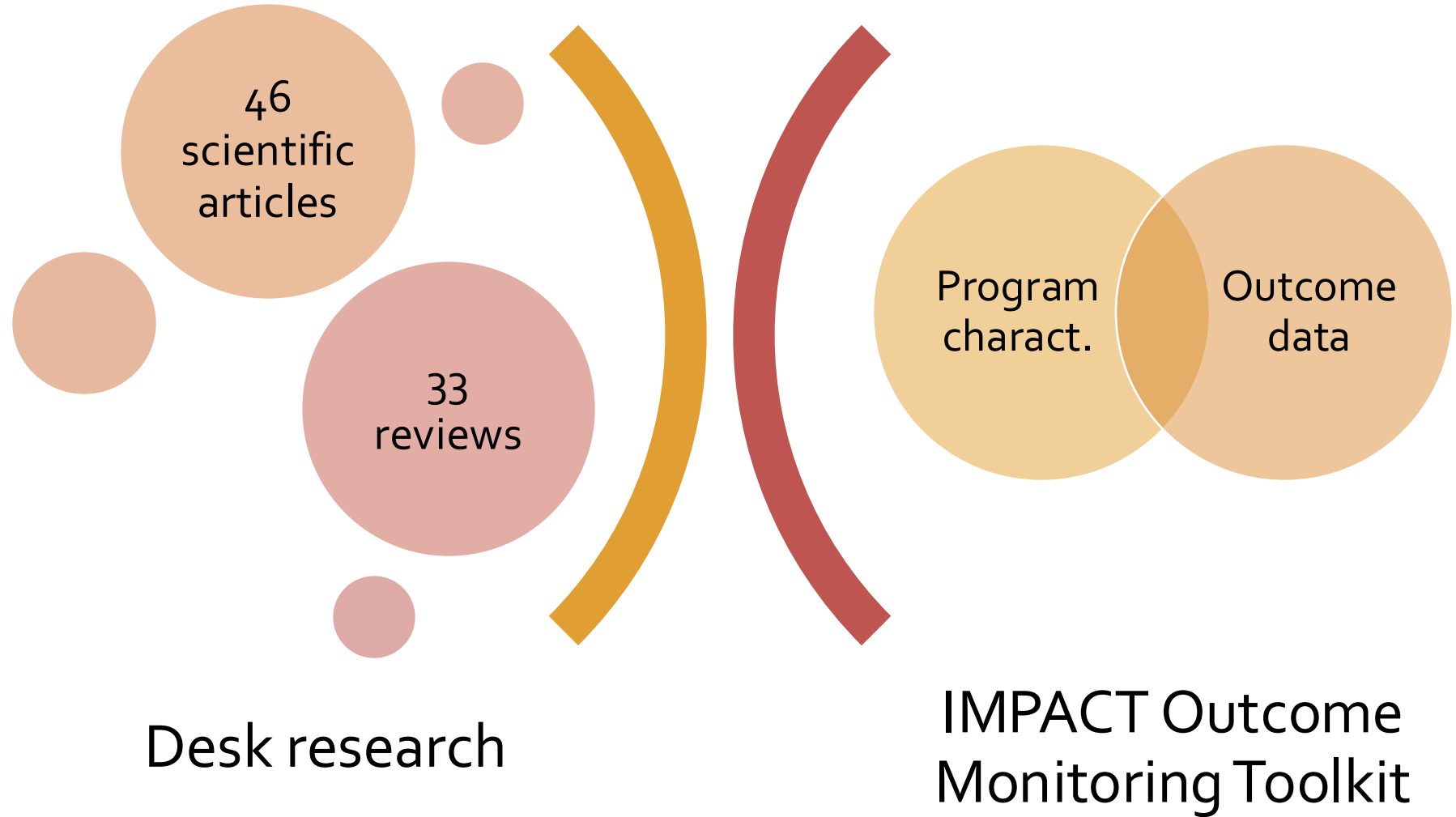


Innovation:



Analyze outcome data to inform standards, unique data that correlates programme characteristics and outcomes for PP and VS

What did we do?





- Partner contact or collaboration with VSS
→ linked with lower recidivism

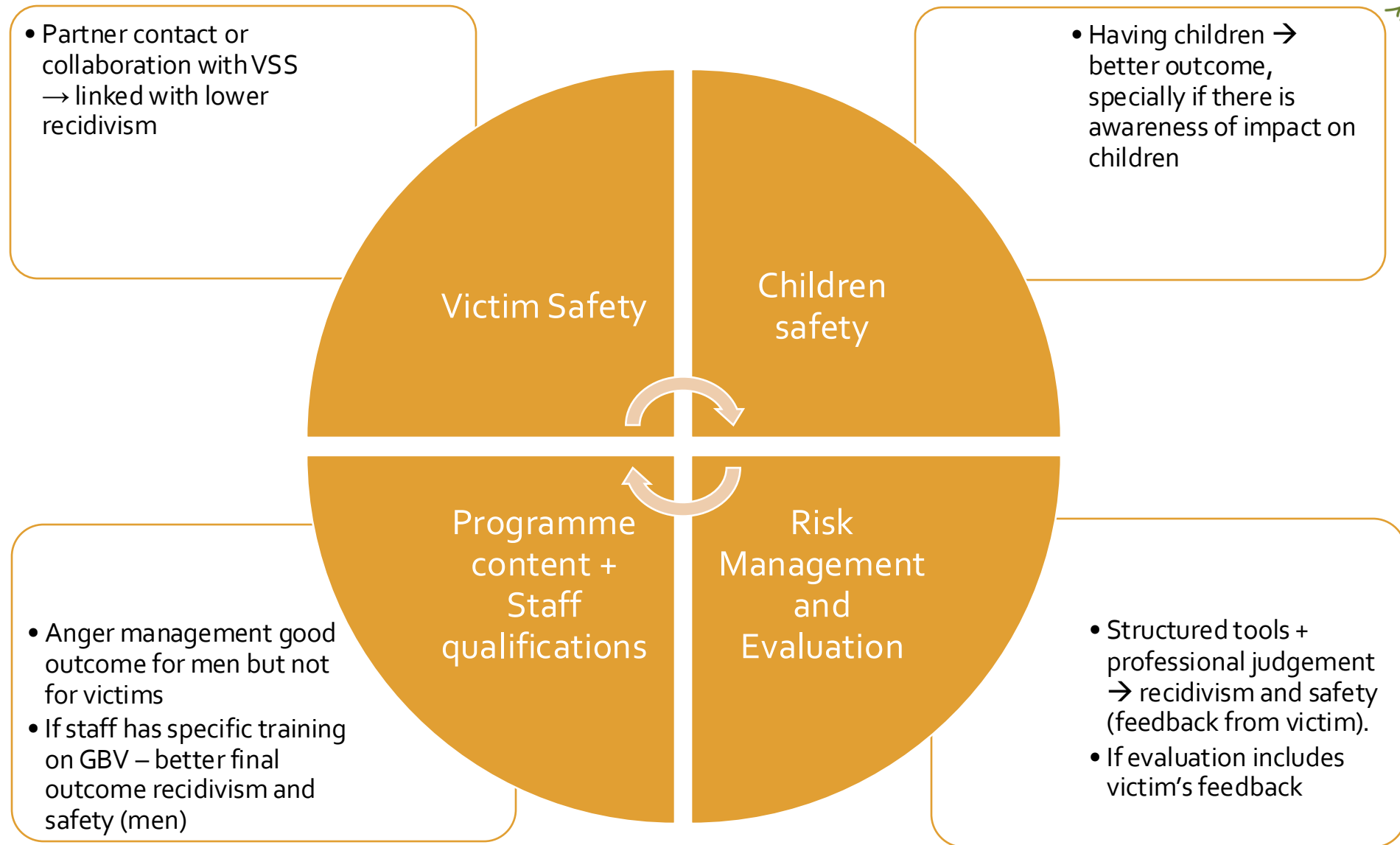


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- Having children → better outcome, specially if there is awareness of impact on children







Next steps

- Accreditation from 2026 onwards
- Implementation / contextualisation of standards within probation perpetrator programmes programmes
- Enhance training and capacity building

European Master's Degree



European Master's Degree on Intervention Strategies with Perpetrators of Gender-Based Violence: A Perspective from Social, Clinical, and Legal Contexts



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