

#### Reducing the footprint of CRC screening

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Inspire you to reduce the footprint of your work and share our challenges in doing so



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What does this have to do with CRC screening?





# Climate crisis



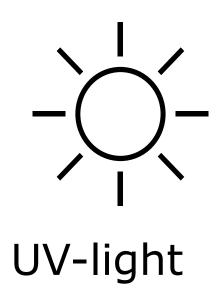




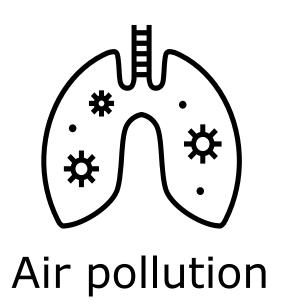


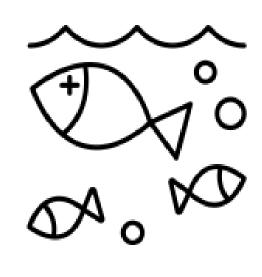
#### Climate crisis = a health crisis









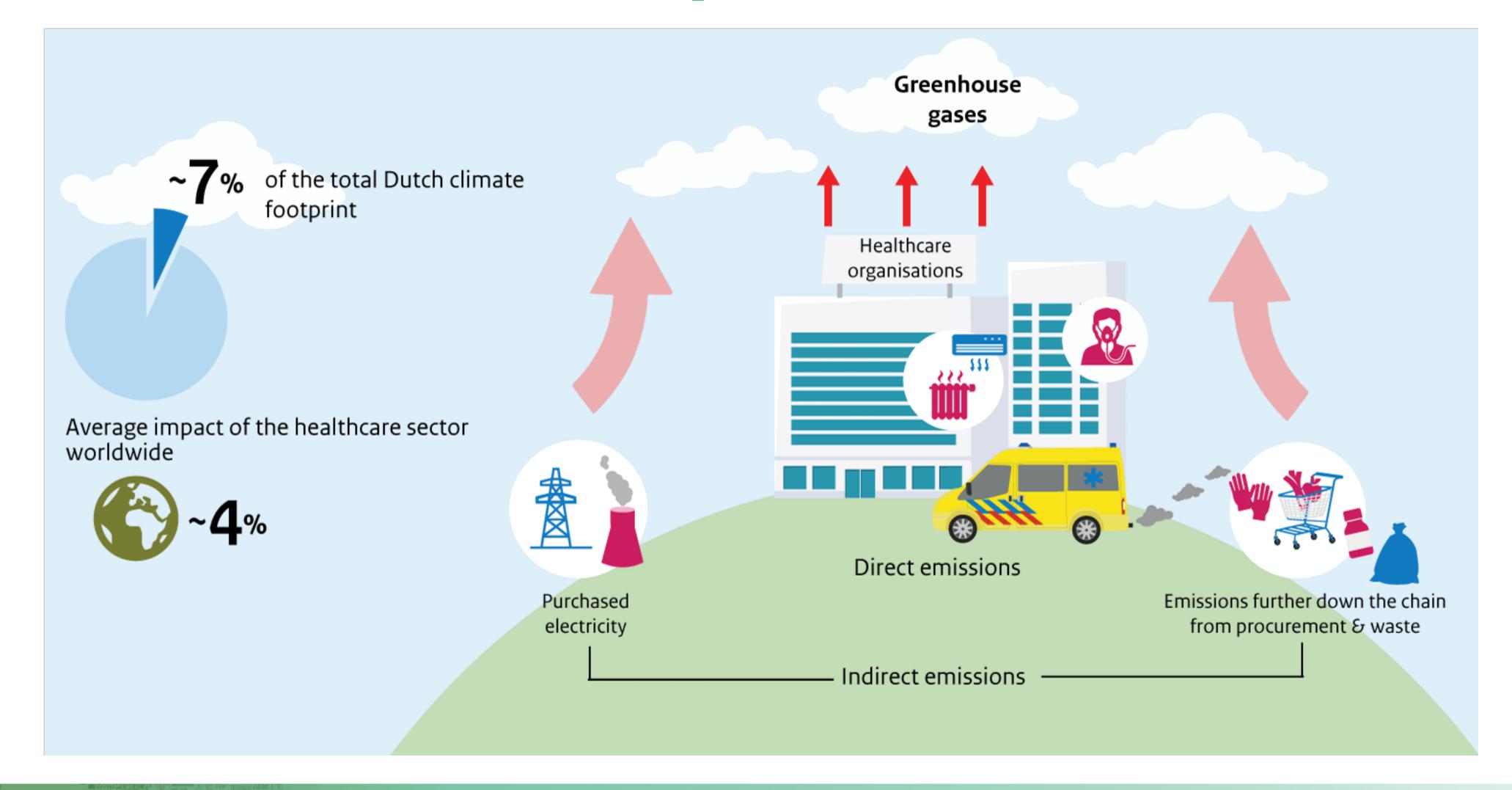








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# Endoscopy department third most polluting hospital department (after ICU and OR)



# Where do you start?

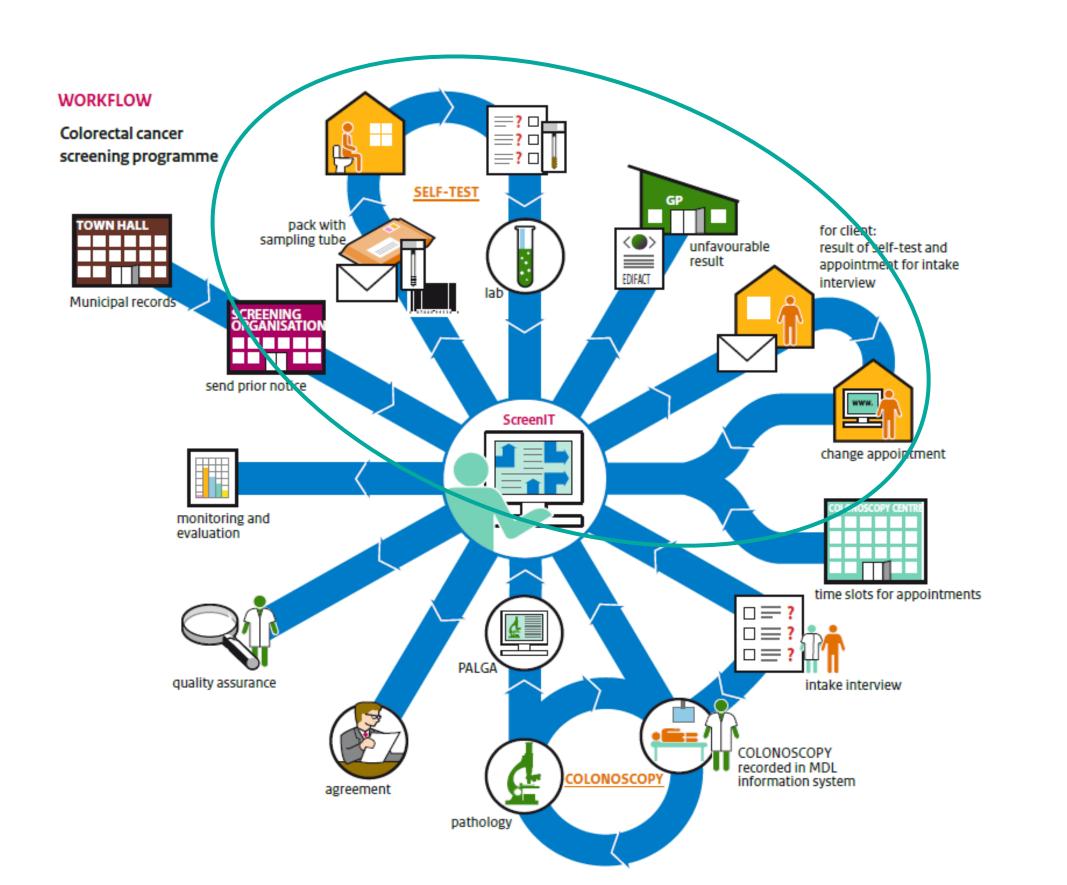




Start projects



#### Insight investigation footprint Dutch CRC programme

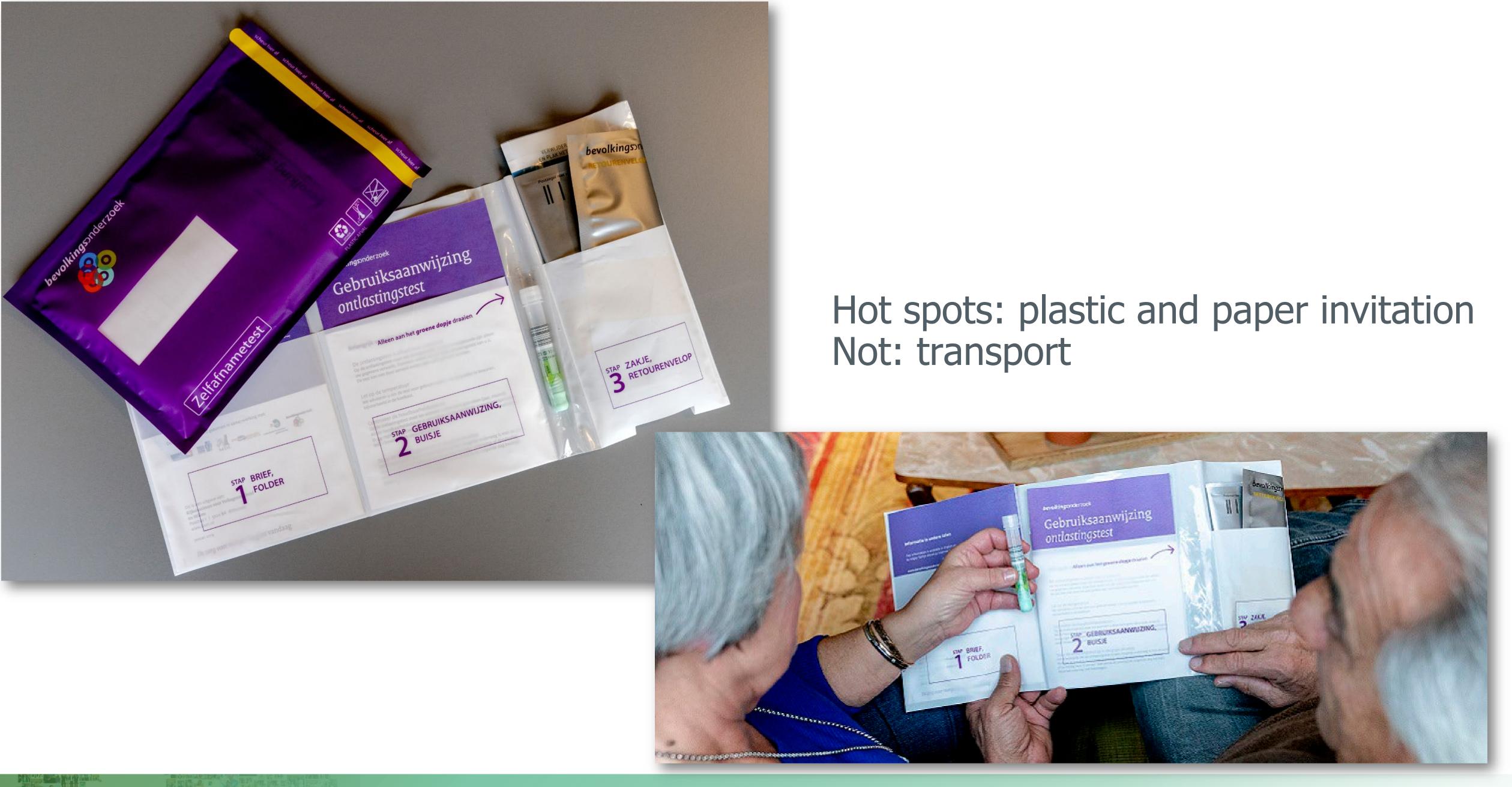


Impact Category	Labs	Letters	Package	Total
Global Warming Potential (GWP in t CO <sub>2</sub> eq.)	0.85%	6.69%	92.45%	676
Land use (ha crop eq.)	0.14%	26.43%	73.43%	7.29
Cumulative Energy Demand (CED in GJ)	0.66%	9.18%	90.16%	11 447

- ➤ To compare: the programme equals the CO2 emission of 34 Dutch households
- Define 'hot spots'

Source: Consultancy Project, Energy Science UU - LCA CRC screening



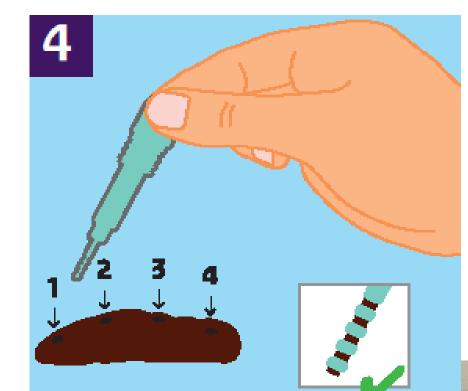




#### Projects to reduce environmental footprint

- Improve package:
  - Use recycled/recyclable plastic and paper
  - Improve manual FIT-test (less waste)

- Reduce paper and plastic:
  - Send smaller return envelop
  - Investigate smaller invitation when joined round before
  - Non-respondent project







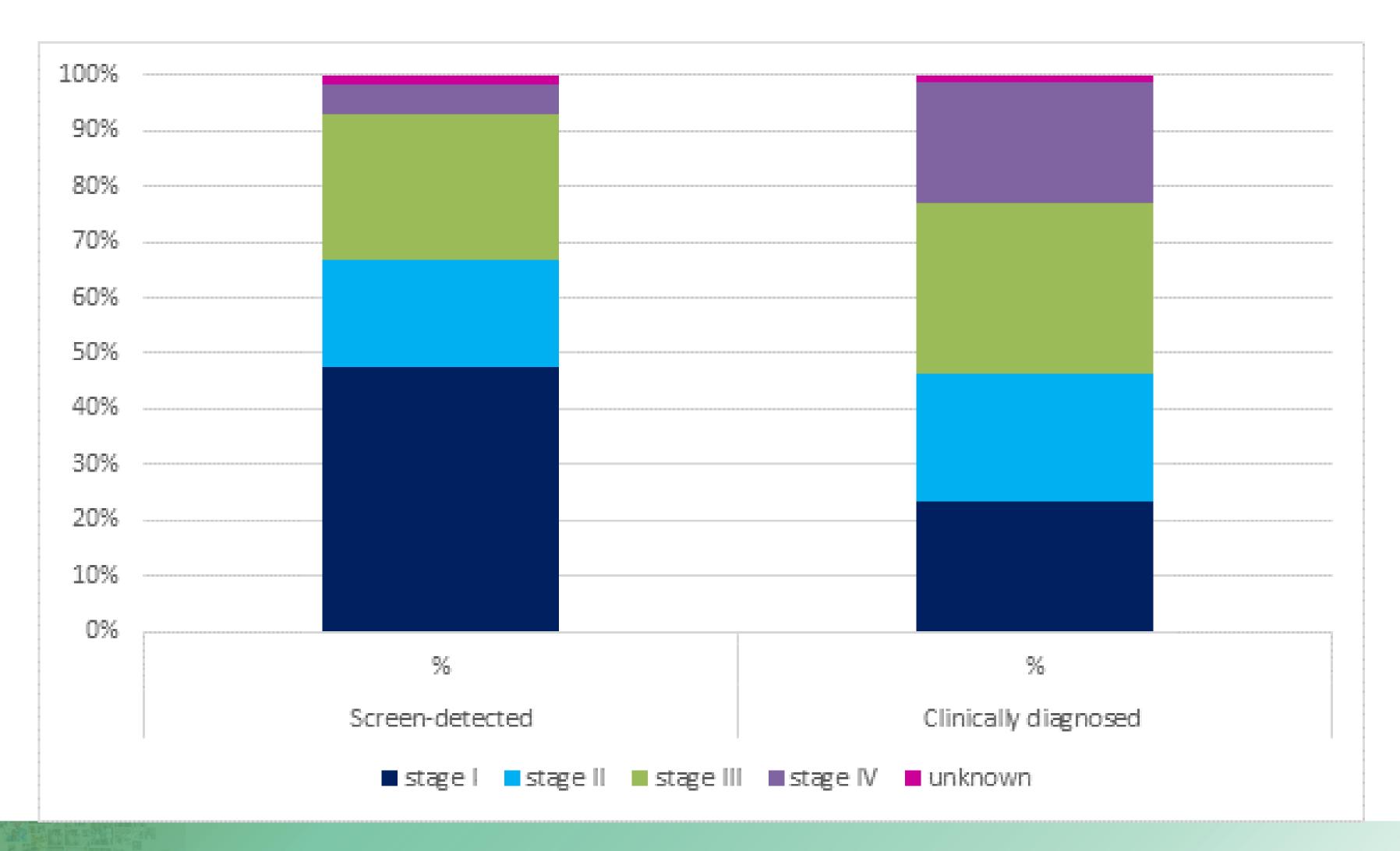
### Non-respondents project

Invitees who didn't respond to the invitation twice, will only receive a paper invitation letter in the third round

	2020 Q3+Q4	2021		
	Participation			
Total participation	73,0%	70,6%		
Participation non-respondents	9,9%	4,9%		
	Yield			
Total CRC	4,6%	4,5%		
CRC non-participants	8,7%	6,2%		
Total AAD	26,6%	27,0%		
AAD non-participants	37,8%	38,0%		
	Savings			
Saved costs	_	€750.000		
Saved plastic	_	8700 kg		
Saved paper	_	5000 kg		



# Larger ecological footprint later on?

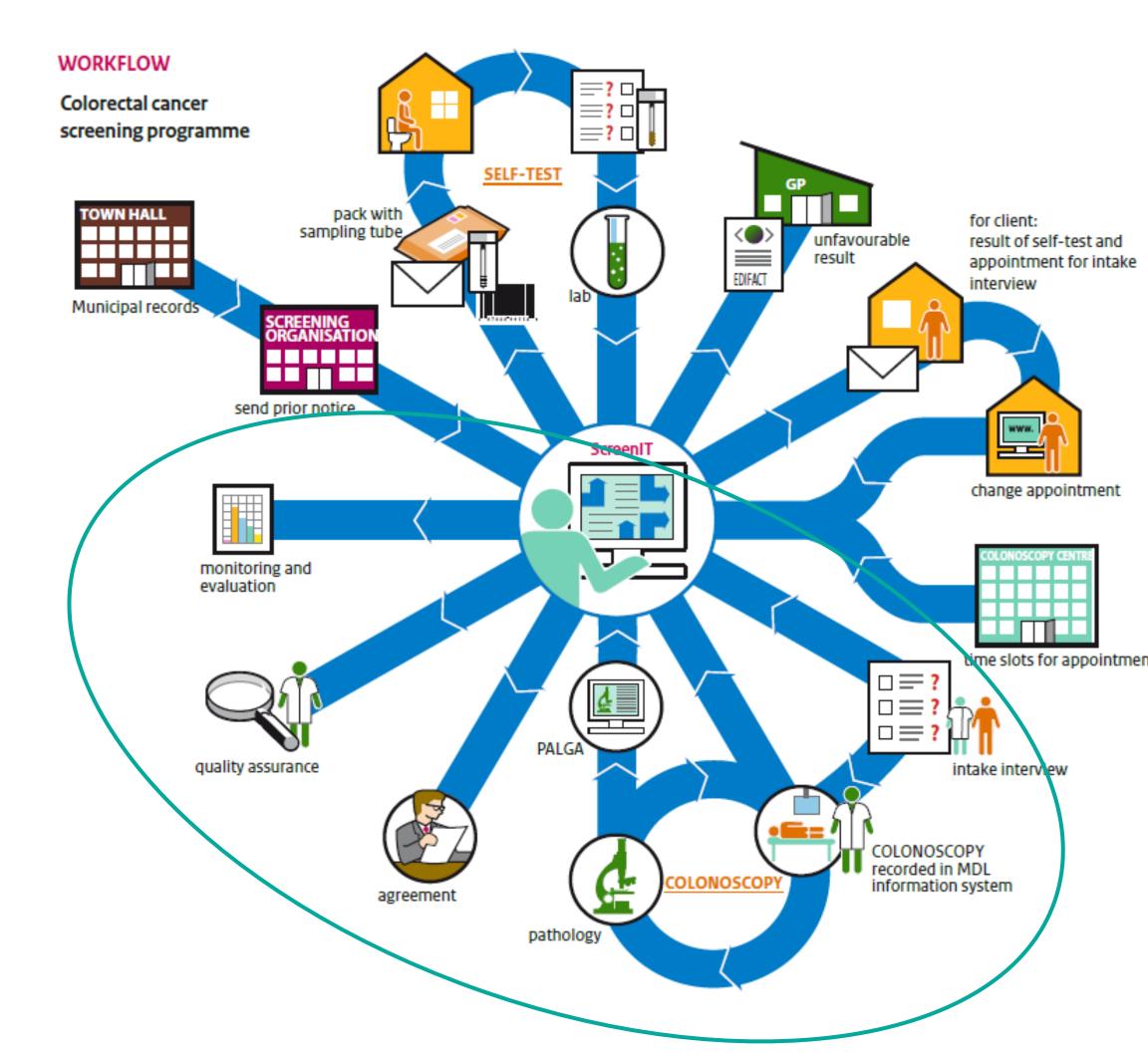


Source: Breekveld et al.



#### Discussion

- Accessibility vs. sustainability
- Impact non-respondents further down line?
- Client responsibility?
   (has to separate plastic/unsubscribe)
- Targeting non-respondents differently?
- Can we focus on other areas?





# You can also reduce your footprint





# Questions? Ideas? Shared experiences?



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https://www.rivm.nl/en/colorectal-cancerscreening-programme



