



Procurement and (UK) Industry at CERN

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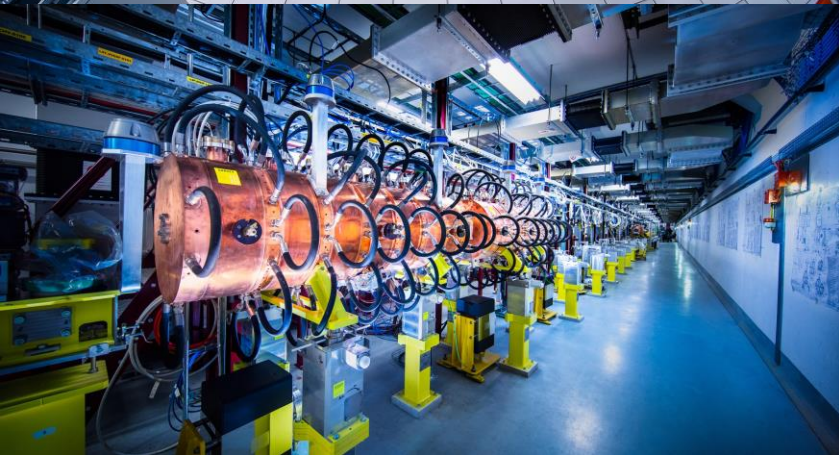
CERN is entitled to establish its own internal rules necessary for its proper functioning, including:



Procurement Rules

Safety Rules

Staff Regulation of its own personnel



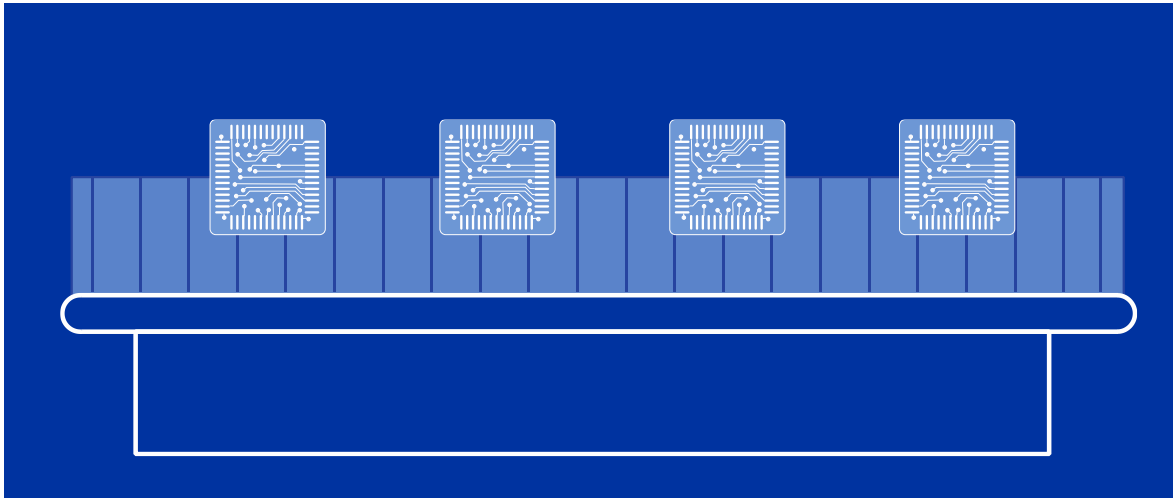
What do we buy?

- Civil engineering
- Cooling and ventilation equipment
- Electrical engineering and magnets
- ICT
- Mechanical engineering and raw materials
- Electronics and radiofrequency equipment
- Cryogenic and vacuum equipment
- Etc....

How do we buy?

Off-the shelf or non-standard products which can be produced with existing manufacturing techniques or technologies:

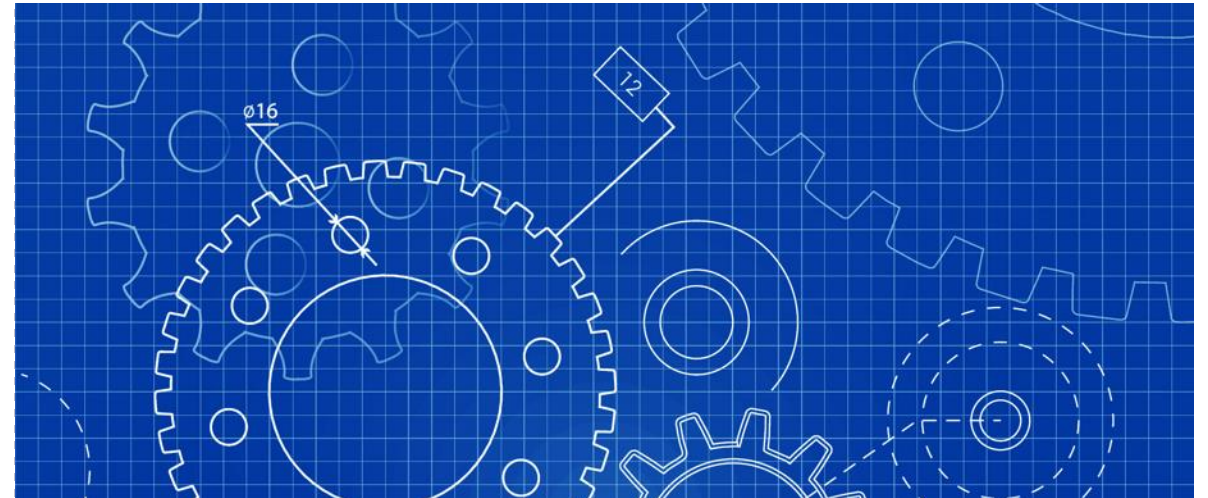
- **Functional specification**



Non-standard products where industry has neither the required know-how nor the interest to develop and design the products:

- **Build-to-Print specification**

Prototypes and or Pre-series might be required.



How do we buy?

Supplies

- Different contract types for one off or repeat purchases
- Usually on a Lowest Compliant Offer basis

Services:

- Typically multi year contracts
- Extendable
- Often on a Best Value For Money basis

Who do we buy from?

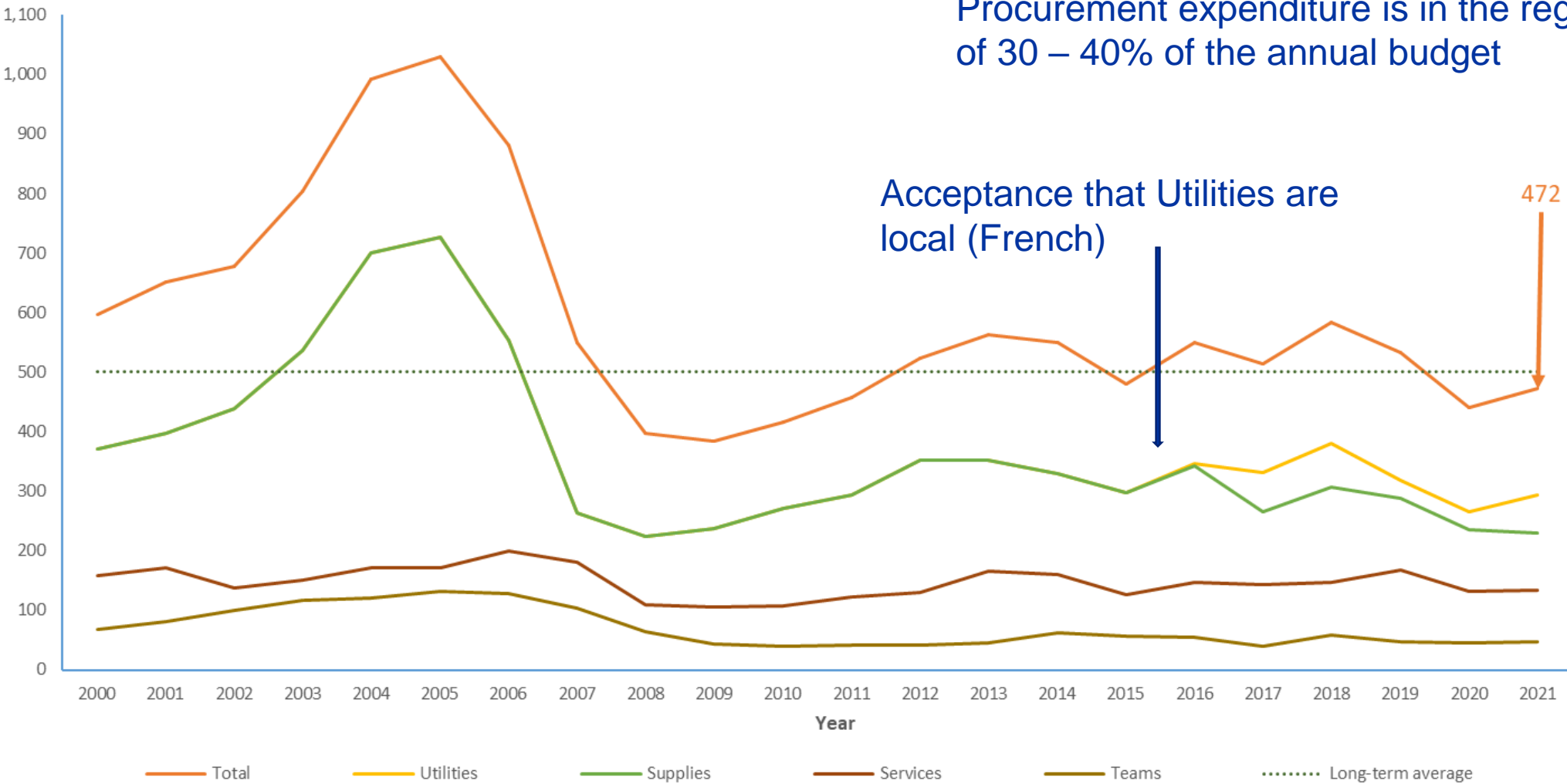
- Where possible, from companies/organisations in our Member States
- Suitable companies in our supplier database - accurate registration helps
- Declare upcoming opportunities on our website, but also email companies known to us, including with input from the Industrial Liaison Officer
- Increasing interest in sustainable procurement – policy under development
- Always happy to extend our supplier base – and provide support for newcomers

Yearly Budget (contributions 2022)

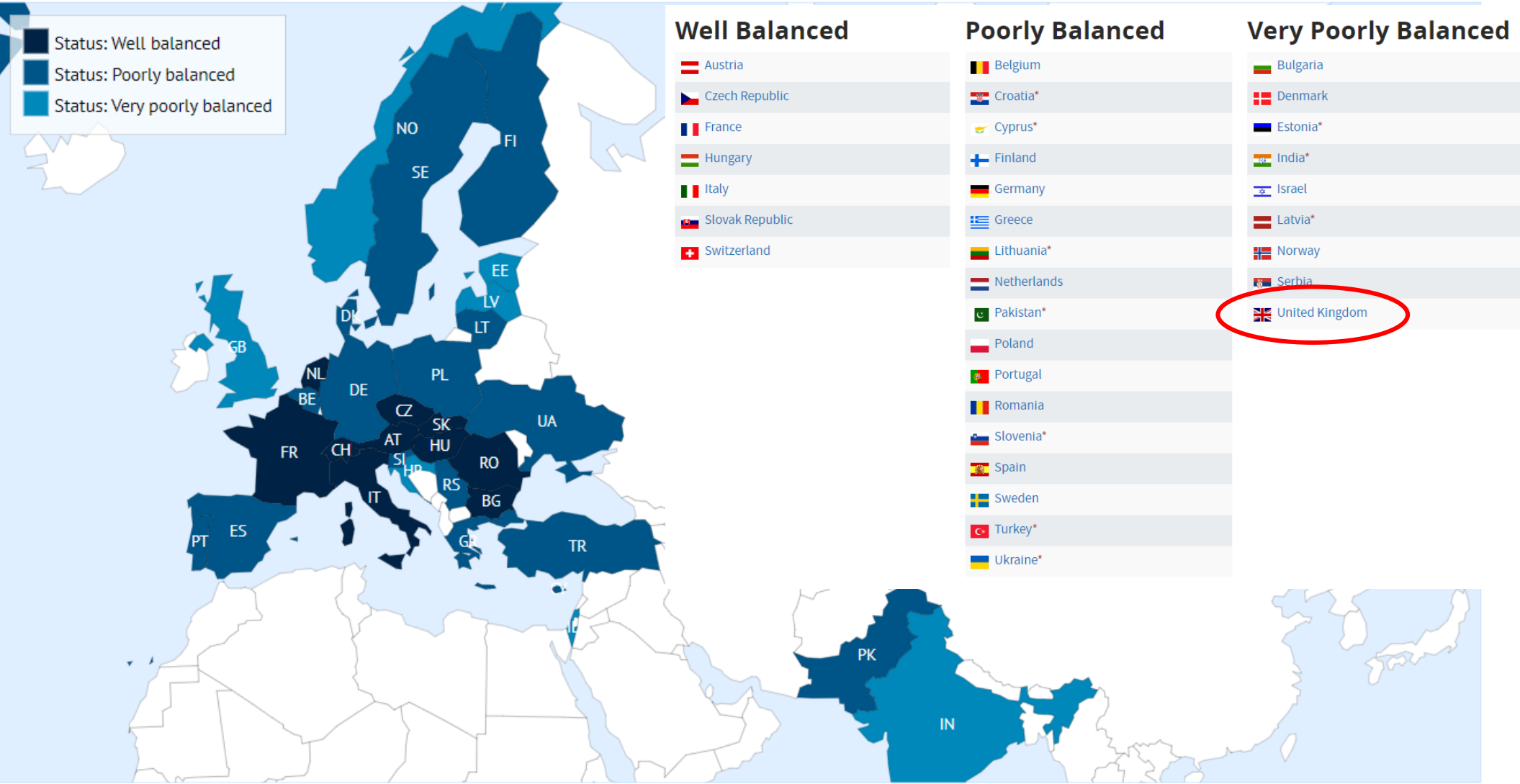
Country	Percentage of Total	Amount (CHF)	Country	Percentage of Total	Amount (CHF)
 Germany	20.32%	245 017 700	 Czech Republic	1.10%	13 220 000
 United Kingdom	14.20%	171 219 200	 Portugal	1.09%	13 148 350
 France	13.42%	161 894 900	 Greece	0.99%	11 894 950
 Italy	10.10%	121 766 050	 Hungary	0.71%	8 580 300
 Spain	7.25%	87 403 500	 Slovakia	0.51%	6 151 800
 Netherlands	4.63%	55 847 250	 Turkey*	0.41%	4 961 450
 Switzerland	3.84%	46 281 900	 Bulgaria	0.33%	3 977 800
 Poland	2.88%	34 787 950	 Serbia	0.25%	3 002 950
 Belgium	2.71%	32 668 100	 Pakistan*	0.15%	1 843 950
 Sweden	2.49%	30 045 050	 Slovenia**	0.12%	1 484 800
 Norway	2.21%	26 636 300	 Estonia**	0.11%	1 310 850
 Austria	2.15%	25 937 750	 Cyprus**	0.09%	1 025 350
 Israel	1.95%	23 501 450	 Latvia*	0.09%	1 024 850
 Denmark	1.77%	21 381 600	 Croatia*	0.08%	1 000 000
 India*	1.40%	16 838 200	 Lithuania*	0.08%	1 000 000
 Finland	1.30%	15 708 050	 Ukraine*	0.08%	1 000 000
 Romania	1.20%	14 424 700	Total	100%	1 205 987 050

* Associate Member State ** Associate Member State in the pre-stage to membership

Procurement Expenditure



Industrial return to Member States (Supplies)



UK Industrial Return – Action Required

- **UK return on Service contracts is good and better than most MS (SERCO)**
- **Why is the UK return Very Poor on Supply contracts?**
- **Uncompetitive on Lowest Compliant Offer basis may be due to:**
 - **cost of production (wages)**
 - **Transport**
 - **No opportunity premium – sufficient local market in UK**
- **Reluctance to bid**
- **Barriers – real and perceived including:**
 - **Distance**
 - **Language**
 - **Local partnerships needed**
 - **Specific conditions such as bank guarantees, or challenges for SMEs**

UK Industrial Return – Actions Ongoing

- **Co-operation with the UK (STFC) to improve outreach – identifying, encouraging and supporting potential UK winners**
- **More active use of Limited Tendering – where sufficient competition exists in VPBMS**
- **Awareness – specific checks for UK involvement**
- **Address Barriers – real and perceived**
- **Data Analysis**
- **Situation is improving – UK companies have already been paid more in 2022 than in 2021 and current coefficient is much stronger (though will drop off at year end)**
- **However, more remains to be done, especially with a view to widening the field of UK supplies, which is currently IT heavy**

CERN Procurement Tomorrow – with a UK eye

Environmentally Responsible Procurement

- Policy close to release
- Total cost of ownership – financial and environmental
- UK quite well placed on environment
- Creativity, education – bring to marketplace – Government policy?

Best Value for Money may be used more

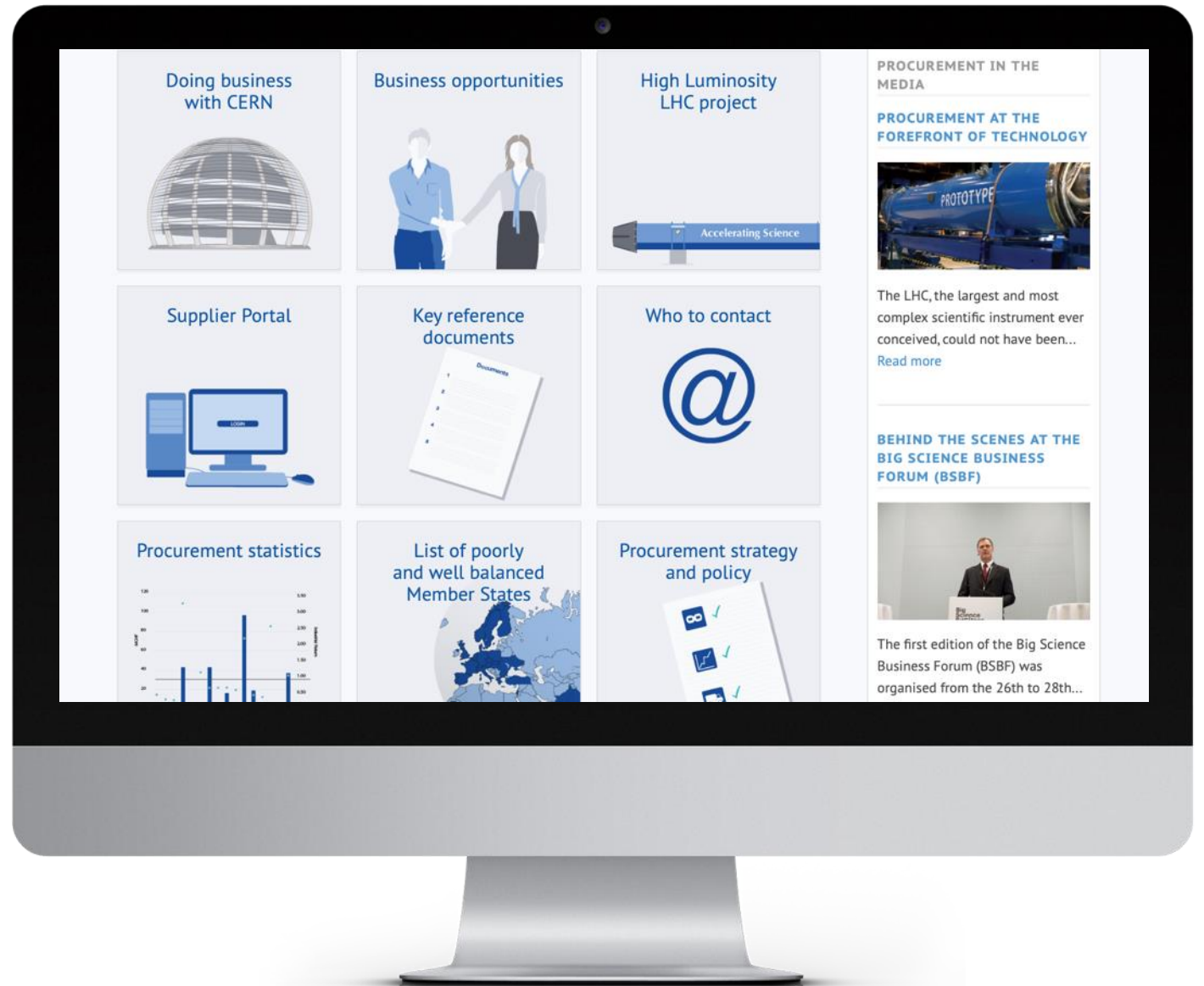
- Consequence of the above
- Build relationships not just deals
- Look at real TCO – personnel savings?
- Horizon Europe – and the Plan B?
- UK strong in IT – closely tied to USA +/-?
- Civil engineering expertise but encouragement needed
- Closer alignment between CERN innovation and procurement can lead to real opportunities, with UK being well placed

Change in procurement mix

- Utilities – prices and origin
- Future Circular Collider – civil engineering
- IT

Procurement website

<http://procurement.web.cern.ch>



Thank you



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