

The Business Case Methodology for Innovation Procurement

Theoretical basis & practical application

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- Held by Prof Dr Nicola Dimitri; Research Fellows Dr. Ramona Apostol & Dr. Anne Rainville
- Coordinates research and doctoral studies in the field; Organizes training and capacity building
- Public lecture series
- Recent topics:
 - Intellectual Property Rights in EU Pre-Commercial Procurement for Innovation
 - Business case methodology furthered from the *eaip* initiative



Official academic collaboration

MITRE

- Federally funded research and development centers in the United States
- Collaborators Dr. Andreas Tolk & Dr. John Selby
- Topic: Facilitating international public procurement in the defense sector for interoperability
- Means: Through ontology, framework, and methodology improvement



Qualification & Scoping

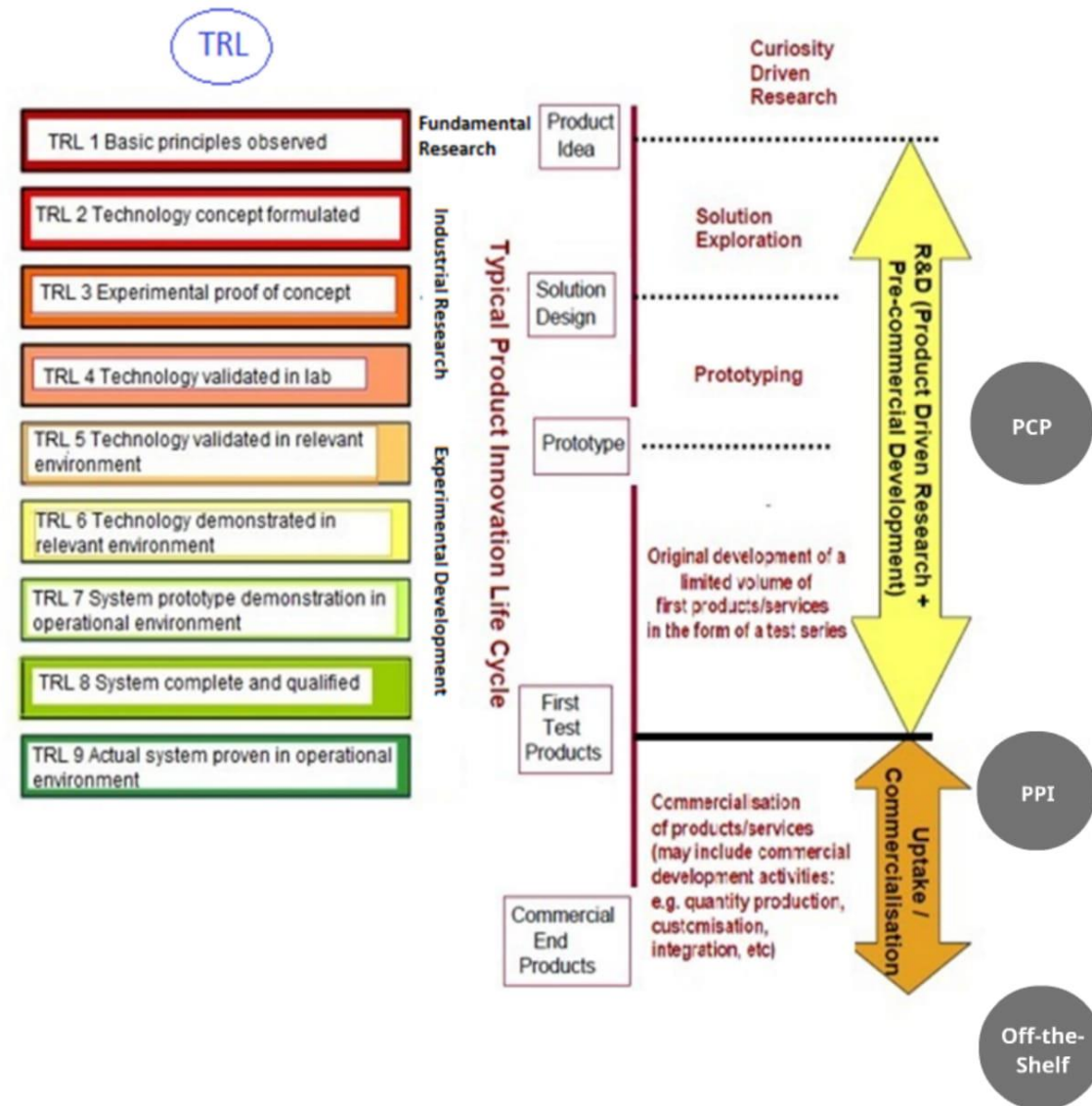


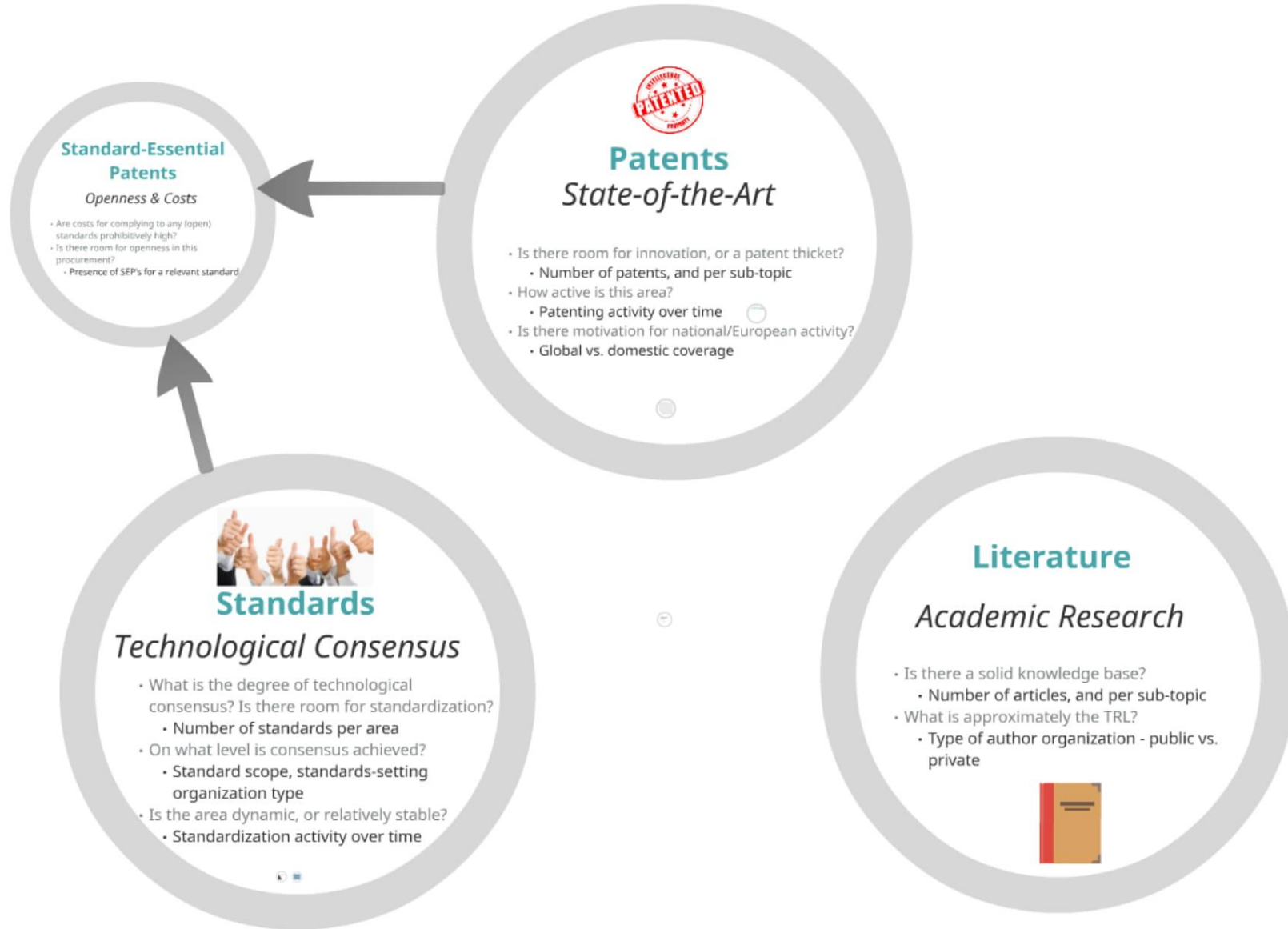
Demonstrate room for innovation
and degree of novelty



Why look for Standards, Patents, & Literature?

- To understand the technology base and consensus
- To estimate the current technology readiness level (TRL) and identify state-of-the-art
- To define room for innovation







Patents

State-of-the-Art

- Is there room for innovation, or a patent thicket?
 - Number of patents, and per sub-topic
- How active is this area?
 - Patenting activity over time
- Is there motivation for national/European activity?
 - Global vs. domestic coverage

Global coverage: Patents for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



TOP 5 Countries:

United States: 1,015 Patents | China: 964 Patents |
Republic of Korea: 270 Patents | Japan: 139 Patents |
Canada: 106 Patents

2874 total; 440 WO patents; 371 EP patents

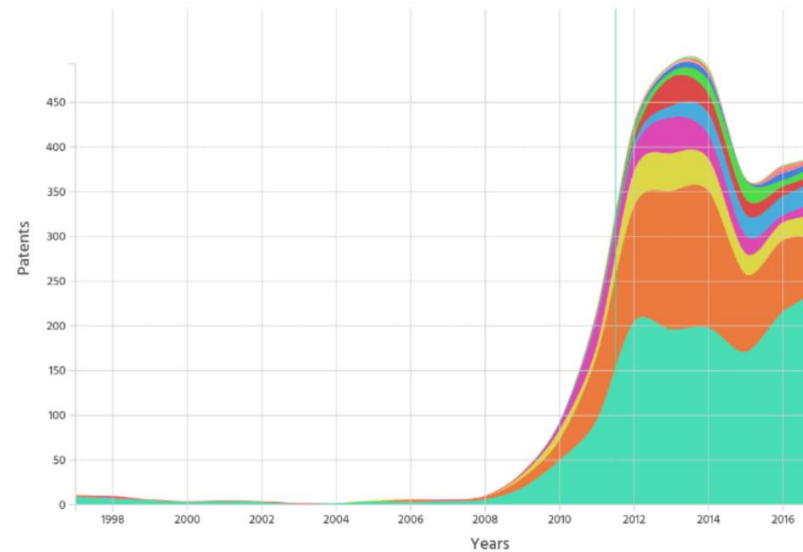
Patents
few many



Cooperation Partners



Patenting Activity over time for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



Top 5 Industries

Transport: 1,441
Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy: 786
IT methods for management: 209
Control: 175
Measurement: 119

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Literature

Academic Research

- Is there a solid knowledge base?
 - Number of articles, and per sub-topic
- What is approximately the TRL?
 - Type of author organization - public vs. private



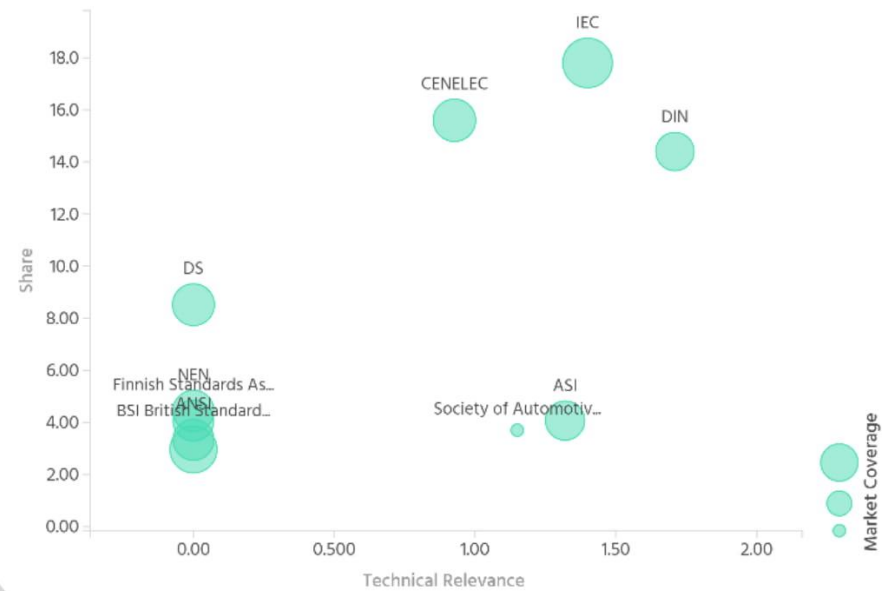


Standards

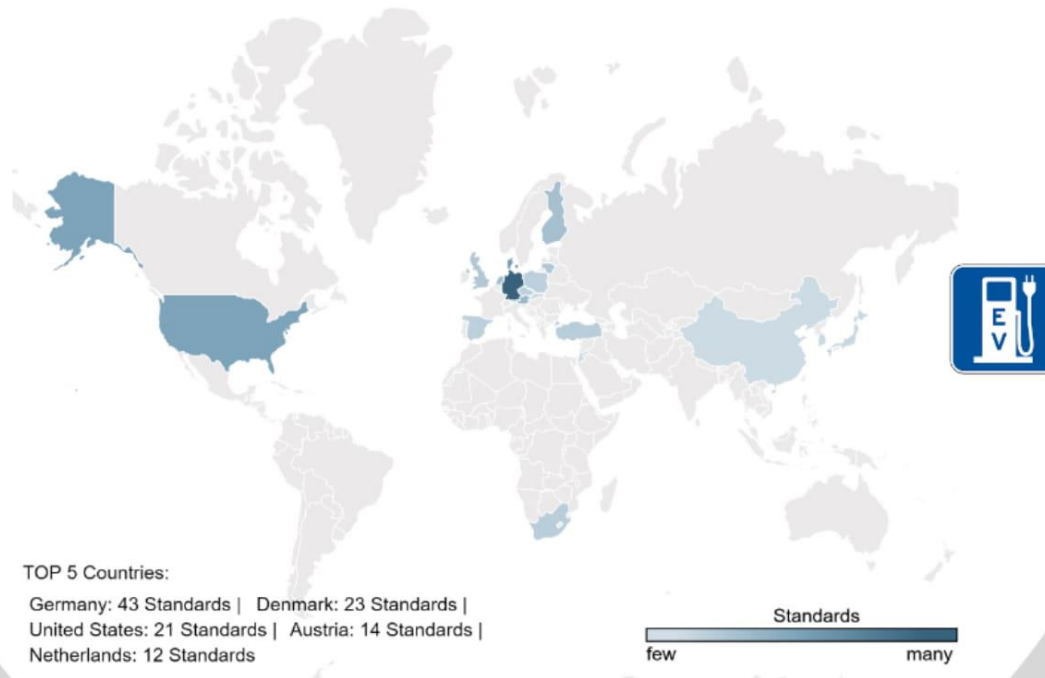
Technological Consensus

- What is the degree of technological consensus? Is there room for standardization?
 - Number of standards per area
- On what level is consensus achieved?
 - Standard scope, standards-setting organization type
- Is the area dynamic, or relatively stable?
 - Standardization activity over time

Standards for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, by Standards Setting Organization



Standards for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, by Standards Setting Organization



Standard-Essential Patents

Openness & Costs

- Are costs for complying to any (open) standards prohibitively high?
- Is there room for openness in this procurement?
 - Presence of SEP's for a relevant standard

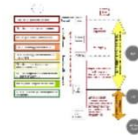
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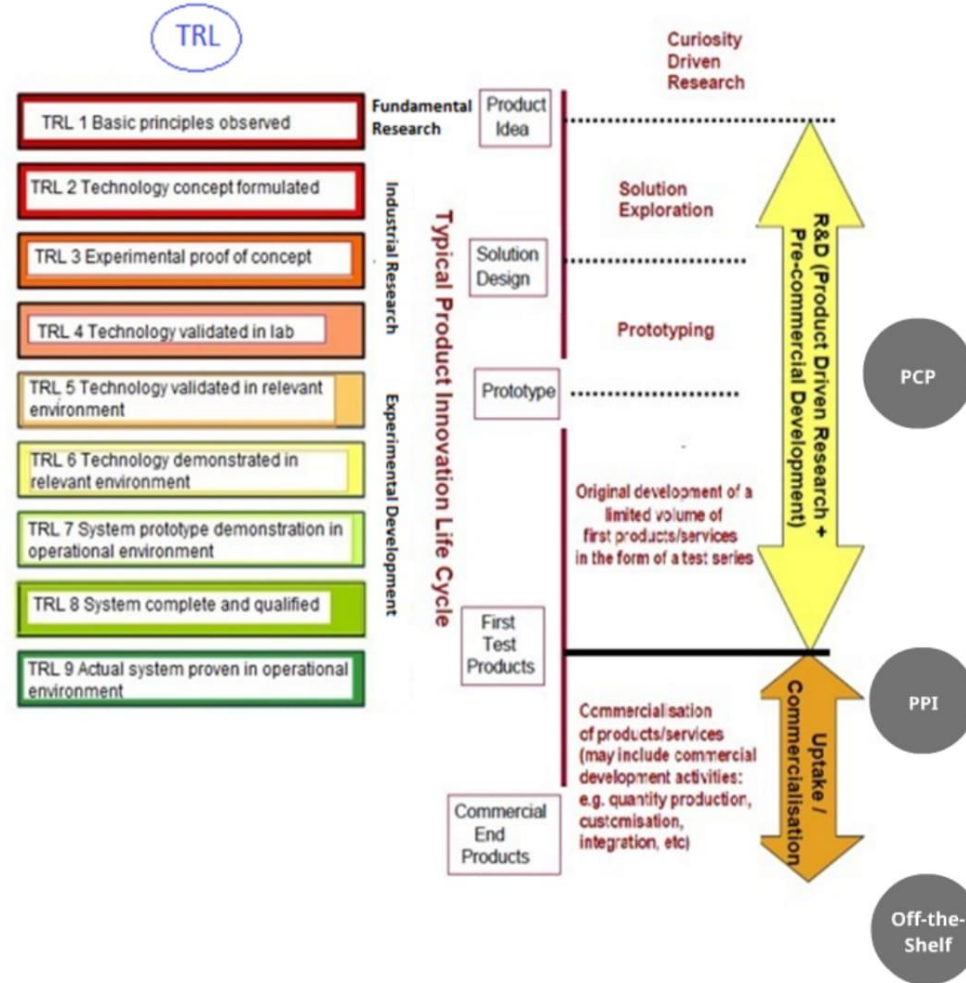
Few patents, much literature, few standards

- Justification for **radical innovation** (Pre-Commercial Procurement)
- Standardization strategy

Many patents, much literature, many standards

- Saturated research area;
- Justification for
 - **Incremental innovation** (Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions)
 - **Off-the-shelf** procurement
- If mandated to conduct a PCP, find a new area







Begin Official Project

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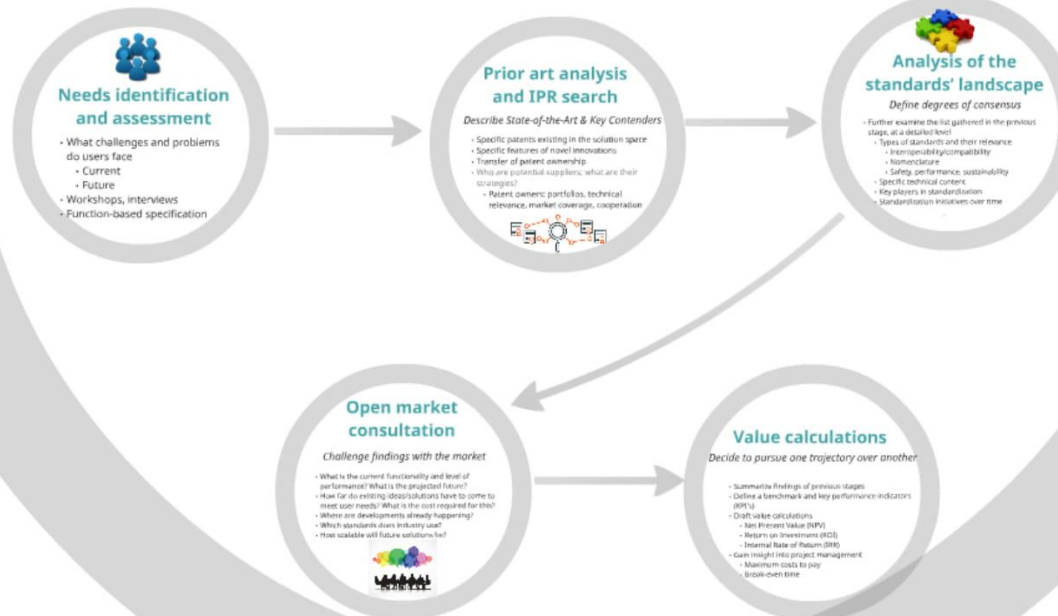
Building a Business Case



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Estimate value in 5 steps

Project





Needs identification and assessment

- What challenges and problems do users face
 - Current
 - Future
- Workshops, interviews
- Function-based specification

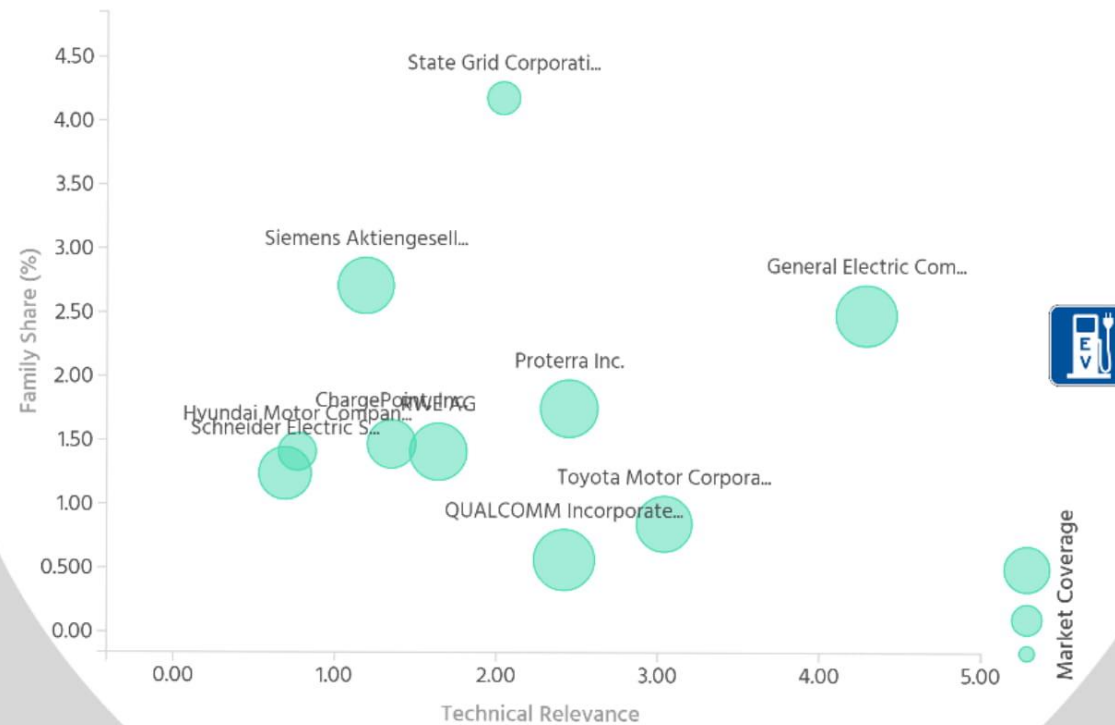
Prior art analysis and IPR search

Describe State-of-the-Art & Key Contenders

- Specific patents existing in the solution space
- Specific features of novel innovations
- Transfer of patent ownership
- Who are potential suppliers; what are their strategies?
 - Patent owners: portfolios, technical relevance, market coverage, cooperation



Key patent holders for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



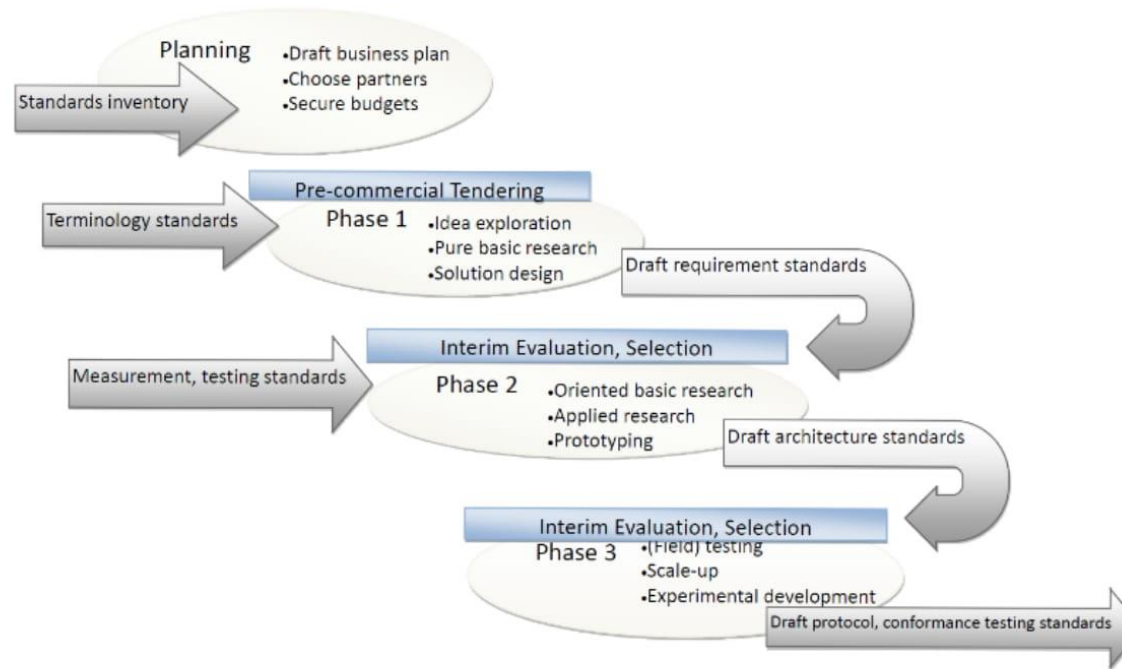


Analysis of the standards' landscape

Define degrees of consensus

- Further examine the list gathered in the previous stage, at a detailed level
 - Types of standards and their relevance
 - Interoperability/compatibility
 - Nomenclature
 - Safety, performance, sustainability
 - Specific technical content
 - Key players in standardization
 - Standardization initiatives over time

Applied to Pre-Commercial Procurement



Rainville (2017). Standards in green public procurement – A framework to enhance innovation. Journal of Cleaner Production, Volume 167, pp. 1029-1037, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2016.10.088>.

Open market consultation

Challenge findings with the market

- What is the current functionality and level of performance? What is the projected future?
- How far do existing ideas/solutions have to come to meet user needs? What is the cost required for this?
- Where are developments already happening?
- Which standards does industry use?
- How scalable will future solutions be?





Conduct the Procurement

Drafting Tender Documentation

- Technical specifications
- Award criteria
- Contract clauses
- Focus on
 - Functional specification
 - Openness



- Functions
- Openne

Contract Management





Contract Duration

- Monitor progress via KPI's
- Manage Value Engineering contract clauses
- For PCP:
 - Check active participation in standardization
 - Collect royalties based on generation of IPR

