

Redesigning the Dutch Holiday Survey into a smartphone friendly version

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Background Dutch Holiday Survey 1/3

Respondent task:

1. List all sorts of trips and vacations of the previous quarter:

- Holidays
- Business trips
- Family visits
- Other trips

(Actually every time they spend a night away from home, except frequent friend/family visits.)

2. For a selection of the trips (max 19):

- ✓ Destination
- ✓ Duration
- ✓ Type of holiday
- ✓ Travel companions
- ✓ Mode of transport
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Expenses

Background Dutch Holiday Survey 2/3

Since 2021 executed by Statistics Netherlands

At first a sequential list:

- No overview
- Repeating sequences; by means of introductions trying to give the respondent an overview

+ Could be filled in on Smartphone

→ Overall questionable response quality 😞



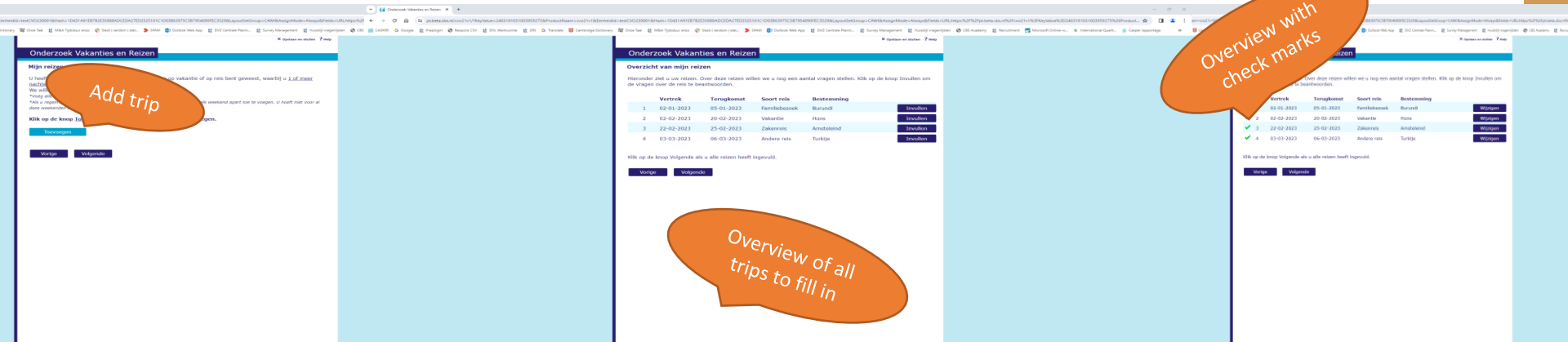
Background Dutch Holiday Survey 3/3

In 2022 redesign to create more overview for respondent → Master-Detail design

First: general questions for all trips (Destination, Duration, Type of holiday)

Then: additional detail questions for selection of trips (Travel companions, Mode of transport, Accommodation, Expense)

- Not possible to fill in on smartphone

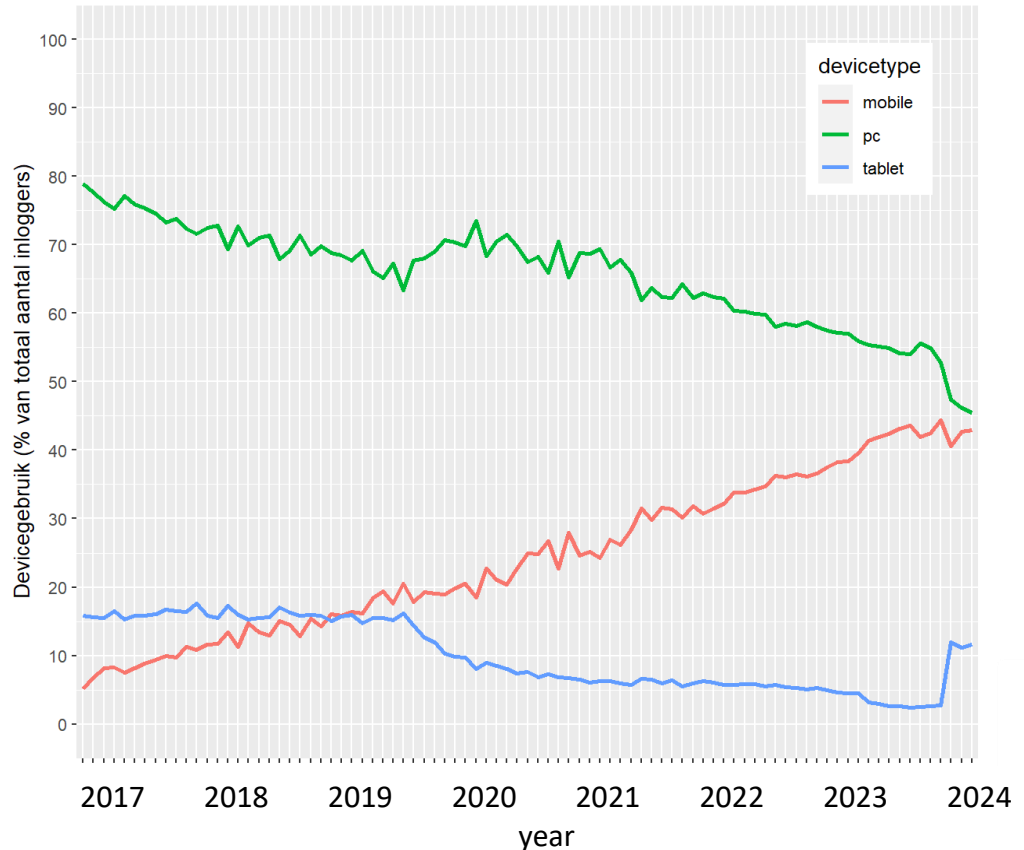


Why a(nother) redesign?

More and more respondents use smartphones to complete our questionnaires

In 2021 for DHS 27,3% of persons that logged in was via smartphone

→ This portion was missed in 2022 and 2023



The redesign in 2023

1. Remove smartphone block

Signal functional issues, discuss with Blaise programmers to solve issues

2. Make all screens functional / user friendly

Discuss each screen with multidisciplinary team to discuss issues and solutions

3. Make a new questionnaire design and programme new questionnaire

4. Test new questionnaire in usability test

5. Adapt questionnaire again

6. Fieldwork

15 March 2024 advance letters were sent

7. Monitor and evaluate



What was changed - challenges

Onderzoek Vakanties en Reizen

Mijn reizen

U heeft aangegeven dat u in de afgelopen 3 maanden op vakantie of op reis bent geweest, waarbij u 1 of meer nachten niet thuis sliep.

We willen u nu een aantal vragen stellen over deze reizen.

**Voeg alle reizen toe die eindigden tussen 1 juli en 30 september 2022.*

**Als u regelmatig een weekend naar uw vakantiehuis ging, vragen we u om elk weekend apart toe te voegen. U hoeft niet voor al deze weekenden alle vragen te beantwoorden.*

Klik op de knop **Toevoegen** om een vakantie of reis toe te voegen.

Toevoegen

Vorige

Volgende

Onderzoek Vakanties en Reizen

Tot zover de algemene vragen over deze reis.

Klik op de knop **Akkoord** om terug te gaan naar het overzicht van uw reizen.

U kunt dan nog een reis toevoegen of verder gaan.

Vorige

Akkoord

The first issue after removing the smartphone (SF) block were some buttons.

In de SF layout they were not defined and did not work

→ you got stuck in the questionnaire.

What was changed - challenges

Another issue was the matrix:

- ❖ Would be possible to present a potentially long list on a SF screen?
- ❖ How to present it respondent friendly on a SF screen?


X Opslaan en sluiten ? Help

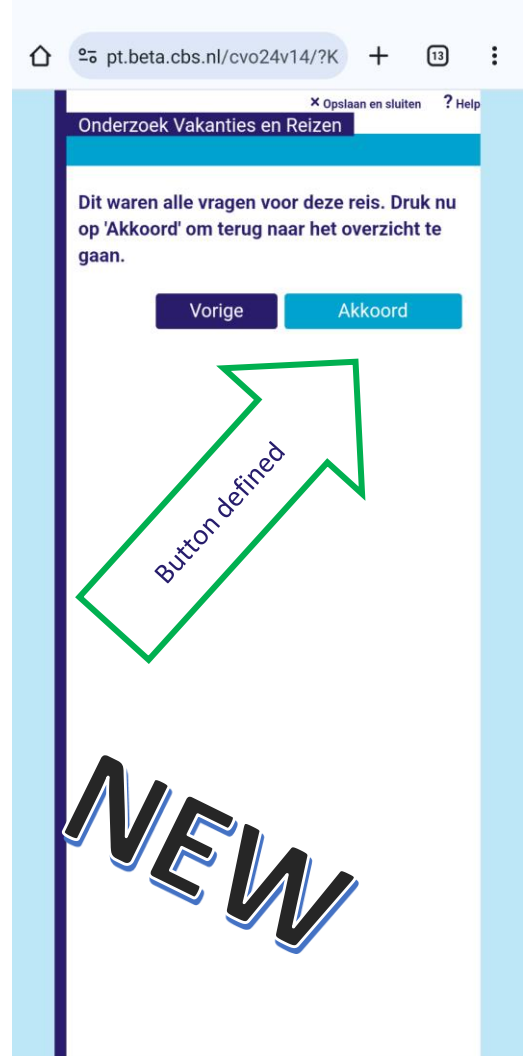
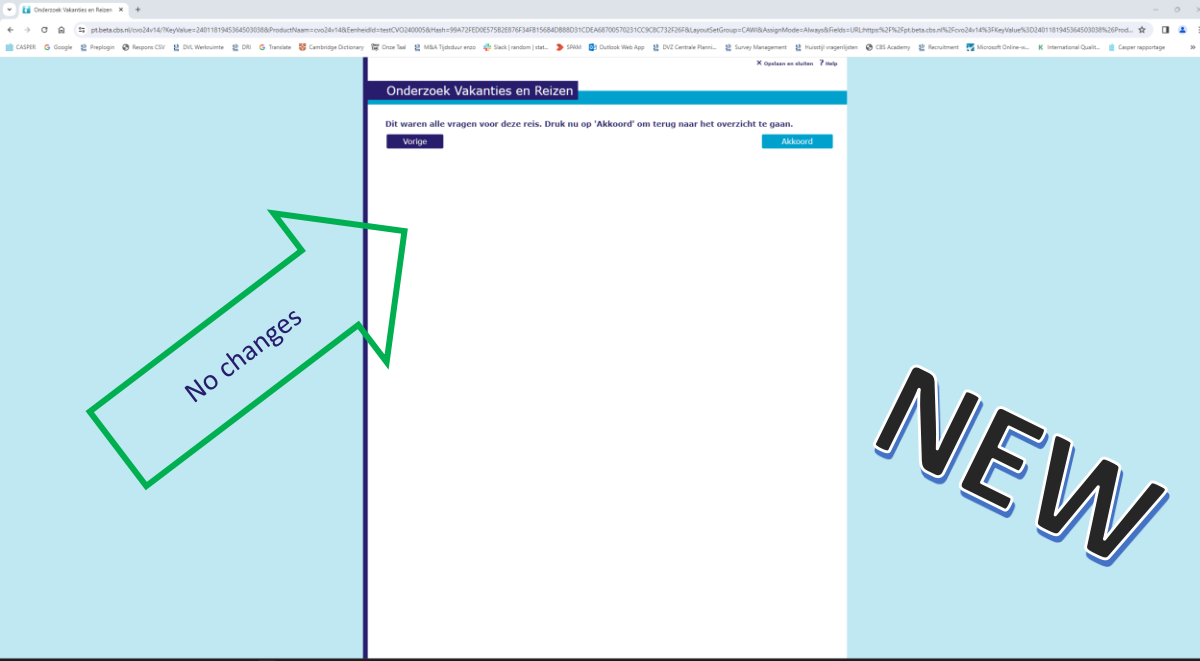
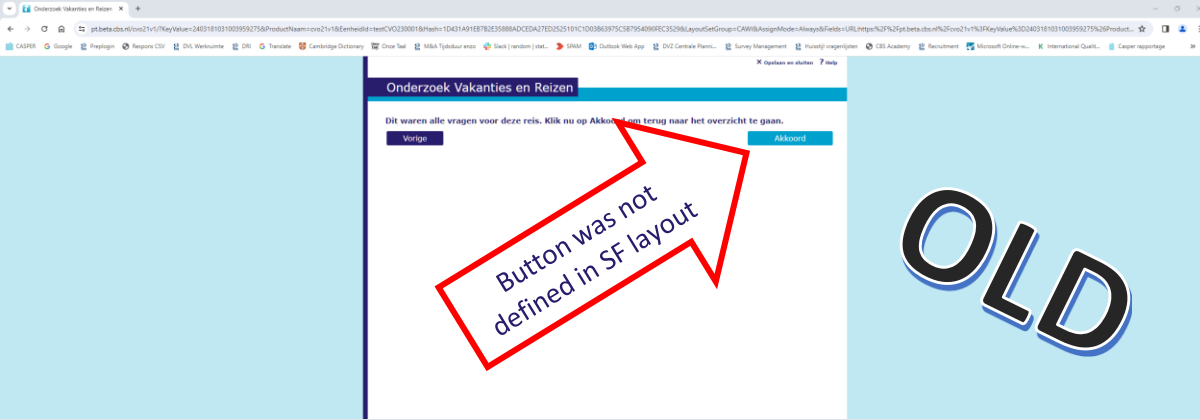
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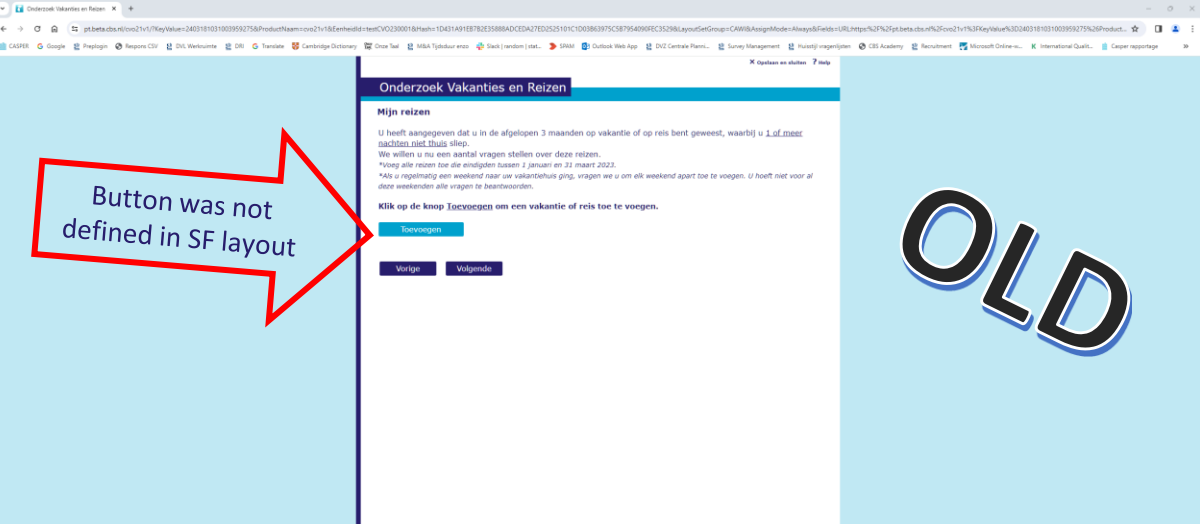
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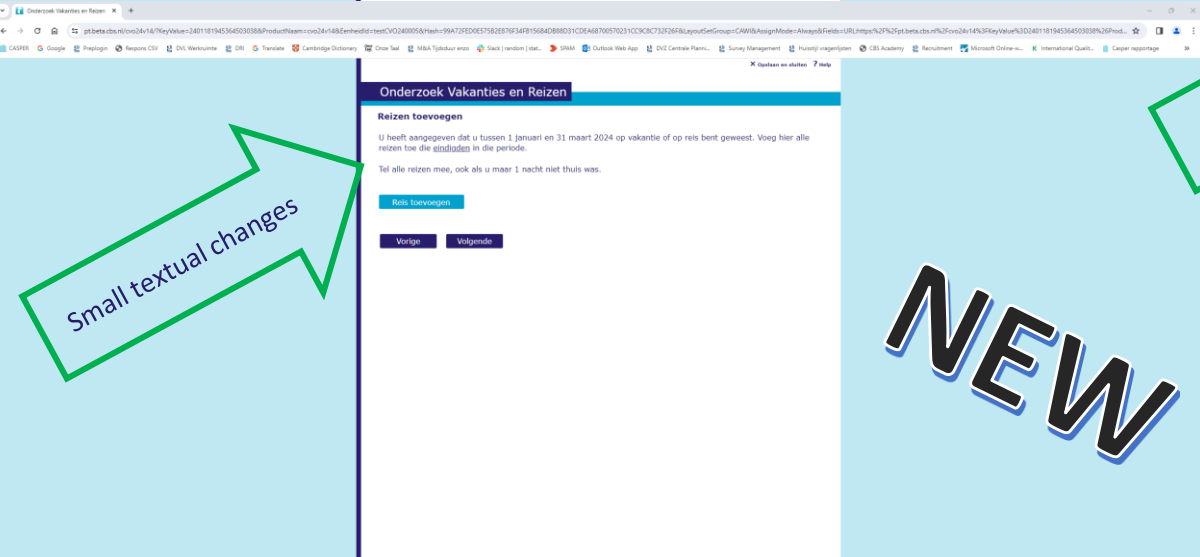
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✓	4	07-01-2021	08-01-2021	Vakantie	Schinnen	Wijzigen	Verwijderen
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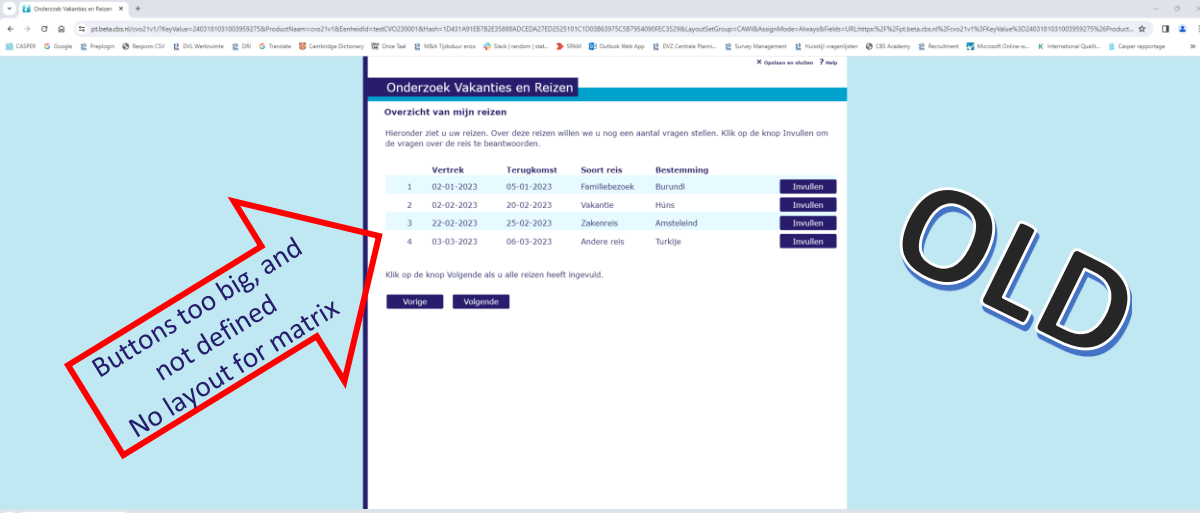
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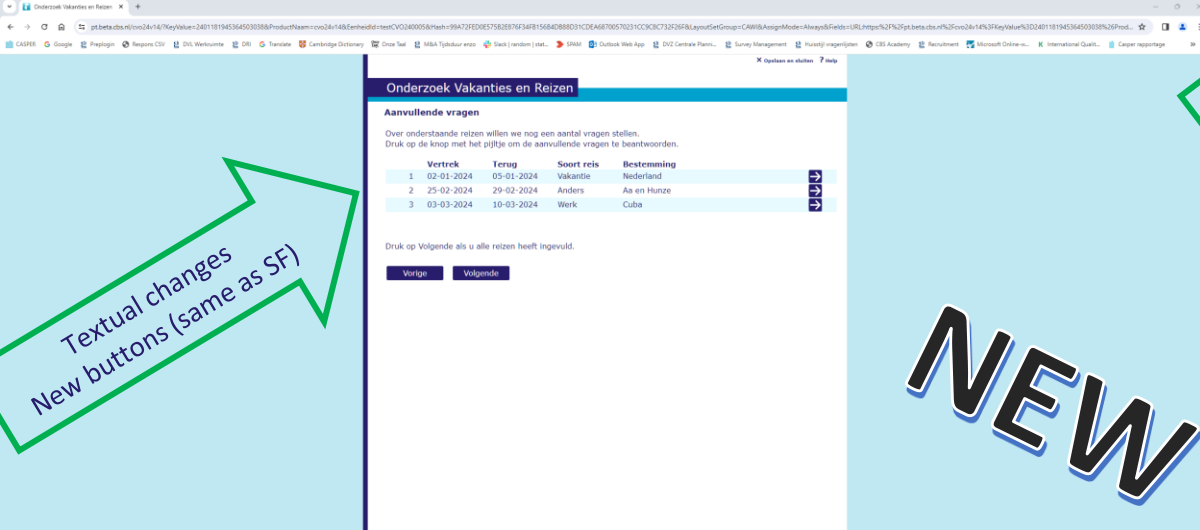
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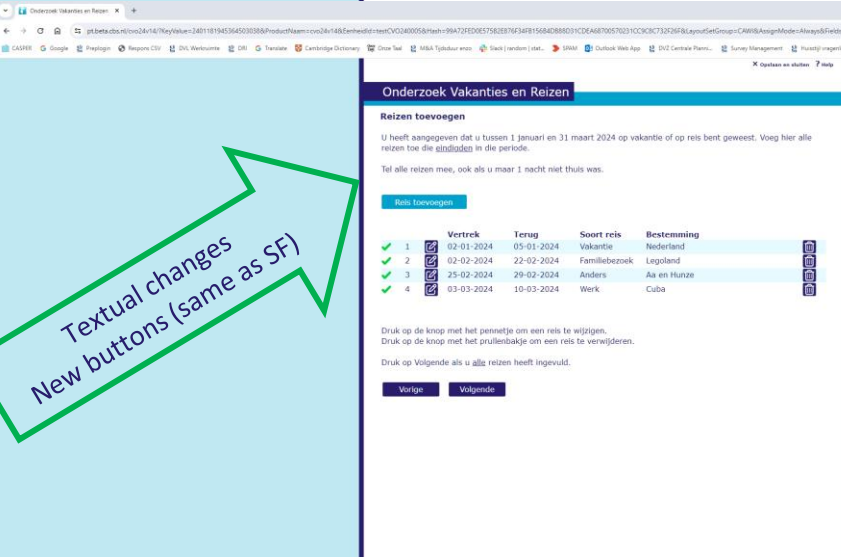
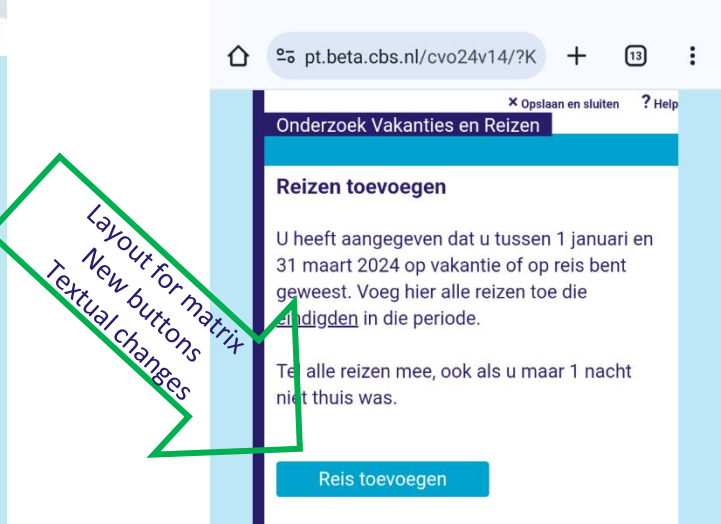
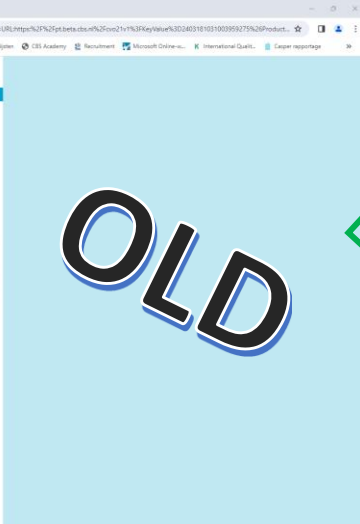
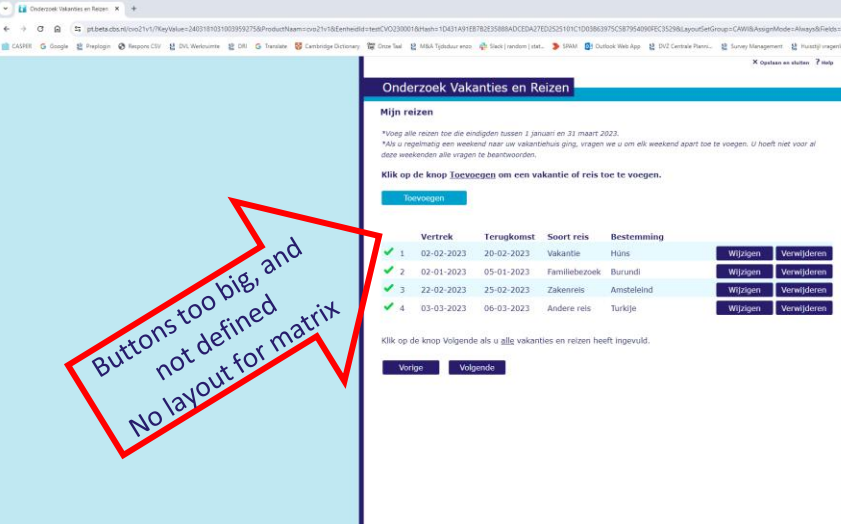
Buttons too big, and not defined. No layout for matrix



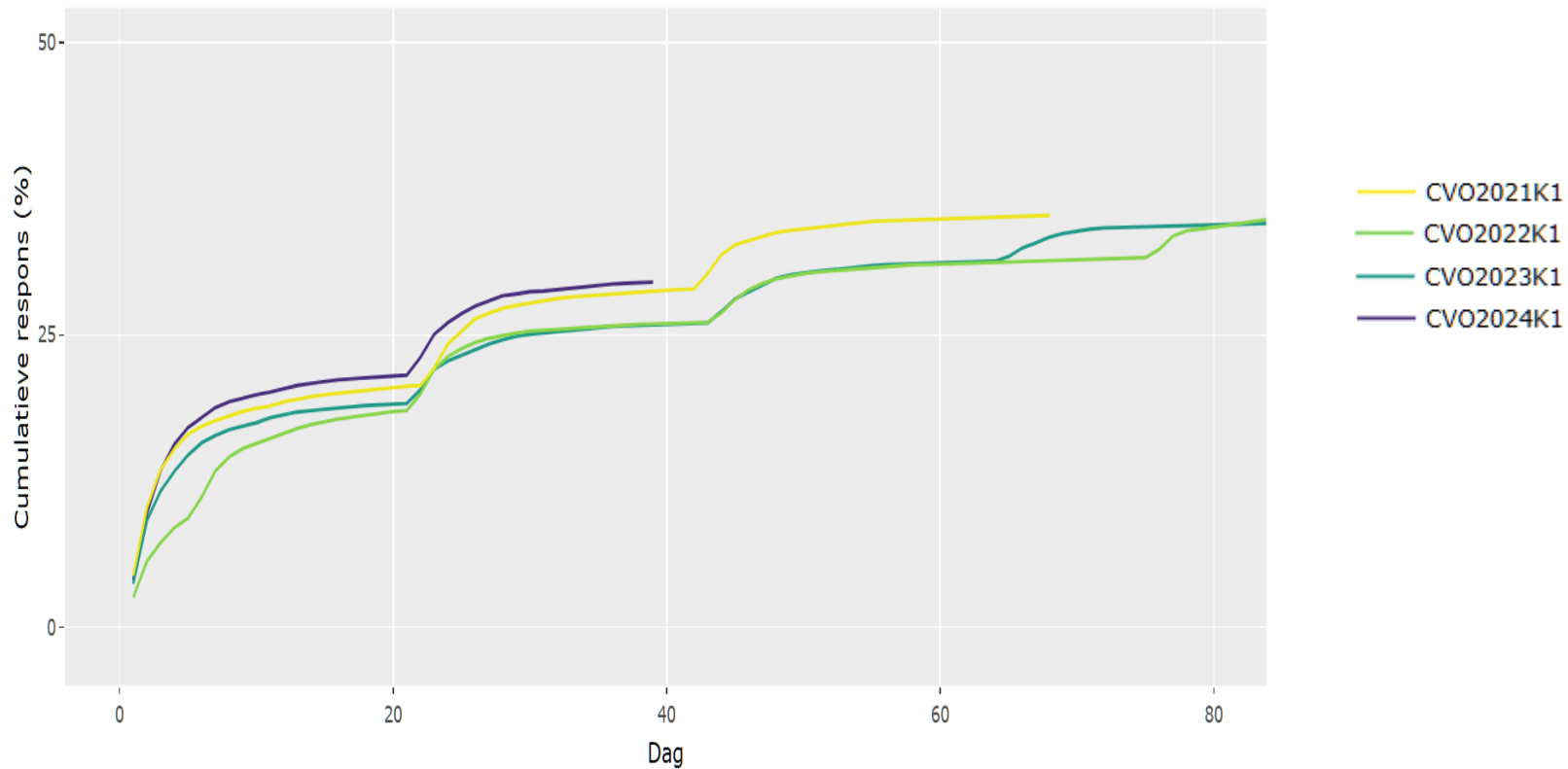
Textual changes. New buttons (same as SF)



Layout for matrix. New buttons. Textual changes



Some results



Some results

		Response	Reminders	% Response via smartphone *	Drop outs smartphone **
End result	2021	36,7%	2	27,3%	9,4%
End result	2022	35,1%	3	10,7%	96,5%
End result	2023	34,7%	3	9,6%	96,0%
Preliminary	2024	29,5%	1	25,7%	15,3%

* Percentage of all persons that logged in on the questionnaire

** Percentage of all persons that logged in via smartphone



Conclusion

- For a complete redesign it is best to start designing from scratch opposed to making changes to an existing questionnaire.
- Still, in a relatively short period we made many big changes to the questionnaire
- Thanks to the multidisciplinary team, with dedicated colleagues this was possible

- We are very proud of the result. We have not only made a smartphone friendly questionnaire, but we also improved it as a whole.

Future:

- In the future we need to do a thorough research into the **data quality** to get a more complete picture of the improvements. Not only looking at the response figures.



Thank you!





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