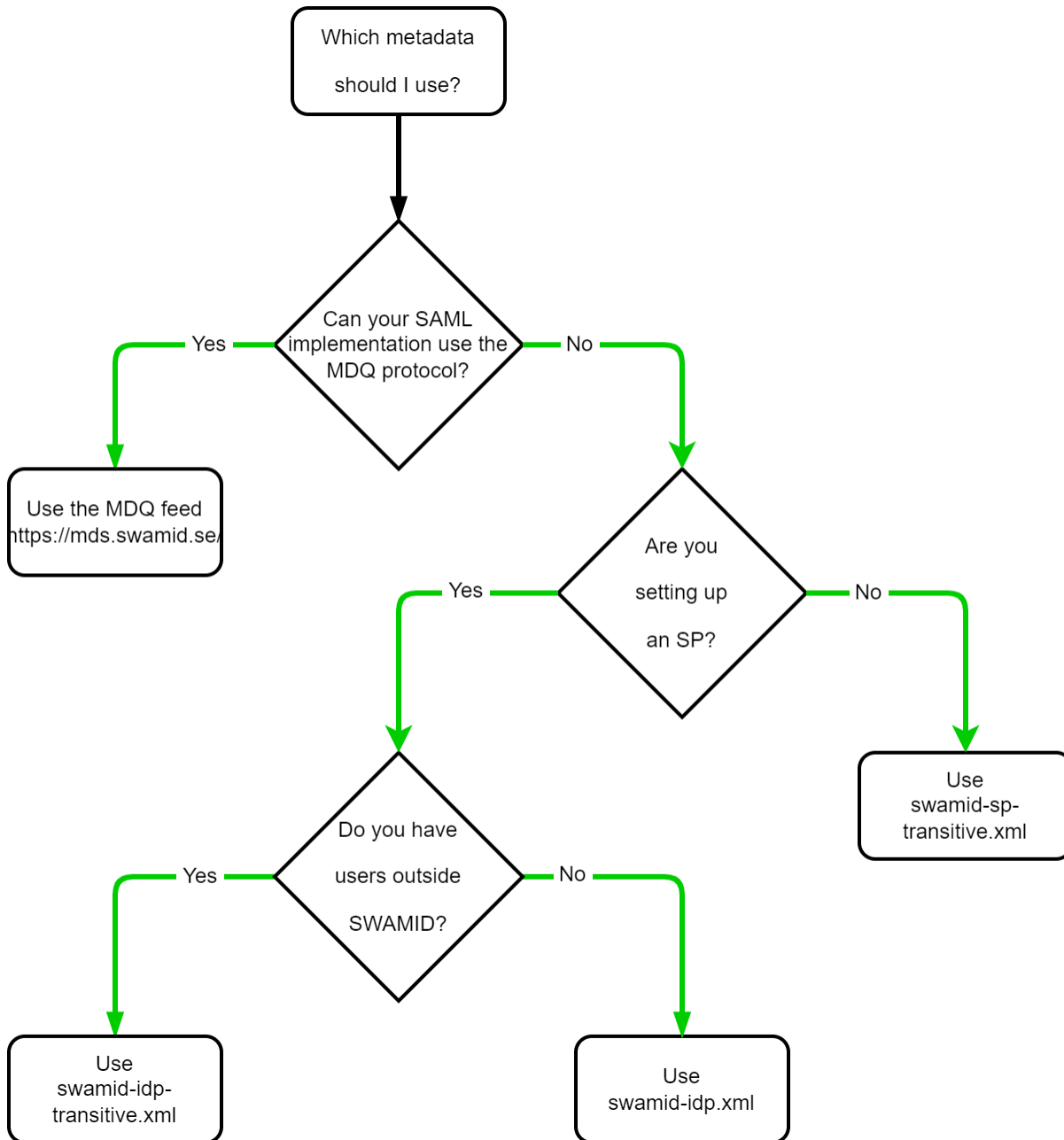


# Choosing the right SAML metadata URL

SWAMID publishes [multiple metadata-streams](#). Choose the right metadata according to the following process.



## Recommendations

- All Identity Providers and Service Providers that are able to use the **Metadata Query Protocol (MDQ)** shall use that protocol instead of downloading metadata aggregates.
  - Point your SAML implementation MDQ base url against <https://mds.swamid.se/>.
- Service Providers (SP) that can't use the MDQ service should use the swamid-idp-transitive metadata feed:
  - <https://mds.swamid.se/md/swamid-idp-transitive.xml>
  - A service that must limit Identity Providers to those only registered in SWAMID can use the swamid-idp metadata feed:
    - <https://mds.swamid.se/md/swamid-idp.xml>
- Identity Providers that can't use the MDQ service use the swamid-sp-transitive metadata feed metadata feed:
  - <https://mds.swamid.se/md/swamid-sp-transitive.xml>