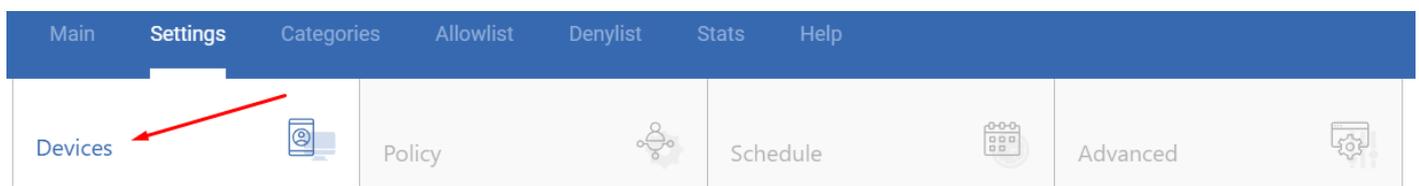


Windows Filtering Setup via OpenVPN

Please note, that this filtering option works via the third-party app OpenVPN. If you encounter any issues, please contact our Technical Support.

1. Open the SafeDNS Dashboard and navigate to **Settings > Devices**.



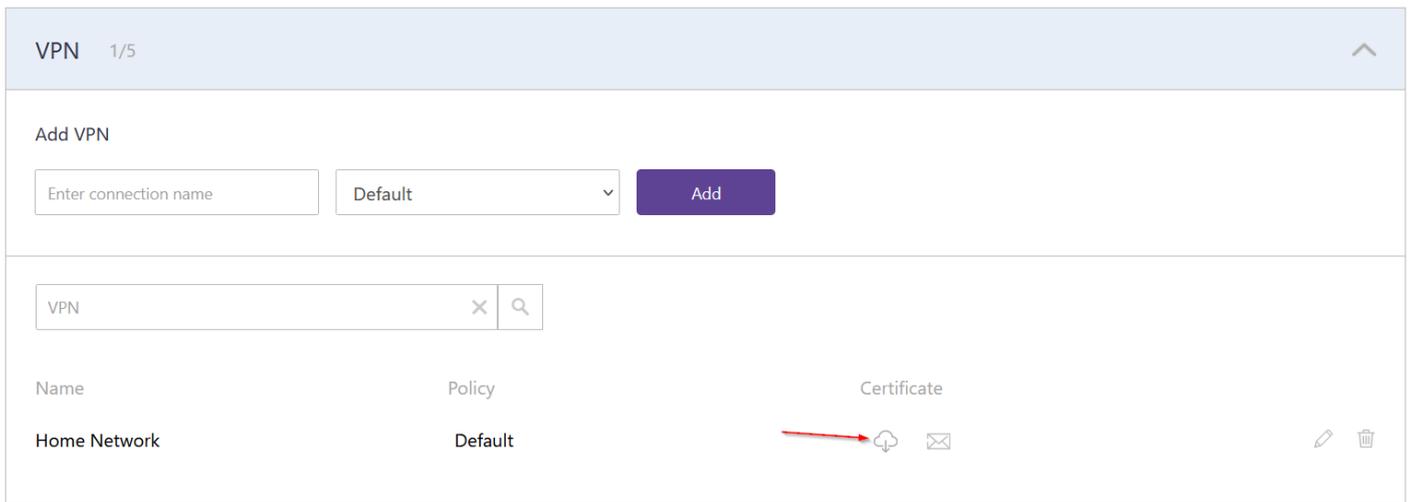
2. Scroll down to the VPN section, enter any name for a new VPN connection, and click Add.

Choose a filtering policy before adding a VPN connection, if needed.

3. Upon creating the connection, two icons will appear in the "Certificate" column. One is for downloading the Certificate, and the other is for sending it by email. Press the "Cloud download" icon.

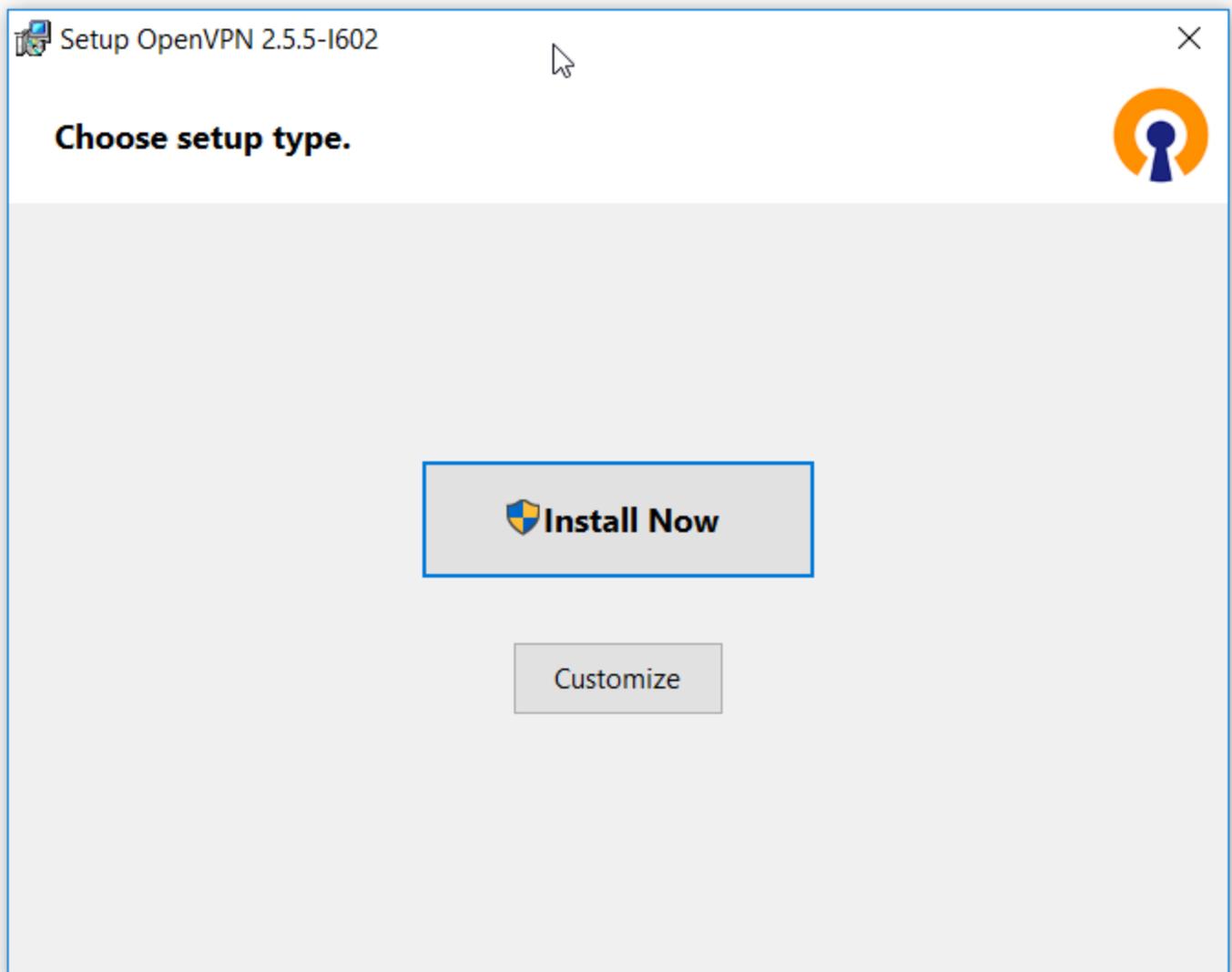
Multiple devices can use the same filtering policy, but **each device should use its own VPN certificate**.

You can also change the filtering policy of the created VPN connection by clicking on the pencil icon to the right. Please note, that you don't need to redownload your VPN certificate on your mobile device if you change its filtering policy.

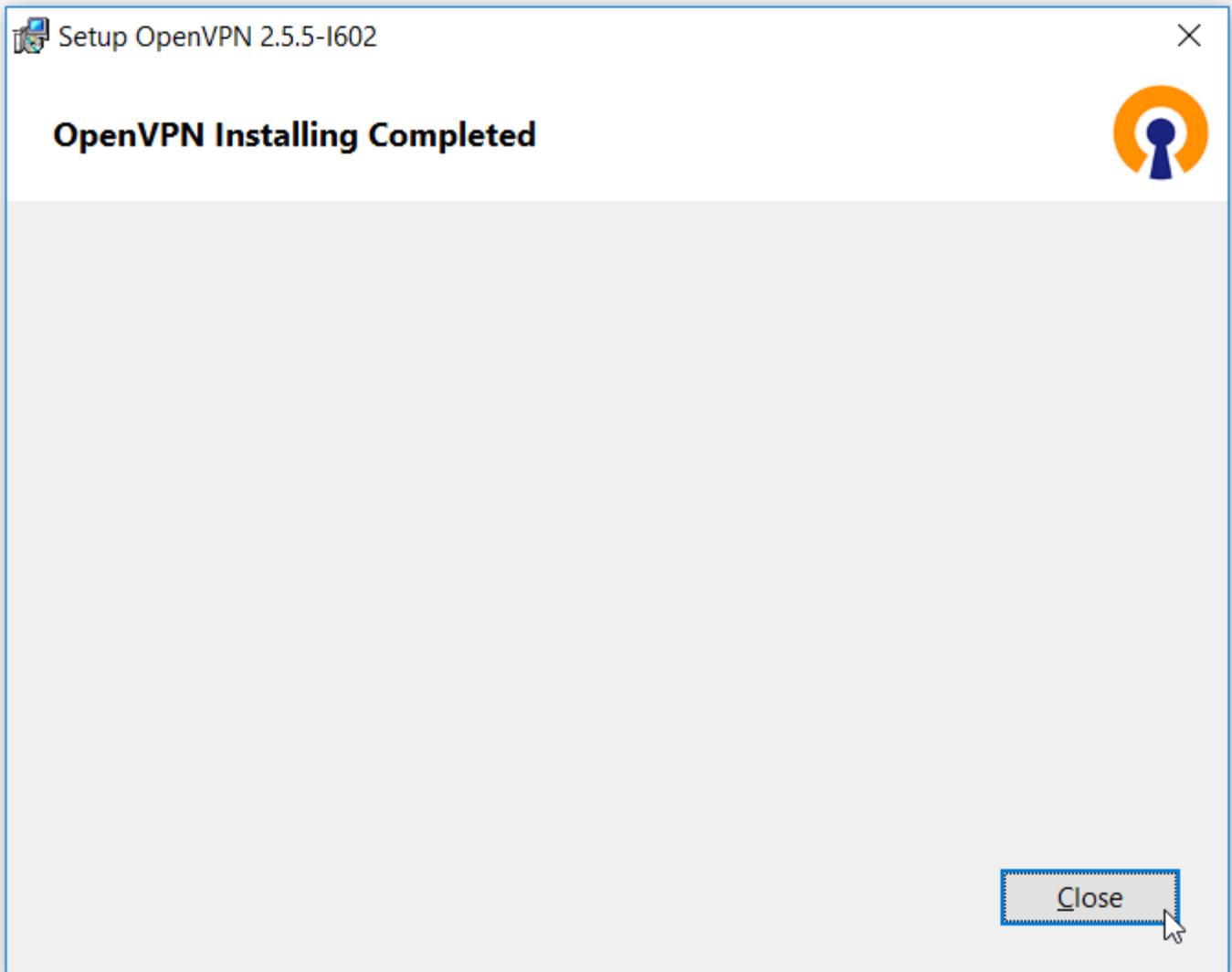


4. Download **OpenVPN**.

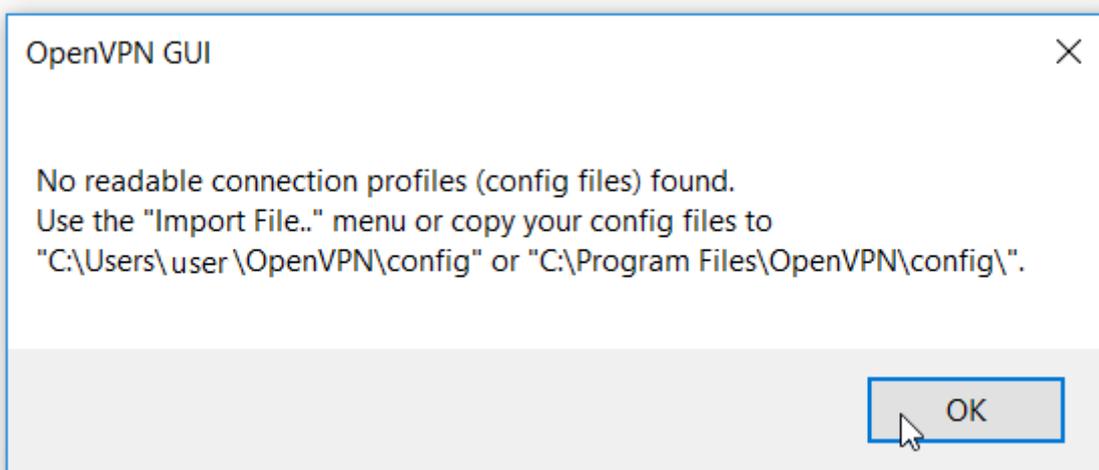
5. Install OpenVPN from the downloaded file.



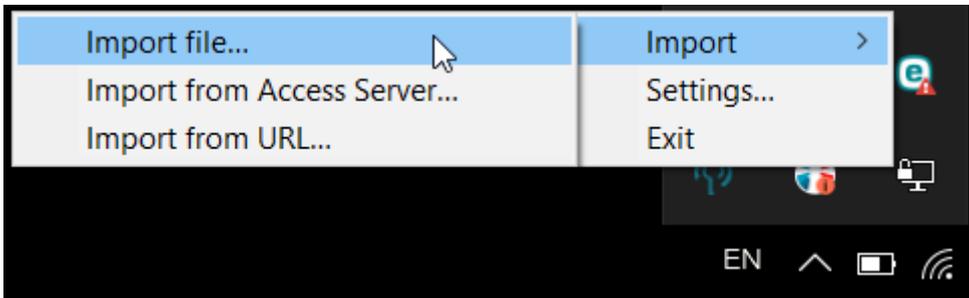
6. Follow the on-screen instructions to finish the installation process.



7. Dismiss the warning window if it appears.



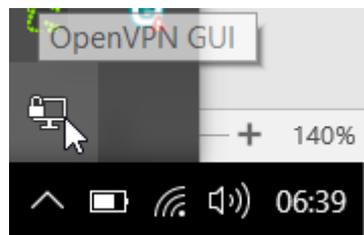
8. Import the **Certificate** to the OpenVPN application by right-clicking on the application in the System Tray, then **Import > Import file**.



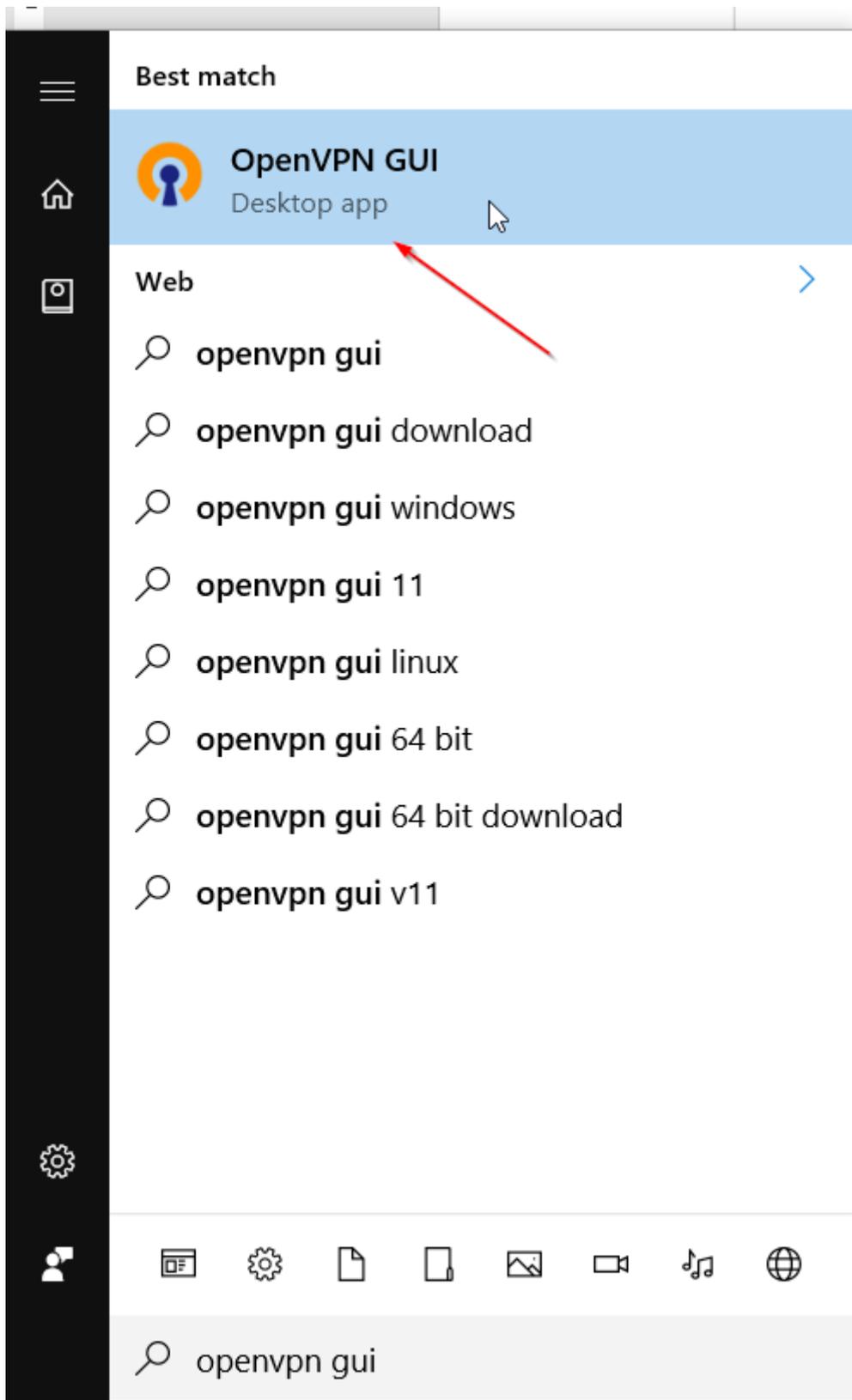
Alternatively, you can copy/move the **Certificate** into the folder *C:\Program Files\OpenVPN\config*.

The Certificate has the following name format: **safedns-123456.ovpn**

9. Start the OpenVPN app by double-clicking on its icon in the system tray, or from the Start menu.



OpenVPN icon in the system tray



10. Wait until the VPN connection is established.



safedns-123456 is now connected.

Assigned IP: 10.91.248.177

OpenVPN GUI for Windows



Your Windows device is now filtered with the SafeDNS filtering policy.

Please note that settings take 5-7 minutes to apply.
Stats and filtering status update every 10 minutes.

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