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# Impact of Science



# **The role of Universities in fostering knowledge and technologies for economic growth and development**

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# AGH University of Science and Technology



## History

The Academy of Mining in Krakow was founded on October 20, 1919



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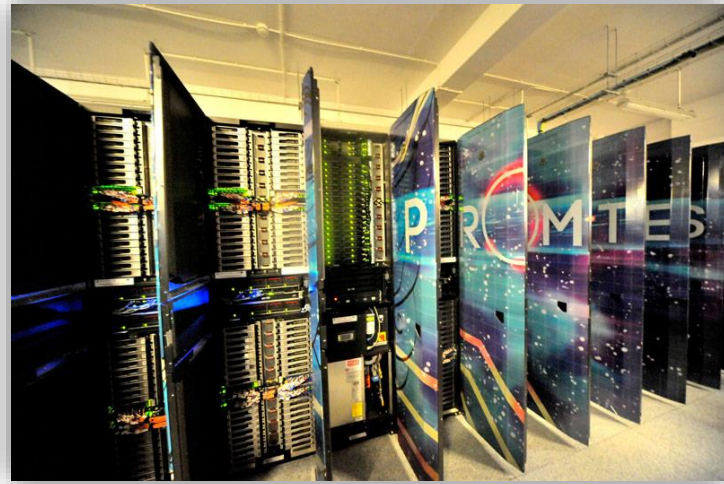
# AGH University of Science and Technology



Present



# Research and laboratories



**Prometheus among 50 most powerful computers in the world**



**The latest generation analytical electron microscope (S)TEM FEI Titan Cubed G-2 60-300**



# Facts and figures



**Number of faculties:16; numer of teaching programs: 58, including 200 specializations**

**Number of students** (as on 30th November, 2017) **total number: 33 455**

- full-time students: 25 193
- part-time students: 5 069  
(full time and part time foreign students: 548)
- doctoral students: 990 (including foreign students: 43)
- postgraduate students: 2 203 (including foreign students: 9)

**Number of staff** (as on 31st December, 2017) **total number: 4 138**

**1) teaching and research staff: 1 940**

- full professors: 172
- associate professors: 259
- assistant professors: 1 129
- assistants: 380

**2) teaching staff: 260**



# AGH University of Science and Technology

- Strong cooperation with industry (education, research)
- AGH ranks first in the ranking of Polish universities in terms of the number of graduated who are businessmen whose wealth exceeds EUR 100 million
- 6,11% of CEO of Polish companies (among 1000 biggest companies) are graduated at AGH
- 79% of AGH graduates took up jobs that were in line with or partially in line with their education,
- 68% of them were employed before graduation



**AGH offers students a market-oriented and business-friendly environment**

# Department of Robotics and Mechatronics

**Teaching:** Supervisor of 56 graduated PhD students (21 of them are professors at Universities), Supervisor of 134 master thesis,

**Research interest;** Structural dynamics, SHM and diagnostics, Mechatronics and Robotics, Numerical modeling and simulation, Artificial Intelligence, – measuring systems design, Modeling and simulation – multiphysics, multiscale, Identification, smart structures and materials, signal processing, drones design and application, space technologies

**Administration:** Director of Center of Space Technologies at AGH

**Experiences:** 30 years of research in Poland (AGH - University of Science and Technology, Professor on Mechatronics since 1991); 3 years of experience in France, 1 year in Belgium, 1 year in The Netherland, 2 years in USA, 1 year in Japan

**Contribution:** Contributed to almost \$24 M of research funding (EU FP5 (SNECMA, Rolls-Royce, MAN Turbo, Alstom) , FP6 (Airbus, Dassault, Onera, LMS) , FP7 (FIAT, RENAULT, LMS, Siemens, Bombardier Transport, Alstom Transport, ABB, Alstom Power, Tauron, MPWiK, Grupa Azoty, Solaris, FAMUR, Wielton SA) H2020 SIEMENS, LMS, ....

**Publications:** Over 1000 research publications (includes over 150 peer-reviewed journal papers); citation – h=26 (Scopus), h= 36 (Google Scholar);

**Entrepreneurships:** Running up of 29 start-up in high –tech; EC Engineering, EC Electronics, EC Test Systems, EC Systems, RS Solutions, RCC Nova, SHM Monit, InnoBiosens, Enetech.



Prof. Tadeusz UHL





# Role of University

- **Education** - „their function is to provide able, self-directed learners that are independent and confident, and will go out into society and give to society through leadership or through civic duties”
- **Knowledge generation** - „to provide new knowledge, to change paradigms, to aid society in its development and in meeting new challenges as they come along”

# Role of Companies (Business)

- Continuous generation of **revenue**
- Continuous increasing of company **value**

# Main differences between science and business

Science should be open and should cover more than needs from business, results should be published and discussed by research community




Business should be focused on particular process and work in confidence, should be limited to market needs

Research institutions are focused on spending money

Business is focused on earning money

Science doesn't understand business and business doesn't understand science

**To achieve success in commercialization of research results the bridge between science and business has to be build.**

		Immediate Economic Usefulness	
		High	Low
Long-Term Scientific Merit	High	 Germ Theory of Disease	 General Relativity
	Low	 Light Bulb	?

Adapted from Stokes (1997)

**Transferring a people from academia (project team) to industry seems to be most efficient way of technology transfer. Start ups, spin offs, etc.**

# Main problem of cooperation

Output from Universities:

**Talents**

**Knowledge**

**Research Ideas (new technologies or products)**

Output from Companies:

**Profit**

**Value of the company**

**Knowledge**  
**Talents**



**Value**

Very complex and risky process, nonlinear and dynamic with uncertainty

## **Three ways of achieving value from University research results**

- 1. Joint projects Industry – Academia** (direct contract, co-financing from agencies)- to big differences and goals to work together, who should has benefits from the project ?
- 2. IP development at Universities** – no well known mechanism to sale IP, a little money for building of value of IP, no interest from Universities (boring for researchers)
- 3. Spin – off, start –up companies** with academic background

# What should be done to get a success

1. **Develop strategies** to induce or upscale cooperation between academia and the private sector
2. Analyse and propose a strategic approach to **support spin-offs** and investments in medium/high-risk entrepreneurial endeavours
3. Secure legally sound, competitive, **model cooperation** agreements focusing on specific collaboration for given sector (eg. Space sector, agriculture, etc..)
4. **Strengthen human capital in research and innovation**, by enabling balanced brain circulation between academia and socio-economic entities, including strategies in having work mobility between academia and the private sector.

# **Develop strategies to induce or upscale cooperation between academia and the private sector**

A key component for academia and private sector collaboration is the **interfacing and sharing** of knowledge, research and innovation.

A mix **university- and industry-driven structure** may remove the barriers of collaborations – eg. Joint Research Centers

**Intensify the breadth of individual team member roles**, or even cross-train members irrespectively of their affiliation, with a coupling to feedback loops that may help individual members understand how they work together, and how their work may affect that of other teams.

Push members of the team **to work as one cohesive and flexible structure**, with only one profit-and-loss bottom line for universities and the private sector

# Analyse and propose a strategic approach to support spin-offs and investments in medium/high-risk entrepreneurial endeavours

- **Valorisation of knowledge is a goal**, it must be considered within a strategic context **to maximise value creation for all parties involved**: universities, members, private partners.
- An investigative process to synthesise the existing best practices in successful spin-offs
- A strategic process to encourage transversal usage of human capital and qualify the leadership of creators, by breaking boundaries between disciplines and supporting multitasking for the benefit of the company created;
- A strategic process to manage knowledge valuable transfer from the Universities; IP brokers may be of considerable help by providing the highest quality of service to the Universities;
- A process to support, verify and adapt the execution of a business plan in a spin-off; actually, company performance may be stalled by innovation, due to specific investments

## **Spin – off companies should:**

- Concentrate on their innovation to bring it to the end of their vision;
- Control their budget rather than succumbing to the ease of fundraising, which is in fact extremely destabilising;
- Preserve their independence rather than allying themselves with those who may have no interest in the outcome of their innovation.

## **Entrepreneurships friendly environment vs. University policy**

- Positive prejudice to entrepreneurs for University community and mentoring of business oriented action (during education process)
- Acceptance of business risk – University staff consider only technical risk
- Innovation in administration, creation of new and friendly oriented mechanisms of company creation at the university



# **Secure legally sound, competitive, model cooperation agreements focusing on specific collaboration for given sector**

In the existing judicialization of the collaboration between public entities such as universities and the private sector, the legal factualization of the collaboration is an essential asset for all parties.

To my knowledge, most of the times industry partners are in front of less-experienced contract negotiators from universities, with a limited, if any, background in IP and commercial law.

- A sober re-equilibration of the partners' respective power in the negotiation of a collaboration agreement;
- A full compliance to state-aid regulation fixed by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Article 107(1);
- A fair return on investment to the public bodies;
- A dissemination of the public knowledge and research to economic entities generating added value for the society;
- A scaling excellence by joining forces with other partners in the same area

# **Strengthen human capital in research and innovation, by enabling balanced brain circulation between academia and socio-economic entities, including strategies in having work mobility between academia and the private sector**

Human Resource Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R) supports higher education and research institutions and funding organizations in the implementation of the Charter & Code in their policies and practices. Still, this support is limited to the public institution itself and **does not address cooperation between universities and the private sector.**

Key aspects in this exchange between academia and industry may incorporate the followings:

- **Promoting exchanges of academics and scientists between academia and industry**, this needs the identification of the conditions, incentives a strategic facilitation scheme is a fundamental point in favouring mixed careers;
- **Promoting talents (skills and competences)**: career mobility is determined by training possibilities, coaching, mentoring, support staff and supporting regulation; irrespective of an technology level readiness analysis which is most of the time arbitrary or even obsolete; by contrast, market analysis, which is most of the times restricted to the industrial operator, has to be shared with the academics who are at the forefront of science;
- **Strategic key actions must be developed to eliminate the regulatory barriers preventing human capital mobility and brain circulation between universities and the private sector. A social protection and pension systems diversity is an obstacle of career mobility in Europe**, already starting at the doctoral level; for example, the RESAVER pension scheme is a key feature to alleviate occupational pension barriers for example, but remains far too restricted;

# Causes of unsuccessful start ups

**Only 3 to 5 % of start-ups are successful**

- 1. Barrier on market entrance, no sales channels.**
- 2. Non professional management of companies**
- 3. Lack of sales organization**
- 4. Lack of ability to change company strategy**
- 5. Some misunderstandings between founders**

# Entrepreneur friendly environment



Offices of big companies and VCs

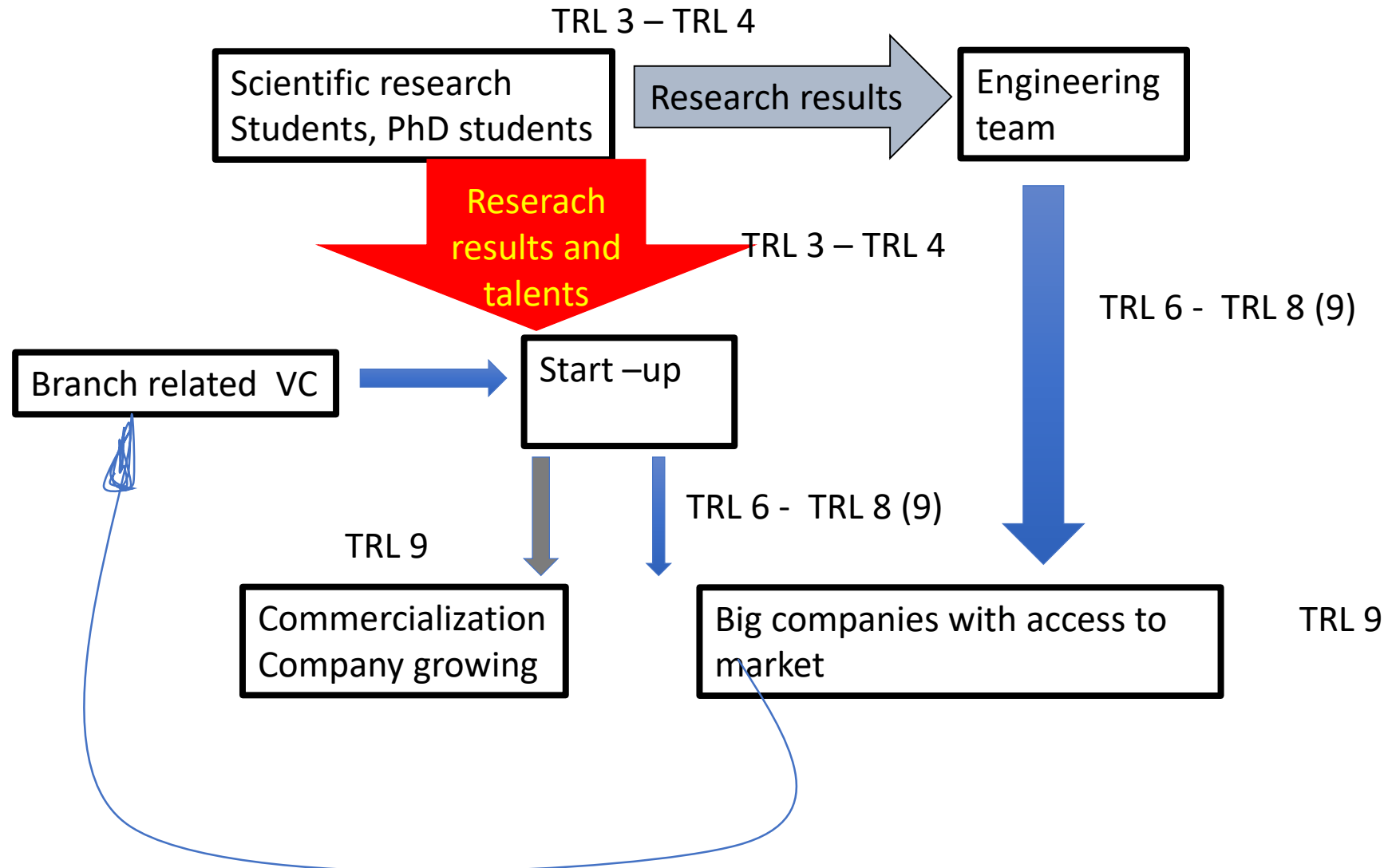
Experienced researchers/  
Leaders

PhD students/Graduate  
Students

**Engineers/Mentors**

Start -up

# Possible path for value generation



# Innovation ecosystem

## Innovation ecosystem evaluation system

	Innovation companies
Innovation institutions	Number of higher education institutions
	Scientific research institutes
	Innovation talents
Innovation resources	Innovation capital
	Innovation technologies
	Makerspaces
	Innovation strategy
Innovation environment	Innovation foundation
	Innovation atmosphere
	Innovation cost

# **Case study**

**Reliability Solutions sp. z o.o. spin – off company started by students and researchers at two leading university in Poland (Jagielonia University Department od Matematics and University of Science and Technology AGH Department of Robotics and Mechatronics) 4 years ago.**

**Numbers:**

**At the start 2, now 41 employes**

**2016 income about 3 000 000 PLN - 2019 about 10 000 000 PLN**

**3 big contracts**

**Now Office in Rotterdam**

# Who we are and what are we doing?

- Reliability Solutions is a spin-off from the AGH University of Science and Technology and Jagiellonian University in Krakow.
- Our mission is to transfer knowledge and novel solutions from the academia into the industry.
- We are experts in data analyses for RAMS, technical maintenance and the machine exploitation optimization purposes.

- Within those fields we:

Design and implement own IT products, especially Predictive Maintenance

Conduct data analyses

Technical expertise and assistance



# Reliability Solutions

## Management

**Prof. Tadeusz Uhl**

*Founder, R&D consultant*

**Prof. Piotr Oprocha**

*R&D consultant*

**Mateusz Marzec**

*CEO and Founder*

**Paweł Morkisz**

*CTO and Founder*

**Krzysztof Płachta**

*CIO and Founder*



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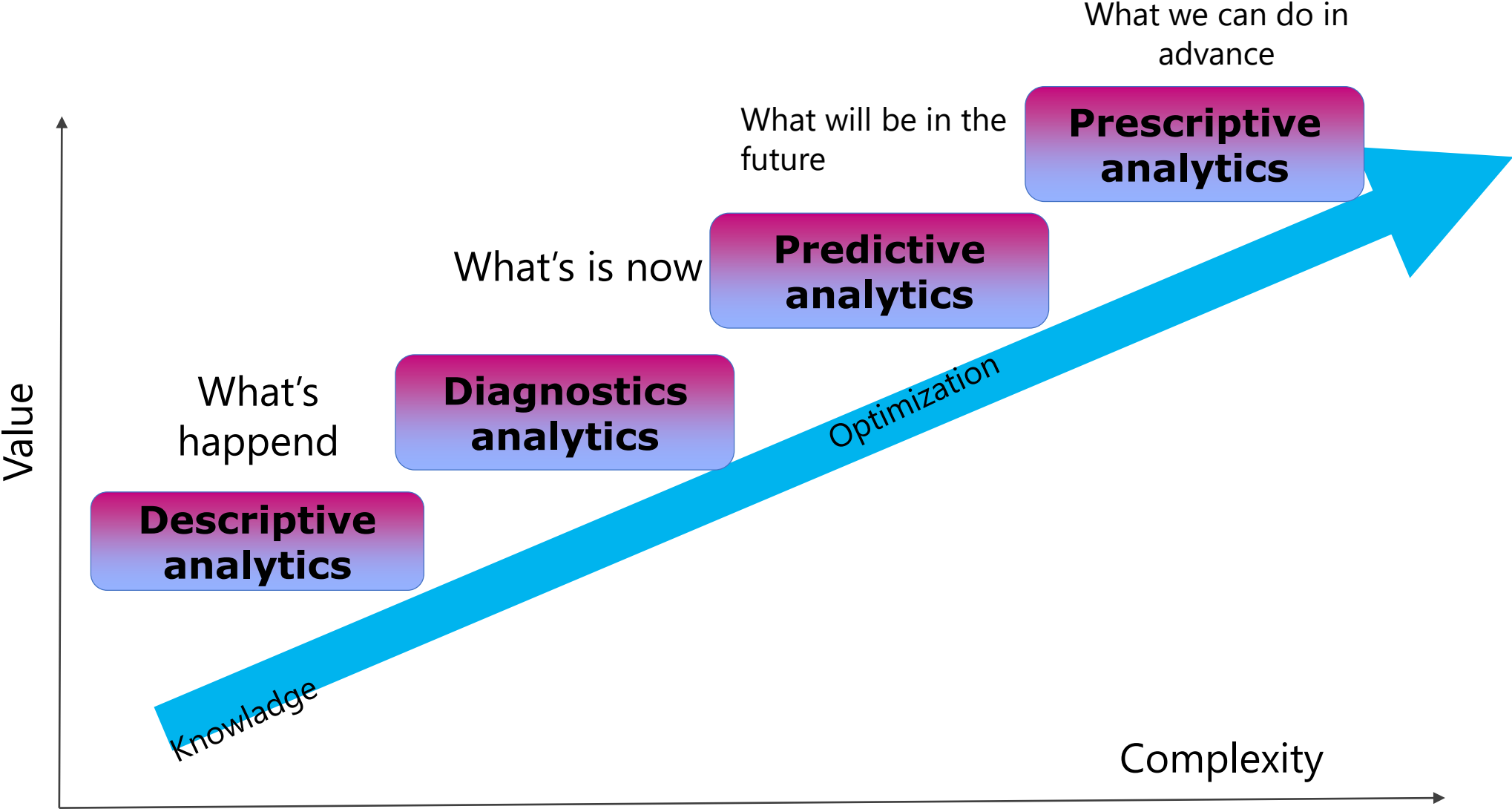


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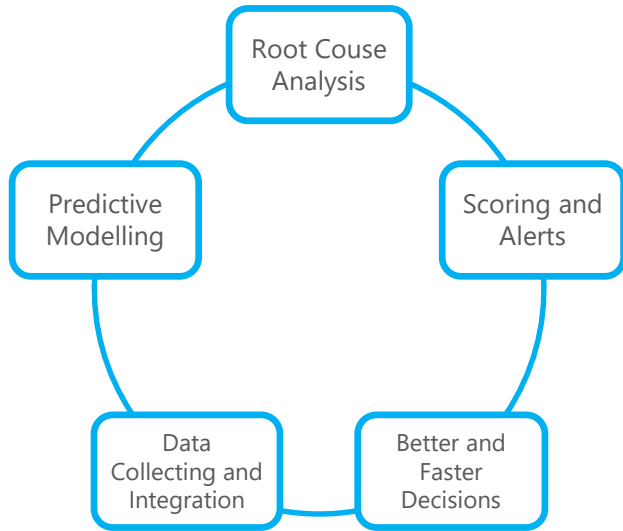


**Prof.  
Piotr  
Oprocha**

# Predictive maintenance procedure

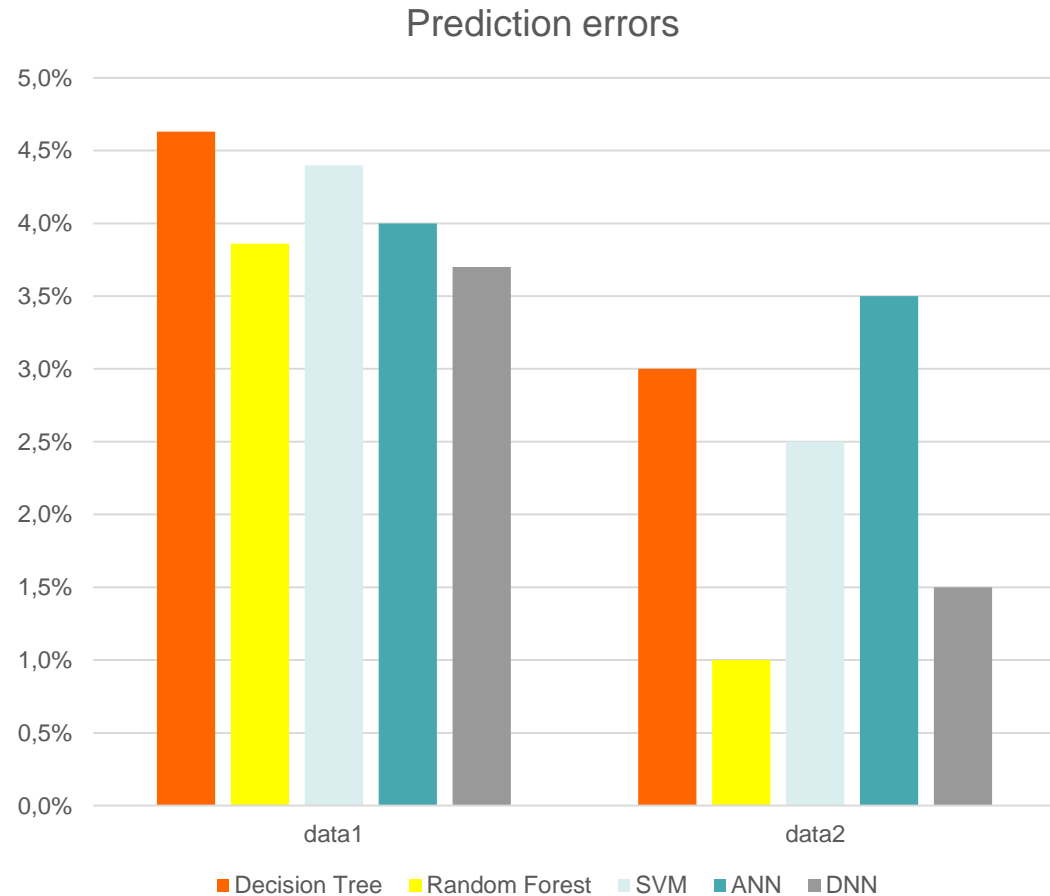


# Predictive maintenance procedure



We can use any of the classification type machine learning or artificial intelligence methods, including:

- Decision Trees,
- Random Forests,
- Artificial Neural Networks,
- Deep Learning,
- Supportive Vector Machines

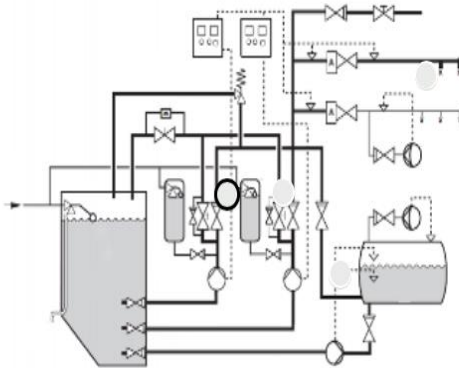


Przekroczono próg ostrzegawczy na:  
Pompa elektryczna EAD-5H (instalacja  
destylacji próżniowej hydrokwasu)!

1 - Instalacja destylacji próżniowej hydrokwasu

### Instalacja destylacji próżniowej hydrokwasu

Schemat techniczny instalacji



#### Pompa elektryczna

EAD-5H

35%

Prawdopodobieństwo awarii

Ustawianie progu alarmowego



#### Pompa spalinowa

KD771

34%

Prawdopodobieństwo awarii

Ustawianie progu alarmowego



#### Pompa jockey

FK 80-250

7%

Prawdopodobieństwo awarii

Ustawianie progu alarmowego



#### Sprężarka

GG510

50%

Prawdopodobieństwo awarii

Ustawianie progu alarmowego



# Conclusions

**The most efficient way of transforming knowledge to value (grow of business) is transferring technology with transferring research staff to company.**

**One possibility is promotion of entrepreneurial behavior of academic staff.**

**Success of entrepreneurs depends on; level of research, friendly environment, innovative ecosystem (talents, research institutions, infrastructures, makerspaces, innovation capital, etc.)**

**Successful entrepreneur should; accept high business risk, accept long term investment, find technological leaders/ academic stars, find business cases (who needs solution, who is competitor, who will pay for solution, etc.), create friendly environment for inventors, consider both technological and business risk**



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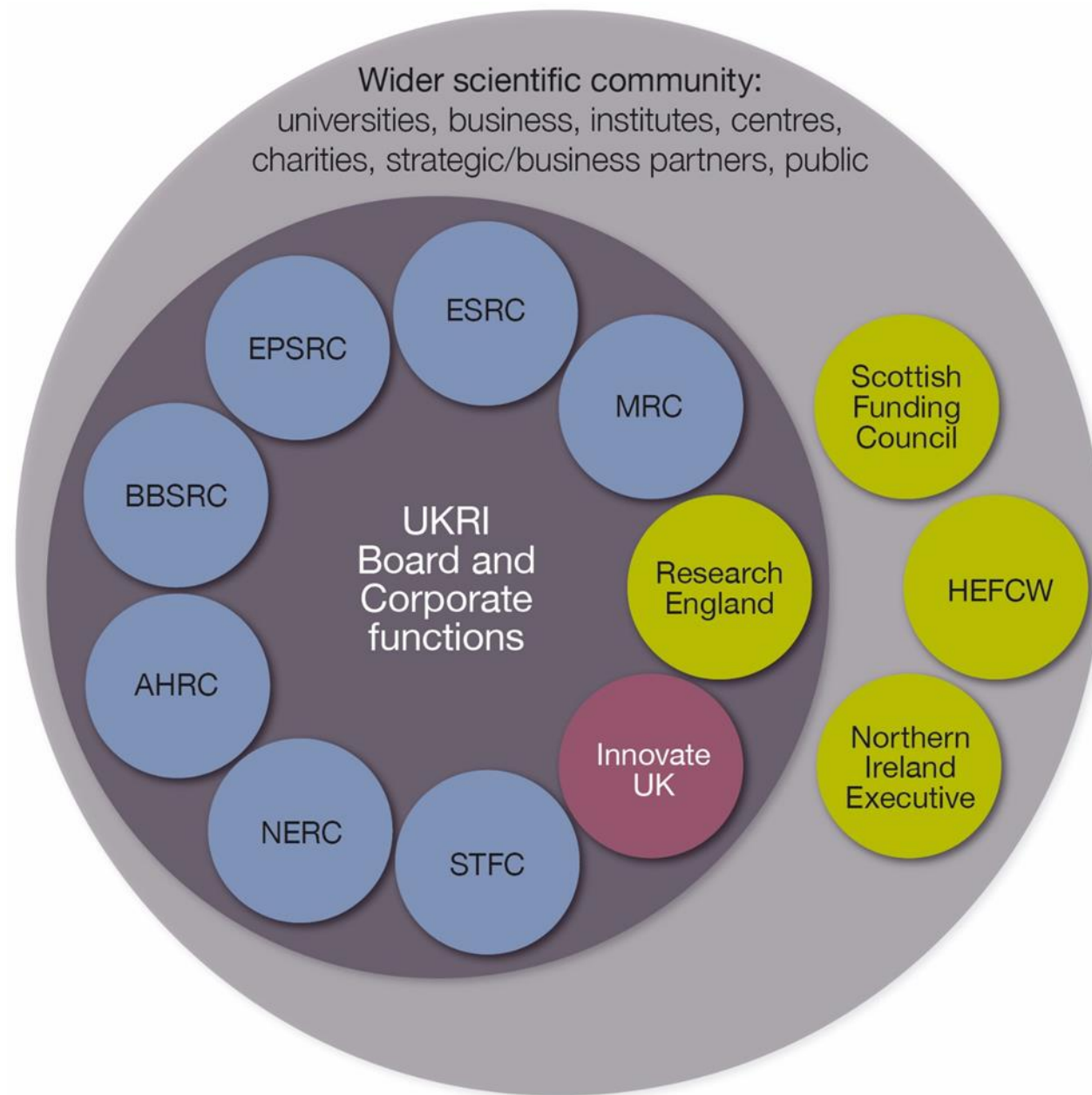
Research  
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# The current role of Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) and the potential for the future

Dr Hamish McAlpine  
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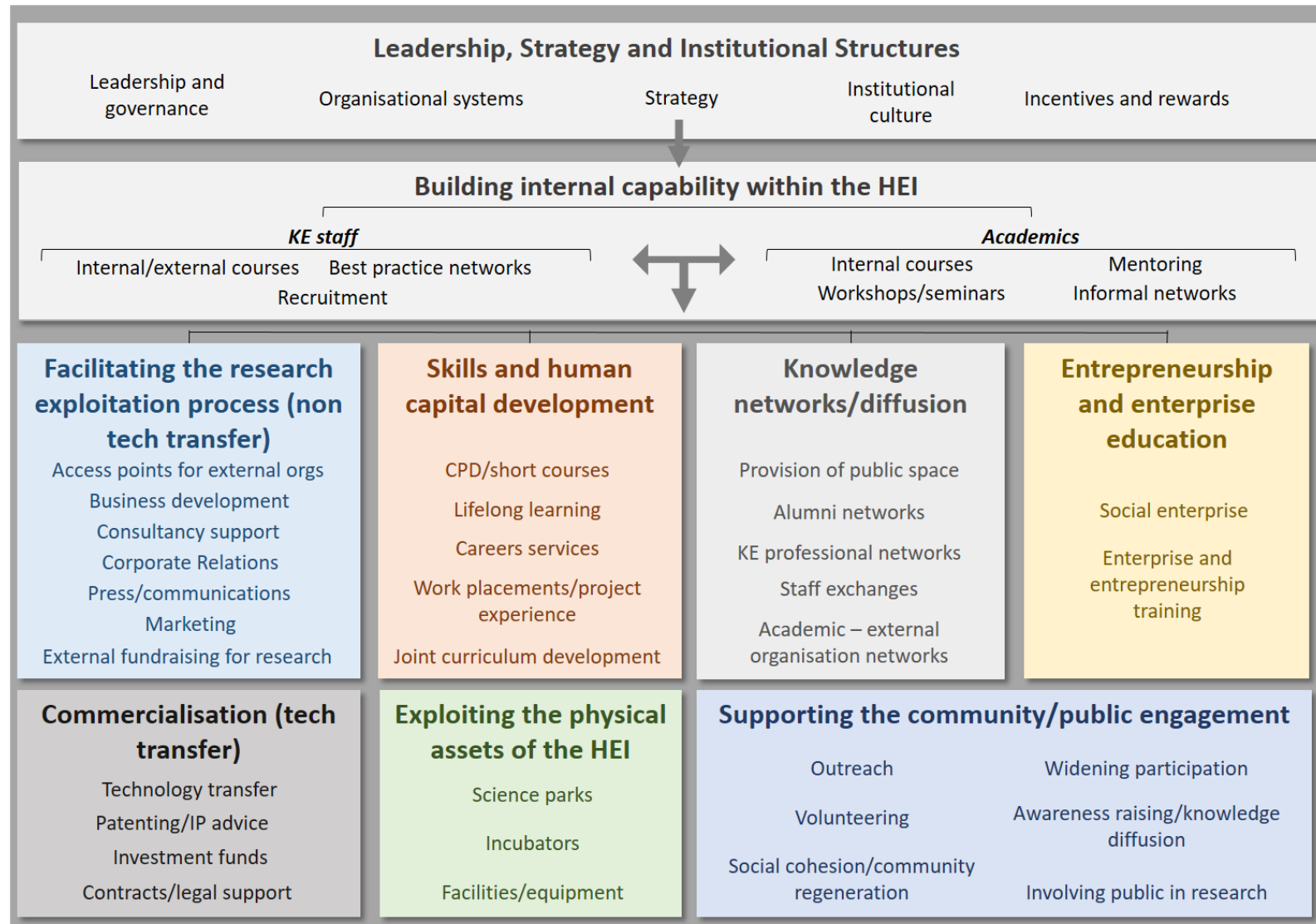
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# UKRI and Research England



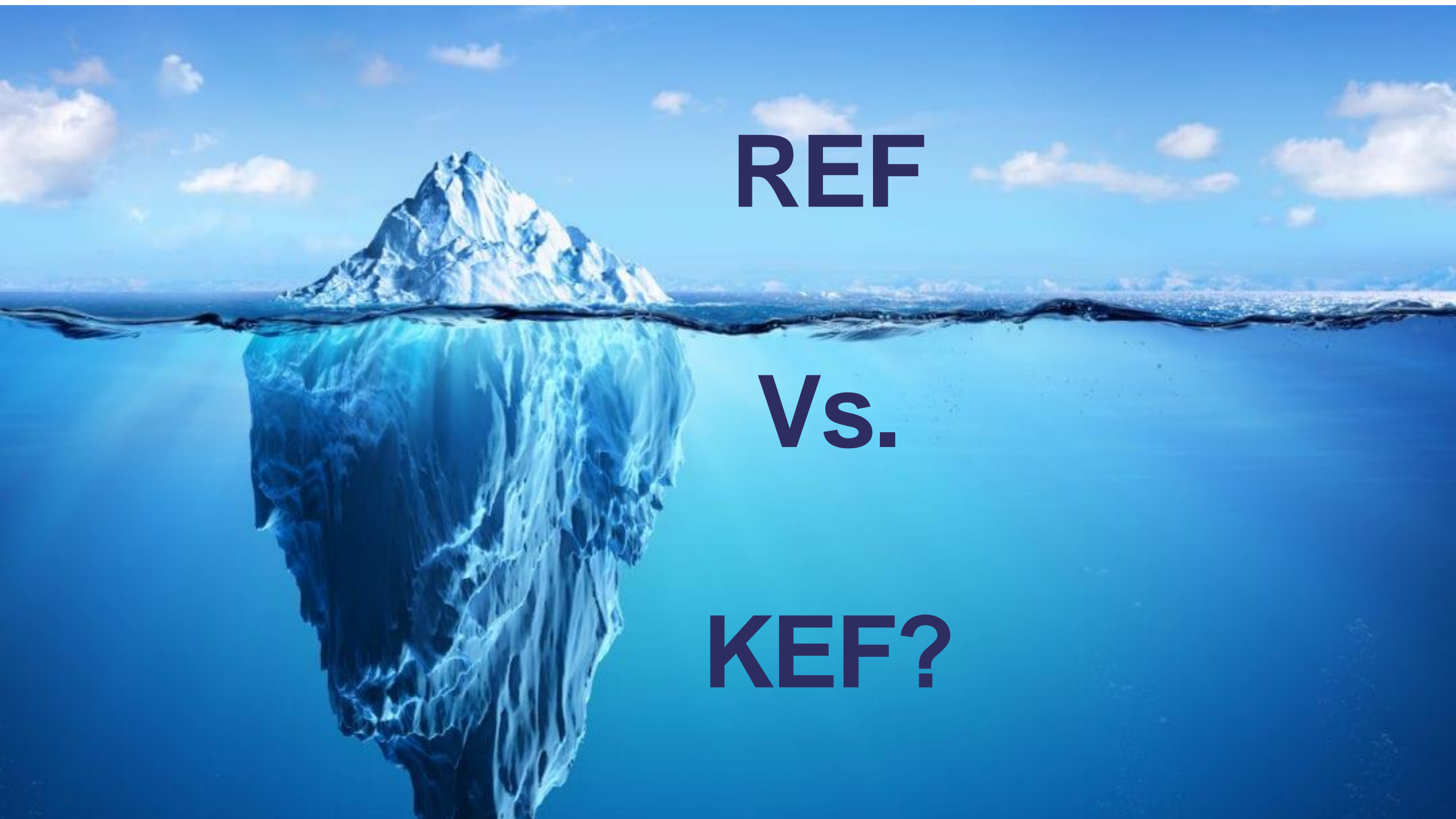


# What is Knowledge Exchange anyway?



# KEF Purpose(s)

1. More accessible information and data for institutions to understand and improve their own performance in knowledge exchange, ultimately increasing their impact.
2. More information for businesses and other users of university knowledge and resources
3. Increased public visibility and accountability for funding (currently £250m pa.)



**REF**

**Vs.**

**KEF?**

Evaluation of research  
Excellence against  
international norms

Strong link to  
underpinning research

c. 7000 peer-reviewed  
case studies – rich  
descriptions of  
outcomes from different  
disciplines

*Vs.*

Seeks to describe performance within  
clusters of English universities

Not just research-related impact – e.g.  
public engagement, role in local growth &  
regeneration etc.

Largely metrics-based assessment of  
broad set (hundreds of thousands) of  
interactions at institutional level

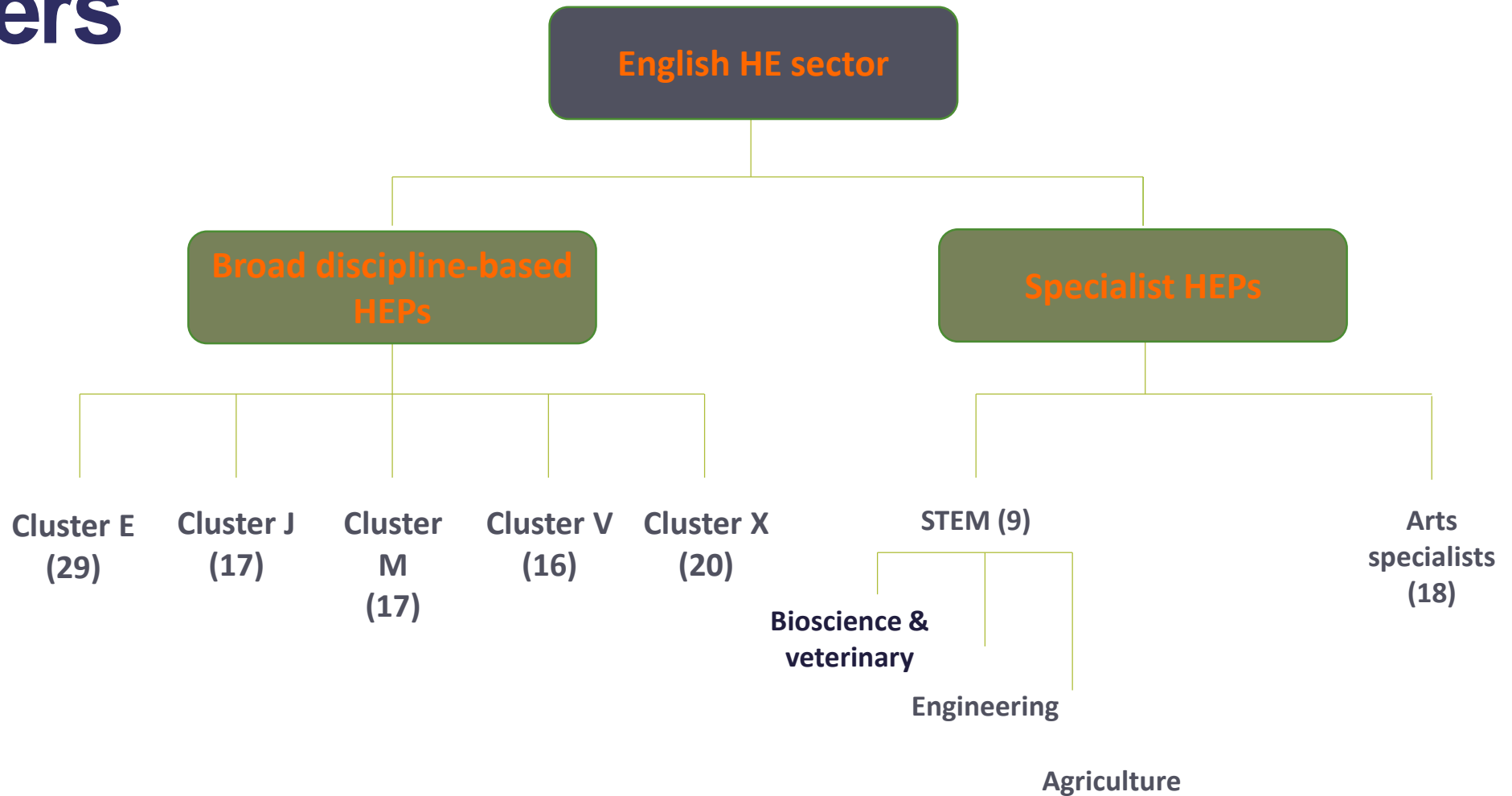
# Current trajectory

1. Institutional-level
2. Annual
3. Largely metrics-driven, with some narrative component
4. Not comparing everyone to everyone (fair comparison)

# Perspectives



# Clusters





Select provider  
University of STEM3

*Click here to see perspective breakdown*

Legend

- University of STEM3 =
- Cluster: Specialist: STEM =

## Cluster Description

STEM-focused in relation to share of academics, which could be further divided into those focusing on biological and veterinary sciences, engineering and technology, and agriculture.



*Click to see all clusters*



# Areas of interest for future KEF



# KEF and policy impact

- Having an impact on **public policy** an important type of KE, particularly for some disciplines and institutions.
- Initial work focussed on KE with legislatures (UK Parliament)

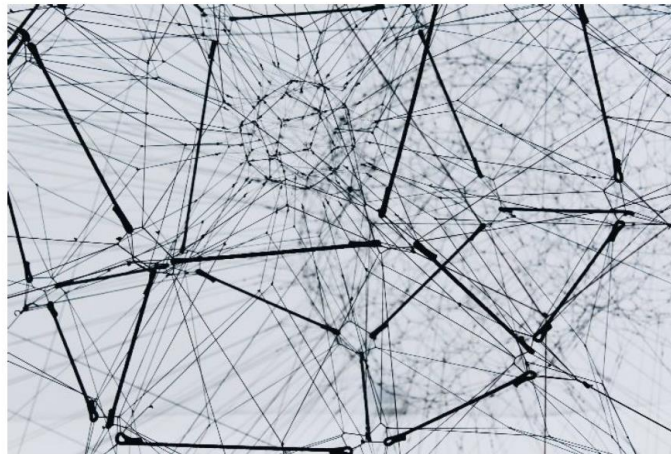


Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru  
National Assembly for Wales



February 2020

## Knowledge Exchange and Legislatures

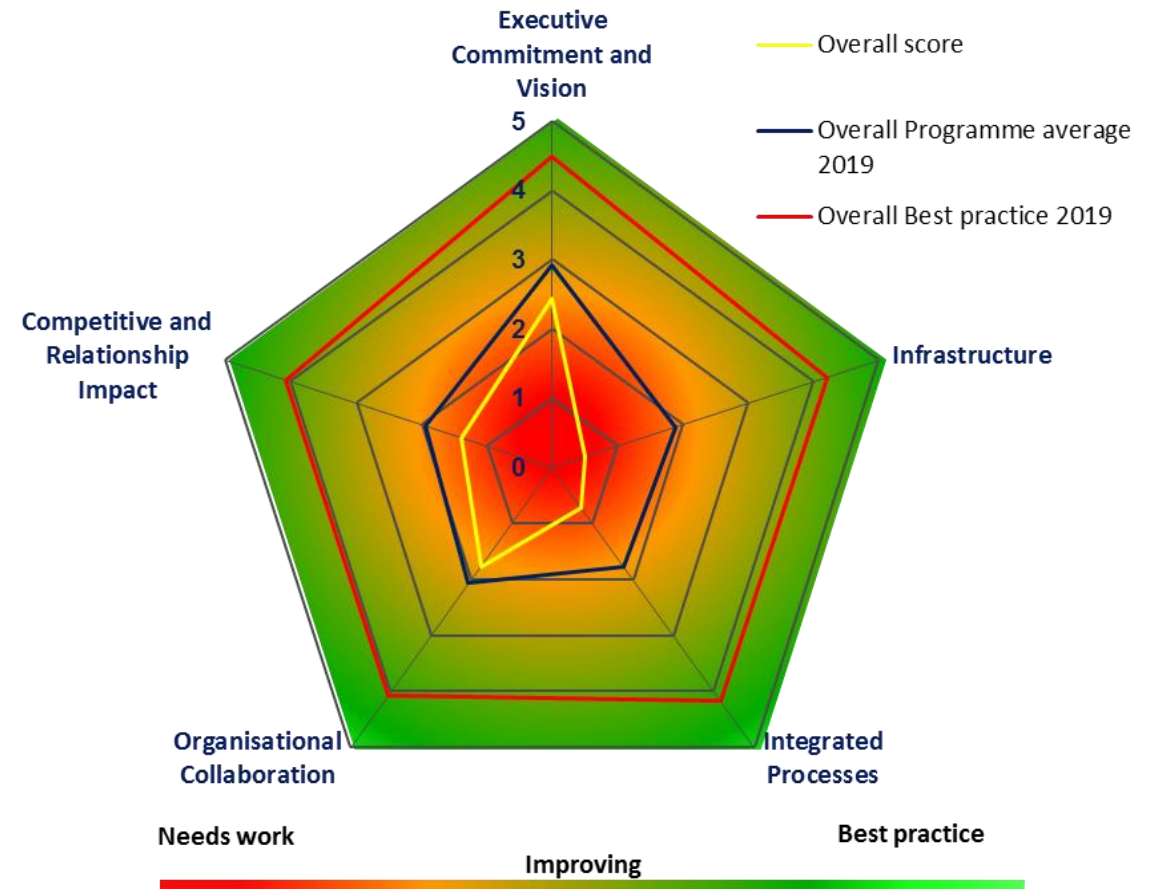


### Overview

- Knowledge exchange (KE) between legislatures and academic researchers has been increasing in recent years.
- KE with researchers is important to legislatures because research that is relevant, credible and independent helps contribute to more effective scrutiny, legislation and debate.
- KE between legislatures and researchers includes providing information and advice, and researchers conducting peer review.

# Incorporating the ‘Voice of the User’

- Undertook initial benchmarking study
- Sample of universities assessed against maturity in five dimensions
- A non-trivial measurement problem!



# ED&I in KE

*“For every £1 of venture capital (VC) investment in the UK, all-female founder teams get less than 1p”*

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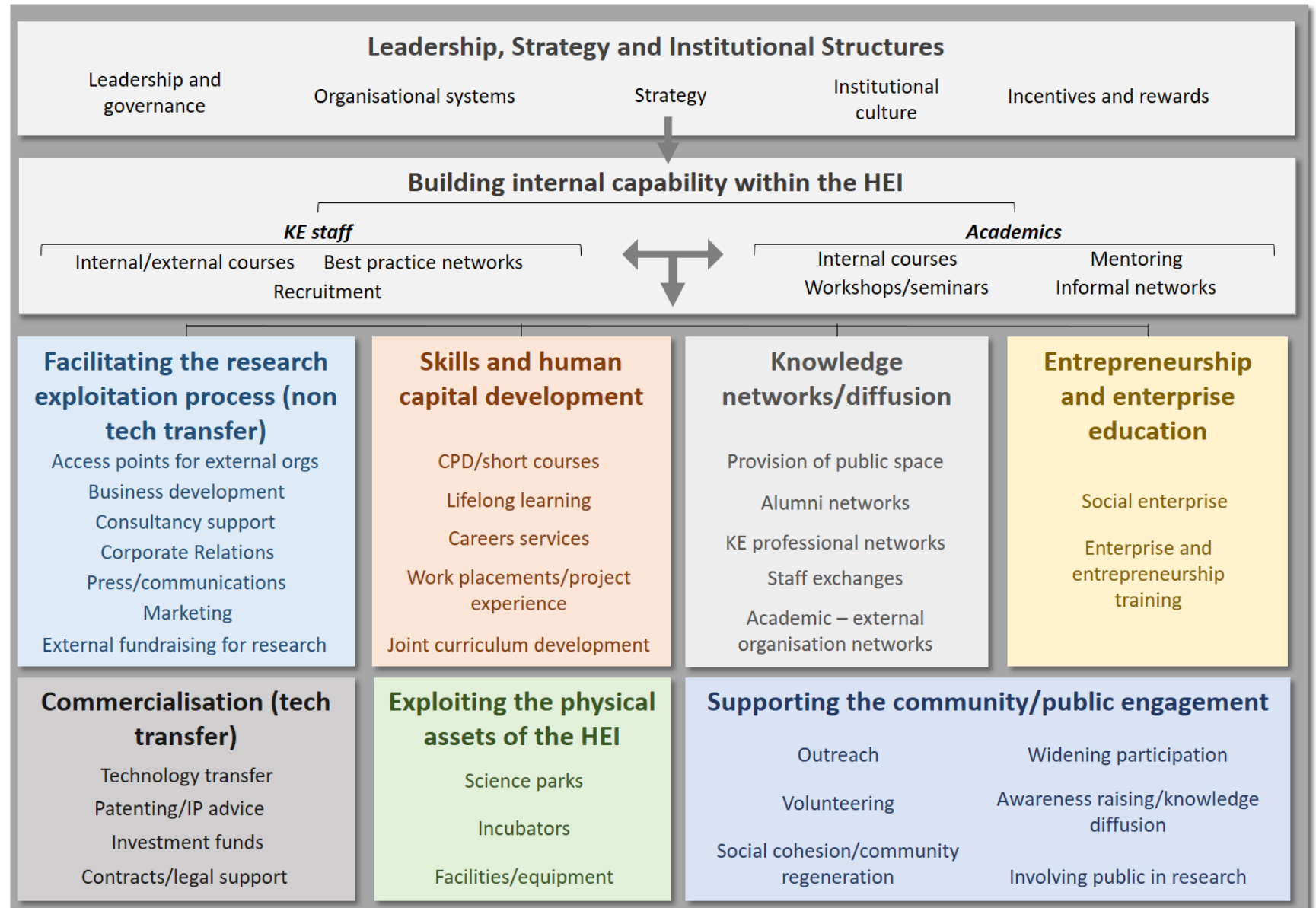
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# KE Concordat and KEF together...

How are you doing it (and how are you getting better)?

What are you doing ?



# Business-science collaboration barriers and opportunities

Małgorzata Popławska

CEO

Malopolska Regional Development Agency

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# COUPLE OF FACTS

Innovativeness of the companies is one of the crucial aspects of the public policies on each administrative level (Regional Innovation Strategy, Smart Specialisations , increased funds for the knowledge –based economy, support of the business – science collaboration)

Dedicated public funds , institutions and platforms for business science collaboration (Clusters, Technology Parks, Innovation Brokering, Technology Transfer Centers)

In Malopolska only 17% of production companies and only 9,5% of service companies invest in innovations (decrease after the end of the EU financial perspective)

34,7% of production companies received 2014-2016 public aid for financing innovations (only 11,9% of the companies from service sector )

Only 9,4% of the companies declare the collaboration with others in terms of R&D

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ROZWOJ  
INNOWACJE  
NIERUCHOMOŚCI  
INWESTYCJE

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**PROFIT**

**SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY**

**DEBT / EQUITY FINANCING**

**PUBLIC GRANTS**

**BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION**

# SOURCES OF MISUNDERSTANDING

GOALS

SOURCE OF FINANCING

MARKET VERIFICATION

TIME TO MARKET

APPROACH TO COSTS AND REVENUES

FINANSOWANIE,  
ROZWOJ  
INNOWACJE  
NIERUCHOMOŚCI  
INWESTYCJE



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INWESTYCJE



## How does the business assess the perspective of the collaboration with academia? – main questions

- ❖ Initial Investment
- ❖ Operational cost
- ❖ Profit
- ❖ Business improvements
- ❖ Time to market
- ❖ Risk
- ❖ .....

Why the business science-  
collaboration is so important?





Looking for the new business opportunities- development

Changing environment requires ongoing improvements

Even traditional segments of economy implement innovations

Business as source of inspiration for the science

## Conditions for the successful business-science collaboration

- Financing system promoting successful implementation of R&D outcomes in the companies
- Mix of public and private money as a source of financing
- Increased awareness of the benefits of business – science collaboration on the both sides
- Business as inspiration for the science- providing products which can be sold
- Better understanding of the business among scientists (companies have to generate return for the investors)
- Companies have to be ready to invest in the cooperation (most of the networking initiatives die after the public money runs out)



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# The impact of Open Science.

Collaborations between **institutions**, **funders**  
and **researchers** to make research count.

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# NL Open Science



# Benefits of Open Science

**Re-use and transparency:** outputs more frequently used by researchers and even a broader audience

**Innovation:** more innovation and collaboration between universities, industry and citizens

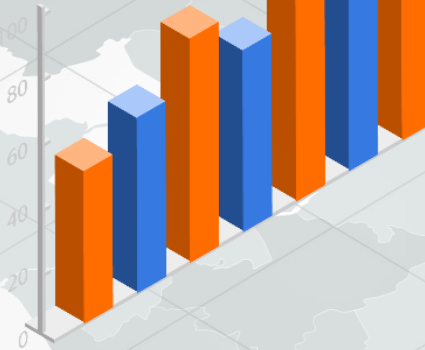
**Impact on society:** fruits from research benefit society directly

**Global impact:** stronger position of Dutch research

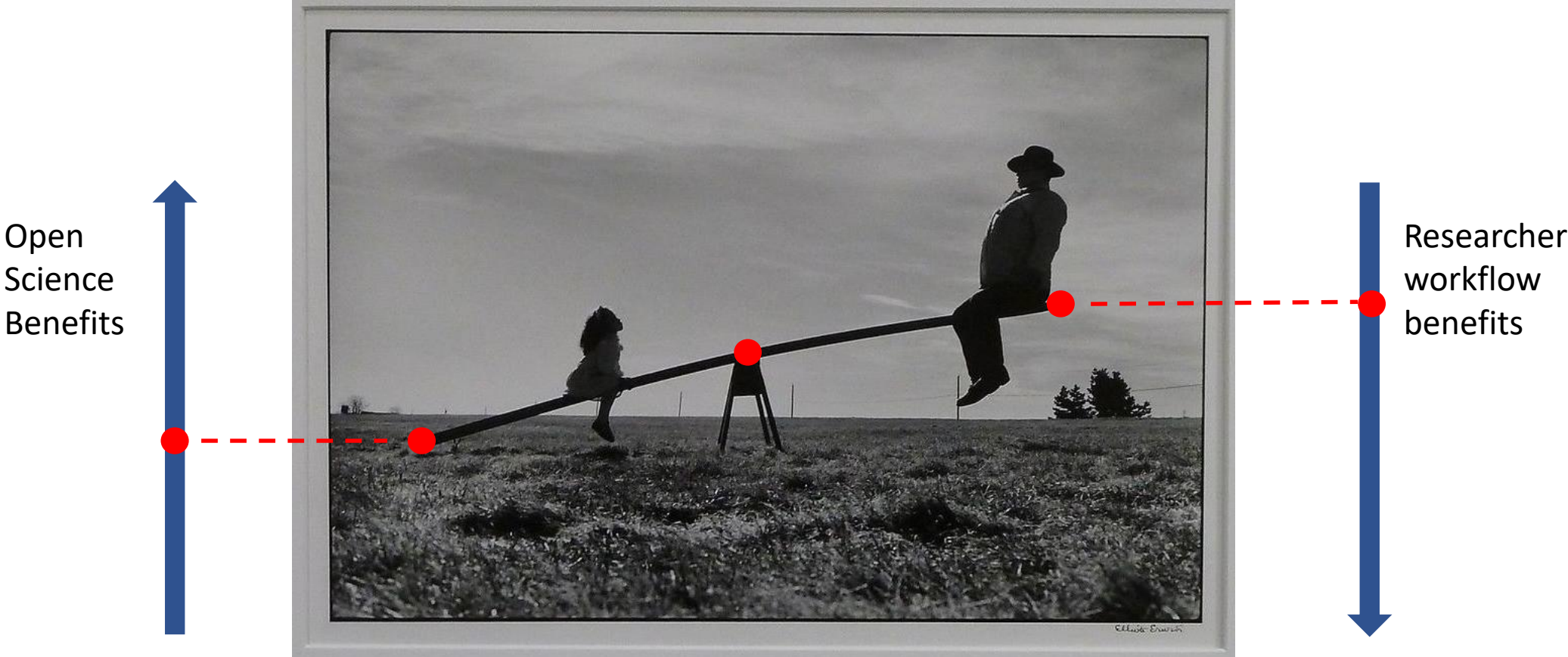
**Top talent:** universities succeed better at attracting, collaborating with, and retaining top talent

**Assessment:** funding and researcher careers are based on a more holistic (and fairer) picture

**Less admin:** admin burden on researchers decreases

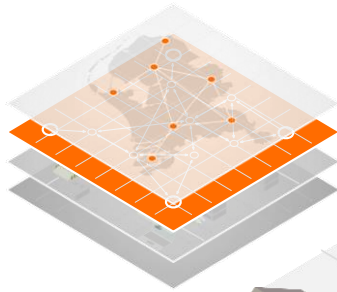


# The Seesaw Dilemma: Open Science benefits vs. Researcher workflow benefits



# Actors

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Goals & Outcomes  
**Actors & Use Cases**  
Infrastructure  
Building Blocks



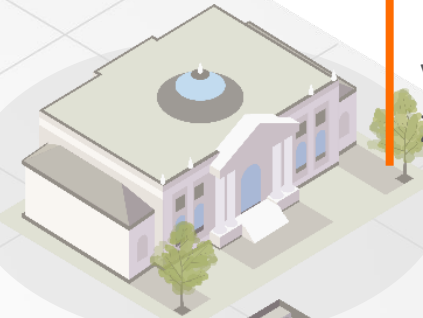
# Researchers

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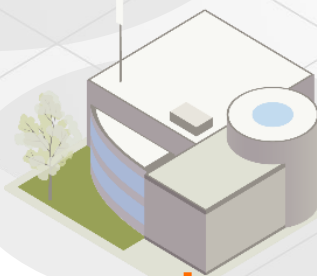
# Funders & Policy Makers

VSNU, UKB, NWO,  
ZONMW, OCW, EZ



# Institutions

18 universities  
8 medical centers  
36 uni's of applied sciences  
24 NWO and KNAW Institutes



# Technology Partners

# Industry

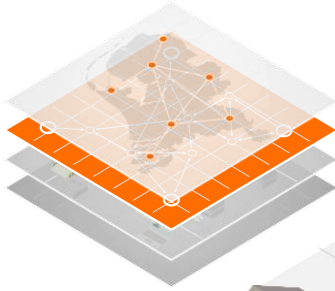


# Dutch Society (professionals)



# Use-cases

NL Open Science  
Goals & Outcomes  
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- Showcase my work
- Find funding
- Stay on top of my field
- Read and assess content
- Be fairly assessed for all outcomes
- Organize my work
- Manage my data
- Collaborate

# Researchers

~25,000



- Scientific review
- Monitor open science
- Steer strategic priorities (Horizon2020, NWA, Clusters, Sector, Infra)
- Develop portfolio
- National assessment
- Allocate funding
- Explain funding to society

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- Stand out
- Evaluate, plan
- Enable researchers (lab, compute, tools, etc)
- Enable projects
- Manage funding
- Manage talent
- Manage institution
- Improve education

- More partnerships
- Innovation & start-ups
- Find experts, collaborators & facilities
- Access to latest scientific outputs

# Industry

# Technology Partners

- Citizen science
- Health portal
- Demasking fake news
- Increase trust in science

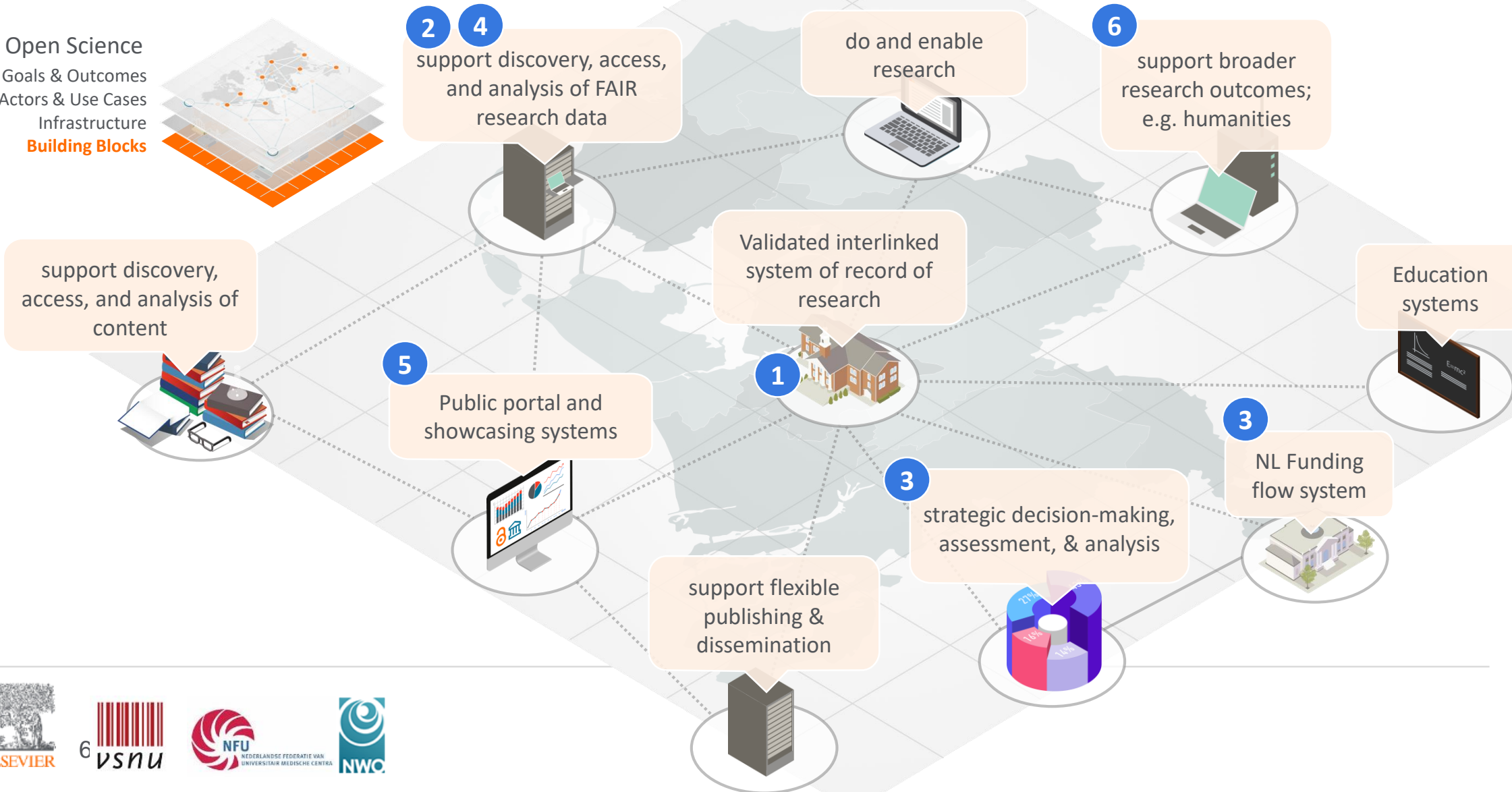
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# Ideas for building blocks supporting Dutch infrastructure

## NL Open Science

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# Proposed pilots

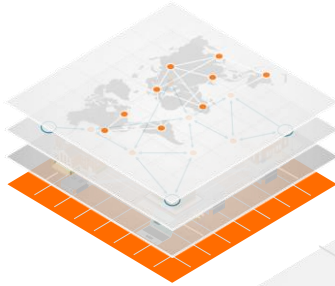
NL Open Science

Goals & Outcomes

Actors & Use Cases

Infrastructure

**Building Blocks**



1. Support a national Open Knowledge Base: CRIS based aggregation

2. NL Research data collection

3. Funding information flow

4. Health Data Management

5. OA compliance as a service

6. Fair recognition and reward

# Core Principles that should drive the NL OS infrastructure

NL Open Science  
Goals & Outcomes  
Actors & Use Cases  
**Infrastructure**  
Building Blocks



## Core principles for the underlying infrastructure:

1. Interoperable: No vendor lock in, researchers and institutions can also use own tools
2. Future proof: system should be flexible to different setups and different agreements (there is an exit plan)
3. Vendor/publisher neutral
4. Researchers and/or institutions own the research data (not Elsevier)

## Core infrastructure principles to be open, inclusive, and seamless:

5. All public research output available to everyone
6. This includes 100% Open Access
7. User in control what is public, private or shared; respect privacy & data integrity
8. Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Re-usable Data (FAIR Data)
9. Balanced approach to evaluating research (basket of metrics and outcomes)
10. Support academic freedom, including the freedom of choice in dissemination approach of research
11. Support all research disciplines, all types of output
12. Support researchers doing research; system should help researchers to focus on core tasks (not admin)

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**Dziękuję Ci bardzo!**

Thank you very much!

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## Break

10.40-11.00 (GMT+1)

# Impact of Science

4-6 November, Krakow

## Up Next

11.00-12.15

**Roundtable: Interdisciplinary approaches**

Tyniec room

**Roundtable: Fundamental vs. Mission-driven Science**

Kościół Mariacki room

**Entrepreneurship**

Barbakan room

**Role of Industry**

Brama Floriańska room

**Grand Challenges**

Nowa Huta room

**Funding Agencies**

Smocza Jama room

**Science Policy Interface**

Sukiennice room