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Results of the pilot study on impact assessment at research project level

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Rationale

By the end of 2017, more than 570 joint calls will have been launched by P2P networks with a combined investment of some Euro 5.8 billion in more than 6,400 transnational projects.

So, what is the impact of this huge investment?

The simple answer is that no one knows but the question is becoming increasingly important to the future sustainability of both national and EU funding for P2P actions

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Deliverable

**D3.5: Strategy for full scale
implementation of project-level
impact assessment**

Pilot Study: Bioeconomy

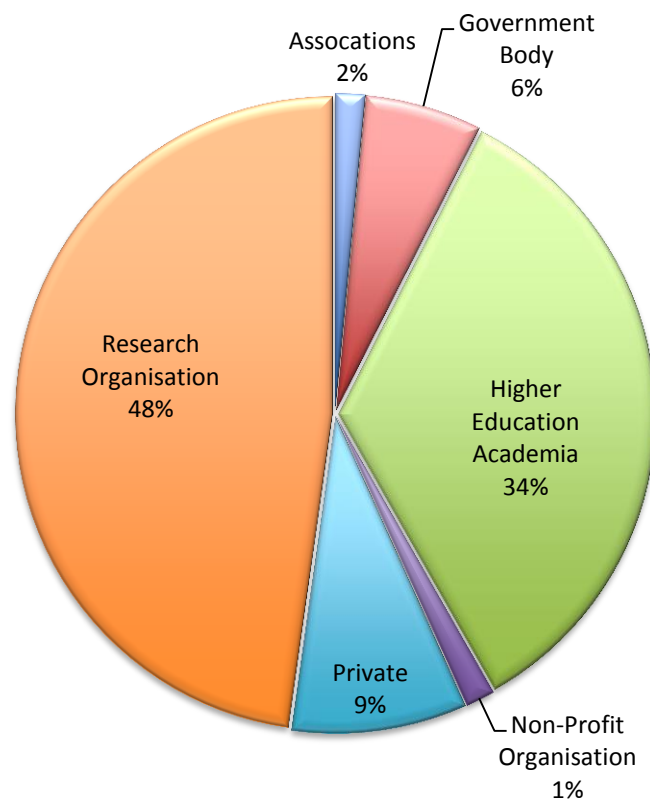


- Partnership with PLATFORM2 project
 - Focus on networks with projects that finished during (or before) 2016
- Three networks agreed to participate
 - CORE ORGANIC II, SUSFOOD, ERA-IB-2
- Results presented at PLATFORM2 workshop (June 2017)
 - See www.era-learn.eu/monitoring-and-assessment/reference-library
 - Customised analysis prepared for the three networks
- Follow up qualitative interviews by UNIMAN
 - Forthcoming Policy Brief + updated Guide for the Impact Assessment of P2Ps



Data Collection

- Common framework questionnaire
- Survey in April/May
- 76 responses received
 - From 18 countries
 - More than 80% from academic and other research organisations
- 27% response rate overall
 - One network achieved nearly 50%



P2P v National/EU

Compared with a similar national project

Most agreed that the P2P project:

- Provided access to **higher-quality** additional **expertise** and/or **facilities**
- Pursued **more ambitious** objectives
- Produce **higher quality results**

Most disagreed that the P2P project:

- Required **less administrative effort** to manage

Compared with the EU Framework Programme

Most agreed that P2P projects:

- Are **less bureaucratic** in administration
- Are **more flexible**
- Have a **higher probability of success**

Most disagreed that P2P projects:

- Produce **higher quality results**

Expected Impacts (Beneficiaries)

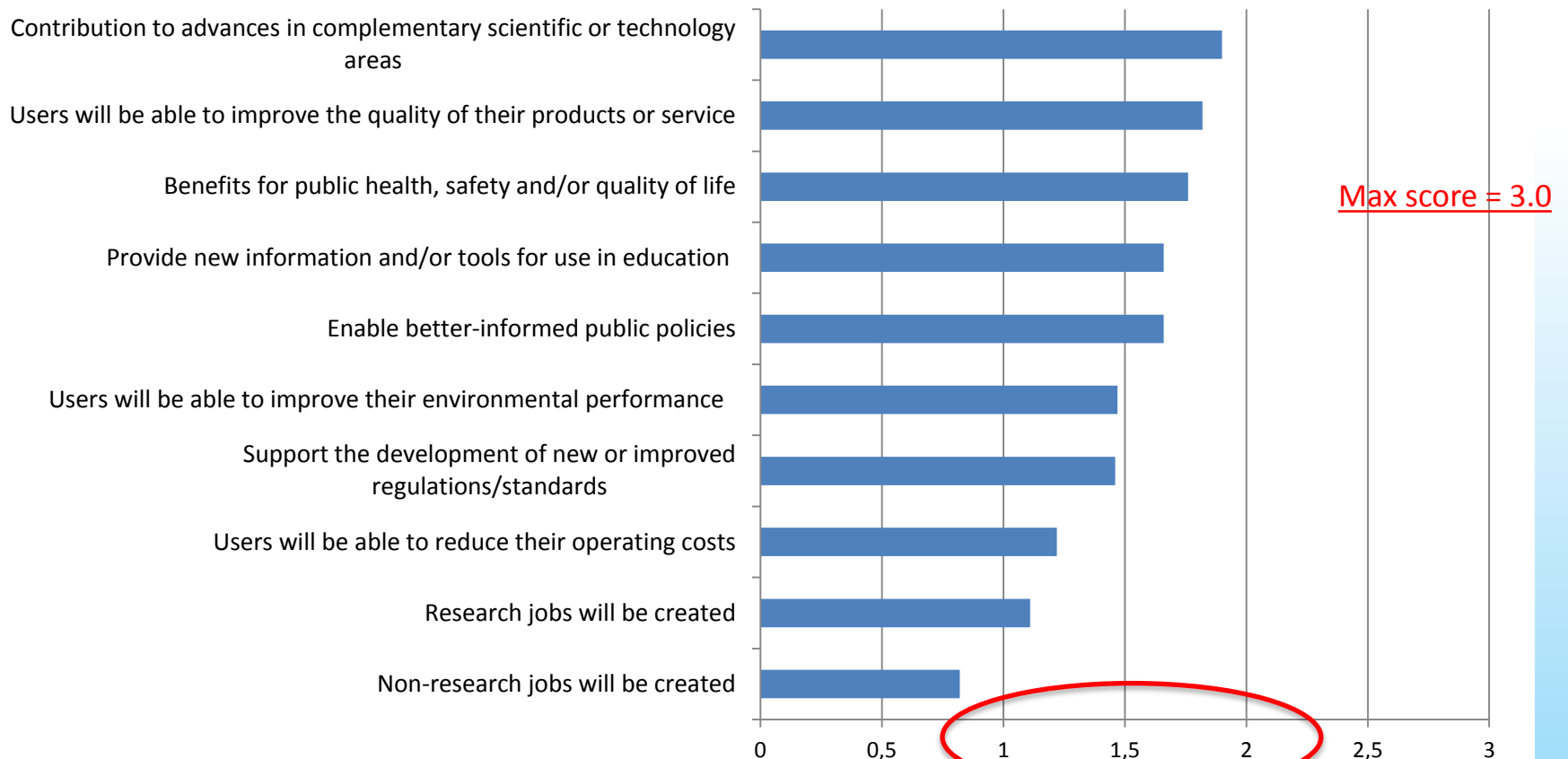
What are the expected impacts on your organisation from participating in the specific transnational project?



3 = High impact, 2 = Moderate impact, 1 = Low impact, 0 = Not applicable

Expected Impacts (Wider)

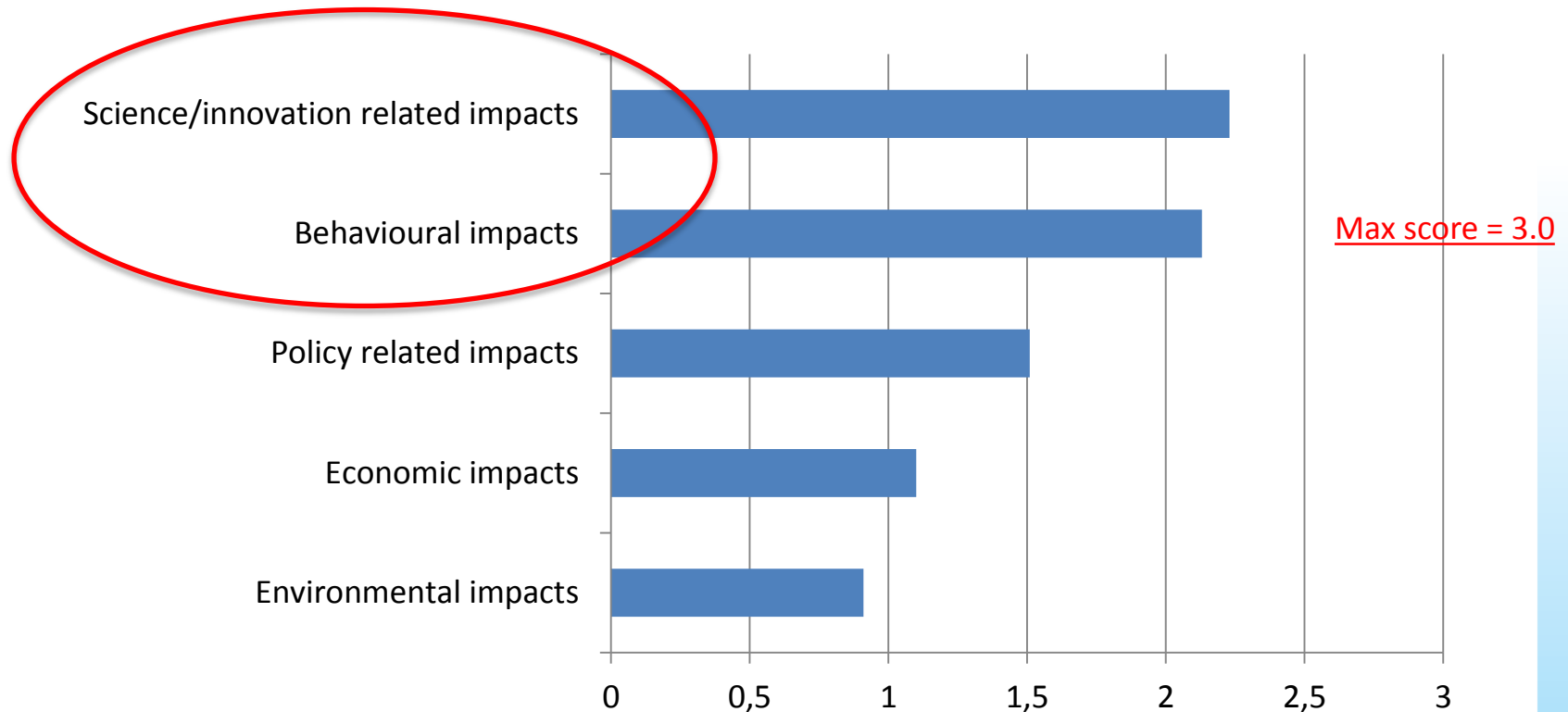
To what extent do you anticipate any of the following beneficial impacts beyond your organisation?



3 = High impact, 2 = Moderate impact, 1 = Low impact, 0 = Not applicable

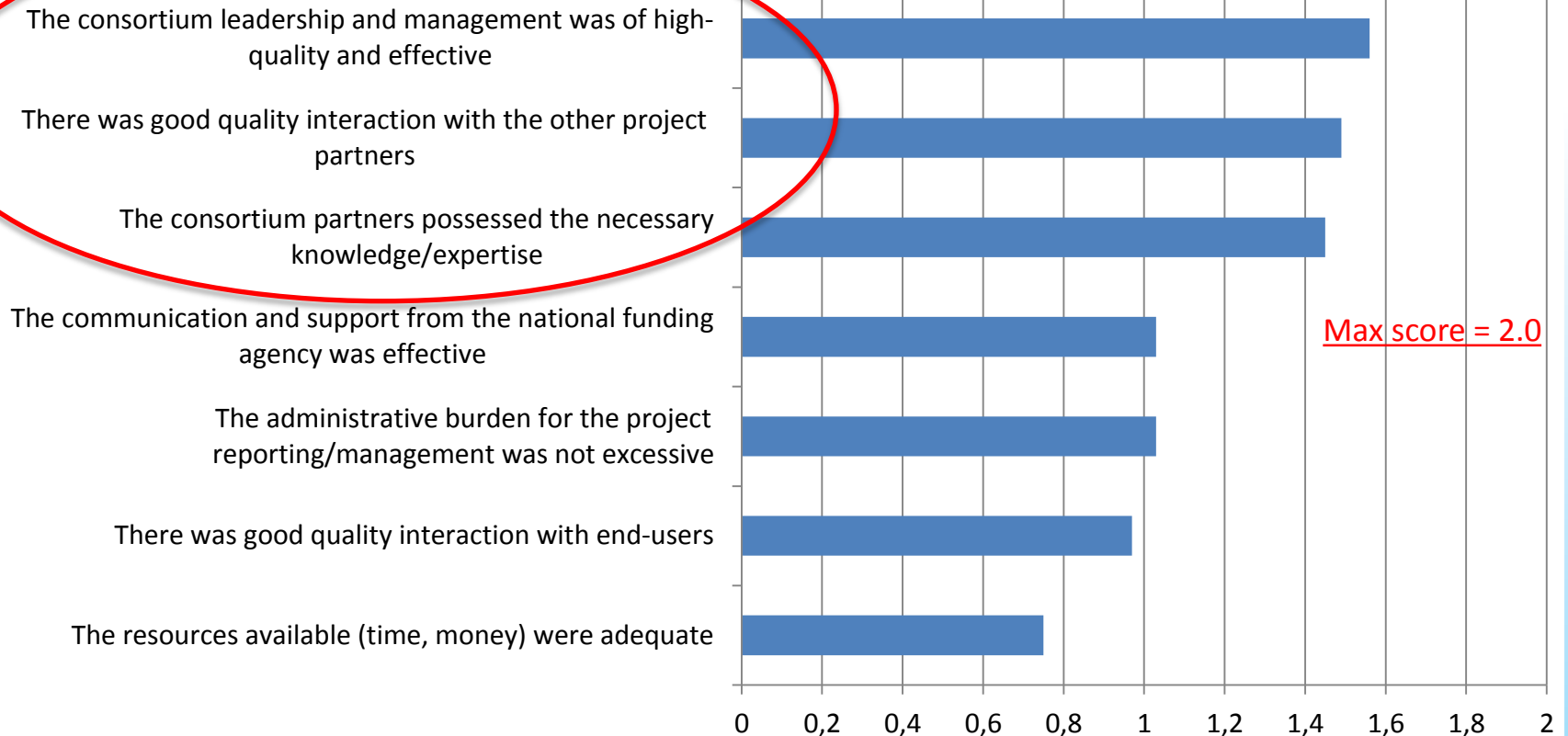
Impacts v Expectations

How do you judge the level of achievement of the impacts on your organisation until now compared with your original expectations?



Influencing Factors

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about key factors that may have affected the course of your project?



2 = Strongly agree, 1 = Agree, 0 = Disagree or Strongly disagree

Full Scale Implementation

Objectives

- Provide P2P networks (and the national funding organisations) with the central functionality to systematically collect harmonised impact assessment data at the end of projects
- Provide national and EU policy makers with evidence of the added value of co-investment in transnational R&D projects
- Encourage mutual learning, and improvement actions, by both the networks and participating countries through benchmarking of relative impacts
- Explore options to help the networks and participating countries with ongoing monitoring of the longer term impacts on their beneficiaries and third parties

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