



Research evaluation in Czech Republic

Trends and future perspectives

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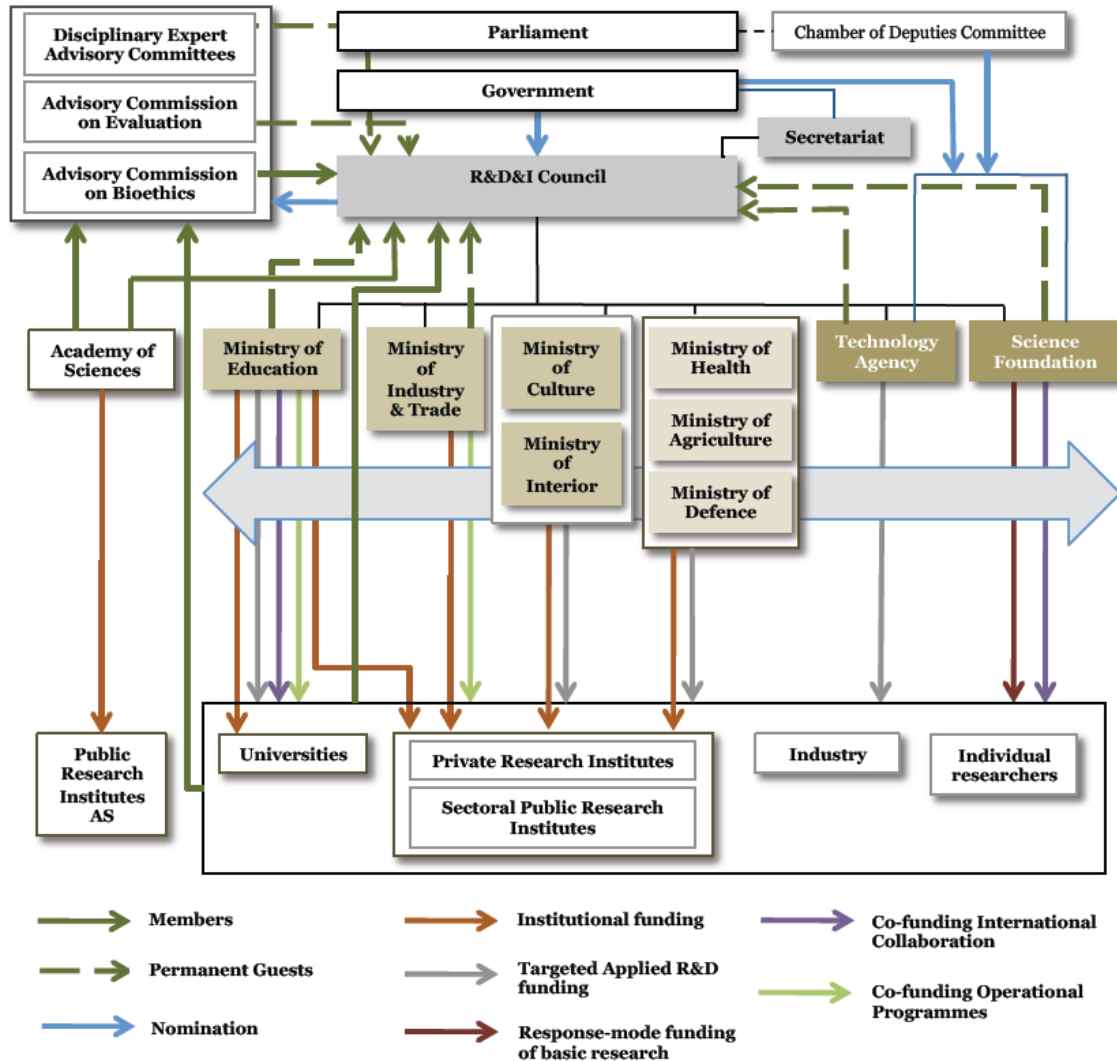
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INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

Outline

- Research evaluation system in CR in recent 10 years
- IPN Metodika – project description
- New evaluation methodology – key principles

Czech RandD System



Main fields of evaluation

- Evaluation of projects – agencies (TA CR, SF CR), ministries, regional authorities, international programmes
- Evaluation of programmes – RDI Council
- Evaluation of research organizations – RDI Council
- Evaluation of research teams and institutes – Academy of Sciences

Legal provisions

- Act on RDI „support“ (ie. funding)
 - definition of public calls for projects, incl. basic principles for their evaluation (only ex-ante!)
 - RDI Council - „evaluation of results of research organisations and of results of research programmes“
 - according to „The Methodology for Evaluation...“
 - Institutional funding – „on basis of evaluation of the institution’s research results“

The Methodology for Evaluation...

- Annually developed by RDI Council and approved by government since 2004
- Change of rationale – from measuring efficiency to allocation mechanism
- Solely output oriented
- Based on data from national information system
- Relating the types of output directly to points (to money) – „coffee grinder“

Bodové hodnocení jednotlivých druhů výsledků

Druh výsledku					I – obory NRRE ⁰⁾	II – ostatní obory
J _{imp}	článek v impaktovaném časopise ¹⁾				10 až 305 ²⁾	
	článek v prestižním impaktovaném časopise (<i>Nature</i> , <i>Science</i>) ³⁾				500	
J _{neimp}	článek v recenzovaném časopise	světově uznávané databáze ⁴⁾	SCOPUS *		12	
			ERIH	A	30	12
				B	20	11
				C	10	10
J _{rec}	článek v českém recenzovaném časopise	seznam recenzovaných periodik ⁵⁾			10	4
B	odborná kniha	světový jazyk	angličtina, čínština, francouzština, němčina, ruština a španělština		40	40
		ostatní jazyky		20		
D	článek ve sborníku ⁶⁾				8	
P	patent	„evropský“ patent (EPO) **, patent USA (USPTO) a Japonska			500	
		český nebo národní patent (s výjimkou patentu USA a Japonska), který je využíván na základě platné licenční smlouvy			200	
		ostatní patenty ⁷⁾			40	
Z	poloprovoz, ověřená technologie, odrůda, plemeno				100	
F	užitný vzor ⁸⁾				40	
	průmyslový vzor				40	
G	prototyp, funkční vzorek				40	
H	poskytovatelem realizované výsledky				40	
N	certifikované metodiky a postupy, specializované mapy s odborným obsahem				40	
R	software				40	
V	výzkumná zpráva, která je výsledkem obsahujícím utajované informace ⁹⁾				50	

- Points for „results“ 2011

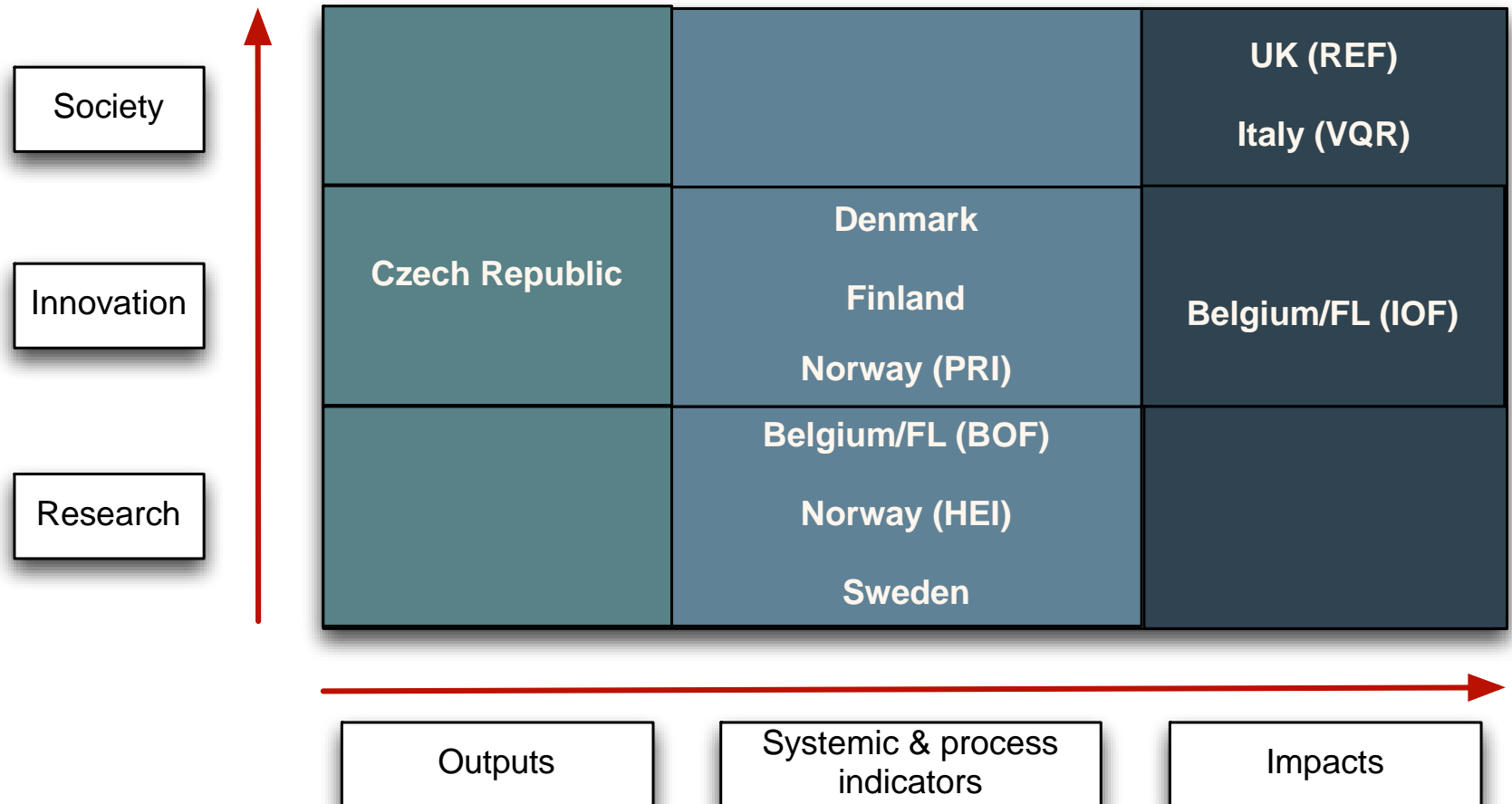
⁰⁾ NRRE zahrnuje obory (dle číselníku IS VaVaI: AA – Filosofie a náboženství, AB - Dějiny, AC – Archeologie, antropologie a etnologie, AD – Politologie a politické vědy, AE – Řízení, správa a administrativa, AG – právní vědy, AI – Jazykověda, AJ – Pisemnictví, masmedia a audiovizí, AL – Umění, architektura a kulturní dědictví, AM – Pedagogika a školství).

¹⁾ Publikace uvedené v následujících databázích Web of Science společnosti Thomson Reuters: Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) – 1945 – present; Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) – 1980 – present; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI) – 1980 – present; Index Chemicus (IC) – 1993 – present; Current Chemical Reactions (CCR-EXPANDED) – 1986 – present.

²⁾ Hodnocení J_{imp} = 10 + 295 × Faktor, kde:

Faktor = (1 - N) / (1 + (N / 0,057)), kde N je normované pořadí časopisu, N = (P - 1) /

Recent Czech focus on outputs is unusual



Methodology for evaluation ...

- Major change in 2013
- 3 pillars
 - publication output (incl. specific category for SSH – expert panels)
 - evaluation of excellence (limited number of outputs, expert panels)
 - evaluation of output from applied research (patent and new breeds)

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Permanent criticism

- Evaluation of different types of research organisation with different missions
- Based mainly on quantity of output, quality only mechanically (SSH same principle, but different wages)
- Exclusively on past performance, no future perspective (new fields?)
- Very limited disciplinary sensitiveness
- Encourages salami tactics in scientific publications
- Discourages interinstitutional and interdisciplinary cooperation
- Informs institutional funding (in fact only HEIs) annually – high instability, hinder strategic planning

IPN Metodika

- Project: „The Effective System of Evaluation and Financing of the Czech R&D&I“
- Funded by structural funds - Ministry of education, youth and sports (OP EfC 2007-2013)
- Tasks
 - To introduce evaluation principles well-developed and tested in Europe.
 - Disciplinary sensitive and based on peer-review
 - Without a mechanical link between the evaluation of research and decisions about institutional funding.
 - Multi-annual funding periods.
 - Open discussion with all stakeholders and representatives.
 - Evaluation as a tool for learning and institutional development.

IPN Metodika - workpackages

- **IT support**
- **Evaluation system**
- **Funding system**
- **Large-scale pilot study**
- **Organisational settings for evaluation process and building of expertise in RE**
- **Rules and procedures for transient period, incl. changes of legal provisions**
- **Coordination with other stakeholders and public consultation**

IPN Metodika - time schedule

- Autumn 2013 – preparation for public tender for the analytical and operational proposal of evaluation and funding system
- May 2014 – contractor Technopolis (+ TC AS CR, Infoscience)
- November 2014 – first draft of evaluation methodology for public consultation
- April 2015 – draft of summary report for public consultation
- June 2015 – feasibility of organisational settings for the implementation of evaluation methodology
- December 2014-October 2015 – large pilot study
- October 2015 – final proposal

Reporting structure

Summary Report

Main reports

The R&D Evaluation Methodology

First Interim Report

The Institutional Funding Principles

Second Interim Report

The Small Pilot Evaluation & the RD&I IS as information tool for evaluation

Third Interim Report

Background reports

1: Evaluation Systems in International Practice

2: Typology of ROs & Effects of the EM Thresholds

3: Bibliometrics on and for the Czech Republic

4: Detailed Evaluation Cost Framework

5: Evaluation Handbook

6: R&D Governance & Institutional Funding in International Practice

7: Institutional Funding System in the CR

8: Ex-ante Assessment of the Funding System

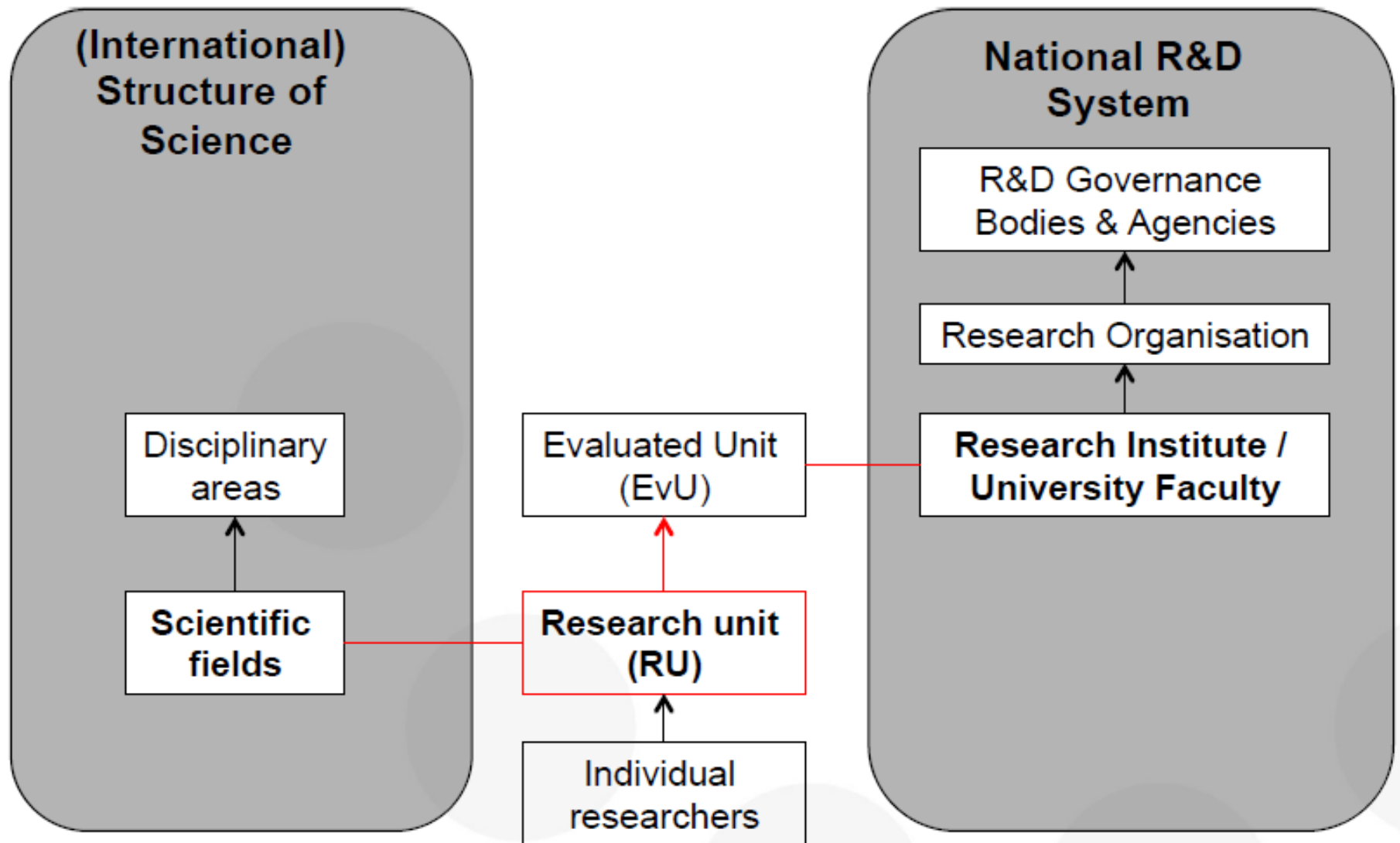
9: The Small Pilot Evaluation: Feedback & Results

10: The RD&I IS as an Information Tool for Evaluation

Key principles

- Only research-performing research units should be included
- Central role of 'informed' peer/panel review
- Common assessment 'spine' with field-specific variations, allowing aggregation of assessment results (eg. at field or institutional level)
- Common assessment criteria covering performance in 5 different dimensions – no expectation that everyone does well against all criteria
- Translation of performance into funding is based on the societal function/mission of the research unit
- Institutional funding contains elements that
 - Provide a substantial measure of funding stability
 - Reward the quality and impact of the research unit
 - Encourage strategic development of the research unit

Basic unit – „research unit“



Disciplines and panels

Disciplinary Area	Field		
1 Natural sciences	1.1 Mathematics	4 Agricultural sciences	4.1 Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
	1.2 Computer and information sciences		4.2 Animal and dairy science
	1.3 Physical sciences and astronomy		4.3 Veterinary science
	1.4 Chemical sciences		4.4 Agricultural biotechnology
	1.5 Earth and related environmental sciences		4.5 Other agricultural sciences
	1.6 Biological sciences	5 Social sciences	5.1 Psychology
	1.7 Other natural sciences		5.2 Economics and business
2 Engineering and technology	2.1 Civil engineering		5.3 Educational sciences
	2.2 Electrical engineering, electronic engineering, in		5.4 Sociology
	2.3 Mechanical engineering		5.5 Law
	2.4 Chemical engineering		5.6 Political Science
	2.5 Materials engineering		5.7 Social and economic geography
	2.6 Medical engineering		5.8 Media and communication
	2.7 Environmental engineering		5.9 Other social sciences
	2.8 Environmen	6 Humanities	6.1 History and archaeology
	2.9 Industrial B		6.2 Languages and literature
	2.10 Nano-tech		6.3 Philosophy, ethics and religion
	2.11 Other engin		6.4 Art (arts, history of arts, performing arts, music)
			6.5 Other humanities
3 Medical and Health sciences	3.1 Basic medica		
	3.2 Clinical med		
	3.3 Health scien		
	3.4 Medical biotechnology		
	3.5 Other medical sciences		

Assessment criteria

Assessment criteria	Sub-criteria
Research environment	The quality of the research management (including HR management)
	The adequacy of the research strategy
Membership of the global and national research community	International research presence and collaboration
	National research presence and collaboration
Scientific research excellence	
Overall research performance	Research output (including quantity and overall quality)
	Competitiveness in research
Relevance for society	

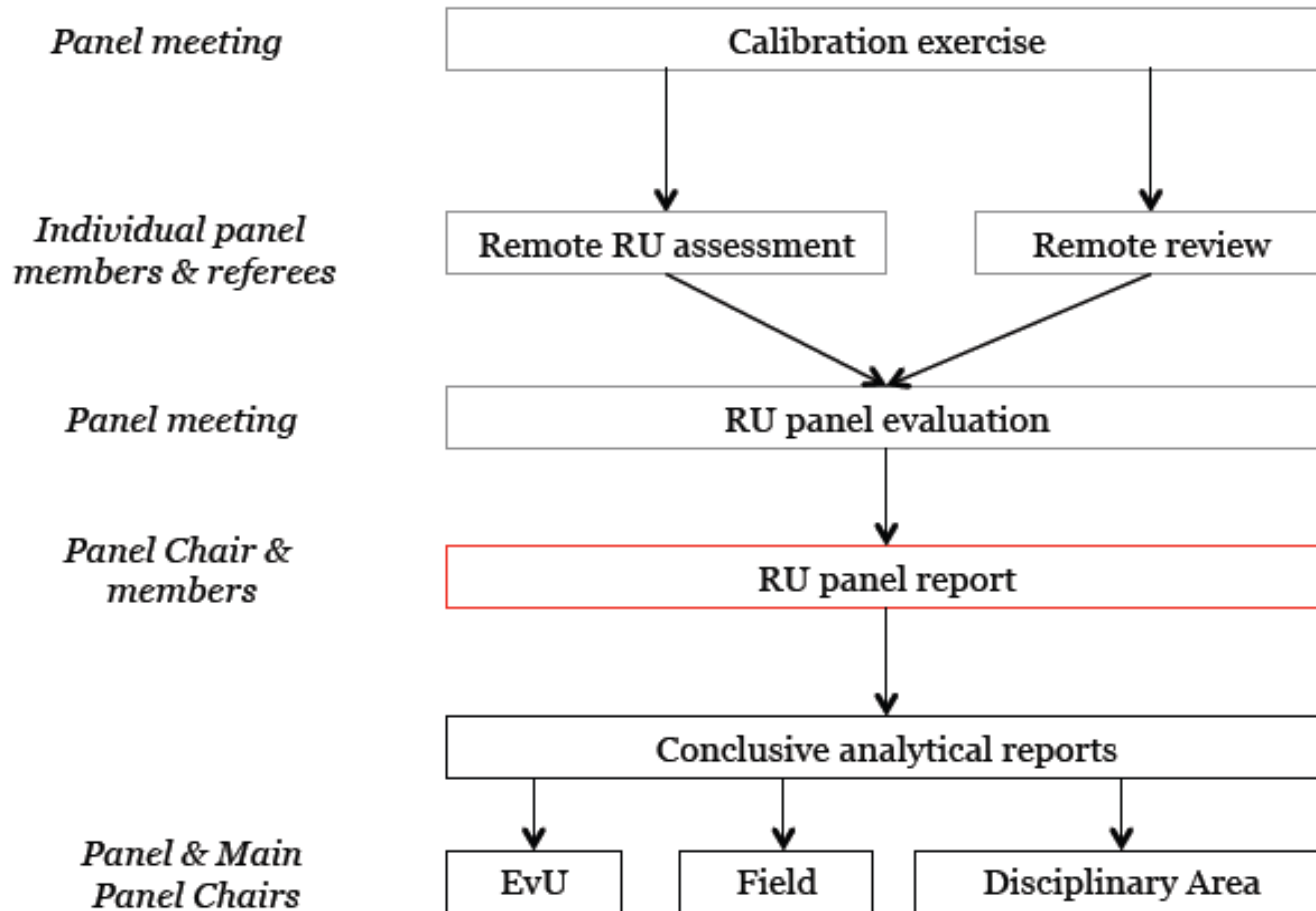
Different criteria for different types of research organisations

RO Type Category	RO Type Category Abbreviation	RO Type Sub-category
Scientific Research Organisations	ScRO	ASCR
		HEI - private
		HEI - public
		Infrastructure
		Research hospitals
Industry & Business services Research Organisations	IBRO	AgriFood RTO
		Industry RTO
		Business services RO
Public Services Research Organisations	PSRO	Government Lab
		Policy services RO
National Resources	NatRes	Cultural services RO

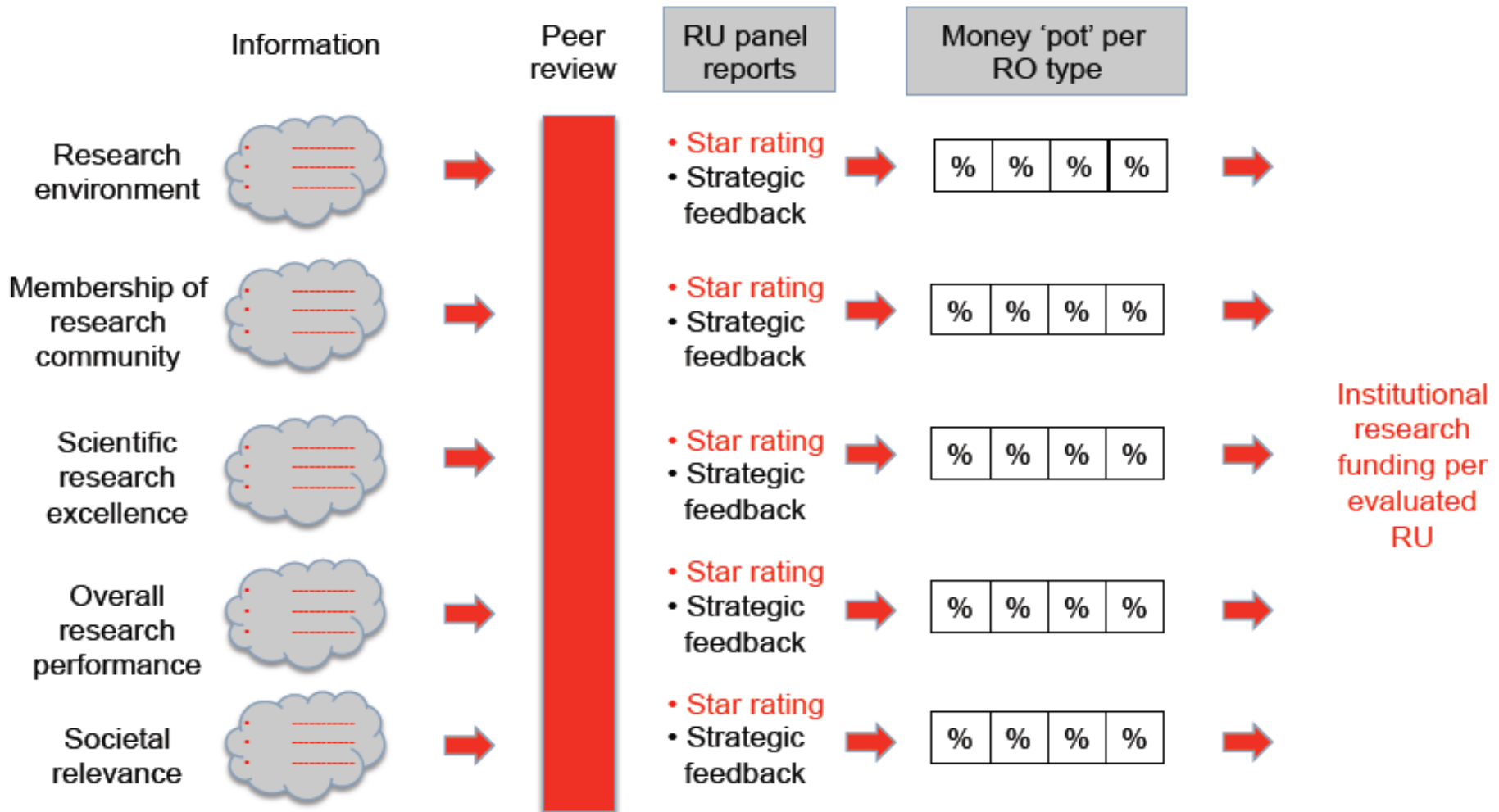
Indicators for assessment criteria

	Scientific research organisations		Other applied research organisations
	Basic research	Applied research	
Relevance for society			
External funding (competitive & contract research)	X	XX	XX
Reputation and esteem	X	XX	XX
National collaborations & partnerships (user communities)	X	XX	XX
(Use of) research outputs	X	XX	XX
Use of media channels	X	XX	XX
Licence income	X	XX	XX
Spin-off companies	X	XX	XX
Value of the RU research activities for society	X	XX	XX
Reputation and esteem	XX	XX	XX
National collaborations & partnerships	XX	XX	XX
National co-publications	XX	XX	XX

Evaluation process



Evaluation for funding



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