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SE Proposal Structure

Part A - administrative forms

filled *on-line on the Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal*

Part B1 - the proposal, max 32 pages (PDF uploaded)

 # Start page (1 page), table of contents (1 page), list of participating organisations

 # Excellence

 # Impact

 # Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart

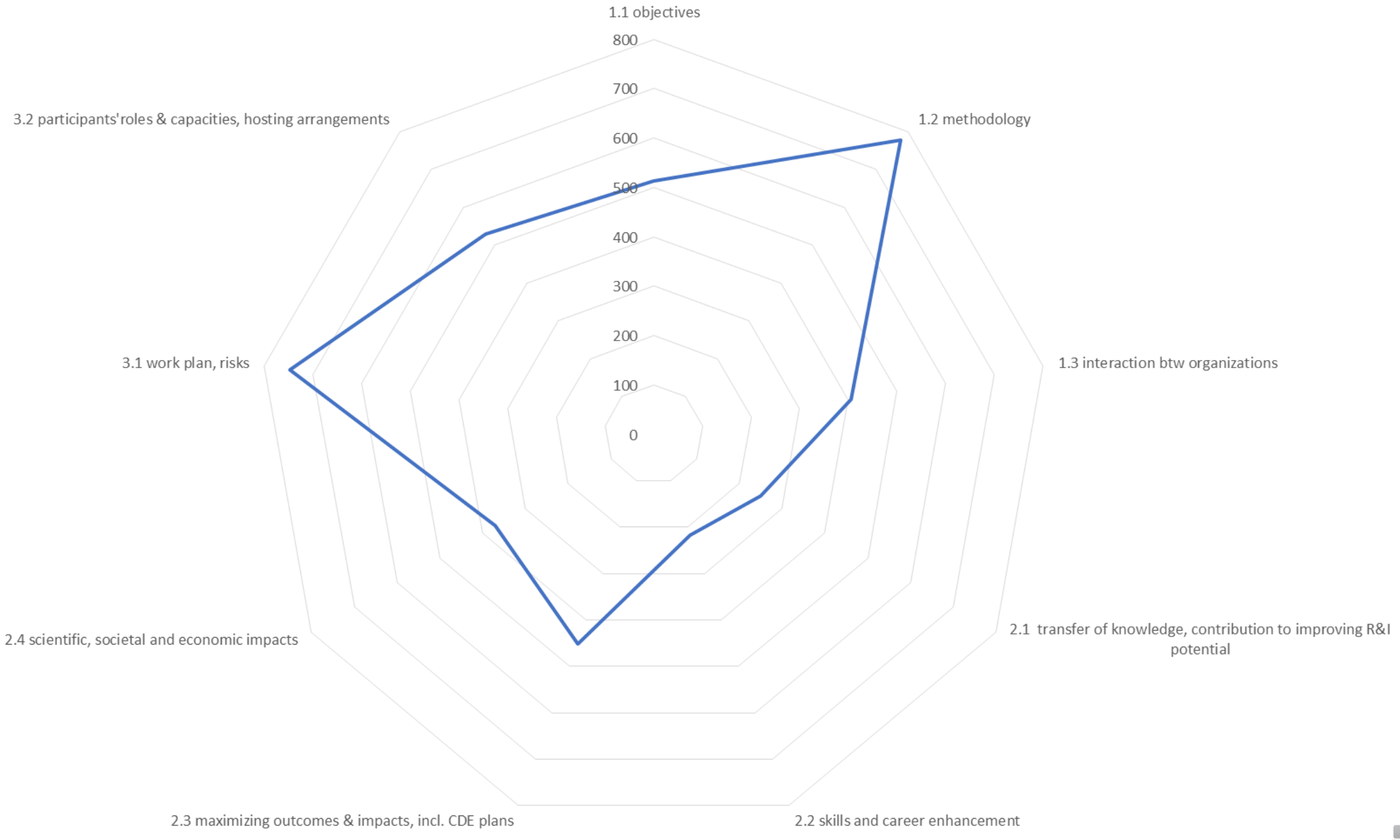
Part B2 - no page limit, PDF uploaded

 # Participating organisations (including 1 pg per Beneficiaries and ½ pg per Associated partners and non-academic beneficiaries table)

 # Inter-relationship declaration between different participating beneficiaries

 # Letters of Commitment (compulsory for Associated partners)

Excellence	Impact	Quality & efficiency of the **implementation**
1.1. Quality and pertinence of the project's **research and innovation objectives** (and the extent to which they are **ambitious**, and **go beyond the state of the art)**	2.1. Developing new and lasting **research collaborations**, achieving **transfer of knowledge** between participating organisations and contribution to **improving R&I potential** at the European and global level	3,1 Quality and effectiveness of the **work plan**, assessment of **risks**, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
1.2. **Soundness of the proposed methodology** (including **interdisciplinary** approaches, consideration of the **gender** dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of **open science** practices)	2.2 Credibility of the measures to enhance the **career perspectives** of staff members and contribution to their **skills development**	3.2 Quality, **capacity** and **role of each participant**, including **hosting arrangements** and extent to which the **consortium as a whole** brings together the necessary expertise
1.3 **Quality of** the proposed **interaction between** the **participating organisations** in light of the research and innovation objectives	2.3 Suitability and quality of the **measures to maximise** expected **outcomes** and **impacts**, as set out in the **dissemination and exploitation plan**, including **communication activities**	
	2.4 The magnitude and importance of the project's **contribution to** the expected **scientific, societal** and **economic impacts**.	
50%	30%	20%


1.1 objectives
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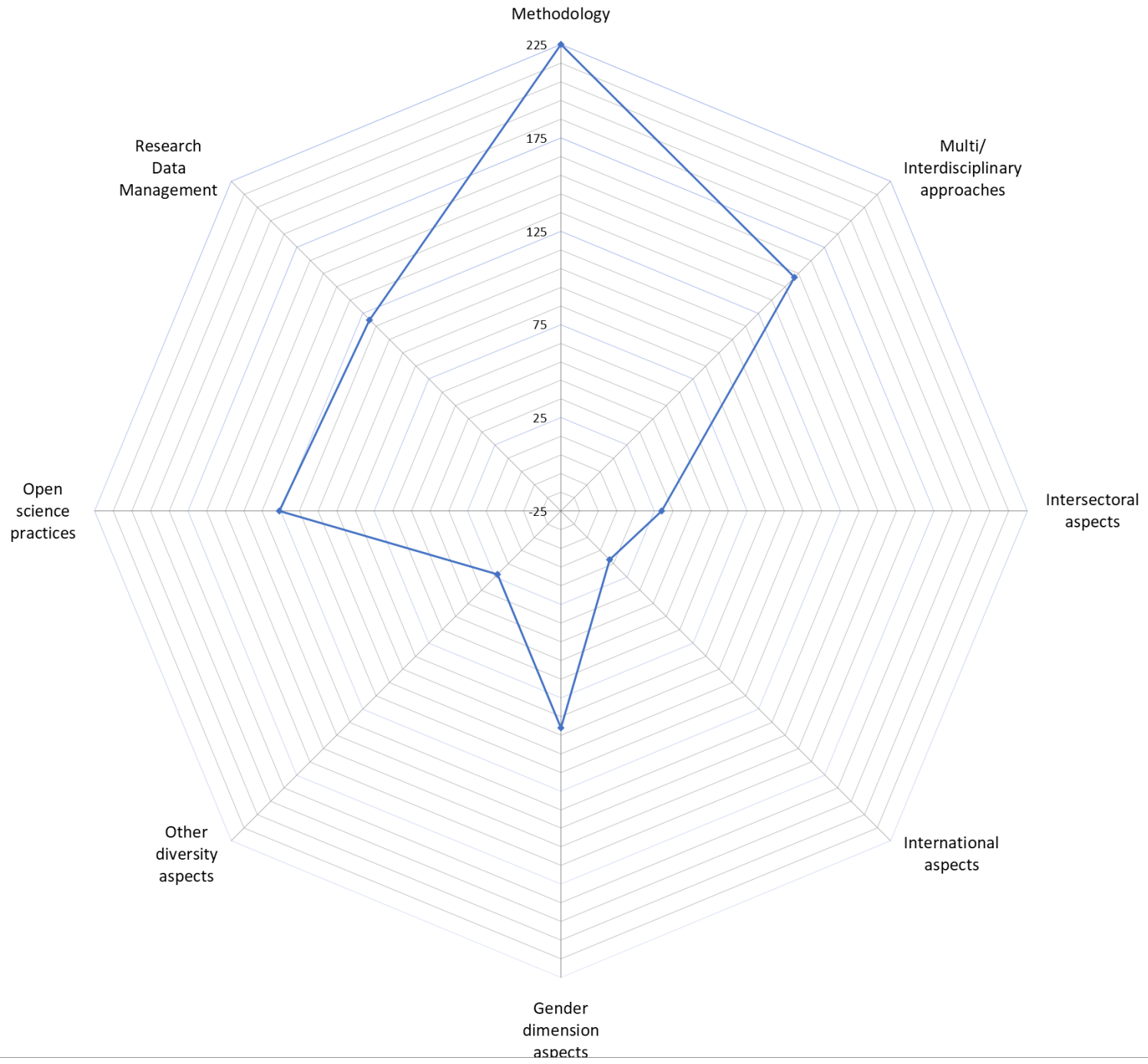
1.2 methodology
1.3 interaction btw organizations
2.1 transfer of knowledge, contribution to improving R&I potential
2.2 skills and career enhancement
2.3 maximizing outcomes & impacts, incl. CDE plans
2.4 scientific, societal and economic impacts
3.1 work plan, risks
3.2 participants'roles & capacities, hosting arrangements

1. EXCELLENCE

1.1. Quality and pertinence of the project's **research and innovation objectives** (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)
1.2. Soundness of the proposed **methodology** (including international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)
1.3. Quality of the proposed **interaction between** the **participating organisations** in light of the research and innovation objectives

methodology



Soundness of the proposed methodology

(incl. international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)

The overall methodology is sound. Suitable scenarios have been proposed and will be supported by exploratory research. The methodology is broken down into steps to enable the consortium to deliver on the objectives. The expertise of the partners is suitable for the proposed objectives.

The different methodologies to be used have not been sufficiently illustrated and, it is not sufficiently clear and specific how they can be linked to the identified scientific objectives to guarantee their achievement. The provided description does not offer sufficiently convincing evidence that all the defined objectives can be realistically achievable.

The expertise and methods from different disciplines will be brought together and integrated to pursue the project's objectives. Building on former EU projects' successful cooperation of interdisciplinary academic partners and media industry is a bonus as this proposed project is also highly interdisciplinary

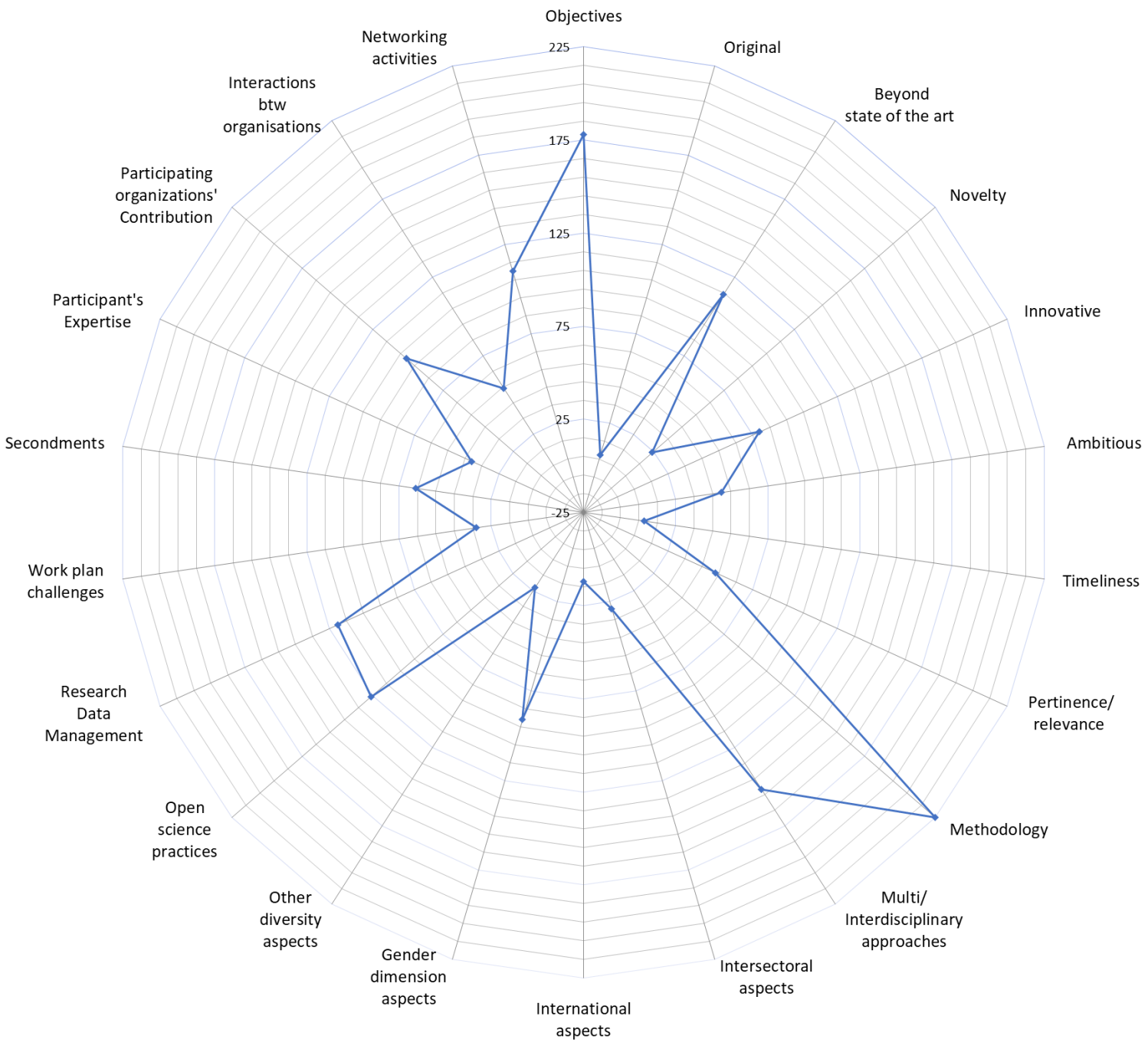
The proposal does not sufficiently demonstrate the interactions that could lead to interdisciplinarity. The potential interactions are listed generically; these do not convincingly demonstrate the integration of the current expertise and methods with the disciplines mentioned.

The methodology is sound and well described through a set of clear work packages that cover the main research activities. The project is clearly multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary as it covers many scientific fields.

The description of the several methods proposed from different disciplines is not specific enough to guarantee the integration needed to pursue the smooth realisation of the research objectives

Open science practices are clearly exposed, and management of the collected data and the research outputs are in line with the EU Open Science procedures when sharing and disseminating. The data obtained by the experiments, simulations and codes developed by the consortium members will be accessible to researchers and the public.

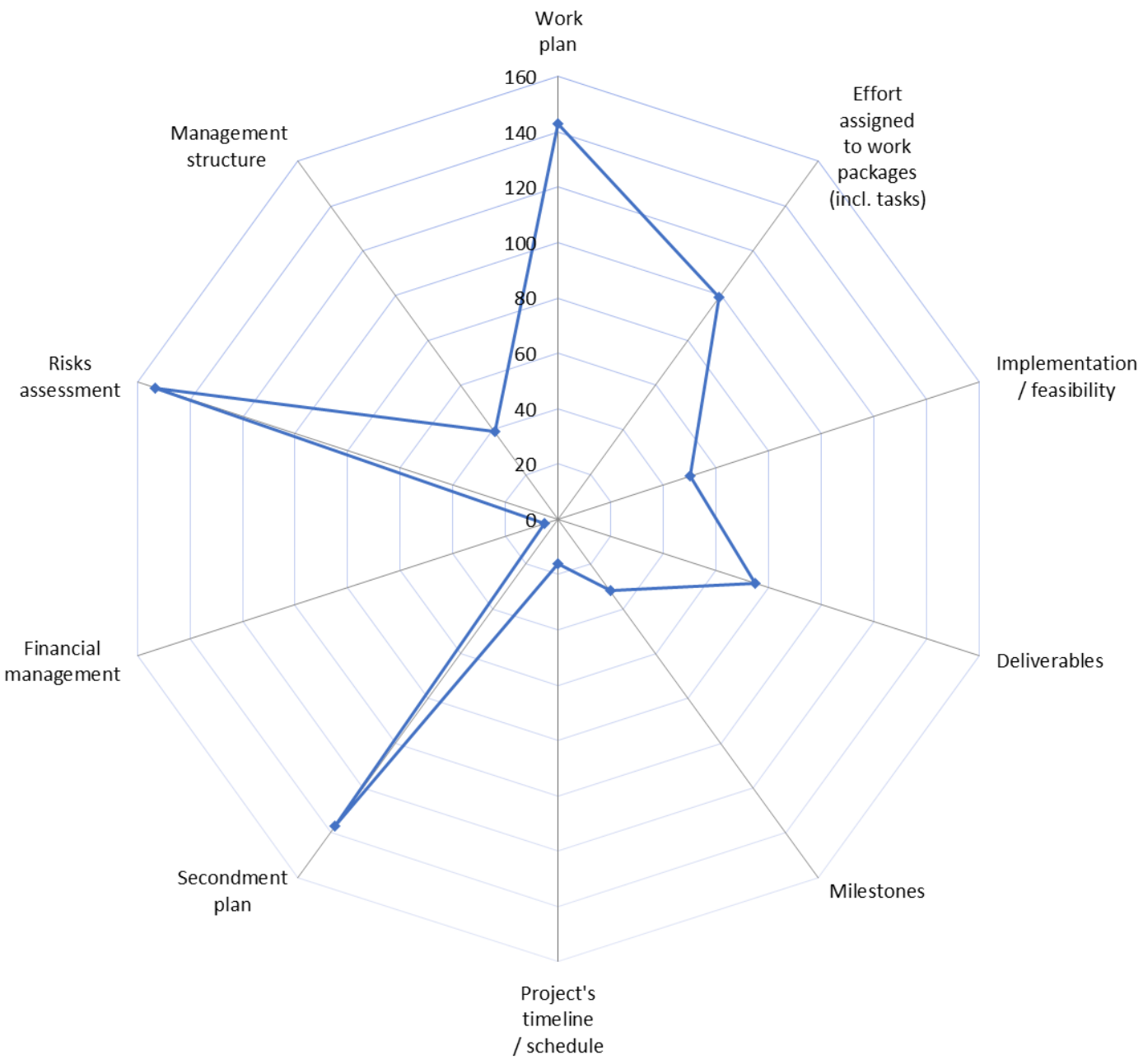
The open science practices have not been described in sufficient detail, and concrete actions to promote FAIR principles, including the findability and reusability of the datasets, have not been convincingly presented. The proposal lacks specific details regarding the quantification of open access publications, specific online market content details and what information will be disseminated/communicated.


Objectives
Original
Beyond state of the art
Novelty
Innovative
Ambitious
Timeliness
Pertinence/ relevance
Methodology
Multi/ Interdisciplinary approaches
Intersectoral aspects
International aspects
Gender dimension aspects
Other diversity aspects
Open science practices
Research Data Management
Work plan challenges
Secondments
Participant's Expertise
Participating organizations' Contribution
Interactions btw organisations
Networking activities
225
175
125
75
25
-25

3. IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
3.2 Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise

work plan & risks assessment



Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages

The proposers present a very good work plan. It is comprehensive, well organised, logical, highly detailed, and comprised of well defined, achievable activities, as well as the involved and responsible partners. The proposed secondments are necessary to implement the activities and their duration is appropriate to achieve the objectives

The work plan is very well described and closely follows the project's overall methodology. Thus, it is consistent and adequate. Partners' contributions to the work packages are clearly identified, as well as the relation to the project's individual research and innovation objectives, and their measurable performance objectives

Risk management has been well addressed by elaborating on the most relevant technical, administrative and exploitation-based risks, including their respective likelihood, their expected impact and clear mitigation measures.

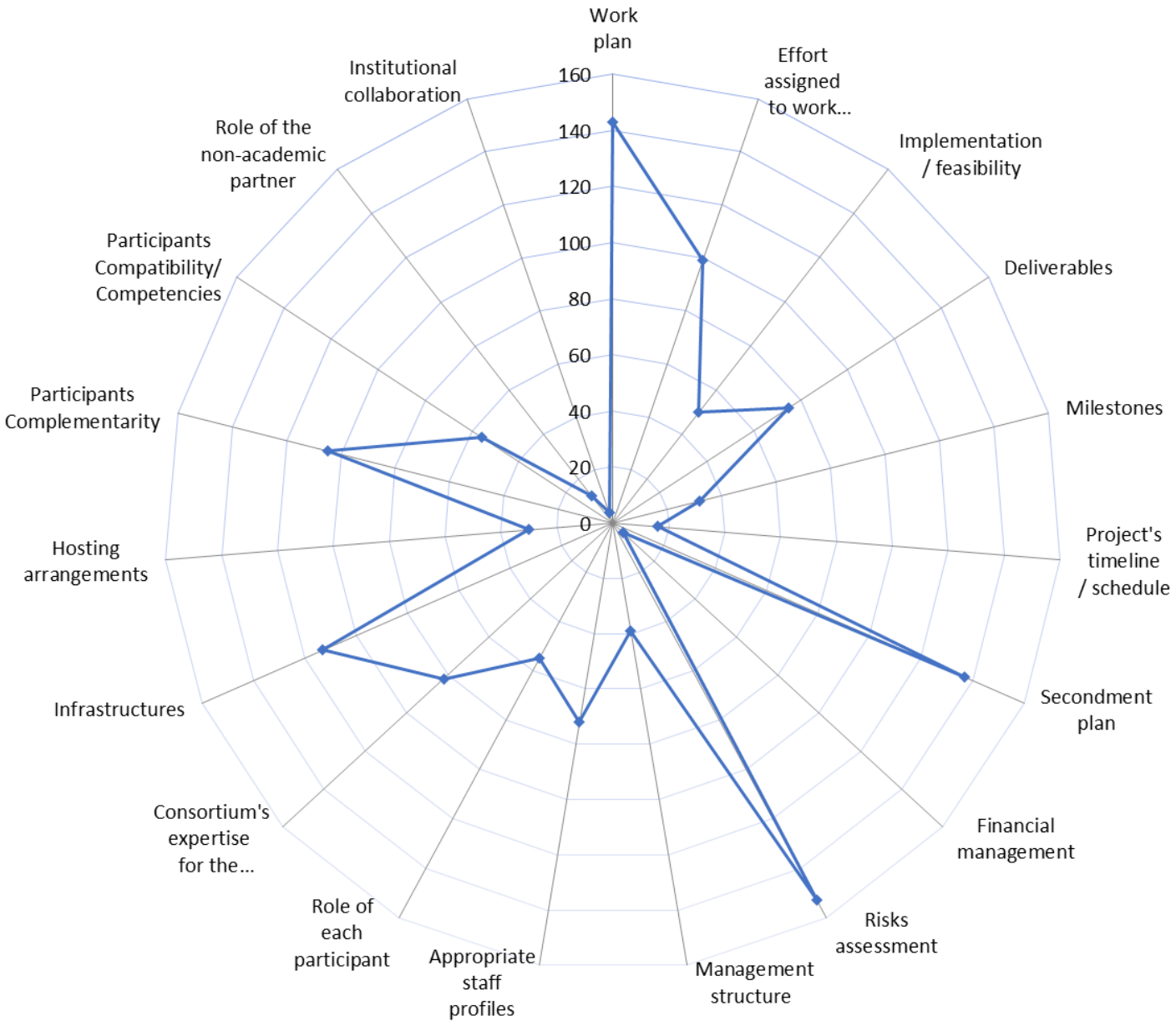
The proposed secondments are necessary to implement the activities and their duration is appropriate to achieve the objectives. The staff available, in terms of both numbers and profiles, is very appropriate to implement the activities foreseen for the different secondments.

The work plan presents some unclear elements raising question regarding its credibility: for example, the empirical research and intervention activities are not described with sufficient detail in the WPs; moreover, the WPs indicate an imbalance of input by one partner and there are no clear indications of person-months for consortium partners in some WPs.

The mitigation measures associated with the key scientific risks are not sufficiently detailed to ensure that all the objectives can be reached. For example, the proposal does not convincingly demonstrate that the resources and time to overcome the potential physics obstacles are fully available and accounted for.

Risk analysis, contingencies and milestones for the project as a whole and for each secondment, do not address adequately the most relevant, potential scientific risks, like a failure to achieve a specific result, and the corresponding mitigation actions.

The secondment plan is not sufficiently detailed, particularly in relation to secondment numbers, duration, schedule and connections to specific tasks, dates and deliverables. Moreover, the duration of some planned secondments is too short to achieve the expected results, especially for non-experienced researchers..


Work plan
Effort assigned to work...
Implementation / feasibility
Deliverables
Milestones
Project's timeline / schedule
Secondment plan
Financial management
Risks assessment
Management structure
Appropriate staff profiles
Role of each participant
Consortium's expertise for the...
Infrastructures
Hosting arrangements
Participants Complementarity
Participants Compatibility/ Competencies
Role of the non-academic partner
Institutional collaboration
160
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
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Proposal structure

- **Be sure to use the EC template!**
- Legible font (Times New Roman (Windows platforms), Times/Times New Roman (Apple platforms) or Nimbus Roman (Linux distributions).
- The minimum font is 11 except for Gantt charts and tables where it can be 9
- Literature references: listed in footnotes, min. font size 8
- Single line spacing, margins 15 mm

Strictly follow the headings and subheadings as indicated in the GfA! The structure correspond to the evaluation criteria!

- Header – Call: [insert call identifier - HORIZON-MSCA-2022-SE-01] — [insert call name - MSCA Staff Exchanges 2022]
- Pages must be numbered - footer - "Part B - Page X of Y„
- Name of the documents: Proposal Number-Acronym-Part B1.pdf / Proposal Number-Acronym-Part B2.pdf

Layout – general advice

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- ✓ Use charts, diagrams, tables, text boxes, figures
- ✓ Ensure any colour diagrams etc. are understandable when printed in black and white
- ✓ Use highlighting where appropriate (**bold**, <u>underline</u>, *italics*) but don't overdo it!

- ✓ Avoid jargon
- ✓ Explain any abbreviations
- ✓ Simple and clear text
- ✓ Avoid long sentences
- ✓ Get rid of repetitions (refer to other parts of the proposal if necessary)
- ✓ Don't copy text from other documents or websites
- ✓ Be consistent with language (UK/ US English)

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Thanks for your attention

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