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Deadline for submitting proposals: **13 September 2023** (17:00 Brussels time)

Budget:

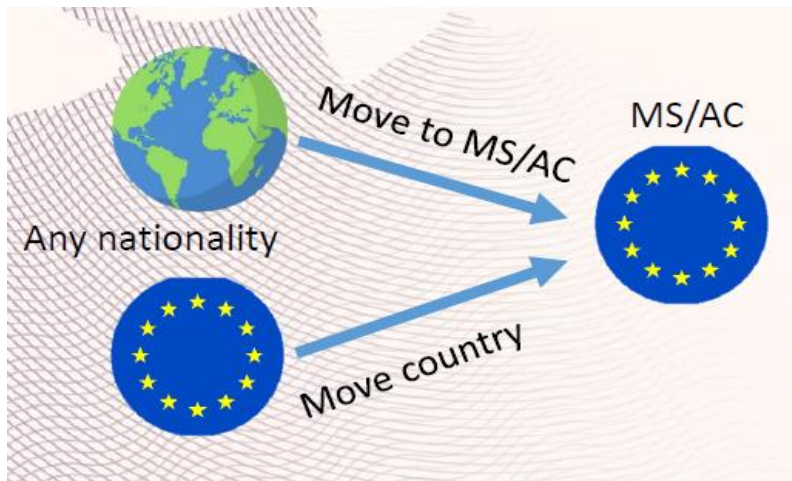
- European Fellowships: € 221,4 mil. €€
- Global Fellowships: € 39 mil.

The screenshot shows the European Commission's 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal. The top navigation bar includes links for 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. The main content area displays the 'TOPIC ID: HORIZON-MSCA-2023-PF-01-01' and a 'Grant' button. A sidebar on the left lists various information sections: 'General information', 'Topic description', 'Destination', 'Conditions and documents', 'Partner search announcements', 'Submission service', and 'Topic related FAQ'. The 'General information' section is expanded, showing details about the 'Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)' and the 'MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023 (HORIZON-MSCA-2023-PF-01)'. It also includes a 'See budget overview' button and a 'Open for submission' button. The footer of the page contains copyright information for the 2018 European Commission and links to 'About', 'Free text search', 'IT Helpdesk', 'Cookies', 'Legal Notice', and 'APIs'.

MSCA PF 2023: Two implementation modes

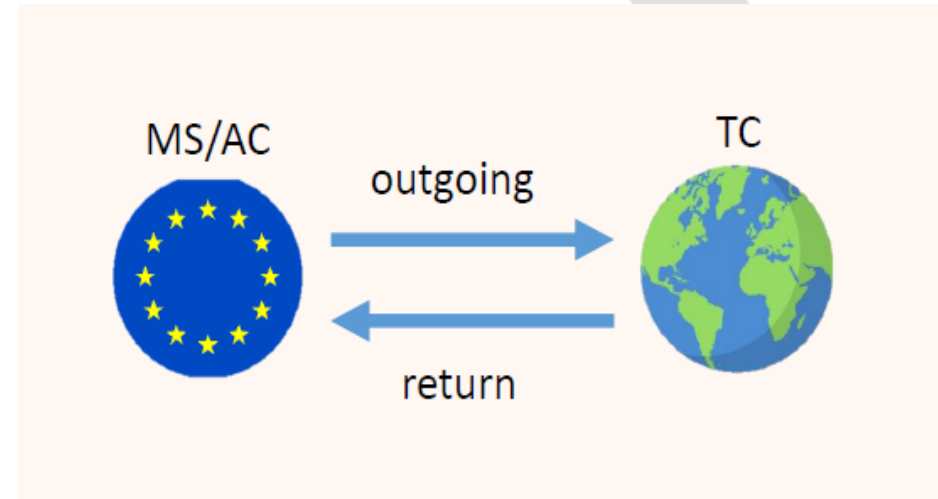
European Fellowships (EF)

12 – 24 months in Europe



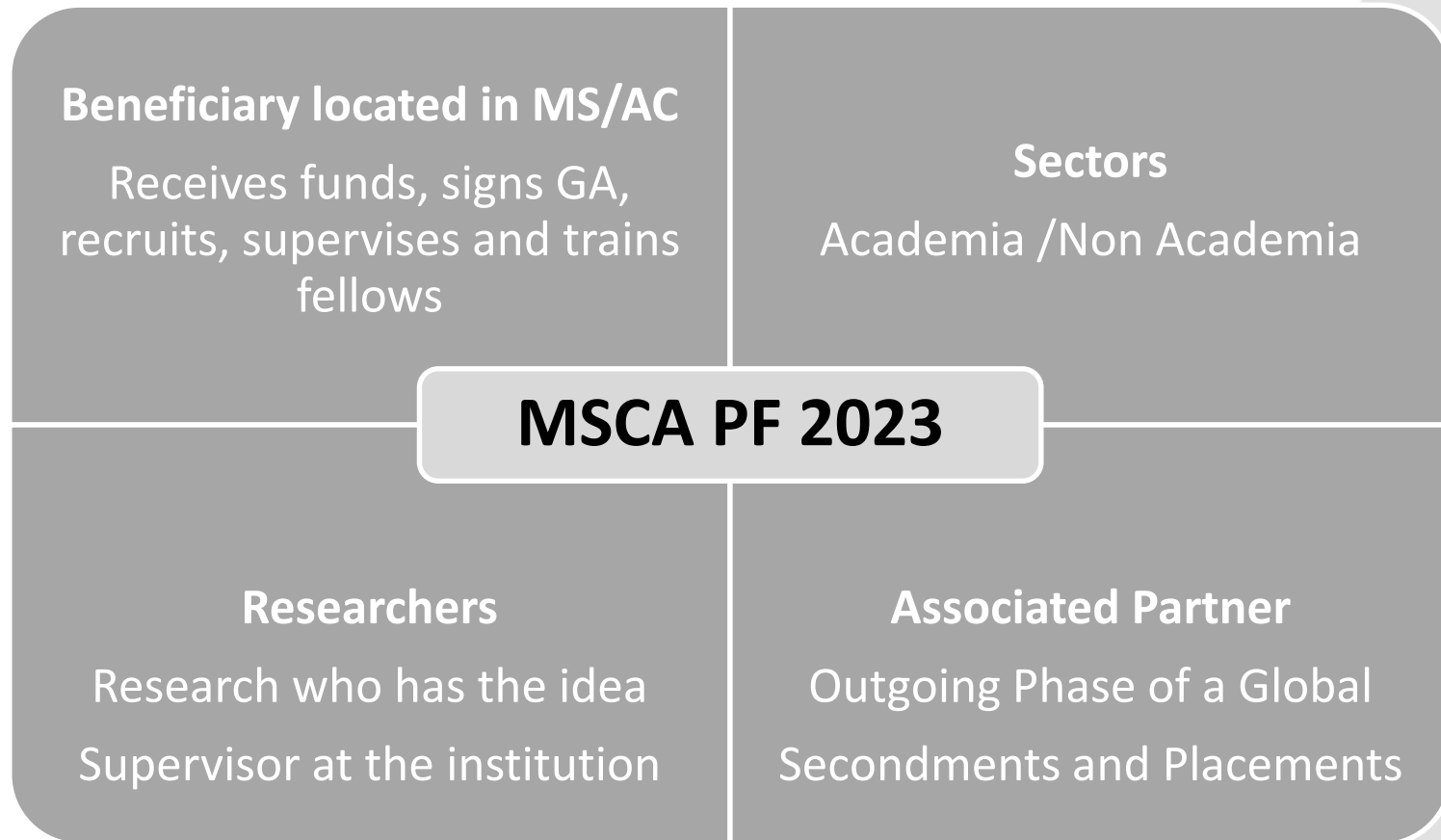
Global Fellowships (GF)

12-24 months outside of Europe +
12 months return phase in Europe



- ✓ The researcher can only apply for one mode
- ✓ Resubmission restriction: 70% score min. last year (same researcher, same institution)

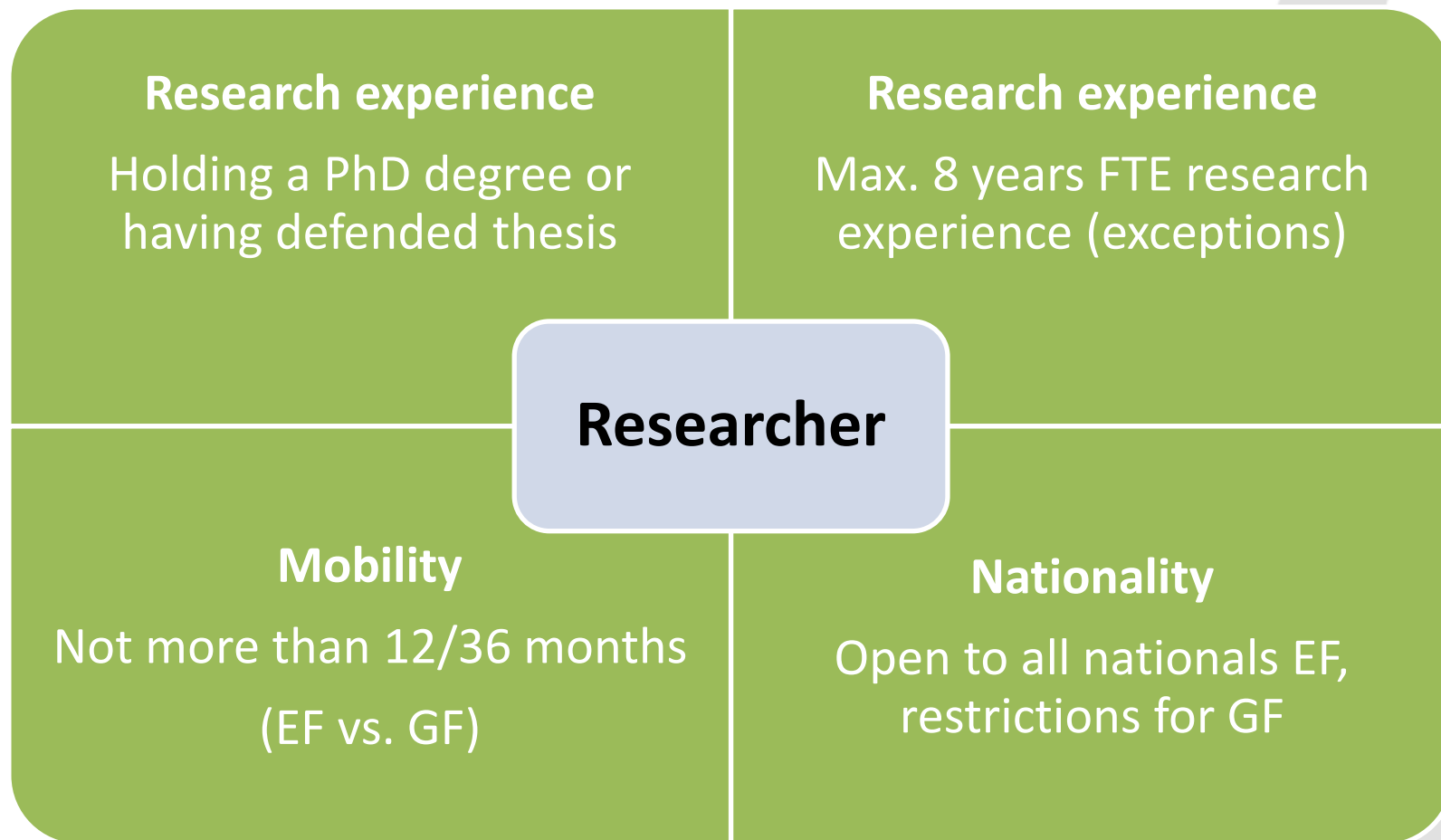
MSCA PF 2023: How does it work?



ONLY Letters of Commitments are compulsory for the Associated Partners of the outgoing phase of the Global Fellowships (GF)



MSCA PF 2023: who can apply



Eligibility aspects measured at **call deadline (13/09/2023)**

MSCA PF 2023: Having obtained the PhD and having not more than 8 years of research experience by 13/09/2023

Exceptions can apply

- Maternity leave: 18 months for each child born after the PhD Award date
- Paternity leave: exact duration per child born after the PhD Award date
- Long term sick leave
- Time spent not working in research
- Compulsory national service
- Research in a non-associated Third Country (TC), only for nationals or long term residents of MS/AC wishing to reintegrate in Europe: they must be based in the TC at the call deadline or have directly moved to Europe within the 12 month period immediately prior to the call deadline

How can you calculate this 8 years period?

- [REA Guidelines \(MSCA-PF 2023\)](#)
- [REA Self-assessment tool \(MSCA-PF 2023\)](#)

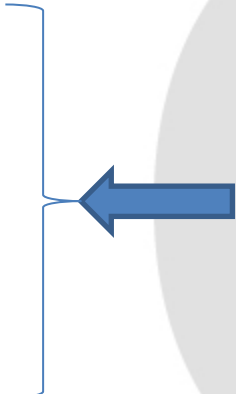
MSCA PF 2023: secondments and placements

	SECONDMENT	NON-ACADEMIC PLACEMENT
What?	Aligned with the research objectives, will enhance the triple I dimension of the project, adding value and impacting in the results	This incentive aims at promoting career moves between sectors and organisations and thereby stimulate innovation and knowledge transfer while expanding career opportunities for researchers.
When?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EF: Anytime during the project • GF: only possible during the outgoing phase (a possible 3 months can be initially spent at the beneficiary in Europe) • In both modes, secondments can be divided into several periods 	Part of the proposal that takes place at the end of the standard EF/PF duration
Where?	Anywhere in the world, in any sector	In Europe, in the non-academic sector
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EF: Up to 1/3 of the total standard duration • GF: Up to 1/3 of the outgoing phase duration 	Up to 6 months

- ✓ In both cases, the supervisor is key
- ✓ Different from “short stays” or “field work”
- ✓ Have to be described in Part B, **no letter of commitment is needed**

MSCA PF 2023: Novelties

HISTORY OF CHANGES			
Version	Publication Date	Change	Page
1.0	22 June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial version (2021 call)	
1.1	11 May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Addition of definition of Gender Equality Plan	4
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revision of definition of Associated Partners for submission purposes	4
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Addition of procedure for the evaluation of resubmitted proposals	6
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revision of eligibility of non-compliant non-academic placements	7
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Addition of Doctoral degree as eligibility criterion	7, 9
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification on how to encode secondments and non-academic placements	10
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification on short visits	11
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification on secondments for GF	11
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification on description of secondments and non-academic placements in part B2	11-12
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification on how to apply for EURATOM funding	12
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification on part B2 content	13
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification on abstract content	14
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Link to 8-years research experience calculation tool added	15
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Link to FAQs	16
1.2	06 July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification on the conditions for a successful PhD defence	7, 8, 9
2.0	03 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Link to Horizon Europe general Annexes updated to 2023-2024 version	5
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Statement on the evaluation of eligible resubmissions	6
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Removal of the requirement to include a letter of commitment for non-academic placements	6,12
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secondment and non-academic placement table divided into "general principles" and "how to fill in the application/submission forms"	11,12
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rephrasing of secondment at the start of the fellowship for Global fellowship	11
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reference to Part A, section 5, question on secondment removed	12
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reference to the new section on "Environmental considerations in light of the MSCA Green Charter" added.	15



Under Horizon Europe MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships, can periods spent outside research be deducted from the calculation of research experience if my PhD was awarded more than 8 years prior to the call deadline?

Active

The limit of 8-years full-time research experience at the call deadline is determined based on the date of award of the first PhD.

To be considered valid, extensions (for instance maternity leave, paternity leave, career breaks, research experience in non-associated third countries) **MUST**:

- fall between the date of the first PhD award and the call deadline (i.e. they don't have to be in the 8 years immediately prior to the call deadline)

and

- fulfil the conditions indicated in the [Work Programme](#) and the [Guide for Applicants](#).

Any valid extension can be encoded for as a deduction at the proposal submission stage, in Part A of the forms. Supporting documents are not required in the proposal application but should be kept readily available in case of an audit.

Note that a wizard accompanied by instructions on how to make these calculations is made available through the "[Horizon Europe MSCA - How to apply](#)" page.

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Under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral European Fellowships (MSCA-EF), how will the mobility rule be applied to periods of remote working/teleworking, when assessing eligibility?

Active

In order to be eligible, the researcher cannot be in either of the two following situations:

- have resided in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately prior to the call deadline,
- have carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately prior to the call deadline. Please take note that in case of remote work performed from country A for an employer located in country B, the place of main activity is considered as country B.

Example: A researcher started a contract with a Belgian university in January 2020. However, the researcher has not been able to move to Belgium until March 2021 and worked for the Belgian university remotely from France. As per the mobility rule in MSCA-EF, the researcher will be ineligible for institutions located in both countries (Belgium and France).

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Part A – administrative forms
are filled *on-line* Funding&Tenders

General Information about the Proposal including Abstract (max. 2 000 characters), Administrative data on participating organisations, Budget, Ethics issues table, Call specific questions



Part B1 – the proposal (max 10 pages PDF uploaded)

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#Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart

- 10 pages total
- No section page limit
- excess pages will automatically be disregarded



Part B2 – no page limit, PDF uploaded

#CV of the Researcher

#Capacities of the Participating Organisations

#Letter of Commitment of Partner Organisations → GF

#Ethical aspects

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MSCA PF 2023 Evaluation Criteria

EXCELLENCE	IMPACT	QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
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)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
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)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements
Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project’s contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
Quality and appropriateness of the researcher’s professional experience, competences and skills		
50%	30%	20%

MSCA PF 2023: PUNTOS CLAVE EXCELENCIA

2.1.

- ✓ Importante una introducción concisa pero completa
- ✓ Proyecto innovador, realista en sus objetivos (identificarlos claramente) y con un estado del arte actualizado (y en el que se pretende avanzar)
- ✓ Alineación y sinergia con grandes iniciativas (SDG, EU missions...)

2.2.

- ✓ Metodología adecuada y concreta (identificar mecanismos, protocolos, técnicas ... asociadas a los objetivos de investigación plasmados en 2.1.)
- ✓ Indicar cómo se va a abordar la interdisciplinaridad
- ✓ Género y diversidad, recordad que hablamos de la parte científica aquí
- ✓ Ciencia abierta y gestión de datos FAIR en la propuesta.

2.3.

- ✓ Información condensada sobre supervisor /co-supervisor (+ B2.5) + rol en CDP.
- ✓ Formación en detalle tanto Científica como Transversal (esto luego os servirá para enlazar con 2.1)
- ✓ Explicación de secondments, non-academic placements, fieldwork ...
- ✓ Transferencia de conocimiento, match y complementariedad entre supervisor/fellow.

2.4.

Alineamiento entre el perfil del fellow y lo ambicioso del proyecto (en línea con CV Parte B2)

Open Science Practice		Mandatory	Recommended
Early and open sharing of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preregistration, registered reports, preprints, etc. 		Yes
Research output management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data management plan (DMP) 	Yes	
Ensure reproducibility of research outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on outputs /tools/instruments and access to data/results for validation or publications 	Yes	
Open access to research outputs through deposition in trusted repositories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open access to publications Open access to data Open access to software, models, algorithms, workflows, etc. 	Yes, for peer-reviewed publications and research data ('as open as possible as closed as necessary')	Yes, for other research outputs
Participate in open peer-review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish in open peer-reviewed journals or platforms 		Yes
Involving all relevant knowledge actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involve citizens, civil society, and end-users in co-creation of content (e.g. crowd-sourcing, etc.) 		Yes

Think about:

- Are gender norms embedded in the concepts, theories and models used by your research field? If so, how do these gender norms/assumptions influence the research area?
- How do gender and interconnected social categorizations, such as race, class etc. shape your research question and desired outcomes?
- Do the chosen methodology(ies) ensure that gender, and other connected social characterizations, are considered and investigated?
- Have you explained the project's approach to gender and intersectionality throughout the research life cycle?
- Have you explained how including sex and gender findings will increase the quality of the research and enhance the impact and relevance of the results?

Gender as an evaluation tiebreaker:

As outlined in the 'MSCA 2023-2024 Work Programme' the **gender balance** will be considered for equally ranked proposals during the evaluation process.

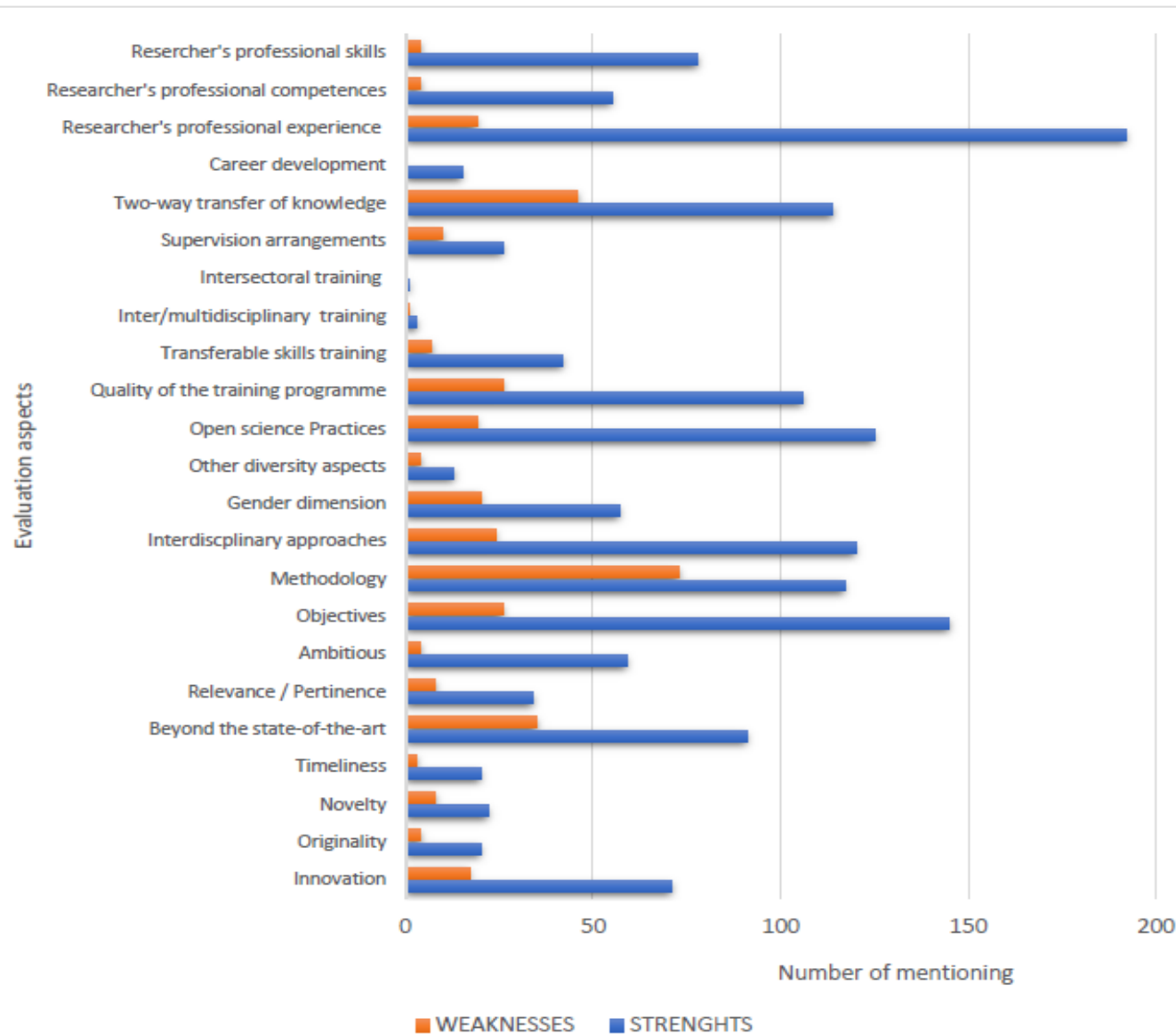
If a distinction between equally proposals still cannot be made, there will be further prioritization based on gender dimension and other diversity aspects of the research activities.

Tip:
read Policy brief on Gender Policy:
https://msca-net.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Task-3.6-Gender_Policy_Brief.pdf

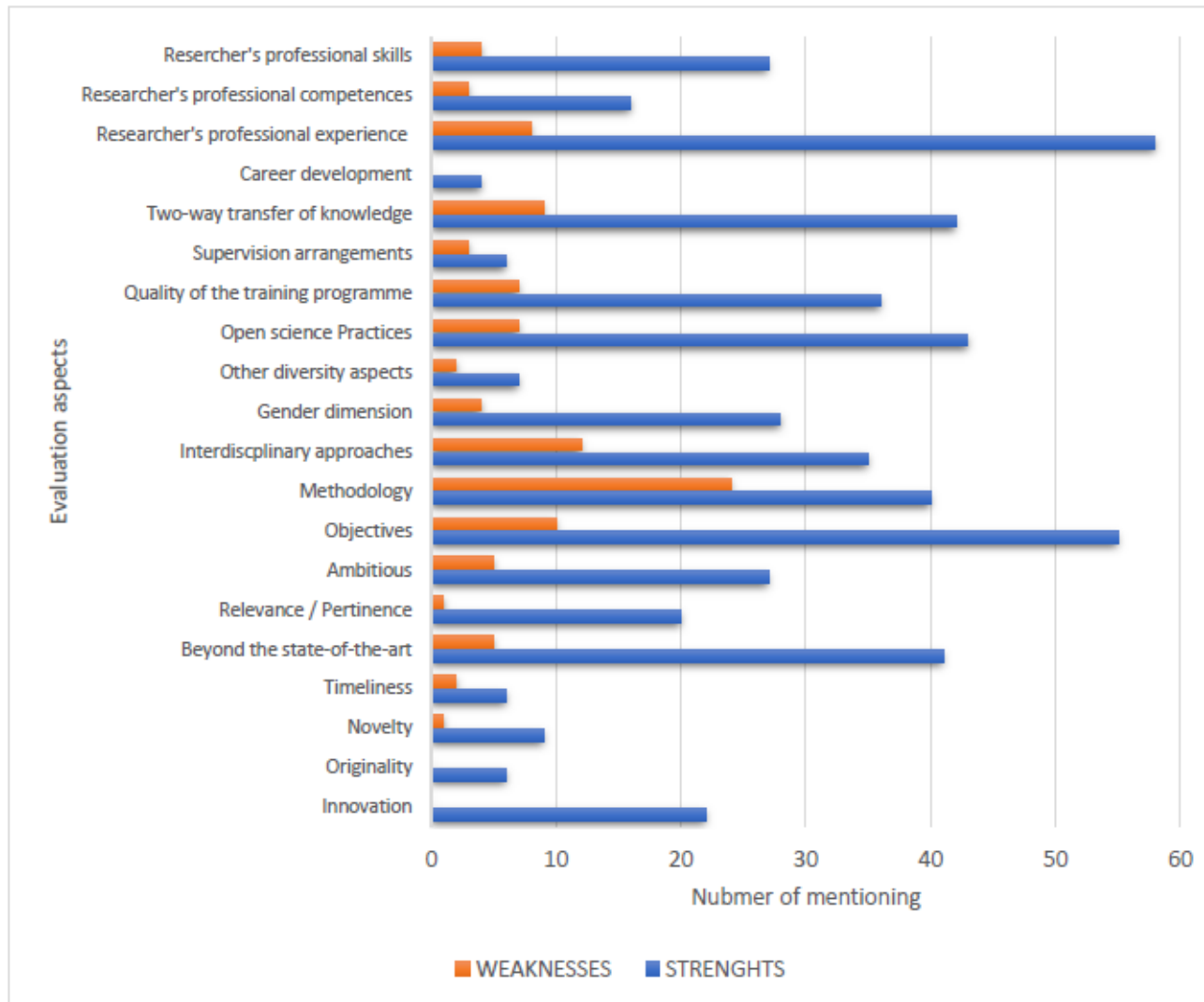
Scientific skills	Transferable skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Which new techniques and methods? ✓ How - through research or through specific courses ✓ Training on "research integrity", "big data/open science", digital techniques, tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teaching, tutoring/mentoring of students (leadership/communication skills) ✓ Project/Financial/Organisational Management (project planning, organisation of a conference) ✓ Development of follow-up projects (fundraising, proposal writing) ✓ Abilities in working in an international environment (communication, building networks) ✓ Business thinking (through your own project) ✓ Handling IPR, training in patent law, course in gender awareness

Excellence – strenghts and weaknesses of the European Fellowships

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MSCA PF 2023: PUNTOS CLAVE IMPACTO

2.1. Argumentar como toda la sección de excelencia aporta Impacto en la carrera del fellow.

- ✓ Capacidades que obtendrá: ejercicio de prospectiva a M/P: qué persigue la persona
- ✓ Empleabilidad y su futuro dentro y fuera academia (ejemplos concretos)
- ✓ Qué impacto tendrán las colaboraciones establecidas durante el proyecto (triple i)

2.2. Plan de explotación, diseminación y Comunicación realista y completo.

- ✓ Incluir indicadores de cumplimiento e impacto
- ✓ Diferentes audiencias: son todas importante: comunidad investigadora, usuarios finales, empresas, decisores políticos, ciudadanía.
- ✓ Variarán las actividades en función de las audiencias (publicaciones, B2B, etc.)
- ✓ Usad tablas si podéis para separar los 3 puntos de este subcriterio
- ✓ Estrategia de gestión y protección de la IP. Fundamental que esté ajustada a la naturaleza del proyecto. **Importante trabajo conjunto con la OTRI / Dpto Legal de la Institución.** Describir los procedimientos, capacidades y experiencia de la institución.

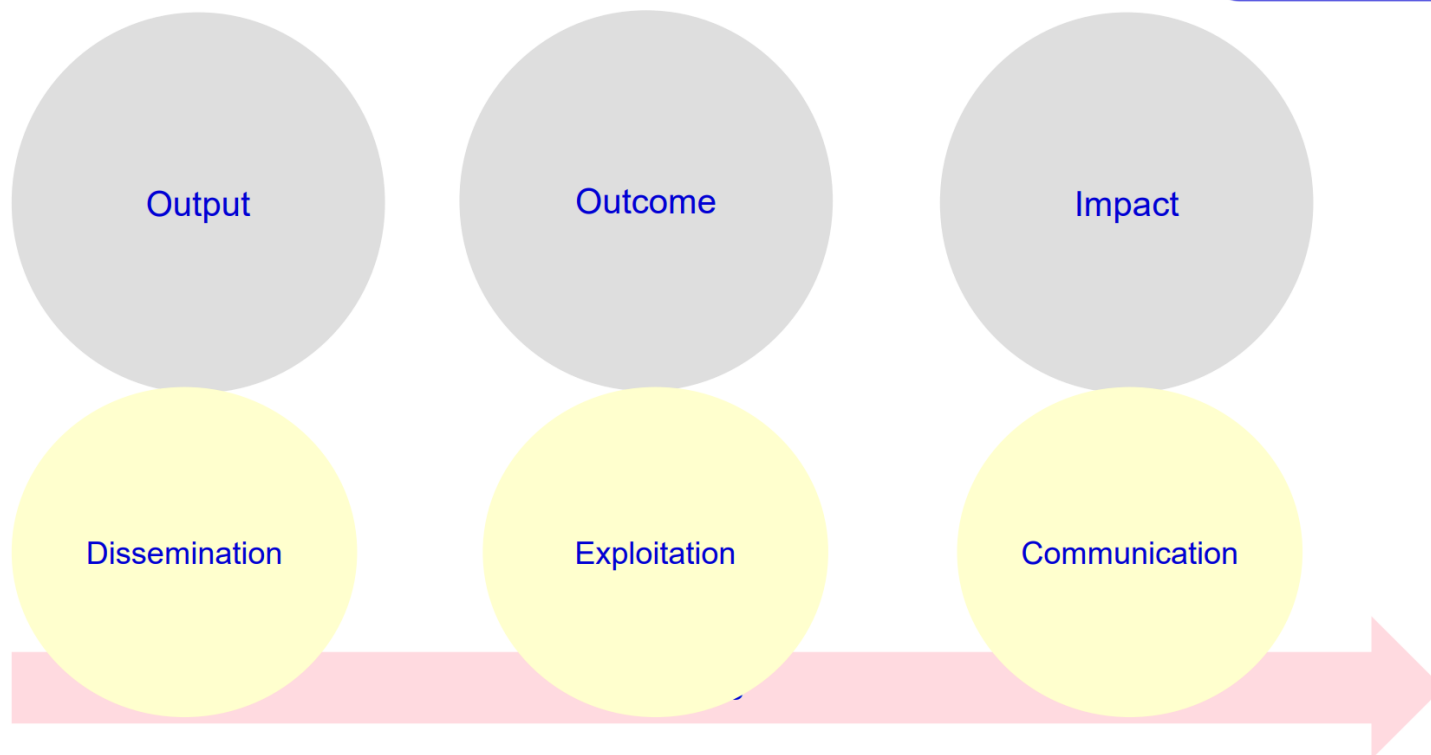
2.3. Diferenciar bien los tipos de impactos asociados al proyecto

- ✓ Alineación con grandes iniciativas globales (Misiones, SDG ...etc)
- ✓ Tened claro la diferencia entre output – outcome - impact

Some concepts

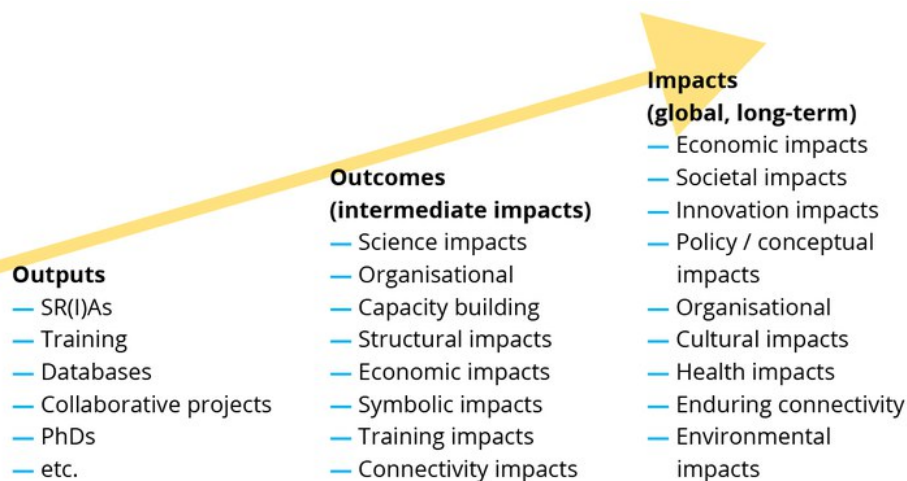
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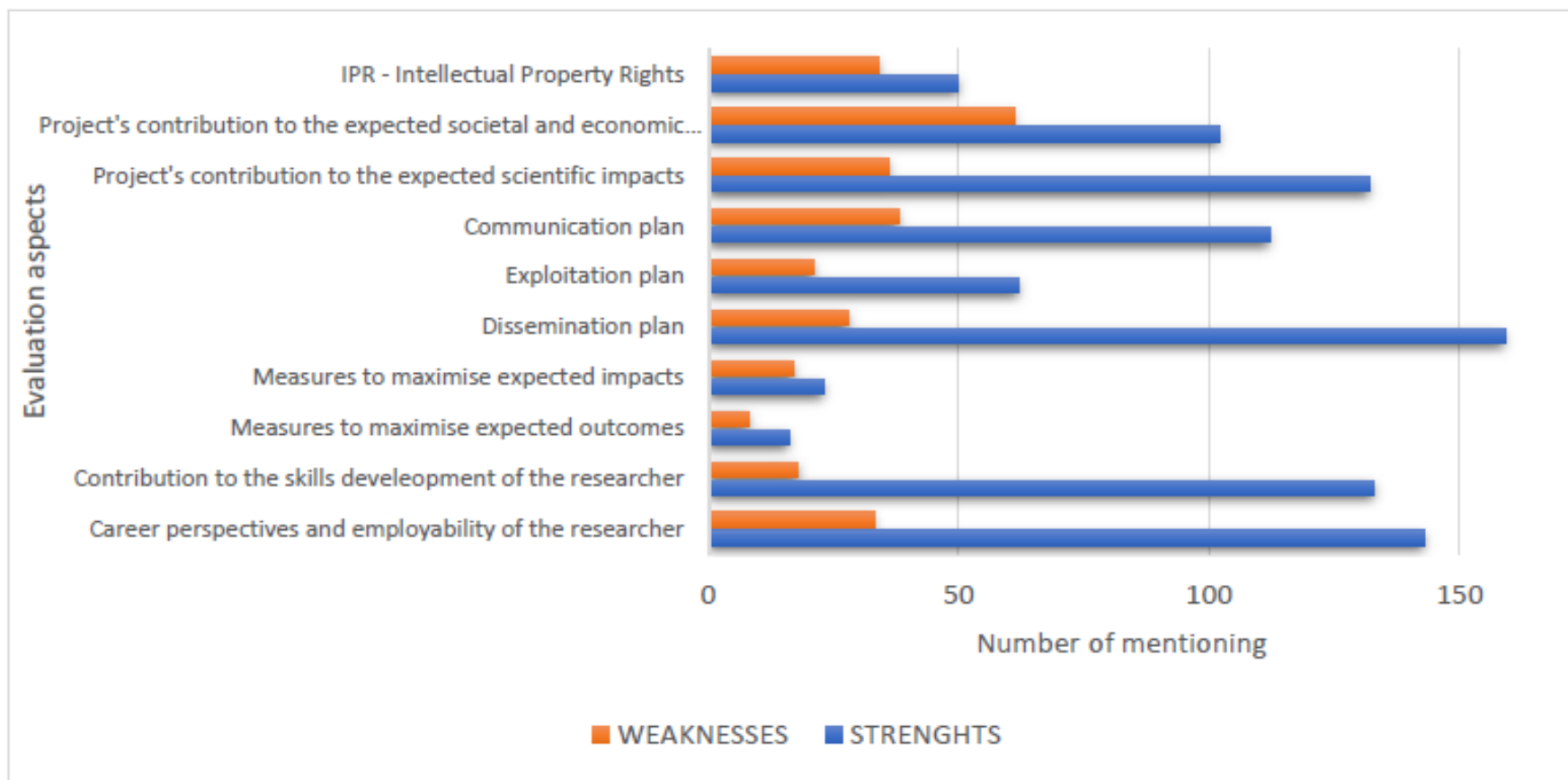


EXAMPLES of outcomes and impacts per different type of beneficiary

Type of beneficiary	Outcomes	Intermediate impacts	Global impacts
Research organisation	new technology, new data/method, formal publications, patents	additional research income, commercial income, increased research capacity, spin-off businesses, enhanced reputation	new research trajectories, new solutions for socio-environmental challenges, economic spill-overs to industry
Industrial organisation	new product/service, new technical process, new organisational process, patent, improved capacities	increased turnover/profit, new jobs, protection of existing jobs, increased market share, geographic expansion	economic spill-overs to other businesses, new solutions for socio-economic challenges
Public service organisation	new methods/services, new organisational process	improved service quality, reduced cost of service delivery	improved health, safety, security and/or quality of life for citizens
Public administration	improved scientific evidence, new organisational process	improved governance, reduced administration costs, evidence-based policy making	improved economic, social and/or environmental impacts
Societal organisation	improved scientific evidence, improved services, improved capacities	increased influence	improved standards/regulations, improved quality of life
Environmental organisation	improved scientific evidence, improved services, improved capacities	increased influence	improved standards/regulations, reduced environmental impacts

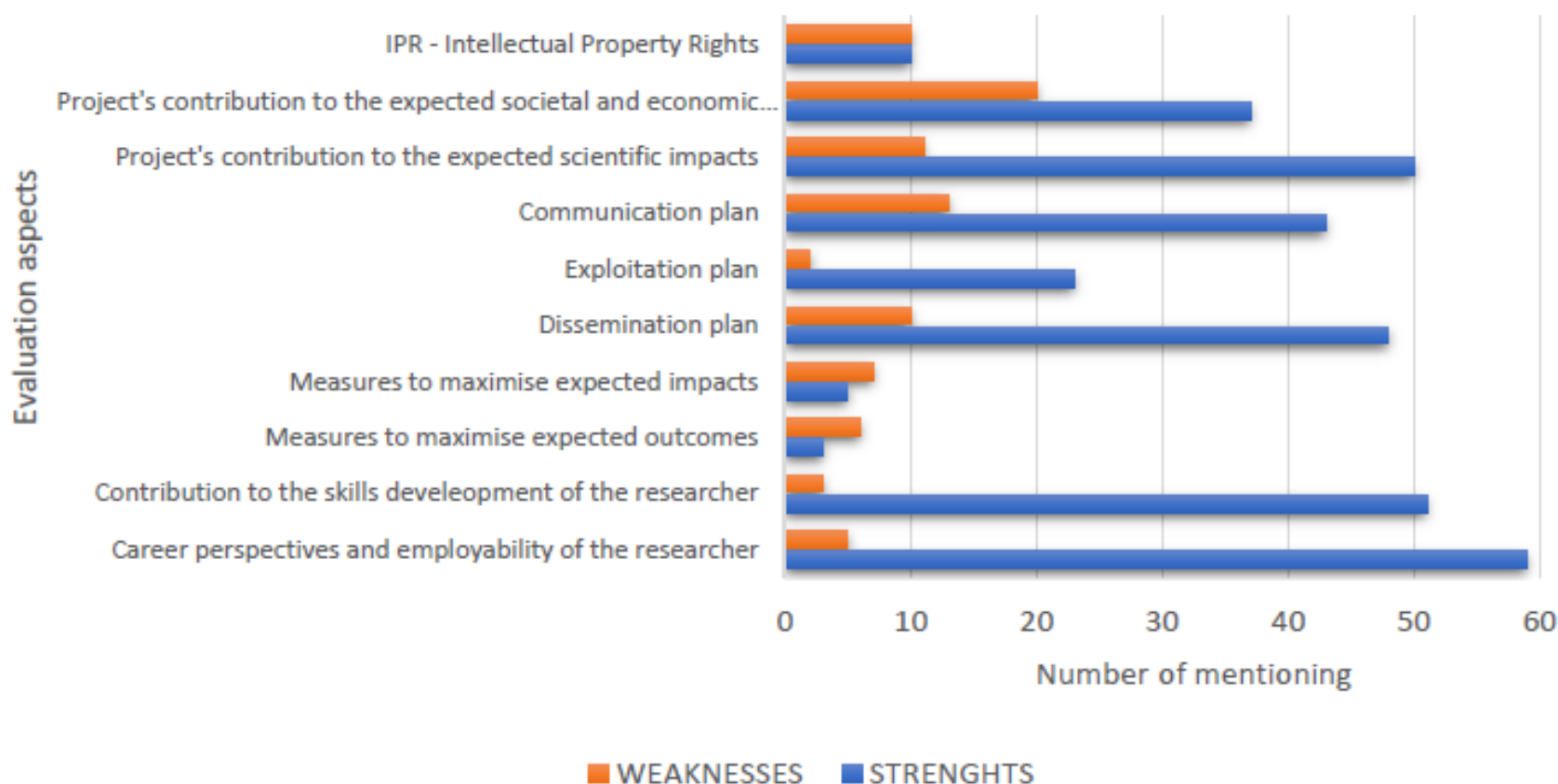
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3.1.

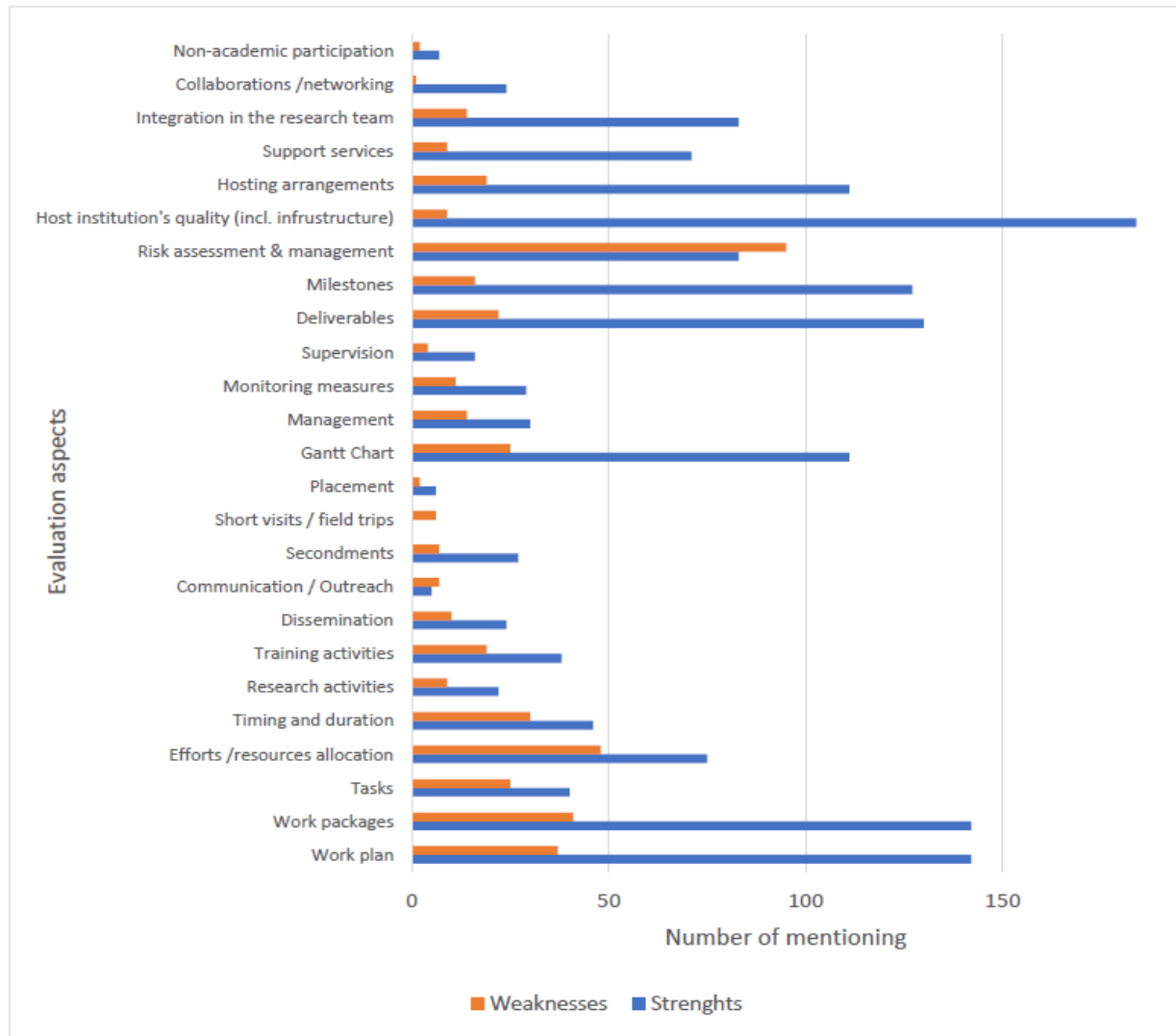
- ✓ Fundamental coherencia: en la duración de los WPs, en el desarrollo de tareas, en el número de deliverables y milestones. Coherencia y adecuación con las partes de Excelencia e Impacto (cross-references)
- ✓ Especificar debidamente el número de PM asociados a los WP (y las tareas), asegurar el apoyo institucional
- ✓ Incluir un GANTT Chart con toda la información posible del proyecto
- ✓ Correcta aproximación a la gestión de los riesgos administrativos y científicos.

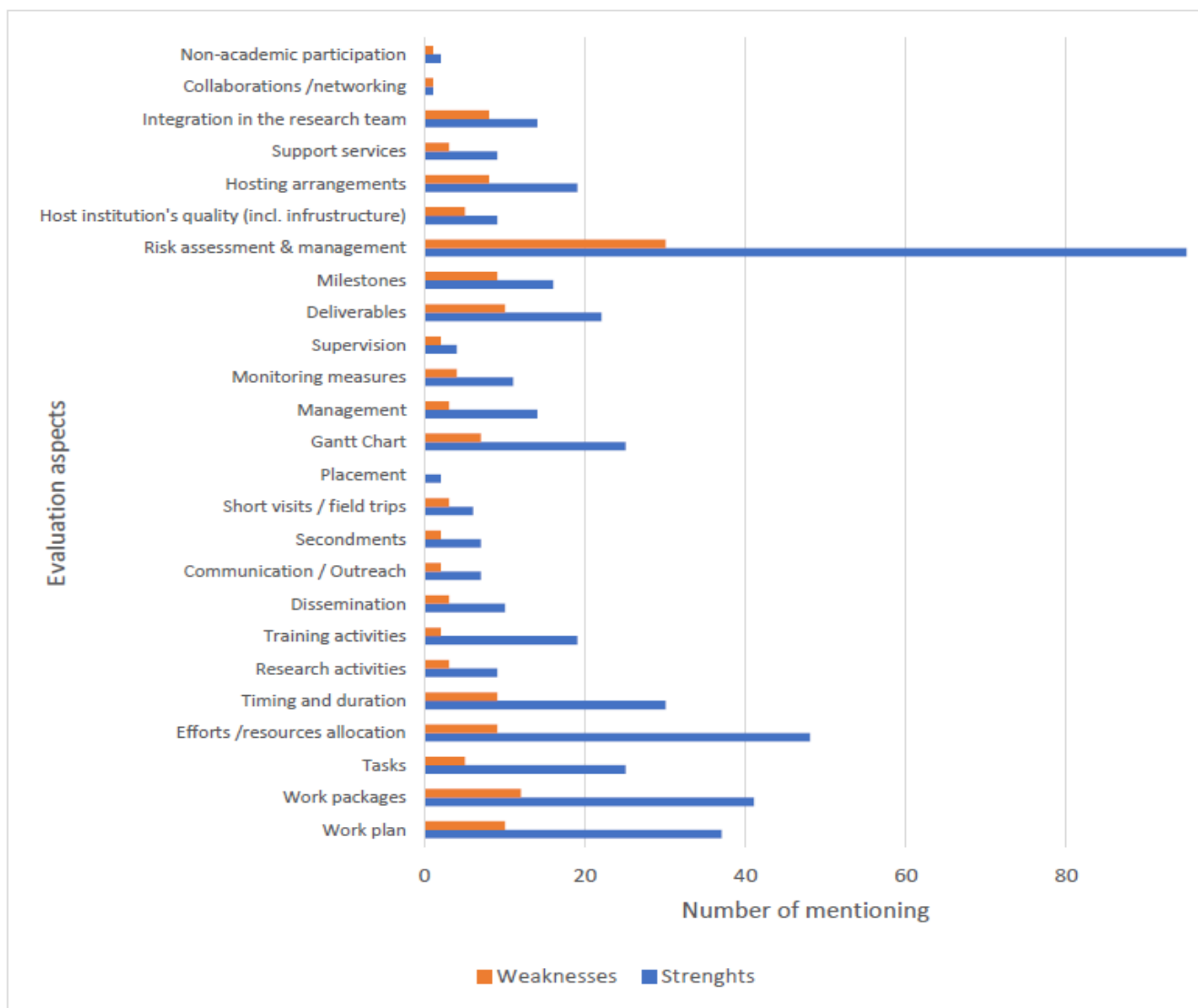
3.2.

- ✓ Descripción en detalle de las infraestructuras a disposición del fellow durante el proyecto, secondments, placements... acordaros también de las entidades asociadas
- ✓ Experiencia de la institución acogiendo investigadores visitantes: la institución de acogida y el grupo son las mejores opciones para el fellow y para el proyecto.

Implementation – strenghts and weaknesses of the European Fellowships

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**Nothing in life is to be feared, it is
only to be understood. Now is the
time to understand more, so that
we may fear less**

¡Muchas gracias!

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