

Review panels in the annual open call



The evaluation process in brief

- April, Panel members get access to Prisma
- May, conflict of interest and competence
- June-Aug individual assessments, Formas ranking
- September, decide on projects to be discussed at panel meeting
- October approval of written statements
- Nov, funding decision by Formas

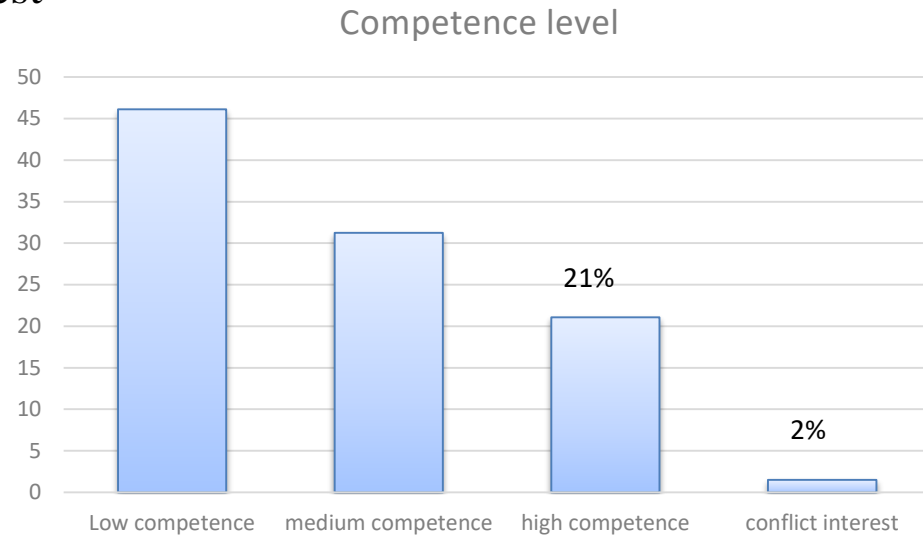
Who is in the panel?

- 15-20 members/panel
- Panel chairperson = professor with broad subject-matter experience
- Vice-chairperson = User representative
- Panel members are either active scientists or persons who use research results in their occupation. Researchers are in majority.
- Each application is reviewed by 4 panel members

Panel member instructions

1. Your competence to review the application
2. Any conflicts of interest

Indication of competence:
3 = higher competence
2 = medium competence
1 = lower competence



Evaluation criteria

- **Criteria for Scientific Quality:**
 - Research question
 - Method and performance
 - Scientific competence
- **Criteria for Societal Relevance:**
 - Potential societal value of the research topic
 - Communication with stakeholders

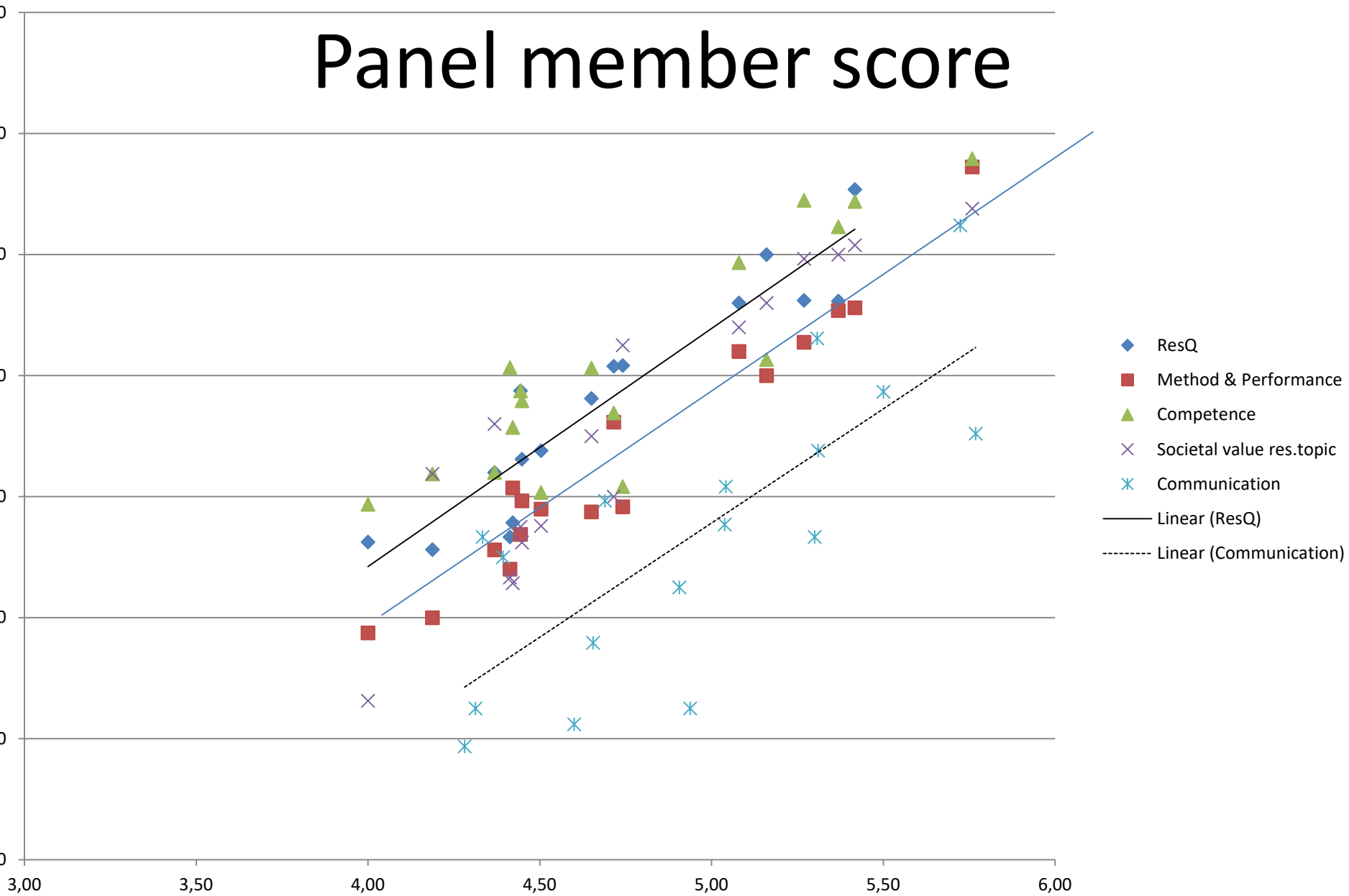
Points scoring scale

- **7 – Outstanding.** The application successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Shortcomings are insignificant.
- **6 – Excellent.** The application successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Shortcomings are minor.
- **5 – Very good.** The application addresses the criterion very well, but with some notable shortcoming.
- **4 – Good.** The application addresses the criterion well, but with several notable shortcomings.
- **3 – Acceptable.** While the application broadly addresses the criterion, but there are considerable weaknesses.
- **2 – Poor.** The application addresses the criterion in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- **1 – Insufficient.** The application fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information.

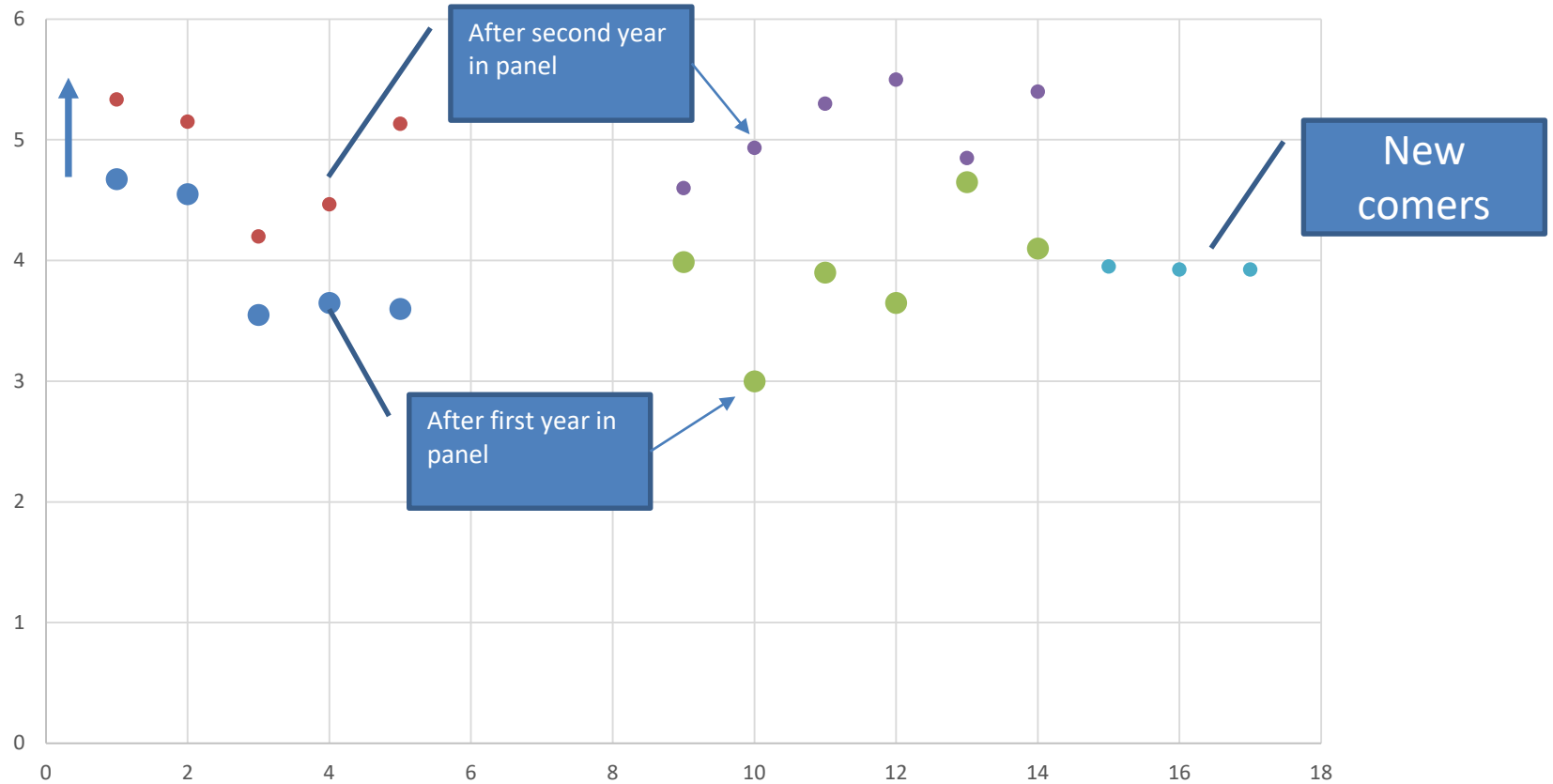
The meeting and panel duty

- Confirm agreement on the applications that will not be discussed individually (application by application) at the meeting
- Discuss application by application (the rapporteur introduces each application)
- Score each application (both overall score and scores for each criterion)
- Rank the applications
- Adjust application budgets if necessary
- Work through the final written statements

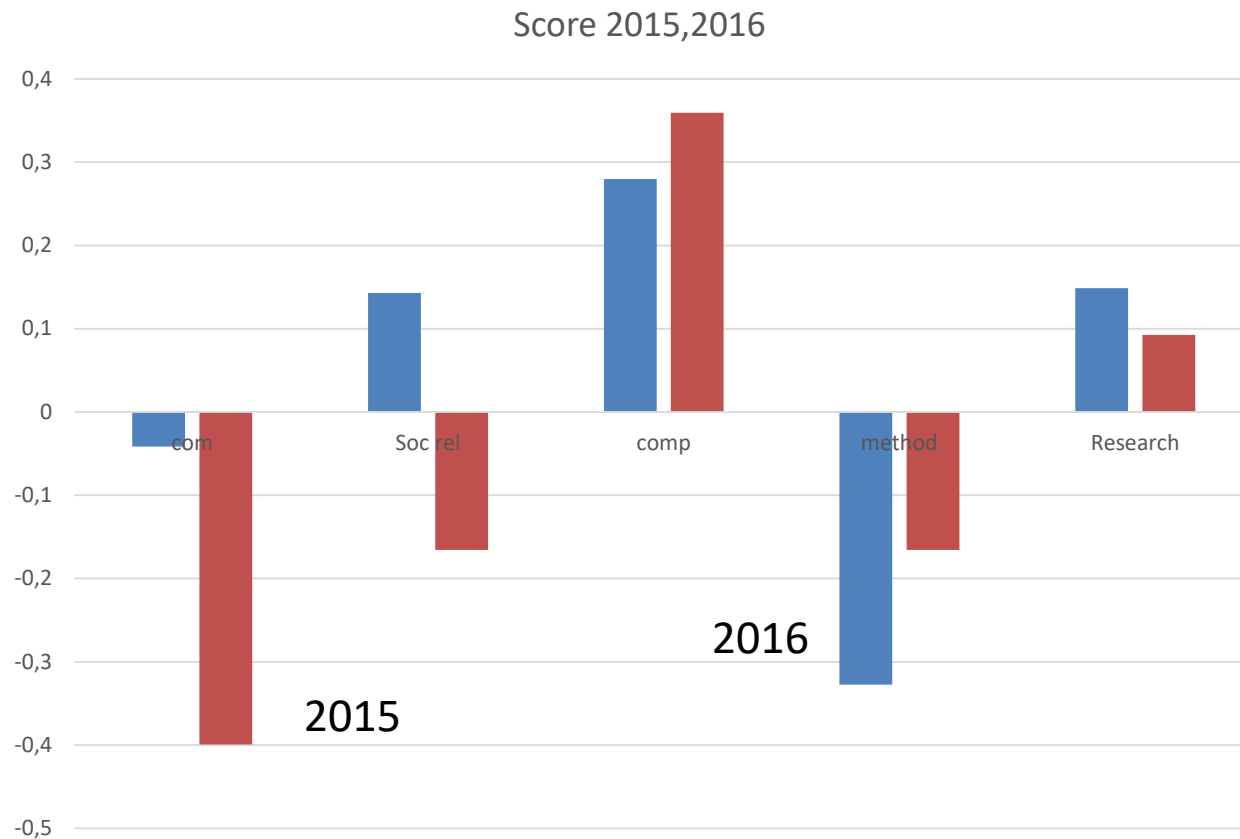
Panel member score



Learning to be positive



Score difference after improved instructions



Some advice

- Write with clarity (since most panel members are not experts)
- Work on communication and societal values (best way to get extra scores)
- Look at the structure, logical process and in line with the call (each panel look at this)