Evaluation of the third mission - ANVUR workshop

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VA (Public & Science) is an NGO

Promotes dialogue and openness between the public and researchers

80 Swedish member organisations
What we do

Research

• Attitudes to science and scientists
• Researchers’ involvement in PE
• Dialogue methods

Activities

• Develops new formats, concepts and arenas

Communication and lobbying

• Own and others’ knowledge and experiences
NGOs’ expectations

- Research relevance and impact
- Societal challenges addressed
- Access to knowledge and expertise
- To interact, inspire, influence and get involved

To ensure this, broad measurements are crucial!

- Some factors are difficult to measure
  - structures and processes
- Weighing issues

What’s measured, gets done…
Possible indicators

→ Popular science publications, media contribution, lectures-dialogues-science cafés-science festivals

→ PhD collaboration, adjunct professors, temporary and combined positions

→ External assignments, guest lecturers
→ Collaboration projects, adjunct research
→ Publications authored with externals
Assignments from Swedish government

• New model for allocating research resources
  – Assessment of scientific quality, quality enhancing factors and research impact
    Swedish Research Council

• Develop methods and criteria for assessing the performance and quality of HEI’s collaboration with society
  Swedish Innovation Agency
FOKUS – Research evaluation in Sweden
Purpose: To improve the quality of research and ensure that high quality research is of benefit to society

Evaluation elements & suggested weighting

- Background information (not to be graded)
- 70% Scientific/artistic quality
- 15% Quality enhancing factors
- 15% Impact outside academia

All research to be evaluated every sixth year
Panel structure

24 x

Appr 400 panel members
Appr 500 external reviewers

Scientific/artistic quality

70%

Quality enhancing factors

15%

Impact outside academia

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Definition: an application of research in order to achieve social, economic, environmental and/or cultural benefits

Method: Description of HEI strategy and resources for working with dissemination + Case studies from HEI peer reviewed

Criteria: Reach and Significance
Proposed results

1/5 of the government’s research funding should be affected by evaluation results

Reallocation only when grades differ, from 2018 or later
Model: assessment of collaboration

- Intl expert panel – overall assessment

HEI self evaluation
- Description of strategy & implementation
- Description of selected engagement activities & their results

Cooperation partner evaluation
- Involvement & results

Background – contextual university description
Principles for evaluating collaboration

Collaboration in HEI’s all core processes: education, research and accessibility

Contributes to effects in both HEI and society at large

To be used for HEI's operational development

Collaboration = successful engagement patterns

HEIs choose their own indicators

2 calls for developing the model in 2015-2016
Conclusions & recommendations

• It happens between people -> mobility!
• Incentives for individuals crucial
• Broad measurements needed
• Measure quality easier than impact
• Capture the two-way dimension!

And don’t forget:
• Models, best practice, leadership
• Structures for longterm relations
• Research funding bodies have power
Thank You – and Good Luck!

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