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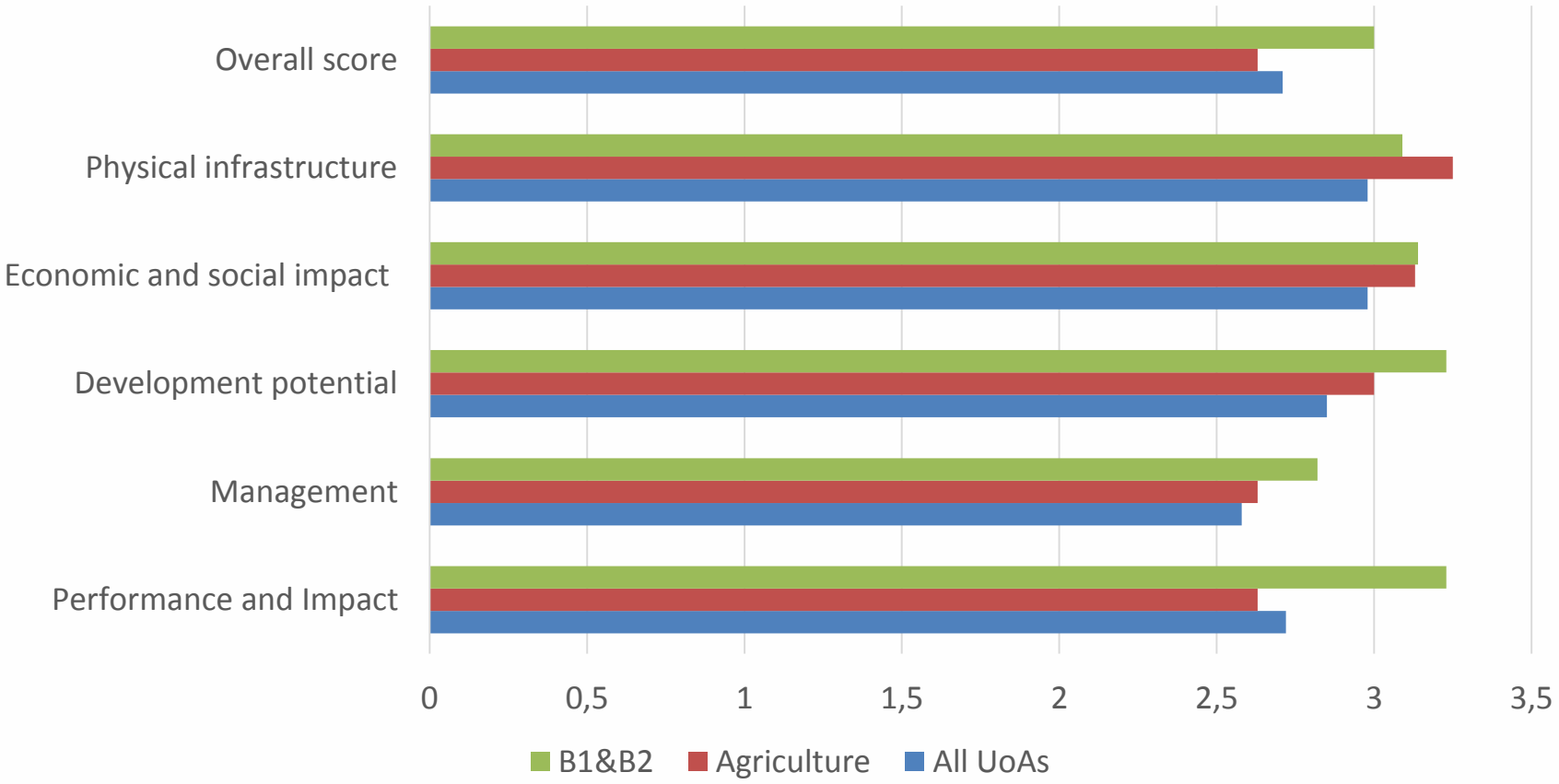
PANEL A: AGRICULTURE (INCL. VET. SCIENCE)

The 'Exercise': General Observations

- Assessment of research (and development?), not teaching, advice, scholarship, etc.
- High scores only possible for "international" (or "global") performance: very difficult!
- Agriculture is(?) "special": national, cultural, environmental responsibilities
- Some (Agric./Vet.) submissions:
  - too detailed, e.g. many minor projects, and/or much "boilerplate", i.e. standard copy/paste text
  - not enough KSPs ("key selling points"), i.e. research highlights

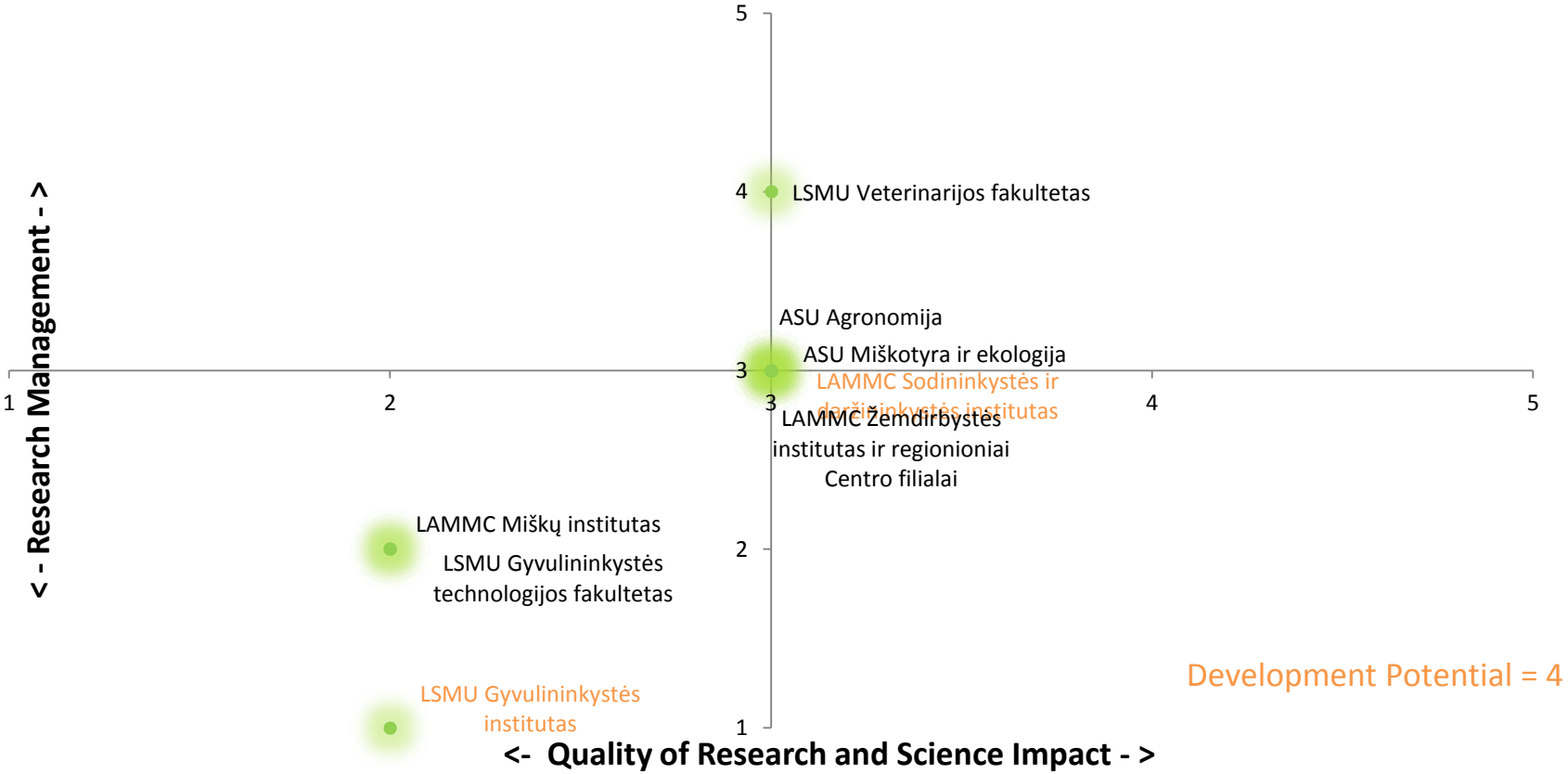
Average UoA Group Scores: All, Agriculture, Biomedicine



Agriculture (and Vet) Scores

- Overall, almost the same as all other UoA groups
- Relatively good scores for physical infrastructure and socio-economic impact
- Not so good scores for scientific impact (primarily measured by journal papers)
- With better submissions (= ideas!), scores for "development potential" might be higher
- University UoAs more "open" than non-University ones: perhaps due to other UoA duties, or to …?
- Some UoAs appeared to have less than "critical mass" necessary for several scientific directions

Agriculture: Quality/Impact vs. Management (and Development Potential)



Final Remarks & Recommendations: I

- State funding for research: limited, but also rigid?
- Maximise socio-economic (i.e. “political”!) impacts, perhaps with social-science colleagues
- For “international” research quality, partnerships (maybe junior, but more than “links”) with foreign centres are essential; so:
  - Identify your KSPs (main attractions), scientific and/or “regional”
  - Approach possible partnership leaders with specific proposals

Final Remarks & Recommendations: II

- Identify and approach your (few) most promising partners:
  - possibly Latvia and Estonia (but why?)
  - other Baltic countries for “regional” issues
  - other EU for Horizon2020 (and “eastern”?) issues
  - “global” partners: USA/Canada, Russia, etc.
- Put less effort into scientific publications in Lithuanian language, more into ones in English
- Some excellent facilities; now use them!
- "*Strengthen your strengths*"

Final Remarks & Recommendations: III

for future research assessments:

- Limit text (section) lengths
- Request highlights (not every item)
- Request specification (e.g. by examples?) of:
  - "management" features (types)
  - "impacts" (scientific, social, economic)
  - "development" ideas

Thanks to my Panel colleagues!

Thankyou for your attention!

Good luck in the future!

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Average Scores

Group	Performance and Impact	Management	Development potential	Economic and social impact	Physical infrastructure	Overall score
All UoAs	2.72	2.58	2.85	2.98	2.98	2.71
Agriculture	**2.63**	**2.63**	**3.00**	**3.13**	**3.25**	**2.63**
B1&B2	3.23	2.82	3.23	3.14	3.09	3.00
B1	3.00	2.67	3.17	3.50	3.50	3.17
B2	3.31	2.88	3.25	3.00	2.94	2.94