



WG update: Guiding Principle review

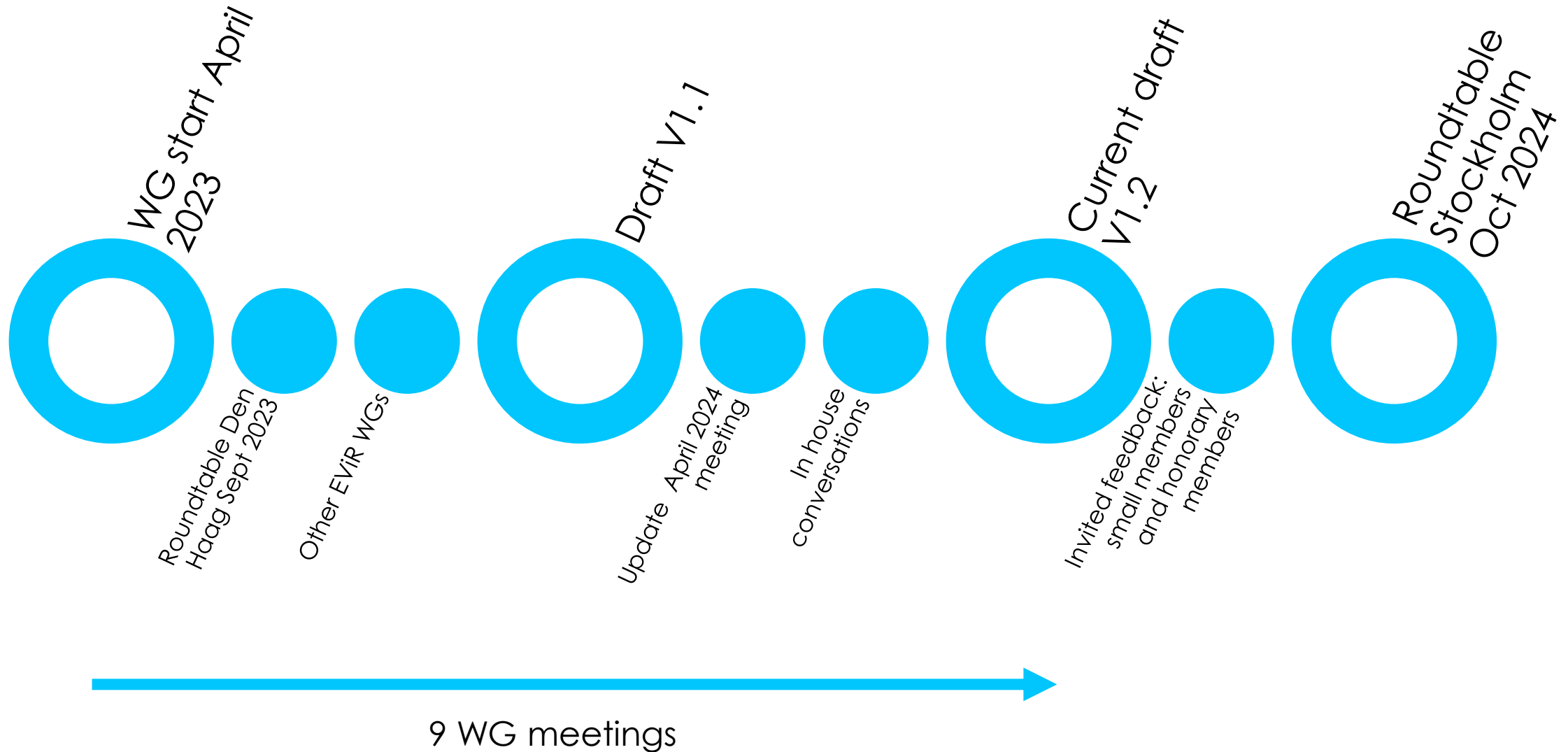
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WG members

- Anne Cody (HRB)
- Avril Kennan (Health Research Charities Ireland)
- Candace Imison (NIHR Centre for Engagement and Dissemination)
- Dottie Goble (NIHR)
- Garry Aslanyan (WHO)
- Michael Bowdery (HCRW)

The process so far



Feedback received from

- Declan Devane and Sandra Galvin, HRB TMRN
- Matt Westmore, honorary member
- Frances Drummond, Breakthrough Cancer Research
- Emily Trunnell, SAO
- Stephen Smith, Fight for Sight





V 1.2 Draft updated principles

What we did

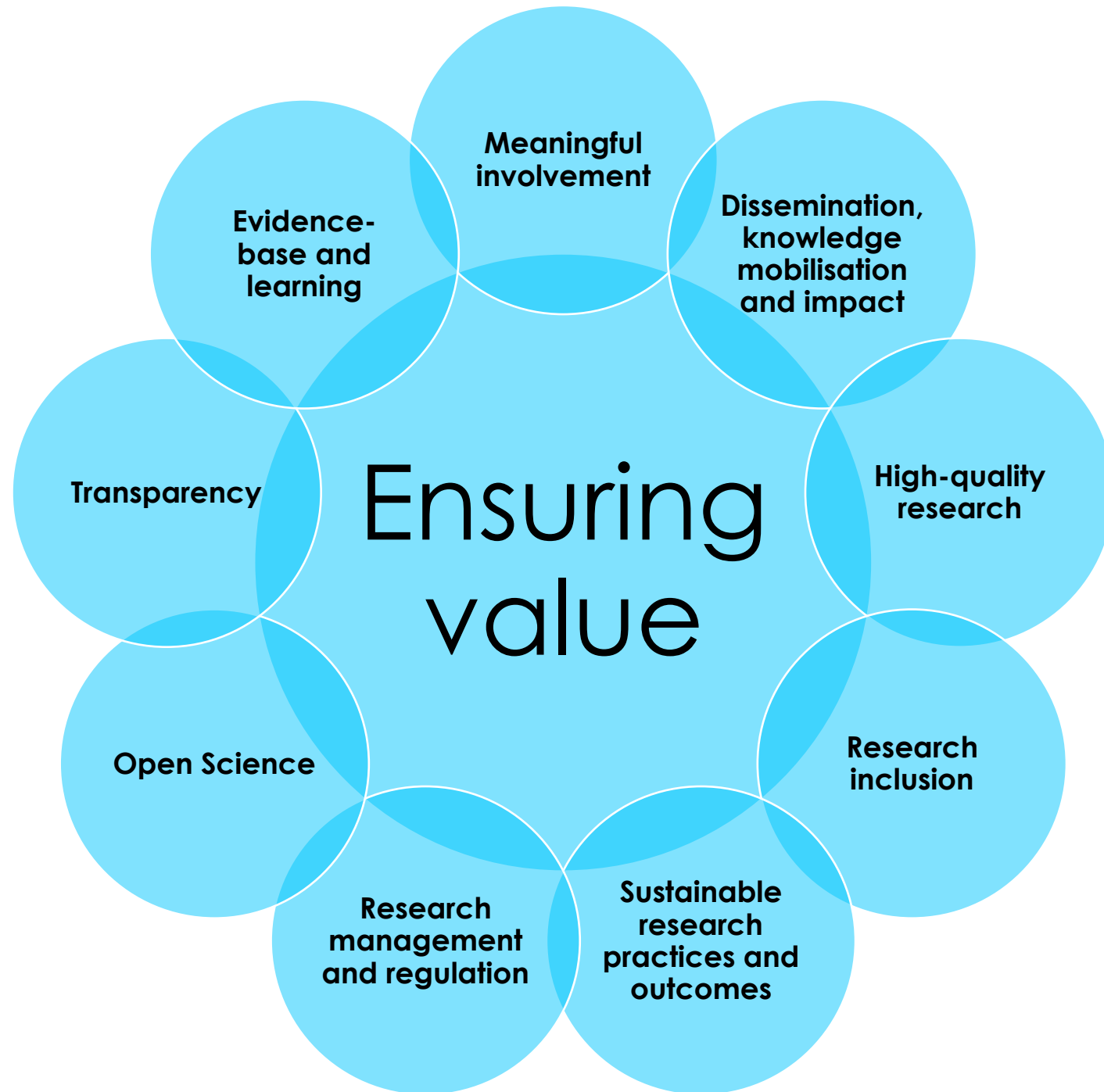
- Moved up a level to principles, not specific instructions
- Prefaced each principle with what we want to achieve with it
- Looked from funders' perspective
- Removed trial-specific language
- Headings instead of numbers
- Nine principles instead of ten
- Start with scene setting

Scene setting

These guiding principles set out EViR members' aspirations. Each funder has their own context, remit, and resources in which they operate. Therefore, the way in which the principles are brought to live will differ also.

The guiding principles reflect a point in time. This is the second iteration, and we expect to review and update them again in due course.

It is up to each funder to decide how they reflect on their implementation of the guiding principles. To support this process, the self-audit tool will be updated to reflect this second version and members will be invited to use it.

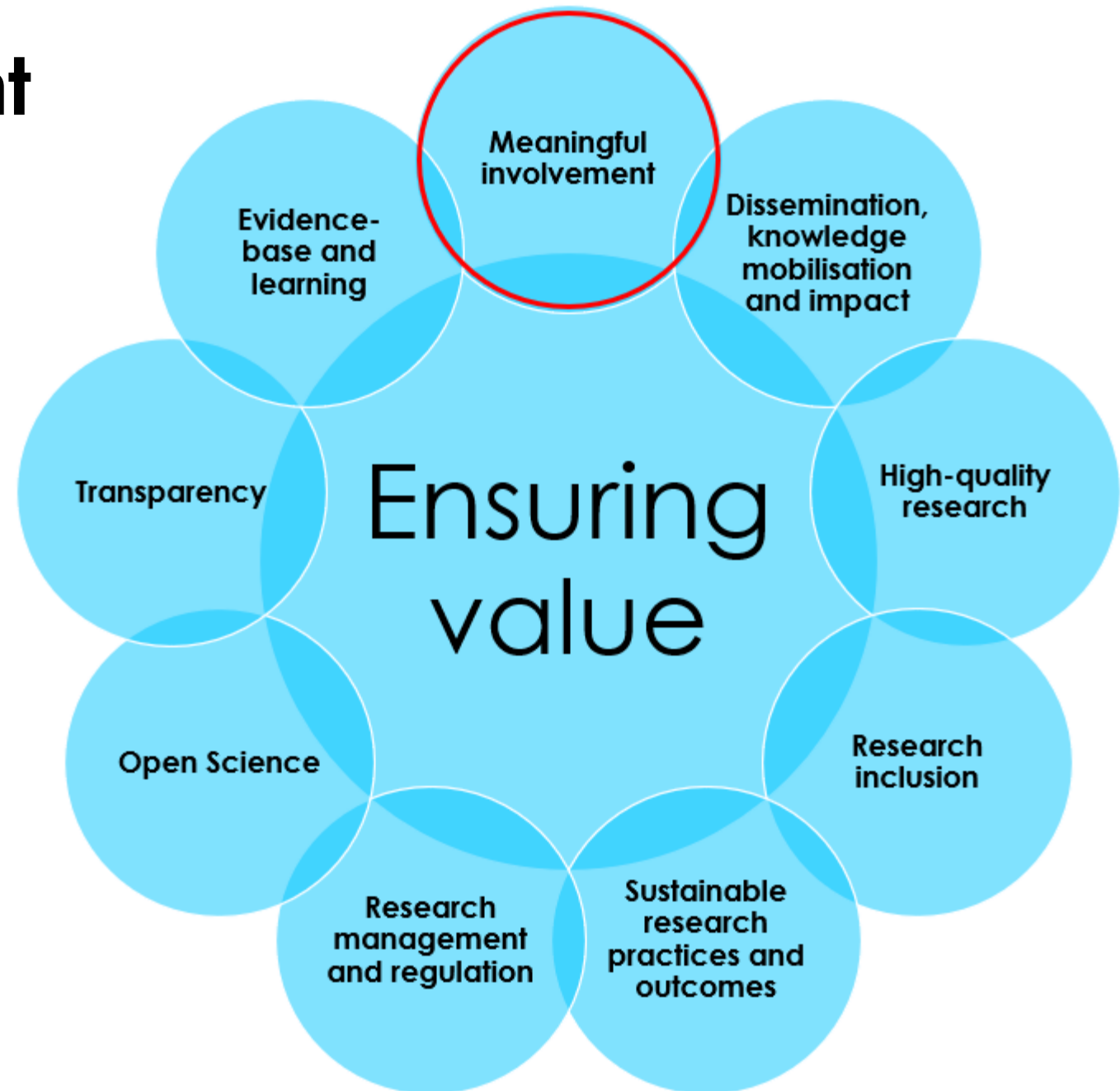


Not included:

- Promote appropriate use of existing and emerging technology and innovation, safeguarding against abuse by researchers

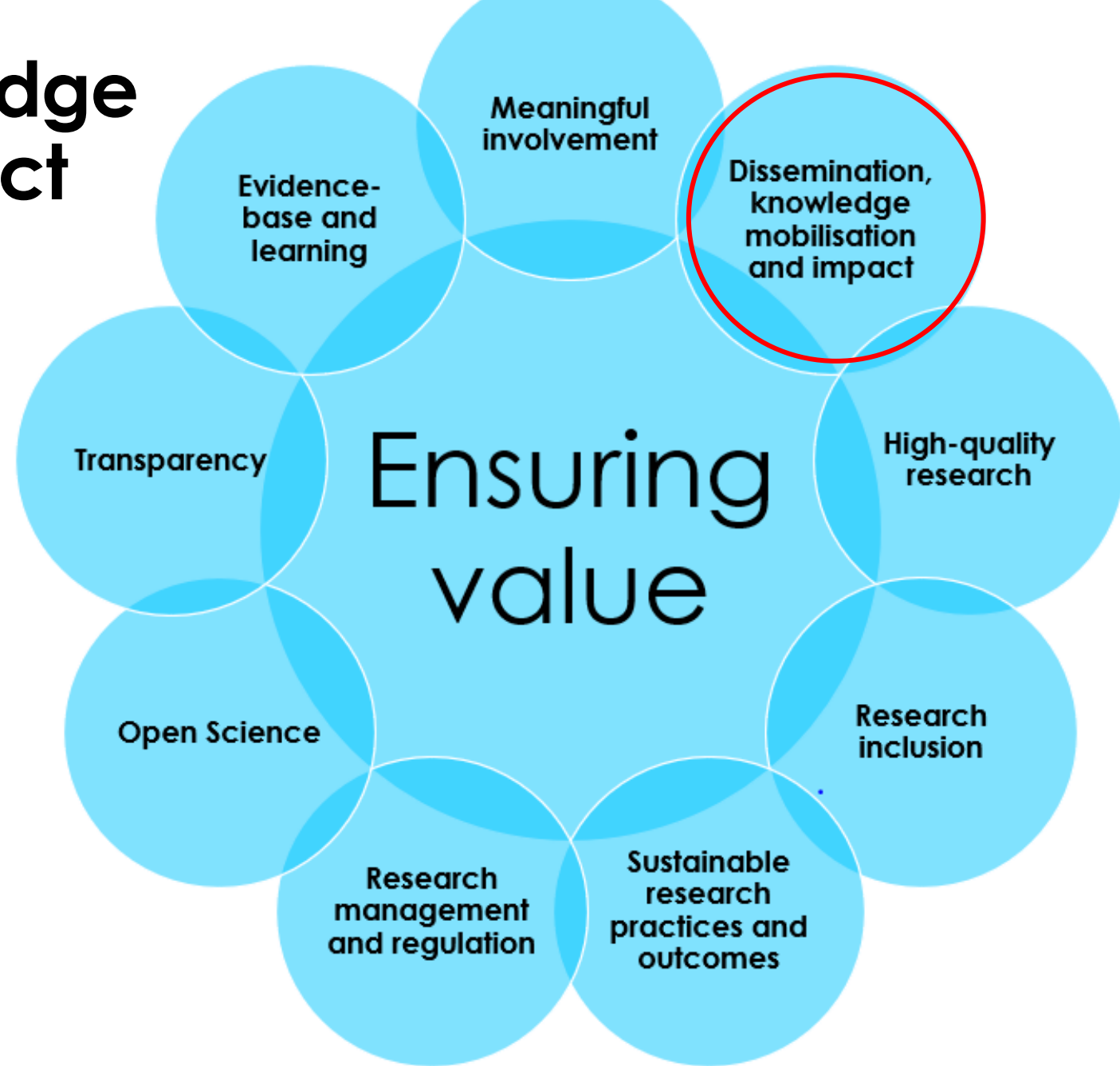
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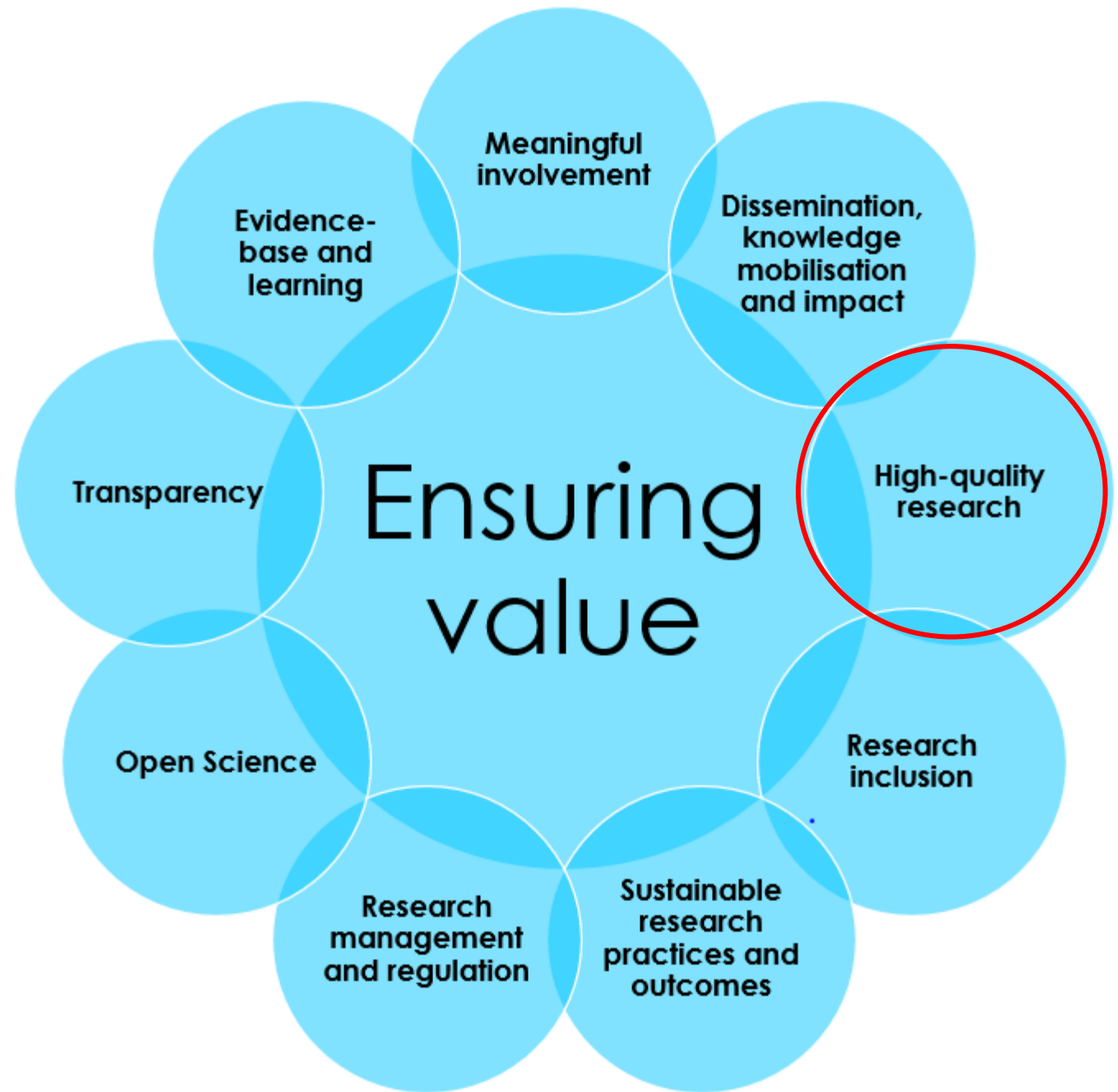
Dissemination, knowledge mobilisation and impact

To promote research impact, funders should use the whole research cycle from study design to dissemination and implementation, to ensure research is relevant to and acted upon by research users.



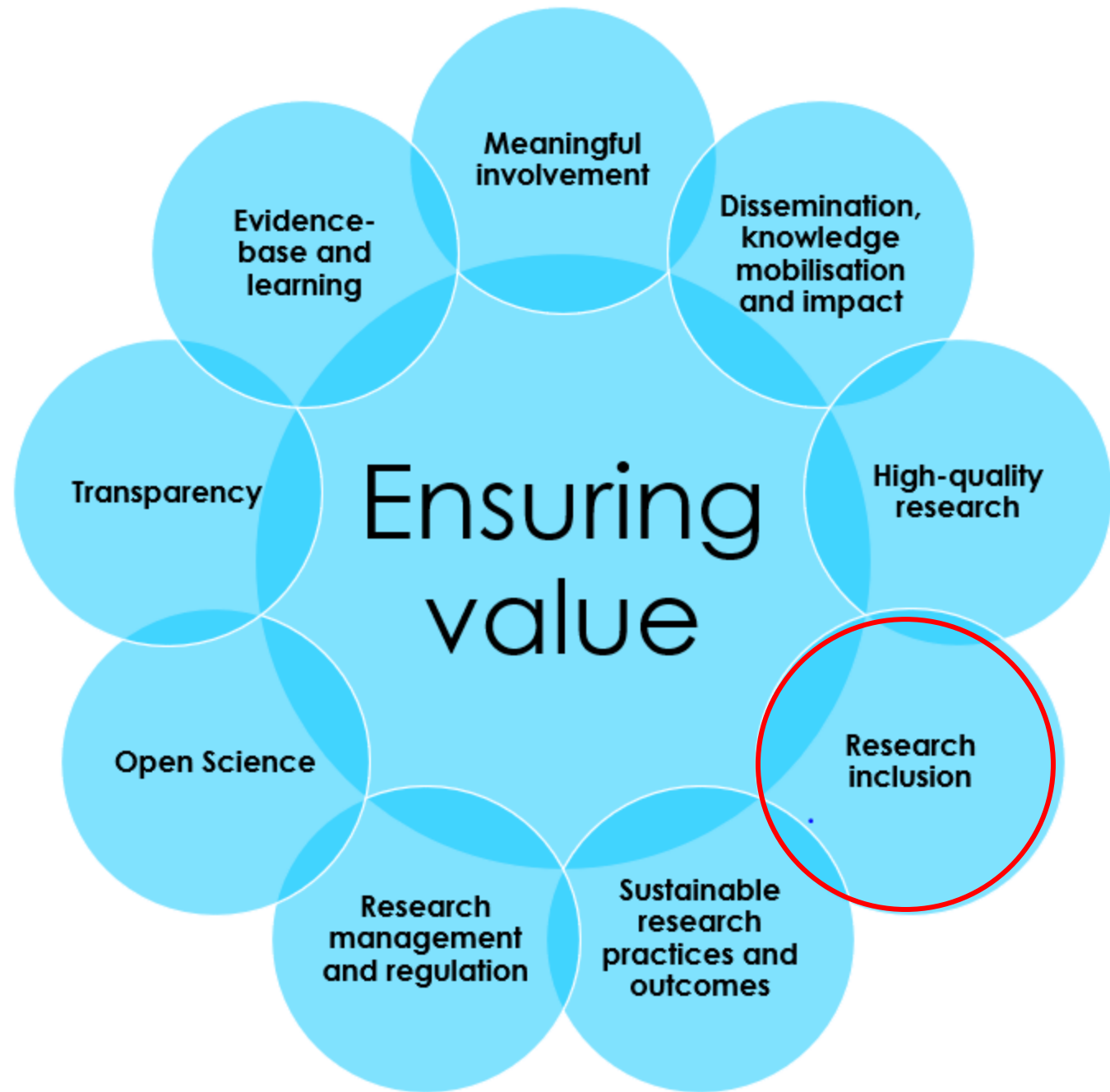
High-quality research

To fund research that is high-quality and addresses unmet needs, funders should require that there is an evidence gap demonstrated by a systematic search. Methods should be appropriate and robust with ability to replicate findings.



Research inclusion

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Overlap?

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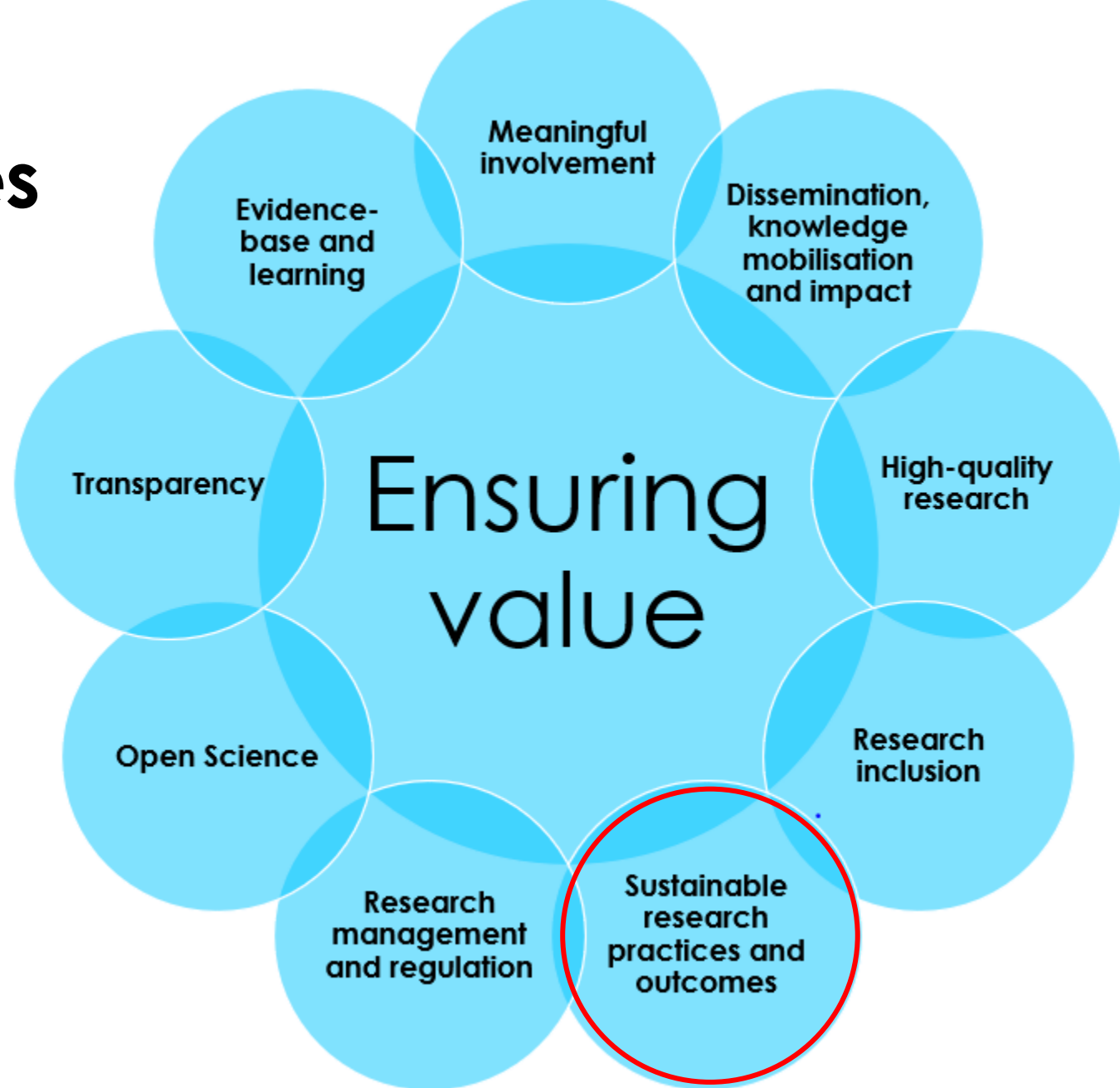
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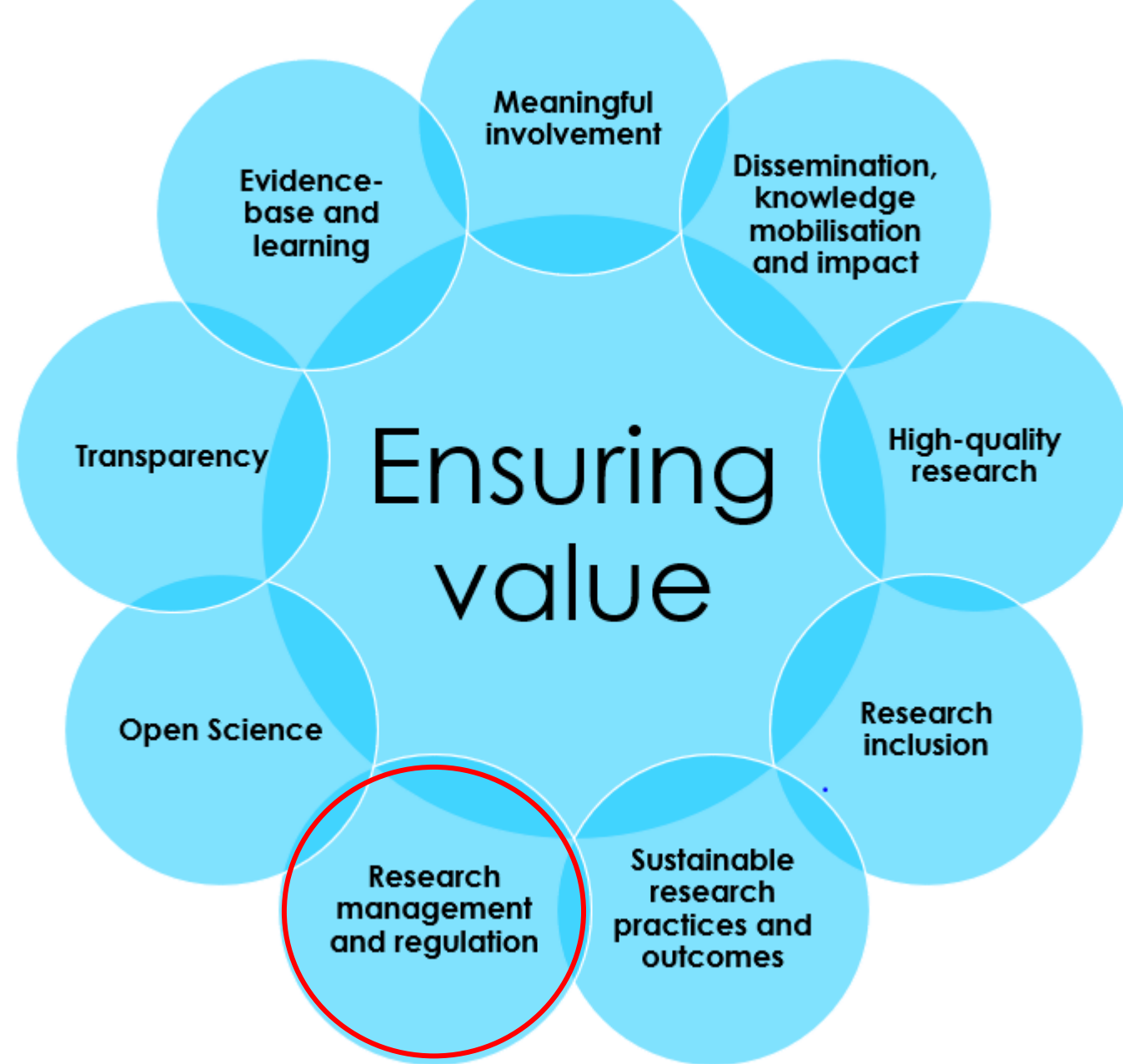
Sustainable research practices and outcomes

To contribute to environmental, social, and economic sustainability, funders should actively work to improve their own practices, consider expectations and requirements of researchers and consider sustainability in the topics they fund.



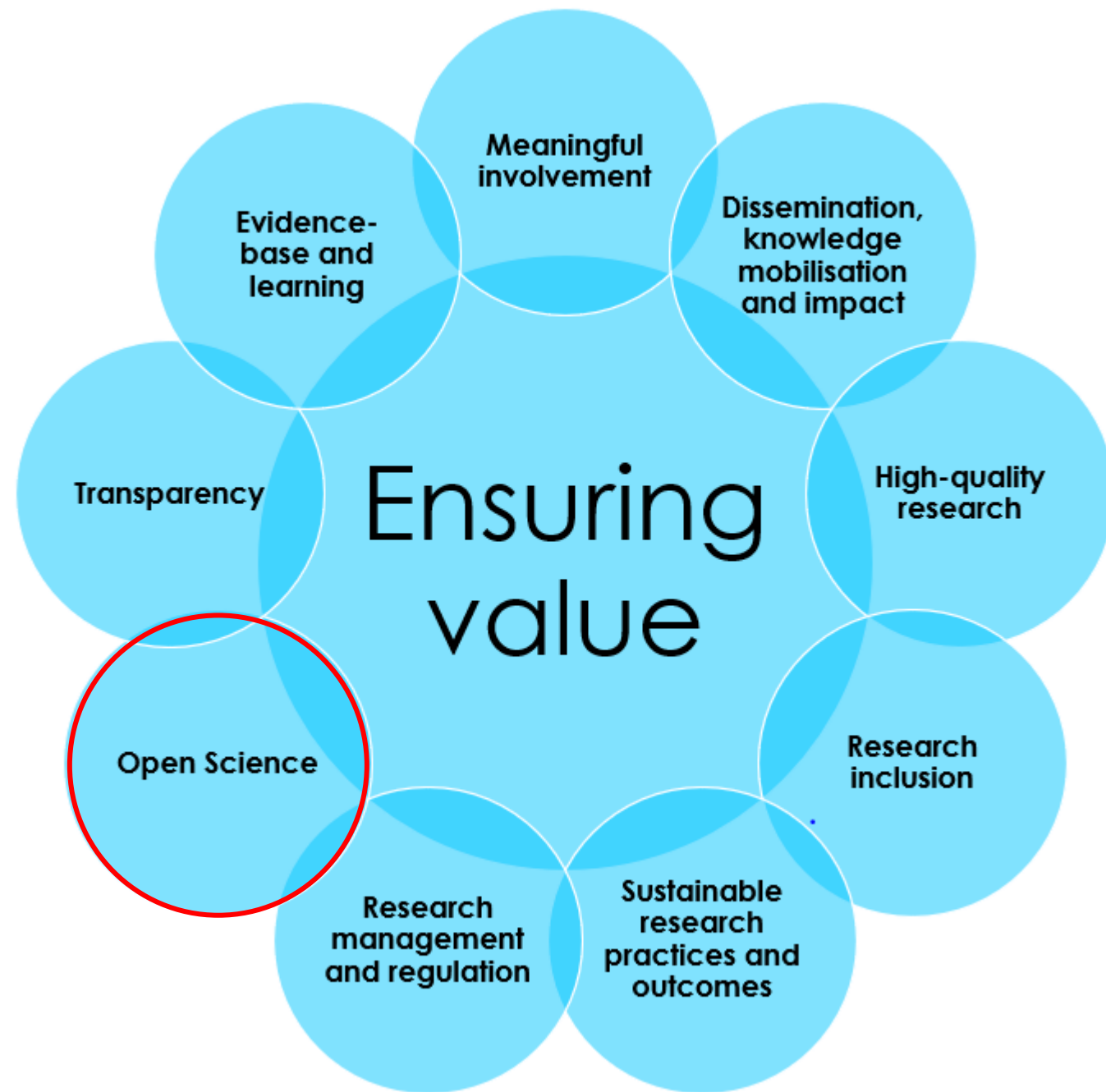
Research management and regulation

To ensure the safe and effective conduct of research, the selection and oversight of research should be actively managed in a risk proportionate way, consistent with responsible research assessment, applicable laws, regulations, and ethical guidance.



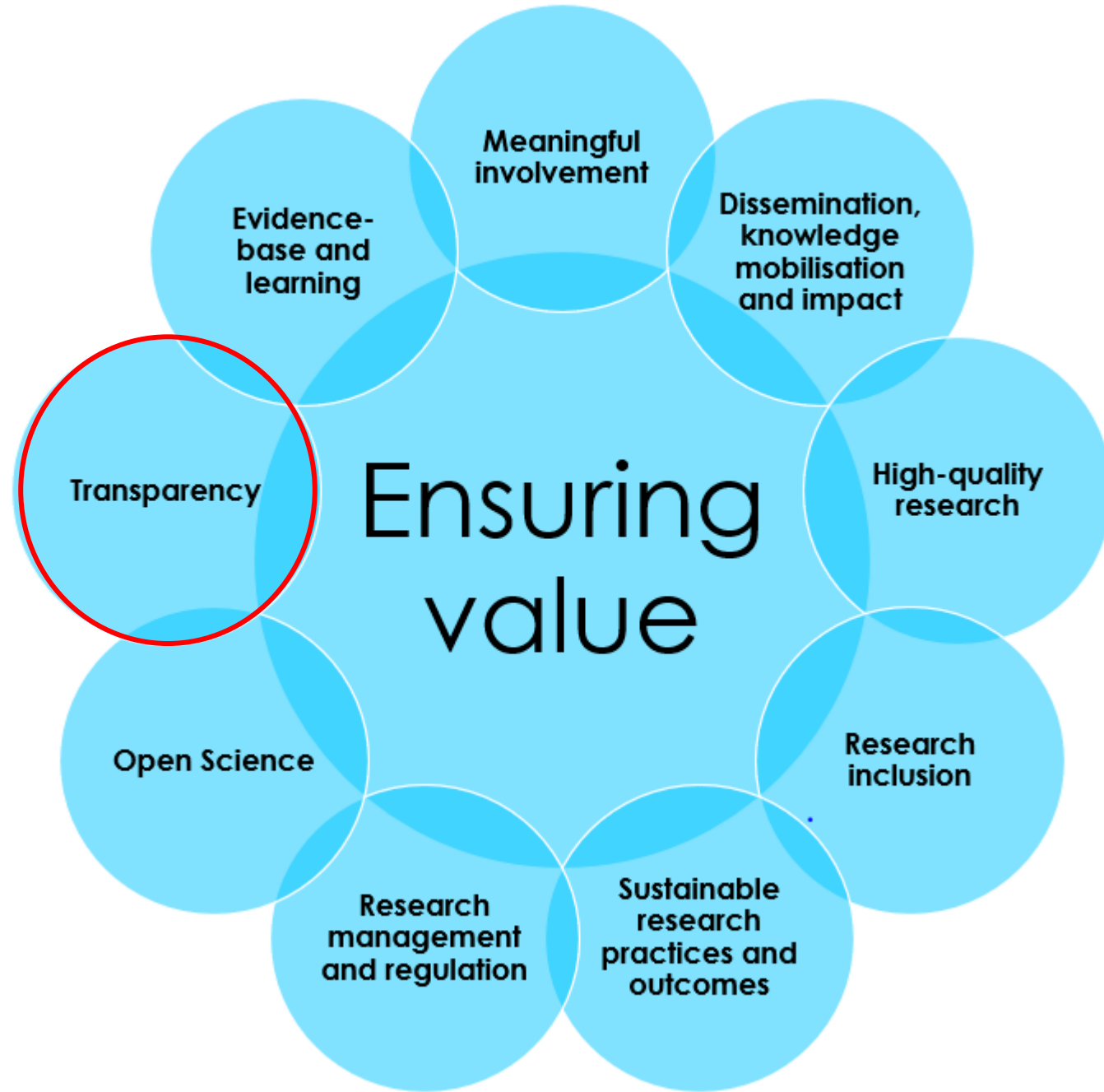
Open Science

To facilitate Open Science, funders should incentivise that study details, data and findings are made publicly available as appropriate throughout the research cycle, from inception to outcomes. This applies irrespective of the nature of the findings and whether the study completed as planned.



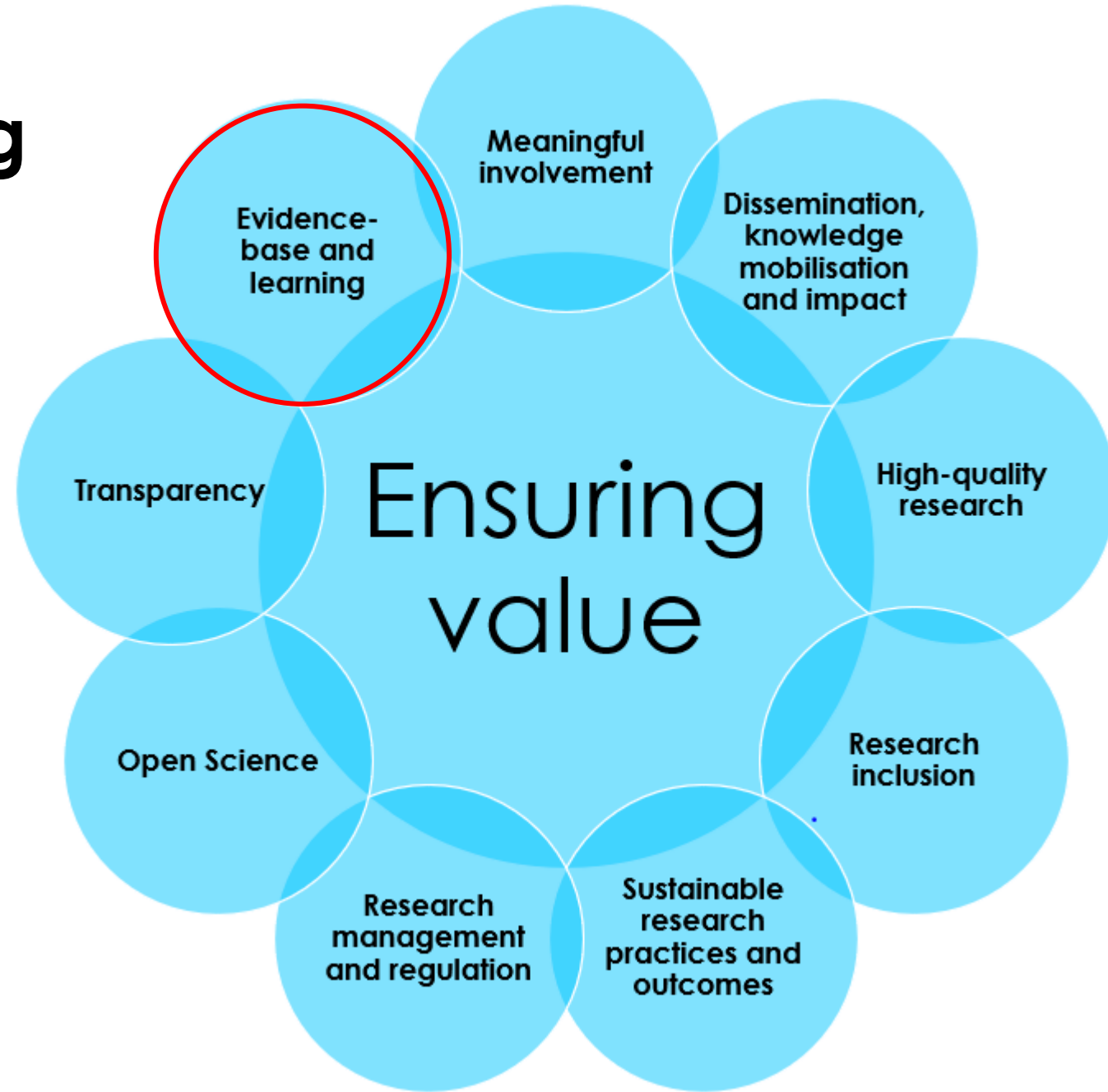
Transparency

To be equitable whilst ensuring appropriate governance, funders should strive to be as transparent as possible about their processes and decision making.



Evidence-base, learning

To continuously improve all aspects of their work based on evidence, funders should strive for effective monitoring, evaluation and learning from all that they and other funders do.



Next steps

To finalise the updated guiding principles:

- Final edits by WG to incorporate feedback and sign off by Steering Group
- or update and another round of consultation if changes are more substantial

After finalisation:

- Graphic design work to represent the principles
- Encourage members to discuss these in their organisation
- Update self-assessment tool
- Publicise