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> of the network structure and cooperative behavior on this structure. The results of this study show that partner choice strongly facilitates

cooperation and leads to networks where free-riders are likely to be excluded.