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Custom data fuels OECD's Innovation Strategy

The Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) has recently decided to develop an Innovation Strategy to help governments boost innovation performance. We speak to Hiroyuki Tomizawa, Principal Administrator in the Economic Analysis and Statistics Division of the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry at the OECD.

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Geographical trends of research output

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Eigenfactor: pulling the stories out of the data

The Eigenfactor project was set up to provide an alternative way of measuring journal influence and is generating a lot of interest. But the team is doing much more than ranking journals. Jevin West tells us the Eigenfactor story.

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Citations are one of the principal drivers of scientific conversation and, as such, are subject to intense scrutiny. But what motivates citations, and what helps or hinders a paper's potential to become a future citation classic? We speak to two highly cited Dutch researchers for their views.