

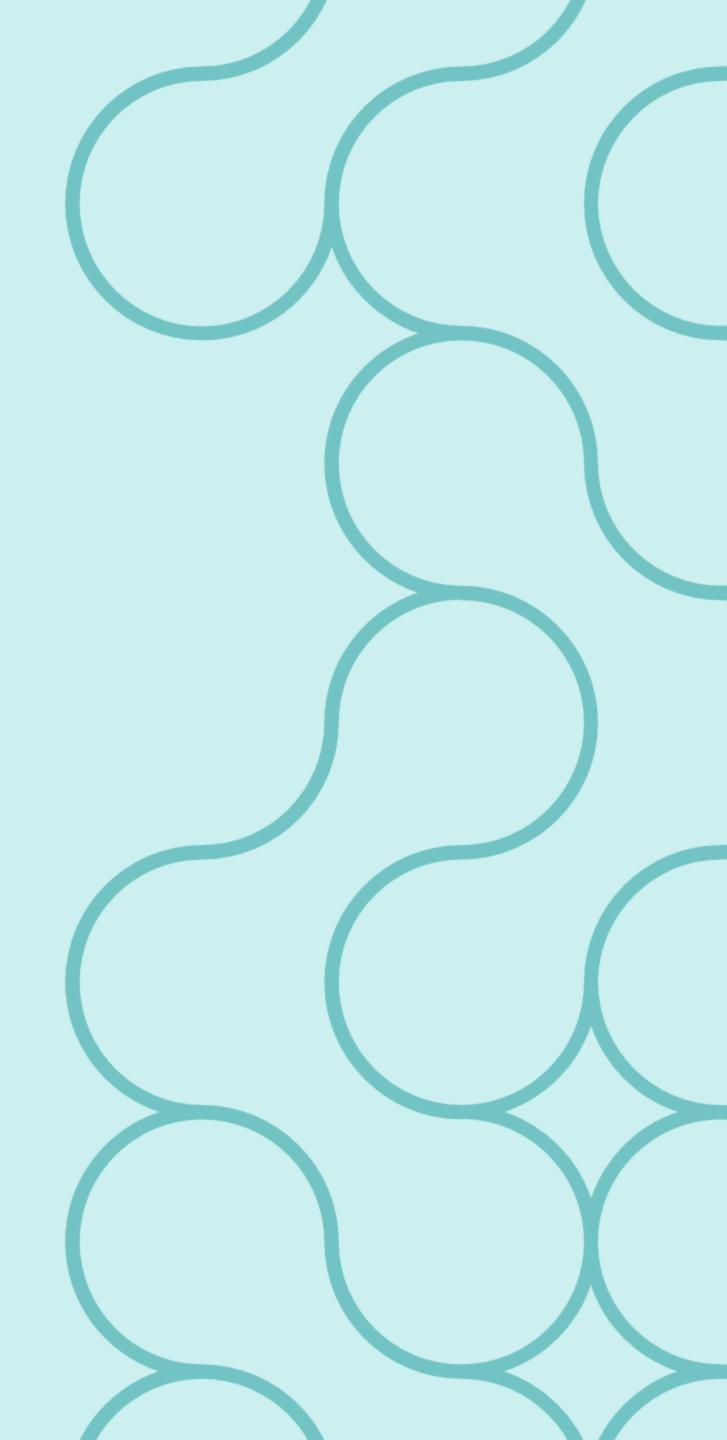
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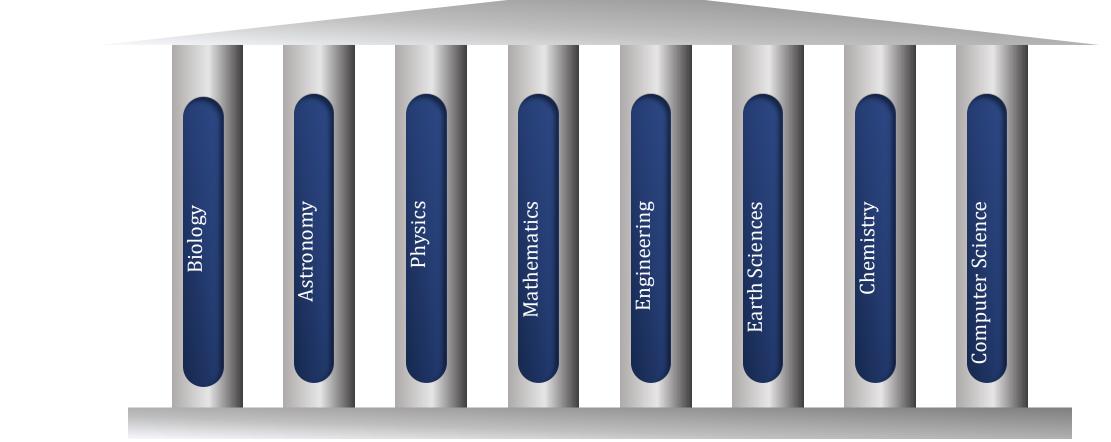


Why interdisciplinary science?











How can we get there?

We need to identify ways to encourage greater support, • better infrastructure, and the right incentives and rewards for interdisciplinary science to help break down the silos that have grown up around the disciplines







How can we get there?

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Our philosophy for the Rankings

- Step-wise development
- Engagement with broad range of stakeholders
- Iteration and co-creation of metrics and data collection
- Commitment to a dialogue with the sector
- Transparent metrics









Our aims for the Interdisciplinary Science Rankings

- To recognize, incentivize, and celebrate interdisciplinary science
- Provide the university sector with the data to measure and benchmark interdisciplinary achievement
- Recognize and reward universities leading on support for interdisciplinary science
 Promote best practices and incentivize
- Promote best practices and incent change
- Develop new measures and metrics for interdisciplinary science







Insights

Researchers working across disciplines

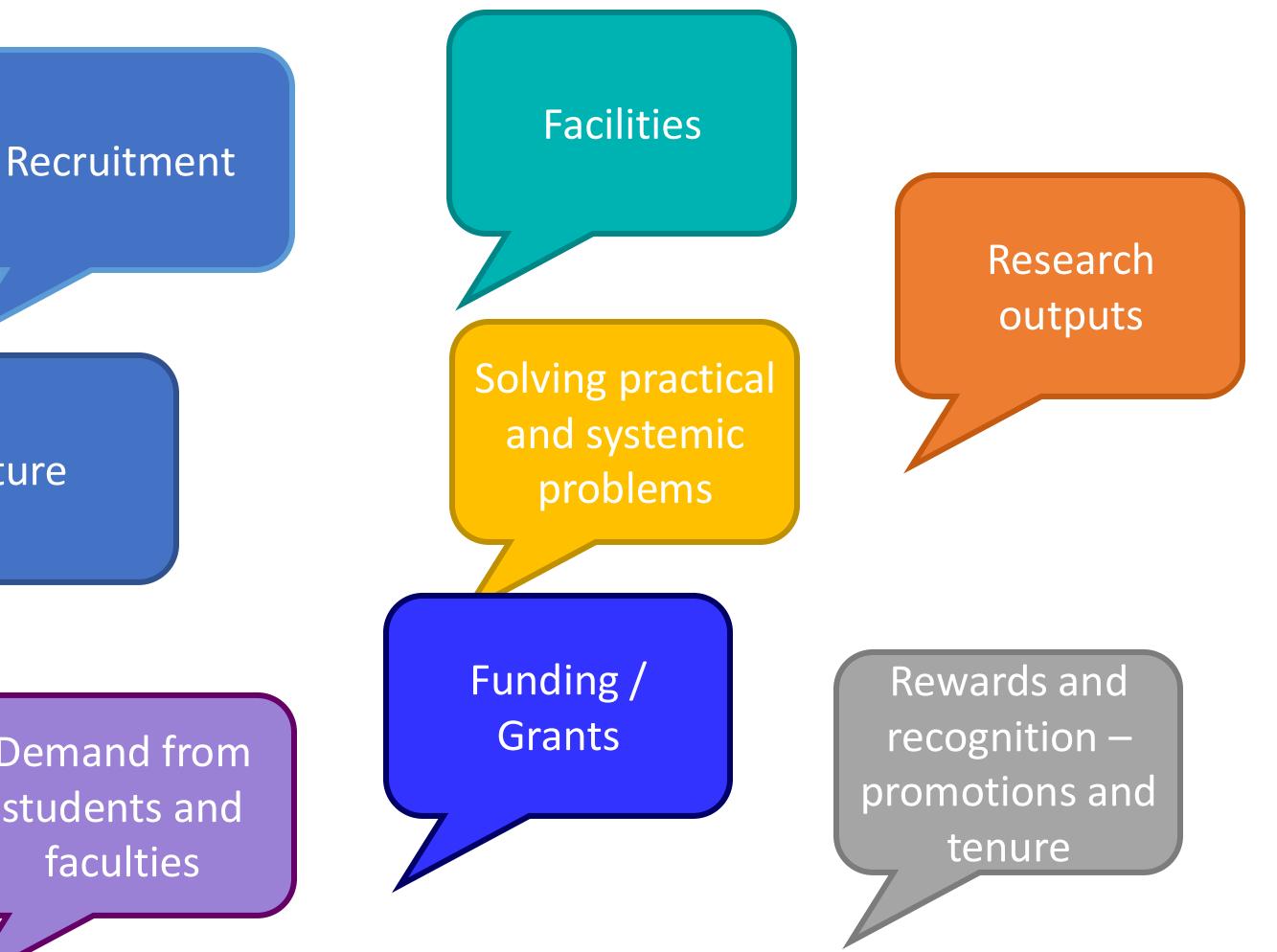
> Scope of interdisciplinary research

Demand from students and faculties

Culture









THE's Ranking Family

RESEARCH



Focus: research output, research quality, research collaboration, reputation + more

Participation rules: 1,000+ publications over 5 years, teach undergraduates across a range of subjects

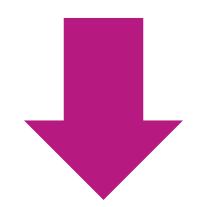




IMPACT & SUSTAINABILITY



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Focus: research, teaching, stewardship and outreach against the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Participation rules: all UG or PG higher education institutions





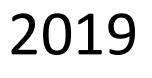
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Impact Rankings

Science Rankings

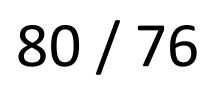






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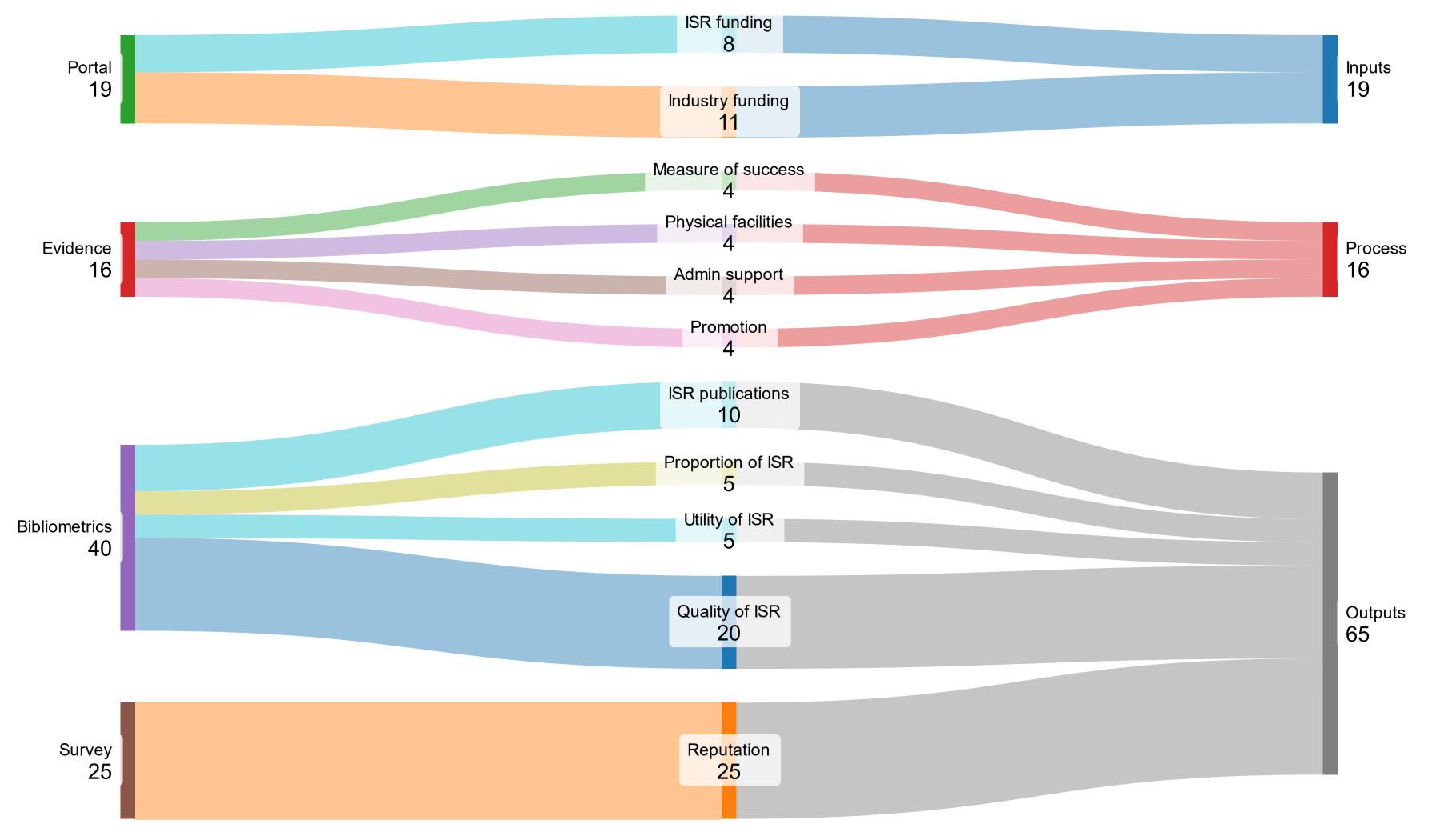








Methodology







How to identify IS research?

- In Scopus every publication is tagged with a set of subjects (or "subfields") and relevance scores e.g. {'Computer Science': 0.3, 'Biology': 0.7}
- We can format these scores into a vector S 0 0.3 0 0 0.7 0 0 0
- Matrix A which counts that co-occurrence of subjects can be defined as

A =

- Let D be the Distance matrix. $D_{u,v} = No$
- The IS score of the document is

 $S^{\frac{1}{2}}$

 A publication is considered IS if its IS sco publications





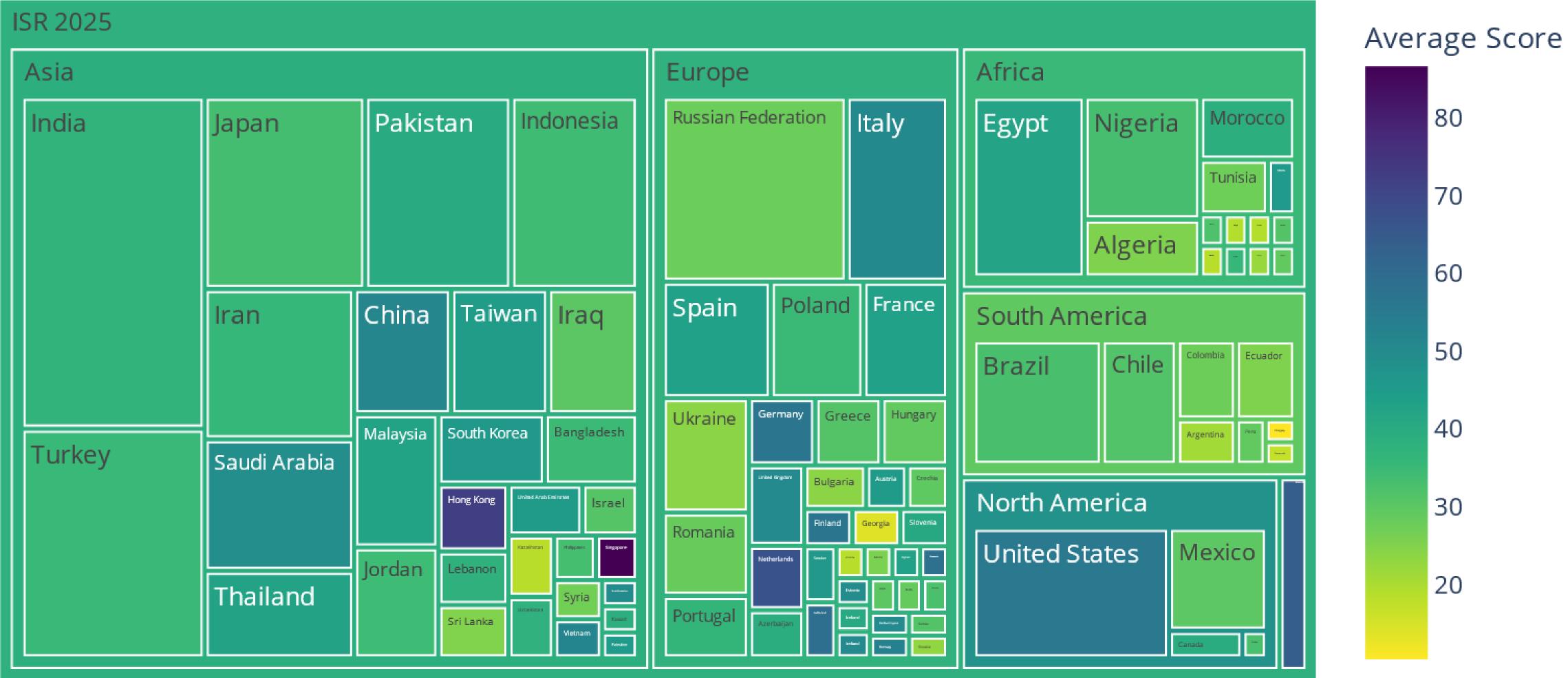
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$$orm(A_u - A_v)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}D(S^{\frac{1}{2}})^T$$

• A publication is considered IS if its IS score is in the top 25% percentile of all eligible



Country/region Representation







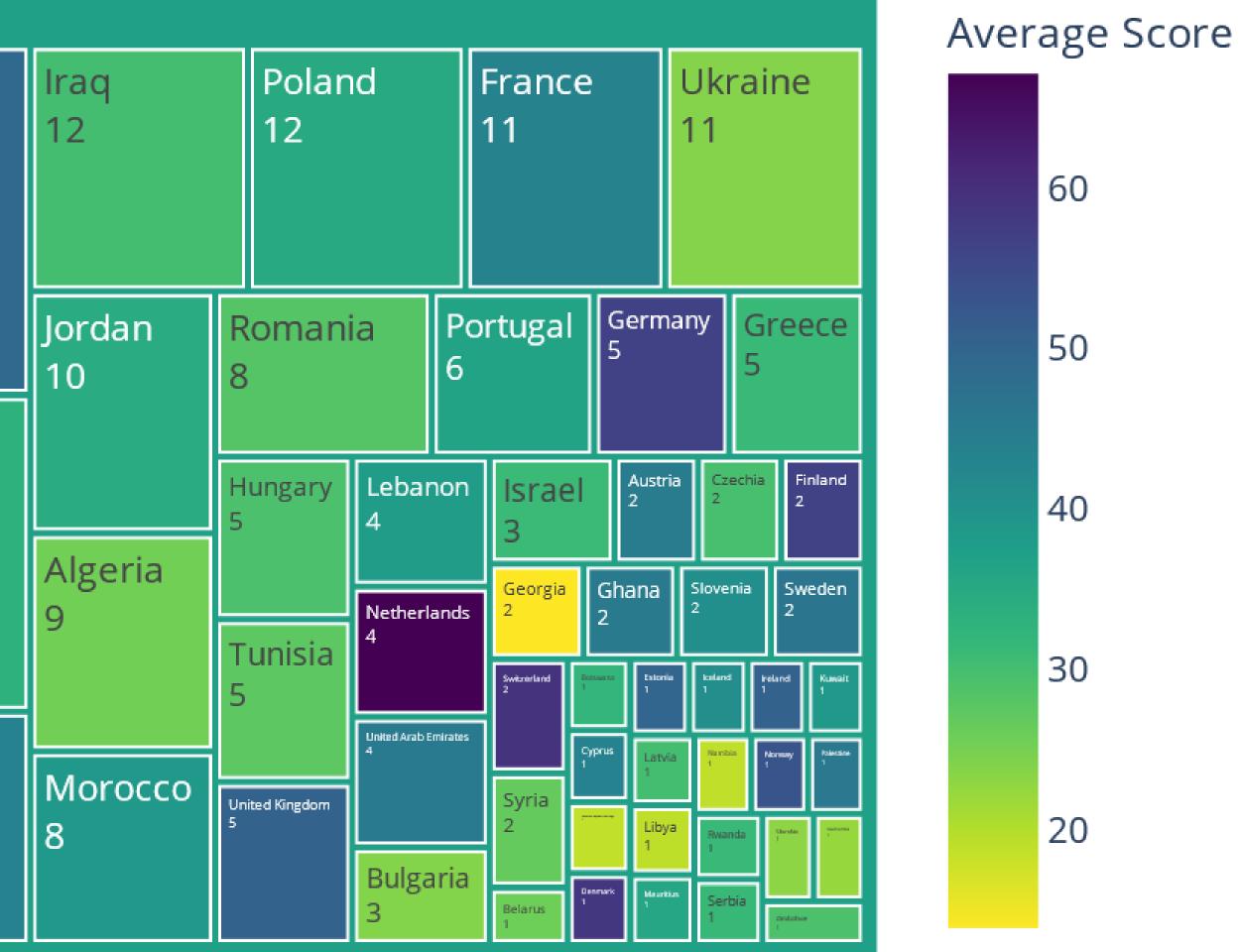


Country/region Representation - EMEA

ISR 2025 - EMEA Saudi Arabia Turkey Egypt 45 27 21 Iran Nigeria 24 19 **Russian Federation** 38 Italy Spain 21 14











Global Top 10

- 1 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - 2 Stanford University
 - **3** National University of Singapore
- **Caltech** 4 California Institute of Technology
 - Duke 5 Duke University
 - 6 University of Minnesota
 - **4** 7 Wageningen University & Research
 - **UCSB** 8 University of California, Santa Barbara
 - 9 Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
 - 10 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Interdisciplinary Science Forum





Regional Highlights

Europe

LatAm

54 National Autonomous University of Mexico =57 University of São Paulo 63 Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile =84 Universidade Estadual Paulista (Unesp) 123 Federal University of São Carlos

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7 Wageningen University & Research **12 Technical University of Munich** 19 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne =30 Politecnico di Milano Asia 34 University of Barcelona

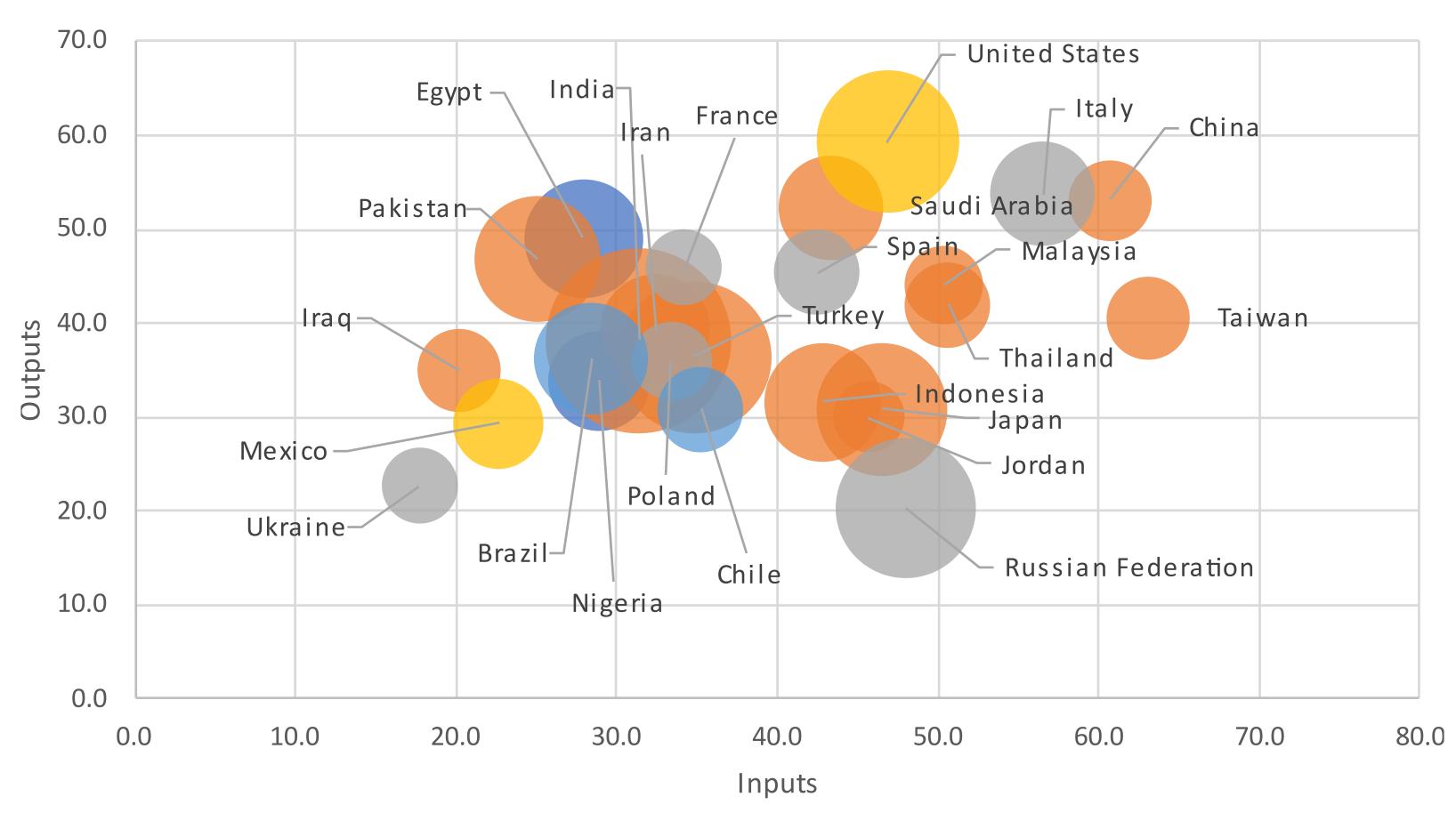
Africa

- **39 Cairo University**
- 67 Mansoura University
- 73 Covenant University
- =93 American University in Cairo
- 97 Alexandria University

- **3 National University of Singapore**
- 9 Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- **13 Universi**ty of Hong Kong
- 16 Fudan University
- 17 King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals



Inputs vs Outputs



Africa Asia Europe North America South America

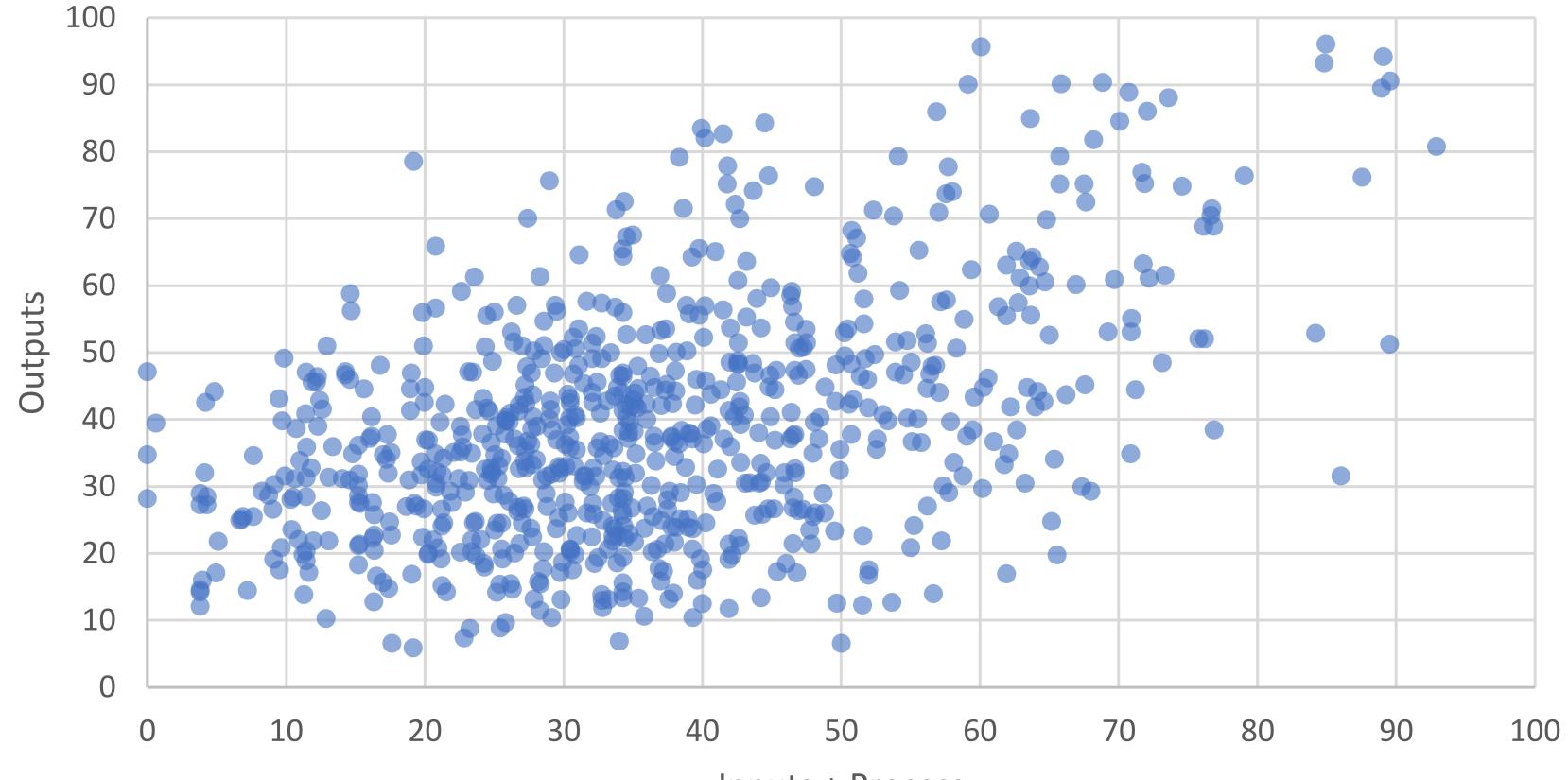




Inputs vs Outputs



Taking Process into Consideration





Inputs+Process vs Outputs

Inputs + Process



Country/region level performance – ISR vs WUR

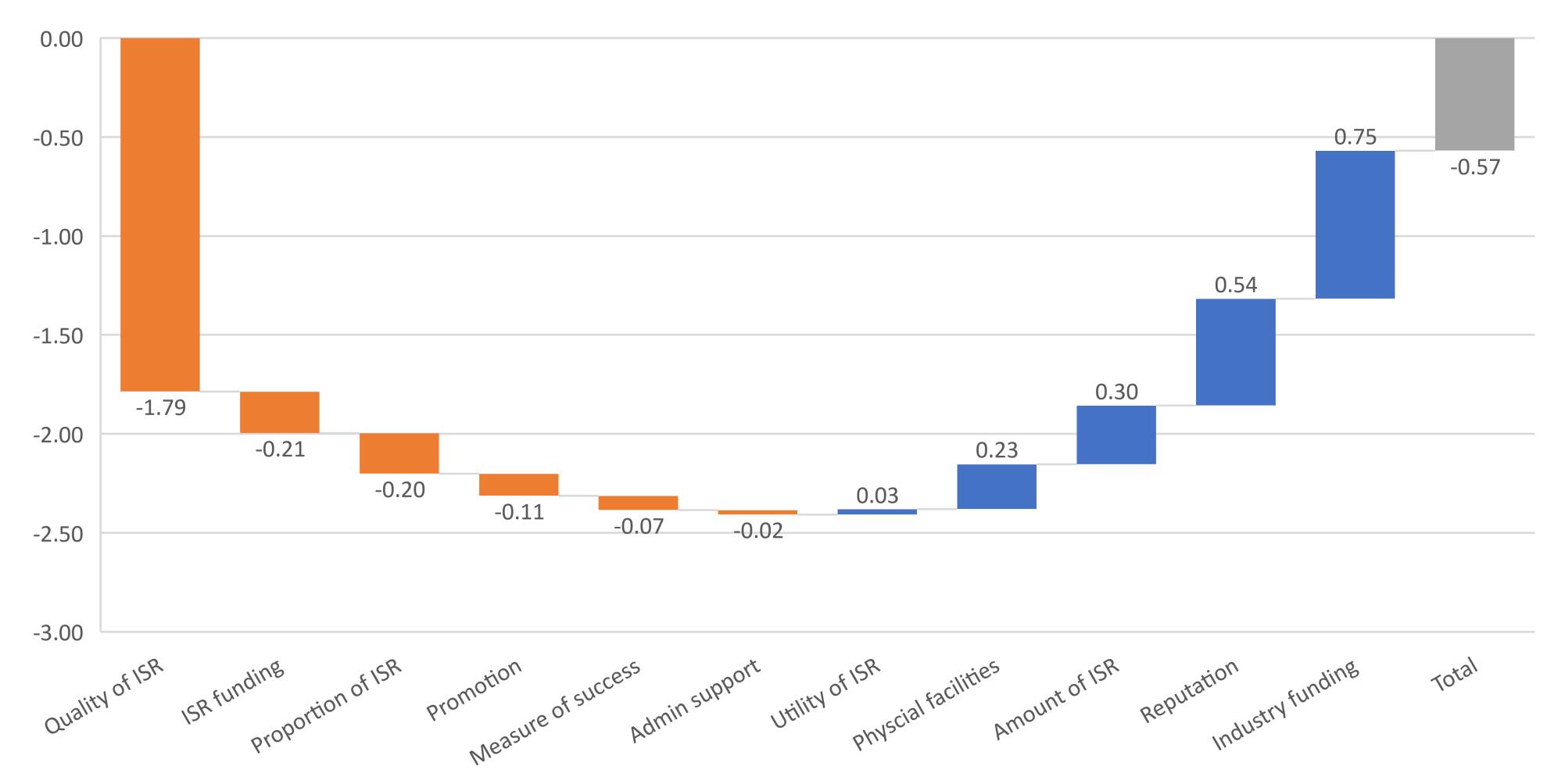




Difference in representation



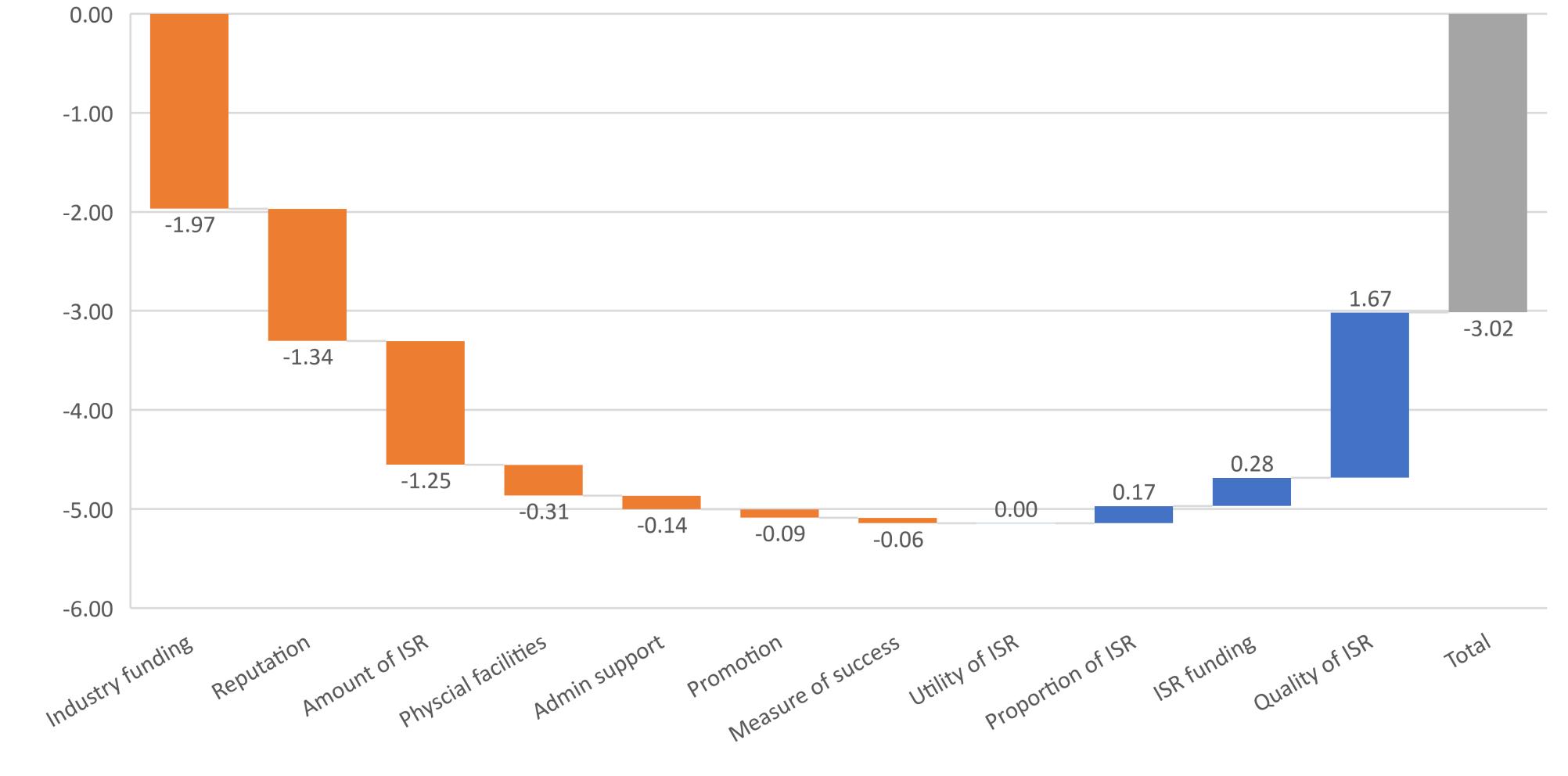
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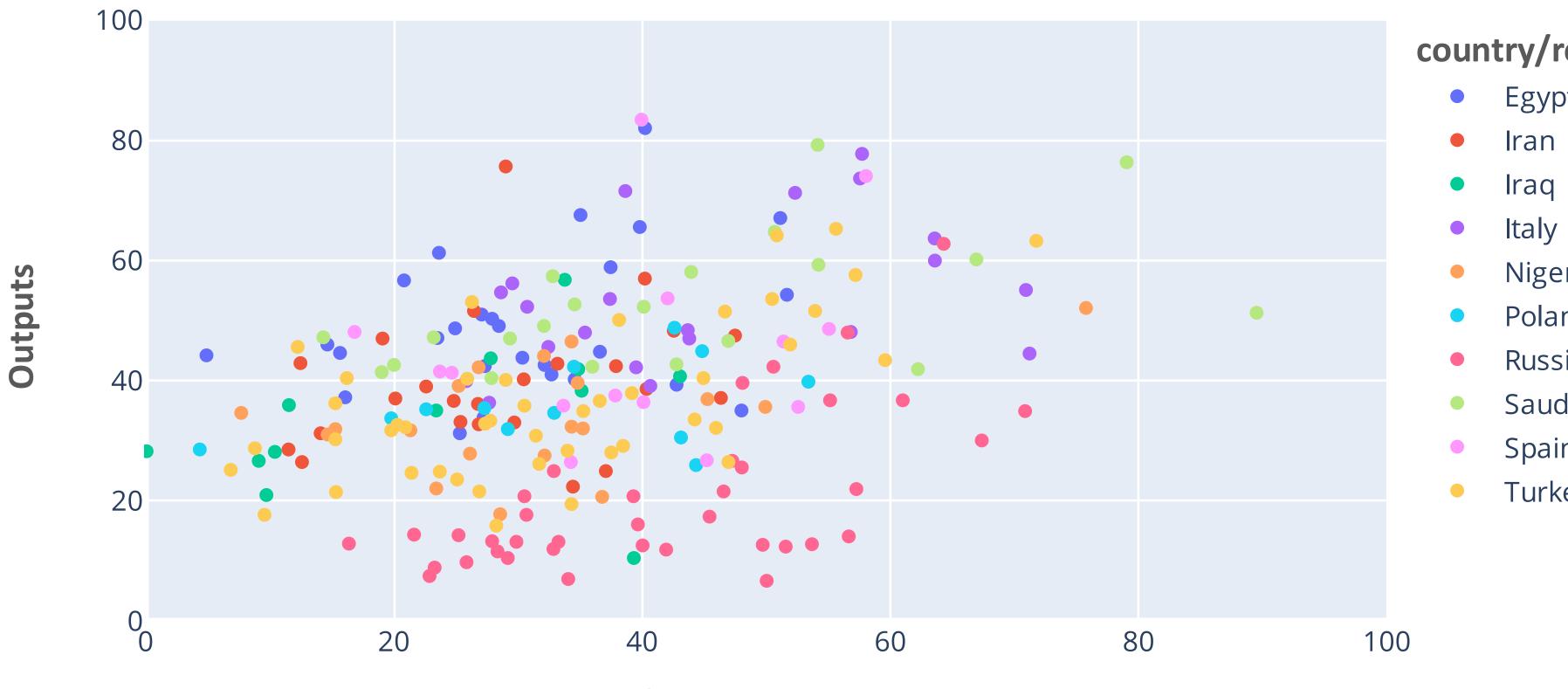
... and Africa







Which countries are unperforming their potential?



Inputs + Process





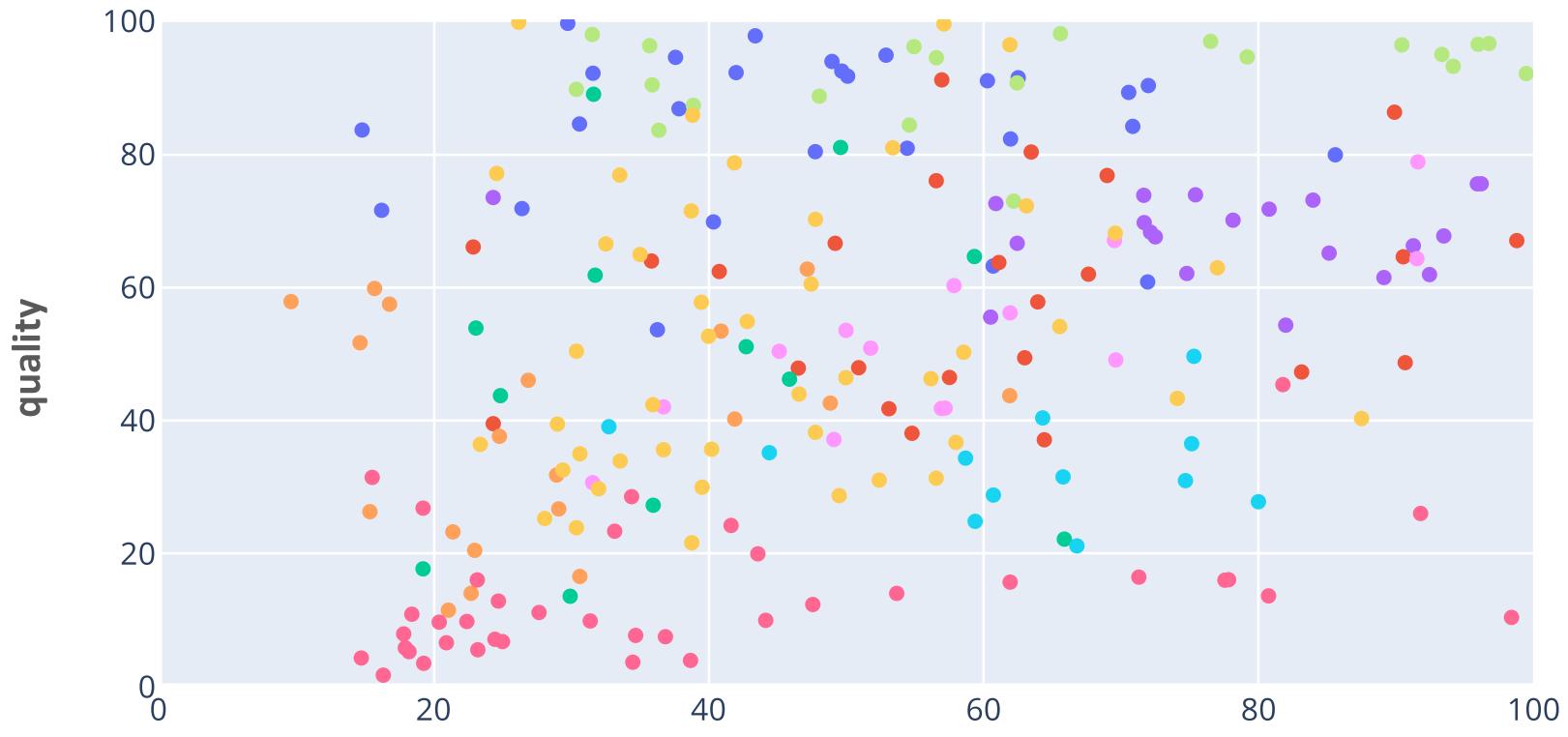
country/region

Egypt

- Nigeria
- Poland
- **Russian Federation**
- Saudi Arabia
- Spain
- Turkey



Quality vs Quantity



quantity

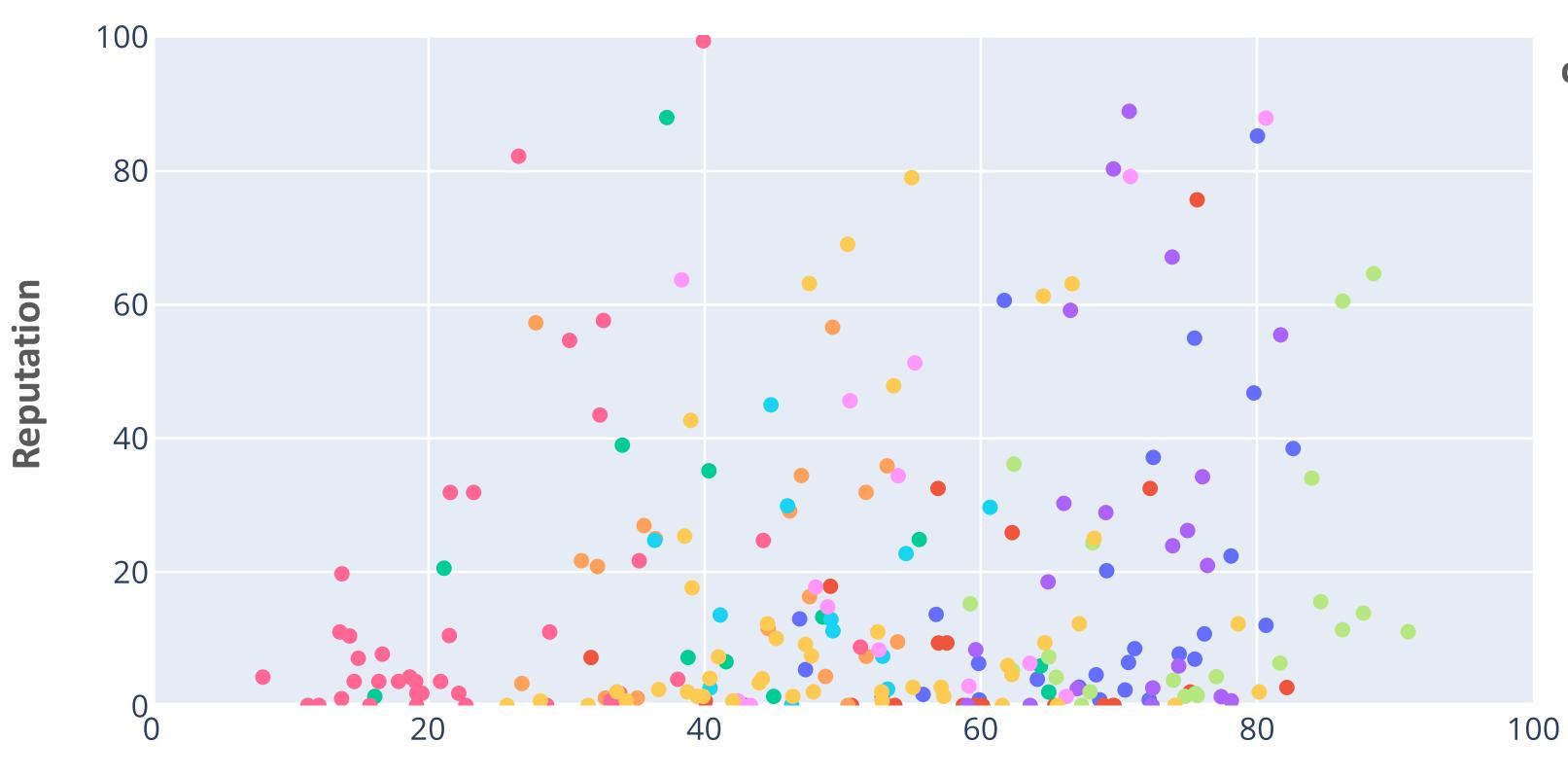


country/region

- Egypt
- Iran
- Iraq
- Italy
- Nigeria
- Poland
- **Russian Federation**
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- Turkey



Perception vs Reality



Outputs ex Reputation





country/region

- Egypt
- Iran
- Iraq
- Italy
- Nigeria
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Case study – MIT Koch Institute

- Bringing together more than 1,000 biologists, biological, chemical, clinicians, and others.
- among scientists and engineers in shared research and social spaces.
- Its central location, situated where MIT's campus meets Cambridge's biotechnology hub in Kendall Square, facilitating collaboration with academic, clinical, and industry partners.
- into discoveries.





mechanical, and materials science engineers, chemists, computer scientists,

A building design and community programs that encourage cross-pollination

 Robust research centres, training and funding programs, and cutting-edge shared support facilities designed to help researchers translate their ideas



More information

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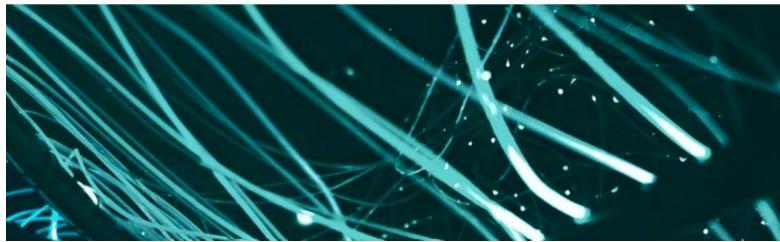
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How to participate

- New institutions Register with us
 - Authorize a member of staff to provide data for your institution
- **Registered institutions will receive** notification for data submission soon. Data collection starts on 13 January 2025
- For general queries, please email interdisciplinary@timeshighereducation.com









Eligibility Criteria

- Must submit data for THE World University Rankings
- Must declare at least one science subject as applicable
- Must publish at least 100 ISR publications within a 5-year window
- Must have at least 50 academics working in science subjects
- Must not have more than two missing metrics
- Must not be in THE's exclusion list









Changes in 2026

Social science disciplines

Science disciplines





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Clinical and health disciplines



Thank you for joining us

