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# **Identifying priorities of Russia's international S&T co-operation: countries and thematic areas**

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## Content

- Dynamics of S&T specialisation of foreign countries: bibliometric analysis of country's publications (2003-2013) indexed in Web of Science
- Expert survey / interview

# Global challenges -> S&T priorities

## Global challenges:

- ❖ Lack of natural resources: clean water, energy, food
- ❖ Climate change
- ❖ Demography & ageing of population
- ❖ Spread and growth of diseases
- ❖ National insecurity, growth of ethnic conflicts, terrorism and crime



## Response: S&T priorities setting

- ❖ Rational use of natural resources
- ❖ Energy efficiency
- ❖ ICT
- ❖ Life sciences (medicine and biotechnology)
- ❖ Food security
- ❖ New materials and nanotechnology
- ❖ Transport and space systems

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# STI policy of Russia

**Strategy of innovation development of Russia - 2020**

**Strategy of science and innovation development until 2015**

**Priority fields of S&T development and list of critical technologies**

**State programme of S&T development**

**Forecast of S&T development of Russia until 2030**

# Methodology

Bibliometric analysis of country's publications (2003-2013) indexed in Web of Science

Dynamics of country's S&T specialisation

Growth in the number of publications

Countries - long-standing S&T leaders

Countries with rapidly increasing S&T potential

Index of scientific specialization  
25 countries

Russia's S&T key partners

Analysis of country's S&T strategies and programmes

Country's thematic priorities of S&T development

Experts' survey

Russian R&D organisations – international partners

S&T counselors of foreign embassies to Russia

- ✓ Countries – key partners in S&T
- ✓ R&D partner organisations
- ✓ Promising thematic areas of S&T cooperation

- ✓ Country's leading S&T areas and priorities
- ✓ S&T areas for cooperation with Russia



# Countries under analysis

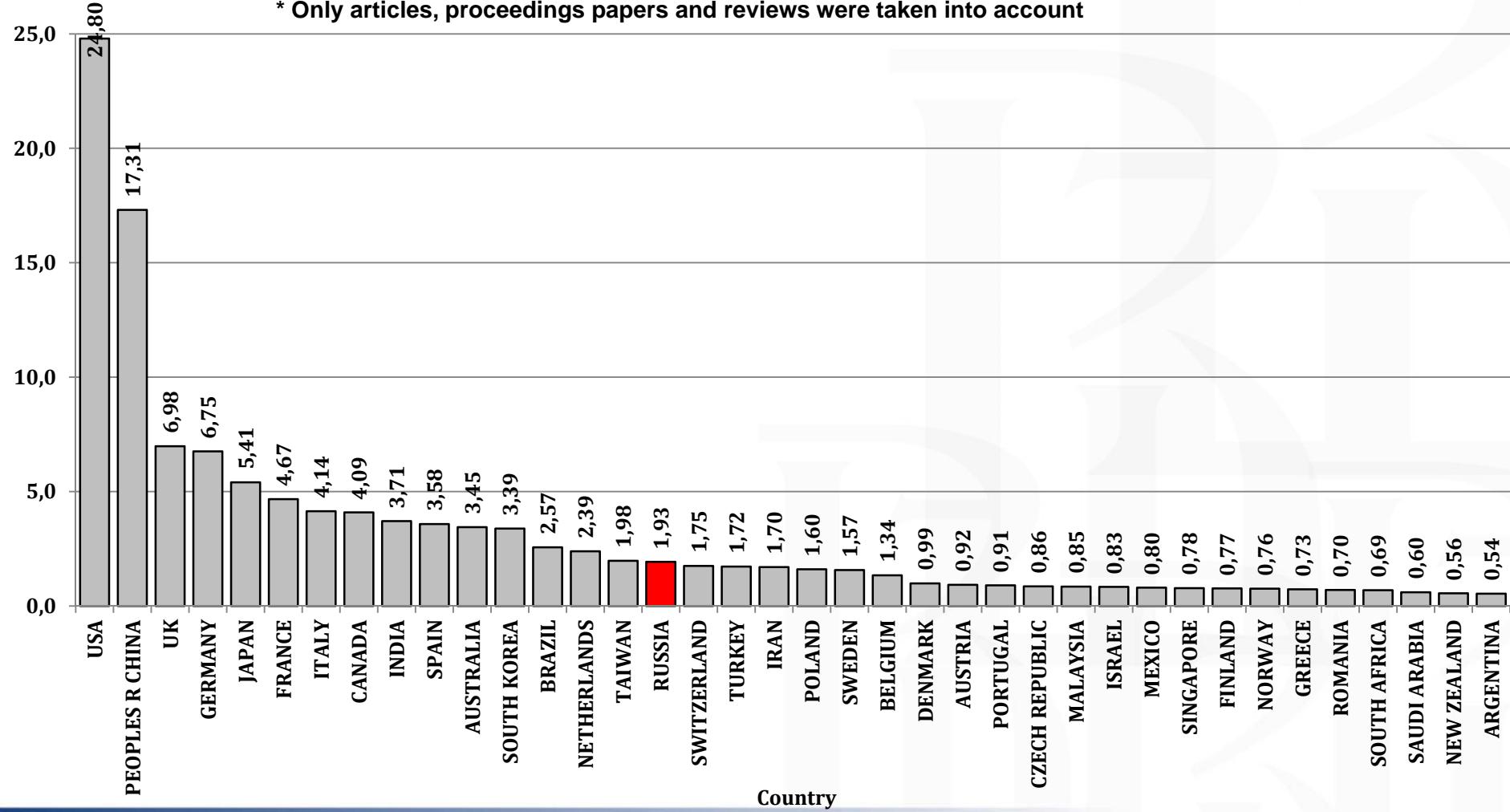
Countries / Regions	BRICS	Latin America	Asia-Pacific Region	European Union
1 Israel	7 Brazil	11	13 Malaysia	18 Austria
2 Iran	8 India	Argentina	14 Republic of Korea	19 UK
3 Canada	9 China	12 Mexico	15 Singapore	20 Germany
4 USA	10 South Africa		16 Taiwan	21 Spain
5 Turkey			17 Japan	22 Italy
6 Switzerland				23 Netherlands
				24 Finland
				25 France



# Country shares in the total number of publications in scientific journals indexed in Web of Science: 2013, %

Publications total: 1 652 991 \*

\* Only articles, proceedings papers and reviews were taken into account





## Growth in the number of publications: countries with rapidly increasing S&T potential (2003-2014, times)

Field of science/Country	Argentina	Mexico	Brazil	India	China	South Africa	Republic of Korea	Malaysia	Singapore	Taiwan	Iran	Turkey
Multidisciplinary	5.0	7.3	6.8		12.7	3.7		86.6		17.3		
Nano-technology		2.9			13.9		7.0	275.5	6.0	6.1		
Health sciences			4.7			3.7	5.3	10.6	4.9	3.3	12.6	
Earth and related environmental sciences								12.4				10.5
Other agricultural sciences			5.8			3.4						
Chemical engineering		3.5	3.1	14.3		3.9						10.4
Environmental biotechnology		2.6			8.4					2.8		
Veterinary science		2.5										
Clinical medicine			3.4					4.1				
Agricultural sciences			3.7		8.3							
Mathematics									19.3			4.7
Electrical engineering, electronic engineering, information engineering	3.5					3.6						3.5
Chemical sciences										3.0		
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries				3.8								
Biological sciences										2.9		
Environmental engineering	2.6											
Physical sciences									11.3			
Materials engineering				4.4				24.2			12.0	3.5
Mechanical engineering				4.5				19.4				
Computer and information sciences	3.1											
Sociology					31.0	3.7						



# Top-35 partners of Russia on scientific collaboration in Web of Science in 2014

№	Countries	Share in total number of Russian papers in int. collaboration, %		Number of papers in int. collaboration		Growth of papers in int. collab. with Russia 2003-2014,
		2003	2014	2003	2014	
1	<b>USA</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>2 257</b>	<b>2 965</b>	<b>31.4</b>
2	<b>Germany</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>2 895</b>	<b>20.6</b>
3	France	12.3	15.7	1 096	1 699	55.0
4	UK	9.1	14.5	815	1 571	92.8
5	Italy	8.1	11.1	723	1 202	66.3
6	<b>Peoples R China</b>	2.9	9.7	262	1 049	<b>300.4</b>
7	Spain	4.0	9.2	353	999	183.0
8	Poland	5.4	8.3	481	900	87.1
9	Japan	8.5	7.9	757	856	13.1
10	Switzerland	4.4	7.2	394	779	97.7
11	Ukraine	3.2	7.1	287	772	169.0
12	Netherlands	4.8	6.4	431	700	62.4
13	Sweden	4.9	5.8	433	633	46.2
14	Finland	3.1	5.6	276	604	118.8
15	<b>Czech Republic</b>	2.2	5.4	192	589	<b>206.8</b>
16	Canada	3.7	5.3	327	578	76.8
17	<b>Brazil</b>	1.7	5.0	154	542	<b>251.9</b>
18	<b>Australia</b>	1.5	4.9	133	535	<b>302.3</b>
19	<b>India</b>	1.2	4.8	110	522	<b>374.5</b>
20	<b>South Korea</b>	2.9	4.6	257	503	95.7
21	Austria	1.8	4.1	164	447	172.6
22	Belgium	3.2	4.1	284	443	56.0
23	<b>Turkey</b>	0.6	3.8	51	408	<b>700.0</b>
24	Byelorussia	1.4	3.6	127	392	208.7
25	Taiwan	1.3	3.5	113	379	235.4
26	Norway	1.8	3.4	159	373	134.6
27	Hungary	1.2	3.4	108	370	242.6
28	Portugal	1.5	3.3	131	359	174.0
29	Israel	2.0	3.2	179	342	91.1
30	Denmark	1.8	3.1	157	332	111.5
31	Greece	1.3	3.0	118	330	179.7
32	Romania	0.6	2.9	55	316	474.5
33	Ireland	0.8	2.7	67	293	337.3
34	<b>South Africa</b>	0.3	2.4	25	262	<b>948.0</b>
35	Mexico	1.3	2.3	120	253	110.8

# Top-30 thematic areas of Russian scientific collaboration in Web of Science in 2003-2014

№	Web of Science Categories	Number of Russian papers in int. collab.			Share in total number of Russian papers in int. collab. for 2003-2014, %	Growth/decrease 2003 - 2014, % (more than 50% growth in green, more the 15% decrease in red)
		2003	2014	2003-2014		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8 914</b>	<b>10 854</b>	<b>112 485</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.8</b>
1	<b>Physics Condensed Matter</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>10 065</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>-34.1</b>
2	<b>Physics Multidisciplinary</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>9 910</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
3	<b>Astronomy Astrophysics</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>8 588</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>42.1</b>
4	<b>Physics Applied</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>8 317</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.9</b>
5	<b>Physics Particles Fields</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>7 929</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>32.4</b>
6	<b>Materials Science</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>7 485</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>39.2</b>
7	<b>Chemistry Physical</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>6 834</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>25.7</b>
8	Optics	363	483	4 957	4.4	33.1
9	Physics Atomic Molecular Chemical	430	382	4 703	4.2	-11.2
10	Biochemistry Molecular Biology	421	365	4 611	4.1	-13.3
11	Physics Nuclear	420	319	4 418	3.9	-24.0
12	Geosciences Multidisciplinary	281	359	3 616	3.2	27.8
13	Chemistry Multidisciplinary	267	419	3 587	3.2	56.9
14	Mathematics	247	329	3 468	3.1	33.2
15	Nuclear Science Technology	341	199	3 244	2.9	-41.6
16	Physics Mathematical	286	272	3 028	2.7	-4.9
17	Physics Fluids Plasmas	244	212	2 815	2.5	-13.1
18	Instruments Instrumentation	266	244	2 808	2.5	-8.3
19	Mathematics Applied	180	290	2 736	2.4	61.1
20	Chemistry Inorganic Nuclear	212	233	2 703	2.4	9.9
21	Spectroscopy	250	201	2 654	2.4	-19.6
22	Geochemistry Geophysics	186	243	2 446	2.2	30.6
23	Chemistry Organic	196	182	2 353	2.1	-7.1
24	Engineering Electrical Electronic	229	179	2 344	2.1	-21.8
25	Nanoscience Nanotechnology	101	268	2 158	1.9	165.3
26	Meteorology Atmospheric Sciences	157	168	2 141	1.9	7.0
27	Mechanics	141	186	1 827	1.6	31.9
28	Metallurgy Metallurgical	127	202	1 823	1.6	59.1
29	Multidisciplinary Sciences	64	343	1 578	1.4	435.9
30	Environmental Sciences	124	174	1 566	1.4	40.3

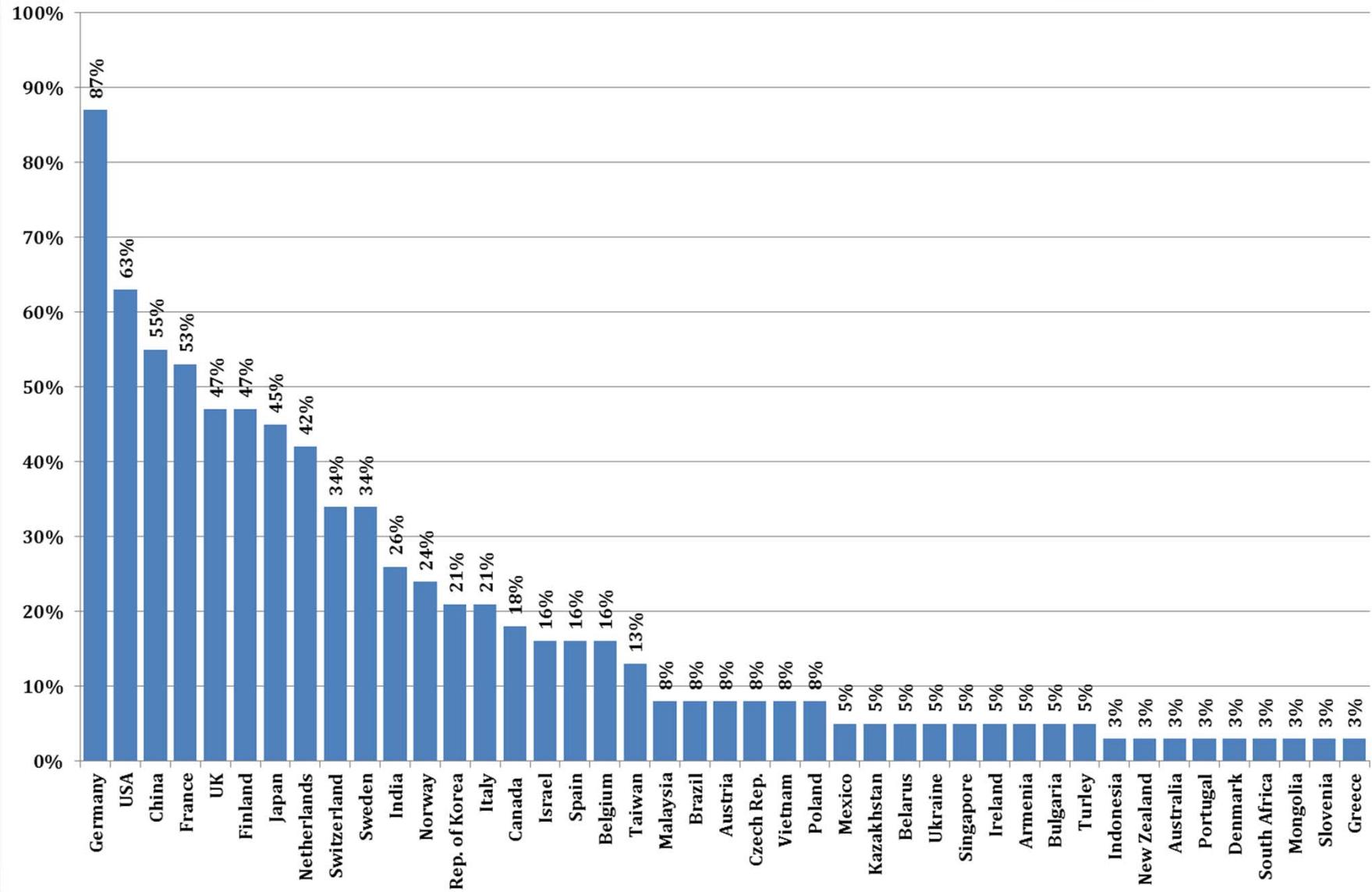
# Index of scientific specialization (points)

Field of science/Country	Austria	UK	Germany	Spain	Italy	Netherlands	Finland	France	Argentina	Mexico	Brazil	India	China	South Africa	Israel	Iran	Canada	USA	Turkey	Switzerland	R. of Korea	Malaysia	Singapore	Taiwan	Japan
Industrial Biotechnology						1.21				1.14	1.11	1.44							1.11	1.16	1.95	1.34	2.98	1.41	1.69
Physical sciences	1.09		1.43	1.04	1.23			1.41	1.07	1.41		1.24	1.17		1.22				1.24	1.40		1.38	1.30	1.50	
Materials engineering											1.45	2.24			1.18						1.85	1.47	1.58	1.43	1.35
Chemical sciences		1.03	1.21				1.02	1.10			1.95	1.58			1.71					1.37	1.37	1.18	1.05	1.33	
Environmental biotechnology				1.14		1.10		1.32	1.31	1.06	1.67	1.05	1.30					1.02		1.62	1.60	1.13		1.30	
Nano-technology				1.00							1.41	1.57			1.32					2.41	1.80	3.22	2.12	1.25	
Basic medicine	1.05	1.14	1.07		1.29	1.27	1.00		1.07		1.16			1.07		1.19	1.34								1.17
Other agricultural sciences				2.15	1.18		1.17		2.32	1.63	1.92	1.48		1.25		1.34			1.85		1.47	2.32		1.10	1.15
Biological sciences	1.17	1.13	1.09	1.22	1.02	1.14	1.22	1.10	2.04	1.47	1.44		1.60	1.15		1.20	1.21		1.18						1.09
Mechanical engineering					1.01			1.10				1.04	1.48			1.80					1.26	1.16	1.01	1.12	1.09
Clinical medicine	1.43	1.24	1.21		1.37	1.59	1.17	1.01						1.33		1.16	1.26	1.81	1.27						1.07
Electrical, electronic, information													1.50			1.27					1.55	1.77	2.16	2.13	1.04
Other engineering and technologies												1.09	1.87			1.28					1.32	1.44	1.22	1.50	1.01
Medical engineering	1.12				1.12	1.12										1.07	1.15		1.09	1.17	1.20	1.94	1.27		
Agricultural sciences					1.56	1.01		1.17		2.06	1.98	3.08	1.58		1.60		1.50	1.09		1.83					1.35
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries					1.62	1.03		1.57		2.16	2.33	3.59	1.55		1.59		1.51	1.28		1.27					1.17
Environmental engineering												1.11	1.66	1.10		1.44	1.02		1.34		1.00	1.69			1.12
Multidisciplinary	1.16	1.36	1.13		1.13	1.31	1.07	1.14	1.05		1.46	1.12	1.93	1.28		1.06	1.37		1.48			1.79			
Chemical engineering						1.26				1.68	1.50	1.11	1.65	1.44	1.18		2.55			1.76		1.43	2.20	1.43	1.12
Computer and information sciences	1.02				1.04								1.60			1.08					1.16	1.70	1.68	1.67	
Animal and dairy science					1.33	1.37	1.17		1.61	2.25	3.41	2.60		1.98		1.69	1.28		1.28						
Civil engineering														1.96			1.67	1.04		1.33		1.34	1.25	1.41	1.32
Health sciences		1.51					1.55	1.41				1.90		1.83			1.48	1.45		1.23					
Media and communications	1.18		1.32		1.11	1.60								1.87				1.21				2.12	1.61	1.28	
Sociology		1.68				1.27								1.80	1.55		1.32	1.51					1.23		



# Share of publications for thematic field in the total number of country's publications: key areas of country's scientific specialization (%)

# Key partners of Russia on scientific collaboration selected by experts (% of expert answers)





# Key thematic areas and countries for Russia's cooperation (selected by experts)

- ❖ **ICT** - Germany, Israel, India
- ❖ **Medicine and Health** - United Kingdom, Germany, France, USA, Sweden, China, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan
- ❖ **Biotechnologies** - United Kingdom, Germany, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Japan, Brazil, China
- ❖ **New materials and nanotechnologies** - Germany, Finland, France, USA, Japan, China, South Africa
- ❖ **Rational use of natural resources** - Germany, USA, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Republic of Korea
- ❖ **Transport and Space Systems** - Germany, USA, R. of Korea, China, Japan
- ❖ **Energy efficiency** - Germany, USA , Brazil, China, India, South Africa, Saudi Arabia



# What next?

Bibliometric analysis of country's publications (2003-2013) indexed in Web of Science

Top 20 leading countries by thematic area

Analysis of country's S&T policy

Analysis of country's S&T statistics

Experts' survey

Workshops' participants

Co-authors of joint publications

Matching results of bibliometric analysis, Forecast of S&T development of Russia and expert's survey



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