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This eighth edition of the OECD Science, Technology and Industry Scoreboard explores recent developments in matters relating to science, technology, globalisation and industrial performance of OECD and major non-OECD countries (notably Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). It brings together over 200 figures, many of which are new to this edition, to help examine emerging policy issues including: the international mobility of researchers and scientists, the growth of the information economy, innovation by regions and industries, innovation strategies by companies, the internationalisation of research, the changing role of multinational enterprises, and new patterns in trade competitiveness and productivity.

New topics concern science and industry linkages (e.g. science linkage in patents, co-operation in innovation with universities), science and technology advances in emerging technological fields (biotechnology and nanotechnology) and technologies of particular interest (environmental technologies) and the international outsourcing of production.

By providing a wide array of indicators for policy analysis, the OECD Science, Technology and Industry (STI) Scoreboard has become a widely used reference which combines statistical rigour with easy access and readability. The key findings are presented as bullet points alongside graphs highlighting the relative importance of countries. In addition, brief technical notes provide further methodological details on the indicators, along with links to useful references and data sources.

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