



Reflections on innovation lessons

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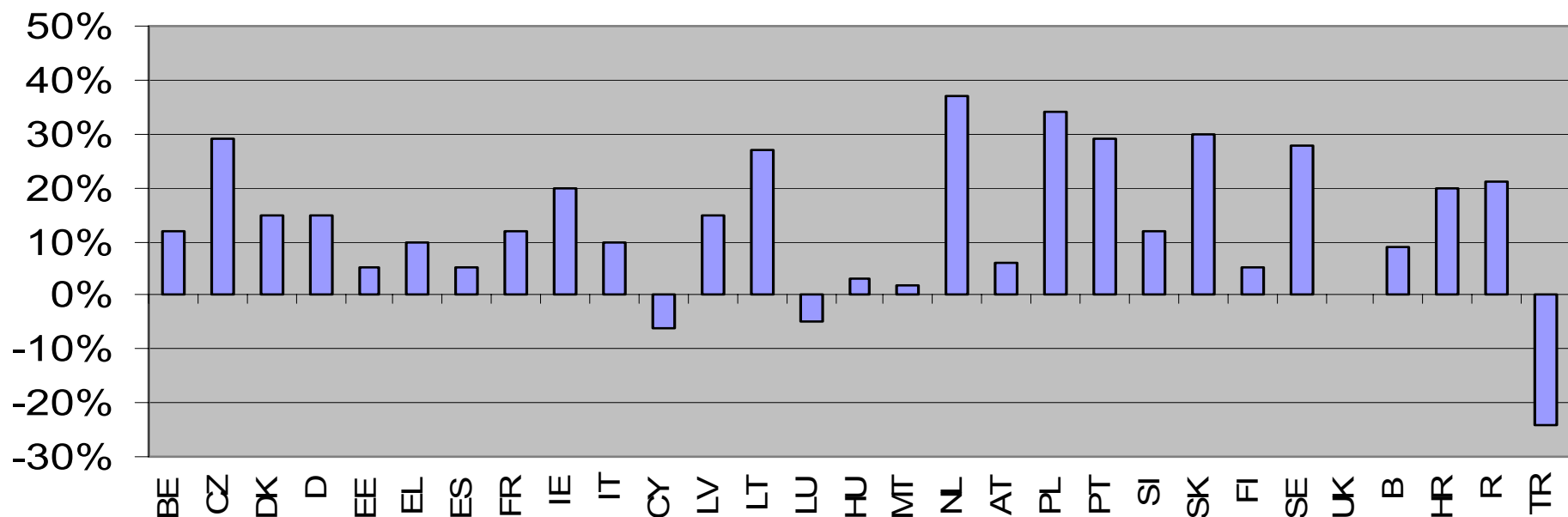
A new enlightenment debate?

- **More call for ‘evidence’**

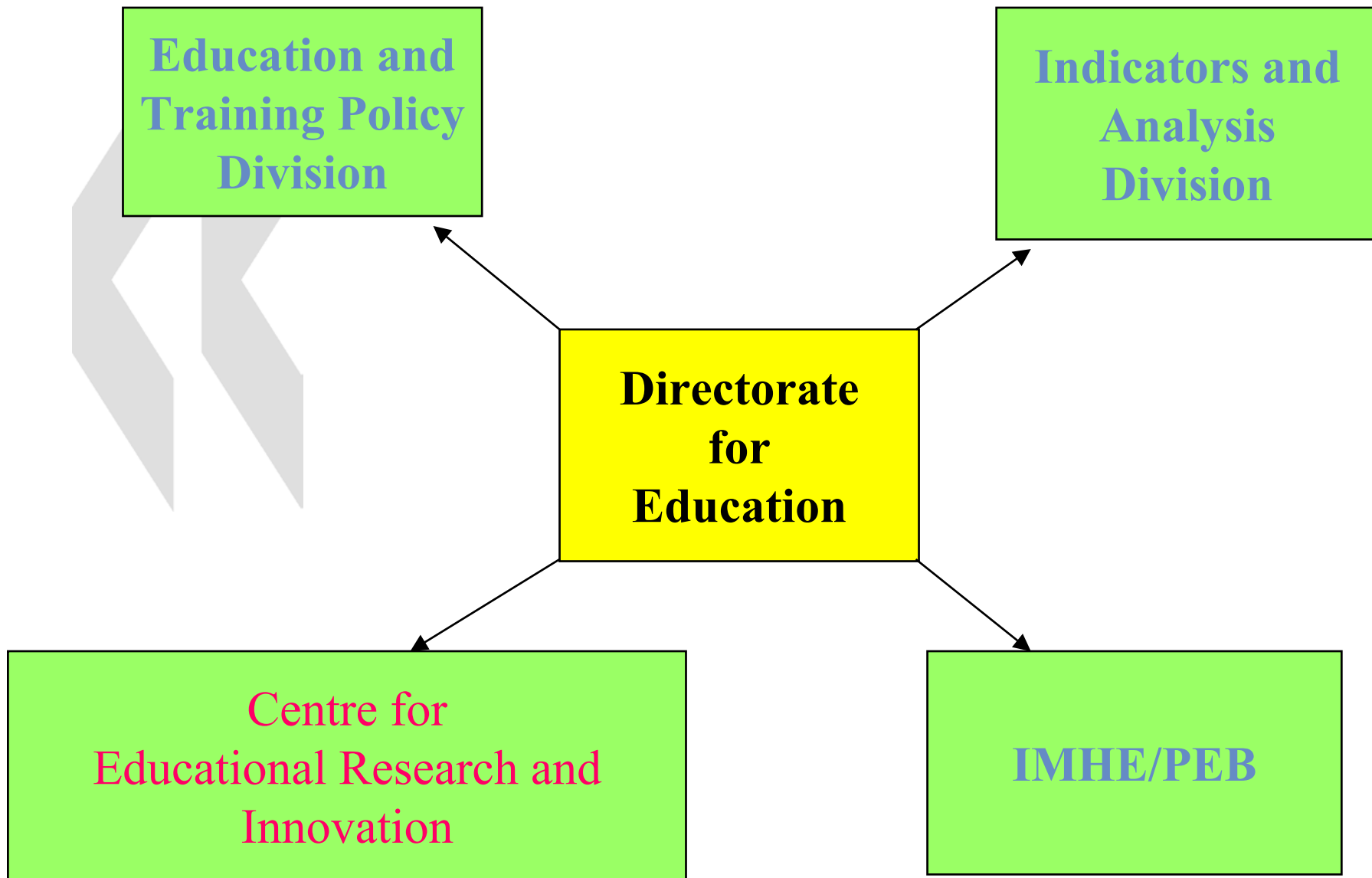
VS

- **Confusion over rational modes**

Difference between trust in official statistics and trust in national governments



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Innovation types

1. Conceptual

- Examples: Social Capital
Open Educational Resources

2. Institutional

- Example: Clearinghouses

3. Good practice

- Example: balancing testing with formative assessment

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Strengthening comparative capacity: some suggestions

- Further **benchmarking**, eg on R&D indicators
- **Secondments/fellowships to OECD**
 - **general**
 - **linked to projects**
- **Commission external review of impact of comparative work**



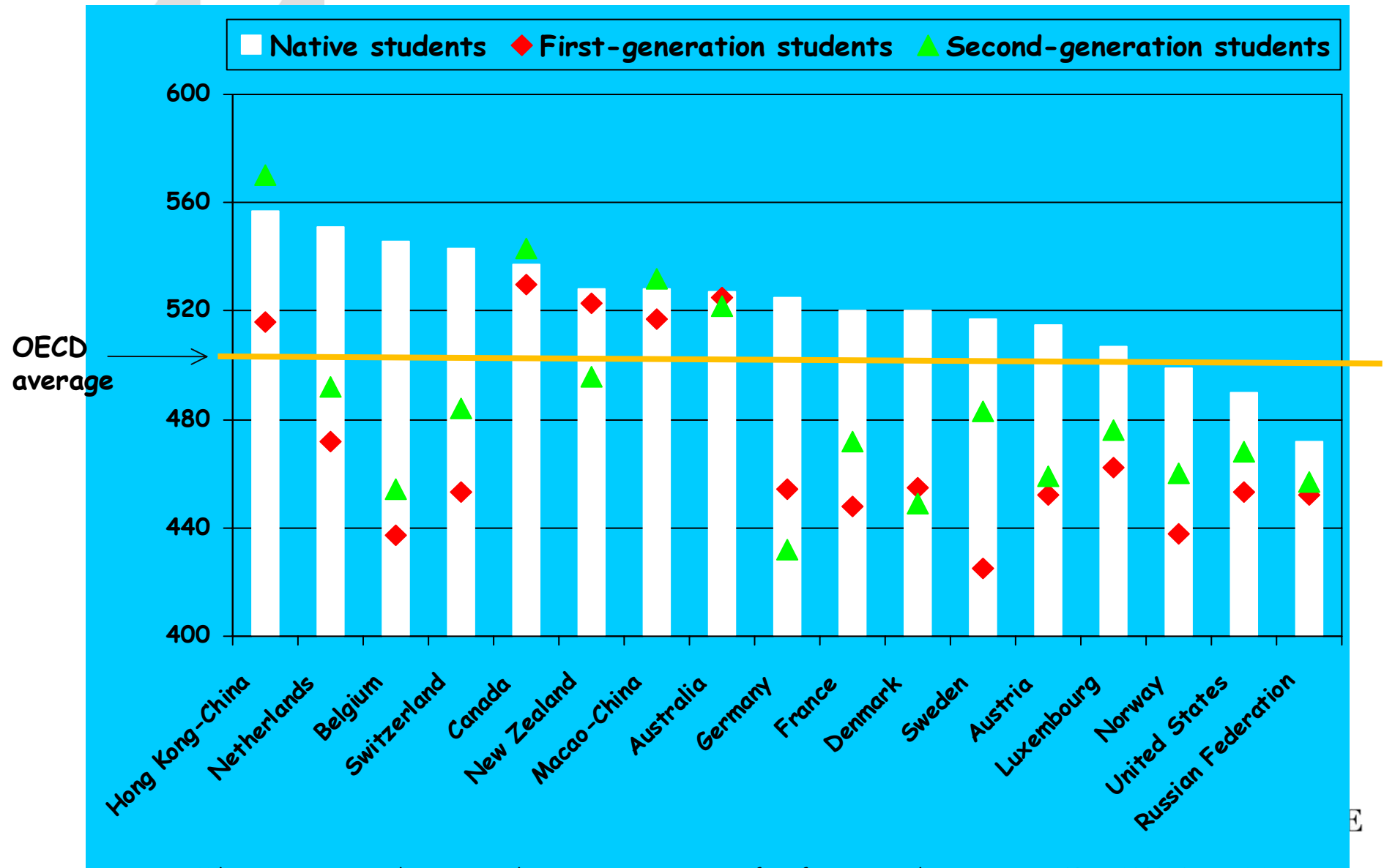
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Mathematics performance (PISA 2003)



Source: Where immigrant students succeed - A comparative review of performance and engagement in PISA 2003: Figure 2.2a.