**Appendix to the fact sheet Development of the scientific research profile of the Netherlands - Developments of scientific disciplines**

Some fields of science include many different scientific disciplines. In order to be able to say something at a more detailed level, data was also generated for the scientific disciplines. These disciplines cannot be translated into the fields of science, but they do provide a more detailed picture of the Dutch research landscape.

The figure below shows the citation impact score for each scientific discipline for 2020. Furthermore, a bullet point indicates what the score was in 2004. We see that the Netherlands is doing very well. For almost all disciplines, the value is (well) above 1.0 (the global average). Only Maths and Instruments and instruments score just below the world average.

What is striking is the high value in 2004 for the multidisciplinary journals. We see a comparable high value in 2004 in this category in other countries. We also see that a number of categories under “social sciences” have risen sharply, such as Psychology, Social and behavioral sciences and Sociology and anthropology.

The figure below shows the percentage increase in the number of publications per discipline, over the period 2004-2020. It can be seen that there is a great variety. While the multidisciplinary journals have increased by 1263%, the Basic life sciences have increased by 45%. The figure also includes the percentage increases of the reference countries with and without China. Then we see that the increase in multidisciplinary journals is indeed striking. In addition, we see notable increases in Political science and public administration.