

## EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATIONS – EPO MEMBER STATES

		Applications			
		2025	2024	Change	
AL	Albania	8	11	-27.3%	↓
AT	Austria	2 253	2 146	+5.0%	↔
BE	Belgium	2 548	2 615	-2.6%	↓
BG	Bulgaria	72	53	+35.8%	↔
CH	Switzerland	9 914	9 966	-0.5%	↓
CY	Cyprus	57	62	-8.1%	↓
CZ	Czech Republic	267	252	+6.0%	↔
DE	Germany	24 476	25 033	-2.2%	↓
DK	Denmark	2 672	2 539	+5.2%	↔
EE	Estonia	82	74	+10.8%	↔
ES	Spain	2 255	2 192	+2.9%	↔
FI	Finland	3 457	2 400	+44.0%	↔
FR	France	10 932	10 980	-0.4%	↓
GB	United Kingdom	5 875	6 076	-3.3%	↓
GR	Greece	123	107	+15.0%	↔
HR	Croatia	40	41	-2.4%	↓
HU	Hungary	129	139	-7.2%	↓
IE	Ireland	1 179	1 118	+5.5%	↔
IS	Iceland	76	62	+22.6%	↔
IT	Italy	4 767	4 853	-1.8%	↓

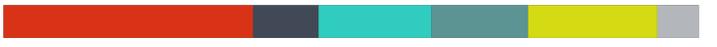
		Applications			
		2025	2024	Change	
LI	Liechtenstein	430	361	+19.1%	↔
LT	Lithuania	93	73	+27.4%	↔
LU	Luxembourg	374	307	+21.8%	↔
LV	Latvia	38	36	+5.6%	↔
MC	Monaco	19	23	-17.4%	↓
ME	Montenegro	5	6	-16.7%	↓
MK	North Macedonia, Republic of	1	2	-50.0%	↓
MT	Malta	72	62	+16.1%	↔
NL	Netherlands	7 006	7 054	-0.7%	↓
NO	Norway	726	817	-11.1%	↓
PL	Poland	621	692	-10.3%	↓
PT	Portugal	368	347	+6.1%	↔
RO	Romania	41	63	-34.9%	↓
RS	Serbia	13	20	-35.0%	↓
SE	Sweden	4 724	4 936	-4.3%	↓
SI	Slovenia	171	156	+9.6%	↔
SK	Slovakia	58	62	-6.5%	↓
SM	San Marino	8	18	-55.6%	↓
TR	Türkiye	659	542	+21.6%	↔

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## ORIGIN OF FILINGS PER TECHNOLOGY

			2025	Change 2024	
1	 <b>Computer technology</b>		<b>17 844</b>	+6.1%	
2	 <b>Digital communication</b>		<b>17 802</b>	+11.4%	
3	 <b>Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy</b>		<b>16 997</b>	+5.3%	
4	 <b>Medical technology</b>		<b>15 905</b>	+1.3%	
5	 <b>Transport</b>		<b>9 846</b>	-1.8%	
6	 <b>Measurement</b>		<b>9 487</b>	-1.2%	
7	 <b>Biotechnology</b>		<b>8 203</b>	-3.3%	
8	 <b>Pharmaceuticals</b>		<b>7 833</b>	-6.3%	
9	 <b>Other special machines</b> ranging from agriculture to 3D printing		<b>6 284</b>	+0.4%	
10	 <b>Organic fine chemistry</b>		<b>6 000</b>	-1.5%	

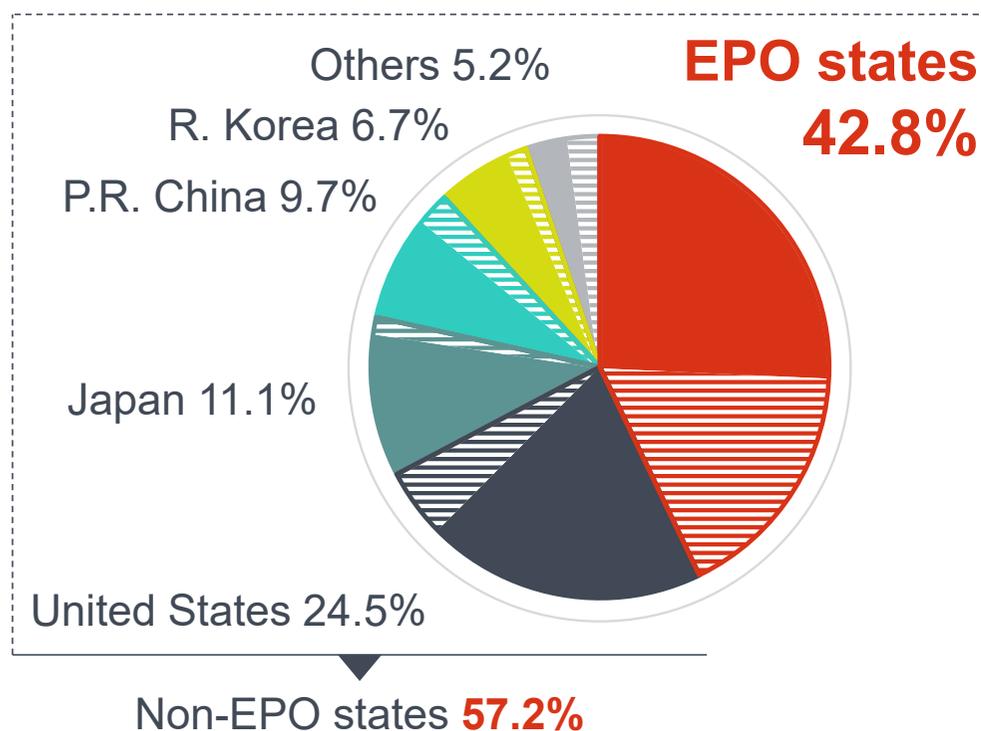
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■ EPC 39  
 ■ United States  
 ■ P.R. China  
 ■ Japan  
 ■ R. Korea  
 ■ RoW

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## GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF GRANTED PATENTS AND UNITARY PATENTS



### Unitary Patent uptake

Of the **119 756** European patents granted in 2025, **unitary effect** was requested for **34 357** (28.7%)

### Proprietor origin and their UP uptake (% of European patents)

	Patents requesting unitary effect	Uptake
🇪🇺 EPO states	20 539	40.0%
🇺🇸 US	5 754	19.7%
🇯🇵 Japan	1 302	9.8%
🇨🇳 P.R. China	2 611	22.6%
🇰🇷 R. Korea	1 522	19.1%
🌐 Others	2 629	42.0%

Source: EPO. Status: 02.02.2026.

The analysis is based on published patents granted by the EPO. The country of residence of the first patentee listed applies.

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## REQUESTS FOR UNITARY PATENTS 2025 – EPO COUNTRIES

	European patents granted	Unitary effect	Uptake
AL	Albania	3	100.0%
AT	Austria	1 438	52.5%
BE	Belgium	1 303	44.4%
BG	Bulgaria	28	71.4%
CH	Switzerland	5 089	35.2%
CY	Cyprus	43	69.8%
CZ	Czech Republic	135	61.5%
DE	Germany	16 153	37.6%
DK	Denmark	1 220	59.9%
EE	Estonia	47	74.5%
ES	Spain	1 033	56.1%
FI	Finland	1 503	38.1%
FR	France	6 961	32.3%
GB	United Kingdom	3 516	37.5%
GR	Greece	62	64.5%
HR	Croatia	18	50.0%
HU	Hungary	73	67.1%
IE	Ireland	835	33.9%
IS	Iceland	28	32.1%
IT	Italy	3 767	51.7%

	European patents granted	Unitary effect	Uptake
LI	Liechtenstein	224	24.1%
LT	Lithuania	54	72.2%
LU	Luxembourg	220	27.3%
LV	Latvia	25	96.0%
MC	Monaco	12	75.0%
ME	Montenegro	3	100.0%
MK	North Macedonia, Republic of	0	–
MT	Malta	34	64.7%
NL	Netherlands	3 100	36.3%
NO	Norway	500	57.0%
PL	Poland	327	59.6%
PT	Portugal	147	85.0%
RO	Romania	22	63.6%
RS	Serbia	4	75.0%
SE	Sweden	2 986	41.8%
SI	Slovenia	88	56.8%
SK	Slovakia	29	89.7%
SM	San Marino	5	20.0%
TR	Türkiye	295	31.9%
<b>Sub-total EPO states</b>		<b>51 330</b>	<b>40.0%</b>
<b>Other countries of origin</b>		<b>68 426</b>	<b>20.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>119 756</b>	<b>28.7%</b>

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EPO countries: the 39 member states of the European Patent Organisation, which includes the 27 EU member states.

In cases where several patentees are mentioned on the published patent, the country of residence of the first patentee listed applies.