

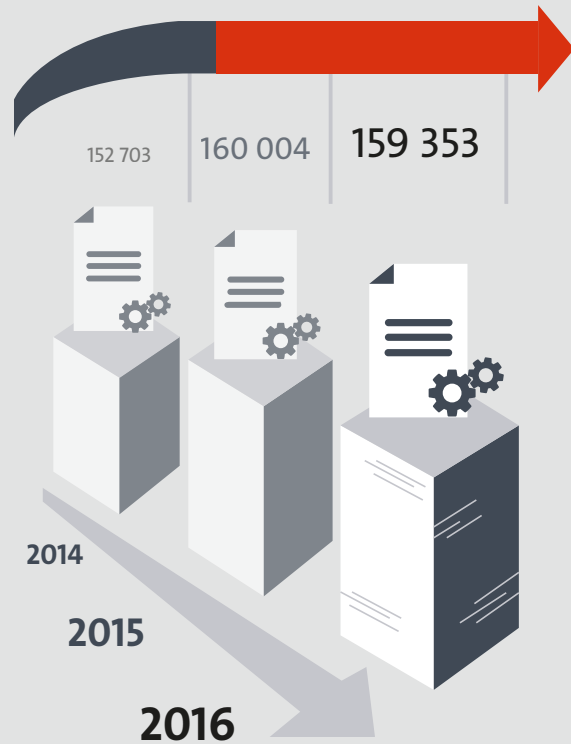
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Trends in patenting

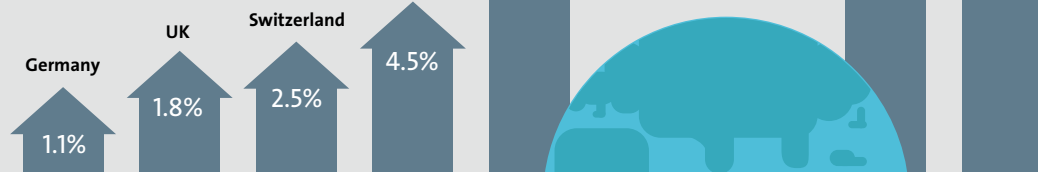
Demand for patent protection in Europe remains at record high level.



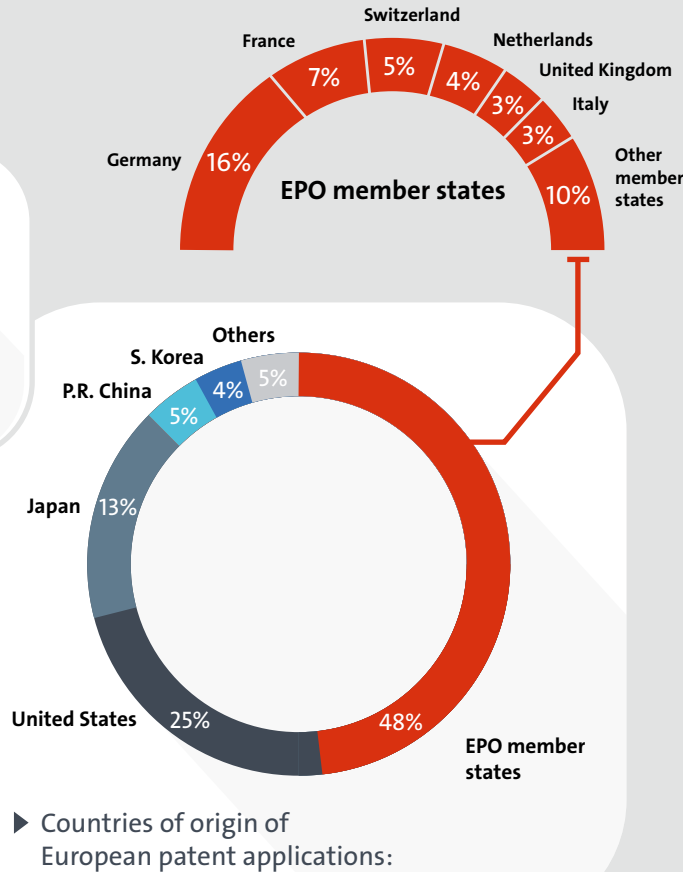
▶ Patent applications at the European Patent Office remain high:



▶ Growth leaders among large European economies:

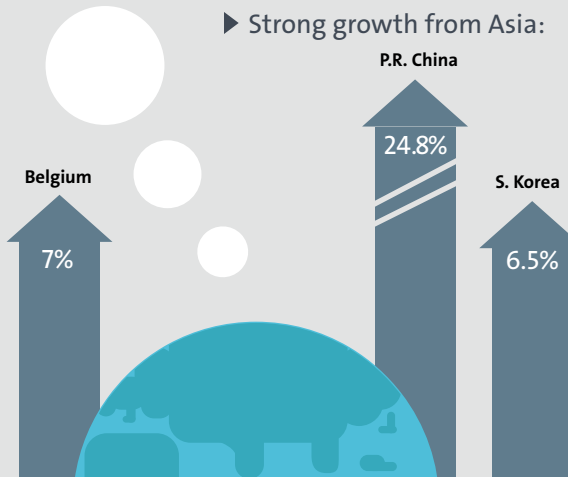


▶ Almost half of the patent applications comes from Europe:

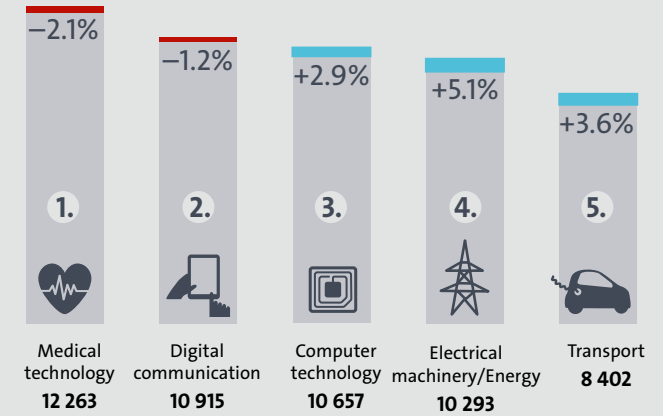


▶ Countries of origin of European patent applications:

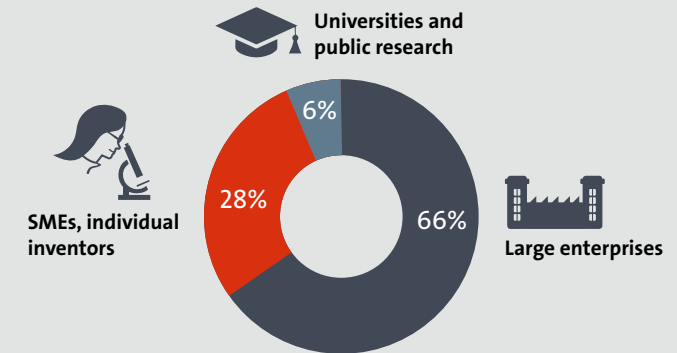
▶ Strong growth from Asia:



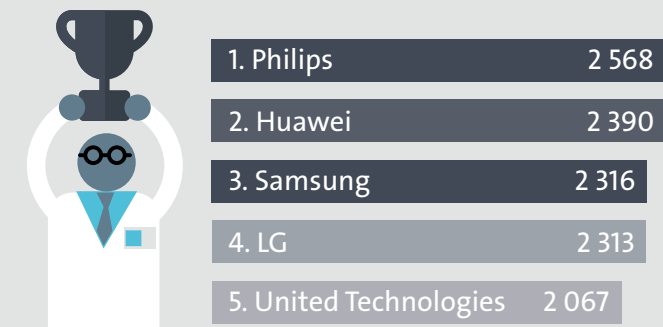
▶ Top technology fields:



▶ The EPO serves large and small applicants:



▶ Most active patent applicants:



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