

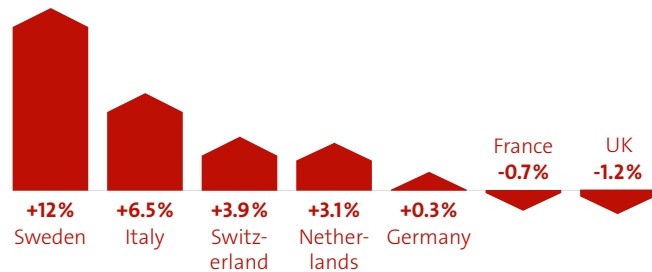
Trends in patenting 2021

Europe is an **attractive technology market** for European and international companies

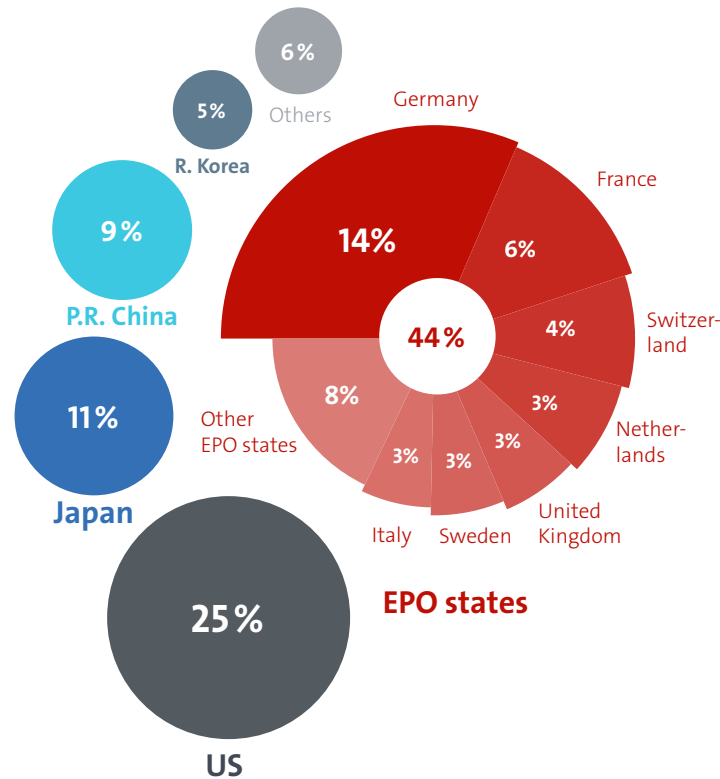
Total patent applications
at the European Patent Office



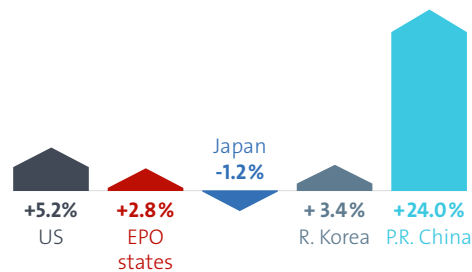
Companies from Europe: Relative growth compared with 2020



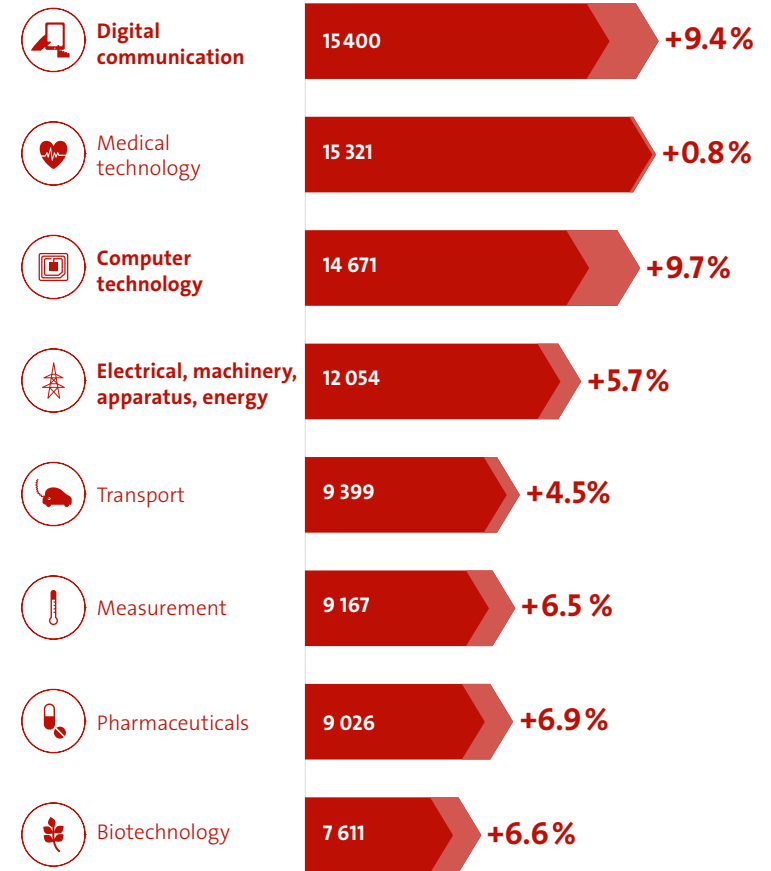
Countries of origin:
The 38 member states of the EPO account for almost half of all European patent applications



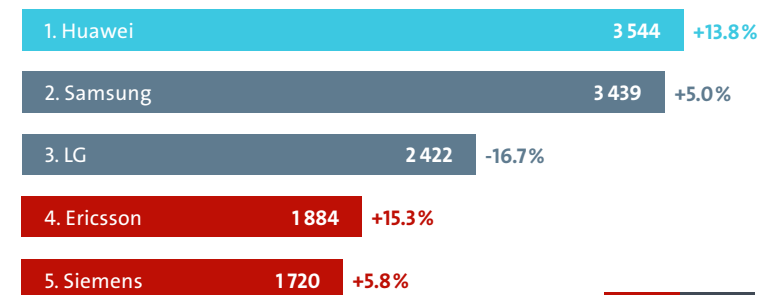
Growth in filings from the five leading patent territories



Top technology fields: Strong growth in digital technologies



Top applicants for European patents in 2021



EPO states filing more than 4 000 applications.

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