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SUMMARY: Annual compendium of statistics on the activity at the EPO and at the member state offices in 2025.

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1. Recommendation for publication

1. As in previous versions, this document has been compiled with the support of the national offices of the EPC contracting states. Following the decision taken in 2015, subsequent editions of the document have been published. It is recommended to publish the current version as well.

2. Following the launch of the Data Desk website in June 2026, a new dedicated dashboard reporting on the key results of CA/F 5 (see section 2 below) will be published in December 2026, including new visuals and tables in downloadable from.

2. Key results

3. In this section, the key results for 2025 are reported. For comparison, the results of the previous year are shown in the brackets and where appropriate the development is expressed in percentage change. Where appropriate, numbers have been rounded.

- The number of applications at the EPO increased to almost 202 000 (+1.4%). 43% of all applications filed originated from EPC member states.
- About 119 760 European patents (+9%) were published. For some 34 360 of these a unitary effect was requested leading to a 28.7% uptake rate.
- The grant rate remained stable at 58%.
- The opposition rate remained stable at 2.1% and 71% of the opposed granted patents were maintained.
- The ex parte appeal rate slightly decreased to 9% (10% in 2024) and the inter partes appeal rate reached 42% (44% in 2024).
- Processing times improved for all three EPO procedures. On average, the search procedure lasted 5.1 (5.5) months, the examination 24.2 (24.9) months and the opposition 19.1 (20.5) months.
- At the end of 2025, 31% of the granted patent rights by the EPO had been validated. 7.6 million patent rights were still in force.
- EP patent rights validated in the EPC states are maintained on average 9 years.
- National applications in the member states increased to ca 157 800 (+9.9%).
- Overall, 359 800 (202 000 at the EPO and 157 800 in the national offices) applications were filed in the EPC area, of which 60% originated from the member states.
- National patents granted in the member states increased marginally to 69 700 (+0.1%).

3. Analysis

4. In this section, the different phases of the patent granting procedure in 2025 are analysed. For comparison the results of the previous year are also reported and where appropriate the development is expressed in percentage change. For each procedure the results of the analysis make reference to graphs and detailed tables in the Annexes. An illustration of the overall procedure is graphically depicted in Annexes 8 and 9. A detailed glossary at the end of the document provides further explanations.

5. The Unitary Patent system was launched on 1 June 2023. Its uptake and impact are detailed under Section 3.2 "Grant Procedure".

3.1 European patent applications filed

6. Based on the data extracted in February 2026, 201 974 applications for European patents were filed in 2025. This marks an increase of 1.4% compared to the previous year. **See Annex 1.1**.

7. Over the last five years, total applications have increased by 7% with an annual average growth rate of 1.7%. **See Annex 1.2**.

8. The share of applications originating from the EPC contracting states remained stable at 43%. The combined share of the three leading Asian countries (P.R. China, Japan and R. Korea) increased to almost 29% and remained above the 23% share of the U.S. **See Annex 1.3**.

9. First filings made by EPC residents at the EPO increased by 3.9% compared to last year, accounting for 33% of all the applications filed by EPC residents at the EPO. **See Annex 1.4**.

3.2 Grant procedure

10. A large proportion, 88% of the grant procedures are conducted in English (87% in 2024). **See Annex 2.1.1**.

11. The grant procedure has been completed for 98% of all applications for a European patent filed up until the end of 2020. For these applications the grant rate was 58%. **See annex 2.1.2**. Of those applications filed during the past five years (since the beginning of 2021) 35.5% of the procedures have been completed (+1.5 pts compared to 2024). **See Annex 2.1.3**.

12. The number of published European patents increased by 9.3% to 119 756 in 2025. For 28.7% of these patents a unitary effect was requested, covering up to 18 member states. **See Annex 2.2**.

13. In 2025 the processing times improved for all procedures. A search performed by the EPO was completed in 5.1 months on average (mean average; 5.5 in 2024). The examination was completed on average 24.2 months after the examination request was validly filed with the EPO (mean average; 24.9 in 2024). The decision by the opposition divisions was notified on average 19.1 months after the end of the opposition period (mean average; 20.5 in 2024). **See Annex 2.5**.

3.3 Opposition procedure

14. The number of published patents for which the opposition period expired in 2025 decreased by 4% to 109 204. Eventually, 2.1% of these patents were opposed (opposition rate of 2.1% in 2024). Considering that multiple parties can oppose the same patent, the average number of oppositions filed per opposed patent remained stable at 1.28 in 2025 (opposition ratio of 1.28 in 2024). **See Annex 2.3**.

15. The opposition rate is somewhat higher for patents with unitary effect as 2.9% of these patents were opposed, with a slightly lower opposition ratio of 1.23. **See Annex 2.3**.

16. As shown in the annexed tables, the opposition rate varies among technologies and according to the country of residence of the patentees. **See Annex 2.3.1**.

17. In 2025, 71% of the granted patents were maintained (28% opposition rejected or 43% patent maintained in amended form) and 29% were revoked by the opposition divisions (27% in 2024). For patents with unitary effect requested, 69% were maintained and 31% were revoked. **See Annex 2.3.2**.

3.4 Appeal procedures

18. The number of decisions to refuse a patent sent to the applicant in 2025 decreased by 23% compared to 2024 reaching 2 739. Of these decisions to refuse a patent 241 (-32%) were appealed, leading to a decreasing ex parte appeal rate of 9% (10% in 2024). **See Annex 2.4.1**.

19. The number of opposition decisions made in 2025 increased by 12% reaching a total of 2 936 cases. The number of appealed decisions increased by 7.5% to 1 229 and resulted in a decreasing inter partes appeal rate of 42% (44% in 2024). **See Annex 2.4.2**.

20. In 2025, 668 ex parte and 1 978 inter partes cases were settled by the Boards of Appeal. Of these, 242 ex parte cases and 1 236 inter partes cases were settled by a decision on the merits. Detailed statistics on the outcome of the appeal procedures are available on the home page of the EPO Boards of Appeal (Annual Report of the Boards of Appeal 2025). **See Annex 2.4.3**.

3.5 Validation and maintenance

21. As a consequence of the increase in granted patents, the number of those which were validated kept increasing in 2025. They represent about 31% of the rights granted by the EPO. The number of patent rights granted by the EPO and still in force in the EPC contracting states at the end of 2025 increased by 6%, reaching approximately 7.6 million patent rights granted by the EPO were in force at the end of 2025. **See Annex 3**.

22. There are substantial differences in validation and patent maintenance rate between the designated member states. For patents filed between 2006 and 2025, the validation rate ranges vary widely. The national renewal fees each member state charges can only explain a part of these differences. **See Annex 7**.

23. Since the introduction of the Unitary Patent system on 1 June 2023 the patentee may request the unitary effect for patents which designate the 18 participating states. For 34 357 of the 119 756 patents published in 2025, a unitary effect has been requested, leading to the validation of these patents simultaneously in 18 member states. **See Annex 3**.

3.6 National procedure

24. Based on the data provided by the national offices by July 2026, 157 804 applications for a national patent were filed in the member states in 2025. This represented an increase of 9.9% compared to 2024. **See Annex 4.1**.

25. About 74% of the applications for a national patent were filed by residents of the respective countries (72% in 2024) and 7% were filed by residents of other EPC states. Together 81% of the national patent applications in the EPC states were filed by residents of the EPC states (80% in 2024). **See Annex 4.1 and Annex 4.2**.

26. In 2025, overall 93.9% of the national applications filed by residents of the EPC member states at their respective home office were first filings (-0.5pts compared to 2024). **See Annex 4.3**.

27. Combining EPO and national filings together, EPC residents filed about 144 150 first filings in the EPC area. Of these, 75% (107 913) were filed at the national office of the applicant's residence, 20% (28 844) were filed at the EPO and 5% (7 390) were filed at another EPC national office.

28. About 134 530 national grant procedures were completed in 2025 (0%). Of these, 69 698 resulted in a granted patent. This is marginally higher (+0.1%) than the number of patents granted by the national offices in 2024. **See Annex 5**.

29. In 2025, the EPO conducted 26 492 (+2.7%) searches on behalf of 18 EPC contracting states as part of the working agreements. 57% of them were extended either as European applications or PCT international applications (57% in 2024). **See Annex 6**.

Annex 1 European patent applications filed in 2025

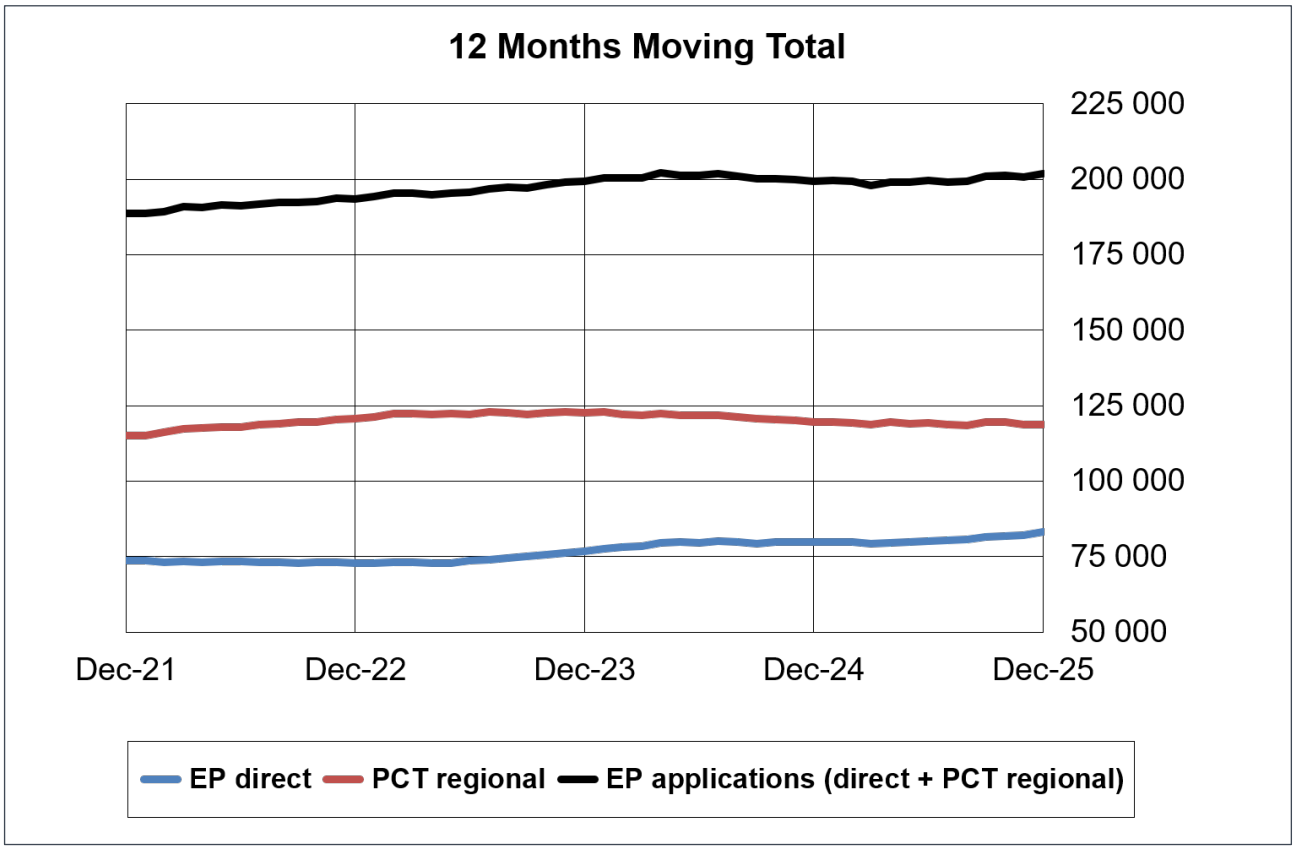
European patent applications are either direct European applications or PCT international applications entering the regional phase during the reporting period.

1. Filing route

Category	Budget 2025	Previous year 2024	Actual 2025	Deviation to budget Number	Deviation to budget %	Deviation to previous year Number	Deviation to previous year %
Euro-direct	76 800	79 610	83 126	6 326	8.2%	3 516	4.4%
PCT regional	129 800	119 654	118 848	-10 952	-8.4%	- 806	-0.7%
Total applications	**206 600**	**199 264**	**201 974**	**-4 626**	**-2.2%**	**2 710**	**1.4%**

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2. Filings over the last five years



3. Origin and growth over previous year

Country of origin		EP direct		PCT regional		**EP applications**	
Albania	*AL*	7	*-22.2%*	1	*-50.0%*	**8**	*-27.3%*
Austria	*AT*	1 246	*-4.1%*	1 007	*18.9%*	**2 253**	*5.0%*
Belgium	*BE*	1 594	*5.4%*	954	*-13.4%*	**2 548**	*-2.6%*
Bulgaria	*BG*	54	*54.3%*	18	*0.0%*	**72**	*35.8%*
Switzerland	*CH*	5 797	*-4.6%*	4 117	*5.8%*	**9 914**	*-0.5%*
Cyprus	*CY*	25	*0.0%*	32	*-13.5%*	**57**	*-8.1%*
Czech Republic	*CZ*	161	*19.3%*	106	*-9.4%*	**267**	*6.0%*
Germany	*DE*	14 485	*0.1%*	9 991	*-5.4%*	**24 476**	*-2.2%*
Denmark	*DK*	1 454	*2.7%*	1 218	*8.5%*	**2 672**	*5.2%*
Estonia	*EE*	53	*0.0%*	29	*38.1%*	**82**	*10.8%*
Spain	*ES*	1 495	*7.6%*	760	*-5.2%*	**2 255**	*2.9%*
Finland	*FI*	2 192	*109.6%*	1 265	*-6.6%*	**3 457**	*44.0%*
France	*FR*	5 135	*-0.6%*	5 797	*-0.3%*	**10 932**	*-0.4%*
United Kingdom	*GB*	2 163	*-6.6%*	3 712	*-1.3%*	**5 875**	*-3.3%*
Greece	*GR*	74	*23.3%*	49	*4.3%*	**123**	*15.0%*
Croatia	*HR*	25	*-19.4%*	15	*50.0%*	**40**	*-2.4%*
Hungary	*HU*	46	*-27.0%*	83	*9.2%*	**129**	*-7.2%*
Ireland	*IE*	602	*11.5%*	577	*-0.2%*	**1 179**	*5.5%*
Iceland	*IS*	45	*55.2%*	31	*-6.1%*	**76**	*22.6%*
Italy	*IT*	2 486	*5.3%*	2 281	*-8.5%*	**4 767**	*-1.8%*
Liechtenstein	*LI*	290	*30.6%*	140	*0.7%*	**430**	*19.1%*
Lithuania	*LT*	73	*78.0%*	20	*-37.5%*	**93**	*27.4%*
Luxembourg	*LU*	125	*26.3%*	249	*19.7%*	**374**	*21.8%*
Latvia	*LV*	22	*120.0%*	16	*-38.5%*	**38**	*5.6%*
Monaco	*MC*	8	*0.0%*	11	*-26.7%*	**19**	*-17.4%*
Montenegro	*ME*	2	*100.0%*	3	*-40.0%*	**5**	-
North Macedonia	*MK*	0	*-100.0%*	1	*0.0%*	**1**	*-50.0%*
Malta	*MT*	41	*41.4%*	31	*-6.1%*	**72**	*16.1%*
Netherlands	*NL*	4 070	*-1.5%*	2 936	*0.4%*	**7 006**	*-0.7%*
Norway	*NO*	280	*-14.6%*	446	*-8.8%*	**726**	*-11.1%*
Poland	*PL*	446	*-5.5%*	175	*-20.5%*	**621**	*-10.3%*
Portugal	*PT*	228	*21.9%*	140	*-12.5%*	**368**	*6.1%*
Romania	*RO*	30	*-44.4%*	11	*22.2%*	**41**	*-34.9%*
Serbia	*RS*	4	*-55.6%*	9	*-18.2%*	**13**	*-35.0%*
Sweden	*SE*	1 999	*-6.4%*	2 725	*-2.7%*	**4 724**	*-4.3%*
Slovenia	*SI*	110	*27.9%*	61	*-12.9%*	**171**	*9.6%*
Slovakia	*SK*	39	*11.4%*	19	*-29.6%*	**58**	*-6.5%*
San Marino	*SM*	3	*0.0%*	5	*-66.7%*	**8**	*-55.6%*
Türkiye	*TR*	174	*29.9%*	485	*18.9%*	**659**	*21.6%*
EPC contracting states		**47 083**	***2.3%***	**39 526**	***-1.9%***	**86 609**	***0.4%***
P.R. China	*CN*	4 412	*17.0%*	17 619	*8.0%*	**22 031**	*9.7%*
Japan	*JP*	6 584	*16.0%*	14 720	*-4.3%*	**21 304**	*1.1%*
R. Korea	*KR*	5 159	*10.5%*	9 196	*9.0%*	**14 355**	*9.5%*
United States of America	US	15 475	*1.3%*	31 533	*-3.0%*	**47 008**	*-1.6%*
Other countries		4 413	*4.9%*	6 254	*-7.0%*	**10 667**	*-2.4%*
Non EPC		36 043	*7.3%*	79 322	*-0.1%*	**115 365**	*2.1%*
TOTAL		**83 126**	***4.4%***	**118 848**	***-0.7%***	**201 974**	***1.4%***

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4. First filings at the EPO

Number of Euro-direct first filings and percentage out of total EP applications filed per country and change of this percentage over the previous year.

Country of origin		2025		2025 / 2024
Albania	*AL*	5	62.5%	-44.4%
Austria	*AT*	879	39.0%	2.8%
Belgium	BE	1 227	48.2%	6.2%
Bulgaria	*BG*	36	50.0%	71.4%
Switzerland	*CH*	3 933	39.7%	-5.6%
Cyprus	*CY*	10	17.5%	-9.1%
Czech Republic	*CZ*	64	24.0%	10.3%
Germany	*DE*	8 434	34.5%	2.1%
Denmark	*DK*	1 126	42.1%	4.8%
Estonia	*EE*	38	46.3%	5.6%
Spain	*ES*	1 309	58.0%	6.1%
Finland	*FI*	1 616	46.7%	388.2%
France	*FR*	2 690	24.6%	-7.0%
United Kingdom	*GB*	848	14.4%	-17.5%
Greece	*GR*	45	36.6%	45.2%
Croatia	*HR*	22	55.0%	-26.7%
Hungary	*HU*	31	24.0%	-3.1%
Ireland	*IE*	263	22.3%	55.6%
Iceland	*IS*	39	51.3%	77.3%
Italy	*IT*	392	8.2%	-23.3%
Liechtenstein	*LI*	256	59.5%	35.4%
Lithuania	*LT*	55	59.1%	71.9%
Luxembourg	*LU*	57	15.2%	58.3%
Latvia	*LV*	21	55.3%	133.3%
Monaco	*MC*	5	26.3%	-28.6%
Montenegro	*ME*	0	0.0%	-
North Macedonia	*MK*	0	0.0%	-100.0%
Malta	*MT*	23	31.9%	64.3%
Netherlands	*NL*	3 298	47.1%	-1.9%
Norway	*NO*	190	26.2%	-6.4%
Poland	*PL*	274	44.1%	14.2%
Portugal	*PT*	68	18.5%	70.0%
Romania	*RO*	21	51.2%	-30.0%
Serbia	*RS*	2	15.4%	-75.0%
Sweden	*SE*	1 427	30.2%	-9.1%
Slovenia	*SI*	76	44.4%	58.3%
Slovakia	*SK*	19	32.8%	26.7%
San Marino	*SM*	0	0.0%	-
Türkiye	*TR*	45	6.8%	-8.2%
EPC states		**28 844**	**33.3%**	**3.9%**
P.R. China	*CN*	424	1.9%	23.6%
Japan	*JP*	594	2.8%	26.7%
R. Korea	*KR*	171	1.2%	58.3%
United States of America	*US*	1 304	2.8%	-6.8%
Other countries		452	4.2%	-1.3%
Non EPC		2 945	2.6%	6.0%
TOTAL		**31 789**	**15.7%**	**4.1%**

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Annex 2 European procedures in 2025

1. Grant procedure

1.1 Procedural language

Distribution of applications according to the procedural language chosen by the applicant.

Language	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
English	85%	86%	87%	87%	88%
German	11%	10%	10%	9%	9%
French	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%

1.2 Fate of applications filed from 1978 to 2020

Fate of 100 applications filed by filing route

Procedural phase		Euro-direct applications	PCT regional phase	Total
Before examination	Refused	0	0	0
	Withdrawn	22	7	15
Forwarded for examination		**78**	**93**	**85**
Examination	Refused	3	3	3
	Withdrawn	20	28	24
	Granted	55	61	58
Total		**100**	**100**	**100**

Note: due to rounding not all figures add up to 100.

Fate of 100 PCT international filings

Not pursued in the EPO regional phase		**49**
Entered the European procedure		**51**
Before examination	Refused	0
	Withdrawn	4
Forwarded for examination		47
Examination	Refused	2
	Withdrawn	14
	Granted	31
Total		**100**

1.3 Fate of applications filed from 2021 to 2025

Fate of applications by filing route

Euro-direct		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
Applications filed		73 680	*100.0%*	72 983	*100.0%*	76 742	*100.0%*	79 716	*100.0%*	83 234	*100.0%*
Before examination	Refused	336	*0.5%*	297	*0.4%*	323	*0.4%*	184	*0.2%*	61	*0.1%*
	Withdrawn	19 889	*27.0%*	20 001	*27.4%*	20 723	*27.0%*	13 586	*17.0%*	5 223	*6.3%*
	Not yet forwarded for examination:										
	Search completed	241	*0.3%*	290	*0.4%*	748	*1.0%*	13 600	*17.1%*	20 525	*24.7%*
	Search not completed	101	*0.1%*	81	*0.1%*	48	*0.1%*	172	*0.2%*	34 100	*41.0%*
Examination	Forwarded	53 113	*72.1%*	52 314	*71.7%*	54 900	*71.5%*	52 174	*65.4%*	23 325	*28.0%*
	Refused	538	*0.7%*	204	*0.3%*	66	*0.1%*	5	*0.0%*	0	*0.0%*
	Withdrawn	6 151	*8.3%*	3 992	*5.5%*	1 918	*2.5%*	409	*0.5%*	10	*0.0%*
	Granted	29 011	*39.4%*	21 965	*30.1%*	13 223	*17.2%*	3 351	*4.2%*	62	*0.1%*
	Examination pending	17 413	*23.6%*	26 153	*35.8%*	39 693	*51.7%*	48 409	*60.7%*	23 253	*27.9%*

PCT with supplementary search		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
Applications filed		58 731	*100.0%*	62 741	*100.0%*	64 379	*100.0%*	62 481	*100.0%*	62 480	*100.0%*
Before examination	Refused	20	*0.0%*	24	*0.0%*	14	*0.0%*	5	*0.0%*	3	*0.0%*
	Withdrawn	5 445	*9.3%*	6 741	*10.7%*	6 665	*10.4%*	2 897	*4.6%*	386	*0.6%*
	Not yet forwarded for examination:										
	Search completed	38	*0.1%*	72	*0.1%*	446	*0.7%*	4 479	*7.2%*	1 725	*2.8%*
	Search not completed	8	*0.0%*	11	*0.0%*	292	*0.5%*	11 614	*18.6%*	50 921	*81.5%*
Examination	Forwarded	53 220	*90.6%*	55 893	*89.1%*	56 962	*88.5%*	43 486	*69.6%*	9 445	*15.1%*
	Refused	554	*0.9%*	226	*0.4%*	55	*0.1%*	0	*0.0%*	0	*0.0%*
	Withdrawn	7 972	*13.6%*	4 694	*7.5%*	1 696	*2.6%*	298	*0.5%*	6	*0.0%*
	Granted	22 691	*38.6%*	15 110	*24.1%*	7 125	*11.1%*	1 184	*1.9%*	8	*0.0%*
	Examination pending	22 003	*37.5%*	35 863	*57.2%*	48 086	*74.7%*	42 004	*67.2%*	9 431	*15.1%*

PCT without supplementary search		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
Applications filed		56 396	*100.0%*	57 893	*100.0%*	58 330	*100.0%*	57 249	*100.0%*	56 458	*100.0%*
Before examination	Refused	0	*0.0%*	0	*0.0%*	0	*0.0%*	2	*0.0%*	1	*0.0%*
	Withdrawn	55	*0.1%*	62	*0.1%*	54	*0.1%*	101	*0.2%*	68	*0.1%*
	Not yet forwarded for examination:										
	Search completed	1	*0.0%*	8	*0.0%*	4	*0.0%*	11	*0.0%*	74	*0.1%*
	Search not completed	0	*0.0%*	0	*0.0%*	0	*0.0%*	0	*0.0%*	0	*0.0%*
Examination	Forwarded	56 340	*99.9%*	57 823	*99.9%*	58 272	*99.9%*	57 135	*99.8%*	56 315	*99.7%*
	Refused	451	*0.8%*	181	*0.3%*	60	*0.1%*	10	*0.0%*	1	*0.0%*
	Withdrawn	9 845	*17.5%*	8 053	*13.9%*	5 581	*9.6%*	2 535	*4.4%*	597	*1.1%*
	Granted	28 869	*51.2%*	23 415	*40.4%*	16 085	*27.6%*	7 500	*13.1%*	376	*0.7%*
	Examination pending	17 175	*30.5%*	26 174	*45.2%*	36 546	*62.7%*	47 090	*82.3%*	55 341	*98.0%*

Total applications		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
Applications filed		188 807	*100.0%*	193 617	*100.0%*	199 451	*100.0%*	199 446	*100.0%*	202 172	*100.0%*
Before examination	Refused	356	*0.2%*	321	*0.2%*	337	*0.2%*	191	*0.1%*	65	*0.0%*
	Withdrawn	25 389	*13.4%*	26 804	*13.8%*	27 442	*13.8%*	16 584	*8.3%*	5 677	*2.8%*
	Not yet forwarded for examination:	0		0		0		0		0	
	Search completed	280	*0.1%*	370	*0.2%*	1 198	*0.6%*	18 090	*9.1%*	22 324	*11.0%*
	Search not completed	109	*0.1%*	92	*0.0%*	340	*0.2%*	11 786	*5.9%*	85 021	*42.1%*
Examination	Forwarded	162 673	*86.2%*	166 030	*85.8%*	170 134	*85.3%*	152 795	*76.6%*	89 085	*44.1%*
	Refused	1 543	*0.8%*	611	*0.3%*	181	*0.1%*	15	*0.0%*	1	*0.0%*
	Withdrawn	23 968	*12.7%*	16 739	*8.6%*	9 195	*4.6%*	3 242	*1.6%*	613	*0.3%*
	Granted	80 571	*42.7%*	60 490	*31.2%*	36 433	*18.3%*	12 035	*6.0%*	446	*0.2%*
	Examination pending	56 591	*30.0%*	88 190	*45.5%*	124 325	*62.3%*	137 503	*68.9%*	88 025	*43.5%*

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2. Publications

Technology	Applications		Examination requests		Granted patents		Patents with unitary effect requested		Uptake rate
Electrical engineering	66 911	35%	62 593	35%	37 564	31%	7 992	23%	21.3%
Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy	15 891	8.3%	14 838	8.4%	7 162	6.0%	1 590	4.6%	22.2%
Audio-visual technology	5 140	2.7%	4 769	2.7%	2 862	2.4%	704	2.0%	24.6%
Telecommunications	4 880	2.6%	4 706	2.7%	2 863	2.4%	587	1.7%	20.5%
Digital communication	16 207	8.5%	15 763	8.9%	10 183	8.5%	2 073	6.0%	20.4%
Basic communication processes	1 106	0.6%	1 071	0.6%	726	0.6%	115	0.3%	15.8%
Computer technology	17 100	9.0%	15 353	8.7%	10 528	8.8%	2 292	6.7%	21.8%
IT methods for management	2 288	1.2%	2 148	1.2%	981	0.8%	317	0.9%	32.3%
Semiconductors	4 299	2.3%	3 945	2.2%	2 259	1.9%	314	0.9%	13.9%
Instruments	32 607	17%	29 822	17%	26 123	22%	7 900	23%	30.2%
Optics	4 126	2.2%	3 639	2.1%	3 221	2.7%	635	1.8%	19.7%
Measurement	9 307	4.9%	8 570	4.8%	7 569	6.3%	1 953	5.7%	25.8%
Analysis of biological materials	1 025	1%	934	1%	567	0%	228	1%	40.2%
Control	3 073	1.6%	2 787	1.6%	2 456	2.1%	736	2.1%	30.0%
Medical technology	15 076	7.9%	13 892	7.9%	12 310	10.3%	4 348	12.7%	35.3%
Chemistry	42 070	22%	39 150	22%	18 477	15%	6 170	18%	33.4%
Organic fine chemistry	4 899	2.6%	4 668	2.6%	2 245	1.9%	716	2.1%	31.9%
Biotechnology	7 065	3.7%	6 587	3.7%	1 761	1.5%	692	2.0%	39.3%
Pharmaceuticals	7 318	3.8%	6 950	3.9%	3 022	2.5%	1 228	3.6%	40.6%
Macromolecular chemistry, polymers	3 519	1.8%	3 220	1.8%	2 183	1.8%	362	1.1%	16.6%
Food chemistry	1 733	0.9%	1 610	0.9%	884	0.7%	410	1.2%	46.4%
Basic materials chemistry	3 955	2%	3 612	2%	2 100	2%	625	2%	29.8%
Materials, metallurgy	4 565	2.4%	4 232	2.4%	1 541	1.3%	514	1.5%	33.4%
Surface technology, coating	2 832	1.5%	2 629	1.5%	1 148	1.0%	321	0.9%	28.0%
Micro-structural and nano-technology	113	0.1%	107	0.1%	115	0.1%	26	0.1%	22.6%
Chemical engineering	4 057	2.1%	3 747	2.1%	2 303	1.9%	818	2.4%	35.5%
Environmental technology	2 014	1.1%	1 788	1.0%	1 175	1.0%	458	1.3%	39.0%
Mechanical engineering	36 987	19%	34 407	19%	28 357	24%	8 615	25%	30.4%
Handling	4 915	2.6%	4 596	2.6%	3 340	2.8%	1 341	3.9%	40.1%
Machine tools	3 405	1.8%	3 141	1.8%	2 520	2.1%	878	2.6%	34.8%
Engines, pumps, turbines	4 150	2.2%	3 865	2.2%	3 378	2.8%	756	2.2%	22.4%
Textile and paper machines	2 042	1.1%	1 921	1.1%	1 770	1.5%	539	1.6%	30.5%
Other special machines	6 078	3.2%	5 578	3.2%	4 534	3.8%	1 602	4.7%	35.3%
Thermal processes and apparatus	2 709	1.4%	2 547	1.4%	2 084	1.7%	764	2.2%	36.7%
Mechanical elements	3 544	1.9%	3 276	1.9%	3 047	2.5%	990	2.9%	32.5%
Transport	10 144	5%	9 483	5%	7 684	6%	1 745	5%	22.7%
Other fields	11 821	6%	10 699	6%	9 211	8%	3 670	11%	39.8%
Furniture, games	3 101	1.6%	2 859	1.6%	2 444	2.0%	1 044	3.0%	42.7%
Other consumer goods	4 569	2.4%	4 068	2.3%	3 274	2.7%	1 090	3.2%	33.3%
Civil engineering	4 151	2.2%	3 772	2.1%	3 493	2.9%	1 536	4.5%	44.0%
Unclassified	72	0.0%	69	0.0%	24	0.0%	10	0.0%	41.7%
Total	190 468	100.0%	176 740	100.0%	119 756	100.0%	34 357	100.0%	28.7%

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3. Opposition procedure for all patents and patents with unitary effect requested

3.1 Opposition rate and oppositions filed

(i) by field of technology

Technology	All patents					Patents with Unitary effect requested				
	Patents which could be opposed	Opposed patents	Opposition rate	Oppositions filed	Opposition ratio	Patents which could be opposed	Opposed patents	Opposition rate	Oppositions filed	Opposition ratio
Electrical engineering	30 578	185	0.6%	202	1.09	5 965	69	1.2%	80	1.16
Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy	5 915	74	1.3%	79	1.07	1 315	21	1.6%	22	1.05
Audio-visual technology	2 548	27	1.1%	28	1.04	543	11	2.0%	12	1.09
Telecommunications	2 306	7	0.3%	7	1.00	402	1	0.2%	1	1.00
Digital communication	8 592	25	0.3%	31	1.24	1 515	14	0.9%	19	1.36
Basic communication processes	538	0	0.0%	0	-	88	0	0.0%	0	-
Computer technology	8 116	33	0.4%	36	1.09	1 656	15	0.9%	18	1.20
IT methods for management	656	11	1.7%	13	1.18	189	5	2.6%	6	1.20
Semiconductors	1 907	8	0.4%	8	1.00	257	2	0.8%	2	1.00
Instruments	23 598	337	1.4%	373	1.11	6 573	137	2.1%	155	1.13
Optics	2 726	26	1.0%	26	1.00	489	11	2.2%	11	1.00
Measurement	6 967	47	0.7%	50	1.06	1 677	19	1.1%	20	1.05
Analysis of biological materials	567	15	2.6%	15	1.00	194	6	3.1%	6	1.00
Control	2 388	36	1.5%	42	1.17	632	12	1.9%	13	1.08
Medical technology	10 950	213	1.9%	240	1.13	3 581	89	2.5%	105	1.18
Chemistry	18 695	817	4.4%	1 226	1.50	5 679	248	4.4%	335	1.35
Organic fine chemistry	2 117	76	3.6%	111	1.46	605	28	4.6%	45	1.61
Biotechnology	1 819	68	3.7%	115	1.69	641	12	1.9%	14	1.17
Pharmaceuticals	2 925	174	5.9%	363	2.09	1 071	40	3.7%	72	1.80
Macromolecular chemistry, polymers	2 159	83	3.8%	101	1.22	374	18	4.8%	19	1.06
Food chemistry	827	81	9.8%	118	1.46	334	32	9.6%	45	1.41
Basic materials chemistry	2 128	140	6.6%	178	1.27	567	40	7.1%	52	1.30
Materials, metallurgy	1 713	89	5.2%	111	1.25	484	31	6.4%	39	1.26
Surface technology, coating	1 180	44	3.7%	61	1.39	288	19	6.6%	20	1.05
Micro-structural and nano-technology	105	0	0.0%	0	-	16	0	0.0%	0	-
Chemical engineering	2 571	40	1.6%	44	1.10	874	20	2.3%	21	1.05
Environmental technology	1 151	22	1.9%	24	1.09	425	8	1.9%	8	1.00
Mechanical engineering	27 399	609	2.2%	707	1.16	7 497	248	3.3%	298	1.20
Handling	3 163	91	2.9%	108	1.19	1 110	38	3.4%	50	1.32
Machine tools	2 675	59	2.2%	59	1.00	775	27	3.5%	27	1.00
Engines, pumps, turbines	3 597	62	1.7%	74	1.19	714	28	3.9%	34	1.21
Textile and paper machines	1 875	63	3.4%	83	1.32	468	26	5.6%	34	1.31
Other special machines	4 459	130	2.9%	151	1.16	1 430	47	3.3%	58	1.23
Thermal processes and apparatus	1 970	31	1.6%	33	1.06	623	15	2.4%	15	1.00
Mechanical elements	2 981	67	2.2%	75	1.12	902	27	3.0%	29	1.07
Transport	6 679	106	1.6%	124	1.17	1 475	40	2.7%	51	1.28
Other fields	8 909	310	3.5%	390	1.26	3 286	144	4.4%	172	1.19
Furniture, games	2 426	45	1.9%	47	1.04	931	19	2.0%	19	1.00
Other consumer goods	3 217	194	6.0%	258	1.33	1 029	84	8.2%	106	1.26
Civil engineering	3 266	71	2.2%	85	1.20	1 326	41	3.1%	47	1.15
Not classified	25	3	12.0%	4	1.33	9	1	11.1%	1	1.00
Total	109 204	2 261	2.1%	2 902	1.28	29 009	847	2.9%	1 041	1.23

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(ii) by country of residence of the patent proprietor

Country of residence of the patent proprietor	All patents					Patents with Unitary effect requested				
	Patents which could be opposed	Opposed patents	Opposition rate	Oppositions filed	Opposition ratio	Patents which could be opposed	Opposed patents	Opposition rate	Oppositions filed	Opposition ratio
AL Albania	2	0	0.0%	0	-	2	0	0.0%	0	-
AT Austria	1 478	69	4.7%	87	1.26	707	28	4.0%	34	1.21
BE Belgium	1 337	76	5.7%	109	1.43	543	35	6.4%	48	1.37
BG Bulgaria	21	0	0.0%	0	-	13	0	0.0%	0	-
CH Switzerland	4 666	219	4.7%	327	1.49	1 562	94	6.0%	119	1.27
CY Cyprus	34	0	0.0%	0	-	20	0	0.0%	0	-
CZ Czech Republic	142	0	0.0%	0	-	80	0	0.0%	0	-
DE Germany	15 422	495	3.2%	591	1.19	5 456	211	3.9%	253	1.20
DK Denmark	1 152	67	5.8%	80	1.19	667	40	6.0%	51	1.28
EE Estonia	41	0	0.0%	0	-	31	0	0.0%	0	-
ES Spain	945	17	1.8%	18	1.06	493	9	1.8%	9	1.00
FI Finland	1 241	25	2.0%	29	1.16	481	15	3.1%	16	1.07
FR France	6 635	138	2.1%	164	1.19	1 998	53	2.7%	63	1.19
GB United Kingdom	3 289	105	3.2%	147	1.40	1 113	30	2.7%	37	1.23
GR Greece	67	0	0.0%	0	-	32	0	0.0%	0	-
HR Croatia	9	0	0.0%	0	-	8	0	0.0%	0	-
HU Hungary	56	1	1.8%	1	1.00	41	1	2.4%	1	1.00
IE Ireland	727	13	1.8%	13	1.00	235	6	2.6%	6	1.00
IS Iceland	21	2	9.5%	2	1.00	5	0	0.0%	0	-
IT Italy	3 678	83	2.3%	94	1.13	1 704	39	2.3%	44	1.13
LI Liechtenstein	240	4	1.7%	4	1.00	55	1	1.8%	1	1.00
LT Lithuania	29	0	0.0%	0	-	19	0	0.0%	0	-
LU Luxembourg	228	6	2.6%	7	1.17	64	2	3.1%	2	1.00
LV Latvia	15	0	0.0%	0	-	14	0	0.0%	0	-
MC Monaco	13	0	0.0%	0	-	12	0	0.0%	0	-
ME Montenegro	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	-	0	-
MK North Macedonia	2	0	0.0%	0	-	1	0	0.0%	0	-
MT Malta	23	1	4.3%	1	1.00	18	1	5.6%	1	1.00
NL Netherlands	2 884	119	4.1%	153	1.29	975	48	4.9%	60	1.25
NO Norway	413	12	2.9%	14	1.17	223	5	2.2%	7	1.40
PL Poland	256	10	3.9%	11	1.10	125	2	1.6%	2	1.00
PT Portugal	136	1	0.7%	1	1.00	106	0	0.0%	0	-
RO Romania	22	0	0.0%	0	-	13	0	0.0%	0	-
RS Serbia	6	0	0.0%	0	-	5	0	0.0%	0	-
SE Sweden	2 695	55	2.0%	71	1.29	1 255	41	3.3%	53	1.29
SI Slovenia	94	4	4.3%	4	1.00	56	1	1.8%	1	1.00
SK Slovakia	34	0	0.0%	0	-	28	0	0.0%	0	-
SM San Marino	5	0	0.0%	0	-	2	0	0.0%	0	-
TR Türkiye	283	5	1.8%	7	1.40	81	2	2.5%	2	1.00
EPC states	48 341	1 527	3.2%	1 935	1.27	18 243	664	3.6%	810	1.22
CN P.R. China	9 010	43	0.5%	48	1.12	1 658	12	0.7%	13	1.08
JP Japan	13 066	137	1.0%	164	1.20	1 075	36	3.3%	48	1.33
KR Rep. Korea	6 210	40	0.6%	50	1.25	1 220	12	1.0%	14	1.17
US United States of America	26 745	442	1.7%	611	1.38	4 507	97	2.2%	124	1.28
Other	5 832	72	1.2%	94	1.31	2 306	26	1.1%	32	1.23
Total	109 204	2 261	2.1%	2 902	1.28	29 009	847	2.9%	1 041	1.23

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3.2 Outcome of the opposition procedure

(i) by field of technology

Technology	All patents								Patents with Unitary effect requested							
	Opposition rejected		Patent revoked		Patent amended		Total		Opposition rejected		Patent revoked		Patent amended		Total	
Electrical engineering	68	28%	89	36%	88	36%	245	100%	11	24%	22	48%	13	28%	46	100%
Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy	38	30%	43	34%	47	37%	128	100%	1	7%	10	71%	3	21%	14	100%
Audio-visual technology	9	26%	19	54%	7	20%	35	100%	4	44%	5	56%	0	0%	9	100%
Telecommunications	1	13%	1	13%	6	75%	8	100%	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Digital communication	9	31%	10	34%	10	34%	29	100%	3	27%	4	36%	4	36%	11	100%
Basic communication processes	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	2	100%	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Computer technology	10	32%	10	32%	11	35%	31	100%	3	33%	1	11%	5	56%	9	100%
IT methods for management	0	0%	3	60%	2	40%	5	100%	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Semiconductors	1	14%	3	43%	3	43%	7	100%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%	2	100%
Instruments	112	27%	121	29%	185	44%	418	100%	22	34%	17	27%	25	39%	64	100%
Optics	5	17%	8	27%	17	57%	30	100%	0	0%	1	33%	2	67%	3	100%
Measurement	16	23%	27	38%	28	39%	71	100%	2	29%	3	43%	2	29%	7	100%
Analysis of biological materials	4	27%	4	27%	7	47%	15	100%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Control	17	34%	19	38%	14	28%	50	100%	5	42%	5	42%	2	17%	12	100%
Medical technology	70	28%	63	25%	119	47%	252	100%	14	34%	8	20%	19	46%	41	100%
Chemistry	277	25%	372	34%	449	41%	1 098	100%	39	36%	36	33%	34	31%	109	100%
Organic fine chemistry	33	33%	24	24%	44	44%	101	100%	3	33%	2	22%	4	44%	9	100%
Biotechnology	22	20%	46	41%	43	39%	111	100%	5	33%	6	40%	4	27%	15	100%
Pharmaceuticals	45	21%	95	45%	73	34%	213	100%	7	29%	12	50%	5	21%	24	100%
Macromolecular chemistry, polymers	25	22%	41	36%	47	42%	113	100%	3	30%	3	30%	4	40%	10	100%
Food chemistry	17	20%	31	36%	39	45%	87	100%	2	17%	6	50%	4	33%	12	100%
Basic materials chemistry	26	19%	61	45%	48	36%	135	100%	3	27%	3	27%	5	45%	11	100%
Materials, metallurgy	51	32%	30	19%	78	49%	159	100%	7	54%	1	8%	5	38%	13	100%
Surface technology, coating	21	29%	21	29%	31	42%	73	100%	1	20%	3	60%	1	20%	5	100%
Micro-structural and nano-technology	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Chemical engineering	26	35%	18	24%	30	41%	74	100%	7	78%	0	0%	2	22%	9	100%
Environmental technology	11	34%	5	16%	16	50%	32	100%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Mechanical engineering	277	32%	199	23%	390	45%	866	100%	49	40%	33	27%	41	33%	123	100%
Handling	54	41%	27	20%	51	39%	132	100%	6	27%	7	32%	9	41%	22	100%
Machine tools	24	26%	19	21%	49	53%	92	100%	7	44%	3	19%	6	38%	16	100%
Engines, pumps, turbines	19	23%	19	23%	45	54%	83	100%	4	50%	1	13%	3	38%	8	100%
Textile and paper machines	36	41%	26	30%	25	29%	87	100%	8	38%	10	48%	3	14%	21	100%
Other special machines	49	28%	44	25%	82	47%	175	100%	8	40%	4	20%	8	40%	20	100%
Thermal processes and apparatus	20	45%	10	23%	14	32%	44	100%	7	78%	0	0%	2	22%	9	100%
Mechanical elements	40	38%	21	20%	43	41%	104	100%	4	44%	2	22%	3	33%	9	100%
Transport	35	23%	33	22%	81	54%	149	100%	5	28%	6	33%	7	39%	18	100%
Other fields	101	33%	65	21%	143	46%	309	100%	11	31%	9	25%	16	44%	36	100%
Furniture, games	13	27%	9	19%	26	54%	48	100%	0	0%	2	50%	2	50%	4	100%
Other consumer goods	37	25%	41	28%	68	47%	146	100%	4	27%	6	40%	5	33%	15	100%
Civil engineering	51	44%	15	13%	49	43%	115	100%	7	41%	1	6%	9	53%	17	100%
Unclassified	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Total	835	28%	846	29%	1 255	43%	2 936	100%	132	35%	117	31%	129	34%	378	100%

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4. Appeal procedures

4.1 Refusals by the examining divisions and appeals

Technology	Decisions to refuse	Appealed decisions	
Electrical engineering	1 461	104	7%
Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy	107	10	9%
Audio-visual technology	287	14	5%
Telecommunications	70	9	13%
Digital communication	199	15	8%
Basic communication processes	10	0	0%
Computer technology	668	47	7%
IT methods for management	53	6	11%
Semiconductors	67	3	4%
Instruments	615	57	9%
Optics	49	5	10%
Measurement	164	10	6%
Analysis of biological materials	11	2	18%
Control	155	13	8%
Medical technology	236	27	11%
Chemistry	375	46	12%
Organic fine chemistry	21	6	29%
Biotechnology	53	8	15%
Pharmaceuticals	129	14	11%
Macromolecular chemistry, polymers	14	2	14%
Food chemistry	20	2	10%
Basic materials chemistry	39	4	10%
Materials, metallurgy	15	3	20%
Surface technology, coating	13	2	15%
Micro-structural and nano-technology	0	0	-
Chemical engineering	37	3	8%
Environmental technology	34	2	6%
Mechanical engineering	236	25	11%
Handling	37	4	11%
Machine tools	10	0	0%
Engines, pumps, turbines	34	6	18%
Textile and paper machines	5	0	0%
Other special machines	34	2	6%
Thermal processes and apparatus	18	4	22%
Mechanical elements	20	2	10%
Transport	78	7	9%
Other fields	52	9	17%
Furniture, games	18	1	6%
Other consumer goods	20	5	25%
Civil engineering	14	3	21%
Unclassified	0	0	0%
Total	2 739	241	9%

Status: June 2026

4.2 Decisions by the opposition divisions and appeals filed

Type of decision	Total cases	Appealed cases	
Opposition rejected	835	285	34%
Patent revoked	846	258	30%
Patent amended	1 255	686	55%
Total	2 936	1 229	42%

Status: June 2026

4.3 Decisions on the merits by the Boards of Appeal

Ex parte				**Inter partes**			
Cases settled	2025	Change	Share	Cases settled	2025	Change	Share
Appeal withdrawn	358	-32%	54%	Appeal withdrawn	411	-15%	21%
Settled without decision	51	-38%	8%	Settled without decision	268	28%	14%
Decision on the merits	242	-25%	36%	Decision on the merits	1 236	-6%	62%
Other decision	17	-6%	3%	Other decision	63	13%	3%
Total	**668**	**-29%**	**100%**	**Total**	**1 978**	**-4%**	**100%**
Decision on the merits:	242	-25%		Decision on the merits:	1 236	-6%	
Appeal dismissed	141	-36%	58%	Appeal dismissed	445	-8%	36%
Proceedings resumed	60	-5%	25%	Opposition resumed	147	5%	12%
Patent granted	41	2%	17%	Patent maintained in amended form	235	-3%	19%
				Patent maintained as granted	31	-14%	3%
				Revocation	378	-10%	31%

5. Processing times

The times indicated in the table below are mean average delays in months for the European search, the substantive examination and the opposition procedures. In order to properly reflect the delay of the procedures, the statistics are based on standard cases. Previous year figures (also measured as mean averages) are presented for reference.

- European search: from date of receipt at the EPO to end of search.
- All searches: from date of receipt at the EPO to date of dispatch of the search report.
- Examination: from valid request for examination (all formalities completed) to dispatch of the examiner's intention to grant.
- Opposition: from expiry of the opposition filing period to the date of the opposition decision.

The times are calculated for the applications for which the corresponding stage ended in 2025.

Procedure	Months	Previous year
Search (all searches)[1]	5.1	5.5
Examination[2]	24.2	24.9
Opposition[3]	19.1	20.5

(1) Mean value for standard searches (i.e. excluding non-unity, clarification request or incomplete search).

(2) Mean value calculated from valid examination request to dispatch of examiner's intention to grant for standard examination (i.e. excluding two or more late payment of fees, two or more requests for extension of time limit, or re-scheduling of oral proceedings).

(3) Mean value calculated from expiry of opposition filing period to date of opposition decision for standard opposition cases (i.e. excluding cases with more than one opponent, participation of a legal member or re-scheduling of oral proceedings).

Annex 3 Validation and maintenance of European patents

The figures presented in the annexes are based on the data available in the Post Grant data system of the EPO and reflect the information provided by the national offices of the member states. They represent the situation as at the end of 2025 with respect to the validation and the maintenance of European granted patents in the member states as available in July 2026. A patent is considered as maintained until its abandonment is legally recorded and transmitted to the EPO.

For each member state, the figures presented in the first table indicate the number of applications filed and designating the country, the number of those which have been granted by the EPO, the number of these grants which have been validated and entered into force in the country, where relevant those that entered into force from a registered unitary effect and the number of European patents still in force at the end of 2025. The data cover the filing period 2006-2025 for which patents can still be in force within their 20 years term.

Applications for a European patent are counted in the year of the international filing date. In the case of the Euro-direct applications this corresponds to the filing date at the EPO. In the case of the PCT applications only those that entered the regional phase at the EPO are taken into account and they are counted in the year of the international PCT filing date. As a consequence, the yearly counts for applications filed are different from the count of applications at the EPO as reported in section 2 Analysis and Annex 1 of the document.

The statistics reflect the current status of the designations in the EPO granting procedure at the end of 2025.

To appear as validated in a member state, a granted patent should not lapse in that member state during the period between the publication date and the due date of the payment of the first national renewal fee, especially due to the lack of a required translation.

The second table indicates the proportion of validated European patents still in force at the end of each year. All data are extracted from the EPO database on the basis of data transmitted by the EPC contracting states offices. A patent is considered as maintained until its abandonment is legally recorded and transmitted to the EPO.

The maintenance of European patents in the member state is illustrated with the chart showing an average maintenance rate compiled as a moving average over 5 recent years not taking account of the latest year for which the maintenance figures are considered provisional.

The following table gives an overview of the fate of the resulting patent rights granted by the EPO.

Filing period (International filing date)	Distinct applications filed	Applications filed (requests for patent rights)	Granted patent rights	Validated patent rights			Rights in force	
				All	*of which without translation**	with unitary effect	All	of which from unitary effect
		Cumulated counts of designated states (rights)						
Total filed: 2006 - 2025	3 060 518	110 638 305	48 576 372	15 203 842	*10 658 122*	1 413 672	7 604 760	1 381 799
Total filed: 2005 - 2024	3 070 750	106 394 242	45 592 777	13 281 733	*10 105 708*	796 721	7 144 688	789 802
Change: status end of 2025 over status end of 2024	*0%*	*4%*	*7%*	*14%*	*5%*	*77%*	*6%*	*75%*

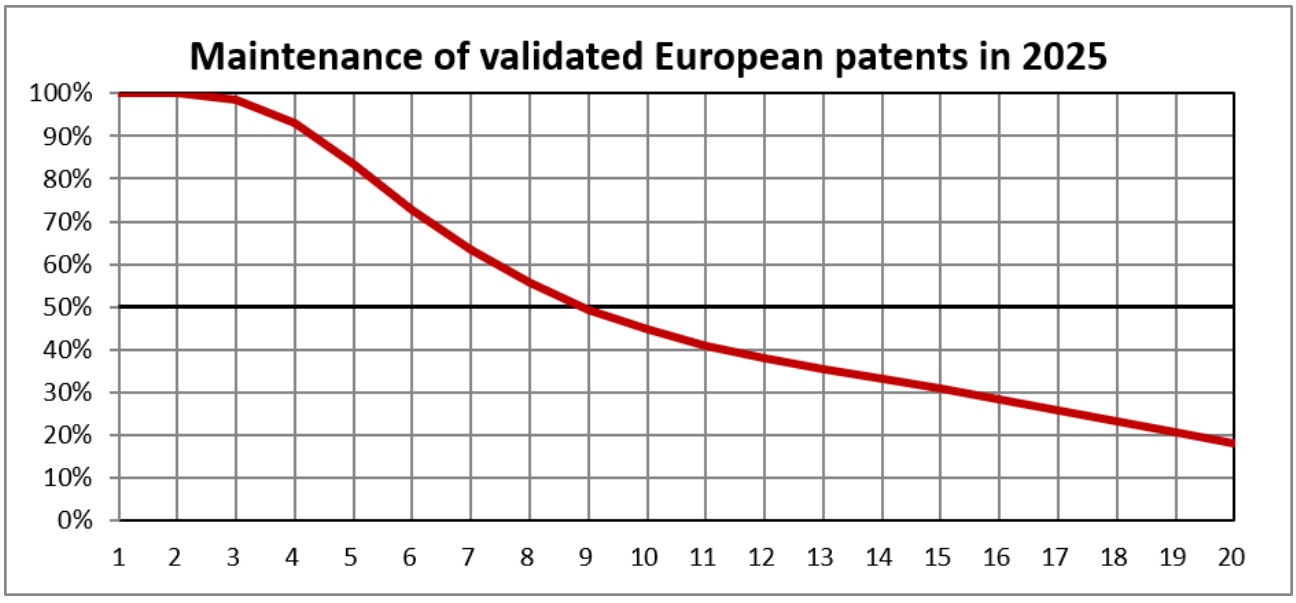
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Due to the legal delay for paying the national renewal fees and for the final registration of lapses, the number of patents still in force at the end of 2025 is still provisional.

In 2025, 70% of the patent rights were immediately validated as a consequence of the London Agreement in member states that dispensed entirely with any translation, under Art. 65(1) EPC.

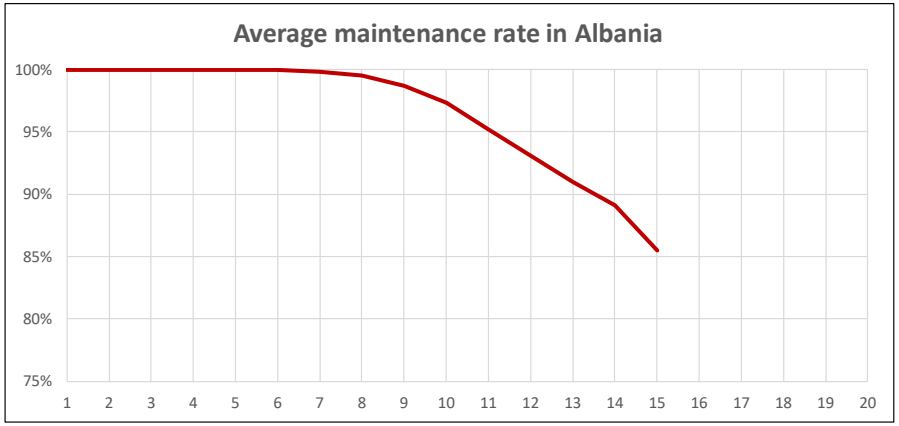
The validations resulting from the Unitary Patent system are interpreted as distinct rights in each member states party to the UP system, in order to make the respective EP and UP volumes comparable. UP validations accounted for 9.3% of all EP patent rights validated (6% end of 2024) and 18% of the EP rights in force in the EPC contracting states (11% end of 2024). For the group of the 18 states party to the UP system the rights in force resulting from unitary effect accounted for 31% of the EP rights in force in these contracting states.

As shown in the chart below, EP patent rights validated in the EPC states are maintained on average 9 years (median, so 50% of EP patents are maintained more than 9 years). About 18% of EP patents are maintained up until the expiration of the 20th year (14% in 2024).



a. Albania

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
2006						
2007						
2008						
2009						
2010	98 913	54 187	1 418	-	1 212	-
2011	149 825	84 563	2 805	-	2 552	-
2012	153 767	90 145	3 469	-	3 237	-
2013	158 555	94 399	4 811	-	4 618	-
2014	163 927	99 641	7 346	-	7 223	-
2015	163 552	99 995	11 398	-	11 311	-
2016	167 300	101 413	17 749	-	17 703	-
2017	172 535	100 515	28 690	-	28 679	-
2018	176 697	95 157	43 683	-	43 682	-
2019	182 034	85 735	57 334	-	57 334	-
2020	186 577	70 485	61 203	-	61 203	-
2021	186 564	50 371	48 823	-	48 823	-
2022	186 620	31 713	31 688	-	31 688	-
2023	175 486	12 033	12 033	-	12 033	-
2024	107 698	2 285	2 285	-	2 285	-
2025	65 836	12	12	-	12	-

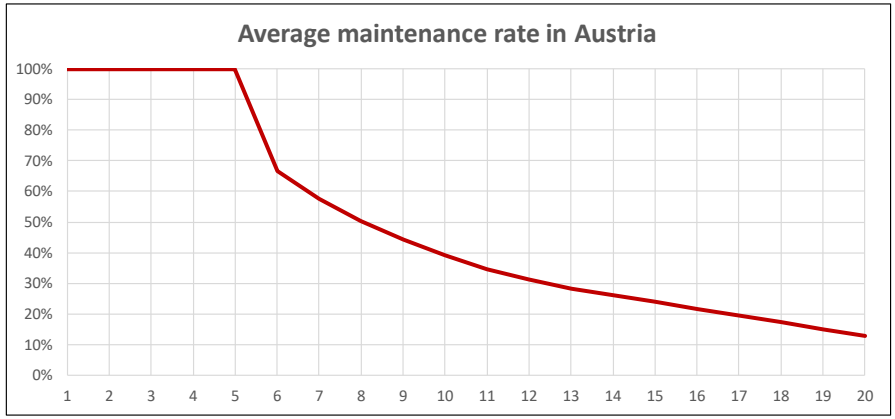


Percentage of patents still in force at the end of the patent year

Filing year	Validated patents	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2006																			
2007																			
2008																			
2009																			
2010	1 418	100%	100%	100%	98%	97%	94%	92%	90%	88%	86%	85%	85%	85%	85%				
2011	2 805	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%	96%	95%	93%	92%	91%	91%	91%	91%					
2012	3 469	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%	97%	95%	94%	93%	93%	93%	93%						
2013	4 811	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%	97%	97%	96%	96%	96%	96%							
2014	7 346	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%								
2015	11 398	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%									
2016	17 749	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%										
2017	28 690	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%											
2018	43 683	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%												
2019	57 334	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%													
2020	61 203	100%	100%	100%	100%														
2021	48 823	100%	100%	100%															
2022	31 688	100%	100%																
2023	12 033	100%																	
2024	2 285																		
2025	12																		

b. Austria

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
2006	114 468	51 396	17 054	0	2 197	0
2007	120 601	55 935	17 829	62	2 542	59
2008	131 166	65 072	19 602	152	3 286	146
2009	135 450	72 220	20 056	236	3 714	225
2010	144 311	79 062	21 315	303	4 348	290
2011	149 852	84 588	21 801	440	5 105	422
2012	153 794	90 168	22 051	573	5 534	549
2013	158 575	94 417	21 752	826	6 306	795
2014	163 957	99 670	22 521	1 363	7 420	1 313
2015	163 564	100 007	23 374	2 239	8 822	2 136
2016	167 325	101 435	24 431	3 593	10 649	3 443
2017	172 554	100 529	25 503	5 766	12 819	5 551
2018	176 718	95 167	26 650	8 947	15 559	8 631
2019	182 053	85 747	26 563	12 393	18 311	12 039
2020	186 580	70 487	25 565	15 083	22 558	14 739
2021	186 574	50 375	20 452	13 767	20 281	13 593
2022	186 610	31 713	13 971	9 866	13 925	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	5 564	4 064	5 560	4 059
2024	107 694	2 285	1 174	894	1 174	894
2025	65 836	12	9	8	9	8

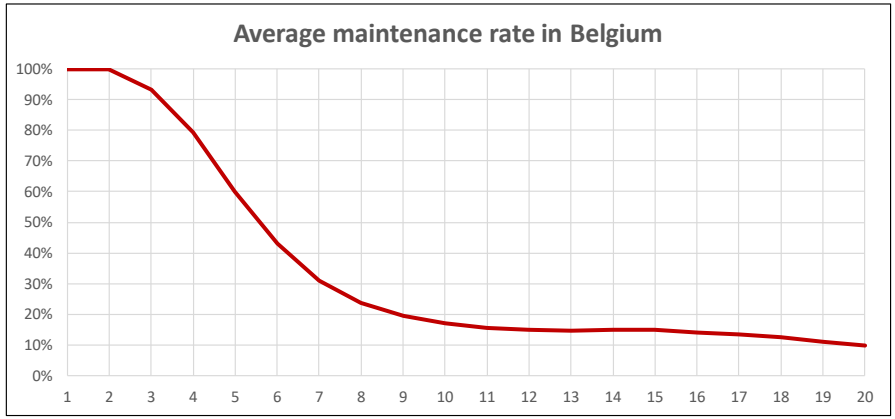


Percentage of patents still in force at the end of the patent year

Filing year	Validated patents	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2006	17 054	98%	90%	90%	74%	66%	59%	53%	47%	42%	37%	33%	29%	26%	23%	21%	18%	16%	13%
2007	17 829	98%	98%	98%	72%	64%	58%	52%	46%	40%	36%	31%	27%	24%	22%	19%	16%	14%	
2008	19 602	100%	100%	100%	70%	63%	57%	50%	44%	38%	33%	29%	26%	24%	21%	19%	17%		
2009	20 056	100%	100%	100%	70%	62%	55%	48%	42%	36%	32%	29%	26%	24%	21%	19%			
2010	21 315	100%	100%	100%	69%	60%	52%	45%	39%	34%	30%	28%	25%	23%	20%				
2011	21 801	100%	100%	100%	69%	60%	52%	45%	38%	34%	31%	29%	26%	23%					
2012	22 051	100%	100%	100%	67%	58%	49%	42%	37%	34%	31%	28%	25%						
2013	21 752	100%	100%	100%	68%	58%	48%	43%	39%	35%	32%	29%							
2014	22 521	100%	100%	100%	64%	54%	48%	44%	40%	36%	33%								
2015	23 374	100%	100%	100%	63%	55%	50%	45%	41%	38%									
2016	24 431	100%	100%	100%	63%	57%	52%	47%	44%										
2017	25 503	100%	100%	100%	65%	59%	53%	50%											
2018	26 650	100%	100%	100%	68%	62%	58%												
2019	26 563	100%	100%	100%	73%	69%													
2020	25 565	100%	100%	100%	88%														
2021	20 452	100%	100%	99%															
2022	13 971	100%	100%																
2023	5 564	100%																	
2024	1 174																		
2025	9																		

c. Belgium

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
2006	114 478	51 418	27 385	0	2 720	0
2007	120 541	55 843	30 631	62	3 147	59
2008	131 069	64 981	36 949	152	3 824	146
2009	135 417	72 194	43 052	236	4 434	225
2010	144 303	79 054	51 605	303	5 144	290
2011	149 847	84 583	60 883	440	5 950	422
2012	153 784	90 159	71 191	573	6 955	549
2013	158 564	94 409	83 506	826	7 855	795
2014	163 940	99 653	95 519	1 363	9 494	1 313
2015	163 567	100 010	99 261	2 239	11 165	2 136
2016	167 317	101 430	101 430	3 593	13 360	3 443
2017	172 546	100 521	100 521	5 766	16 612	5 551
2018	176 709	95 158	95 158	8 947	20 811	8 631
2019	182 037	85 732	85 732	12 393	25 337	12 039
2020	186 578	70 485	70 485	15 083	29 066	14 739
2021	186 574	50 374	50 374	13 767	27 284	13 593
2022	186 608	31 712	31 712	9 866	20 669	9 820
2023	175 474	12 033	12 033	4 064	9 318	4 059
2024	107 694	2 285	2 285	894	2 285	894
2025	65 835	12	12	8	12	8

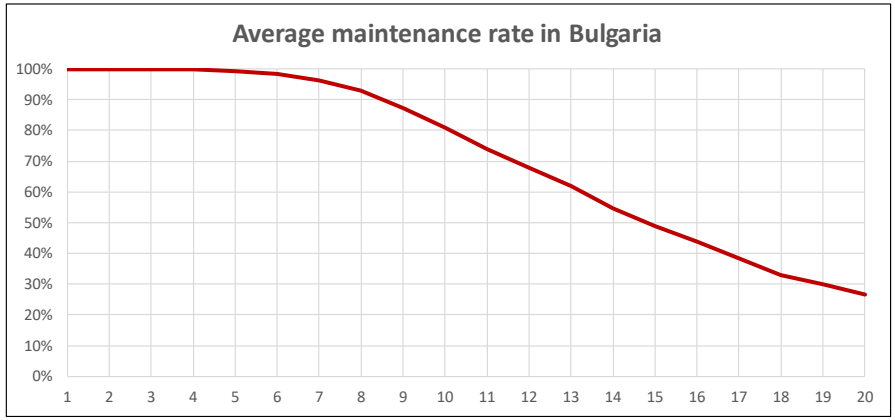


Percentage of patents still in force at the end of the patent year

Filing year	Validated patents	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2006	27 385	98%	89%	81%	73%	67%	62%	57%	53%	49%	42%	34%	26%	21%	18%	16%	14%	12%	10%
2007	30 631	98%	90%	81%	74%	69%	63%	59%	55%	47%	36%	27%	21%	18%	15%	14%	12%	10%	
2008	36 949	98%	90%	83%	76%	71%	66%	62%	52%	40%	28%	21%	18%	15%	13%	12%	10%		
2009	43 052	98%	91%	83%	78%	73%	68%	58%	43%	30%	22%	18%	15%	13%	12%	10%			
2010	51 605	98%	92%	85%	80%	75%	64%	48%	33%	23%	18%	15%	13%	11%	10%				
2011	60 883	98%	94%	87%	82%	71%	54%	37%	25%	19%	15%	13%	11%	10%					
2012	71 191	99%	94%	88%	76%	57%	39%	26%	19%	15%	13%	11%	10%						
2013	83 506	99%	96%	84%	65%	45%	30%	21%	16%	13%	11%	9%							
2014	95 519	99%	92%	74%	53%	35%	24%	18%	15%	12%	10%								
2015	99 261	97%	86%	66%	45%	31%	23%	18%	13%	11%									
2016	101 430	96%	83%	61%	41%	29%	22%	16%	13%										
2017	100 521	94%	80%	58%	42%	30%	21%	17%											
2018	95 158	94%	79%	60%	44%	30%	22%												
2019	85 732	93%	80%	62%	42%	30%													
2020	70 485	94%	81%	59%	41%														
2021	50 374	94%	75%	54%															
2022	31 712	89%	65%																
2023	12 033	77%																	
2024	2 285																		
2025	12																		

d. Bulgaria

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
2006	113 626	50 832	2 050	0	547	0
2007	119 917	55 423	1 913	62	556	59
2008	130 748	64 735	1 929	152	735	146
2009	135 302	72 096	1 985	236	909	225
2010	144 276	79 026	2 128	303	1 038	290
2011	149 829	84 565	2 264	440	1 254	422
2012	153 770	90 146	2 366	573	1 467	549
2013	158 556	94 399	2 560	826	1 717	795
2014	163 936	99 649	3 154	1 363	2 394	1 313
2015	163 556	99 998	4 018	2 239	3 256	2 136
2016	167 308	101 418	5 190	3 593	4 545	3 443
2017	172 544	100 519	7 076	5 766	6 534	5 551
2018	176 714	95 163	10 000	8 947	9 462	8 631
2019	182 046	85 740	13 222	12 393	12 770	12 039
2020	186 581	70 487	15 653	15 083	15 267	14 739
2021	186 572	50 373	14 123	13 767	13 944	13 593
2022	186 610	31 713	10 072	9 866	10 023	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	4 118	4 064	4 113	4 059
2024	107 694	2 285	890	894	890	894
2025	65 836	12	8	8	8	8

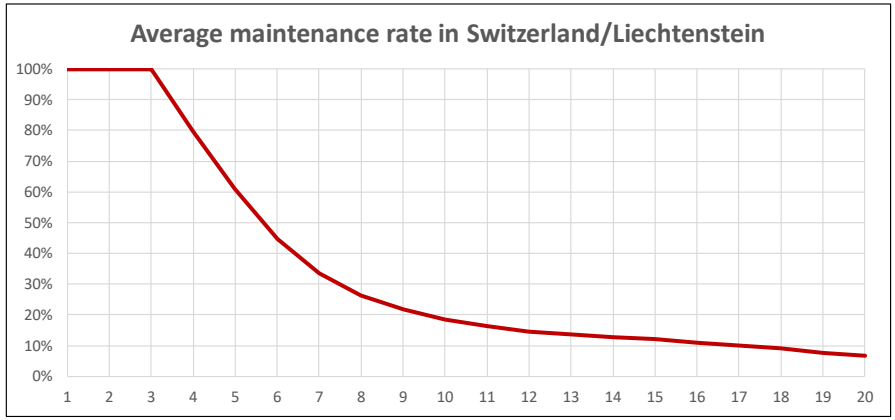


Percentage of patents still in force at the end of the patent year

Filing year	Validated patents	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2006	2 050	100%	100%	99%	95%	89%	86%	80%	73%	67%	61%	56%	50%	46%	41%	37%	34%	31%	27%
2007	1 913	100%	99%	98%	95%	91%	85%	79%	73%	66%	60%	54%	48%	44%	40%	37%	32%	29%	
2008	1 929	100%	100%	98%	96%	92%	85%	80%	74%	68%	63%	58%	53%	49%	45%	41%	38%		
2009	1 985	100%	100%	98%	96%	92%	87%	81%	77%	71%	65%	61%	57%	53%	49%	46%			
2010	2 128	100%	100%	98%	94%	90%	85%	80%	74%	69%	64%	61%	56%	52%	49%				
2011	2 264	100%	100%	97%	95%	92%	88%	82%	76%	71%	68%	64%	59%	55%					
2012	2 366	100%	99%	98%	96%	93%	89%	82%	77%	73%	70%	66%	62%						
2013	2 560	100%	100%	99%	97%	93%	87%	83%	79%	75%	71%	67%							
2014	3 154	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	90%	87%	84%	79%	76%								
2015	4 018	100%	100%	99%	97%	95%	92%	89%	85%	81%									
2016	5 190	100%	100%	99%	98%	96%	94%	91%	88%										
2017	7 076	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%	95%	92%											
2018	10 000	100%	100%	100%	99%	97%	95%												
2019	13 222	100%	100%	100%	99%	97%													
2020	15 653	100%	100%	99%	98%														
2021	14 123	100%	100%	99%															
2022	10 072	100%	100%																
2023	4 118	100%																	
2024	890																		
2025	8																		

e. Switzerland/Liechtenstein

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
2006	115 649	52 178	51 833	-	3 462	-
2007	121 407	56 451	56 267	-	4 118	-
2008	131 666	65 442	65 293	-	5 187	-
2009	135 576	72 329	72 196	-	5 957	-
2010	144 303	79 054	78 956	-	6 856	-
2011	149 831	84 567	84 519	-	8 159	-
2012	153 784	90 158	90 126	-	9 322	-
2013	158 563	94 408	94 384	-	10 473	-
2014	163 946	99 659	99 646	-	11 868	-
2015	163 558	100 001	99 990	-	12 904	-
2016	167 291	101 401	101 393	-	14 703	-
2017	172 479	100 456	100 447	-	16 463	-
2018	176 649	95 099	95 094	-	17 776	-
2019	181 973	85 669	85 668	-	19 366	-
2020	186 528	70 441	70 441	-	20 882	-
2021	186 537	50 336	50 336	-	19 994	-
2022	186 596	31 690	31 688	-	16 529	-
2023	175 485	12 028	12 025	-	12 025	-
2024	107 692	2 283	2 283	-	2 283	-
2025	65 836	12	12	-	12	-

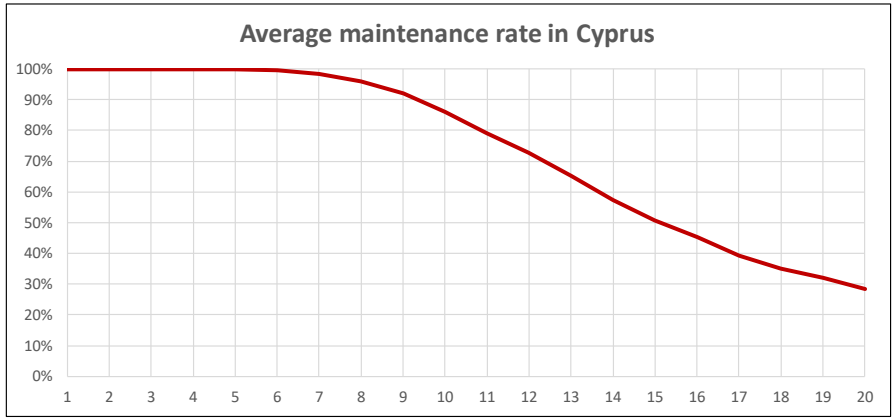


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2007	56 267	100%	100%	80%	70%	60%	52%	45%	38%	31%	25%	19%	16%	13%	12%	10%	9%	7%	
2008	65 293	100%	100%	80%	68%	59%	51%	43%	34%	27%	21%	16%	14%	12%	11%	9%	8%		
2009	72 196	100%	100%	77%	67%	58%	48%	39%	30%	22%	17%	14%	13%	11%	10%	8%			
2010	78 956	100%	100%	78%	67%	57%	46%	35%	26%	19%	15%	13%	12%	10%	9%				
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2015	99 990	100%	87%	68%	48%	34%	26%	21%	16%	13%									
2016	101 393	100%	84%	63%	45%	33%	26%	19%	15%										
2017	100 447	100%	81%	61%	45%	34%	23%	16%											
2018	95 094	100%	80%	63%	46%	29%	19%												
2019	85 668	100%	81%	63%	39%	23%													
2020	70 441	100%	81%	55%	30%														
2021	50 336	100%	70%	40%															
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2023	12 025	100%																	
2024	2 283																		
2025	12																		

f. Cyprus

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2007	119 910	55 419	1 291	-	392	-
2008	130 736	64 725	1 309	-	500	-
2009	135 304	72 097	1 359	-	660	-
2010	144 273	79 023	1 487	-	801	-
2011	149 828	84 564	1 658	-	1 013	-
2012	153 769	90 145	1 729	-	1 176	-
2013	158 555	94 399	2 069	-	1 532	-
2014	163 934	99 647	2 520	-	2 076	-
2015	163 554	99 996	3 693	-	3 289	-
2016	167 304	101 417	5 461	-	5 167	-
2017	172 545	100 519	8 513	-	8 293	-
2018	176 713	95 162	13 284	-	13 136	-
2019	182 042	85 736	19 829	-	19 741	-
2020	186 581	70 487	25 721	-	25 679	-
2021	186 572	50 373	26 547	-	26 527	-
2022	186 609	31 713	22 196	-	22 195	-
2023	175 475	12 033	10 491	-	10 491	-
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2025	65 836	12	12	-	12	-

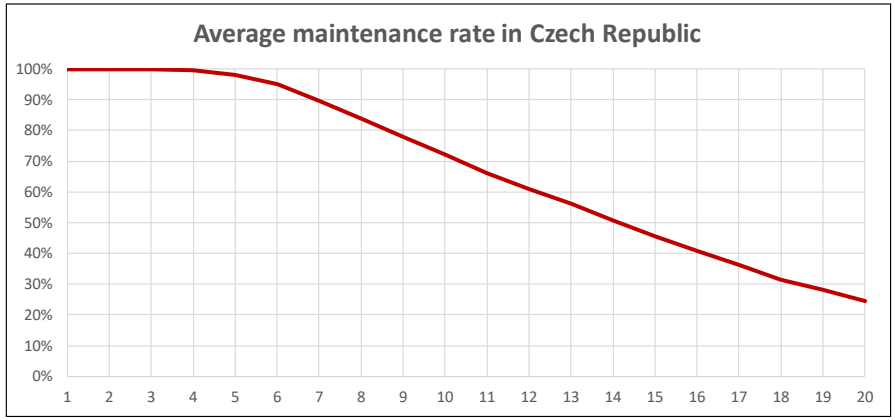


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2010	1 487	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	87%	82%	77%	72%	68%	65%	60%	57%	54%				
2011	1 658	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	89%	86%	79%	76%	73%	69%	65%	61%					
2012	1 729	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	90%	86%	81%	79%	76%	72%	68%						
2013	2 069	100%	100%	98%	97%	94%	90%	87%	83%	80%	77%	74%							
2014	2 520	100%	100%	99%	97%	95%	93%	91%	89%	85%	82%								
2015	3 693	100%	100%	99%	98%	97%	95%	94%	91%	89%									
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2017	8 513	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%	97%											
2018	13 284	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%												
2019	19 829	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%													
2020	25 721	100%	100%	100%	100%														
2021	26 547	100%	100%	100%															
2022	22 196	100%	100%																
2023	10 491	100%																	
2024	2 285																		
2025	12																		

g. Czech Republic

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2007	120 177	55 620	5 104	-	1 405	-
2008	130 912	64 860	5 432	-	1 847	-
2009	135 343	72 134	5 255	-	1 961	-
2010	144 286	79 036	5 410	-	2 291	-
2011	149 833	84 569	5 632	-	2 667	-
2012	153 772	90 148	5 727	-	3 041	-
2013	158 560	94 403	5 706	-	3 207	-
2014	163 937	99 650	6 010	-	3 661	-
2015	163 557	99 999	6 086	-	4 080	-
2016	167 309	101 419	5 960	-	4 359	-
2017	172 545	100 520	6 432	-	5 201	-
2018	176 714	95 164	6 597	-	5 819	-
2019	182 047	85 741	7 400	-	6 981	-
2020	186 581	70 488	8 253	-	8 053	-
2021	186 572	50 373	8 188	-	8 120	-
2022	186 609	31 713	7 378	-	7 366	-
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2024	107 695	2 285	1 364	-	1 364	-
2025	65 836	12	12	-	12	-

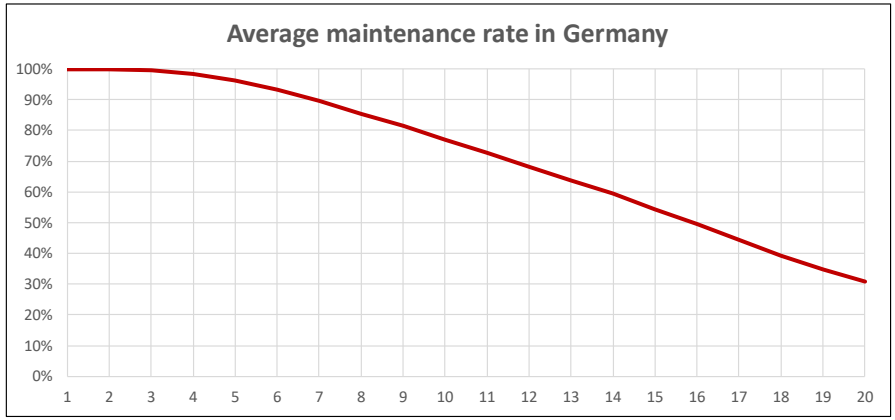


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2012	5 727	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	86%	78%	72%	67%	62%	57%	53%						
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2014	6 010	100%	100%	98%	95%	89%	83%	77%	71%	65%	61%								
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2021	8 188	100%	100%	99%															
2022	7 378	100%	100%																
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2024	1 364																		
2025	12																		

h. Germany

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2007	146 096	71 779	71 771	62	25 847	59
2008	145 414	75 014	75 011	152	31 072	146
2009	138 817	74 619	74 614	236	34 467	225
2010	144 346	79 097	79 093	303	40 391	290
2011	149 841	84 583	84 578	440	47 453	422
2012	153 761	90 138	90 136	573	54 131	549
2013	158 541	94 388	94 387	826	61 120	795
2014	163 932	99 650	99 648	1 363	68 323	1 313
2015	163 551	99 999	99 998	2 239	73 268	2 136
2016	167 312	101 425	101 424	3 593	79 425	3 443
2017	172 546	100 526	100 526	5 766	83 465	5 551
2018	176 701	95 150	95 149	8 947	83 523	8 631
2019	181 993	85 690	85 690	12 393	78 477	12 039
2020	186 547	70 463	70 462	15 083	66 696	14 739
2021	186 560	50 362	50 362	13 767	48 715	13 593
2022	186 604	31 709	31 709	9 866	31 194	9 820
2023	175 463	12 034	12 034	4 064	11 938	4 059
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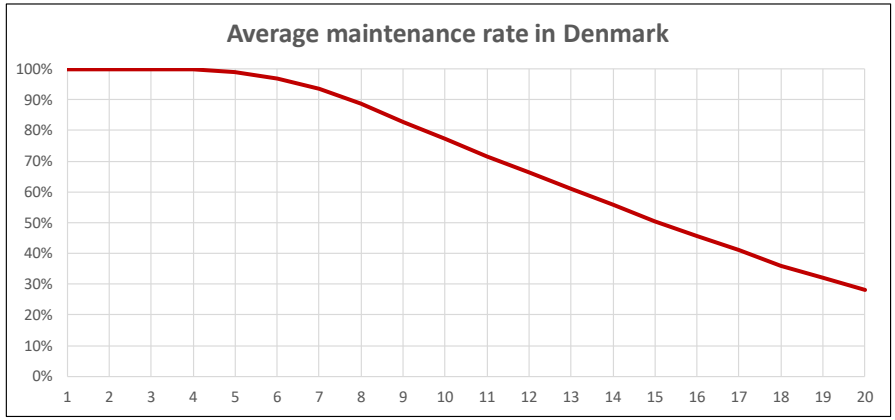


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2015	99 998	100%	99%	97%	93%	89%	85%	81%	76%	73%									
2016	101 424	100%	99%	96%	93%	90%	85%	80%	78%										
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2022	31 709	99%	98%																
2023	12 034	99%																	
2024	2 281																		
2025	12																		

i. Denmark

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2008	130 900	64 851	7 017	152	2 711	146
2009	135 359	72 147	7 320	236	3 094	225
2010	144 293	79 041	7 726	303	3 661	290
2011	149 838	84 574	8 229	440	4 348	422
2012	153 775	90 151	8 248	573	4 783	549
2013	158 558	94 403	8 737	826	5 514	795
2014	163 946	99 659	9 263	1 363	6 288	1 313
2015	163 560	100 003	9 957	2 239	7 442	2 136
2016	167 312	101 422	10 973	3 593	8 871	3 443
2017	172 548	100 523	12 527	5 766	10 955	5 551
2018	176 717	95 166	14 886	8 947	13 705	8 631
2019	182 046	85 740	17 406	12 393	16 576	12 039
2020	186 581	70 488	19 039	15 083	18 507	14 739
2021	186 573	50 373	17 028	13 767	16 808	13 593
2022	186 610	31 713	12 320	9 866	12 267	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	5 370	4 064	5 364	4 059
2024	107 694	2 285	1 306	894	1 306	894
2025	65 836	12	11	8	11	8

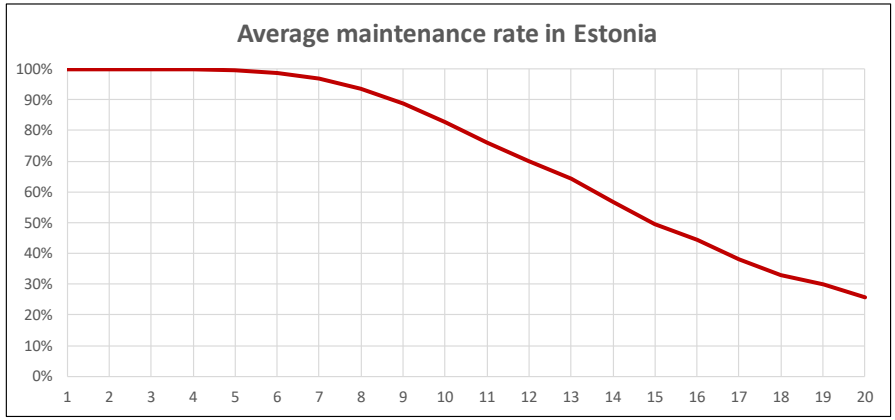


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2007	6 551	100%	99%	98%	96%	91%	87%	82%	76%	71%	65%	60%	53%	49%	45%	40%	36%	32%	
2008	7 017	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	88%	83%	77%	72%	66%	60%	56%	53%	47%	42%	39%		
2009	7 320	100%	100%	98%	96%	92%	88%	83%	78%	72%	66%	60%	56%	51%	46%	42%			
2010	7 726	100%	100%	98%	96%	93%	88%	83%	77%	70%	65%	61%	56%	51%	47%				
2011	8 229	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	89%	83%	77%	72%	67%	62%	57%	53%					
2012	8 248	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	87%	81%	76%	71%	66%	62%	58%						
2013	8 737	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	87%	82%	77%	72%	67%	63%							
2014	9 263	100%	100%	99%	96%	91%	86%	82%	78%	72%	68%								
2015	9 957	100%	100%	98%	95%	92%	88%	84%	78%	75%									
2016	10 973	100%	100%	98%	96%	94%	90%	85%	81%										
2017	12 527	100%	100%	99%	97%	95%	91%	87%											
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j. Estonia

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2007	119 911	55 419	1 493	62	445	59
2008	130 741	64 730	1 583	152	615	146
2009	135 304	72 097	1 641	236	773	225
2010	144 273	79 023	1 724	303	866	290
2011	149 828	84 564	1 873	440	1 120	422
2012	153 770	90 146	1 985	573	1 299	549
2013	158 556	94 399	2 359	826	1 599	795
2014	163 935	99 648	2 752	1 363	2 125	1 313
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2016	167 306	101 416	4 827	3 593	4 291	3 443
2017	172 544	100 519	6 888	5 766	6 385	5 551
2018	176 715	95 163	9 886	8 947	9 380	8 631
2019	182 044	85 738	13 232	12 393	12 778	12 039
2020	186 581	70 487	15 714	15 083	15 325	14 739
2021	186 572	50 373	14 217	13 767	14 031	13 593
2022	186 612	31 715	10 130	9 866	10 083	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	4 152	4 064	4 148	4 059
2024	107 694	2 285	900	894	900	894
2025	65 836	12	8	8	8	8

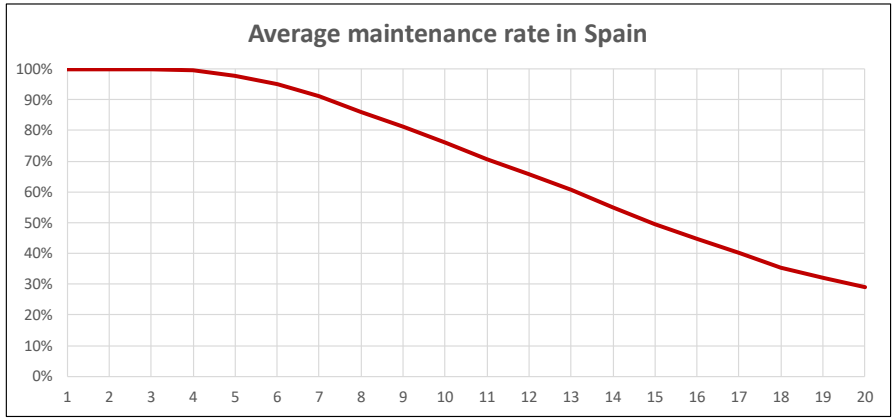


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2007	1 493	100%	99%	97%	94%	90%	84%	79%	73%	67%	60%	54%	49%	44%	41%	37%	33%	30%	
2008	1 583	100%	100%	98%	95%	90%	85%	80%	74%	68%	63%	58%	53%	50%	46%	42%	39%		
2009	1 641	100%	100%	98%	97%	94%	89%	84%	78%	73%	67%	62%	59%	55%	50%	47%			
2010	1 724	100%	100%	99%	95%	91%	87%	82%	75%	70%	66%	62%	57%	54%	50%				
2011	1 873	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	90%	85%	79%	75%	73%	69%	64%	60%					
2012	1 985	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	88%	83%	79%	76%	73%	69%	65%						
2013	2 359	100%	100%	99%	97%	93%	88%	83%	80%	76%	72%	68%							
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2015	3 608	100%	100%	99%	97%	95%	93%	91%	87%	83%									
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2018	9 886	100%	100%	100%	99%	97%	95%												
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2021	14 217	100%	100%	99%															
2022	10 130	100%	100%																
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k. Spain

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2007	123 268	57 719	19 901	-	6 528	-
2008	132 681	66 166	20 630	-	7 994	-
2009	135 804	72 503	20 206	-	8 706	-
2010	144 325	79 071	20 027	-	9 597	-
2011	149 845	84 581	20 496	-	11 044	-
2012	153 795	90 170	21 084	-	12 379	-
2013	158 579	94 424	21 567	-	13 572	-
2014	163 944	99 656	22 495	-	15 077	-
2015	163 571	100 014	21 888	-	16 033	-
2016	167 321	101 431	21 730	-	16 884	-
2017	172 553	100 528	20 798	-	17 341	-
2018	176 719	95 168	19 639	-	17 530	-
2019	182 051	85 745	16 983	-	15 861	-
2020	186 580	70 487	14 234	-	13 719	-
2021	186 570	50 373	10 089	-	9 938	-
2022	186 610	31 713	6 404	-	6 376	-
2023	175 475	12 033	2 228	-	2 225	-
2024	107 694	2 285	462	-	462	-
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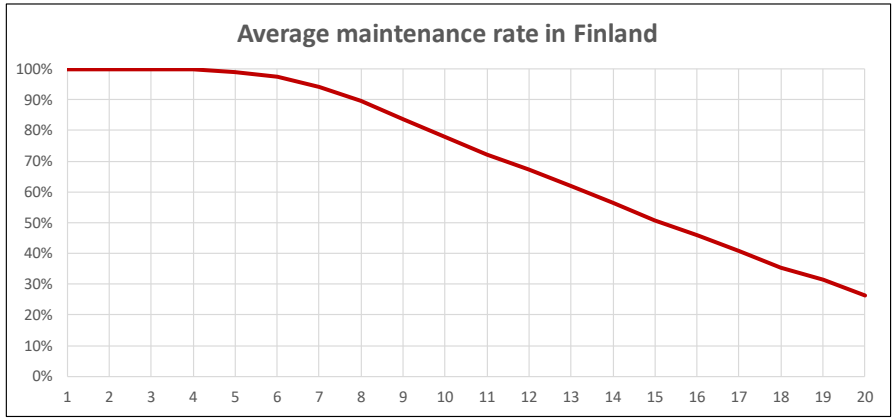


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I. Finland

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2007	120 550	55 804	5 241	62	1 614	59
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2010	144 290	79 039	5 783	303	2 691	290
2011	149 844	84 580	6 038	440	3 172	422
2012	153 776	90 151	6 104	573	3 452	549
2013	158 568	94 412	6 572	826	4 036	795
2014	163 941	99 653	7 235	1 363	4 883	1 313
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2016	167 314	101 424	8 902	3 593	7 191	3 443
2017	172 546	100 521	10 336	5 766	9 001	5 551
2018	176 715	95 164	12 907	8 947	11 880	8 631
2019	182 044	85 738	15 299	12 393	14 571	12 039
2020	186 581	70 487	17 082	15 083	16 552	14 739
2021	186 572	50 373	14 892	13 767	14 676	13 593
2022	186 610	31 713	10 481	9 866	10 423	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	4 234	4 064	4 227	4 059
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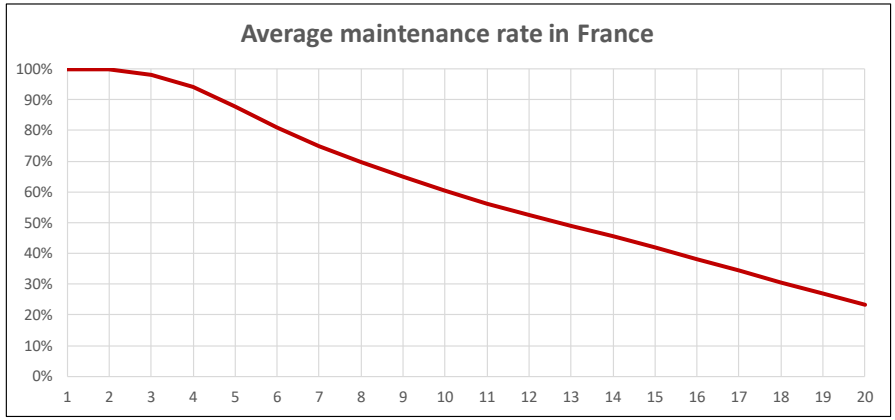


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2016	8 902	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	91%	86%	81%										
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2020	17 082	100%	100%	99%	97%														
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2023	4 234	100%																	
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m. France

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
2006	141 122	67 072	66 870	0	15 644	0
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2008	142 320	72 776	72 776	152	22 648	146
2009	138 122	74 139	74 139	236	25 268	225
2010	144 400	79 155	79 152	303	29 619	290
2011	149 887	84 630	84 628	440	35 019	422
2012	153 822	90 198	90 196	573	40 214	549
2013	158 608	94 458	94 457	826	45 538	795
2014	164 003	99 719	99 716	1 363	51 670	1 313
2015	163 619	100 062	100 061	2 239	55 825	2 136
2016	167 364	101 480	101 478	3 593	61 143	3 443
2017	172 592	100 570	100 570	5 766	65 315	5 551
2018	176 740	95 190	95 190	8 947	66 796	8 631
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2020	186 585	70 494	70 494	15 083	57 377	14 739
2021	186 580	50 379	50 379	13 767	43 849	13 593
2022	186 614	31 717	31 717	9 866	28 869	9 820
2023	175 475	12 034	12 034	4 064	11 491	4 059
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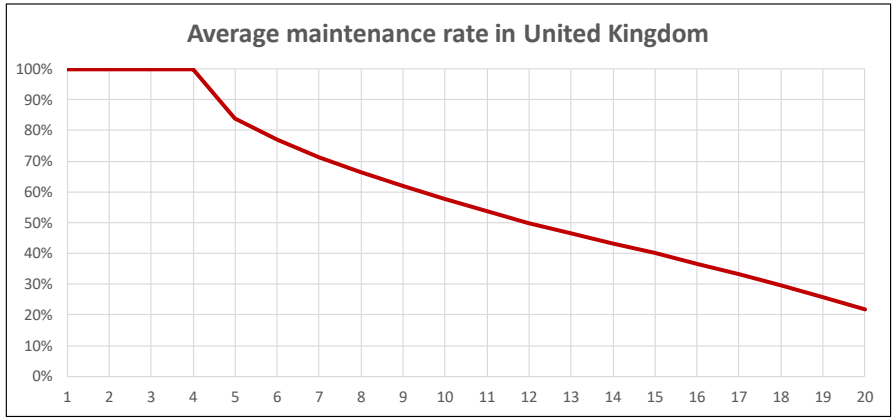


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2020	70 494	98%	95%	87%	81%														
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n. United Kingdom

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2011	149 601	84 360	84 354	-	31 894	-
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2015	163 220	99 687	99 683	-	51 366	-
2016	166 965	101 085	101 082	-	56 193	-
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2018	176 364	94 831	94 827	-	59 889	-
2019	181 669	85 401	85 397	-	56 897	-
2020	186 241	70 216	70 216	-	49 436	-
2021	186 318	50 175	50 174	-	38 775	-
2022	186 456	31 602	31 602	-	31 601	-
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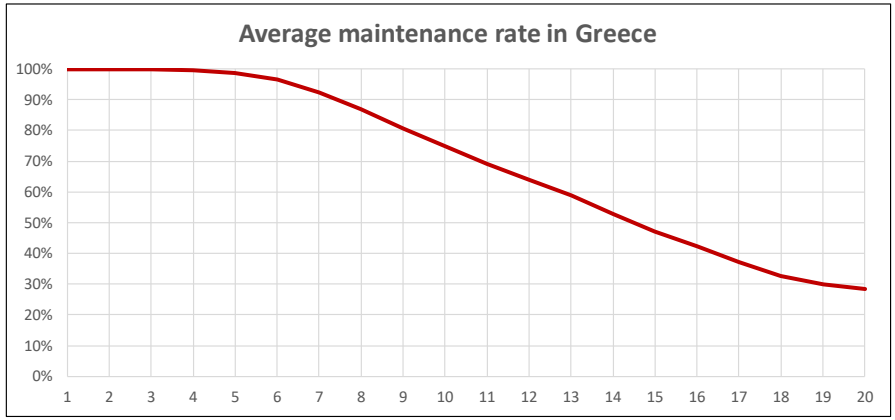


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o. Greece

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2013	158 555	94 399	3 179	-	1 951	-
2014	163 935	99 648	3 241	-	2 119	-
2015	163 556	99 998	3 378	-	2 435	-
2016	167 304	101 417	3 491	-	2 779	-
2017	172 544	100 519	3 941	-	3 417	-
2018	176 712	95 161	4 659	-	4 290	-
2019	182 043	85 737	5 696	-	5 470	-
2020	186 580	70 487	7 029	-	6 890	-
2021	186 572	50 373	7 601	-	7 535	-
2022	186 608	31 712	7 112	-	7 094	-
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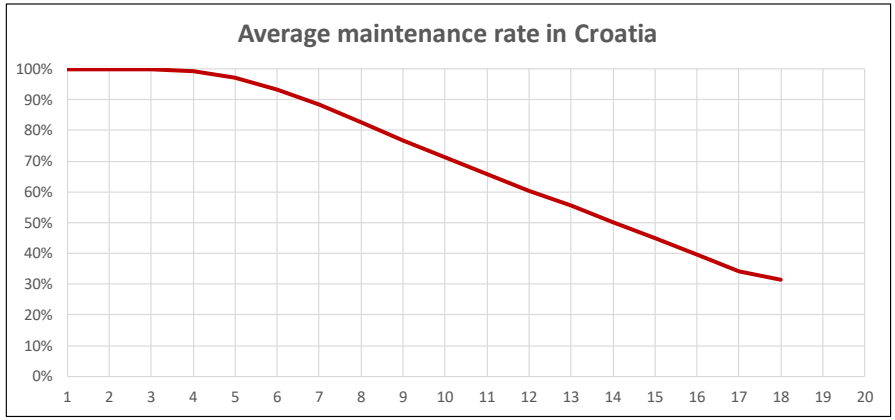


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2007	3 033	100%	99%	98%	94%	89%	82%	77%	72%	66%	61%	55%	49%	45%	41%	36%	31%	30%	
2008	2 955	100%	100%	98%	95%	90%	84%	79%	72%	68%	63%	57%	53%	48%	43%	38%	37%		
2009	2 866	100%	100%	98%	95%	92%	87%	81%	76%	70%	64%	58%	54%	49%	44%	43%			
2010	2 903	100%	100%	98%	96%	92%	87%	82%	75%	69%	64%	60%	53%	48%	46%				
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2015	3 378	100%	100%	98%	95%	91%	87%	81%	75%	72%									
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p. Croatia

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2007						
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2010	144 278	79 028	1 729	-	718	-
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2017	172 544	100 519	1 485	-	1 108	-
2018	176 713	95 162	1 327	-	1 042	-
2019	182 043	85 737	1 152	-	1 011	-
2020	186 581	70 487	937	-	866	-
2021	186 572	50 373	664	-	631	-
2022	186 610	31 713	396	-	392	-
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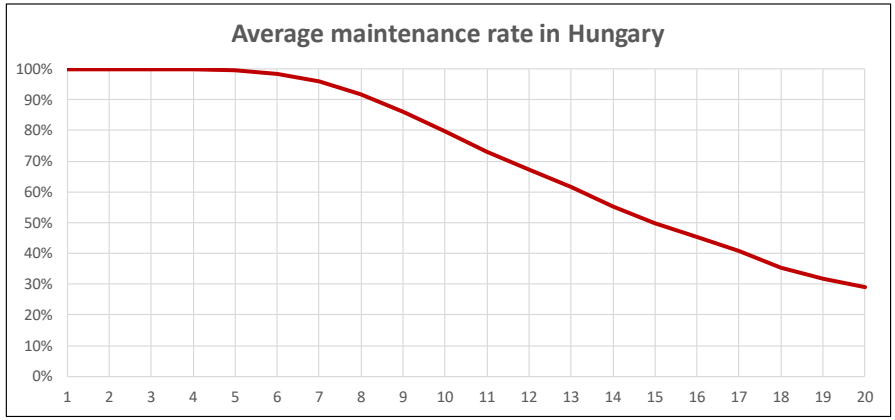


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2007																			
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2010	1 729	100%	100%	98%	95%	90%	85%	79%	71%	66%	60%	56%	51%	47%	42%				
2011	1 676	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	87%	81%	72%	67%	63%	58%	52%	48%					
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q. Hungary

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2016	167 308	101 418	9 628	-	8 471	-
2017	172 544	100 519	13 170	-	12 313	-
2018	176 715	95 163	19 254	-	18 732	-
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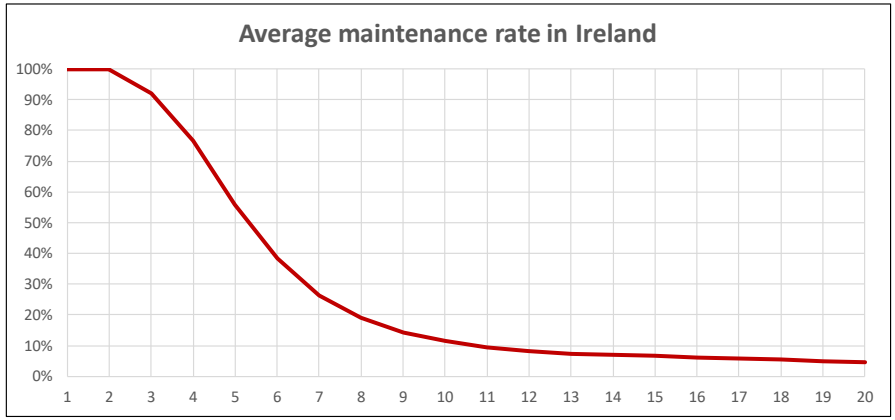


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2012	153 770	90 146	1 219	-	871	-
2013	158 556	94 399	1 356	-	1 014	-
2014	163 933	99 646	1 510	-	1 223	-
2015	163 554	99 996	1 737	-	1 509	-
2016	167 307	101 417	2 147	-	1 957	-
2017	172 544	100 519	2 837	-	2 707	-
2018	176 713	95 162	4 002	-	3 933	-
2019	182 042	85 736	5 592	-	5 572	-
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2021	186 574	50 373	8 809	-	8 808	-
2022	186 634	31 713	8 461	-	8 461	-
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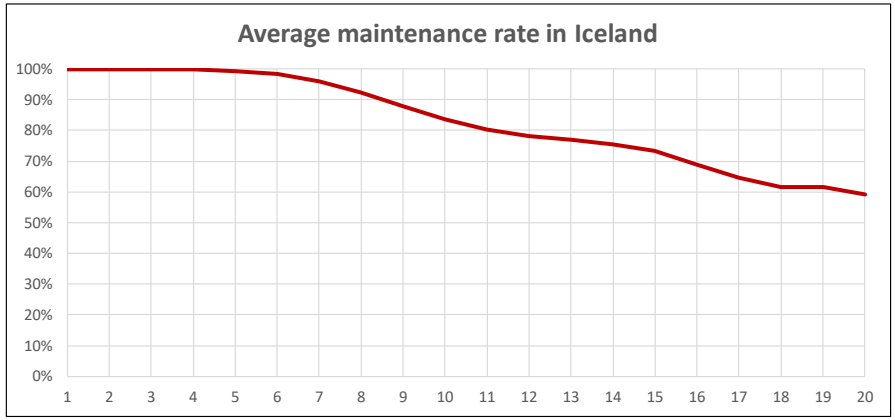


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2009	135 371	72 143	68 873	-	2 916	-
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2011	149 819	84 555	84 550	-	3 942	-
2012	153 759	90 135	90 133	-	4 502	-
2013	158 544	94 388	94 387	-	5 320	-
2014	163 924	99 637	99 636	-	6 234	-
2015	163 542	99 986	99 986	-	6 929	-
2016	167 276	101 389	101 386	-	8 063	-
2017	172 473	100 448	100 447	-	10 148	-
2018	176 641	95 092	95 091	-	12 598	-
2019	181 963	85 659	85 659	-	16 047	-
2020	186 527	70 441	70 441	-	19 274	-
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2022	186 570	31 690	31 690	-	16 584	-
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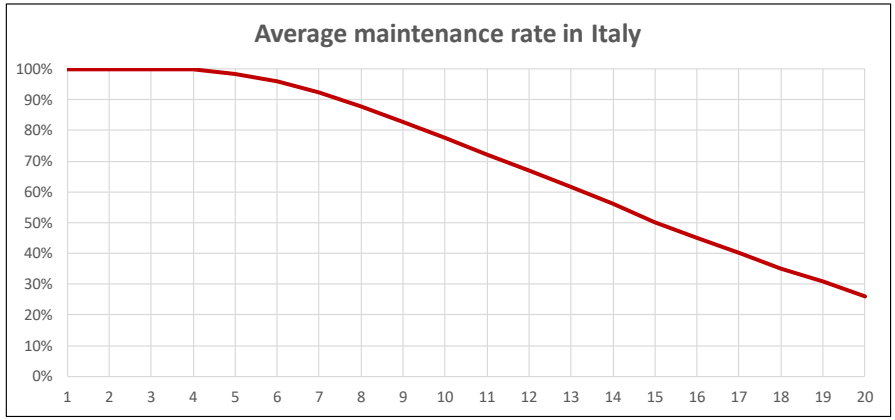


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Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2010	144 351	79 098	29 580	303	13 840	290
2011	149 865	84 600	30 293	440	16 104	422
2012	153 804	90 180	31 491	573	18 153	549
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2015	163 580	100 023	33 665	2 239	24 429	2 136
2016	167 332	101 445	34 322	3 593	26 746	3 443
2017	172 575	100 551	34 352	5 766	28 805	5 551
2018	176 730	95 179	34 273	8 947	30 507	8 631
2019	182 053	85 747	32 016	12 393	29 750	12 039
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2021	186 572	50 374	22 749	13 767	22 244	13 593
2022	186 610	31 713	14 913	9 866	14 847	9 820
2023	175 476	12 034	5 949	4 064	5 939	4 059
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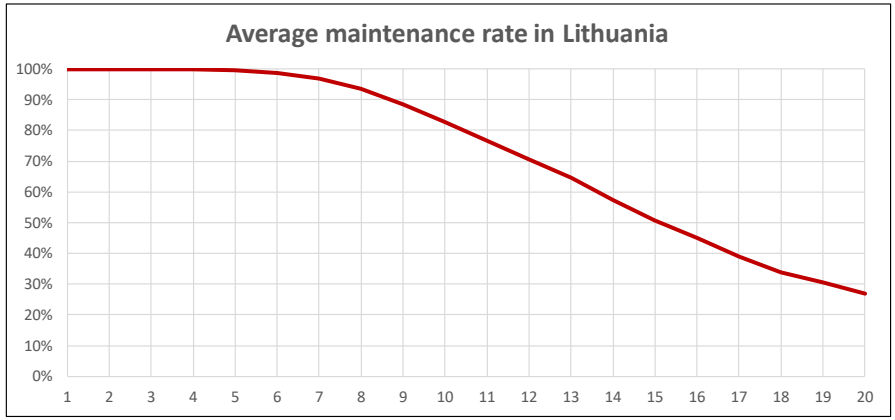


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2011	30 293	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	90%	85%	79%	73%	68%	63%	57%	53%					
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Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2014	163 935	99 648	2 893	1 363	2 230	1 313
2015	163 554	99 996	3 743	2 239	3 064	2 136
2016	167 301	101 415	4 980	3 593	4 396	3 443
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2020	186 581	70 487	15 589	15 083	15 199	14 739
2021	186 573	50 373	14 075	13 767	13 889	13 593
2022	186 609	31 713	10 027	9 866	9 980	9 820
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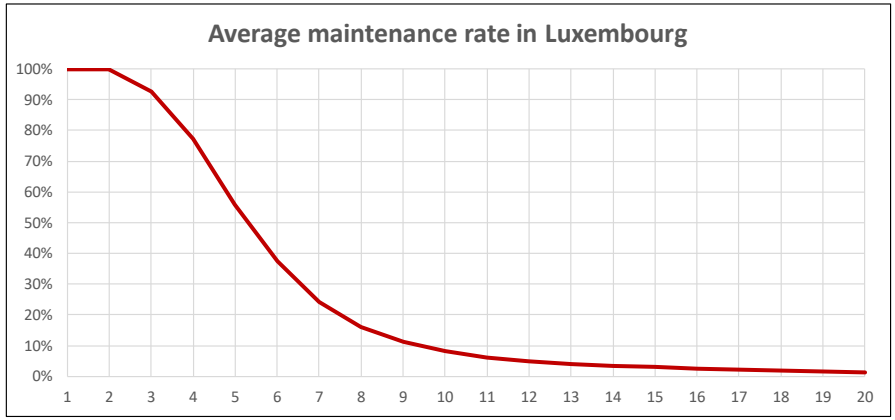


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Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2012	153 768	90 144	90 142	573	2 097	549
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2016	167 306	101 416	101 416	3 593	6 625	3 443
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2018	176 706	95 156	95 156	8 947	14 319	8 631
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2020	186 580	70 487	70 486	15 083	24 653	14 739
2021	186 572	50 373	50 373	13 767	24 344	13 593
2022	186 609	31 712	31 712	9 866	18 995	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	12 033	4 064	8 771	4 059
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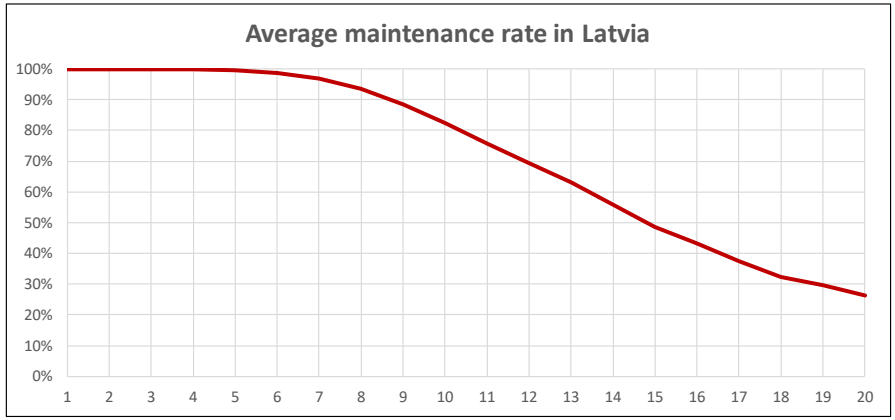


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2016	167 304	101 417	4 781	3 593	4 237	3 443
2017	172 544	100 519	6 789	5 766	6 289	5 551
2018	176 713	95 162	9 774	8 947	9 277	8 631
2019	182 044	85 738	13 034	12 393	12 590	12 039
2020	186 581	70 487	15 512	15 083	15 132	14 739
2021	186 572	50 373	14 017	13 767	13 836	13 593
2022	186 609	31 713	10 002	9 866	9 954	9 820
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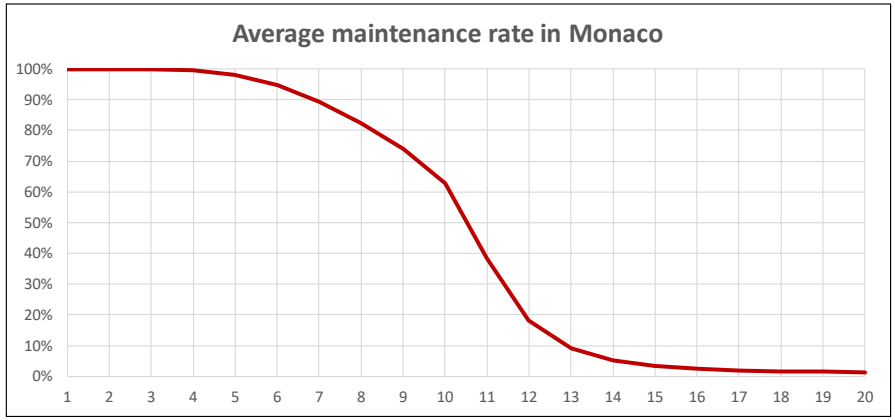


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2006	1 694	100%	99%	98%	94%	89%	85%	79%	72%	66%	60%	55%	48%	44%	40%	36%	33%	30%	26%
2007	1 504	100%	100%	97%	93%	89%	83%	78%	72%	66%	60%	54%	48%	44%	40%	37%	32%	29%	
2008	1 573	100%	99%	98%	95%	90%	85%	79%	73%	67%	62%	56%	51%	48%	44%	40%	38%		
2009	1 701	100%	100%	99%	97%	93%	89%	83%	77%	72%	65%	60%	57%	52%	48%	45%			
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2012	1 931	100%	100%	99%	98%	95%	88%	82%	78%	74%	71%	67%	63%						
2013	2 238	100%	100%	99%	97%	93%	87%	84%	80%	76%	71%	68%							
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2018	9 774	100%	100%	100%	99%	97%	95%												
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2021	14 017	100%	100%	99%															
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2023	4 103	100%																	
2024	894																		
2025	8																		

x. Monaco

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2007	119 911	55 416	25 386	-	354	-
2008	130 735	64 725	21 143	-	448	-
2009	135 299	72 092	14 107	-	540	-
2010	144 272	79 022	6 221	-	590	-
2011	149 827	84 563	2 468	-	756	-
2012	153 767	90 143	1 801	-	797	-
2013	158 553	94 397	1 927	-	1 005	-
2014	163 928	99 641	2 230	-	1 289	-
2015	163 557	99 999	2 413	-	1 597	-
2016	167 302	101 415	3 032	-	2 307	-
2017	172 536	100 511	3 987	-	3 434	-
2018	176 707	95 156	5 656	-	5 211	-
2019	182 034	85 728	7 983	-	7 669	-
2020	186 579	70 485	11 185	-	10 979	-
2021	186 574	50 373	12 914	-	12 815	-
2022	186 632	31 712	12 027	-	12 011	-
2023	175 494	12 033	6 676	-	6 676	-
2024	107 701	2 285	2 198	-	2 193	-
2025	65 836	12	12	-	12	-

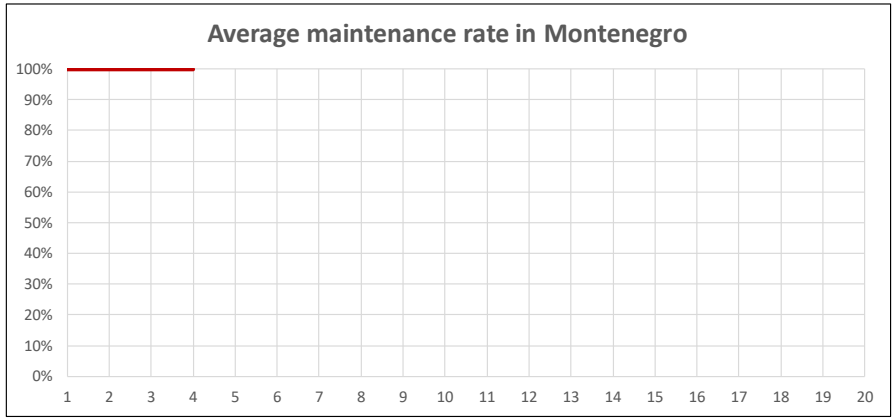


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2008	21 143	94%	60%	17%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%		
2009	14 107	86%	27%	11%	11%	10%	9%	9%	8%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%			
2010	6 221	57%	27%	25%	24%	22%	20%	18%	17%	15%	14%	13%	12%	11%	9%				
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2012	1 801	99%	99%	91%	86%	81%	74%	66%	62%	57%	53%	49%	44%						
2013	1 927	99%	99%	94%	89%	83%	76%	72%	67%	61%	57%	52%							
2014	2 230	100%	99%	95%	88%	82%	77%	73%	69%	63%	58%								
2015	2 413	100%	99%	95%	90%	85%	81%	76%	71%	66%									
2016	3 032	99%	99%	94%	91%	87%	83%	79%	76%										
2017	3 987	99%	99%	97%	95%	91%	88%	86%											
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2019	7 983	100%	100%	99%	97%	96%													
2020	11 185	100%	100%	99%	98%														
2021	12 914	100%	100%	99%															
2022	12 027	100%	100%																
2023	6 676	100%																	
2024	2 198																		
2025	12																		

y. Montenegro

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2021						
2022	50 194	6 490	5 313	-	5 313	-
2023	175 493	12 033	12 033	-	12 033	-
2024	107 701	2 285	2 285	-	2 285	-
2025	65 836	12	12	-	12	-

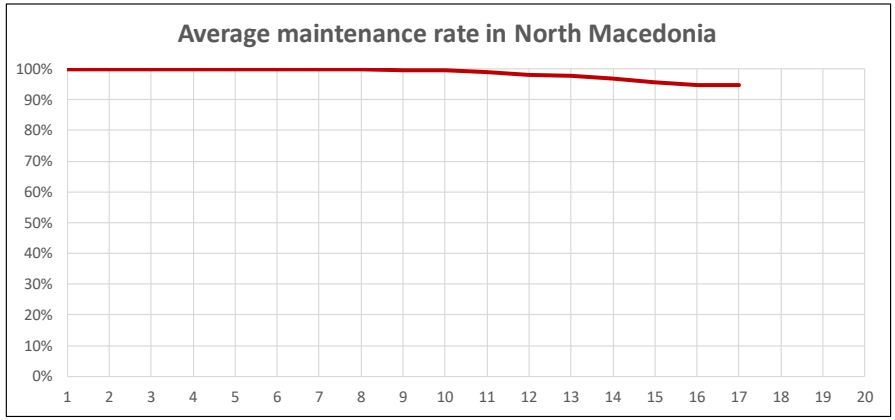


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2021																			
2022	5 313	100%	100%																
2023	12 033	100%																	
2024	2 285																		
2025	12																		

z. North Macedonia

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2007						
2008						
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2011	149 828	84 564	3 468	-	3 426	-
2012	153 769	90 146	4 278	-	4 247	-
2013	158 556	94 399	6 058	-	6 001	-
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2015	163 553	99 995	13 782	-	13 779	-
2016	167 307	101 417	21 544	-	21 512	-
2017	172 544	100 519	34 696	-	34 696	-
2018	176 713	95 162	52 228	-	52 228	-
2019	182 043	85 737	66 396	-	66 396	-
2020	186 582	70 487	65 916	-	65 916	-
2021	186 574	50 373	50 373	-	50 373	-
2022	186 634	31 713	31 713	-	31 713	-
2023	175 494	12 033	12 033	-	12 033	-
2024	107 701	2 285	2 285	-	2 285	-
2025	65 836	12	12	-	12	-

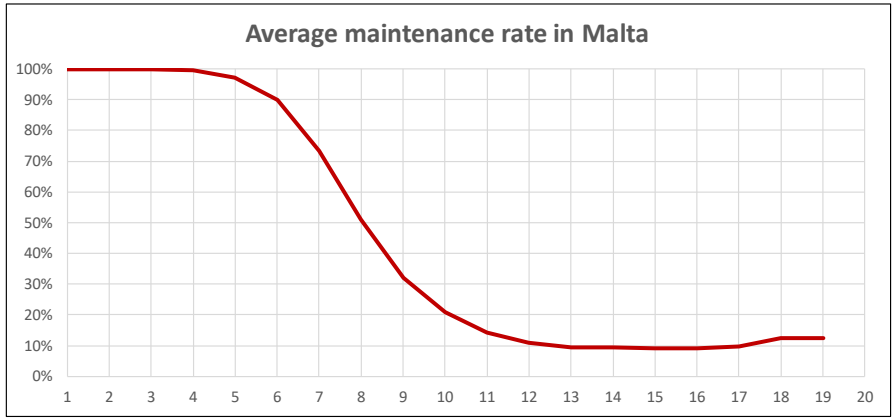


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2007																			
2008																			
2009	2 247	100%	100%	99%	99%	97%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%			
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2011	3 468	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%					
2012	4 278	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%						
2013	6 058	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%							
2014	9 190	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%								
2015	13 782	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%									
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2017	34 696	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%											
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2021	50 373	100%	100%	100%															
2022	31 713	100%	100%																
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2024	2 285																		
2025	12																		

aa. Malta

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2011	149 829	84 565	30 601	440	3 097	422
2012	153 770	90 146	38 147	573	3 969	549
2013	158 554	94 397	39 795	826	5 825	795
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2016	167 303	101 416	27 163	3 593	21 472	3 443
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2018	176 706	95 156	52 339	8 947	52 022	8 631
2019	182 036	85 730	66 453	12 393	66 102	12 039
2020	186 579	70 485	65 929	15 083	65 586	14 739
2021	186 573	50 374	50 374	13 767	50 203	13 593
2022	186 608	31 712	31 712	9 866	31 666	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	12 033	4 064	12 029	4 059
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2025	65 836	12	12	8	12	8

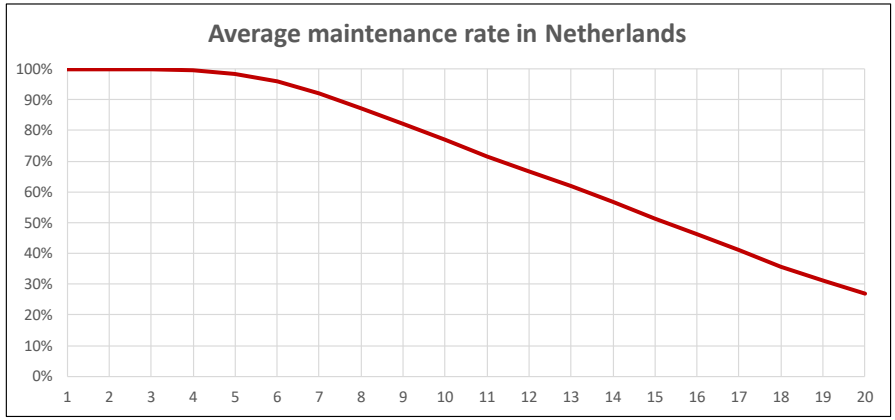


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2009	19 223	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	74%	42%	15%	9%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%			
2010	24 347	100%	100%	100%	100%	76%	45%	15%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%				
2011	30 601	100%	100%	100%	78%	47%	17%	11%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%					
2012	38 147	100%	100%	80%	49%	18%	11%	11%	11%	10%	10%	10%	10%						
2013	39 795	100%	90%	61%	24%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%							
2014	36 321	96%	77%	39%	26%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%								
2015	28 207	91%	63%	50%	49%	49%	49%	49%	49%	49%									
2016	27 163	88%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	79%	79%										
2017	35 836	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%											
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2024	2 285																		
2025	12																		

bb. Netherlands

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2008	132 533	65 804	18 207	152	6 969	146
2009	135 703	72 357	18 447	236	7 726	225
2010	144 311	79 062	19 379	303	9 176	290
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2012	153 805	90 180	21 047	573	11 921	549
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2015	163 572	100 015	23 526	2 239	16 777	2 136
2016	167 323	101 436	24 320	3 593	18 675	3 443
2017	172 561	100 536	25 051	5 766	20 851	5 551
2018	176 719	95 167	25 706	8 947	22 793	8 631
2019	182 049	85 743	25 154	12 393	23 470	12 039
2020	186 582	70 489	24 427	15 083	23 552	14 739
2021	186 574	50 375	19 368	13 767	19 066	13 593
2022	186 610	31 714	13 436	9 866	13 369	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	5 176	4 064	5 172	4 059
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2025	65 836	12	9	8	9	8

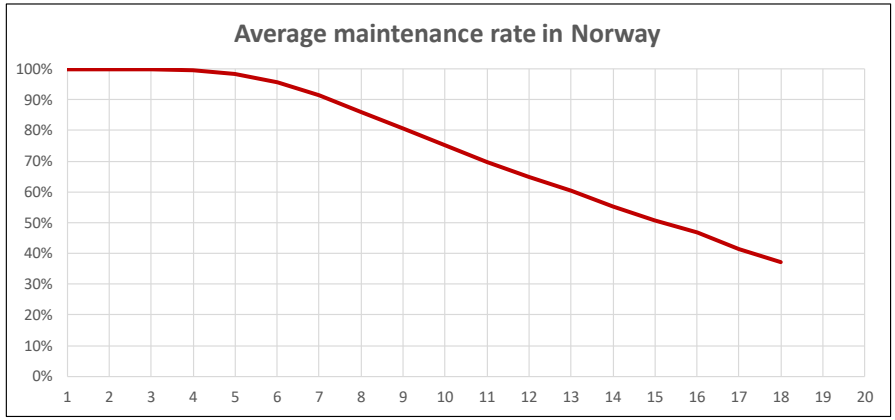


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2007	16 937	100%	100%	98%	96%	92%	88%	83%	78%	73%	68%	62%	56%	50%	46%	41%	35%	31%	
2008	18 207	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	89%	84%	80%	75%	69%	62%	57%	53%	47%	42%	38%		
2009	18 447	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	89%	85%	80%	75%	68%	61%	57%	52%	46%	42%			
2010	19 379	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	90%	85%	79%	73%	67%	63%	57%	52%	47%				
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cc. Norway

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2007						
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2009	135 334	72 127	4 921	-	2 095	-
2010	144 284	79 033	5 226	-	2 371	-
2011	149 836	84 572	5 714	-	2 903	-
2012	153 773	90 149	6 000	-	3 314	-
2013	158 557	94 400	6 327	-	3 675	-
2014	163 935	99 648	6 527	-	4 150	-
2015	163 559	100 002	6 602	-	4 605	-
2016	167 313	101 423	6 748	-	5 076	-
2017	172 550	100 525	7 027	-	5 821	-
2018	176 712	95 162	7 329	-	6 507	-
2019	182 043	85 737	7 838	-	7 405	-
2020	186 582	70 487	8 666	-	8 454	-
2021	186 574	50 373	8 774	-	8 695	-
2022	186 634	31 713	7 787	-	7 768	-
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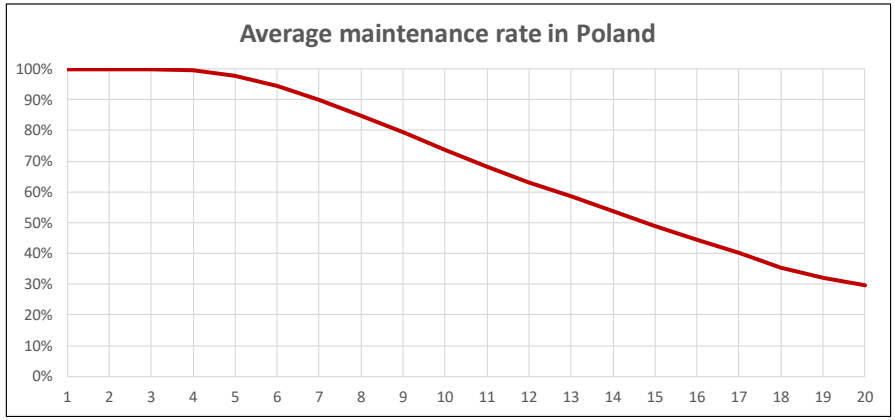


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2007																			
2008	4 601	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	88%	83%	78%	72%	67%	60%	55%	51%	47%	41%	37%		
2009	4 921	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	89%	83%	78%	72%	65%	60%	56%	51%	47%	43%			
2010	5 226	100%	100%	98%	96%	92%	88%	84%	77%	70%	64%	60%	55%	50%	45%				
2011	5 714	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	89%	83%	76%	70%	66%	61%	56%	51%					
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2013	6 327	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	84%	79%	74%	69%	64%	58%							
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dd. Poland

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2013	158 561	94 406	10 135	-	6 041	-
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2016	167 307	101 417	10 423	-	7 954	-
2017	172 550	100 525	10 063	-	8 266	-
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2020	186 583	70 489	7 135	-	6 893	-
2021	186 571	50 373	5 085	-	5 029	-
2022	186 612	31 715	3 364	-	3 352	-
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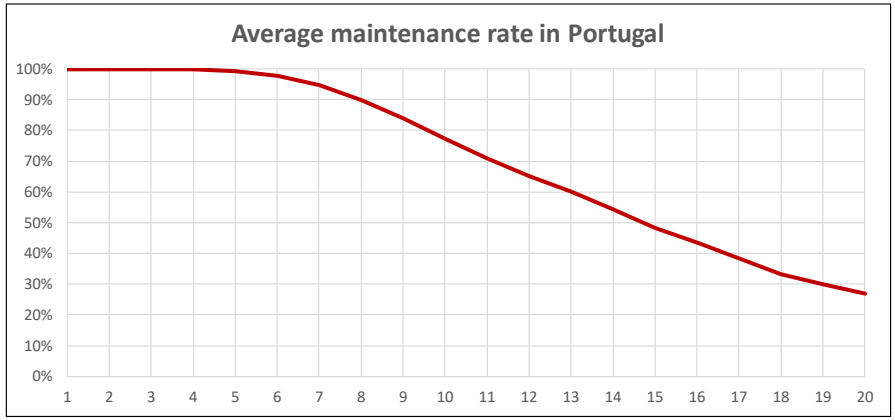


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2023	1 274	100%																	
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Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2009	135 324	72 115	4 350	236	1 853	225
2010	144 283	79 033	4 435	303	2 069	290
2011	149 833	84 569	4 716	440	2 543	422
2012	153 772	90 147	4 919	573	2 867	549
2013	158 563	94 407	5 338	826	3 325	795
2014	163 939	99 652	5 941	1 363	4 135	1 313
2015	163 556	99 998	6 848	2 239	5 203	2 136
2016	167 307	101 417	8 243	3 593	6 896	3 443
2017	172 544	100 519	10 594	5 766	9 541	5 551
2018	176 715	95 163	14 374	8 947	13 457	8 631
2019	182 044	85 738	18 402	12 393	17 752	12 039
2020	186 580	70 487	21 758	15 083	21 288	14 739
2021	186 572	50 373	20 720	13 767	20 515	13 593
2022	186 610	31 713	15 949	9 866	15 894	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	7 369	4 064	7 365	4 059
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2025	65 836	12	12	8	12	8

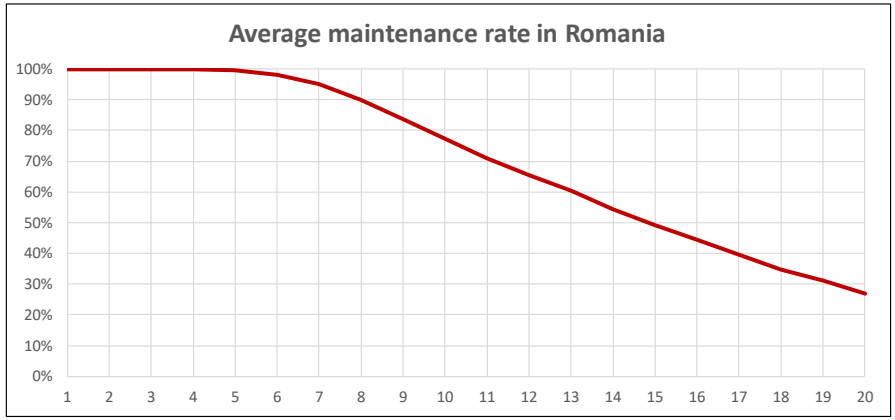


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2011	4 716	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	88%	83%	75%	70%	66%	62%	57%	54%					
2012	4 919	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	88%	81%	75%	71%	66%	62%	58%						
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2014	5 941	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	88%	83%	78%	74%	70%								
2015	6 848	100%	100%	98%	95%	92%	89%	85%	80%	76%									
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2021	20 720	100%	100%	99%															
2022	15 949	100%	100%																
2023	7 369	100%																	
2024	1 904																		
2025	12																		

ff. Romania

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2016	167 307	101 417	5 356	1 400	4 438	1 391
2017	172 547	100 522	6 652	2 237	6 027	2 216
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2020	186 580	70 486	16 079	7 581	15 903	7 534
2021	186 572	50 373	18 378	8 504	18 299	8 473
2022	186 610	31 713	16 355	7 985	16 328	7 968
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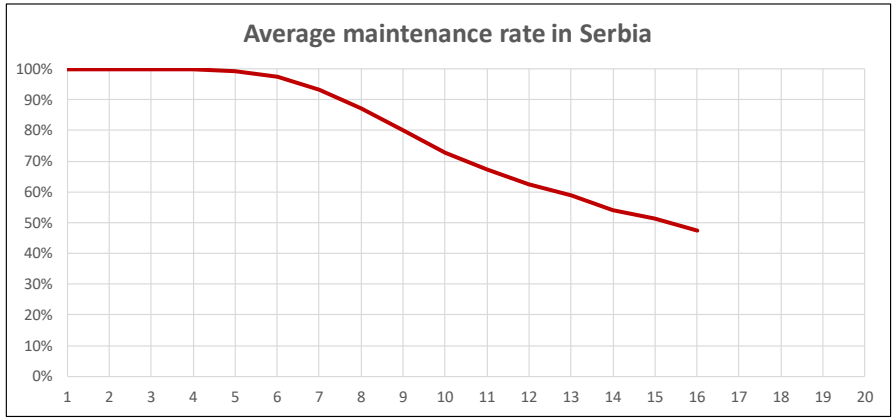


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2021	18 378	100%	100%	100%															
2022	16 355	100%	100%																
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2025	12																		

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Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
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2007						
2008						
2009						
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2013	158 555	94 399	1 474	-	813	-
2014	163 933	99 646	1 567	-	985	-
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2017	172 544	100 519	2 559	-	2 253	-
2018	176 712	95 161	3 384	-	3 166	-
2019	182 042	85 736	4 531	-	4 423	-
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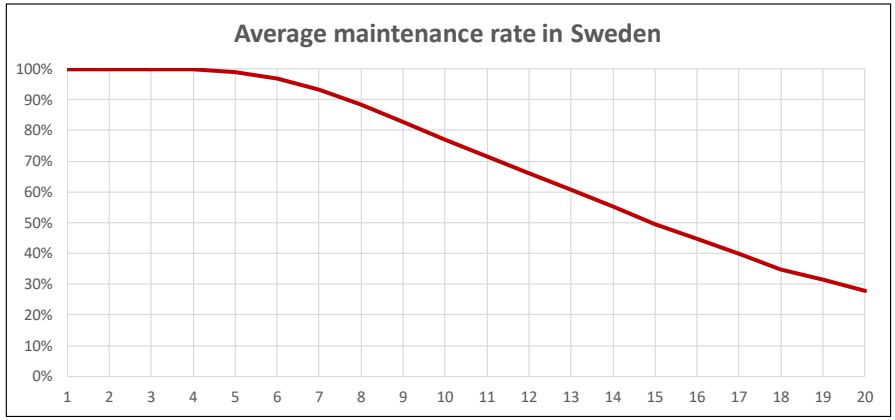


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2009																			
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2012	1 438	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	85%	77%	71%	67%	62%	58%	53%						
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2025	12																		

hh. Sweden

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2008	131 453	65 284	11 094	152	4 330	146
2009	135 481	72 236	11 149	236	4 826	225
2010	144 297	79 048	11 213	303	5 439	290
2011	149 847	84 583	11 768	440	6 273	422
2012	153 774	90 150	12 075	573	7 084	549
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2014	163 942	99 655	13 532	1 363	9 315	1 313
2015	163 563	100 006	14 387	2 239	10 833	2 136
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2019	182 046	85 740	24 377	12 393	23 410	12 039
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2021	186 571	50 373	24 298	13 767	24 077	13 593
2022	186 610	31 713	18 563	9 866	18 503	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	8 248	4 064	8 241	4 059
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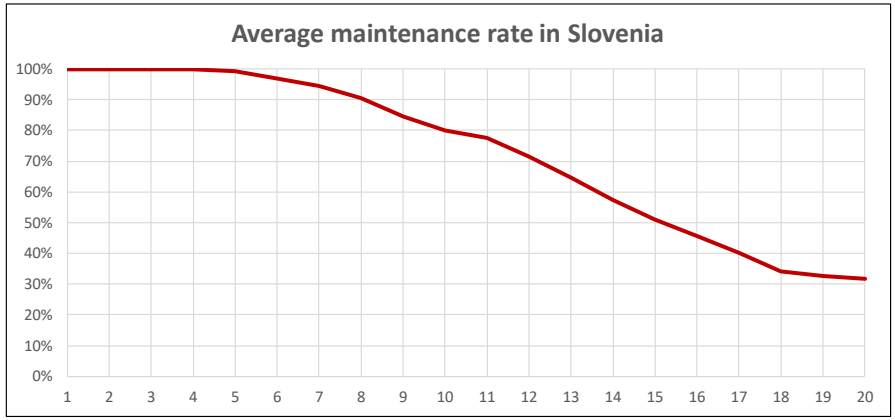


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ii. Slovenia

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2008	130 758	64 733	2 489	152	1 074	146
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2016	167 303	101 416	10 148	3 593	8 828	3 443
2017	172 544	100 519	14 182	5 766	13 638	5 551
2018	176 713	95 162	21 518	8 947	21 016	8 631
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2021	186 572	50 373	35 790	13 767	35 611	13 593
2022	186 609	31 713	27 541	9 866	27 494	9 820
2023	175 475	12 033	11 947	4 064	11 943	4 059
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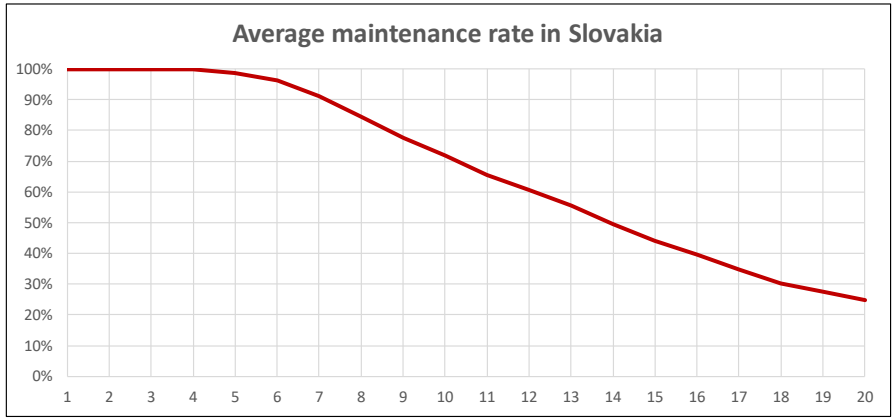


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2007	2 333	100%	99%	98%	94%	90%	83%	78%	73%	67%	60%	55%	50%	46%	42%	38%	34%	34%	
2008	2 489	100%	100%	98%	95%	91%	86%	80%	74%	68%	63%	58%	54%	52%	48%	43%	43%		
2009	2 613	100%	100%	98%	95%	92%	88%	82%	77%	72%	66%	61%	57%	53%	49%	49%			
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2011	3 015	99%	99%	98%	96%	93%	88%	84%	79%	75%	72%	68%	64%	63%					
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jj. Slovakia

Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
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2019	182 043	85 737	5 328	-	5 164	-
2020	186 581	70 488	6 760	-	6 663	-
2021	186 571	50 373	7 419	-	7 394	-
2022	186 612	31 715	7 034	-	7 031	-
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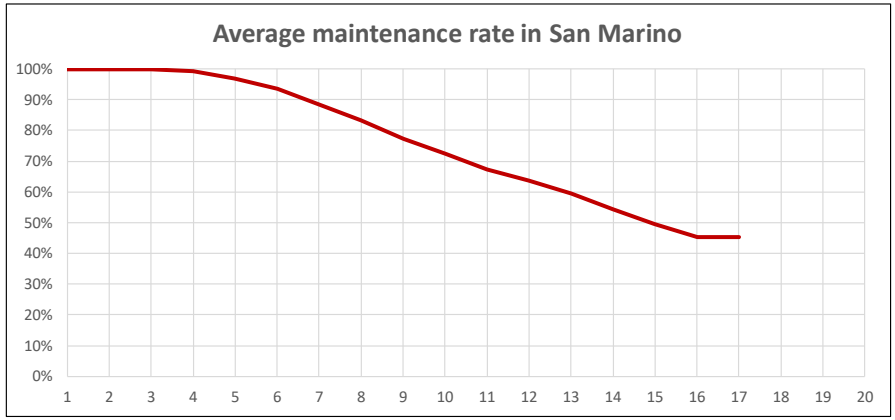


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2007	2 549	100%	99%	98%	94%	90%	84%	79%	73%	66%	59%	53%	47%	42%	38%	33%	29%	27%	
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2009	2 692	100%	99%	98%	95%	92%	87%	81%	74%	68%	60%	54%	50%	45%	41%	38%			
2010	2 600	100%	100%	97%	94%	90%	84%	78%	71%	65%	59%	54%	49%	45%	43%				
2011	2 796	100%	100%	99%	97%	93%	87%	81%	73%	66%	62%	57%	53%	49%					
2012	2 867	100%	100%	98%	96%	91%	86%	78%	72%	67%	62%	58%	55%						
2013	2 845	100%	100%	98%	95%	90%	82%	76%	71%	65%	60%	56%							
2014	2 818	100%	100%	98%	94%	88%	81%	77%	71%	65%	62%								
2015	2 974	100%	100%	98%	94%	90%	85%	79%	72%	68%									
2016	3 074	100%	100%	97%	95%	90%	85%	79%	76%										
2017	3 494	100%	100%	98%	96%	92%	88%	85%											
2018	4 239	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	92%												
2019	5 328	100%	100%	99%	98%	97%													
2020	6 760	100%	100%	99%	99%														
2021	7 419	100%	100%	100%															
2022	7 034	100%	100%																
2023	4 143	100%																	
2024	1 400																		
2025	12																		

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Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
2006						
2007						
2008						
2009	70 491	37 908	374	-	170	-
2010	144 270	79 021	684	-	330	-
2011	149 828	84 564	690	-	361	-
2012	153 769	90 145	628	-	351	-
2013	158 556	94 399	617	-	341	-
2014	163 933	99 646	590	-	351	-
2015	163 555	99 997	642	-	418	-
2016	167 307	101 417	577	-	409	-
2017	172 544	100 519	501	-	379	-
2018	176 713	95 162	417	-	343	-
2019	182 042	85 736	354	-	315	-
2020	186 581	70 487	267	-	248	-
2021	186 574	50 373	148	-	143	-
2022	186 633	31 713	111	-	111	-
2023	175 494	12 033	44	-	44	-
2024	107 701	2 285	3	-	3	-
2025	65 836	12	0	-	0	-

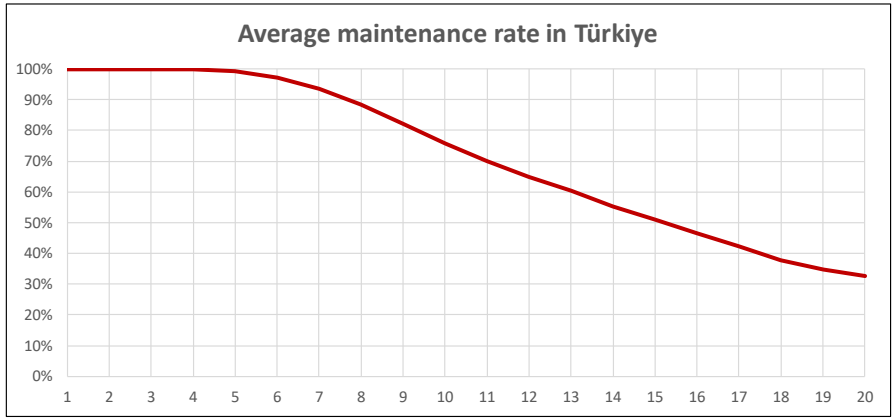


Percentage of patents still in force at the end of the patent year

Filing year	Validated patents	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2006																			
2007																			
2008																			
2009	374	100%	100%	100%	98%	97%	90%	83%	76%	72%	64%	59%	55%	49%	45%	45%			
2010	684	100%	100%	98%	96%	92%	87%	81%	75%	69%	64%	60%	55%	50%	48%				
2011	690	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	87%	82%	76%	70%	68%	60%	54%	52%					
2012	628	100%	100%	99%	97%	93%	87%	79%	74%	69%	65%	58%	56%						
2013	617	100%	100%	98%	94%	91%	84%	79%	71%	65%	58%	55%							
2014	590	100%	100%	98%	93%	88%	83%	77%	71%	62%	59%								
2015	642	100%	100%	98%	94%	90%	86%	78%	69%	65%									
2016	577	100%	100%	97%	94%	89%	84%	74%	71%										
2017	501	100%	100%	97%	94%	88%	79%	76%											
2018	417	100%	100%	98%	93%	86%	82%												
2019	354	100%	100%	97%	92%	89%													
2020	267	100%	99%	96%	93%														
2021	148	100%	98%	97%															
2022	111	100%	100%																
2023	44	100%																	
2024	3																		
2025																			

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Filing year	Applications filed	Granted patents	Validated patents		Patents in force	
			All	from unitary effect	All	from unitary effect
2006	113 929	51 072	7 159	-	2 348	-
2007	120 202	55 647	7 309	-	2 616	-
2008	130 941	64 901	8 128	-	3 345	-
2009	135 371	72 156	8 290	-	3 725	-
2010	144 294	79 044	8 738	-	4 313	-
2011	149 839	84 575	9 318	-	5 014	-
2012	153 777	90 153	9 371	-	5 593	-
2013	158 562	94 407	9 630	-	6 154	-
2014	163 938	99 650	10 367	-	7 116	-
2015	163 557	99 999	11 280	-	8 692	-
2016	167 312	101 422	12 790	-	10 789	-
2017	172 546	100 521	15 509	-	14 147	-
2018	176 712	95 162	19 664	-	18 759	-
2019	182 044	85 739	25 495	-	25 069	-
2020	186 581	70 487	30 530	-	30 353	-
2021	186 574	50 373	29 600	-	29 557	-
2022	186 633	31 712	23 883	-	23 875	-
2023	175 494	12 033	10 904	-	10 904	-
2024	107 701	2 285	2 274	-	2 274	-
2025	65 836	12	12	-	12	-



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Filing year	Validated patents	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2006	7 159	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	89%	84%	79%	74%	68%	62%	57%	51%	47%	43%	38%	34%	33%
2007	7 309	100%	100%	99%	96%	93%	89%	84%	79%	73%	68%	62%	55%	50%	46%	42%	37%	36%	
2008	8 128	100%	100%	99%	97%	93%	89%	84%	79%	73%	67%	61%	56%	52%	47%	42%	41%		
2009	8 290	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	89%	83%	78%	72%	65%	60%	55%	51%	46%	45%			
2010	8 738	100%	100%	99%	97%	94%	89%	83%	77%	70%	65%	61%	55%	51%	49%				
2011	9 318	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	88%	82%	75%	69%	65%	60%	55%	54%					
2012	9 371	100%	100%	99%	96%	92%	87%	80%	75%	71%	65%	61%	60%						
2013	9 630	100%	100%	99%	96%	91%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	64%							
2014	10 367	100%	100%	98%	95%	90%	86%	81%	75%	70%	69%								
2015	11 280	100%	100%	98%	95%	91%	88%	83%	78%	77%									
2016	12 790	100%	100%	98%	96%	93%	89%	85%	84%										
2017	15 509	100%	100%	99%	97%	95%	92%	91%											
2018	19 664	100%	100%	99%	98%	96%	95%												
2019	25 495	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%													
2020	30 530	100%	100%	100%	99%														
2021	29 600	100%	100%	100%															
2022	23 883	100%	100%																
2023	10 904	100%																	
2024	2 274																		
2025	12																		

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Percentage of patents still in force at the end of the patent year

Filing year	Validated UP patents	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2006																			
2007	62	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	95%	95%	
2008	152	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	96%	96%		
2009	236	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	95%	95%			
2010	303	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	96%	96%				
2011	440	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	96%	96%					
2012	573	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	96%	96%						
2013	826	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	96%	96%							
2014	1 363	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	96%	96%								
2015	2 239	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	95%	95%									
2016	3 593	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	96%	96%										
2017	5 766	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	96%	96%											
2018	8 947	100%	100%	100%	99%	96%	96%												
2019	12 393	100%	100%	99%	97%	97%													
2020	15 083	100%	99%	98%	98%														
2021	13 767	100%	99%	99%															
2022	9 866	100%	100%																
2023	4 064	100%																	
2024	894																		
2025	8																		

Annex 4 National patent applications filed in 2025

1. Filing route and growth over the previous year

Country		National		PCT national phase		**Total**		Resident		Non Resident	
Albania	*AL*	10	*100%*	1	-	11	*120.0%*	10	*150%*	1	*0.0%*
Austria	*AT*	1 826	*2.0%*	446	*15.2%*	2 272	*4.4%*	2 025	*6.9%*	247	*-12.7%*
Belgium[(1)]	*BE*	1 131	*7.4%*		-	1 131	*7.4%*	731	*13.0%*	400	*-1.5%*
Bulgaria	*BG*	189	*2.7%*	5	*150.0%*	194	*4.3%*	181	*1.1%*	13	*85.7%*
Switzerland/Liechtenstein	*CH/LI*	1 533	*11.1%*	77	*-7.2%*	1 610	*10.0%*	1 391	*15.1%*	219	*-13.8%*
Cyprus[(1)]	*CY*	9	*200.0%*		-	9	*200.0%*	9	*200.0%*	0	-
Czech Republic	*CZ*	587	*21.5%*	16	*-23.8%*	603	*19.6%*	574	*24.0%*	29	*-23.7%*
Germany	*DE*	55 661	*6.5%*	6 396	*-8.7%*	62 057	*4.7%*	42 382	*5.7%*	19 675	*2.6%*
Denmark	*DK*	1 078	*-4.4%*	72	*14.3%*	1 150	*-3.4%*	972	*-1.5%*	178	*-12.7%*
Estonia	*EE*	48	*71.4%*	3	*50.0%*	51	*70.0%*	47	*74.1%*	4	*33.3%*
Spain	*ES*	1 361	*12.1%*	89	*11.3%*	1 450	*12.1%*	1 273	*9.7%*	177	*32.1%*
Finland	*FI*	1 647	*-9.0%*	19	*-5.0%*	1 666	*-8.9%*	1 602	*-9.5%*	64	*8.5%*
France[(1)]	*FR*	16 806	*8.7%*		-	16 806	*8.7%*	15 204	*10.8%*	1 602	*-7.8%*
United Kingdom	*GB*	20 454	*24.1%*	2 249	*-9.1%*	22 703	*19.8%*	15 448	*39.1%*	7 255	*-7.5%*
Greece[(1)]	*GR*	1 111	*20.0%*		-	1 111	*20.0%*	395	*7.9%*	716	*27.9%*
Croatia	*HR*	146	*131.7%*	2	*-33.3%*	148	*124.2%*	145	*133.9%*	3	*-25.0%*
Hungary	*HU*	559	*12.0%*	18	*-81%*	577	*-2.7%*	535	*11.5%*	42	*-62.8%*
Ireland[(1)]	*IE*	591	*-23.7%*		-	591	*-23.7%*	379	*147.7%*	212	*-65.9%*
Iceland	*IS*	37	*-15.9%*	19	*5.6%*	56	*-9.7%*	48	*4.3%*	8	*-50.0%*
Italy	*IT*	11 996	*18.6%*	185	*-6.1%*	12 181	*18.2%*	11 046	*21.1%*	1 135	*-4.5%*
Lithuania[(1)]	*LT*	93	*50.0%*	0	-	93	*47.6%*	81	*39.7%*	12	*140.0%*
Luxembourg	*LU*	4 606	*23.2%*	211	*-6.6%*	4 817	*21.5%*	102	*-13.6%*	4 715	*22.6%*
Latvia[(1)]	*LV*	118	*35.6%*		-	118	*35.6%*	111	*32.1%*	7	*133.3%*
Monaco[(1)]	*MC*	11	*450.0%*		-	11	*450.0%*	8	*300.0%*	3	-
Montenegro	*ME*	21	*10.5%*		-	21	*10.5%*	20	*11.1%*	1	*0.0%*
North Macedonia	*MK*	623	*-15%*	1	-	624	*-14%*	23	*-14.8%*	601	*-14%*
Malta[(1)]	*MT*	1 066	*7514.3%*		-	1 066	*7514.3%*	19	*171.4%*	1 047	*14857.1%*
Netherlands[(1)]	*NL*	3 112	*2.1%*		-	3 112	*2.1%*	1 953	*9.7%*	1 159	*-8.5%*
Norway	*NO*	1 208	*45.4%*	432	*-1.8%*	1 640	*29.0%*	1 065	*45.3%*	575	*6.9%*
Poland	*PL*	3 420	*0.0%*	33	*3.1%*	3 453	*0.0%*	3 345	*-0.5%*	108	*20.0%*
Portugal	*PT*	1 138	*21.5%*	32	*113.3%*	1 170	*22.9%*	981	*25.8%*	189	*9.9%*
Romania	*RO*	642	*-19.3%*	15	*7.1%*	657	*-18.9%*	601	*-19.4%*	56	*-11.1%*
Serbia	*RS*	123	*-14.0%*	17	*88.9%*	140	*-7.9%*	119	*-14.4%*	21	*61.5%*
Sweden	*SE*	2 384	*13.5%*	56	*21.7%*	2 440	*13.7%*	2 134	*15.2%*	306	*4.4%*
Slovenia[(1)]	*SI*	235	*30.6%*		-	235	*30.6%*	212	*37.7%*	23	*-11.5%*
Slovakia	*SK*	194	*12.1%*	5	*66.7%*	199	*13.1%*	189	*13.9%*	10	*0.0%*
San Marino[(1)]	*SM*	39	*8.3%*		-	39	*8.3%*	8	*-20.0%*	31	*19.2%*
Türkiye	*TR*	11 218	*12.5%*	374	*-1.1%*	11 592	*12.0%*	11 234	*12.3%*	358	*3.2%*
EPC States		147 031	*11.4%*	10 773	*-7.2%*	157 804	*9.9%*	116 602	*12.6%*	41 202	*2.9%*

(1) PCT national route closed

2. Origin of foreign applications

Origin	Office of filing																																					
	AL	AT	BE	BG	CH/LI	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	ES	FI	FR	GB	GR	HR	HU	IE	IS	IT	LT	LU	LV	MC	ME	MK	MT	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO	RS	SE	SI	SK	SM	TR	Total EPC
AL	-	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*6*
AT	0	-	0	0	17	0	0	885	1	0	2	1	5	20	0	0	1	0	0	16	0	11	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	*976*
BE	0	0	-	2	0	0	1	133	1	0	2	0	88	59	3	0	0	1	0	10	0	29	0	0	0	9	0	98	1	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*452*
BG	0	3	0	-	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	7	17	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	*62*
CH	0	30	16	1	-	0	3	949	14	0	8	2	303	260	11	0	0	3	0	359	1	25	1	0	0	35	0	8	3	4	3	0	0	16	1	0	1	5	*2 062*
CY	0	1	0	0	0	-	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*22*
CZ	0	3	0	2	1	0	-	30	1	2	2	0	2	7	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	6	0	1	*73*
DE	0	122	104	0	54	0	4	-	25	0	9	2	375	629	13	0	3	4	0	128	0	553	0	0	0	69	0	49	3	28	5	5	0	16	5	0	0	31	*2 236*
DK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	-	0	0	2	0	37	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	2	1	1	6	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	*147*
EE	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	0	7	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*29*
ES	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	38	2	0	-	5	71	66	0	0	0	3	1	16	0	4	0	0	0	7	0	5	2	5	31	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	*265*
FI	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	20	1	0	0	-	4	214	3	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	1	*363*
FR	0	0	7	1	22	0	0	360	2	0	14	0	-	173	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	17	1	1	0	20	0	4	31	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	*688*
GB	0	5	0	3	3	0	0	184	6	1	6	0	32	-	27	0	2	22	0	39	0	29	0	0	0	39	0	4	34	0	3	0	0	11	0	0	0	6	*456*
GR	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	-	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*36*
HR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	-	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	*25*
HU	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	*39*
IE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	129	1	0	9	0	15	244	0	0	0	-	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	*427*
IS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*12*
IT	0	11	0	0	16	0	0	99	0	0	17	0	68	44	0	0	1	0	0	-	0	5	1	1	0	51	1	2	1	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	30	7	*365*
LI	0	2	43	0	-	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*66*
LT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	*16*
LU	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	1	0	15	43	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	-	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*156*
LV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*3*
MC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*7*
ME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	*5*
MK	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*4*
MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	19	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	*41*
NL	0	1	26	0	1	0	1	143	12	0	4	1	13	163	84	0	0	0	0	10	0	4	0	0	0	15	0	-	70	1	9	2	0	30	0	0	0	7	*597*
NO	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	26	0	0	0	2	184	1	0	0	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	-	0	1	0	0	16	0	0	0	2	*255*
PL	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	25	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	*57*
PT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	9	9	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*44*
RO	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	*23*
RS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0	0	0	*18*
SE	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	301	1	0	0	14	33	110	87	0	4	1	0	22	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	6	50	3	1	0	0	-	0	0	0	4	*653*
SI	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	10	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-	0	0	0	*45*
SK	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	0	0	*26*
SM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	*15*
TR	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	52	0	0	1	1	4	35	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	-	*111*
EPC States	***0***	***205***	***207***	***9***	***131***	***0***	***15***	***3 598***	***97***	***3***	***87***	***36***	***1 072***	***2 426***	***236***	***2***	***16***	***43***	***7***	***709***	***5***	***704***	***4***	***2***	***0***	***324***	***2***	***216***	***206***	***54***	***107***	***10***	***4***	***213***	***15***	***7***	***31***	***80***	***10 883***
CN	0	17	169	1	22	0	0	974	5	0	14	1	224	924	0	0	5	0	0	178	2	3 947	0	1	0	17	559	753	0	12	10	1	9	10	0	0	0	86	*7 941*
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KR	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1 314	3	0	4	1	12	347	5	0	14	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	14	*1 744*
US	1	5	7	1	17	0	1	6 199	59	1	34	12	100	1 680	417	1	5	10	1	85	0	17	0	0	0	215	0	66	333	24	49	35	3	29	1	1	0	73	*9 482*
Other	0	13	17	2	17	0	4	1 097	8	0	30	9	155	1 394	57	0	2	159	0	79	3	34	3	0	1	14	486	92	36	9	12	5	4	22	7	2	0	88	*3 861*
TOTAL	**1**	**247**	**400**	**13**	**219**	**0**	**29**	**19 675**	**178**	**4**	**177**	**64**	**1 602**	**7 255**	**716**	**3**	**42**	**212**	**8**	**1 135**	**12**	**4 715**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**601**	**1 047**	**1 159**	**575**	**108**	**189**	**56**	**21**	**306**	**23**	**10**	**31**	**358**	**41 202**

3. First filings

First filings as % of national domestic applications

Albania	*AL*	100.0%
Austria	*AT*	94.9%
Belgium	*BE*	94.3%
Bulgaria	*BG*	99.4%
Switzerland/Liechtenstein	*CH/LI*	90.1%
Cyprus	*CY*	88.9%
Czech Republic	*CZ*	99.5%
Germany	*DE*	91.5%
Denmark	*DK*	95.4%
Estonia	*EE*	91.5%
Spain	*ES*	97.9%
Finland	*FI*	97.6%
France	*FR*	97.7%
United Kingdom	*GB*	87.4%
Greece	*GR*	99.5%
Croatia	*HR*	100.0%
Hungary	*HU*	89.5%
Ireland	*IE*	90.5%
Iceland	*IS*	100.0%
Italy	*IT*	97.2%
Lithuania	*LT*	100.0%
Luxembourg	*LU*	96.1%
Latvia	*LV*	100.0%
Monaco	*MC*	100.0%
Montenegro	*ME*	100.0%
North Macedonia	*MK*	100.0%
Malta	*MT*	100.0%
Netherlands	*NL*	96.0%
Norway	*NO*	93.1%
Poland	*PL*	99.3%
Portugal	*PT*	99.6%
Romania	*RO*	100.0%
Serbia	*RS*	100.0%
Sweden	*SE*	96.8%
Slovenia	*SI*	99.5%
Slovakia	*SK*	98.9%
San Marino	*SM*	0.0%
Türkiye	*TR*	98.5%
EPC states		**93.9%**

In addition 75% of the national (non PCT) applications filed by residents from other EPC states were first filings.

Annex 5 National grant procedures in 2025

Country		Granted patents			Applications			Total
		Residents	Non residents	Total	Withdrawn	Deemed withdrawn	Refused	
Albania	*AL*	0	1	1	0	0	5	6
Austria	*AT*	813	110	923	80	0	431	1 434
Belgium	*BE*	550	435	985	61	0	39	1 085
Bulgaria	*BG*	134	5	139	5	3	96	243
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	*CH/LI*	439	184	623	89		929	1 641
Cyprus	*CY*	1	0	1	0	0	1	2
Czech Republic	*CZ*	283	34	317	59	100	117	593
Germany	*DE*	14 362	10 113	24 475	3 274	27 322	8 187	63 258
Denmark	*DK*	293	161	454	115	611	5	1 185
Estonia	*EE*	7	3	10	1	12	9	32
Spain	*ES*	525	132	657	80	155	178	1 070
Finland	*FI*	535	57	592	69	1 192	15	1 868
France	*FR*	8 663	1 044	9 707	657	639	2 016	13 019
United Kingdom	*GB*	2 895	2 626	5 521	1 939		7 054	14 514
Greece	*GR*	249	10	259	26	1	2	288
Croatia	*HR*	8	1	9	14	83	25	131
Hungary	*HU*	85	84	169	63	191	15	438
Ireland	*IE*	30	80	110	39	15	240	404
Iceland	*IS*	6	7	13	6	0	0	19
Italy	*IT*	6 093	676	6 769	808	0	1 569	9 146
Lithuania	*LT*	56	6	62	3	9	14	88
Luxembourg	*LU*	92	4 420	4 512	115	0	41	4 668
Latvia	*LV*	93	2	95	8	12	14	129
Monaco	*MC*	2	2	4	0	0	0	4
Montenegro	*ME*	10	1	11	0	0	0	11
North Macedonia	*MK*	23	611	634	7	0	0	641
Malta	*MT*	5	823	828	1	0	1	830
Netherlands	*NL*	1 412	1 199	2 611	253	0	226	3 090
Norway	*NO*	526	477	1 003	110	738	7	1 858
Poland	*PL*	2 242	41	2 283			602	2 885
Portugal	*PT*	105	115	220	11	0	216	447
Romania	*RO*	296	14	310	2	41	313	666
Serbia	*RS*	24	5	29	7	58	45	139
Sweden	*SE*	1 097	243	1 340	137	1 167	22	2 666
Slovenia	*SI*	107	9	116	20	36	0	172
Slovakia	*SK*	99	20	119	8	67	71	265
San Marino*	*SM*			0				0
Türkiye	*TR*	3 577	210	3 787	100	891	815	5 593
Total		**45 737**	**23 961**	**69 698**	**8 167**	**33 343**	**23 320**	**134 528**

** Data not provided*

Annex 6 Working agreements EPO-NPO on search

As per CA/37/08 rev. 1, the table below shows the latest figures on the numbers and proportions of national applications for which the EPO has conducted search on behalf of the 18 EPC contracting states (FR, NL, BE, LU, CY, GR, IT, LT, LV, MC, MT, SM, UK, AL, HR, AT, SI, PT), and the number and proportion of those which were subsequently filed as European applications or PCT international applications.

Applications are counted in the year of the subsequent applications. Counts for 2025 are still provisional.

As proposed in CA/51/20, the statistics of the return rates are now presented for one group of the 18 EPC Contracting States having a working agreement in place instead of two groups.

Year	Searched by the EPO	Not extended / Remained national		Extended as			
				EP		PCT	
2024	25 787	11 066	*43%*	4 493	*17%*	10 228	*40%*
2025	26 492	11 171	*42%*	4 867	*18%*	10 454	*39%*

Annex 7 National Renewal Fees in December 2025

(Source CA/D 1/25)

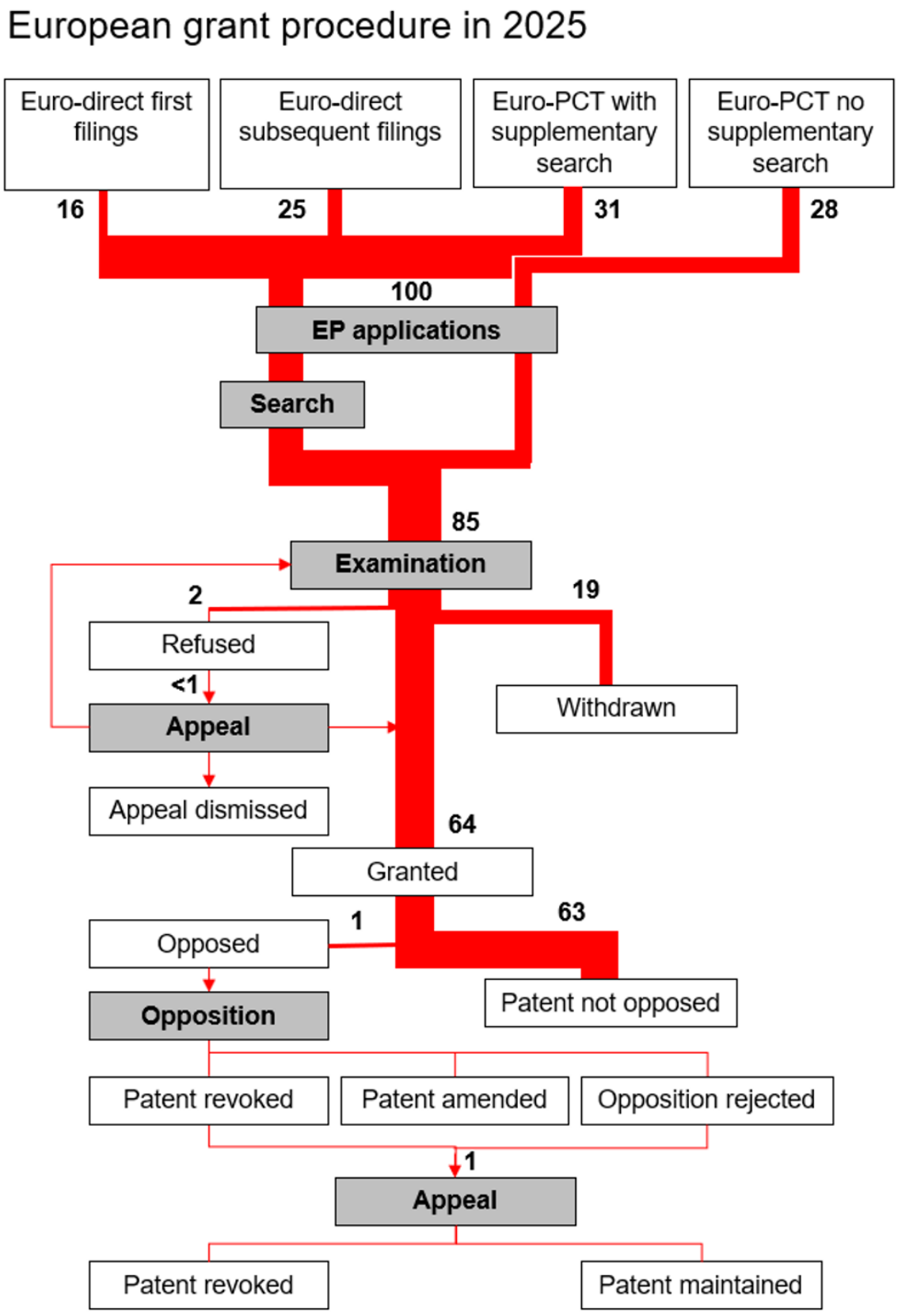
Renewal fees in €

State	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
AL	60	80	100	120	140	180	200	250	270	300	350	400	450	500	550	600	650	700
AT	-	-	-	104	208	313	417	522	626	731	835	940	1 044	1 148	1 253	1 357	1 566	1 775
BA*	46	56	66	97	128	159	189	245	307	368	481	542	603	716	828	941	1 053	1 166
BE	40	55	75	95	110	135	165	185	215	240	275	320	360	400	450	500	555	600
BG	20	20	72	92	112	138	194	256	307	358	409	460	511	562	614	665	767	869
CH	-	107	129	150	171	193	236	279	321	364	429	493	557	643	729	814	921	1 029
CY	50	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	240	280	320	360	420	480	540	600	660
CZ	41	41	83	83	83	83	124	165	248	330	413	495	578	661	743	826	908	991
DE	70	70	100	150	210	280	350	430	540	680	830	980	1 130	1 310	1 490	1 670	1 840	2 030
DK	74	164	186	208	238	269	305	343	381	418	455	493	538	582	627	673	717	762
EE	64	77	96	120	135	155	180	205	245	285	320	360	405	450	495	540	585	630
ES	19	24	45	66	110	136	171	220	276	324	372	421	449	468	500	500	500	500
FI	135	160	210	240	270	320	375	430	480	535	590	640	700	750	800	860	910	965
FR	38	38	38	76	96	136	180	220	260	300	350	400	460	520	580	650	730	800
GB	-	-	103	137	171	194	229	263	286	331	389	457	549	640	708	788	868	926
GR	20	50	80	90	100	115	140	190	240	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1 000	1 100
HR	35	42	58	74	85	109	125	159	199	239	279	305	345	398	465	611	770	916
HU	26	195	270	367	367	367	367	367	520	520	541	541	541	541	559	559	580	580
IE	60	90	114	134	150	176	194	220	242	265	285	311	335	356	382	408	438	468
IS	87	162	182	202	236	262	303	336	377	410	451	485	532	572	619	659	707	747
IT	-	-	60	90	120	170	200	230	310	410	530	600	650	650	650	650	650	650
LT	81	92	115	139	162	185	208	231	289	289	289	289	289	347	347	347	347	347
LU	33	41	52	66	82	99	115	131	148	165	180	198	213	230	246	262	281	300
LV	90	120	140	160	180	220	270	320	320	320	320	320	320	420	420	420	420	420
MC	55	60	100	135	150	160	175	195	240	285	320	365	390	405	415	420	440	470
MD*	100	100	100	300	300	300	300	300	500	500	500	500	500	700	700	700	700	700
ME	40	50	60	70	80	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275	300	325	350	375	400
MK	13	16	20	23	26	29	33	49	65	82	98	115	131	147	164	180	196	213
MT	35	47	58	70	82	93	105	116	128	140	151	163	175	186	198	210	221	233
NL	-	40	100	160	220	280	340	400	500	600	700	800	900	1 000	1 100	1 200	1 300	1 400
NO	77	149	182	220	242	281	314	352	385	424	462	495	534	572	605	638	682	715
PL	38	59	71	83	95	106	130	154	177	189	213	225	248	272	296	319	343	367
PT	-	-	62	93	124	186	372	434	434	496	558	620	682	682	805	805	867	867
RO	150	160	180	200	220	240	260	280	300	320	340	370	400	500	500	500	500	500
RS	123	150	177	211	246	282	317	353	423	494	565	635	705	776	847	917	988	1 058
SE	177	199	221	243	266	321	354	387	443	487	542	598	642	697	741	797	841	885
SI	30	34	42	50	60	70	80	110	154	200	234	274	310	390	510	654	870	1 100
SK	66	83	100	116	133	149	166	199	232	266	299	332	365	398	465	531	597	664
SM	-	70	70	70	70	140	140	140	140	270	270	270	270	400	460	530	600	650
TR	63	71	94	115	126	139	150	162	182	209	238	267	305	332	366	391	411	428
Total	**2 057**	**3 032**	**4 089**	**5 319**	**6 222**	**7 410**	**8 756**	**10 158**	**12 085**	**13 884**	**15 766**	**17 546**	**19 350**	**21 741**	**23 831**	**25 882**	**28 295**	**30 579**

*accession to the EPC anticipated in the coming months

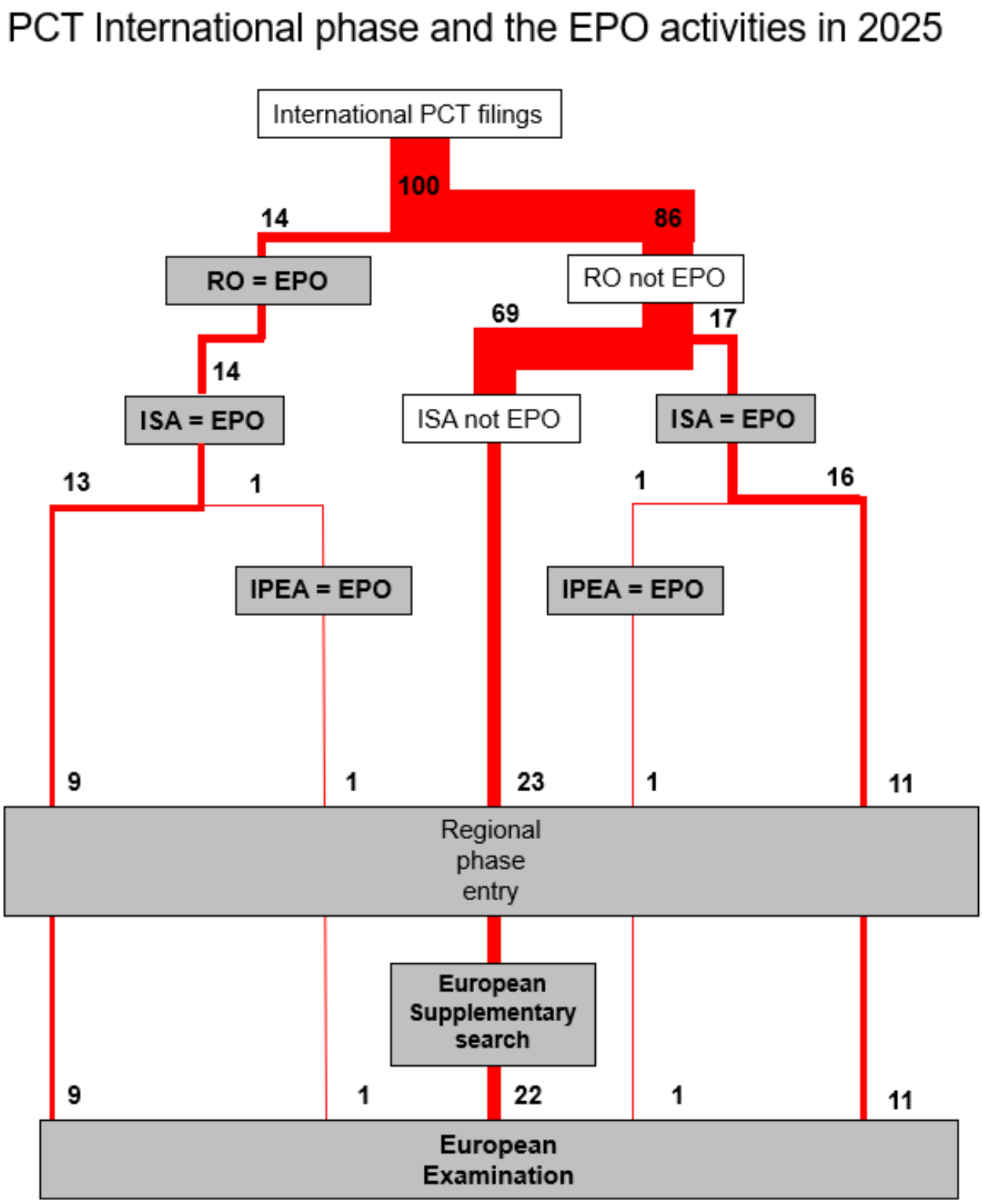
Annex 8 The European patent procedure in 2025

The figures illustrate the 2025 values of the different parameters.



Annex 9 The PCT international phase and the EPO in 2025

The figures illustrate the 2025 values of the different parameters.



RO: Receiving Office
ISA: International Search Authority
IPEA: International Preliminary Examining Authority

Annex 10 Glossary

Amended form: patent application (description, claims or drawings) has been amended before grant (Article 123 EPC) or during the opposition proceedings (Article 101 EPC) .

Appeal: *ex parte* appeal, *inter partes* appeal or a PCT protest as well as a legal appeal, a disciplinary appeal (Article 106 EPC).

Country of origin: country of residence of the first named applicant.

Direct European route (application): patent application filed under Article 75 EPC (also Euro-direct application).

Designation: indication of the EPC contracting state(s) in which the protection for the invention is desired (Article 79 EPC).

EPC: European Patent Convention (39 contracting states as at 31 July 2025) enables the patent applicant, by means of a single procedure, to obtain a patent in some or all of the contracting states.

Euro-PCT route: a way to obtain a European patent by designating the EPO in a PCT application (Article 11 PCT).

Euro-PCT application – international phase (or Euro-PCT application or PCT international): a PCT application designating the EPO (Article 153(2) EPC).

Euro-PCT application – regional phase (or PCT regional): PCT application entering the European (or regional) phase once the applicant has fulfilled the conditions under Article 22 or 39 PCT, Article 153(3) and (4) and Rule 159 EPC.

Euro-PCT search (or PCT Chapter I): search carried out by the EPO acting as International Searching Authority for a Euro-PCT application in the international phase (Article 16 PCT).

European patent application: either a direct European application or a PCT international application entering the regional phase during the reporting period.

European examination: on written request the EPO shall examine a European patent application (Article 94 EPC).

European first filings: a European application filed without claiming the priority of a previous application.

European search: search carried out by the EPO on a direct European application or a Euro-PCT application having entered the European phase (Article 92 EPC).

***Ex parte* case**: appeal filed against a decision taken by an examining division where only one party is involved.

Final action: the last decision taken by the examining division in the examination procedure, either refusing the patent application or indicating the intention to grant a patent (Article 97 EPC).

First action: the first communication sent to the applicant in the examination procedure (Article 94(3), Rule 71(3) EPC).

***Inter partes* case**: appeal filed against a decision taken by an opposition division where two or more parties are involved.

International PCT filings: (see PCT applications)

International preliminary examination (or PCT Chapter II): non-binding examination which can be requested for a PCT application (Article 31 PCT).

International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA): (25 authorities as of 1 July 2025) office with competence to carry out the international preliminary examination for a PCT application. It may be either a national office (AT, AU, BR, CA, CL, CN, EG, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, PH, RU, SA, SE, SG, TR, UA, US) or an intergovernmental organisation (EPO, Eurasian PO, Nordic PI, Visegrad PI) (Article 32 PCT, Article 152 EPC).

International search report with written opinion: search report drawn up by a PCT International Searching Authority (Article 18 PCT and Article 153(6) EPC).

International Searching Authority (ISA): (25 authorities as of 1 July 2025) office with competence to carry out the international search for a PCT application. It may be either a national office (AT, AU, BR, CA, CL, CN, EG, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, PH, RU, SA, SE, SG, TR, UA, US) or an intergovernmental organisation (EPO, Eurasian PO, Nordic PI, Visegrad PI), (Article 16 PCT, Article 152 EPC).

IPC (classification): all patent applications are classified in this internationally recognised classification system, which facilitates searches to be carried out on all existing patent documents by technical fields.

National application: filed at a national patent office according to a national procedure or a PCT international application entering the national phase during the reporting period.

Opposition: under Articles 99 and 100 EPC, within nine months from the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent in the European Patent Bulletin, any person may give notice to the EPO of opposition to the

European patent granted, invoking lack of patentability, e.g. lack of novelty or inventive step (Articles 52-57 EPC); or lack of sufficiently clear and complete disclosure of invention (Article 83 EPC); or that the granted patent extends beyond the application as filed (Article 123(2) EPC).

Patent granted: when the examining division is of the opinion that the application and the invention to which it relates meet the requirements of the EPC, it shall decide to grant the European patent, Article 97(1) EPC. The grant will be effective from the date on which the European Patent Bulletin mentions the grant (Article 97(3) EPC).

PCT: Patent Cooperation Treaty, which encompassed 158 contracting states on 1 June 2025, enabling a patent applicant, by means of a single procedure, to file a patent application in some or all of the contracting states.

PCT application or filing: international application filed under the PCT (Article 3 PCT).

PCT international phase: part of the PCT procedure from filing until the end of the delay to enter national or regional phase (see PCT national phase and Euro-PCT application).

PCT international search: search carried out by an International Searching Authority.

PCT national phase: PCT application entering the national phase once the applicant has fulfilled the conditions under Article 22 or 39 PCT.

PCT regional phase: PCT application entering the European phase at the EPO once the applicant has fulfilled the conditions under Article 22 or 39 PCT.

PCT route: one possible way of filing a patent application within any of the PCT contracting states.

Processing time: time elapsing between the moments the examiner starts and completes a given phase of the procedure.

Protest: appeal filed by an applicant in the PCT procedure if he does not agree with the request to pay an additional fee following a decision on lack of unity of invention taken during either the international search or the international preliminary examination (international phase of the PCT) (Articles 17(3)(a) and 34(3)(a), Rules 40.2 and 68.3 PCT, Rule 158 (3) EPC).

Publication: a patent application is published twice during the procedure:

- a European patent application is published as soon as possible after the expiry of a period of eighteen months from the date of filing or, if priority has been claimed, as from the date of priority (Article 93, Rules 67-69 EPC);
- at the same time as the Office publishes the mention of the grant of the European patent, the Office publishes a specification of the European patent containing the description, the claims and any drawings, Articles 98 and 103, Rule 73 EPC. An international patent application, where the Office is designated, is published under Article 21 PCT and is mentioned in the European Patent Bulletin (Article 153(3)-(6) EPC).

Refusal/rejection:

- the examination division will refuse a European patent application if it is of the opinion that such application or the invention to which it relates does not meet the requirements of the EPC, or if the applicant fails to observe a given time limit (Articles 97(2) EPC).
- the Office will reject an opposition or an appeal if it does not fulfil the necessary requirements (Articles 101 and 110 EPC).

Revocation: a patent is revoked after an opposition procedure if the subject-matter of the patent application is not patentable or if it does not disclose the invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for it to be carried out by a person skilled in the art or if the subject matter goes beyond the content of the application filed. The patent can also be revoked if the patent applicant fails to meet all formal requirements (Article 101(2) EPC).

Search report: a report of the results of the search drawn up by the search division if the patent application has been accorded a date of filing and is not deemed to be withdrawn (Article 92 EPC).

S**upplementary European search**: search carried out by the EPO on a Euro-PCT application entering the regional phase for which the ISA was not the EPO (Article 153(7) EPC).

Technical appeal: *ex parte* appeal, *inter partes* appeal or a PCT protest.

Unitary patent: After a European patent is granted, the patent proprietor can request unitary effect, thereby getting a European patent with unitary effect (Unitary Patent) that provides uniform patent protection in 18 EU Member States (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Sweden) having ratified the enhanced cooperation agreement. The enhanced cooperation agreement entered into force for patents granted as from 1 June 2023.

Unitary patent court: A supranational court that allows the proprietors of Unitary Patents and European patents to enforce their rights – and third parties to have patents revoked – in all EU Member States having ratified the UPC Agreement. The UPC comprises of Court of first instance, composed of a central division (Paris and Munich) and of local and regional divisions, and a Court of Appeal.

Uptake rate: the proportion of published EP granted patents for which a unitary effect has been registered.

Withdrawal: this is the result of non-compliance to the EPC rules, at any stage of the procedure the applicant does:

– not pay fees in due time

– not file a request for examination within the given time period (Article 94(2) EPC)

– not reply in due time to any invitation within the examination procedure (Article 94(4) EPC).

A patent application can be withdrawn by the applicant at any stage except where a third party proves to the Office that he has initiated proceedings concerning entitlement and then until such time as the Office resumes the proceedings for grant (Rule 14 EPC).