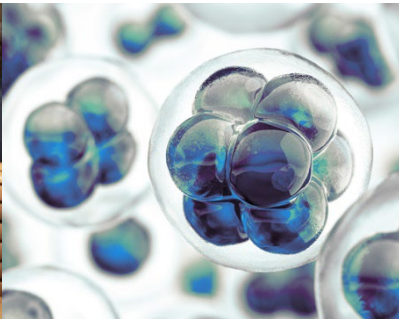




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Ten years IP5 Industry – major milestones

IP5 Heads and Industry meeting

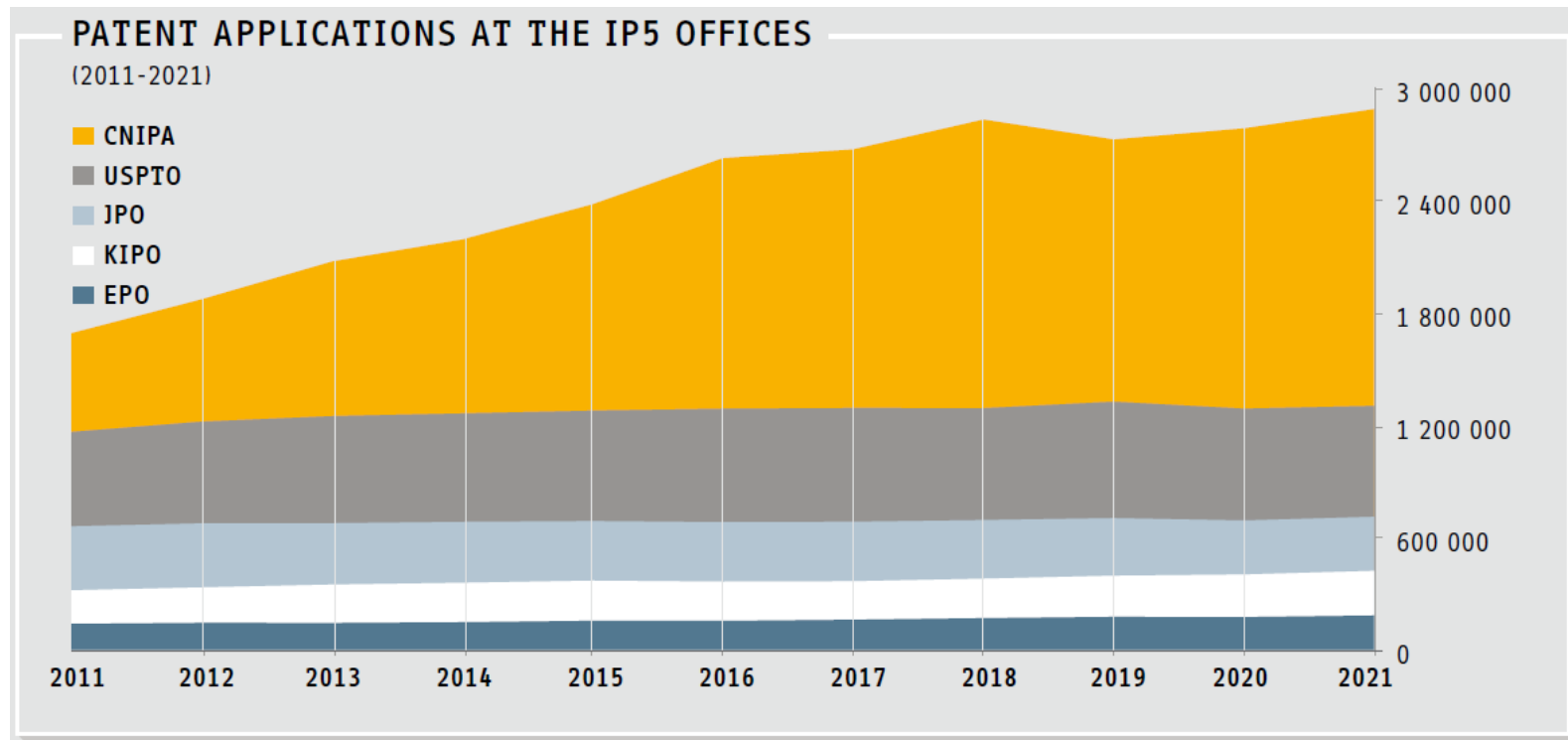


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Evolution of applications at the IP5 Offices



Source: fiveipoffices.org/statistics, preliminary data April 2022

IP5 Industry involvement

- 2012: 5th IP5 Heads of Office meeting in Corsica -> IP5 Offices invited industry representatives from the five regions to participate
 - Today's channels of interaction:
 - annual meeting between the IP5 Heads of Office and IP5 Industry
 - Global Dossier Task Force (since 2013)
 - Industry Consultation Group (since 2017)
- *Open and ongoing dialogue allows the IP5 Offices to respond to industry's needs and develop appropriate initiatives*

Global Dossier

- In January 2013, at the first IP5 Global Dossier Task Force meeting, IP5 Industry defined their vision for retrieval of patent information at the IP5 level
- Global Dossier aggregates the prosecution history (file wrapper data) of the IP5 family members of an application in a single location
- Great value for examiners and users:
 - IP5 examiners can exchange work results which contributes to the quality of work
 - Users save costs and time when inspecting files
- *Global Dossier brought positive results to all five offices and demonstrates the benefits of open co-operation with industry*

Common Citation Document

- The Common Citation Document (CCD) provide single point access to up-to-date citation data relating to the patent applications of the IP5 Offices
- First launched in November 2011, the CCD today offers access to 41.3 million search reports results of more than 30 patent authorities giving access to 427 million cited records
- Benefits:
 - consolidates the prior art cited by all participating offices for the family members of a patent application
 - enables users to visualise on a single page the search results for the same invention produced by several offices

IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway

- Launched in early 2014, the IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) provides easier access to the patent system
- Fast-track patent examination procedures at the IP5 Offices enable users to obtain patents more quickly and efficiently
- Benefits:
 - allows applicants to obtain corresponding patents faster and more efficiently
 - permits each office to exploit the work previously done by the other office

IP5 practice alignment

- Since 2012, the Patent Harmonization Expert Panel (PHEP) has been exploring the potential for aligning procedural aspects of the patent application and granting process among the IP5 Offices
- Benefits:
 - more transparency and predictability
 - reduced workload for users and offices
- PHEP work on unity of invention, citation of prior art and written description/sufficiency of disclosure successfully concluded in 2019
 - *Uniform application of unity of invention standard embedded in the PCT to international applications*

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