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CC	Country	First Publication Number	First Publication Date	Number of Citing Publications - Applications	Number of Cited Patents	Number of Cited Non-Patents	Number of Cited Applications	Enrich Search Data								
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AP	ARIPO	1	03-07-1985	3 825	9 435	1 356				1985-onwards						
AT	AUSTRIA	293490	11-10-1971	73 674	267 509	6 425	1		1999-2012	1985-onwards						
AU	AUSTRALIA	411295	18-03-1971	538 909	1 382 869	145 087	9			1987-onwards						
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BG	BULGARIA	64330	29-10-2004	1 607	4 443	3				2004-2011						
CH	SWITZERLAND	370301	30-06-1963	9 640	44 730	2 313	2	1994	1999-onwards	1963-onwards						Y
CN	CHINA	1033684	01-01-1997	14 141 338	86 431 426	9 312 535	2 717	2010		1997-onwards						Y
CY	CYPRUS	2418	12-11-2004	20	89	3		2008		2004-onwards						Y
CZ	CZECH	20024224	14-05-2003	13 587	54 961	5 705	13			2006-onwards						
DE	GERMANY	738624	18-09-1943	2 274 737	8 893 586	862 065	18 898		2008-onwards	1943-onwards						
DK	DENMARK	72916	13-08-1951	7 036	30 260	500	1	1999	2001-2008	1956-onwards						Y
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EE	ESTONIA	20090093	15-08-2011	329	1 677	199	4	2019		2019-onwards						Y
EP	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE	1	20-12-1978	3 831 051	15 800 982	5 100 695	268 220	1993	1978-onwards	1978-onwards	1994-onwards	1980-onwards	2005-onwards	1982-onwards		Y
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FI	FINLAND	82743	31-12-1990	1 369	5 606	476	1			1990-onwards						
FR	FRANCE	2000037	29-08-1969	771 958	2 995 057	374 397	2 884	1993	1996-2011	1969-onwards						Y
GB	GREAT BRITAIN	2000001	04-01-1979	733 174	2 987 133	161 249	880			1979-onwards						
GR	GREECE	88100007	16-12-1988	7 577	30 568	5 793	52	1993	1998-2004	1988-onwards						Y
HR	CROATIA	P920017	30-04-1994	1 196	4 840	428				1994-onwards						
HU	HUNGARY	231714	28-11-2025	40	82	28		2025		2025-onwards						Y
IE	IRELAND	20200258	21-11-2019	292	1 120	66	1	2019		2019-onwards						Y
IL	ISRAEL	253614	31-01-2018	25 610	71 394	20 668	4	2021		2018-onwards						Y
IT	ITALY	FG20080007	01-10-2008	106 314	460 212	58 272	1 674	2008		2008-onwards						Y
JP	JAPAN	S4031998	09-11-1965	7 069 363	30 380 285	1 010 428	356	2017		1965-onwards		1983-onwards	1990-1999	1990-2002	1994-onwards	Y
KR	KOREA	920014674	25-08-1992	2 367 067	8 787 222	422 623	4 790	2018	2010-onwards	2006-onwards		2006-onwards				Y
LT	LITHUANIA	3001	25-08-1994	3 595	9 787	3 273	50		1994-onwards	2016-onwards						
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LV	LATVIA	15213	20-04-2017	110	380	90		2017		2017-onwards						Y
MA	MOROCCO	40801	30-09-2024	1 098	3 532		1	2024		2024-onwards						Y
MD	MOLDOVA	1	31-05-1994	5 935	24 053	8 172				1998-onwards						
MY	MALAYSIA	115077	31-03-2003	763	2 739	11				2003-2009						
NL	NETHERLANDS	58971	15-02-1947	50 668	223 903	30 782	899	1993	1998-2011	1965-onwards						Y
NO	NORWAY	20082484	16-02-2000	19 700	65 551	4 519	28	2017		2004-onwards						Y
PH	PHILIPPINES	12013500913	14-01-2019	264	855	165		2019		2019-onwards						Y
PL	POLAND	421772	02-01-2019	15 322	51 410	6 415	28	2019		2019-onwards						Y
PT	PORTUGAL	105194	08-11-2012	1 842	5 213	689		2012		2012-onwards						Y
RU	RUSSIA	2251268	20-12-2012	237 109	1 107 727	85 536	167			2012-onwards						
SE	SWEDEN	541057	26-03-2019	10 931	62 674	3 268	2	2019		2019-onwards						Y
SG	SINGAPORE	49613	20-03-2001	11 702	41 304	788				2001-onwards						
TR	TÜRKIYE	22296	08-01-1987	3 450	13 473	2 686		1997	1998-2007	1987-onwards						Y
TW	CHINESE TAIPEI	1379048	11-12-2012	451 181	1 690 200	35 986	167					2013-onwards				
US	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	2415068	04-02-1947	16 354 052	317 065 948	60 342 916	50 441	2019	2001-onwards	1947-onwards	2014-onwards					Y
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