

EPO digital library on innovation

Quick start guide

1. Overview

The digital library is a central hub for in-depth insights into technology and innovation. It brings together resources from the EPO, its expert partners and the broader innovation ecosystem, offering a wealth of data on emerging technologies, economic trends, patent analytics and IP frameworks. The library will be continuously updated with content, expanding to reflect new developments and user needs. It is aimed at policymakers, scholars, journalists and anyone interested in the dynamics of innovation.

2. Getting started

Welcome to the EPO digital library on innovation! This section will help you to access and begin exploring the tool with ease.

2.1 Accessing the library

You can access the library at <https://library.epo.org/>. There is no need to create an account, so you can start exploring right away.

2.2 Supported browsers and devices

For the best experience, we recommend using the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari. The platform is designed for use on desktop computers and tablets.

3. Navigating the library

The EPO digital library on innovation is designed to facilitate intuitive exploration and quick access to a wide range of resources. Here's how to find your way around:

3.1 Homepage overview

3.1.1 Latest additions

Instantly access the newest resources available.

Latest additions



22.10.2025 • Document • EPO, Fraunhofer ISI

The role of European public research organisations

European public research organisations (PROs) generated almost 63 000 European patent applications between 2001 and 2020. Annual European patent appli...

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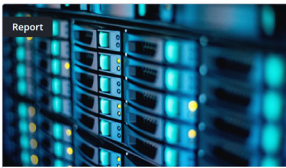
22.10.2025
by EPO

The role of European public research in patenting and innovation - The evolving role of public research in Europe

As Europe prioritises research, competitiveness and collaboration through key initiatives such as the European Competitiveness Compass, understanding ...

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Report

16.10.2025
by Jianying Liu, Mounir Amdaoud, Wilfriedo Mescheba, Justin Quemener, David Sapinho, Jean-Marc Deltorn, Dominique Guellec; OST-Hcéres, Paris, CEIPI, Strasbourg University

Mapping the links between science and technology with citations and semantics

The links between science and technology plays a crucial role in driving the innovation necessary to increase productivity and address societal and en...

Science and tech...

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Report

16.10.2025
by Dietmar Harhoff, Michael E. Rose, Mainak Ghosh, Sebastian Erhardt, Erik Buunk; Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition

Tracing the flow of knowledge from science to technology using deep learning

This publication is the final report of a project aimed to enhance the tracking of knowledge flows from scientific research to technology using advanc...

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3.1.2 Curated collections

Explore curated collections on innovation actors, countries and regions, environment and sustainability, industries and sciences and technology. Each of these sets offers targeted resources focused on a specific innovation topic.

Collections

In this library, curated collections guide you through various aspects of innovation ecosystems. Whether you're interested in who innovates, how it's fostered, or where it happens, collections help you explore related topics based on your interests.



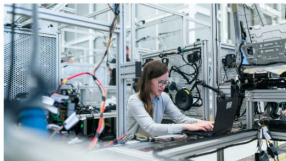
Actors of innovation
The "who" in innovation: Organisations, individuals and public bodies



Countries and regions
Innovation varies across regions and countries



Environment and sustainability
Innovation aimed at greater sustainability and protecting the environment



Industries
Trends and patterns in selected industries



Science and technology
Technology and the science behind it

3.1.3 Text search

Use the search bar to find resources by topic, title, or content in the summary. As you enter text in the search bar, suggestions for relevant resources are dynamically displayed based on your input.



18.07.2024 • by EPO
Innovation in water-related technologies
This EPO study gives insights into trends in innovation in water-related technologies aimed at both ...



18.07.2024 • by EPO
Executive Summary of Innovation in water-related technologies
This is the executive summary of the EPO study giving insights into trends in innovation in water-re...



21.09.2017 • by EPO
Voltea
This case study presents how Voltea used patents to commercialize its capacitive deionization water ...



10.05.2022 • by EPO, IRENA
Innovation trends in electrolyzers for hydrogen production
The online dashboard with interactive graphics proposes predefined filters, such as patent activity ...

4. Accessing resources

4.1 Viewing and downloading

You can access documents and read them immediately or download them for later, watch videos, listen to podcasts and use dynamic online dashboards.



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Advances in photovoltaics - Technology trends for solar energy
The photovoltaics field has grown significantly in recent decades, driven by global moves toward

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Industries Science and tech...

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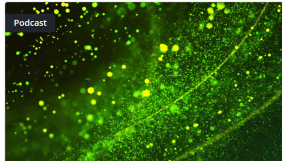


20.07.2020
by EPO

Trends in 3D printing technologies
Online event on the trends and emerging leaders in 3D printing technologies.

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27.04.2021
by EPO

Trends in low-carbon energy innovation
The podcast episode discusses the urgent need for innovation in low-carbon energy (LCE) technologies

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09.11.2023
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Offshore wind energy - Dashboard
The online dashboard with interactive graphics proposes predefined filters, such as patent activity

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5. Tips and best practices

Efficient searching: use filters and categories for targeted results. You can filter results using the “media format” option and further refine them with the “content type” filter.

Media Format —

☐ Document
☐ Video
☐ Audio
☐ Interactive data

Content type —

☐ Study
☐ Report
☐ Insight report
☐ Case study
☐ Podcast
☐ Online seminar
☐ Snippet video
☐ Online dashboard
☐ Article
☐ Use case

By filtering on “Document”

Media Format —

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☐ Article
☐ Business case
☐ Use case

Only relevant type of documents is displayed

Bookmarking: Save resources for quick access later.

6. Troubleshooting and support

Contact: If you require support with accessing resources, encounter any technical issues or have suggestions to help improve our services, you can contact us by email at digital-library@epo.org. We value your input and are committed to ensuring a positive experience for all users of the digital library.

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