

Trends in patenting

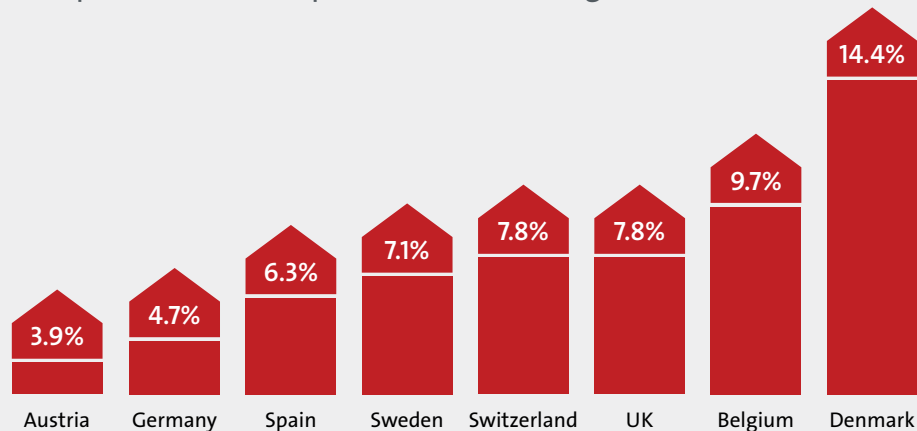
Europe is an attractive technology market for European and international companies

2018

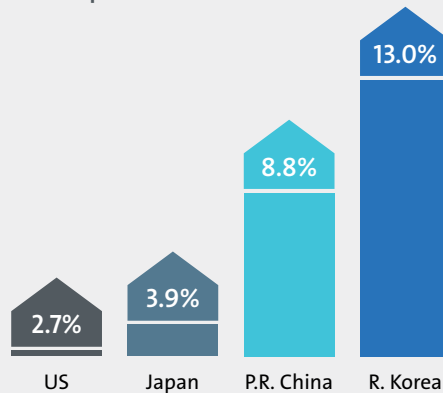
Patent applications at the European Patent Office continue to grow in 2018:



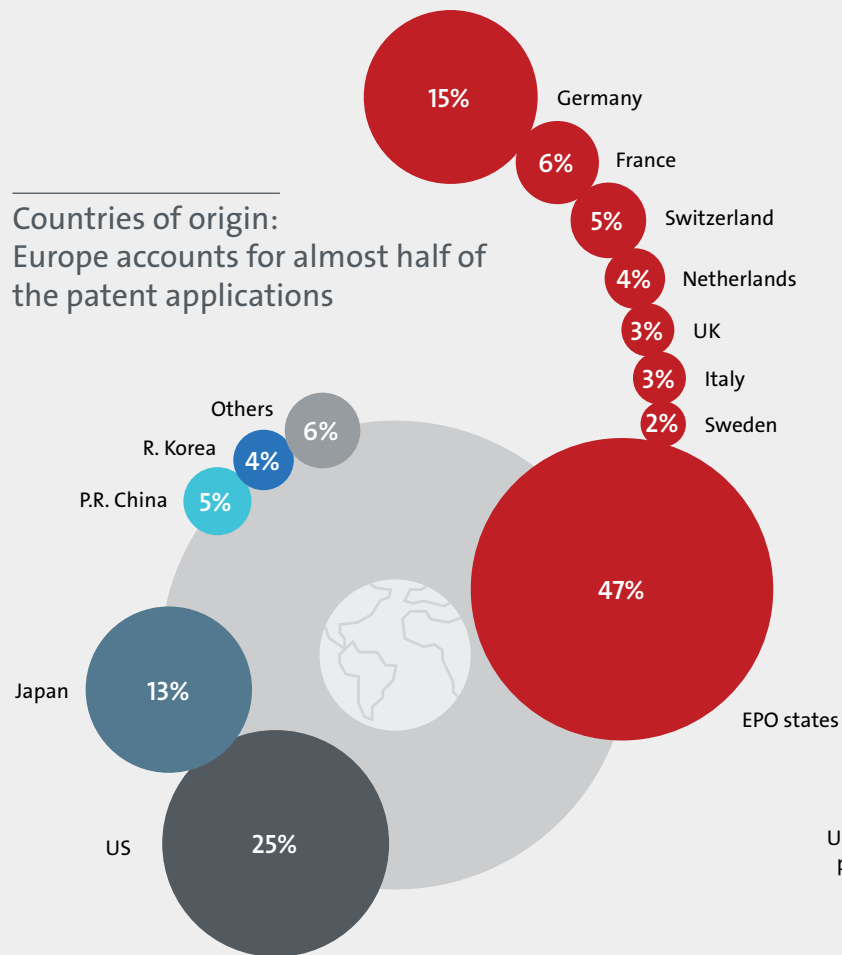
Companies from European countries fuel growth:



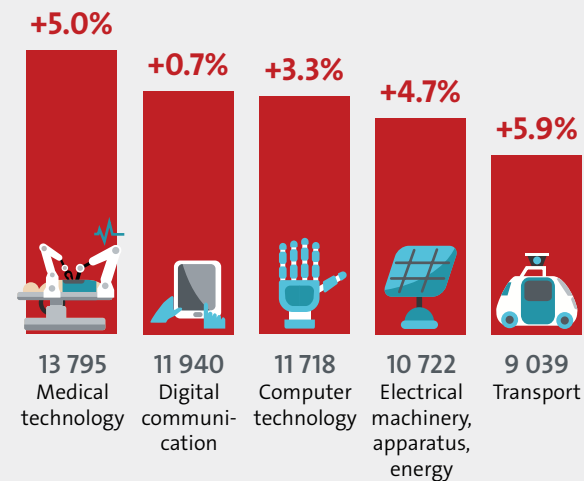
Other global growth champions:



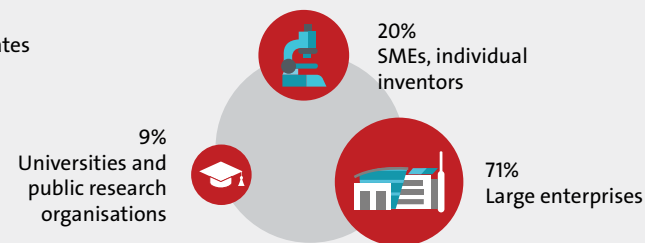
Countries of origin: Europe accounts for almost half of the patent applications



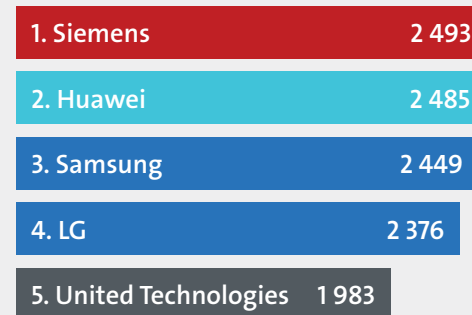
Top technology fields:



1 in 5 applications is filed by an SME:



Top patent applicants:



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