

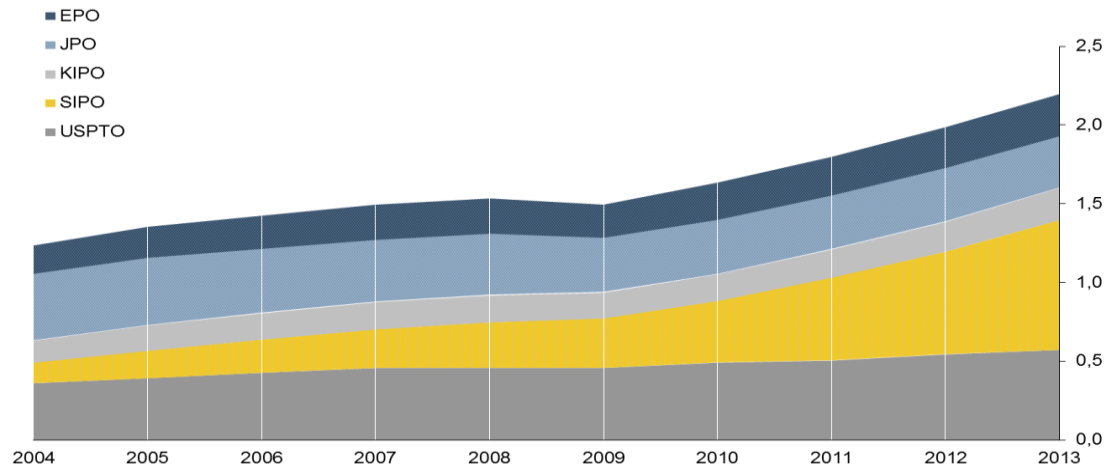


Trends in patenting digital technologies at the European Patent Office

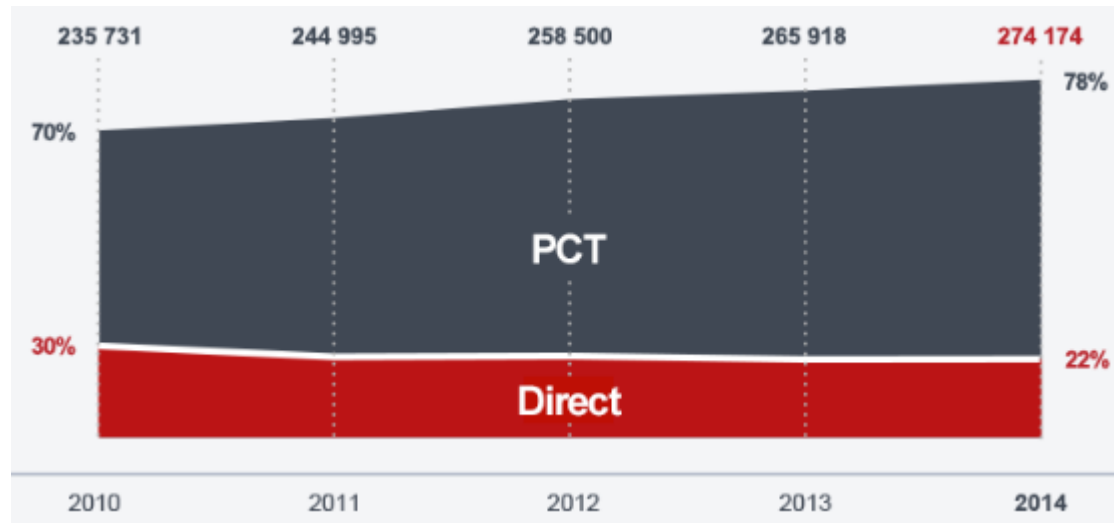
Innovation in a European Digital Single Market



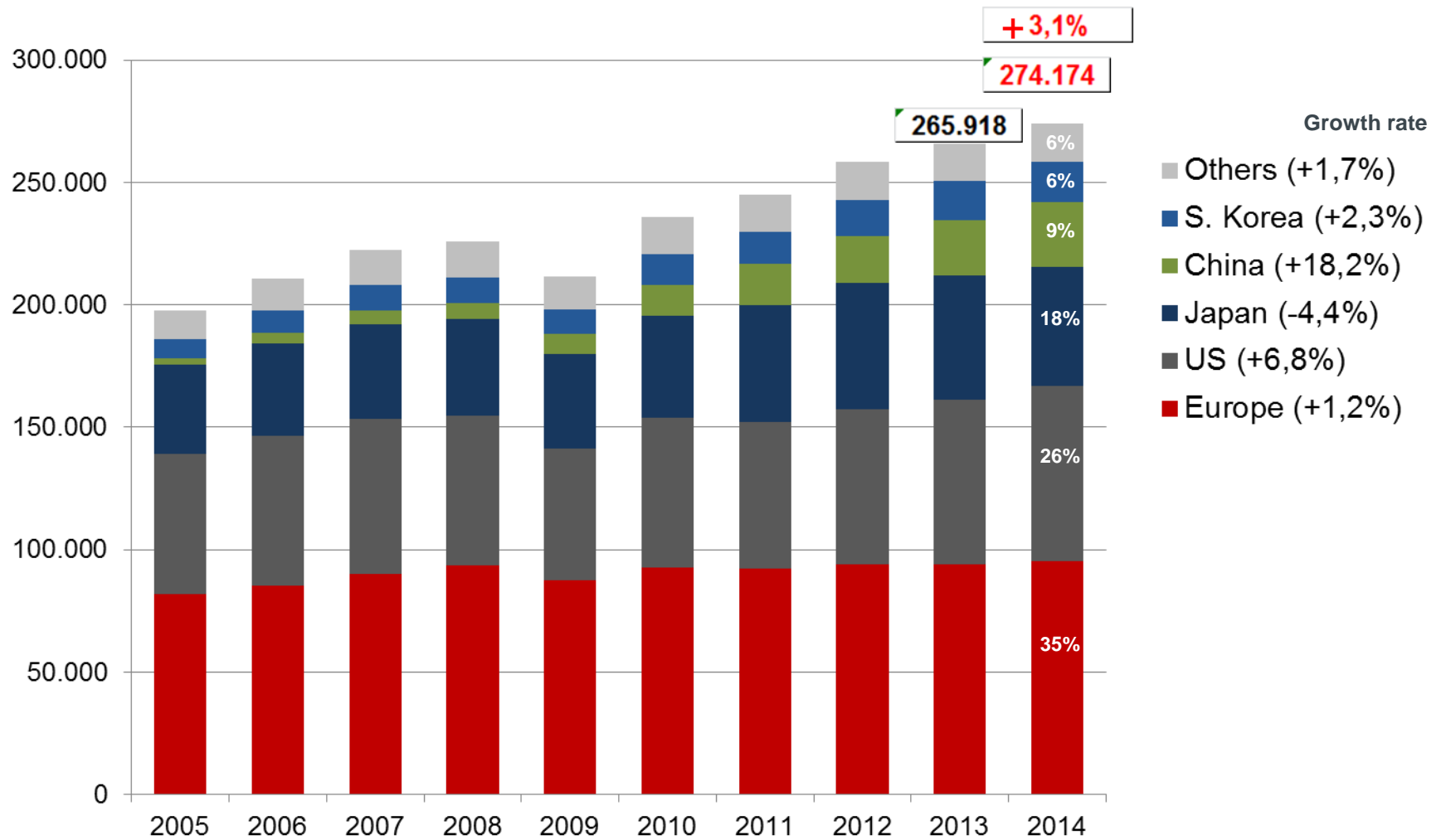
Patent Filings at IP5 Offices (in Mio)



Share of EPO Filings PCT/EP Direct

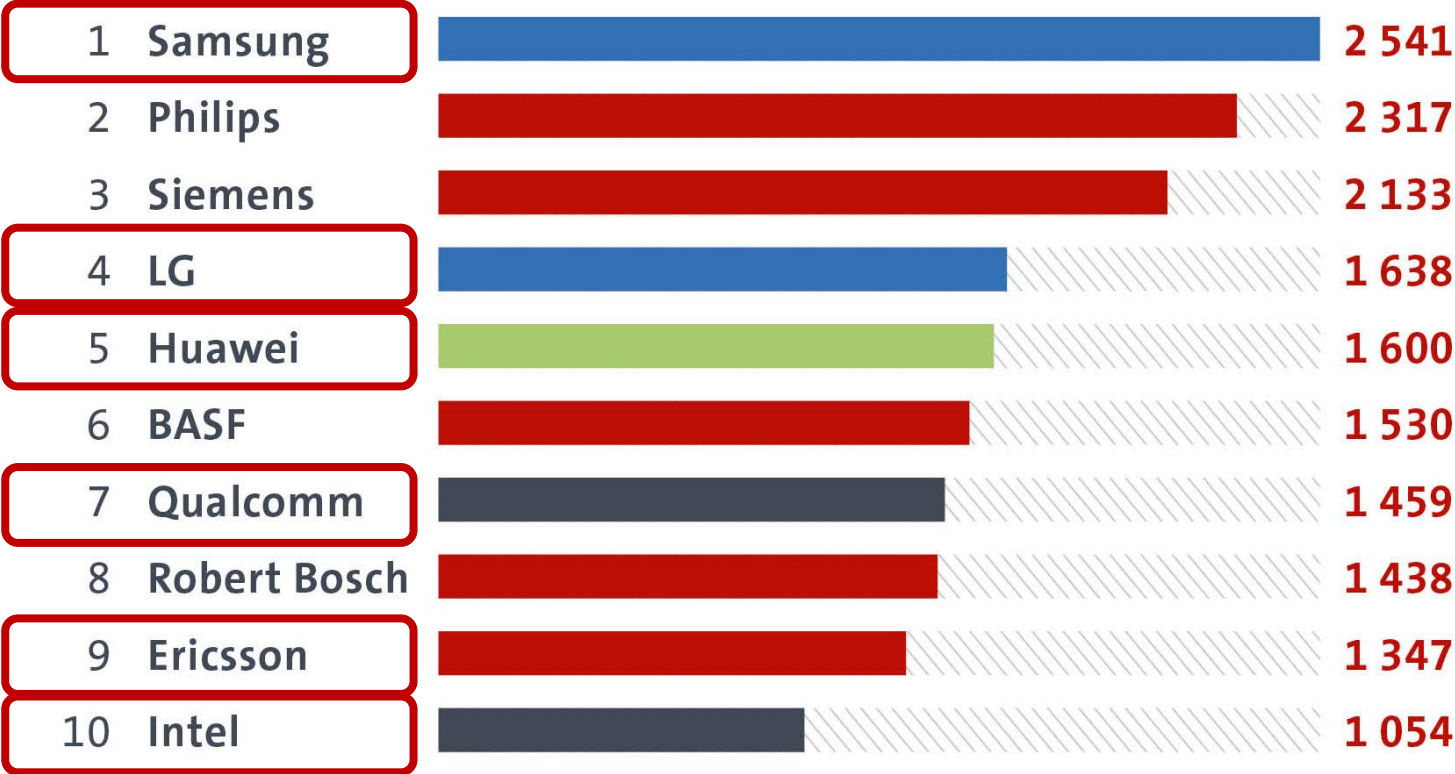


Evolution of filings at the EPO (2005-2014)



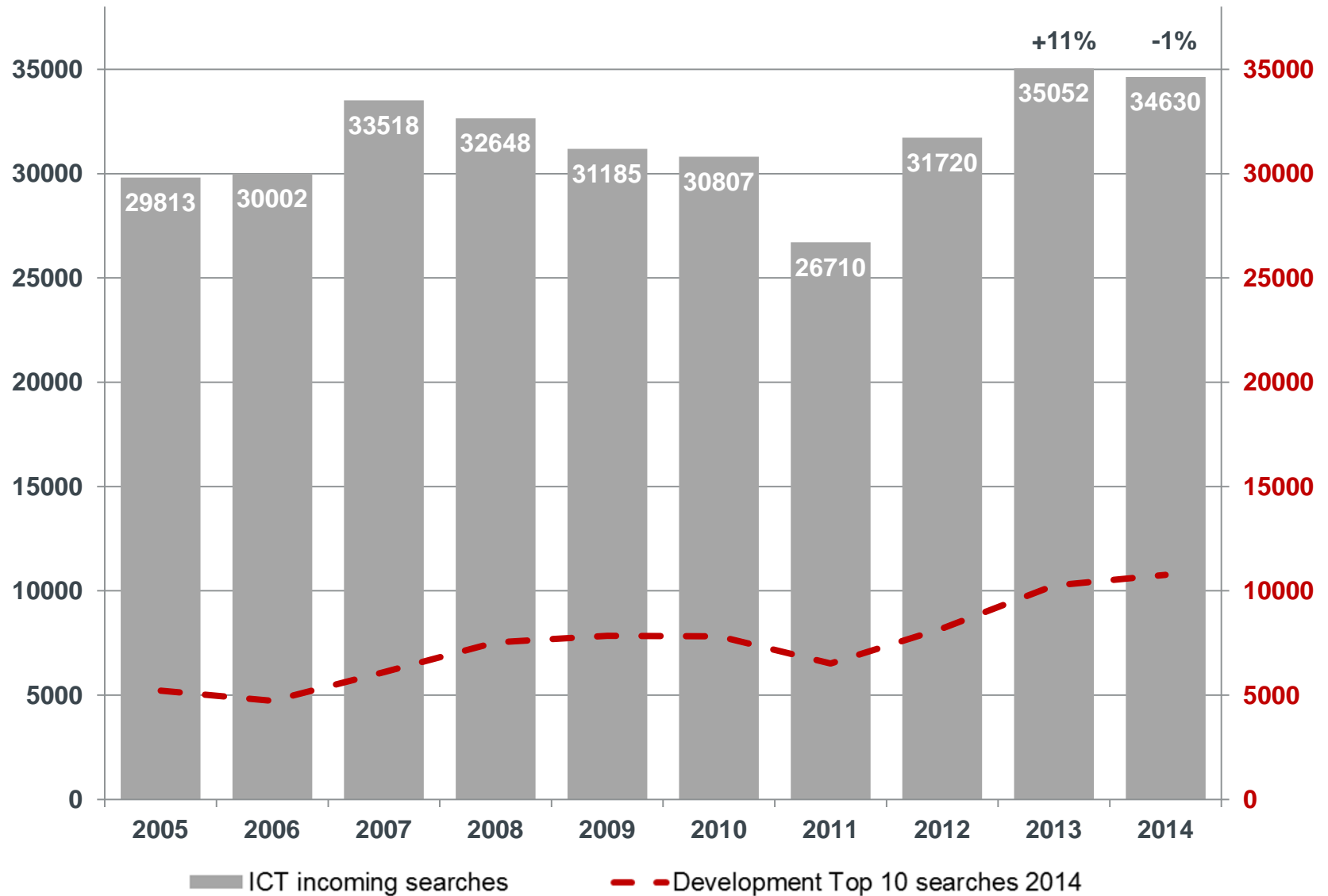
2014 EPO applicants increasingly from ICT fields

TOP 10



● EPO member states ● United States ● R. Korea ● P. R. China

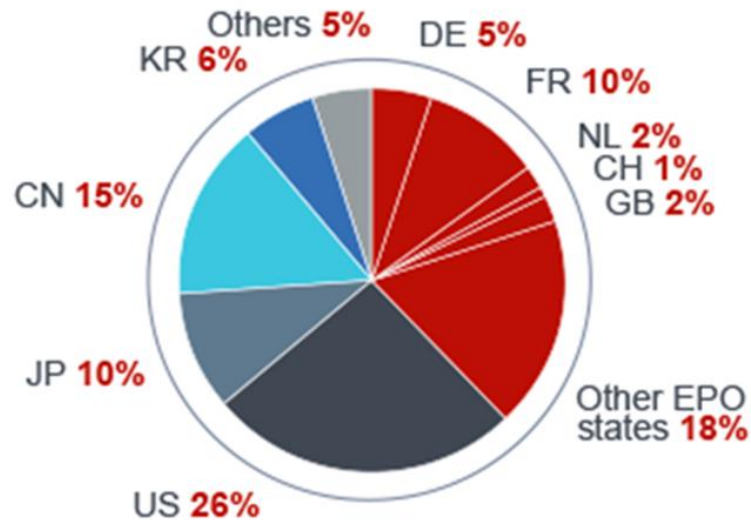
Total Incoming Searches ICT (2005-2014)



Top technical fields in ICT & country of origin 2014

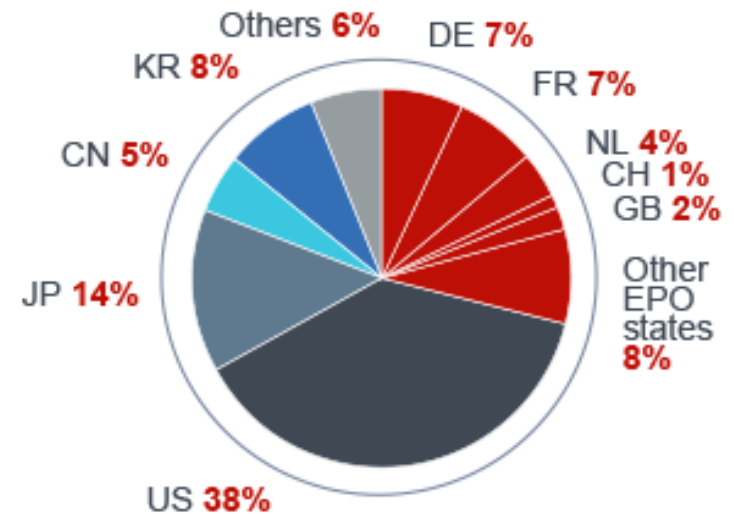
Digital communication

Leading countries in 2014

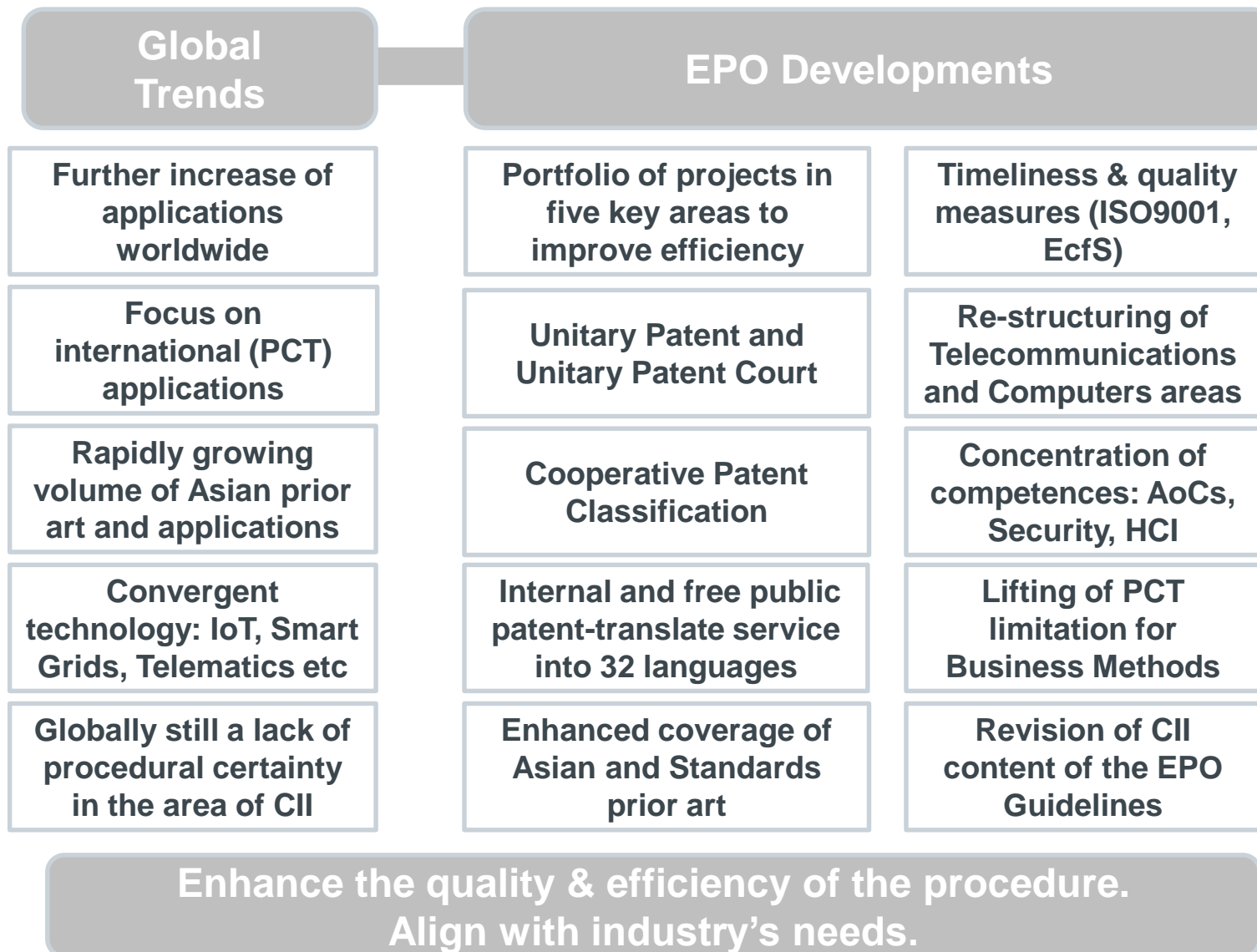


Computer Technology

Leading countries in 2014

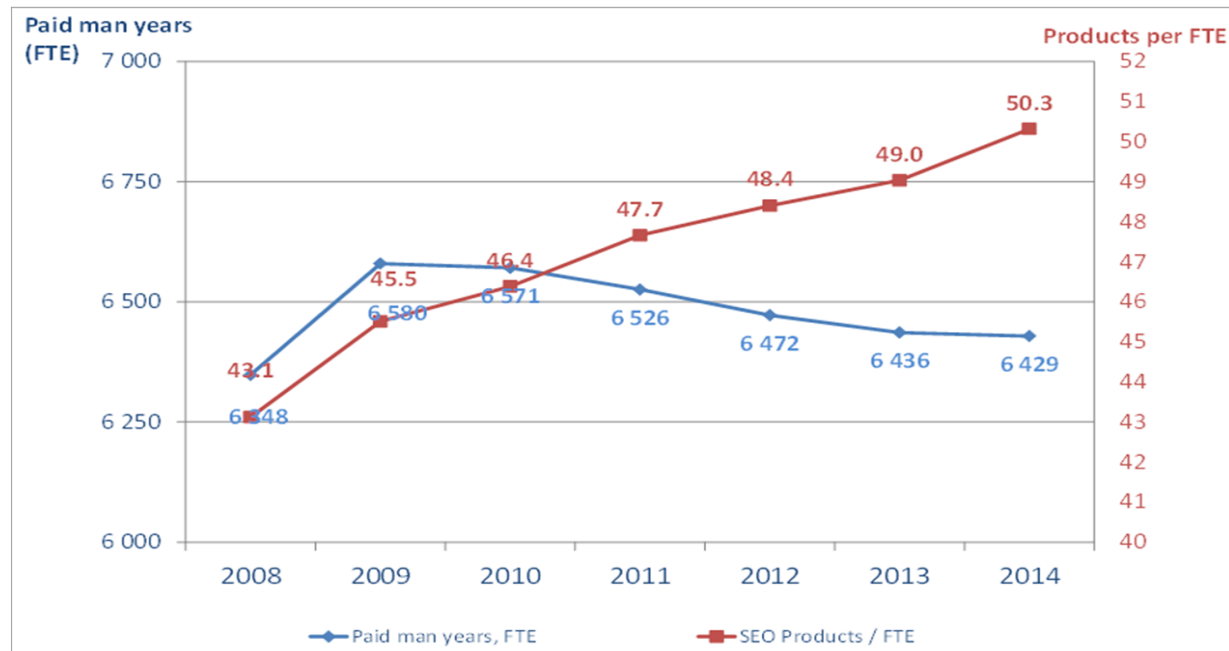


Global trends & EPO developments 2014



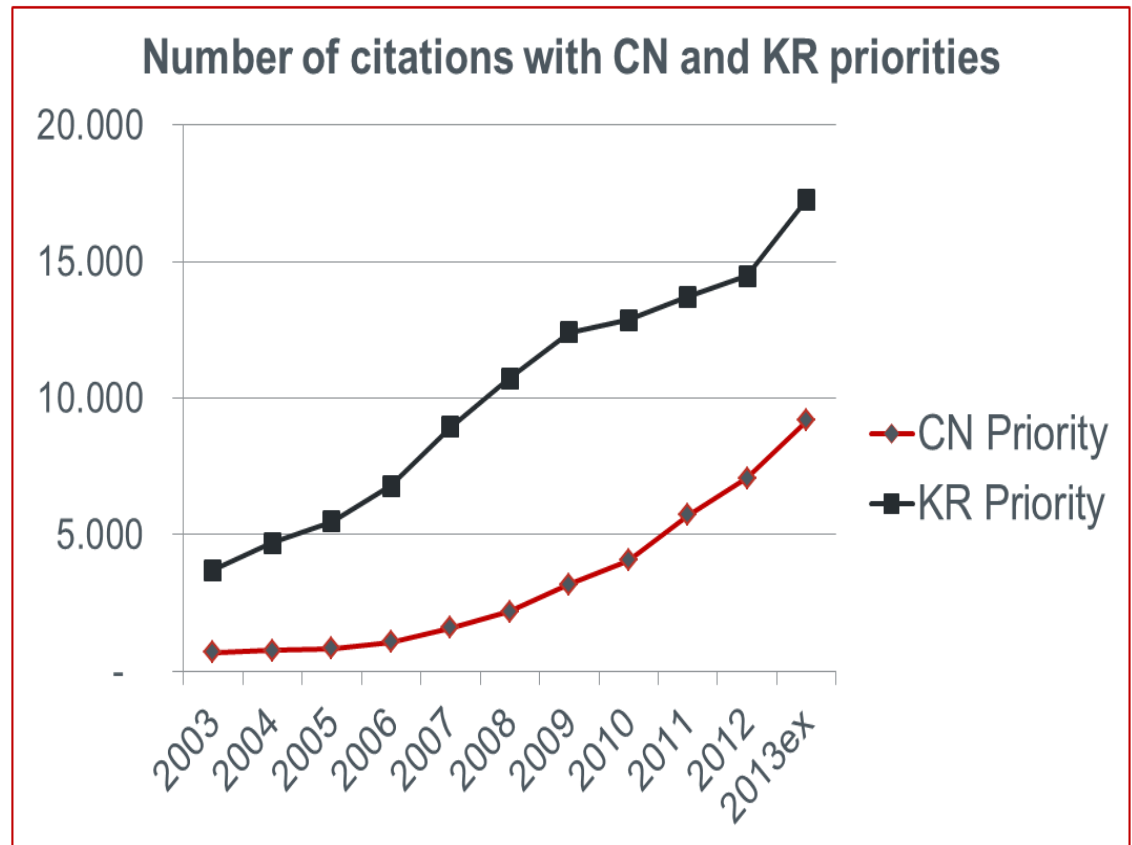
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EPO comprehensively addresses the challenges posed by the rapid explosion in Asian documentation

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- Access to the work done by the Asian Offices
- Examiner training



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