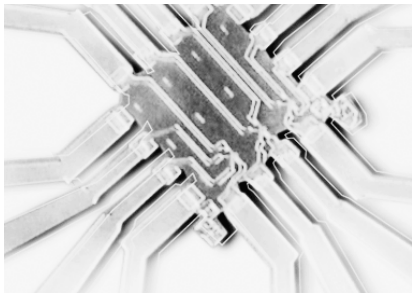




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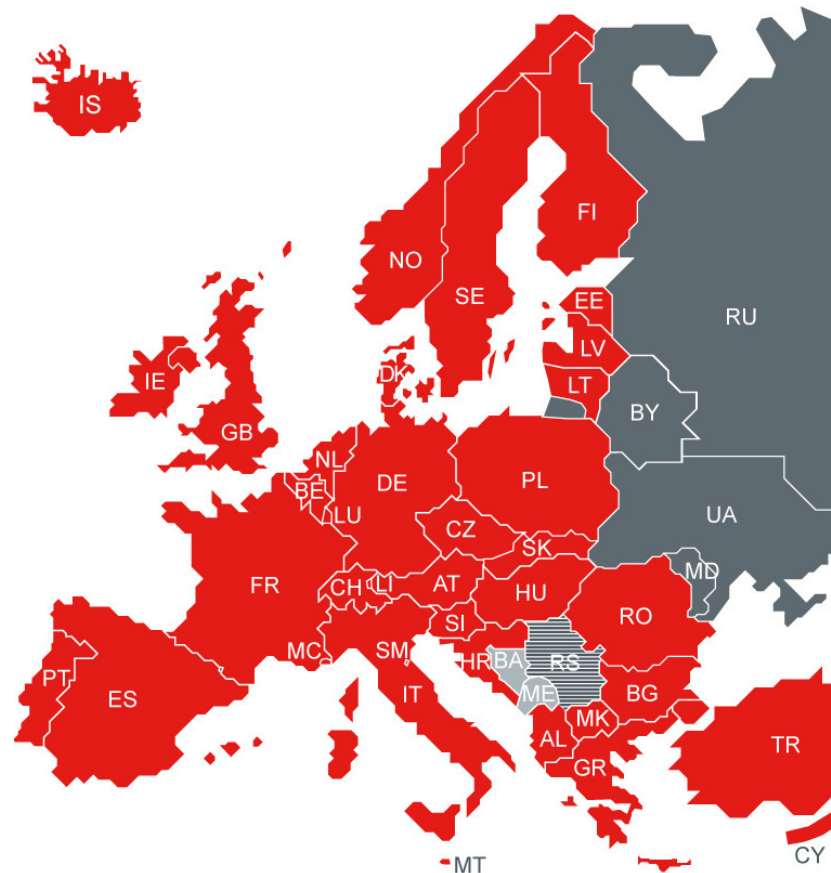
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## The European Patent Organisation


## The European Patent Organisation: 37 member states

**Intergovernmental organisation  
based on the European Patent  
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**37 member states**



## The European Patent Organisation is not the European Union:



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27 member states

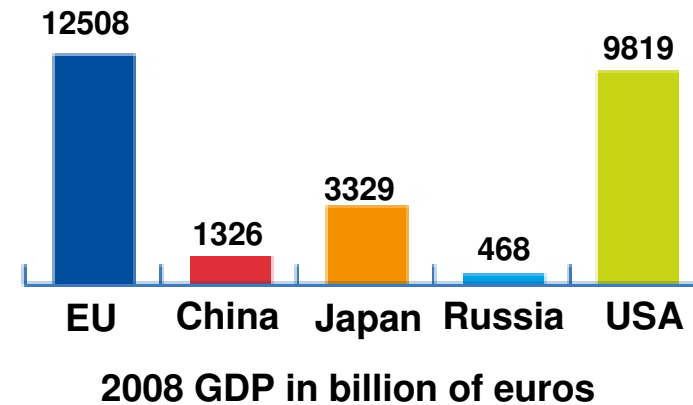
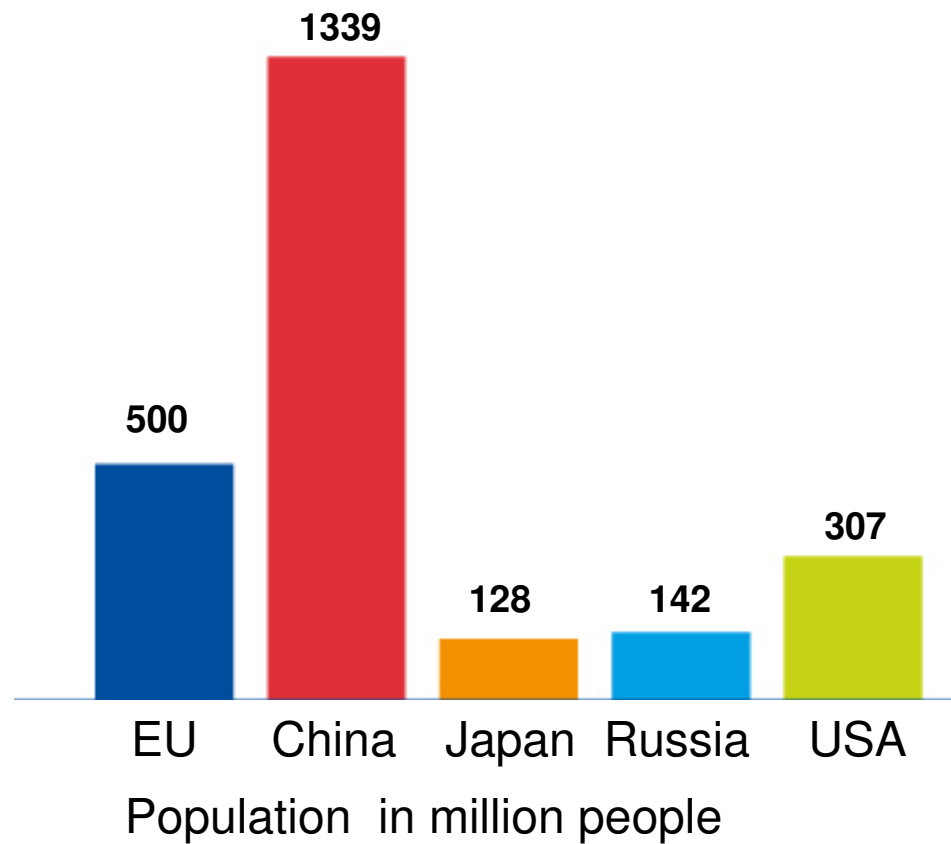
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## The European union: 27 countries



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| Cyprus         | Luxembourg     |
| Czech Republic | Malta          |
| Denmark        | Netherlands    |
| Estonia        | Poland         |
| Finland        | Portugal       |
| France         | Romania        |
| Germany        | Slovakia       |
| Greece         | Slovenia       |
| Hungary        | Spain          |
| Ireland        | Sweden         |
|                | United Kingdom |

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Bulgaria

Switzerland

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Germany

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Greece

Croatia

Hungary

Ireland

Iceland

Italy

Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Luxembourg

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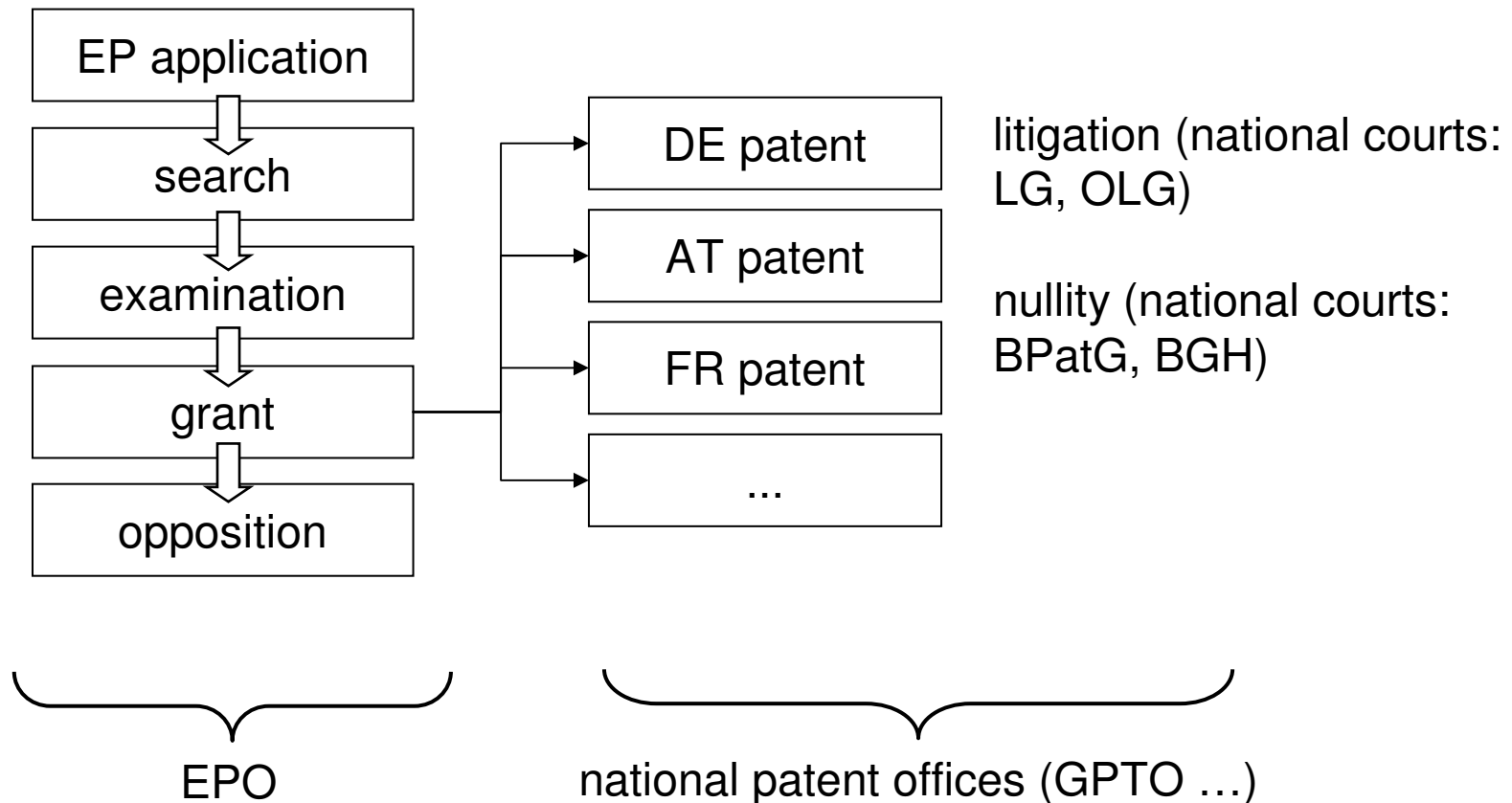
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