

EU ENLARGEMENT

the integration of the IP profession

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EPC member states: EU – *Non EU*

AT,BE,DE,DK,ES,GB,GR,FI,FR,IE,
IT,LU,NL,PT,SE

BG,CH,CY,CZ,EE,LI,MC,SK,TR

EU (EPC)Candidate countries:

BG,CY,CZ,EE,SK,TR

HU,LT,LV,MT,PL,RO,SI

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- EU Industrial Property Law
- Harmonization and Centralization
- Challenges and prospects

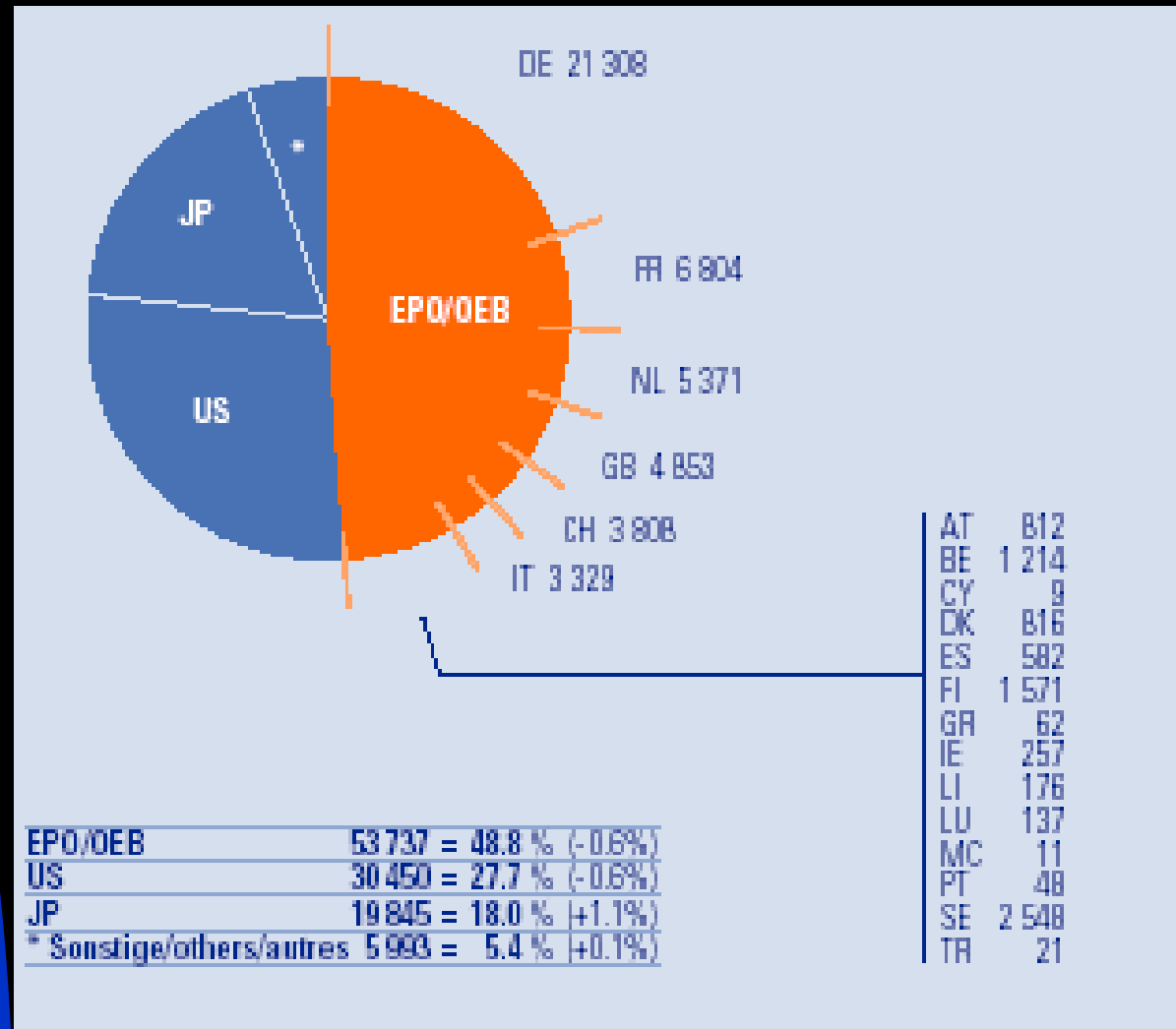
EU Industrial Property Law

- Trade Marks:
EU-TM Regulation (1996)
National Laws implementing EU TM Directive
- Designs:
EU Design Regulation (April 1, 2003 ?)
National Laws implementing EU Design Directive
- Patents:
European Patent System (EPC 2000)
National Laws harmonized with EPC
Community Patent (in preparation)

Harmonization and Centralization

- EPO filing figures
- EPO representatives
- Grandfathers

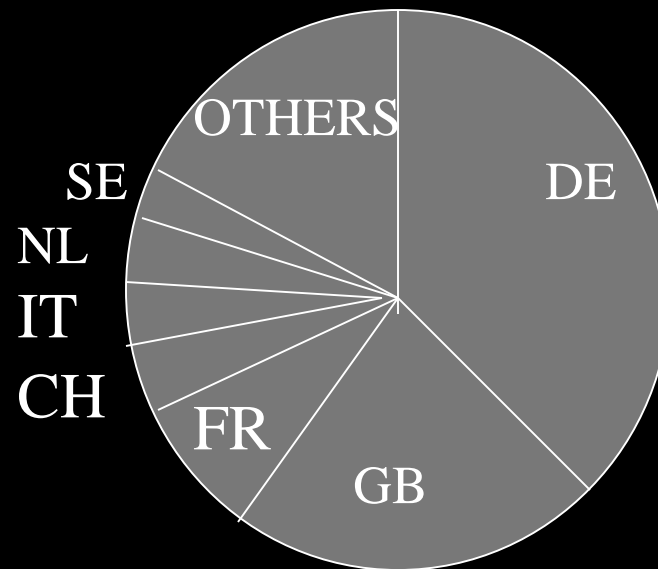
EPO filing figures



EPO representatives

Total (Oct. 2001): 6294

DE	2298
GB	1428
FR	580
CH	290
IT	289
NL	265
SE	248
ES	160
FI	151



Grandfathers/EQE DK

Year	Grand fathers	EQE	Total
1992	110	0	110
1997	94	16	110
2002	81	34	115

Challenges and prospects

- Adapting to reduction
- Raising professional qualifications
- Training in language, drafting and processing
- Recruitment and basic education
- Promotion of business
- Development of new business areas