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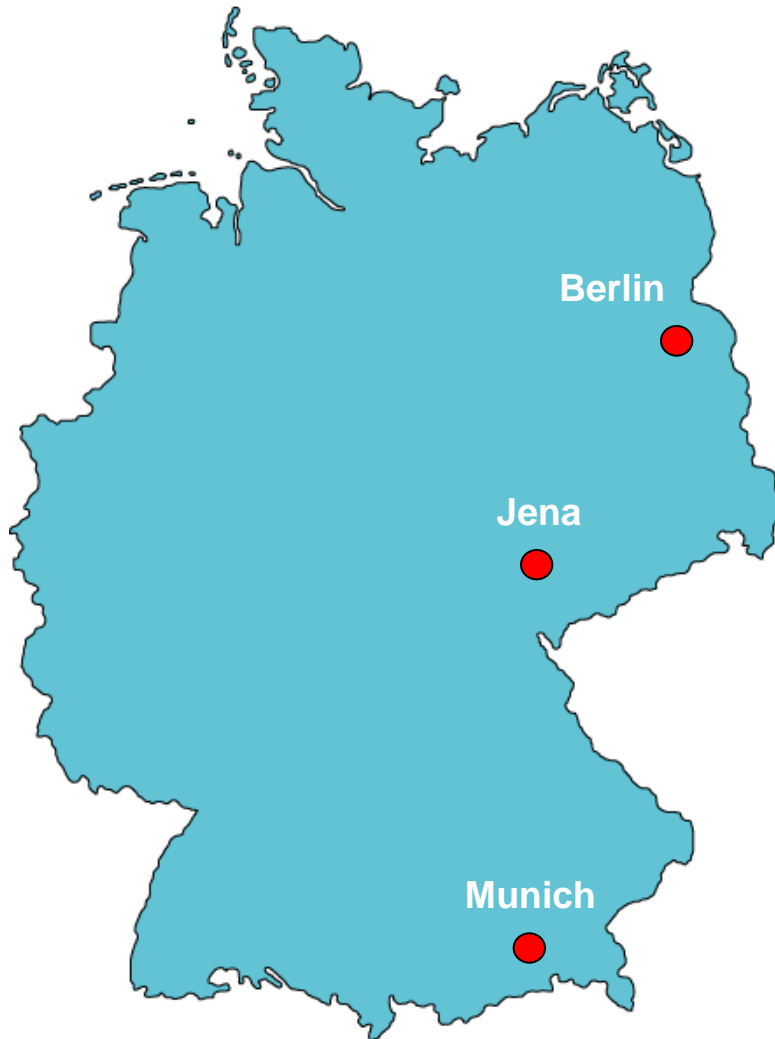


General information

- Legal form: Higher federal authority within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection
- Founded: In 1877 as *Kaiserliches Patentamt* (Imperial Patent Office) in Berlin
- Duties:
- granting and administering industrial property rights
 - providing information to the public about industrial property rights
 - government supervision of collecting societies

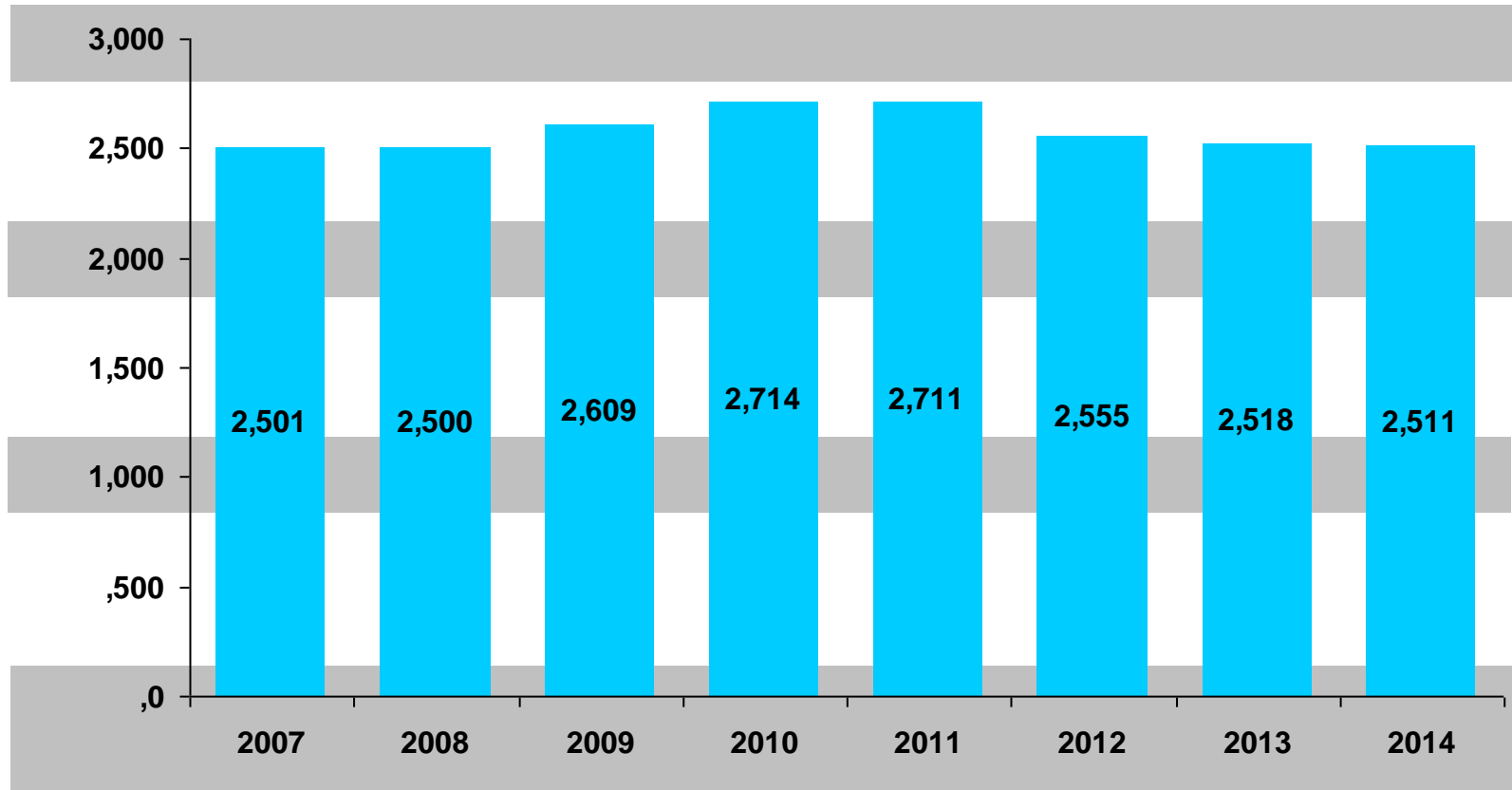


Locations





Human resources development



Status: 1st of October of each year



2014 budget

Income	€ 365.8 m
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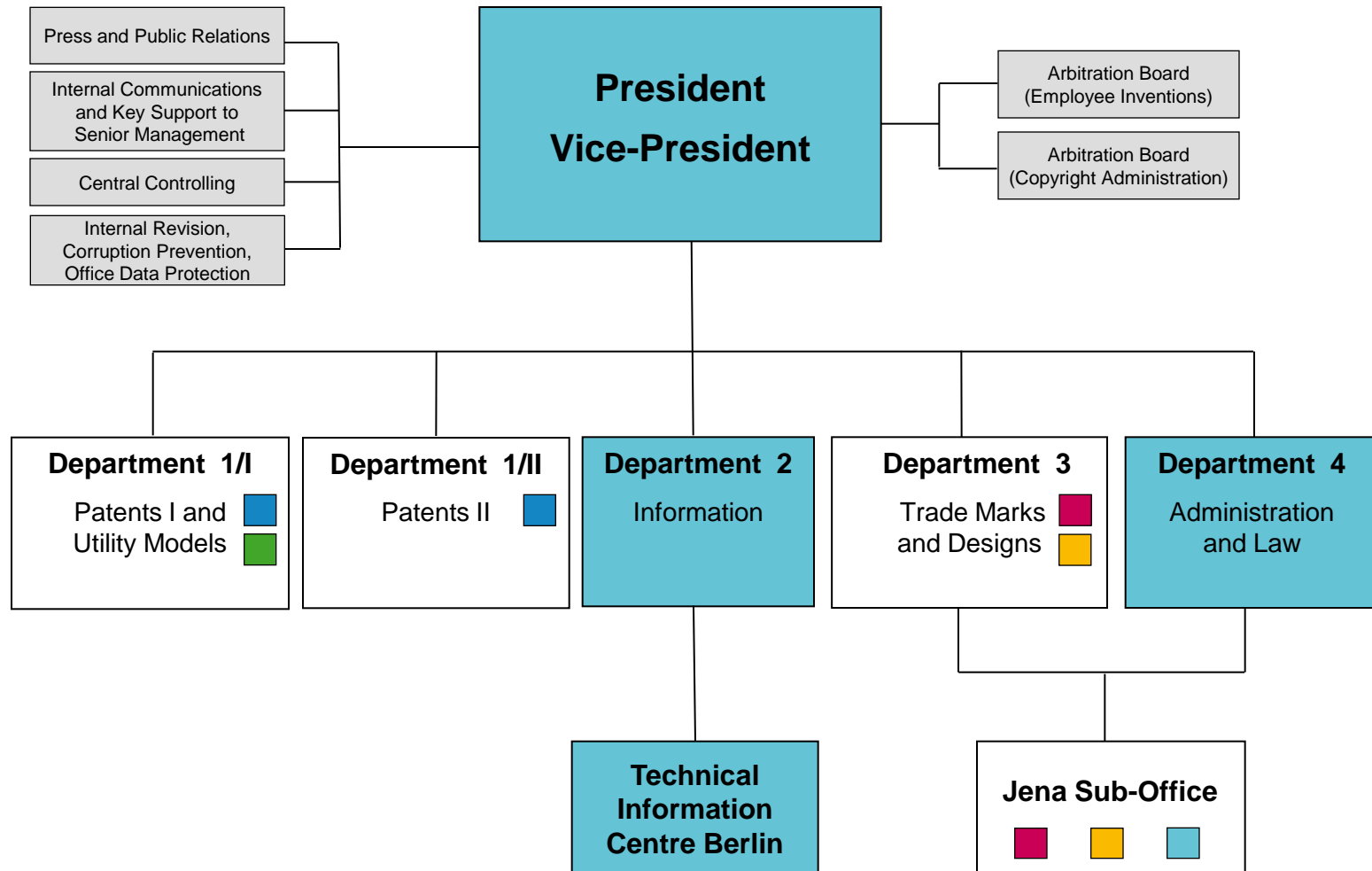
Expenditure	€ 254.4 m
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including personnel	€ 144.0 m
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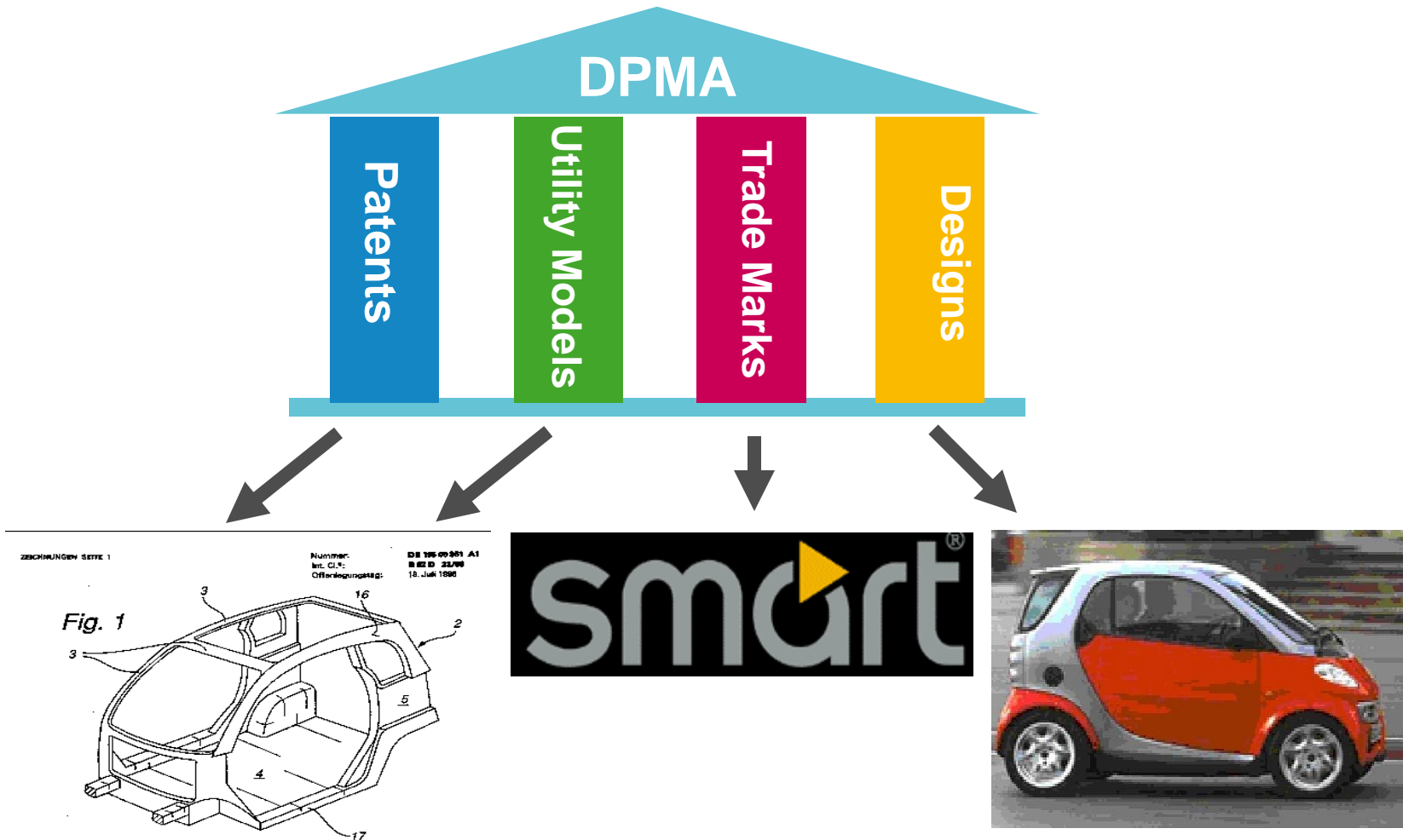
(incl. Federal Patent Court)



Organisation chart



All IP rights under a single roof





Development of application numbers

	2013	2014
Patents	63.173	65.958
Utility Models	15.470	14.748
Trade Marks	64.988	70.688
Design	56.828	59.423



Patent vs. Utility Model

Patent

- protection for up to **20** years
- risk of opposition/nullity is low due to initial examination

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For one invention, both IP rights can be obtained: patent and utility model.

Utility model


- protection for up to **10** years
- low initial costs (but risk of cancellation)

Main differences of utility models from patents:

- 6-months grace period
- oral description is not state-of-the-art
- no examination (only in case of cancellation request)



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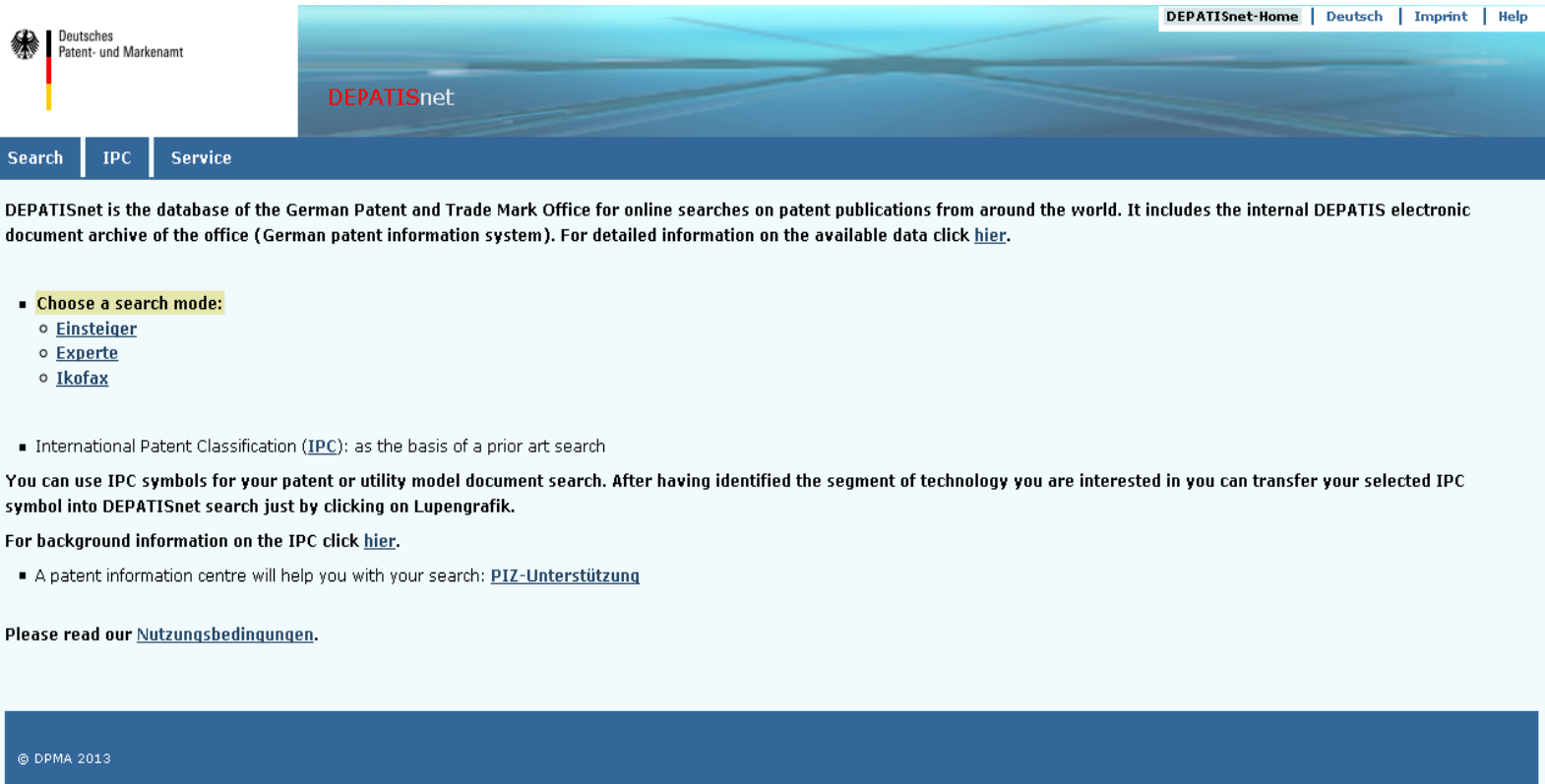
DPMAregister

Official publications and register database of patents, utility models, trade marks and designs

- search for IP applications, and for granted and registered IP rights
- register information with current legal (and procedural) status
- daily update of the register data
- various search functions
- German and English user interface



Free-of-charge online database on the state of the art



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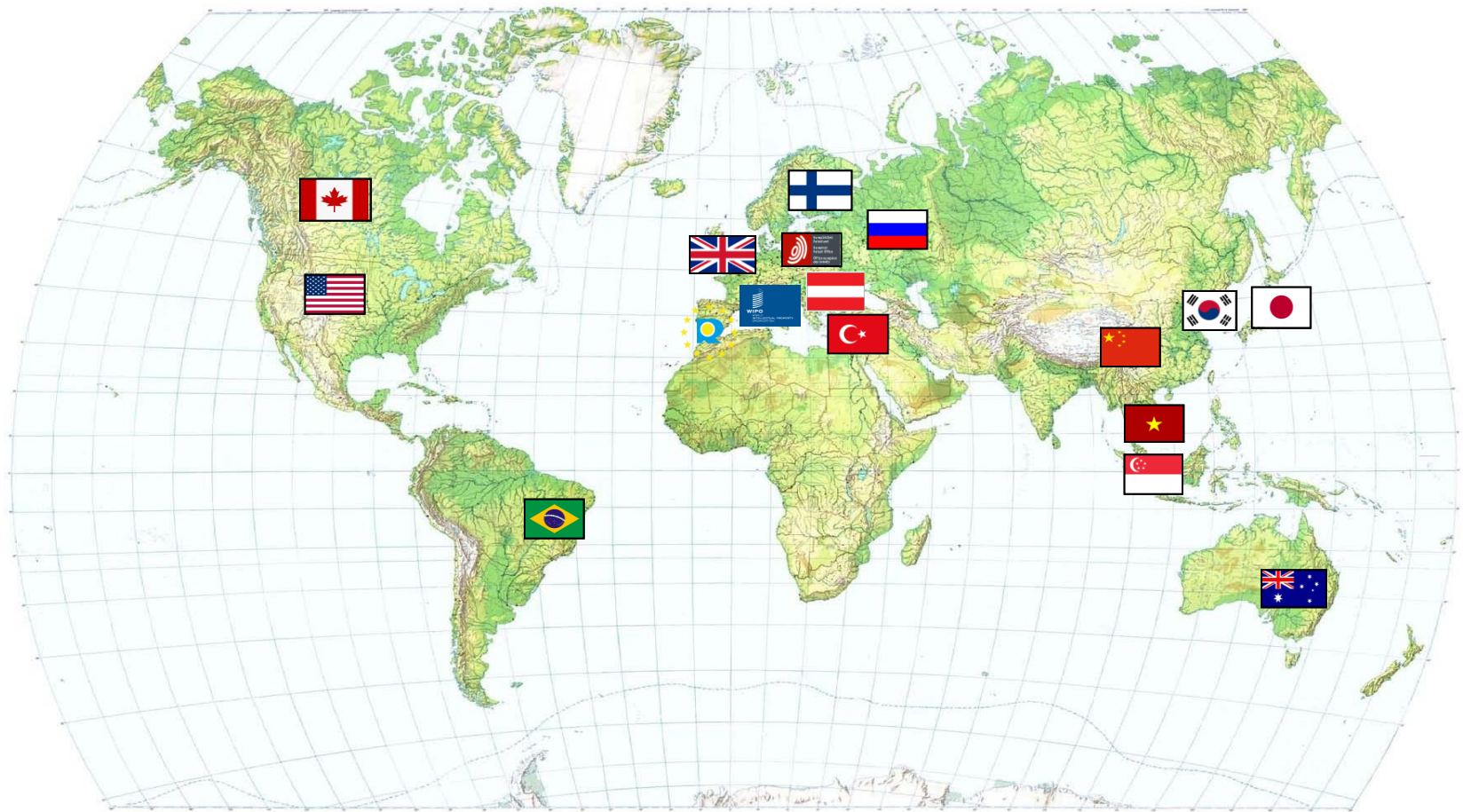


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Patent examiner exchange

