

PATENTING NANOTECHNOLOGY

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Patenting represents a pivotal step in the consolidation and future incentivisation of nanotechnology and nanoscience. Accordingly, the number of patent applications in these fields has increased exponentially over the last couple of decades – at the European Patent Office, the number of applications has quadrupled in this period.^{1,2} The talk will focus on the basics and particulars of the patenting process as applied to nanotechnological and nanoscientific inventions and will provide guidance for inventors and companies on how to achieve proper patent protection for their developments.

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Figure 1: European Patent for nanoscientific invention.

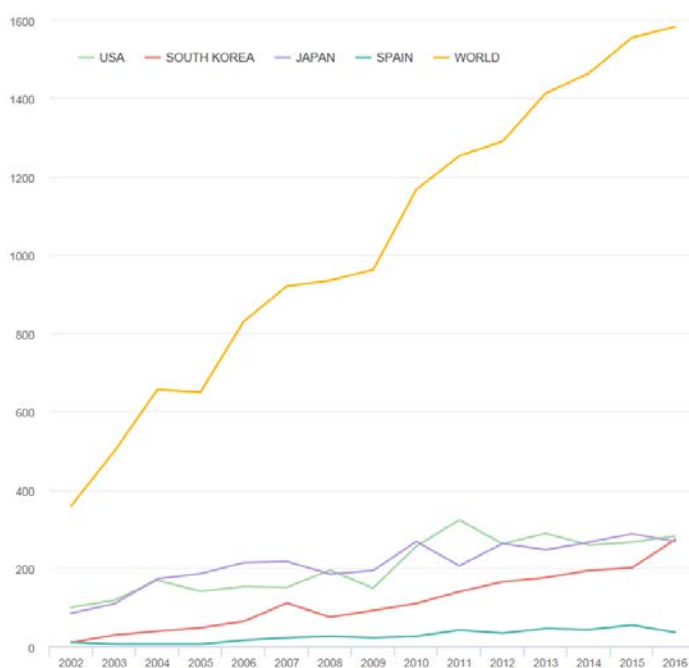


Figure 2: Nanotechnology European patent applications published from 2002 to 2016.²