

# Patent Statistics: Areas of Enquiry

## 1 The internal coherence of the system (system performance)

- data generated by Offices about their own operations
- data generated by judicial and quasi-judicial institutions

## 2 Patents as indicators of inventive activity and technological change

- data on patent applications and grants in the context of other science and technology indicators

## 3 Patents in commercial use

- data generated by corporations and other patent owners and users
- data generated by judicial and other regulatory institutions