

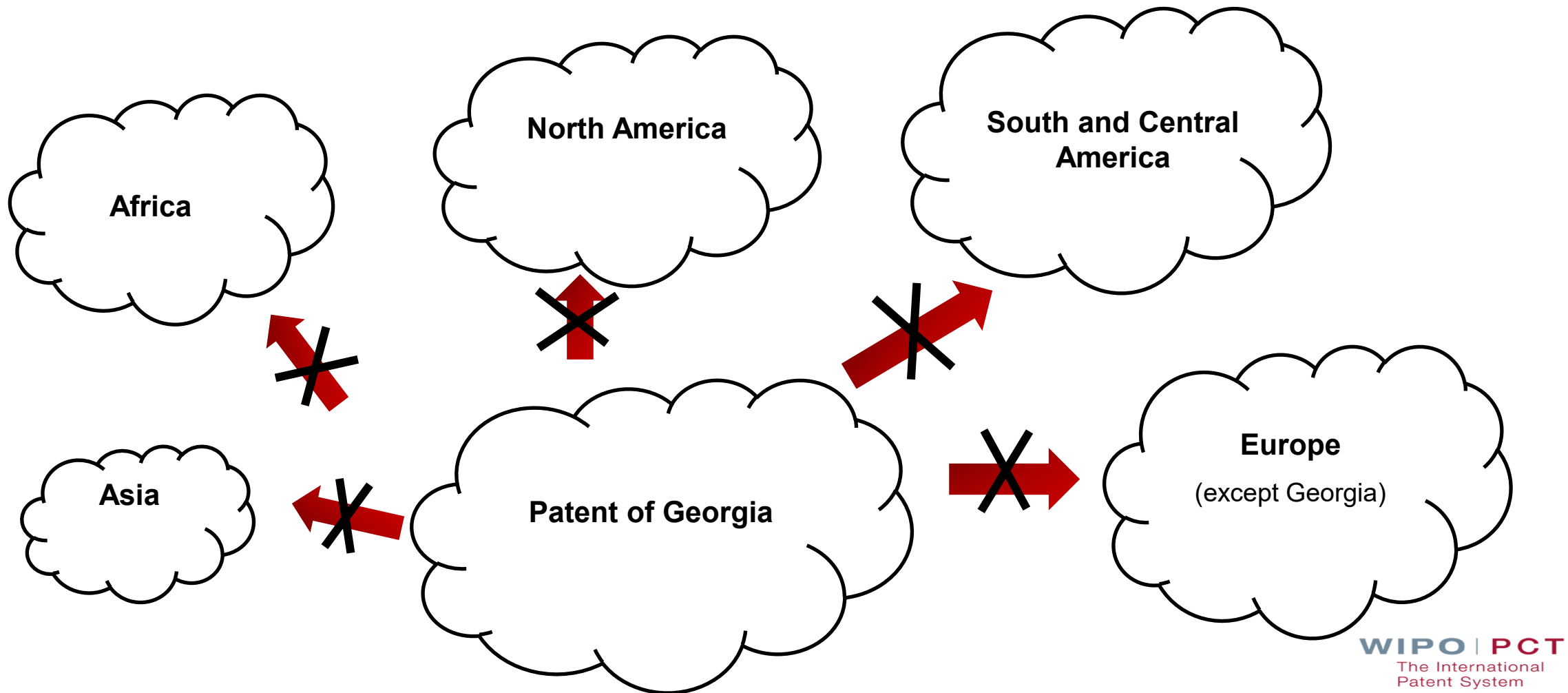
■ Understanding the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) System

National Webinar for Georgian Applicants

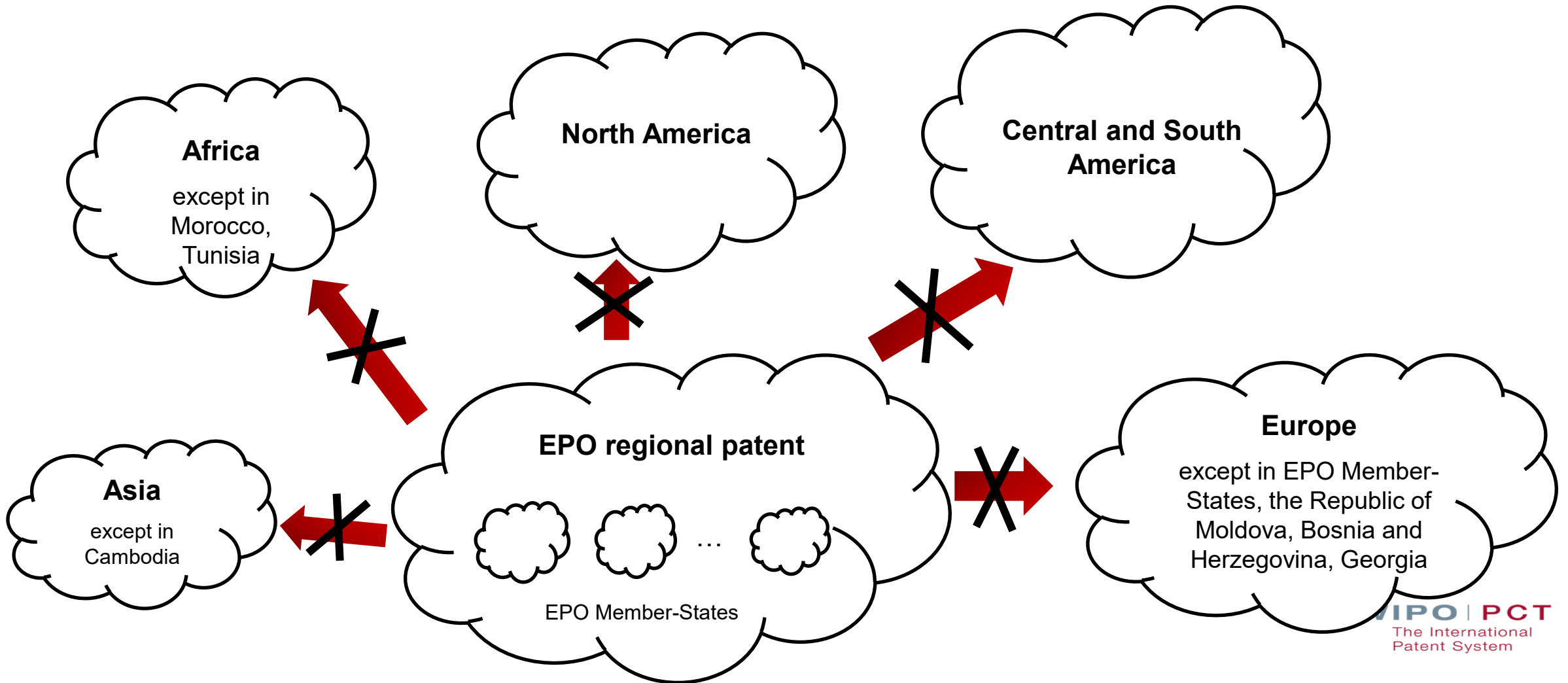
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A patent is valid in a country where it was granted



Regional patent is valid in countries member-states of the Regional Patent Office

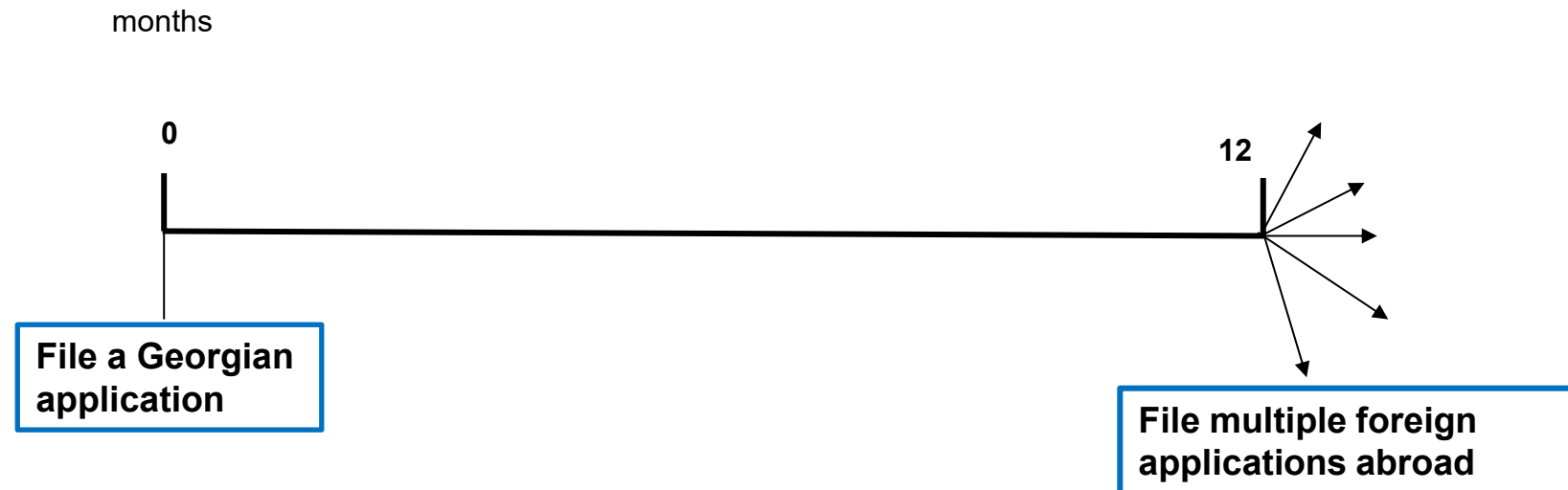


Two popular abroad patenting systems

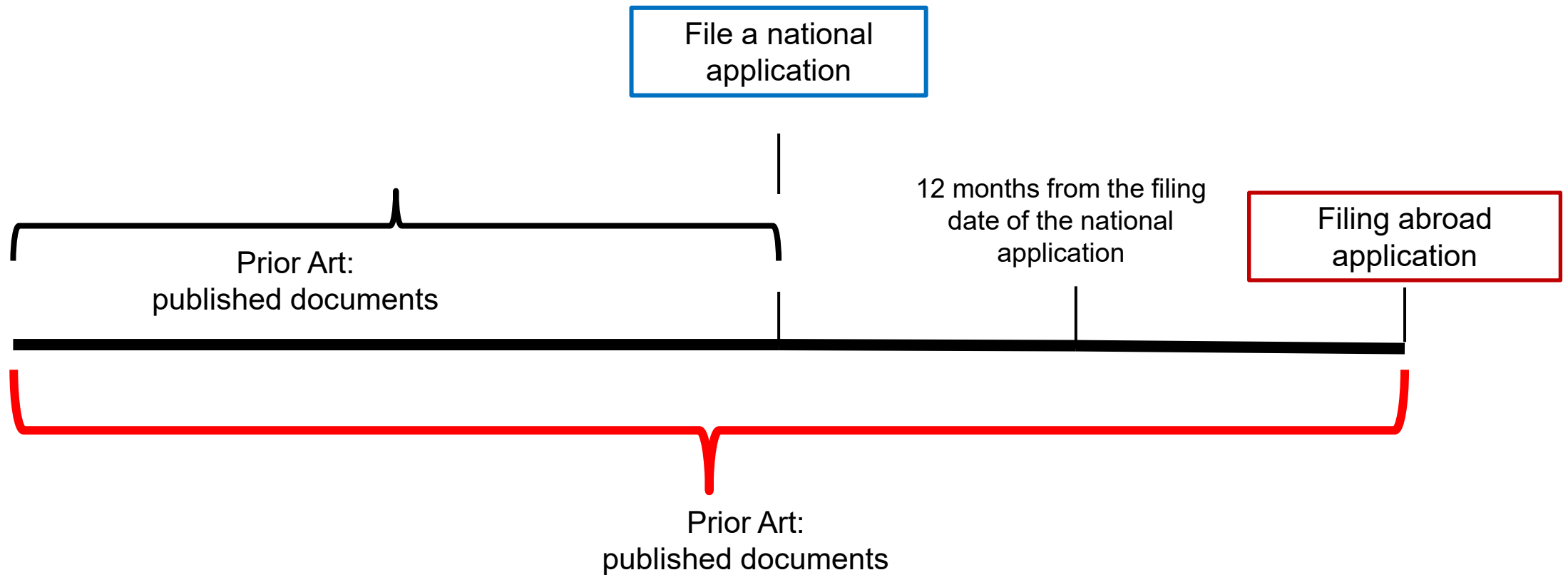
- **Traditional patenting system** under the Paris Convention
- **PCT system** under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Traditional Patenting System

Traditional Patenting System (1)



Why is it important to file an application in 12 months?



Traditional Patenting System (2)

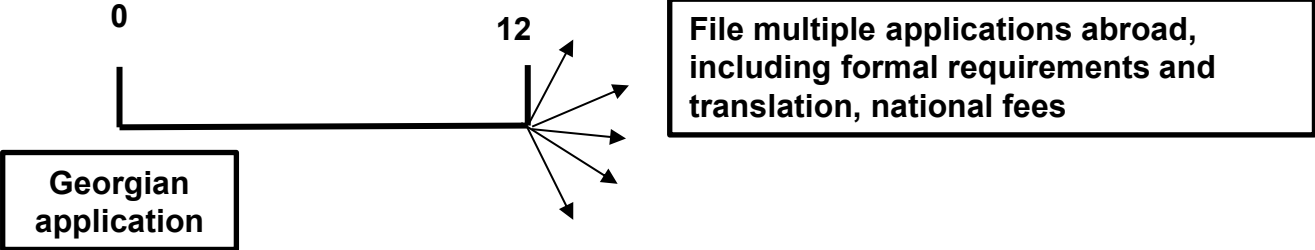
■ Disadvantages:

- No extension or restoring the 12-month limit for filing abroad applications
- It is necessary to prepare and file multiple applications abroad within 12 months from the filing date of the national/regional application:
 - multiple translations in languages applied in each Country
 - multiple formal requirements
 - national fees at 12 months
- Some rationalization because of regional arrangements, but regional Offices do not include all countries

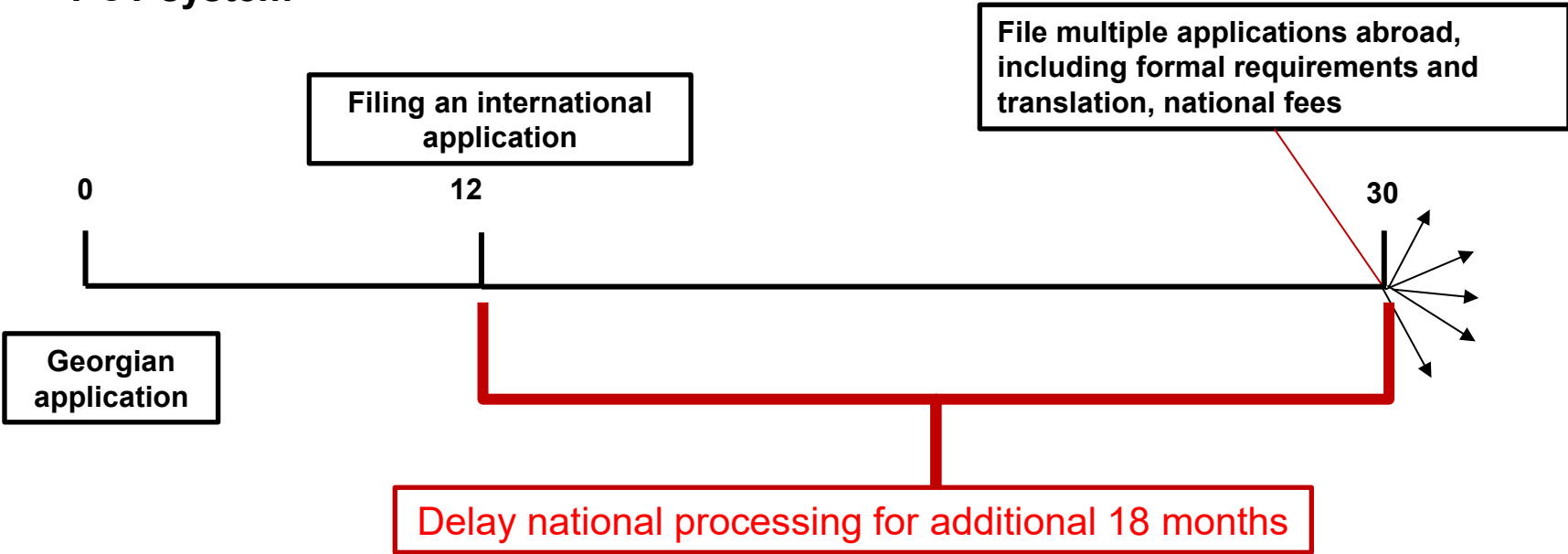
PCT System

Traditional patent system vs PCT system

Traditional patent system



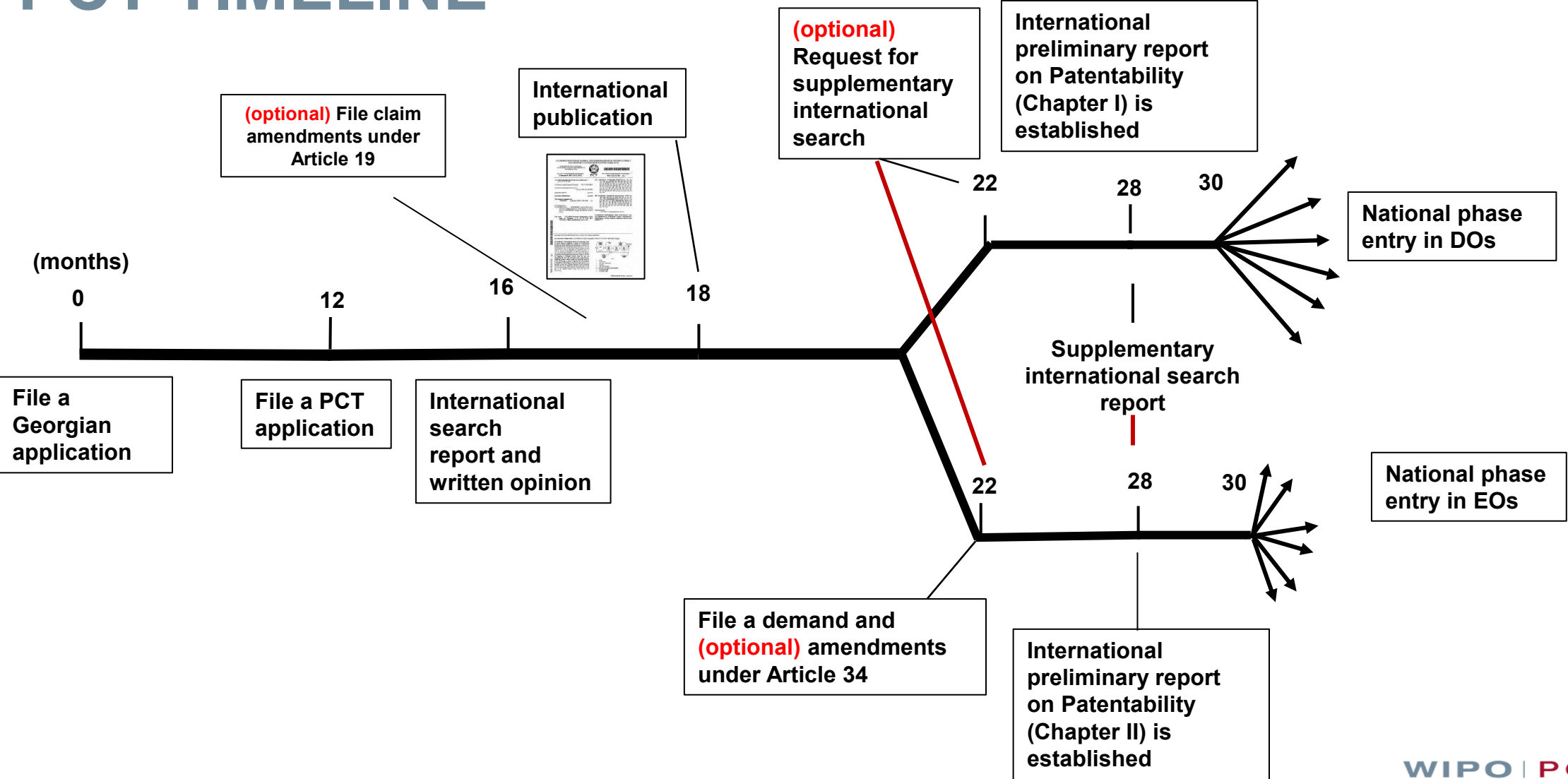
PCT system



PCT system: Main stages

- The PCT system provides for:
 - **an international phase** comprising:
 - filing of the international application into **RO** (receiving Office)
 - international search and written opinion of **ISA** (International Searching Authority)
 - international publication
 - *(optional)* supplementary international search which is provided by **SISA** (Supplementary International Searching Authority), and/or
 - *(optional)* international preliminary examination(IPE) which is provided by **IPEA** (International Preliminary Examining Authority)
 - **a national/regional phase at DOs/EOs** (designated/elected Offices)

PCT TIMELINE



Advantages of the PCT System (1)

- The PCT system's advantages:
 - ❑ only **one application** filed, containing, by default, the designation of all States (for every kind of protection available) and usual priority claim(s)
 - ❑ filed with **one Office**
 - ❑ filed in **one language**
 - ❑ **one set** of formality requirements

Advantages of the PCT System (2)

- Has the effect of a regular national filing (including establishment of a priority date) in each designated State:
 - the international filing date is the filing date in each designated State
- Delays national processing until 30 months from the priority date (please, find the information about the period for each country: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time_limits.html)
- Having the result of an international search on the international phase, an applicant can decide whether the PCT application will enter the national phase to DOs/EOs

Does an “international patent” exist?

- An “international patent” or “PCT patent” **does not** exist
 - patents are granted by only national or regional patent Offices
- WIPO only administers the PCT and doesn't grant patents
- Only inventions and utility models can be protected via the PCT
 - at entering the national phase, please, remember utility models are not protected in some countries

Can an international application be filed with saving the priority claim when the 12-month limit has expired? (1)

(Rule 26bis.3)

- When 2 months, from the date of expiring the 12th month period, has not expired yet (*a total of 14 months from the priority date*), a PCT application can be filed by saving the priority claim
- An applicant needs to request a receiving Office to restore the priority right based on one of the criteria of restoration
 - **Criteria of restoration applied in SAKPATENTI:**
 - the failure to file the international application within the priority period:
 - occurred in spite of **due care** required by the circumstances having been taken;
 - was **unintentional**

Can an international application be filed with saving the priority claim when the 12-month limit has expired? (2) (Rule 26bis.3)

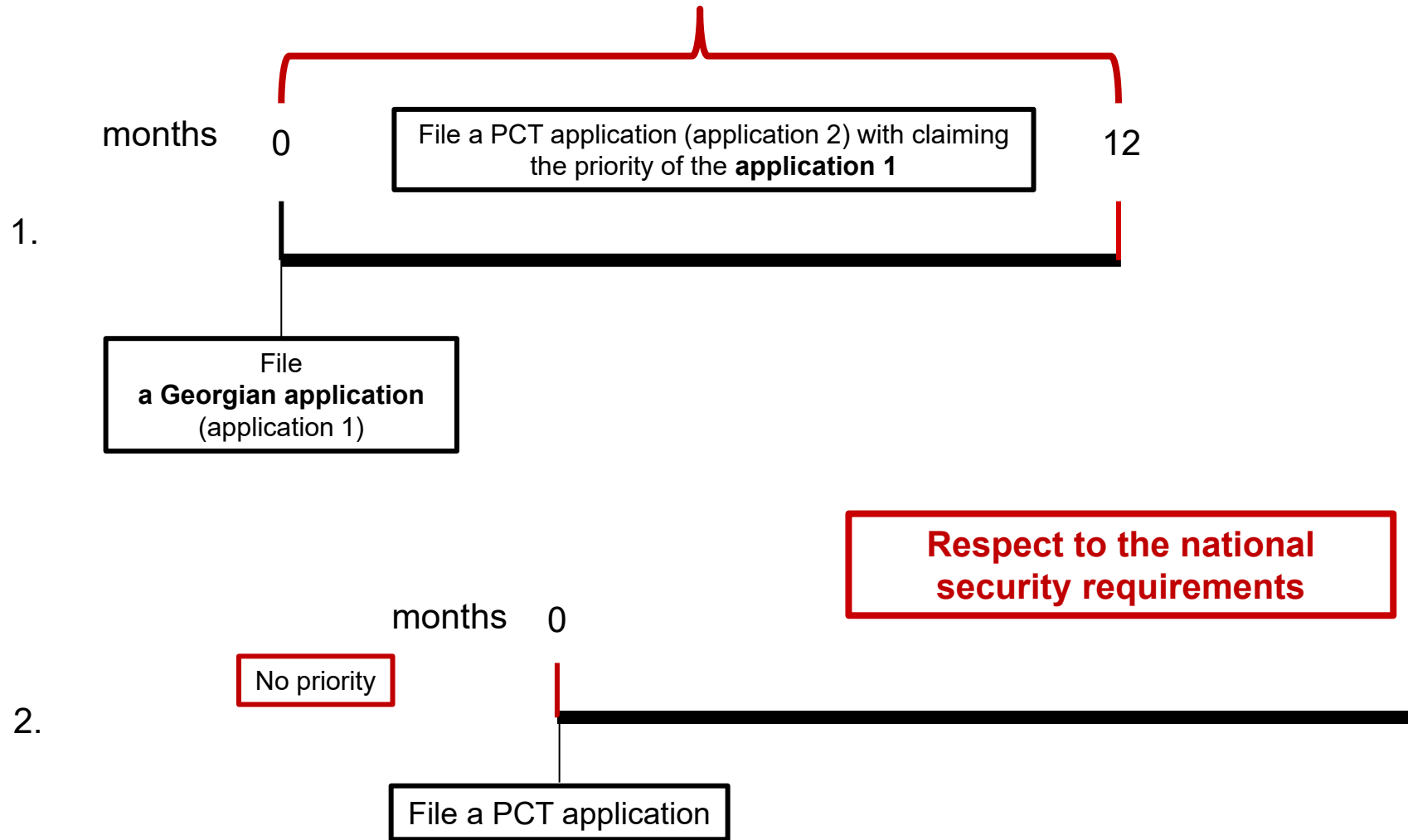
- The request should:
 - state the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period and
 - preferably be accompanied by any declarations or other evidence required

- A special PCT fee for filing the request can be requested to pay

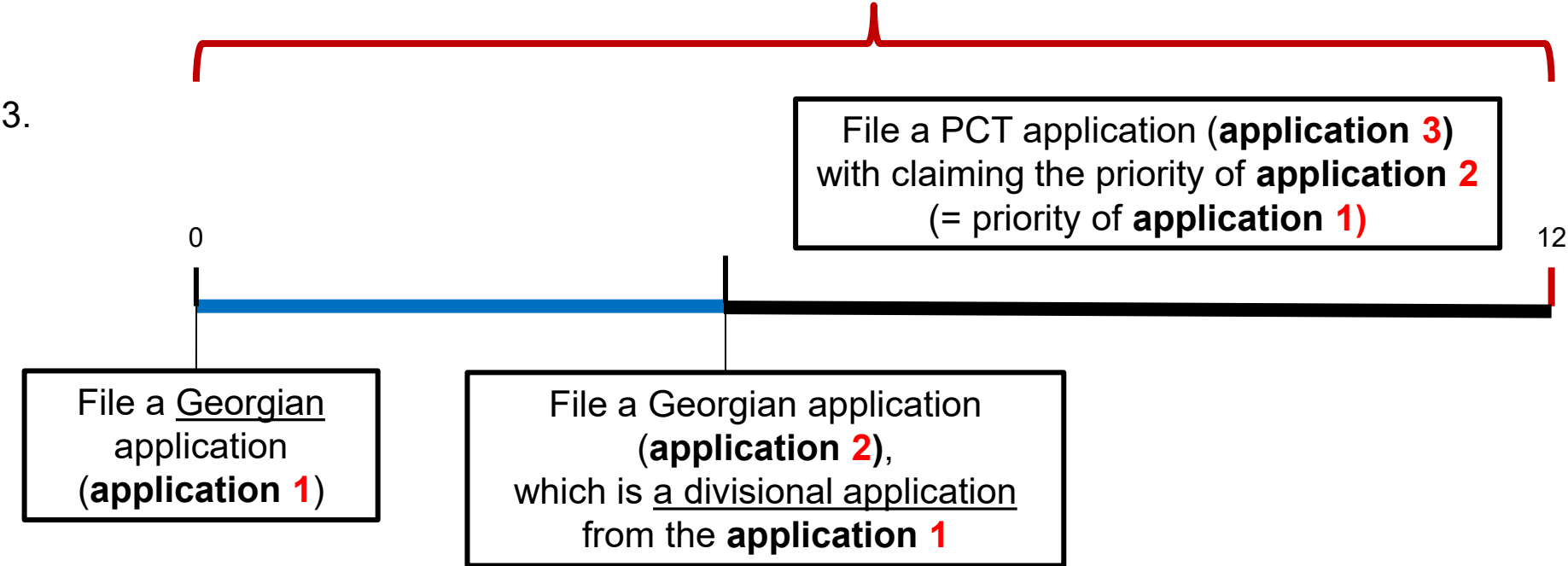
PCT Fee for Restoration of priority rights

RO	PCT fee for restoration
RO/GE	Equivalent in GEL of 60 USD
RO/IB	Not applicable

Examples of filing a PCT application (1)



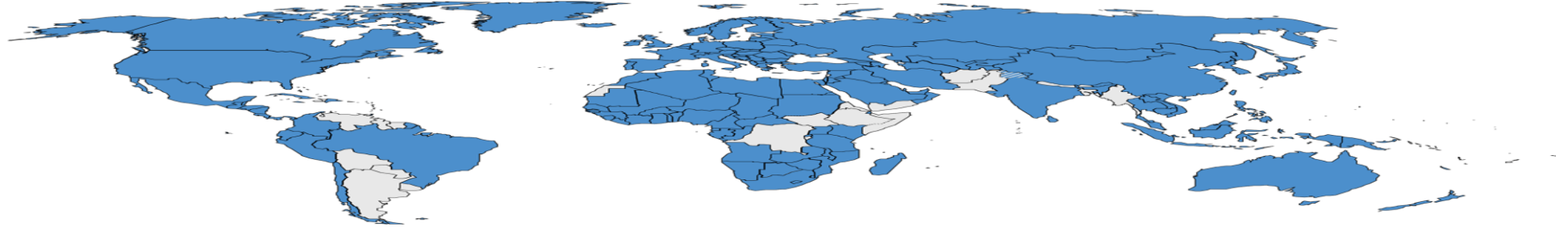
Examples of filing a PCT application (4)



PCT Member-States: 158



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Antigua and Barbuda (AG)
Albania (AL)
Armenia (AM)
Angola (AO)
Austria (AT)
Australia (AU)
Azerbaijan (AZ)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
Barbados (BB)
Belgium (BE)
Burkina Faso (BF)
Bulgaria (BG)
Bahrain (BH)
Benin (BJ)
Brunei Darussalam (BN)
Brazil (BR)
Botswana (BW)
Belarus (BY)
Belize (BZ)
Canada (CA)
Central African Republic (CF)
Congo (CG)
Switzerland (CH)
Côte d'Ivoire (CI)
Chile (CL)
Cameroon (CM)
China (CN)
Colombia (CO)
Costa Rica (CR)
Cuba (CU)

Cyprus (CY)
Czechia (CZ)
Germany (GE)
Djibouti (DJ)
Denmark (DK)
Dominica (DM)
Dominican Republic (DO)
Algeria (DZ)
Ecuador (EC)
Estonia (EE)
Egypt (EG)
Spain (ES)
Finland (FI)
France (FR)
Gabon (GA)
United Kingdom (GB)
Grenada (GD)
Georgia (GE)
Ghana (GH)
Gambia (GM)
Guinea (GN)
Equatorial Guinea (GQ)
Greece (GR)
Guatemala (GT)
Guinea-Bissau (GW)
Honduras (HN)
Croatia (HR)
Hungary (HU)
Indonesia (ID)
Ireland (IE)
Israel (IL)
India (IN)

Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)
Iceland (IS)
Italy (IT)
Jordan (JO)
Japan (JP)
Kenya (KE)
Kyrgyzstan (KG)
Cambodia (KH)
Comoros (KM)
Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP)
Republic of Korea (KR)
Kuwait (KW)
Kazakhstan (KZ)
Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA)
Saint Lucia (LC)
Liechtenstein (LI)
Sri Lanka (LK)
Liberia (LR)
Lesotho (LS)
Lithuania (LT)
Luxembourg (LU)
Latvia (LV)
Libya (LY)
Morocco (MA)
Monaco (MC)
Republic of Moldova (MD)
Montenegro (ME)

Madagascar (MG)
North Macedonia (MK)
Mali (ML)
Mongolia (MN)
Mauritania (MR)
Malta (MT)
Malawi (MW)
Mexico (MX)
Malaysia (MY)
Mozambique (MZ)
Namibia (NA)
Niger (NE)
Nigeria (NG)
Nicaragua (NI)
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (NL)
Norway (NO)
New Zealand (NZ)
Oman (OM)
Panama (PA)
Peru (PE)
Papua New Guinea (PG)
Philippines (PH)
Poland (PL)
Portugal (PT)
Qatar (QA)
Romania (RO)
Serbia (RS)
Russian Federation (RU)
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Saudi Arabia (SA)
Seychelles (SC)
Sudan (SD)
Sweden (SE)
Singapore (SG)
Slovenia (SI)
Slovakia (SK)
Sierra Leone (SL)
San Marino (SM)
Senegal (SN)
Sao Tome and Principe (ST)
El Salvador (SV)
Syrian Arab Republic (SY)
Eswatini (SZ)
Chad (TD)
Togo (TG)
Thailand (TH)
Tajikistan (TJ)
Turkmenistan (TM)
Tunisia (TN)
Türkiye (TR)
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United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)
Ukraine (UA)
Uganda (UG)
United States of America (US)

Uzbekistan (UZ)
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)
Viet Nam (VN)
Samoa (WS)
South Africa (ZA)
Zambia (ZM)
Zimbabwe (ZW)
Jamaica (JM)
Iraq (IQ)
Cabo Verde (CV)
Mauritius (MU)
Uruguay (from 07.01.2025, not applies Chapter II)

PCT Regional Offices (1)

Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (EA):



AM	Armenia
AZ	Azerbaijan
BY	Belarus
KG	Kyrgyzstan
KZ	Kazakhstan
RU	Russian Federation
TJ	Tajikistan
TM	Turkmenistan

European Patent Office (EPO) (EP):



AL	Albania	ES	Spain	LI	Liechtenstein	PT	Portugal
AT	Austria	FI	Finland	LT	Lithuania*	RO	Romania
BE	Belgium*	FR	France*	LU	Luxembourg	RS	Serbia
BG	Bulgaria	GB	United Kingdom	LV	Latvia*	SE	Sweden
CH	Switzerland	GR	Greece*	MC	Monaco*	SI	Slovenia*
CY	Cyprus*	HR	Croatia	MK	North Macedonia	SK	Slovakia
CZ	Czech Republic	HU	Hungary	MT	Malta*	SM	San Marino*
DE	Germany	IE	Ireland*	NL	Netherlands*	TR	Türkiye
DK	Denmark	IS	Iceland	NO	Norway	ME	Montenegro*
EE	Estonia	IT	Italy	PL	Poland		

* Only regional patents

PCT Regional Offices (2)

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO):



BW	Botswana	RW	Rwanda
GH	Ghana	SD	Sudan
GM	Gambia	SL	Sierra Leone
KE	Kenya	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
LR	Liberia	SZ	Eswatini*
LS	Lesotho	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
MW	Malawi	UG	Uganda
MZ	Mozambique	ZM	Zambia
NA	Namibia	ZW	Zimbabwe

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)



BF	Burkina Faso*	GW	Guinea-Bissau*
BJ	Benin*	KM	Comoros*
CF	Central African Republic*	ML	Mali
CG	Congo*	MR	Mauritania*
CI	Côte d'Ivoire*	NE	Niger*
CM	Cameroon*	SN	Senegal*
GA	Gabon*	TD	Chad*
GN	Guinea*	TG	Togo*
GQ	Equatorial Guinea*		

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Countries not yet PCT Contracting States (35 countries)

Afghanistan

Andorra

Argentina

Bahamas

Bangladesh

Bhutan

Bolivia

Burundi

Democratic Republic of

Congo

Eritrea

Ethiopia

Fiji

Guyana

Haiti

Kiribati

Lebanon

Maldives

Marshall Islands

Micronesia

Myanmar

Nauru

Nepal

Pakistan

Palau

Paraguay

Solomon Islands

Somalia

South

Sudan

Suriname

Timor-Leste

Tonga

Tuvalu

Vanuatu

Venezuela

Yemen

Legal documents

- **Patent Cooperation Treaty** (please, find <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/articles/atoc>)
- **Regulations under the PCT** (as in force from July 1, 2025, please, find: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/rules/rtoc1>)
- **PCT Administrative Instructions** (as in force from July 1, 2025, please, find: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/ai/ai_index)

Guidelines for Authorities and Offices

- **PCT Receiving Office Guidelines** (as in force from July 1, 2025, please, find: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system//texts/ro/index>)
- **PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines** (as in force from July 1, 2025, please, find: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/ispe/index>)

Documents for PCT applicants (1)

■ **The PCT Applicant's Guide** (please, find: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/guide>) consists of:

□ **Introduction to the International Phase** (please, find: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=pctip&doc-lang=en&doc-type=guide>;

□ **Introduction to the National Phase** (please, find: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=pctnp&doc-lang=en&doc-type=guide>;

		International Phase					National Phase	
Two-Letter Code plus Country or Organization	General Information	Receiving Offices	International Searching Authorities (ISA)	ISA (Supplementary Search)	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	Deposits of Biological Material	National Chapter	Code
	Annex B	Annex C	Annex D	Annex SISA	Annex E	Annex L	Annex	
AE	United Arab Emirates	X	X				X	AE
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	X	X				X	AG
AL	Albania	X	X			X	X	AL
AM	Armenia	X	X				X	AM

Documents for PCT applicants (2)

■ PCT Applicant's Guide (continue):

□ **The list of PCT Contracting States** (please, find

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/pct_contracting_states)

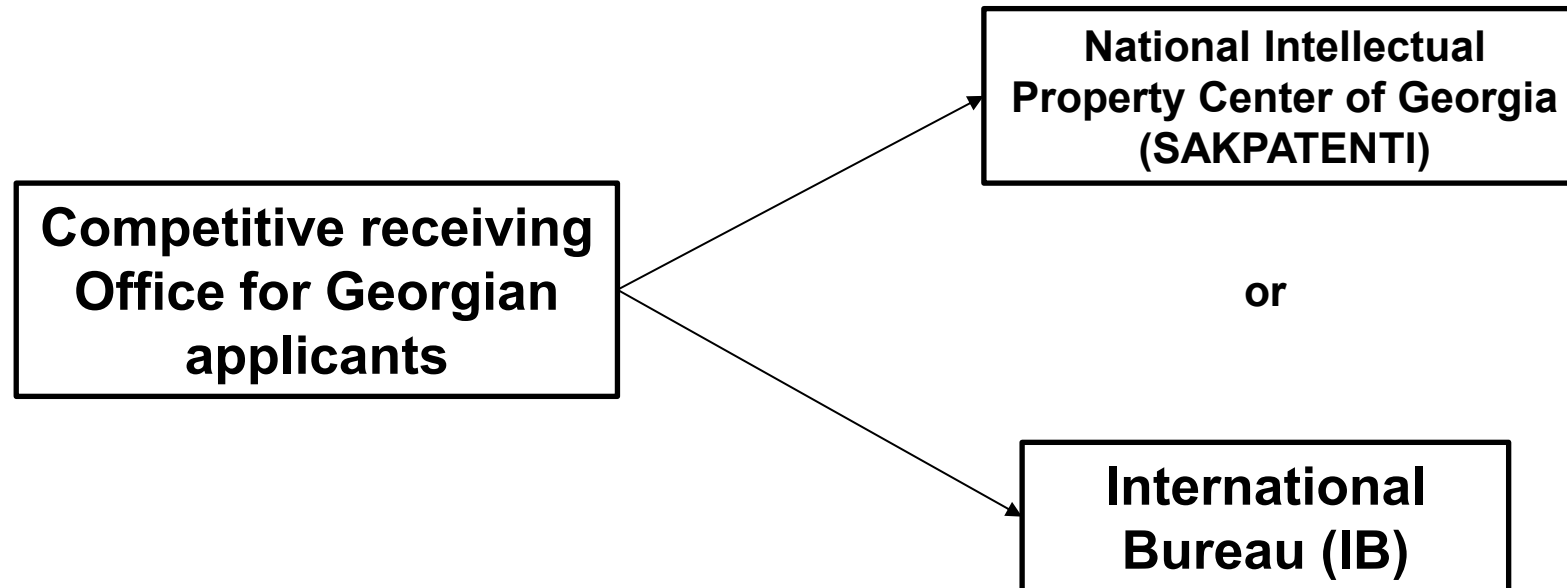
□ **Forms** (please, find <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/forms/index>)

□ **EQE Candidates** (please, find

<https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/eqe/documents.xhtml>)

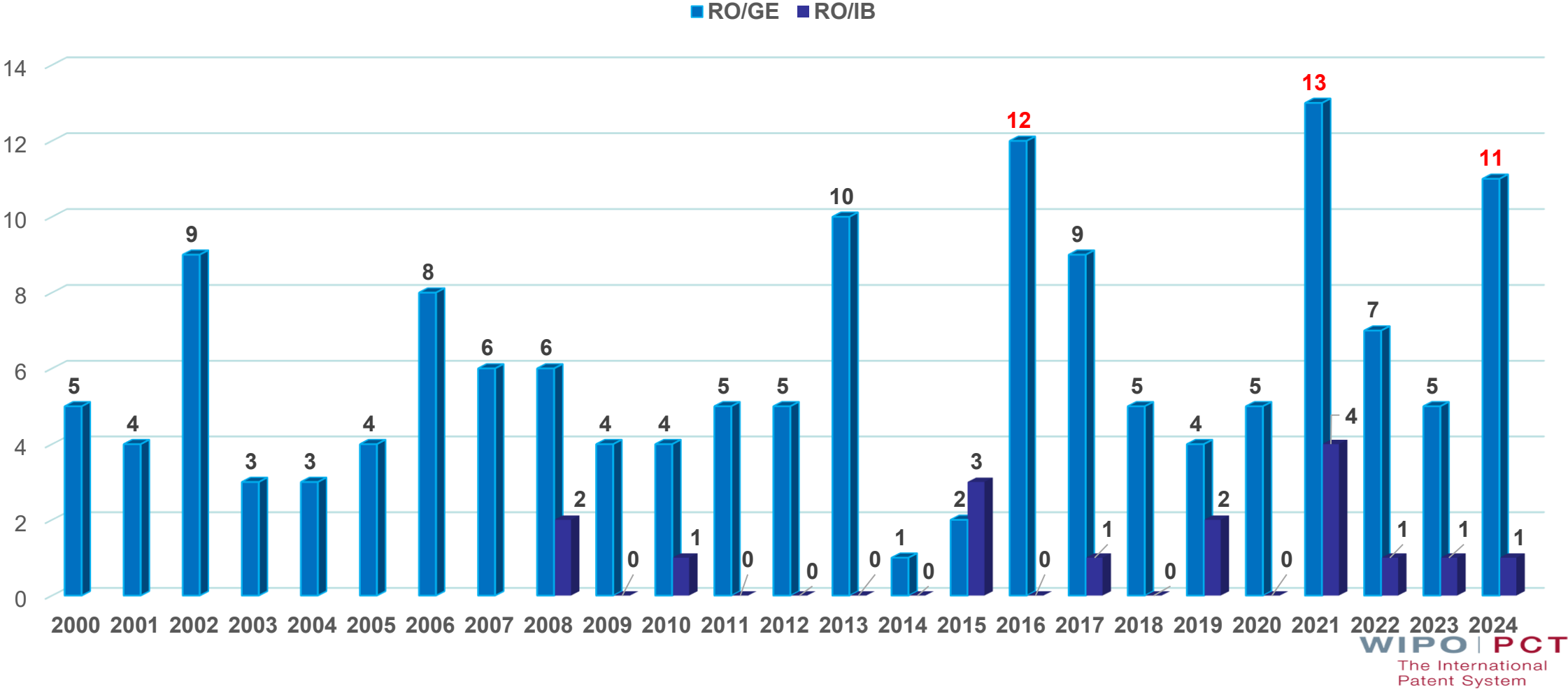
Competent ROs for Georgian Applicants (Rule 19)

- A PCT application shall be filed with a receiving Office (RO)



(please, find Annex C, PCT Applicant's Guide - <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/guide/index>)

PCT Filing by Georgian applicants to **RO/GE** and **RO/IB**



How to choose RO?

- Choosing the competent RO, an applicant can consider:
 - ❑ filing languages
 - ❑ amount of PCT fees
 - ❑ choice of ISAs/IPEAs
 - ❑ electronic filing
 - ❑ possibility to incorporate by reference
 - ❑ criteria for restoration of the priority right and fee to be paid

Filing languages of a PCT application (Rule 12)

- An international application should be filed in any language which RO accepts for that purpose
 - for more details on applied languages for each RO, please, find, Annex C, PCT Applicant's Guide <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/guide/index>

List of accepted languages in competent ROs (1)

■ Patent Office of Georgia

(please, find <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=GE&doc-lang=en#RO>):

Language in which international applications may be filed:

If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (refer to Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

English, Georgian, Russian

Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:

Same language as the international application (English, Georgian or Russian); or English and another filing language

Language in which the request may be filed:

English, Russian

List of accepted languages in competent ROs (2)

■ **IB:** any languages

- A language in which the request may be filed: any language of publication: 10 languages which are:
 - ✓ Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish

Translation of a PCT application (1)

(Rule 12)

- Where the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and/or a language accepted by ISA, but this is the language accepted by RO, the applicant shall, furnish to the receiving Office a translation of the international application into any language of publication and/or one of language accepted by ISA. The language of translation should be, also, accepted by the receiving Office
 - Time period from the priority date of furnishing the translation is:
 - **14 months** for purpose of international search
 - **16 months** for purpose of publication

Translation of a PCT application (2)

■ Example:

A PCT application is filed in Georgian to SAKPATENTI

Georgian is not one of languages for the purposes of international publication and one of languages for searching purpose

For purpose of publication and international search, the applicant should furnish to RO the translation of the PCT application on English or Russian

What will happen with the PCT application when filed in non-accepted language?

- Where an international application is filed with RO, but that international application is not in a language accepted or the language-dependent free text contained within the sequence listing part of the description is not in a language accepted by this RO but is in a language accepted by RO/IB:
 - that RO transmits to IB the PCT application
 - the applicant can be requested to pay the transmittal fee

PCT Fees paid when filing a PCT application (1)

(Rules 14, 16. and 15)

- Fees should be paid:
 - the international filing fee
 - the transmittal fee
 - the search fee

- All these fees are paid to **only RO**

PCT fees paid under specific circumstances

■ PCT fees paid under specific circumstances:

- ❑ *Fee per sheet in excess of 30 (paragraph 1, Annex “SCHEDULE OF FEES”, PCT Regulations)*
- ❑ *fee for priority document*
- ❑ *late payment fee (Rule 16bis.2)*

List of PCT Fees

RO	Filing fee	Transmittal fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	Fee for priority document
SAKPATENTI	1,603 USD	Equivalent in GEL of 100 USD	18 USD	Equivalent in GEL of 30 USD
IB	1,603 EUR	121 USD	18 USD	60 USD (no fee: DAS)

How can a PCT application be filed?

- A PCT application can be filed in:
 - **Electronic form** (preferably) (Rule 89*bis*),
 - ePCT is provided by WIPO as a part of WIPO IP Portal, please, find: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT/>
 - **Paper form**
- WIPO **doesn't receive** PCT applications or its documents **by fax**
- In case of technical problems with ePCT an applicant can use the ePCT Business Continuity Service (please, find <https://pctcs.wipo.int/ePCTFiling/>)

What is ePCT?

- The user interface is available in all PCT publication languages
- Provides secure and direct interaction with PCT applications maintained by the International Bureau
- ePCT allows applicants to do various PCT actions (communications) with IB and other participating Offices

ePCT filing: Benefits

- Only one copy of the PCT application is filed. RO, IB, ISA, and IPEA will get access to the application in ePCT
- ePCT checks some formal requirements for the PCT application in ePCT before filing the application
- The international filing fee is reduced when the international application is filed in electronic form (paragraph 4, Annex “SCHEDULE OF FEES”, PCT Applicant’s Guide):
 - ❑ **200 CHF:** only the request form and a list of sequences are in the character-coded format (XML) and the description, claims and abstract are in PDF format
 - ❑ **300 CHF:** the whole application is in XML format

Reduction some PCT fees for applicants from some countries (1)

- The international filing fee, the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:
 - **an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State** whose per capita gross domestic product is below US\$ 25,000 (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US\$ values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau (please, find paragraph 5(a), Annex “SCHEDULE OF FEES”, Regulations under PCT: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/rules/rtax#_S)

Reduction some PCT fees for applicants from some countries (2)

- The international filing fee, the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee are reduced by 90% (continue)
 - provided that, ***at the time of filing of the international application, there are no beneficial owners of the international application who would not satisfy the criteria above*** (please, find https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/2017_fee.html)
 - if there are several applicants, each should satisfy the criteria above

- **Georgia is on the list of countries**
 - the list of countries: <https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-fee-reduction.pdf>

Is the 90% reduction applied at electronic filing via ePCT?

- Yes. 90% reduction is applied additionally to the reduction for electronic filing of a PCT application

- **Example:**

The applicant who is a natural person from Georgia files a PCT application via ePCT, the format of the PCT application is an XML format (or DOCX for transmitting to XML):

1,603 \$ (a filing fee) – **362 \$** (a reduction for electronic filing in the XML format) = **1,241 \$**

1241 \$ – **1,116.9 \$** (a 90% reduction) = **124.1 \$**

Standard ST.26

- The new Standard ST.26 is applied from July 1, 2022
- The standard provides the requirements for presenting nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences in patent and PCT applications.
 - more detailed information:
https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2022/news_0039.html;
<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/standards/sequence/resources> and
<https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/standards/docs-en-03-26-01.pdf>
- WIPO Sequence Suite is a global software tool that enables patent applicants to prepare amino acid and nucleotide sequence listings compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 as part of a national or international patent application:
<https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/sequence/index.html>
- A User Manual: <https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/standards/en/pdf/wipo-sequence/wipo-sequence-manual.pdf>

Handling changes and corrections

- Changes and corrections of the PCT application can be done:
 - **by the applicant**
 - international phase
 - national phase
 - **upon the invitation from RO, ISA, IPEA, IB**
- Changes and corrections are:
 - correction of defects relating to the filing of the application
 - recording of changes under Rule 92*bis*
 - amendments:
 - under Article 19 (**only claims**; filing in 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report to IB and the applicant by ISA or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later)
 - under Article 34 (description, claims, drawings; filing simultaneously with a demand or separately before the examiner starts the report under Chapter II)

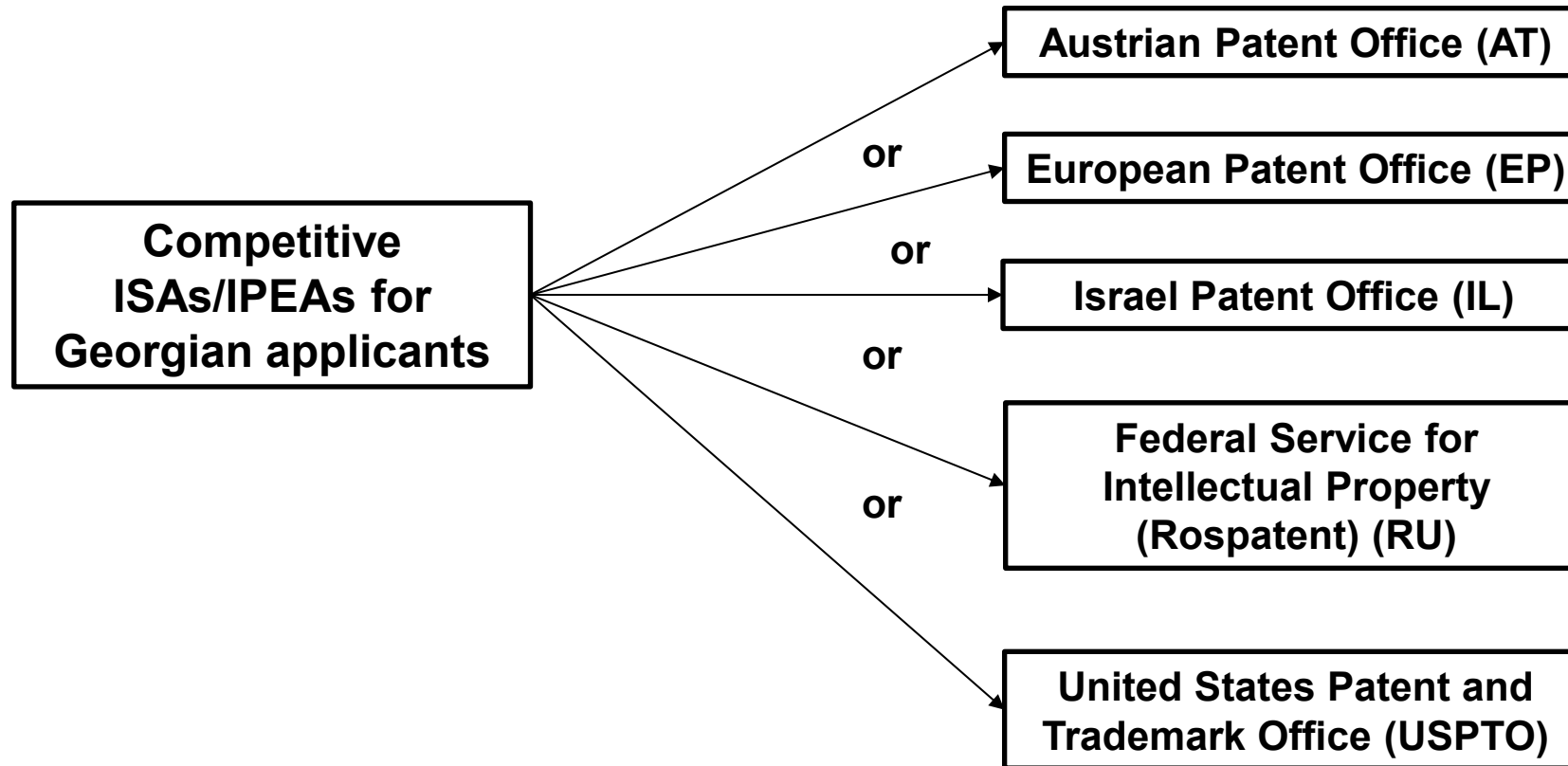
Correction of defects relating to the filing of the PCT application (1)

- Office not competent because of the applicant's nationality or residence (Article 11(1)(i), Rule 19.4(a)(i))
- International application filed in a language not accepted by the receiving Office (Rule 19.4(a)(ii))
- Errors in the indication of the applicant's nationality and/or residence (Section 329 of the Administrative Instructions)
- Non-admitted language for the request, abstract, text matter in drawings (Rule 26.3ter)
- Incomplete, erroneous or missing priority claim (Rule 26bis)
- Correction/addition of any indications referred to in Rule 4.11 (Rule 26quater)

Correction of defects relating to the filing of the application (2)

- Unpaid or not fully paid fees (Rule 16bis)
- Missing signature in the request (Rule 4.15)
- Incomplete, erroneous or missing declarations under Rule 4.17 (Rule 26ter)
- Formal defects (Rules 11 and 26)
- Missing title of the invention (Rule 37)
- Missing abstract (Rule 38)
- Obvious mistakes (Rule 91)

International Search and International Preliminary Examination. Competent ISAs/IPEAs for Georgian applicants



International Search

- The applicant should specify ISA in the request form PCT/RO/101 (Box No. VII)

<p>Restore the right of priority: the receiving Office is requested to restore the right of priority for the earlier application(s) identified above or in the Supplemental Box as item(s) (_____). (See also the Notes to Box No. VI; further information must be provided to support a request to restore the right of priority.)</p>
<p>Incorporation by reference: where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a), or an element or part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5bis(a) is not otherwise contained in this international application but is completely contained in an earlier application whose priority is claimed on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in this international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6.</p>
<p>Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY</p>
<p>Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if more than one International Searching Authority is competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</p> <p>ISA/ _____</p>

Form PCT/RO/101 (second sheet) (July 2022) See Notes to the request form

Objectives of International Search and International Preliminary Examination

- The objective of the **international search** is to discover a relevant prior art and receive an opinion on the patentability of the invention
 - it can help an applicant evaluate the reasonableness of entering the national phase

- One of the objectives of the **international preliminary examination** is to receive a positive opinion on the patentability of the invention in addition to the ISA's written opinion

Recommendations for choosing ISAs/IPEAs

- The applicant can consider:
 - **language(s) accepted by ISA/IPEA**
 - translation of application can be required for the purpose of the international search
 - **amount of the search fee/ the examination fee**
 - more detailed information about the search fees for each ISA can be found in Annex D and Annex E, the PCT Applicant's Guide (<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/guide/index>) and the PCT Fee Tables (<https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-fees.pdf>)

Competent ISAs and IPEAs for Georgian Applicants

RO/GE and RO/IB

Competent International Searching Authority:

AT, EP, IL, RU, US

Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:

AT, RU

EP

The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office.

IL, US

The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

*Please, find Annex C, PCT applicant's Guide – <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=GE&doc-lang=en#RO>

PCT Fees: ISA/AT

AT - ANNEX D - INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Annex D - International Searching Authority

International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:
AP, BH, BR, CO, CU, CV, DJ, DZ, EG, GE, GH, IN, JM, JO, KE, KP, KR, LR, LS, LY, MA, MU, MX, NG, OA, OM, PE, SG, SY, IT, UG, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW

Fees payable to the ISA:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):
This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.
This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.

1,732 CHF
1,845 EUR
2,929,000 KRW
2,639 SGD
2,094 USD
39,010 ZAR

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):
This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.
This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

Pay under special circumstances

1,845 EUR	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	per page 0.95 EUR
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	per page 0.95 EUR
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	229 EUR
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	None

Please, find Annex D, PCT applicant's Guide: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=AT&doc-lang=en#ISA>

The International Patent System

PCT Fees: ISA/EP

EP - ANNEX D - INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY	
<p>International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices: AL, AM, AP, AT, AZ, BA, BG, BH, BN, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CV, CY, CZ, DE, DJ, DK, DO, DZ, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, HN, HR, HU, ID, IE, IL, IN, IQ, IR, IS, IT, JM, JO, JP, KE, KG, KH, KN, KZ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LY, MA, MD, MK, MN, MT, MW, MX, MY, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PA, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SC, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SV, SY, TH, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, UA, UG, US, UY, UZ, VN, WS, ZA, ZW</p>	
<p>Fees payable to the ISA:</p> <p>Search fee (PCT Rule 16): This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it. The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State classified by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, refer to: https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html. This fee is also reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of Rule 18 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force. For further information refer to the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4): https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html and OJ EPO 2021, A58.</p>	
	1,732 CHF 15,490 CNY 13,760 DKK 1,845 EUR 1,548 GBP 744,000 HUF 274,100 ISK 300,000 JPY 21,510 NOK 3,511 NZD 20,980 SEK 2,639 SGD 2,094 USD 39,010 ZAR
<p>Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Pay under special circumstances</div> 1,845 EUR
<p>Additional search fee in relation to PCT Rule 20.5bis (PCT Rule 40bis): For further information, refer to the "Notice from the European Patent Office dated 14 June 2020 concerning the applicability of new Rule 20.5bis PCT on the correction of erroneous filings in proceedings before the EPO" (OJ EPO 2020, A81) and the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 30 April 2020, page 83. This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.</p>	1,845 EUR
<p>Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): The applicable procedure since 1 July 2010 is as set out in OJ EPO 5/2010, page 322.</p>	1,020 EUR
<p>Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):</p>	265 EUR

Please, find Annex D, PCT applicant's Guide: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=EP&doc-lang=en#ISA>

PCT Fees: ISA/IL

GENERAL INFO RO ISA IPEA BIO NATIONAL CHAPTER
IL - ANNEX D - INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Annex D - International Searching Authority

International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:
GE, IL, US

Fees payable to the ISA:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):
 This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.

	937 CHF
	995 EUR
	4,101 ILS
	1,220 USD

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):
 This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

4,101 ILS

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

per document 50 ILS

How to obtain copies:
 The Authority provides applicants and designated (elected) Offices with a copy of each non-patent literature (NPL) document cited in the international search report upon request only. Copies to Offices are provided free of charge and copies to applicants are subject to the fee mentioned above.
 Copies of documents can be requested through ILPO's secure PCT website at:
<https://pctonline-sc.justice.gov.il/>
 or alternatively by email at:
 PCToffice@justice.gov.il

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):

per document 50 ILS

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):

None

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):

527 ILS

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Please, find Annex D, PCT applicant's Guide: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=IL&doc-lang=en#ISA>



PCT Fees: ISA/RU

RU - ANNEX D - INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY	
<p>Annex D - International Searching Authority</p> <p>International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices: AM, AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, ID, IR, KG, KP, KZ, MA, MD, MN, OA, RO, RU, SA, SY, TJ, TM, UZ, VN, ZW</p>	
<p>Fees payable to the ISA:</p>	
<p>Search fee (PCT Rule 16): This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.</p> <p>— This fee applies to searches carried out in Russian</p> <p>— This fee applies to searches carried out in English</p>	<p>90 CHF 99 EUR 9,000 RUB 113 USD</p>
<p>Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances. For further details, refer to "How can payment of fees be effected" at https://rospatent.gov.ru/content/uploadfiles/eng/international_duties_PCT.pdf.</p> <p>— This fee applies to searches carried out in Russian</p> <p>— This fee applies to searches carried out in English</p>	<p>448 CHF 497 EUR 45,000 RUB 567 USD</p>
<p>Pay under special circumstances</p>	<p>9,000 RUB</p>
<p>Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): This fee is payable to the Authority. For further details, refer to http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/uslugi-predostavlyaemye-fips-na-platnoy-osnove.php (paragraphs 14.6 and 14.7) and http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/rekvizity-fips-dlya-oplaty-uslug-fips-okazyvaemykh-na-platnoy-osnove.php (Russian) https://rospatent.gov.ru/en/activities/dues/tables#4 (English).</p> <p>— for a patent document</p> <p>— for a non-patent document</p>	<p>45,000 RUB</p> <p>per page 24 RUB</p> <p>per page 60 RUB</p>

Please, find Annex C, Applicant's Guide, <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=RU&doc-lang=en#ISA>

PCT Fees: ISA/US

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US - ANNEX D - INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

▼ Annex D - International Searching Authority

International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:
[BH](#), [BR](#), [CL](#), [DO](#), [EG](#), [GE](#), [IL](#), [IN](#), [IQ](#), [KN](#), [MX](#), [NZ](#), [OM](#), [PA](#), [PE](#), [PH](#), [QA](#), [SA](#), [TH](#), [TT](#), [US](#), [ZA](#)

Fees payable to the ISA:
 The amount of this fee changes periodically. The International Searching Authority or the current USPTO Fee Schedule should be consulted for the applicable amount at: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/fees-and-payment/uspto-fee-schedule>.
 For Small Entity Status, refer to: <https://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961>.
 For Micro Entity Status, refer to: https://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca.
 For Consolidated Patent Rules, refer to: https://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf.

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):
 This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.

1,976 CHF
Small entity 790 CHF
Micro entity 395 CHF
2,114 EUR
Small entity 846 EUR
Micro entity 423 EUR
4,104 NZD
Small entity 1,642 NZD
Micro entity 821 NZD
2,400 USD
Small entity 960 USD
Micro entity 480 USD
43,370 ZAR
Small entity 17,350 ZAR
Micro entity 8,670 ZAR

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):
 This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

2,400 USD
 Small entity 960 USD
 Micro entity 480 USD

Pay under special circumstances

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

- US patent document
 From 3 July 2007, the USPTO no longer mails paper copies of cited US patents and US patent application publications cited in search reports, written opinions or international preliminary examination reports in international applications. From 29 October 2013, the USPTO also no longer mails copies of published international applications cited in international applications. However, electronic copies may be viewed at the USPTO's Internet web site: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/search>. The copies can also be printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online: <https://certifiedcopycenter.uspto.gov/index.html> or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records ((1-800) 972 63 82 or (571) 272 31 50) at the fee indicated above.
 per copy 3 USD
- Non-US patent documents
 The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application.
 None

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):

- US patent document
 per copy 3 USD
- Non-US patent document
 Refer to 37 CFR 1.19 for other document supply fees.
 per copy 27 USD

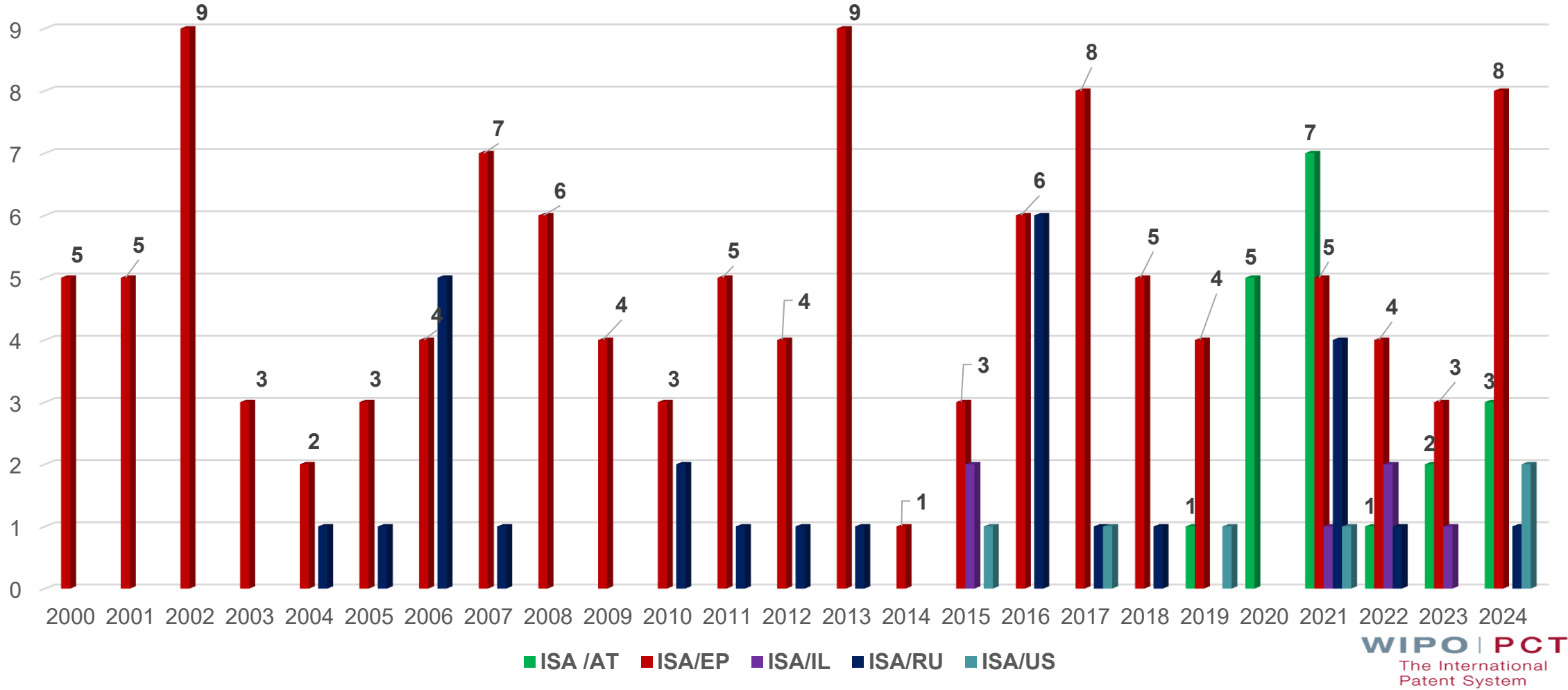
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):
 None

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):
 345 USD
 Small entity 138 USD
 Micro entity 69 USD

Please, find Annex C, Applicant's Guide, <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=US&doc-lang=en#ISA>



ISAs selected by Georgian applicants



Cases where no international search report and a report on patentability under Chapter II will be carried out (Rules 39.1 and 67.1) (1)

- The application relates to a subject matter which ISA is not required to search (Article 17(2)(a)(i) and Rule 39.1):
 - (i) scientific and mathematical theories,
 - (ii) plant or animal varieties or essentially biological processes for the production of plants and animals, other than microbiological processes and the products of such processes,
 - (iii) schemes, rules or methods of doing business, performing purely mental acts or playing games,
 - (iv) methods for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods** (*EPO does not carry out the report on this subject matter, but Rospatent and USPTO carry out the report on this subject matter*)
 - (v) mere presentations of information,
 - (vi) computer programs to the extent that the International Searching Authority is not equipped to search prior art concerning such programs

Cases where no international search report and a report on patentability under Chapter II will be carried out (Articles 17.1(II) and 34.4(a)(ii)) (2)

- The description, claims or drawings do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that a meaningful search cannot be carried out in respect of any of the claims

Cases where no international search report and a report on patentability under Chapter II will be carried out (Rule 13ter) (3)

- The application contains the disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence, but:
 - no listing of that sequence is furnished
 - the listing furnished does not comply with the Standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions or is not in electronic form, or
 - the fee for late furnishing of the sequence listing has not been paid within the applicable time limit (Rule 13ter.1(d))
- ISA will conduct a limited international search without the sequence listing
- in some cases, it is not possible to carry out the search report

Consequences of lack of an international search report (Rules 48.2(a)(v) and 66.1(e))

■ Consequences:

- ❑ ISA will declare that no international search report has been established and that declaration will be published as part of the published international application
- ❑ the application remains valid but
 - IPEA will not be obliged to carry out the international preliminary examination for lack of the international search report

International Preliminary Examination (1)

- International Preliminary Examination is **an optional procedure** that provides for continued examination of the PCT application before an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)
- The International Preliminary examination under Chapter II of the PCT starts only on a demand filed by the applicant (please find the PDF form of the demand - <https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-forms-demand-ed-demand.pdf>)

International Preliminary Examination (2)

- Filing a demand constitutes the automatic “election” of all designated PCT Contracting States
- EPO and USPTO provide the examination only when these Offices have carried out international searches (please, find <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=EP&doc-lang=en#IPEA> and <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=US&doc-lang=en#IPEA>)

International Preliminary Examination (3)

- Choice of IPEA should be indicated in the demand

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

IPEA/ _____

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DEMAND

CHAPTER II

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	International application No.
International filing date (day/month/year)	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year)
Title of invention	



Time limits for making a demand (Rule 54*bis*.1)

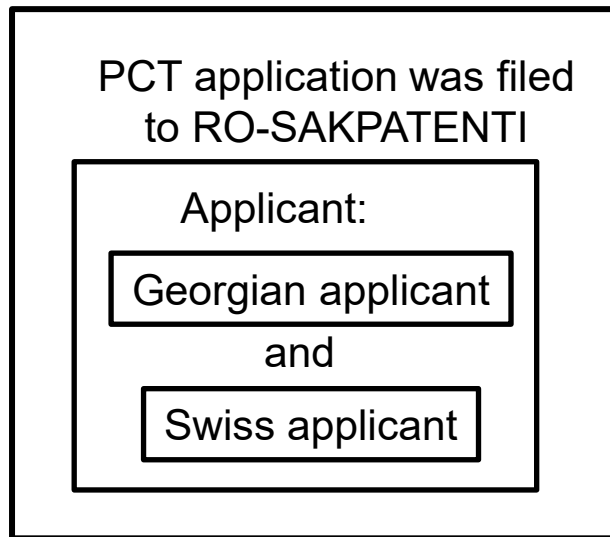
- A demand may be made at any time prior to the expiration of whichever of the following periods expires later:
 - **3 months** from the date of transmittal to the applicant of the international search report or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and of the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1; or
 - **22 months** from the priority date

Why file a demand?

- Provide an opportunity to postpone the national phase
- Provide an opportunity during the international preliminary examination to make some amendments to the description, claims and drawings
- Submit arguments to address patentability objections raised by the ISA
- International preliminary examination is the final opportunity to obtain a more positive patentability assessment during the international phase
 - likelihood of more favorable treatment in the national phase based on a positive patentability report

Who is entitled to make a demand? (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

- The applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them:
 - ❑ who is a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State, and
 - ❑ whose international application has been filed with a receiving Office of or acting for a Contracting State (currently all States)



The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

IPEA/ _____

Demand **PCT DEMAND** **CHAPTER II**

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Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	International application No.
International filing date (day/month/year)	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year)
Title of invention	
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)	
Name and address: <i>(family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country)</i>	E-mail address*
	Telephone No.

Only Georgian applicant can sign the demand

Preliminary examination fees: IPEA/AT

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AT - ANNEX E - INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

∨ Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority

International Preliminary Examining Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:
 AP, BH, BR, CO, CU, CV, DJ, DZ, EG, GE, GH, IN, JM, JO, KE, KP, KR, LB, LS, LY, MA, MU, MX, NG, OA, OM, PE, SG, SY, TT, UG, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW

Fees payable to the IPEA:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):
 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.
 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):
 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.
 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1):
 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):

	1,749 EUR
	1,749 EUR
	213 EUR
	per page 0.95 EUR
	per page 0.95 EUR
	229 EUR
	None

Please, find Annex D, PCT Applicant's Guide <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=AT&doc-lang=en#IPEA>



Preliminary examination fees: IPEA/EP

Fees payable to the IPEA:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):

This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State classified by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, refer to:

<https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html>.

This fee is also reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of Rule 18 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force. For further information refer to the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4):

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html>.

The late payment fee, equal to 50% of the amount of the unpaid fees, is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Refer to OJ EPO 5/1998, page 282.

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):

This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1):

The late payment fee, equal to 50% of the amount of the unpaid fees, is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Refer to OJ EPO 5/1998, page 282.

This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):

1,915 EUR

1,915 EUR

208 EUR

1,020 EUR

265 EUR

Please, find Annex E, PCT Applicant's Guide: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=AT&doc-lang=en#IPEA>

Preliminary examination fees: IPEA/IL

GENERAL INFO RO ISA <u>IPEA</u> BIO NATIONAL CHAPTER	
IL - ANNEX E - INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY	
<p>▼ Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority</p>	
<p>International Preliminary Examining Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices: GE, IL, US</p>	
<p>Fees payable to the IPEA:</p>	
<p>Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.</p>	1,758 ILS
<p>Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.</p>	1,758 ILS
<p>Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).</p>	875 ILS
<p>Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):</p>	per document 50 ILS
<p>How to obtain copies: The Authority provides applicants and elected Offices with a copy of each non-patent literature (NPL) document cited in the international preliminary examination report upon request only. Copies to Offices are provided free of charge and copies to applicants are subject to the fee mentioned above. Copies of documents can be requested through ILPO's secure PCT website at: https://pctonline-sc.justice.gov.il/ or alternatively by email at: PCToffice@justice.gov.il</p>	
<p>Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):</p>	per document 50 ILS
<p>Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):</p>	None
<p>Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):</p>	527 ILS

Please, find Annex E, PCT Applicant's Guide: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=IL&doc-lang=en#IPEA>

Preliminary examination fees: IPEA/RU

RU - ANNEX D - INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Annex D - International Searching Authority

International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:
AM, AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, ID, IR, KG, KP, KZ, MA, MD, MN, OA, RO, RU, SA, SY, TJ, TM, UZ, VN, ZW

Fees payable to the ISA:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):
This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.

- This fee applies to searches carried out in Russian

90 CHF
99 EUR
9,000 RUB
113 USD
- This fee applies to searches carried out in English

448 CHF
497 EUR
45,000 RUB
567 USD

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):
This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances. For further details, refer to "How can payment of fees be effected" at https://rospatent.gov.ru/content/uploadfiles/eng/international_duties_PCT.pdf.

- This fee applies to searches carried out in Russian

9,000 RUB

- This fee applies to searches carried out in English

45,000 RUB

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):
This fee is payable to the Authority. For further details, refer to <http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/uslugi-predostavlyaemye-fips-na-platnoy-osnove-.php> (paragraphs 14.6 and 14.7) and <http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/rekvizity-fips-dlya-oplaty-uslug-fips-okazyvaemykh-na-platnoy-osnove.php> (Russian) <https://rospatent.gov.ru/en/activities/dues/tables#4> (English).

- for a patent document

per page 24 RUB

- for a non-patent document

per page 60 RUB

Preliminary examination fees: IPEA/US

US - ANNEX D - INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority

The USPTO may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, except that the USPTO may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by at least one resident or national of the United States of America with the USPTO or the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office where the selected ISA is competent for residents or nationals of the United States of America.

International Preliminary Examining Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:

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Fees payable to the IPEA:

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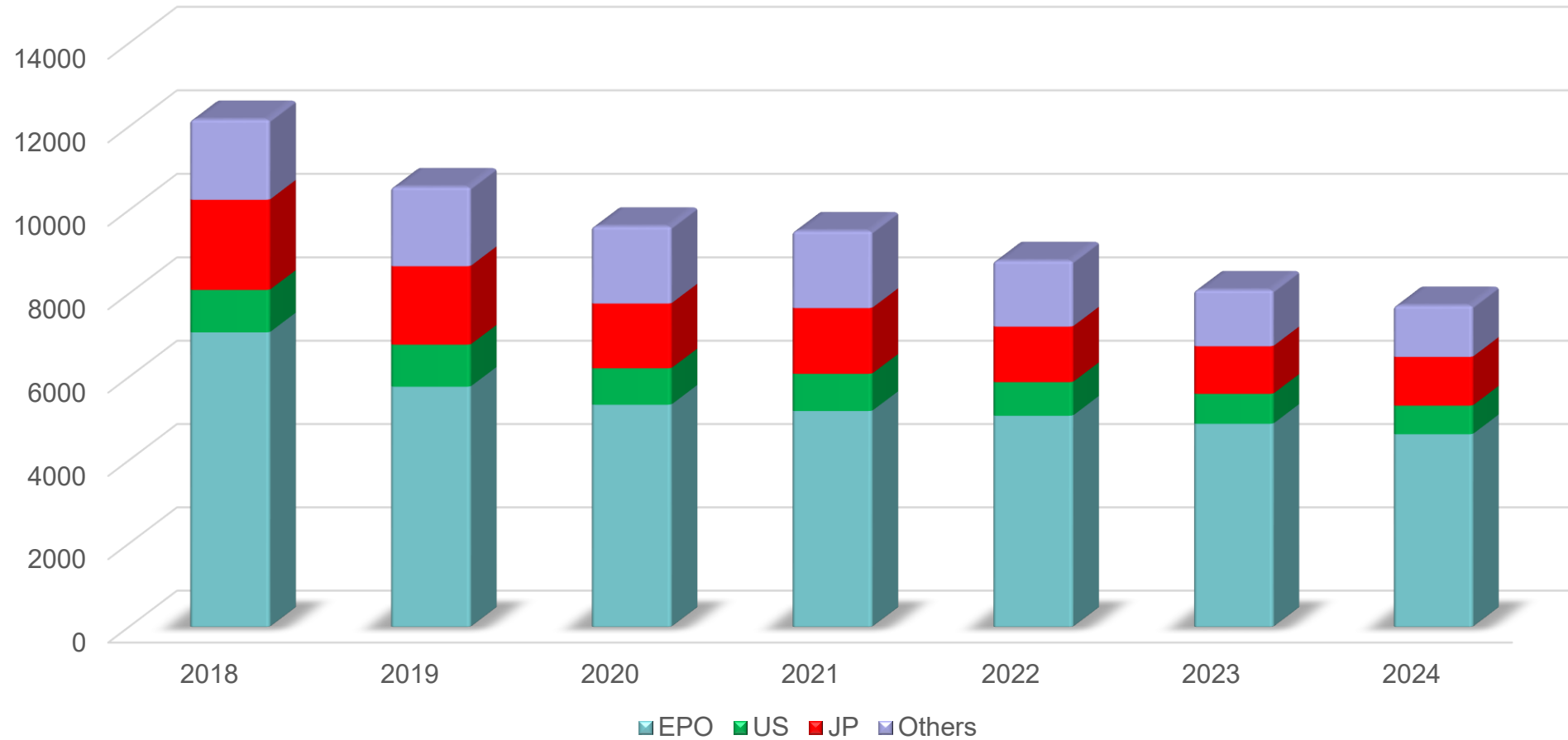
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Patent System

Filing demands for international preliminary examination from 2018 to 2024*

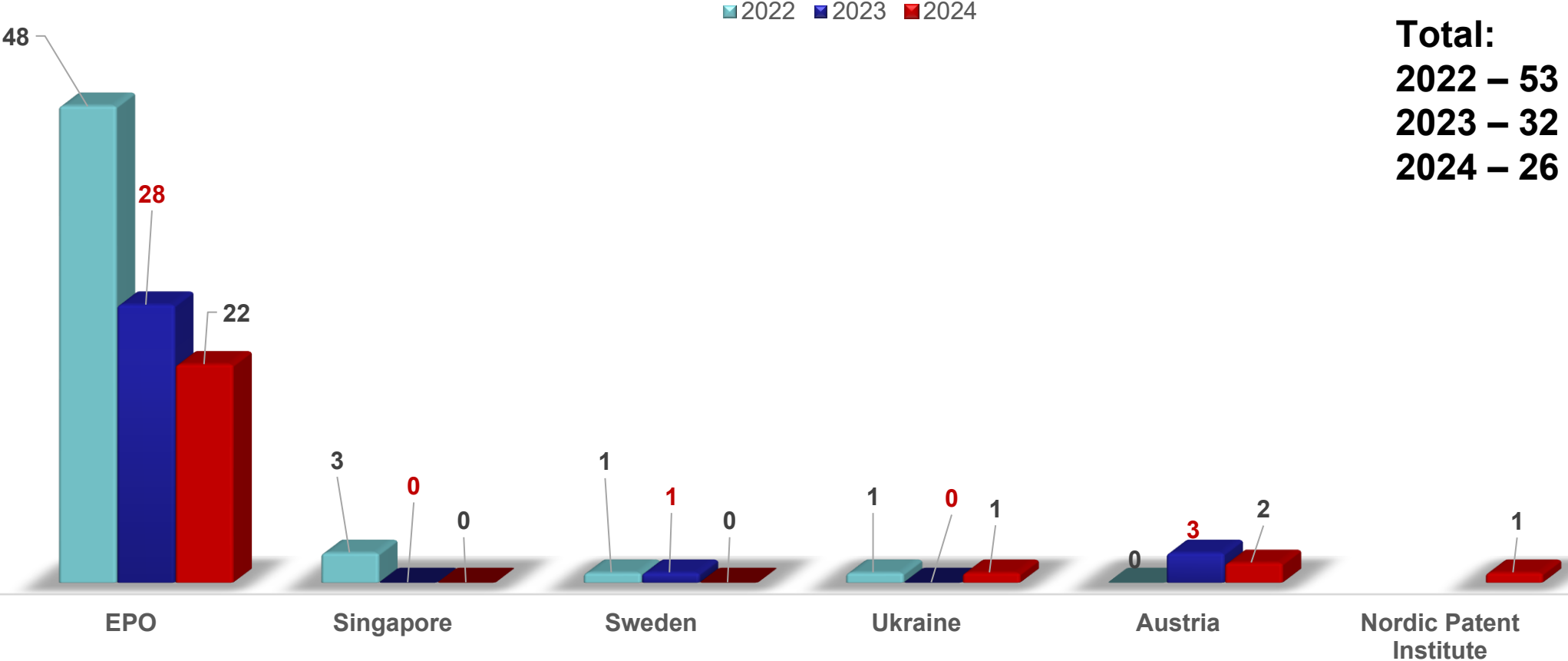


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Supplementary International Search: Main Features

- An optional service for applicants
 - it is currently offered by:
Austria, EPO, Finland, Russian Federation, Sweden, Singapore, Türkiye, Ukraine, Nordic Patent Institute and Visegrad Patent Institute
- An applicant can request the supplementary search by any Authority offering this service, except the one responsible for the main international search
- Each Authority determines the scope and fees for its supplementary search
- Supplementary international search (SIS) covers only one invention or group of inventions
 - there is no option for paying additional fees

Dynamics of filing requests for additional international search in 2022 and 2024*



Total:
2022 – 53
2023 – 32
2024 – 26

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Entry into the National Phase (1)

■ When?

- at the end of 30 months (or 31 months)
 - under Chapter I?
 - under Chapter II?
- early entry

- Time limit under Art. 22(1) (Chapter I) and Art. 39(1)(a) (Chapter II): 30 months from the priority date (please, find Annex “National Chapter”, the PCT Applicant’s Guide, or the table of time limits on https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/time_limits)

- for exceptions for some countries, please, find https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/reservations/res_incomp

Entry into the National Phase (2)

■ Where?

- National Offices
- Regional Offices

For more detailed information about the time limit, please, find <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/national-phase>

Time limit for entry in the national phase

- The time limit applies irrespective of possible delays in the international phase due to:
 - ❑ late international search report and written opinion of ISA
 - ❑ international preliminary examination delayed
 - ❑ late international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II)
 - ❑ late translation of an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II)

General national requirements Art. 22(1) and 39(1)(a), Rule 51*bis*

■ Requirements:

- translation, if applicable
- payment of national fees
- copy of the international application in particular circumstances

■ No legalized or certified translation of the international application: a simple translation is required

- A few Offices require a "verified" translation
 - **Australia** (under request), **India**, **Cambodia**, **Costa-Rica** (under request), **Cuba**, **Malawi** (under request), **New Zealand**, **Singapore**, and **South Africa** (please, find Annex "National Chapter", the PCT Applicant's Guide)

Recommendations for entering the national phase (1)

- Leave sufficient time, where necessary, to prepare the translation of the international application
- Send to your local agent copies of the (relevant) documents on file:
 - the published international application,
 - the international search report,
 - written opinion of ISA,
 - the international preliminary examination report when the examination was demanded,
 - priority documents;
 - note that none of these documents are required to be filed by the local agent at the local patent office

Recommendations for entering the national phase (2)

- Where you would prefer to avoid paying additional claims fees or other fees that are applicable under any particular national law, prepare the application, and any amendments thereof, according to the national practice
- Even though several DOs/EOs provide for longer time limits, it is preferable to docket the 30-month time limits for all Offices

Licensing availability (1)

- Applicants interested in concluding license agreements in relation to their international application may request the International Bureau to make this information available in PATENTSCOPE:
 - **How?**
 - Applicants should submit a “Licensing Availability Request” to IB using an ePCT “Action”
 - alternatively, Form **PCT/IB/382**
 - **When?**
 - At the time of filing or within 30 months from the priority date
 - **Free of charge**
 - Applicants can file multiple licensing requests or update previously submitted ones (within 30 months from the priority date)
 - Please, find more details in paragraphs 11.102 – 11.108 of the PCT Applicant’s Guide:
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Licensing availability (2)

- Licensing indications will be made publicly available after international publication of the application
 - The licensing indications will be visible on PATENTSCOPE under the “Bibliographic data” tab with a link to the submitted licensing request itself
 - International applications containing licensing information can be searched in PATENTSCOPE
 - The licensing indication displayed under the “Bibliographic data” tab may be revoked by the applicant at any time, that is, also after 30 months from the priority date

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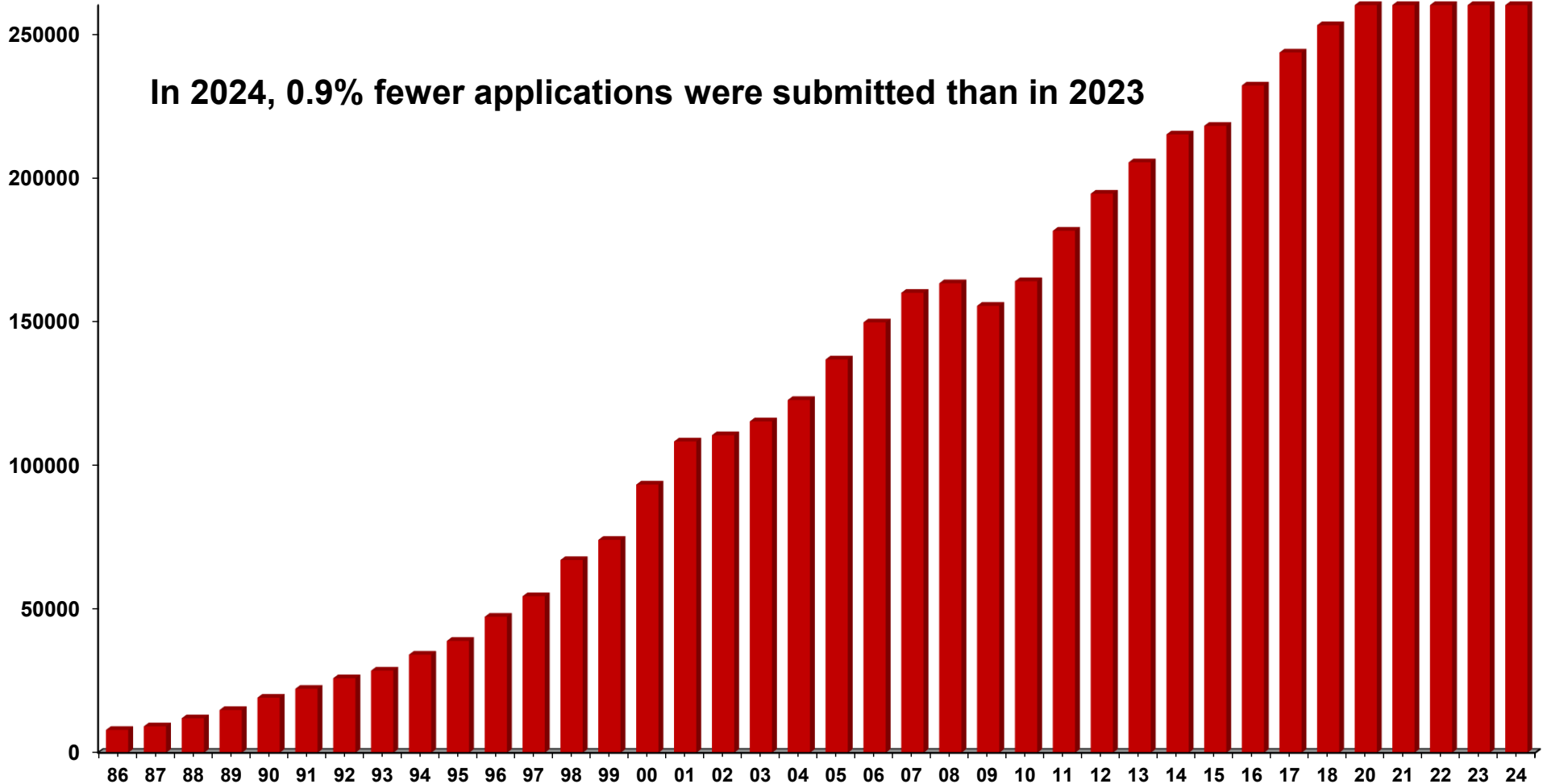
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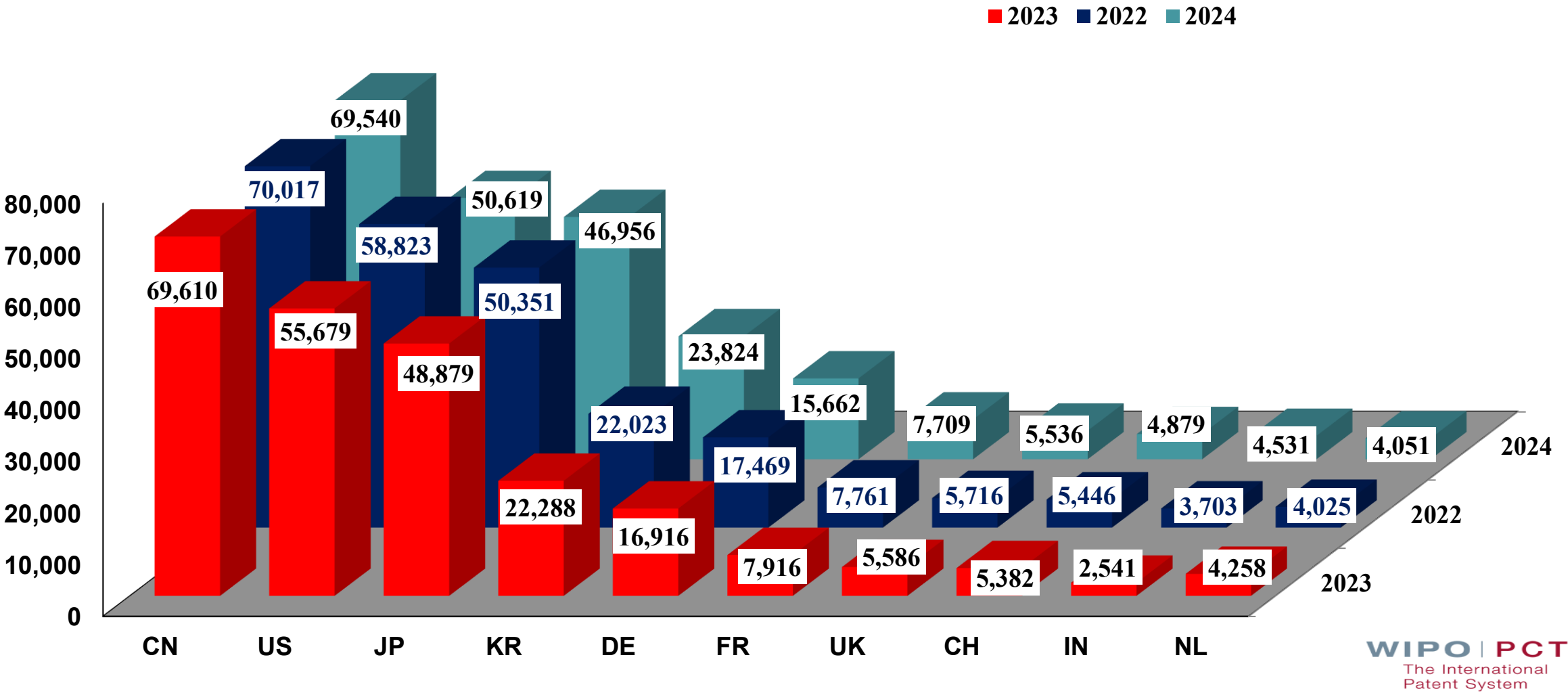
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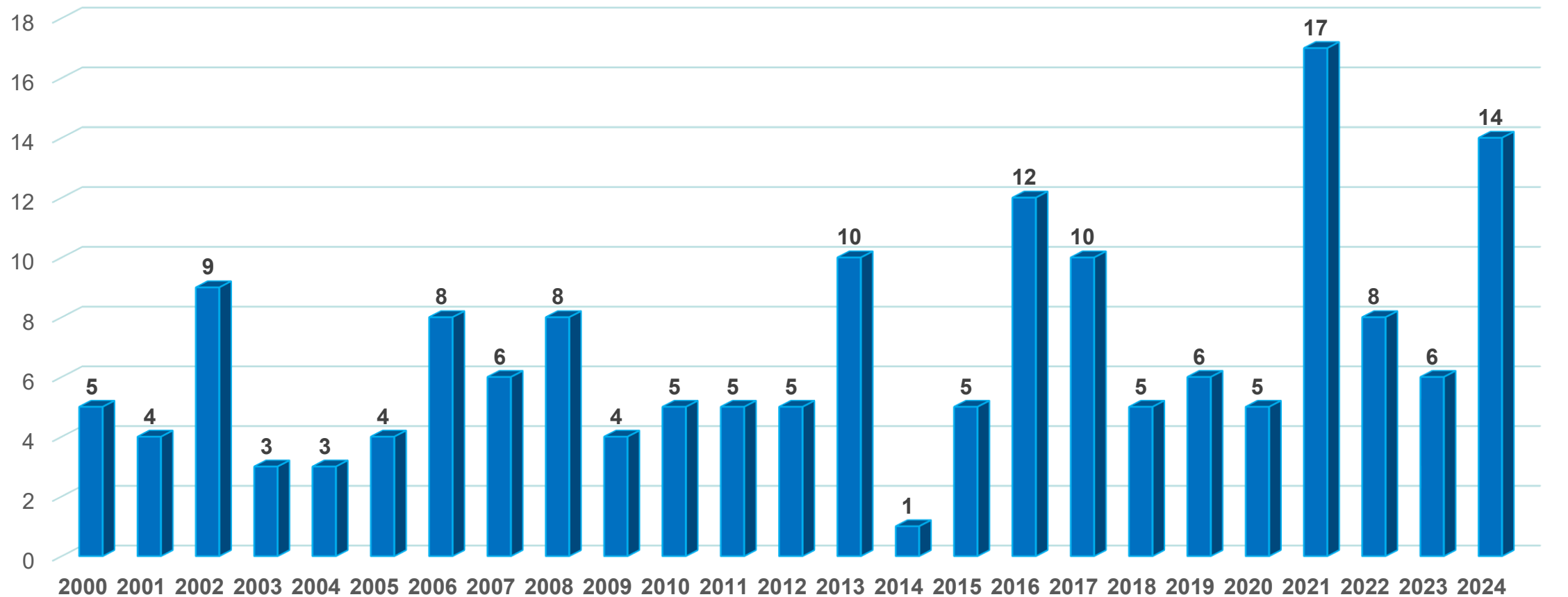
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PCT application by countries from 2022 to 2024



PCT Filing by Georgian applicants



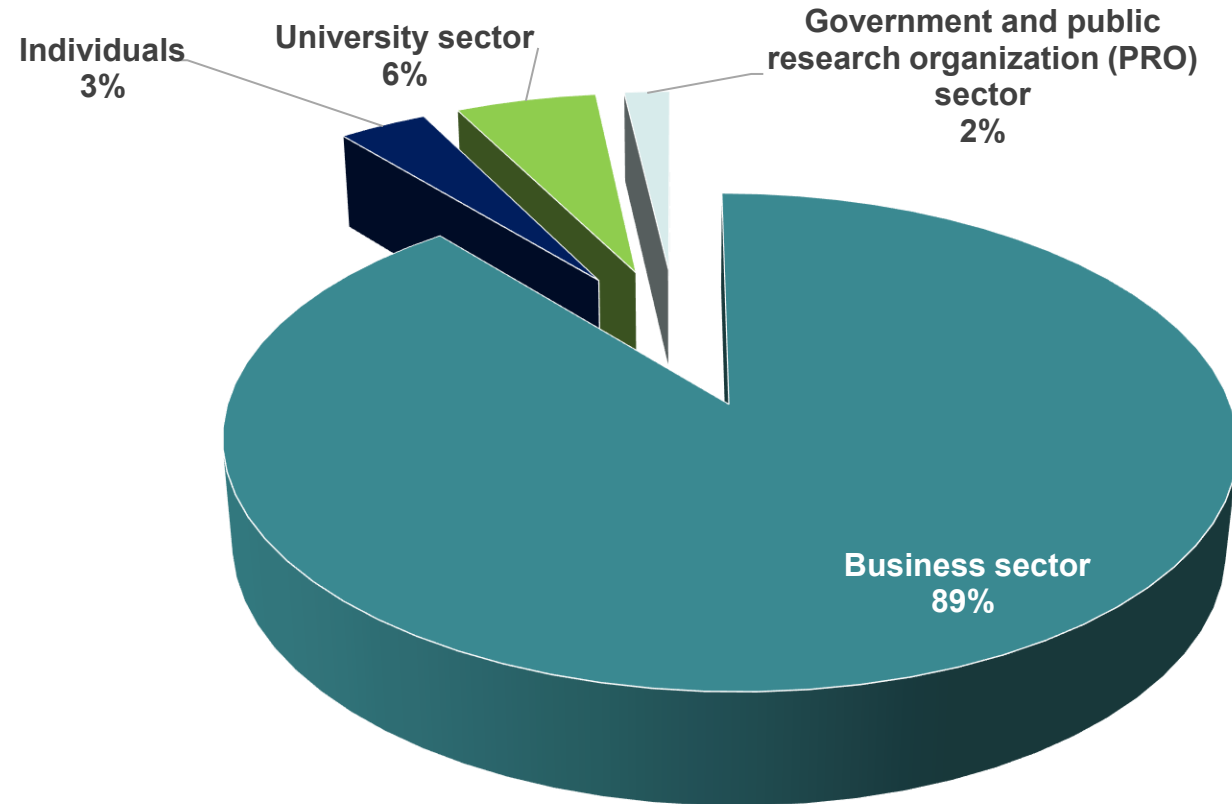
Top PCT applications by technologies in 2024

Technical field	Number of applications
Digital communication	27,613 ↑
Computer technologies	25,631 ↓
Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy	22,784 ↑
Medical technology	17,088 ↓
Pharmaceuticals	11,732 ↓
Measurements	11,729 ↓
Transport	10,925 ↑
Biotechnology	9,730 ↑

Top PCT applicants in 2024

N	Companies	Number of PCT filed applications
1	Huawei Technologies (China)	6,600 ↑
2	Samsung Electronics Co., LTD (Republic of Korea)	4,640 ↑
3	Qualcomm Incorporated (USA)	3,848 ↑
4	LG Electronics Inc. (Republic of Korea)	2,083 ↑
5	Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (China)	1,993 ↑
6	BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd (China)	1,959 ↓
7	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (Japan)	1,956 ↑
8	Beijing Xiaomi Mobile Software CO., LTD (China)	1,889 ↑
9	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (Sweden)	1,886 ↑
10	NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION (Japan)	1,877 ↑

Distribution of PCT applications by field of activity among applicants for 2024



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