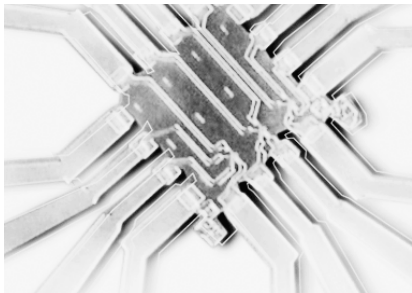




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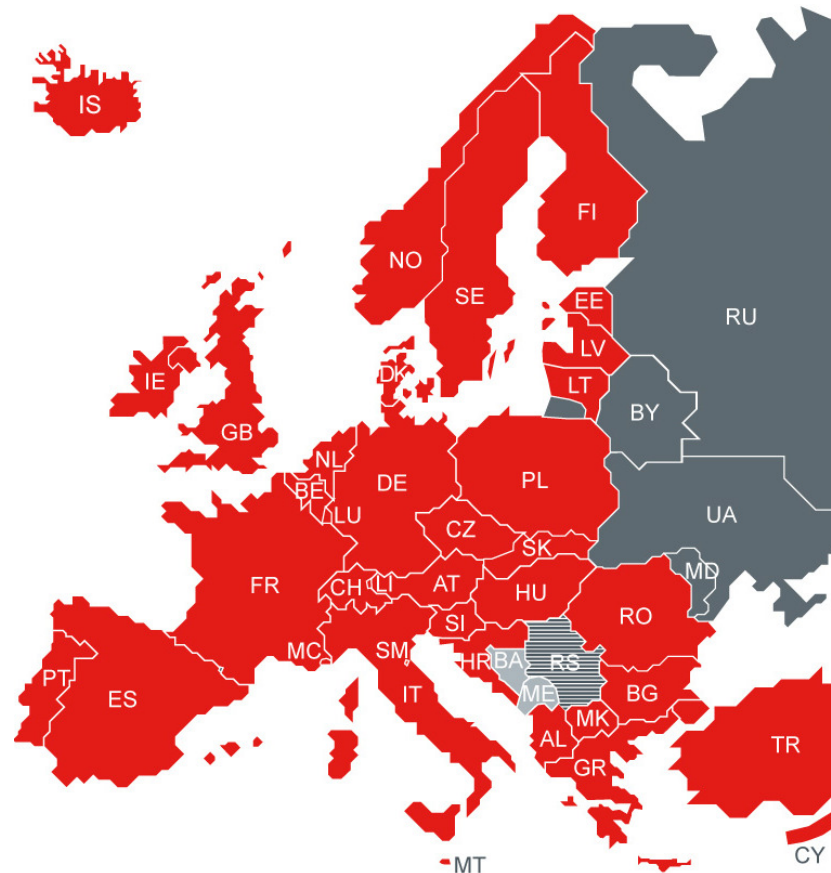
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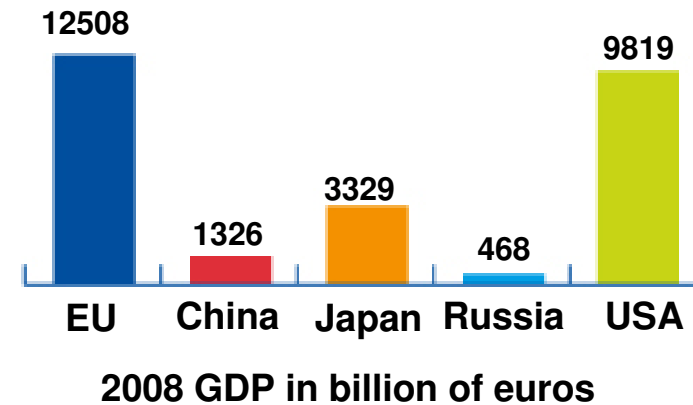
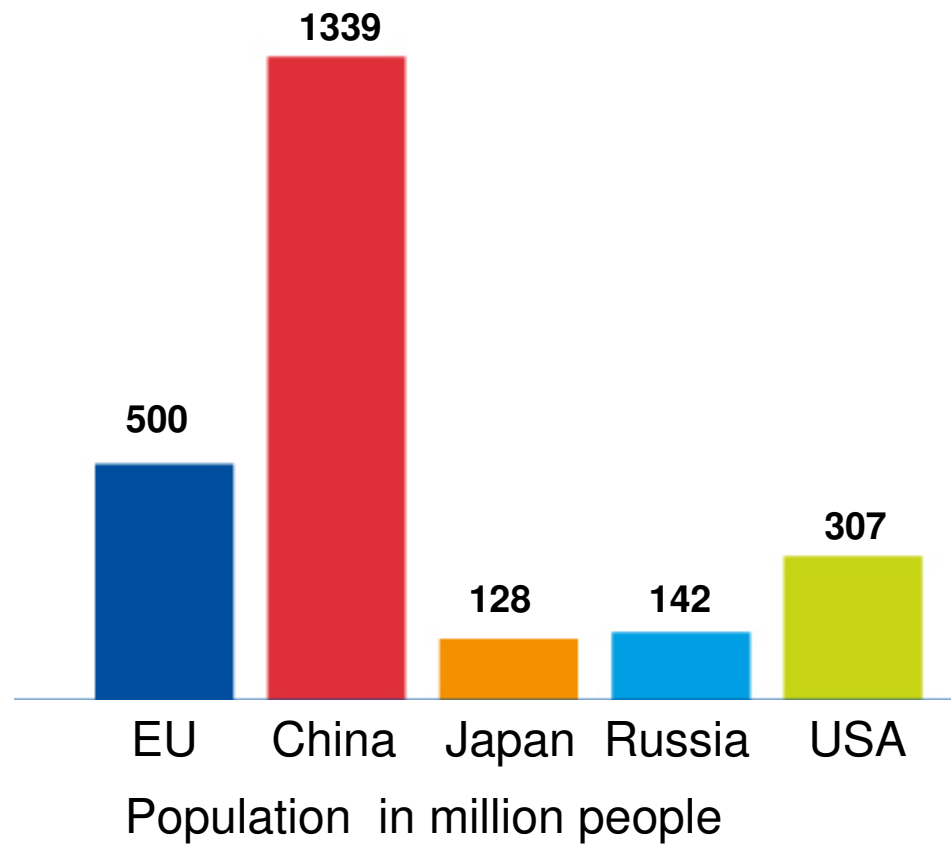
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| Czech Republic | Malta |
| Denmark | Netherlands |
| Estonia | Poland |
| Finland | Portugal |
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| Switzerland | Ireland | Portugal |
| Cyprus | Iceland | Romania |
| Czech Republic | Italy | Sweden |
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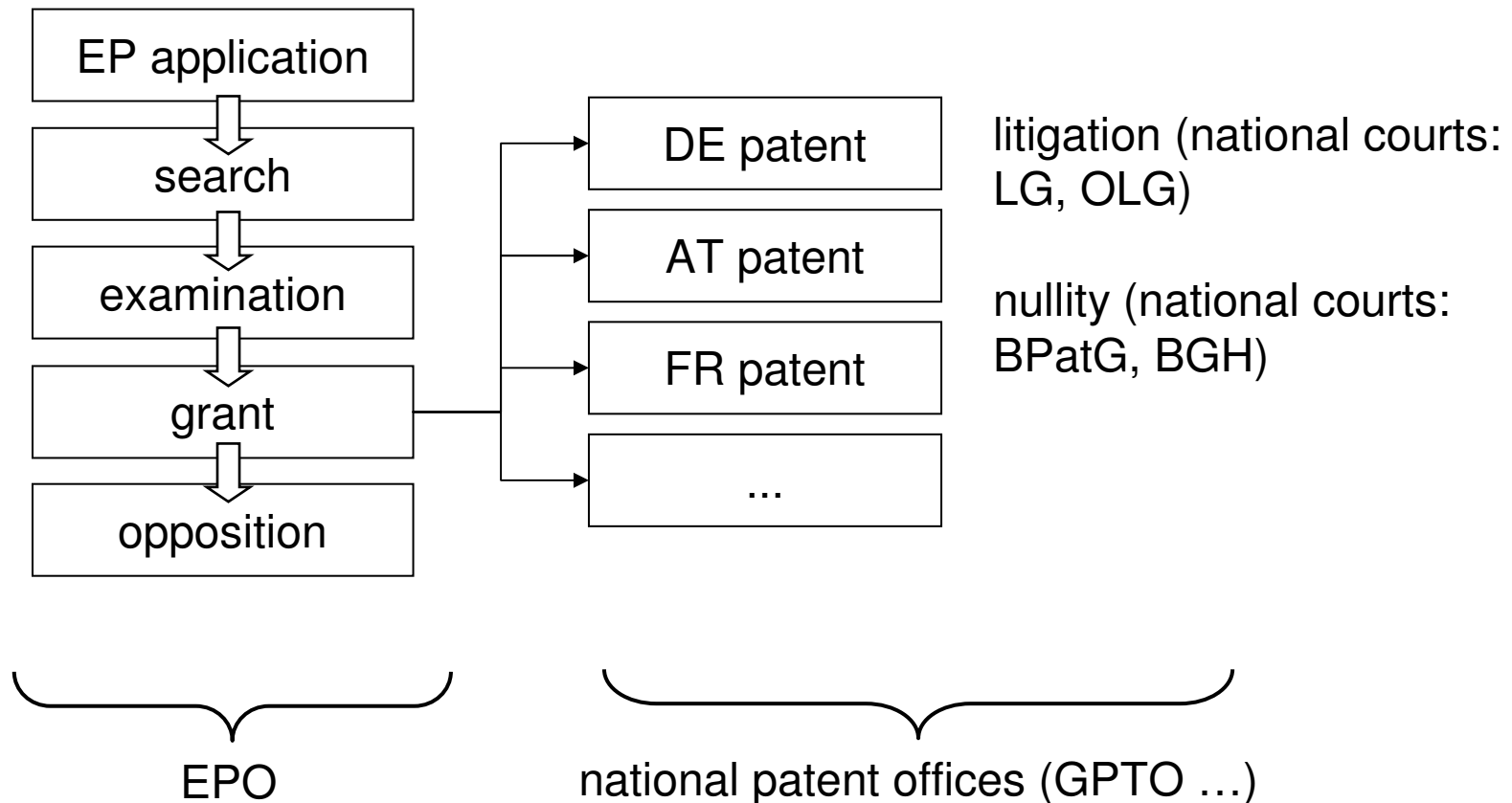
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