

Insights into the Trilateral Patent Offices' Work-sharing

and the Main Assets of the PCT

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Pre-requisites of Work-sharing

- **Quality:** Same high level standard
- **Timeliness:** Search should be available on time to the Office of Second Filing





Work-sharing at the Trilateral Offices

Pilot projects developed:

- Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)
- Strategic Handling of Applications for Rapid Examination (SHARE)
- TRIWAY
- New Route (JPO - USPTO)

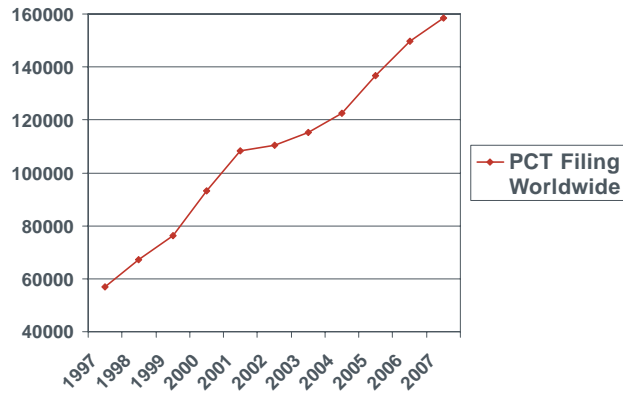


PCT: a work-sharing platform

- A **work-sharing model** already in place since 1970
- **Increasing use** of the PCT worldwide
- The **Five Offices** EPO, JPO, KIPO, SIPO and USPTO are ISAs accounting for **92% of all ISRs**
- **Timeliness** is addressed by the PCT
- **Quality** is addressed at a certain extent with, for example, the minimum documentation.



Increasing Use of the PCT Worldwide



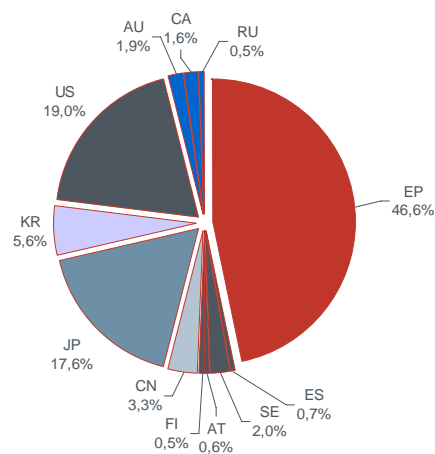
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ISRs established by ISAs

EPO, JPO, KIPO, SIPO, USPTO establish 92% of the International Search Reports (ISRs)

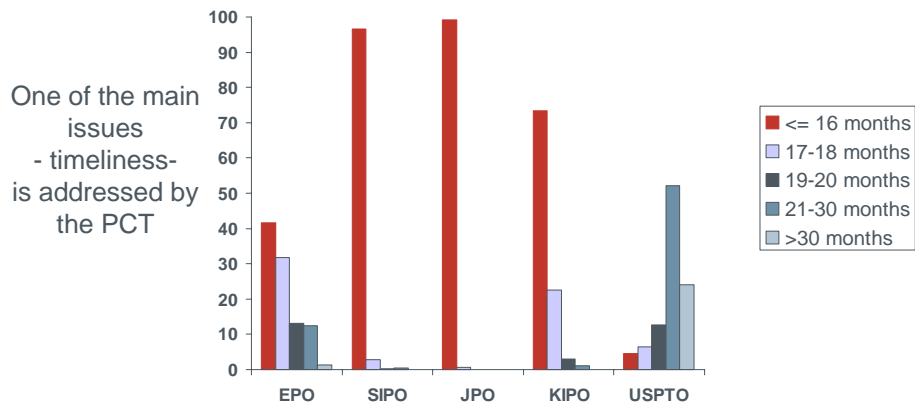
Representing 136 300 ISRs in 2007



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Distribution of the ISR delays



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Political issues

- Strengthening the PCT must have priority over national, bilateral or regional measures
- An international search should be at least as good as a national search
- The processing of PCT applications should be given priority.



- Making better use of the system may involve a shift of priorities by doing work in the international phase that would otherwise only have been done after national phase entry
- The PCT legal framework is to be improved in order to ensure efficiency and to allow International Authorities to continue to perform timely and according to the standards



Co-operation with WIPO

Close cooperation amongst the Trilateral Offices and WIPO is required in order to agree on improvements to the PCT framework