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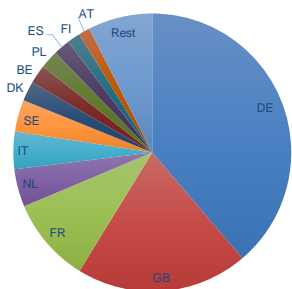
## National Considerations

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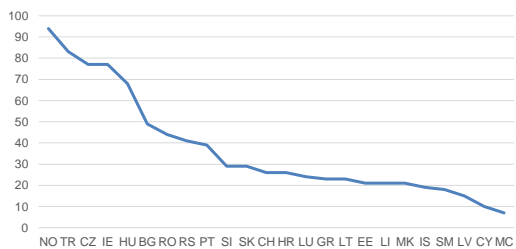
## EPAs in the Member States

Proportion of EPAs in each Larger Member States



There are 11,799 European Patent Attorneys on the register  
 40% are based in Germany, 20% in UK and 10% in France

Specific Numbers For the Rest



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## Numbers of EQE Candidates by Residence

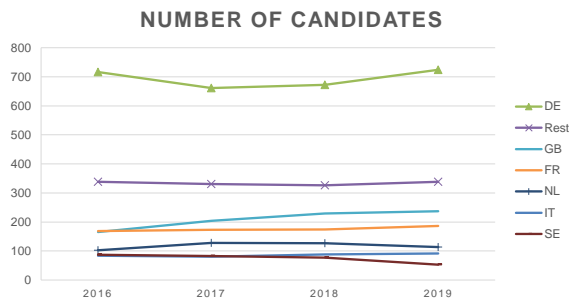
The number of candidates enrolled for any combination of papers in the main examination was relatively stable from 2016 to 2019 – around 1700

The largest number of candidates are based in Germany with around 700 candidates each year

The numbers of candidates in UK and France have increased from around 160 to around 200

For 2019:

- Spain and Switzerland - around 50 candidates
- Belgium, Finland, Denmark, Austria, Poland and Turkey - 20 to 40 candidates
- All other countries – below 10 candidates



**Rest** – a combined total for candidates based in member states other than those listed separately

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## Pass rates – Candidates meeting Art 14(1) REE

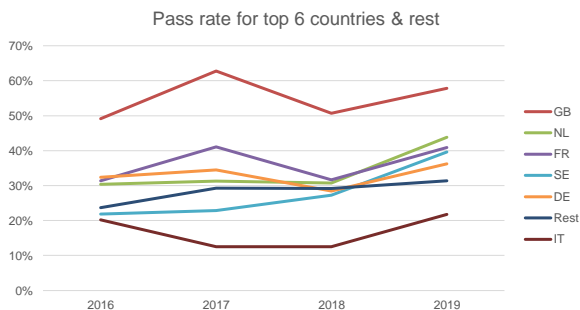
Not all candidates sit all four papers each year

Some candidates meet the requirements of Art 14(1) each year - this rose from 513 in 2016 to 672 in 2019

With the largest number of candidates sitting each year, Germany has the largest number of candidates meeting Art 14(1) followed by UK then France.

For 2019, 262 DE residents, 137 GB residents and 76 FR residents met the requirements

The pass rate is well below 50%, except for the UK, and is particularly low for Italy



Pass rate is the number of candidates meeting Art 14(1) divided by number of candidates sitting any one of the main examinations

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## Pass rates – Paper by Paper

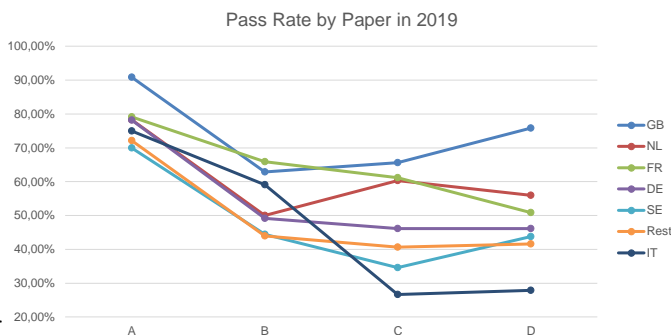
Paper A has the highest pass rate for all countries with a pass rate of at least 70%

Generally, the pass rate decreases from A to D except for the UK and Sweden where the pass rate for D is higher than B or C

Candidates in UK, Netherlands and France had pass rates over 50% in all papers

Candidates based in Germany and Sweden had pass rates below 50% in each of B, C and D

Candidates based in Italy had very low pass rates for papers C and D



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## National examinations in member states

A handful of member states do not have a national examination, including

- Greece, Luxembourg, Iceland, Monaco and Norway

Many of the larger member states make use of the EQE, but notably not Germany

- Passing the EQE provides exemption to some parts of the national examination,
  - 'drafting' and 'amending' parts, e.g. Ireland, Netherlands, Switzerland, and UK
- EQE may be considered a pre-requisite before sitting the national examination, e.g. Austria

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## Use of EQE in National Examinations

Use of EQE	No use of EQE	
Austria	Bulgaria	Latvia
Belgium	Cyprus	Lithuania
France	Czech Republic	Poland
Ireland	Germany	Portugal
Liechtenstein	Denmark	Romania
Netherlands	Estonia	Slovenia
Switzerland	Finland	Slovakia
Sweden	Hungary	Turkey
UK	Italy	