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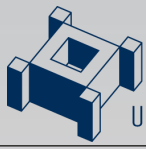
# How patents can foster innovation in the medical device field

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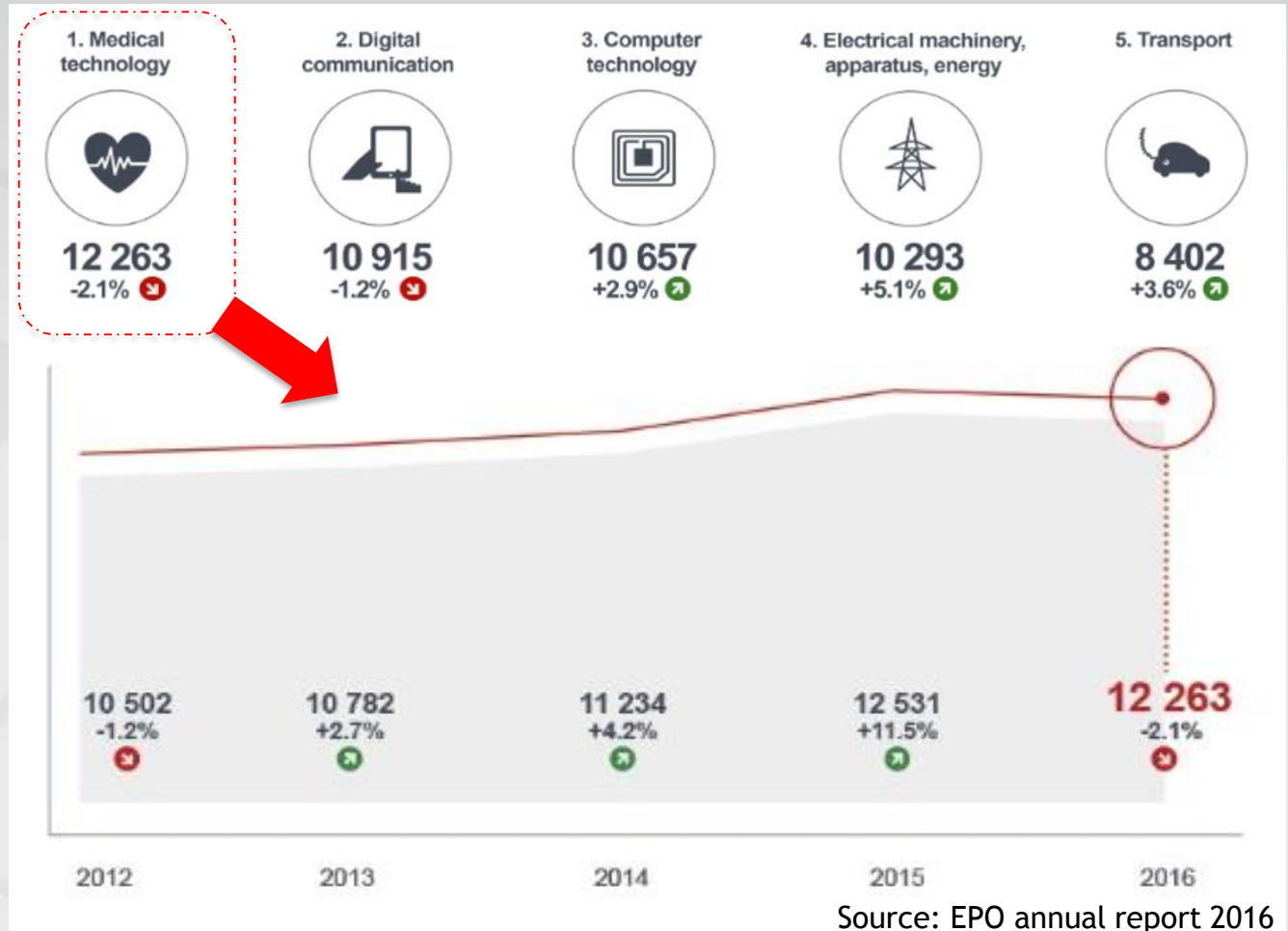
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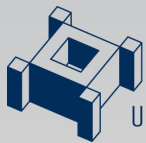


# Trends in medical technology applications

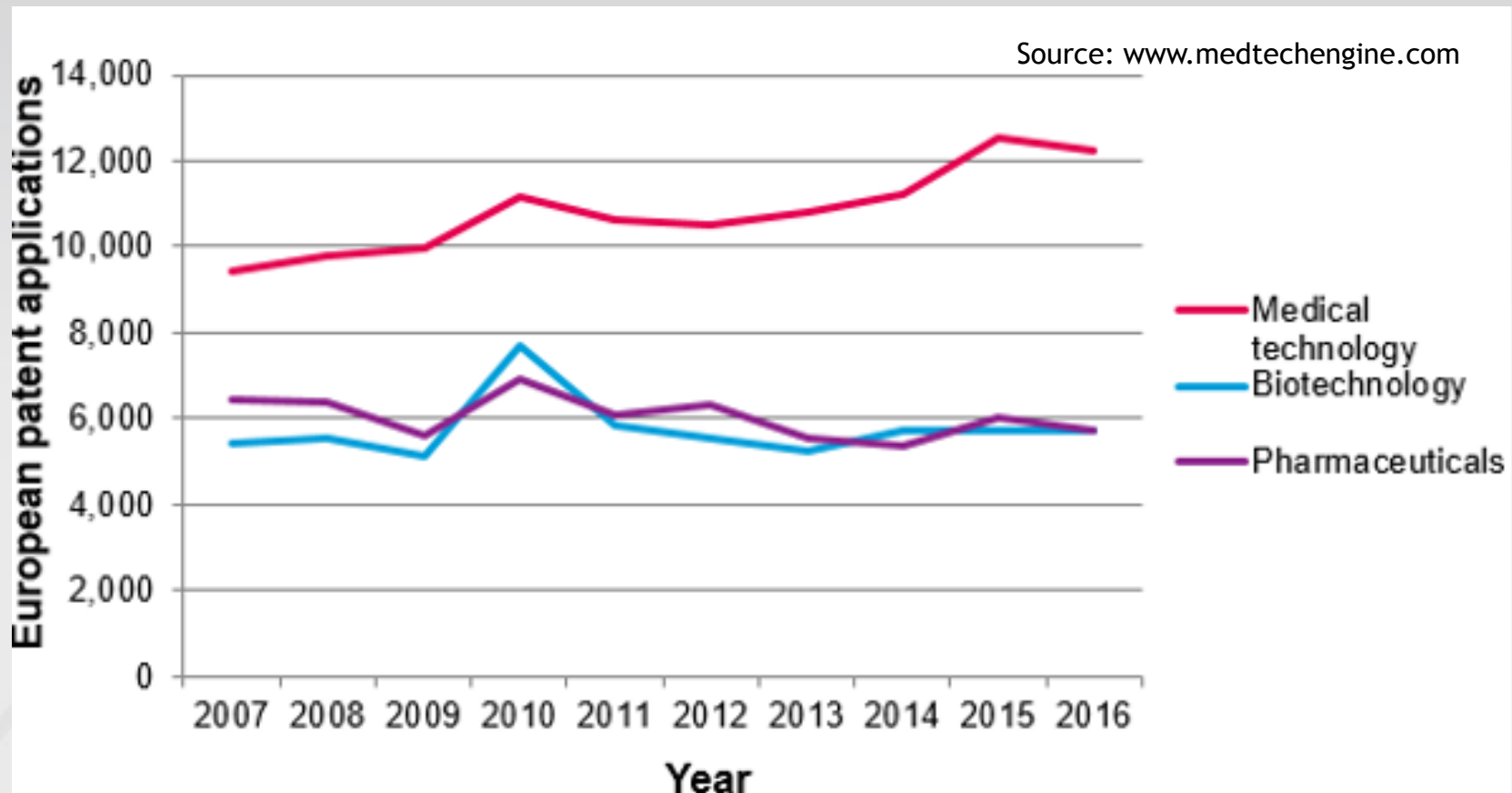


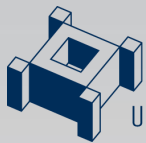
Source: EPO annual report 2016

Medical technology has become the strongest sector for European patent filings

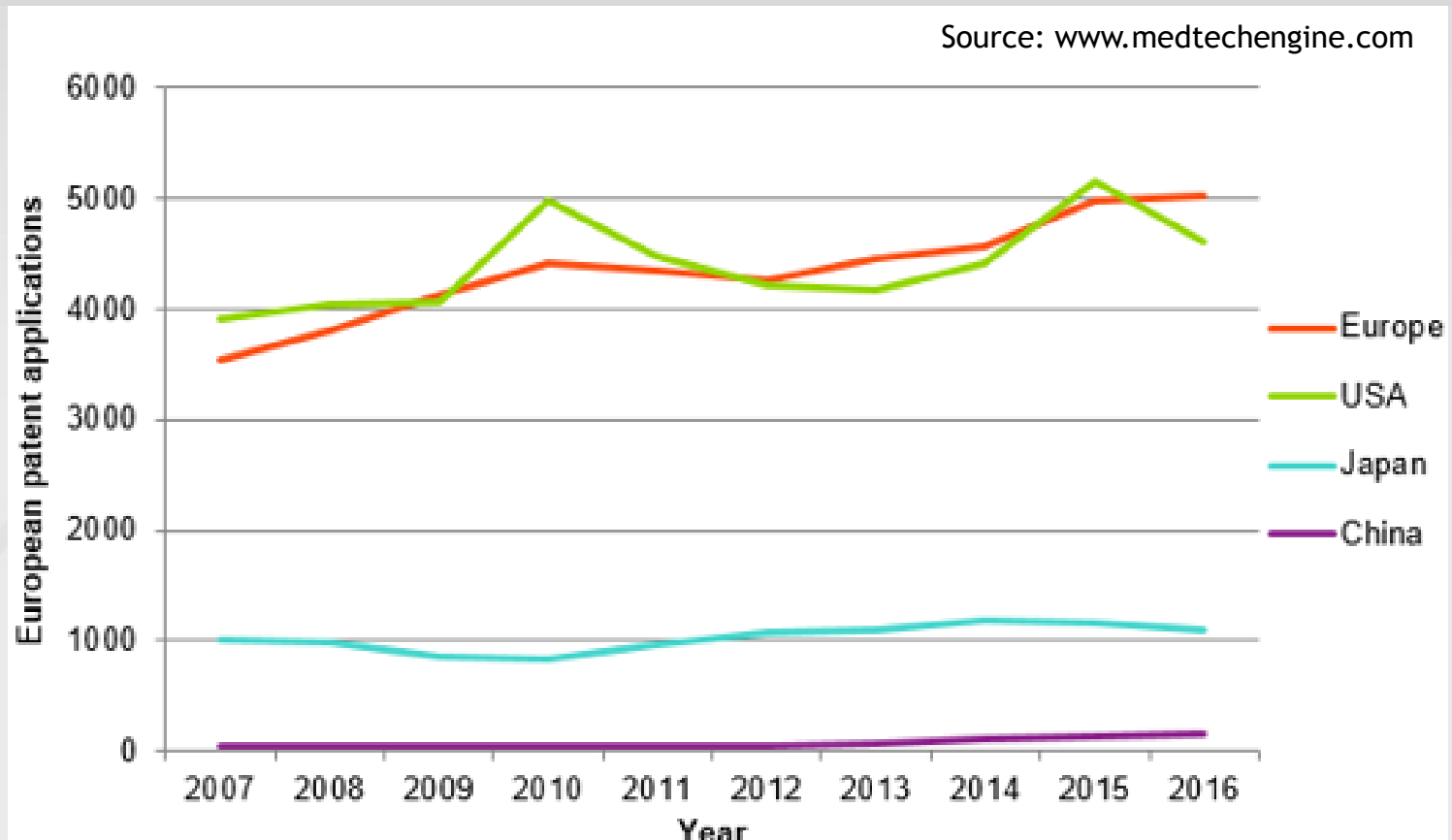


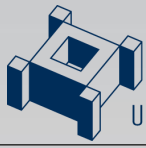
# European patent applications in healthcare





# European patent applications for medical technologies from world's largest economies





# Exceptions to patentability (Art. 53 – EPC)

Patents for medical devices cover the physical product.

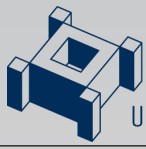
*European patents shall not be granted in respect of:*

*(...)*

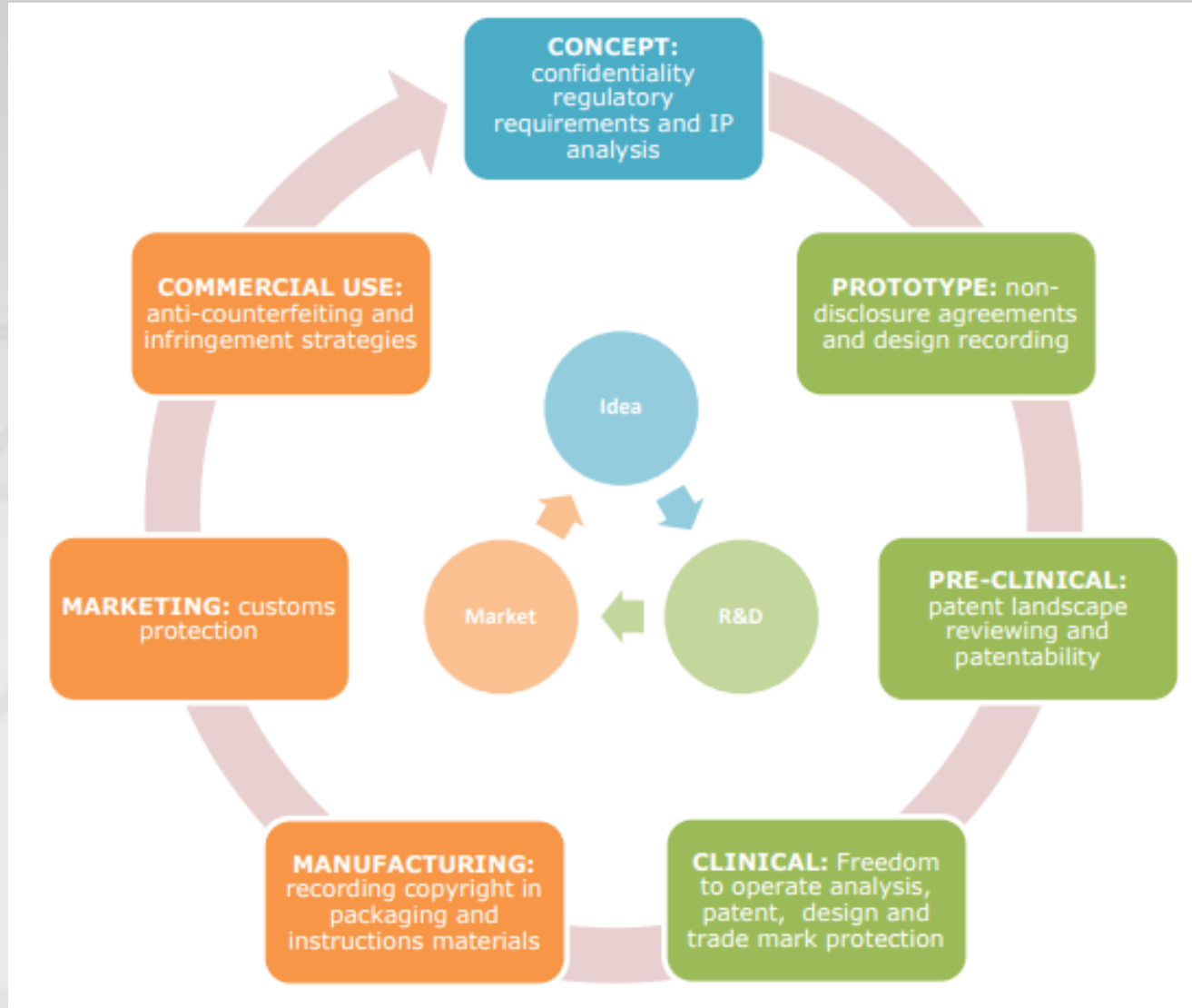
- c) methods for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy and diagnostic methods practised on the human or animal body; this provision shall not apply to products, in particular substances or compositions, for use in any of these methods.*



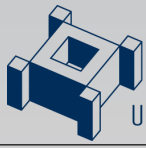
## ***Devices vs Methods***



# IP is not only patents



Source: European IPR Helpdesk



# Thanks!

*If you are thinking about patenting a medical technology, be careful and (Metro)consult a patent attorney.*

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