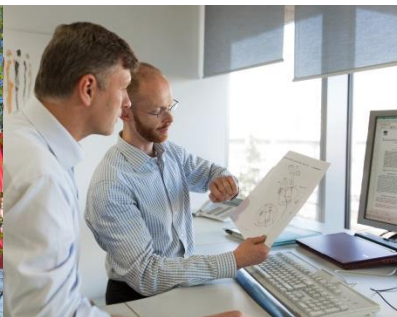


4a. Latest PCT Developments / 4b.PCT Direct US Bar-EPO Liaison Council

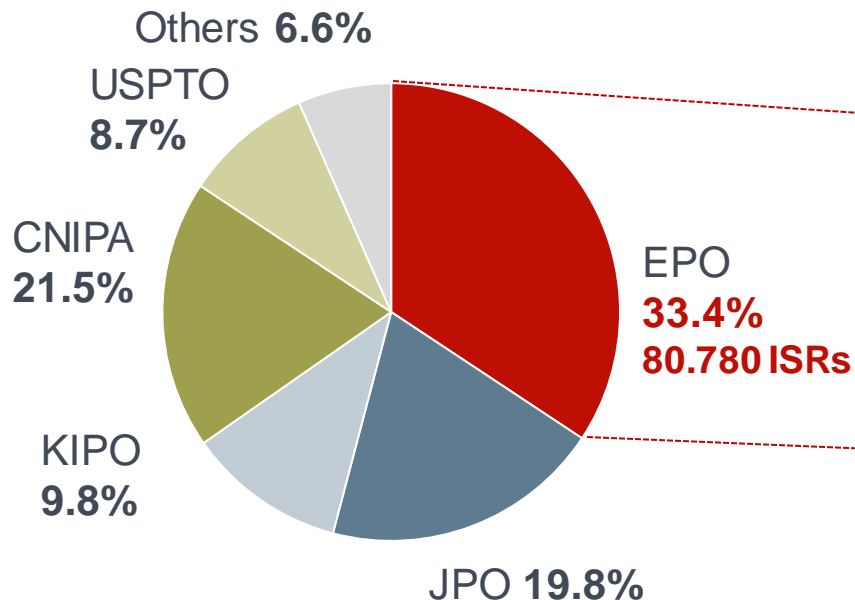
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EPO continues to be the main ISA

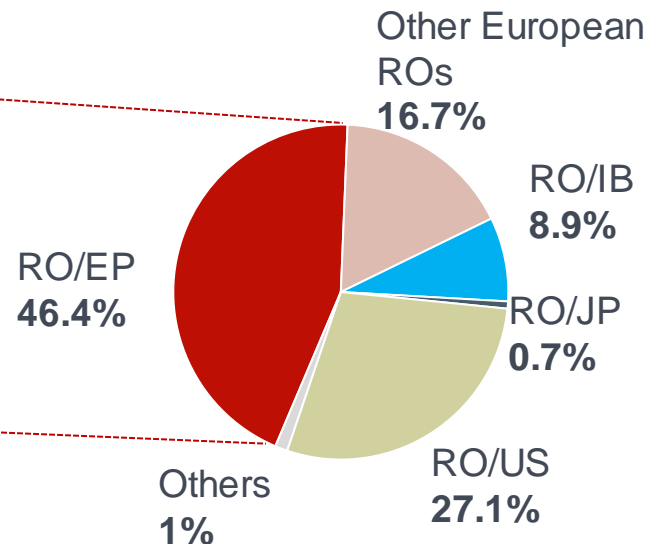
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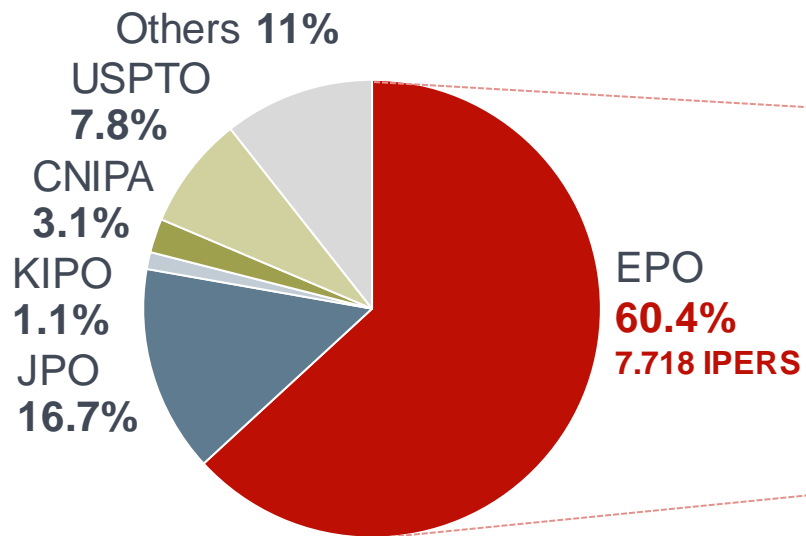
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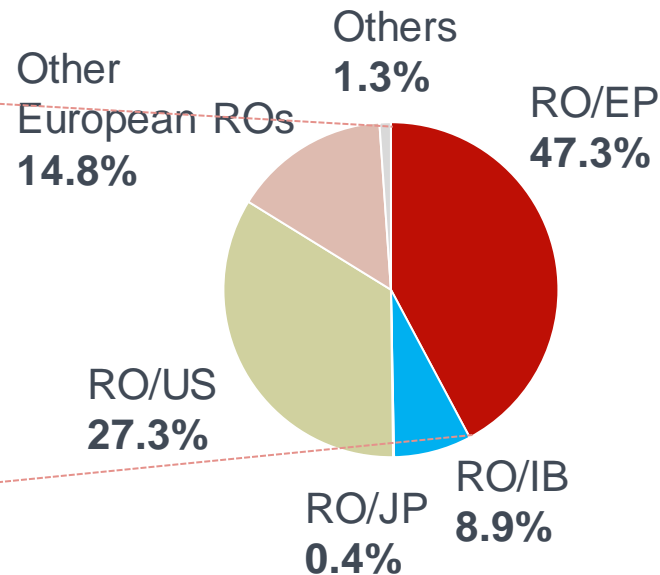


The EPO leading as IPEA in 2018

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Examination reports
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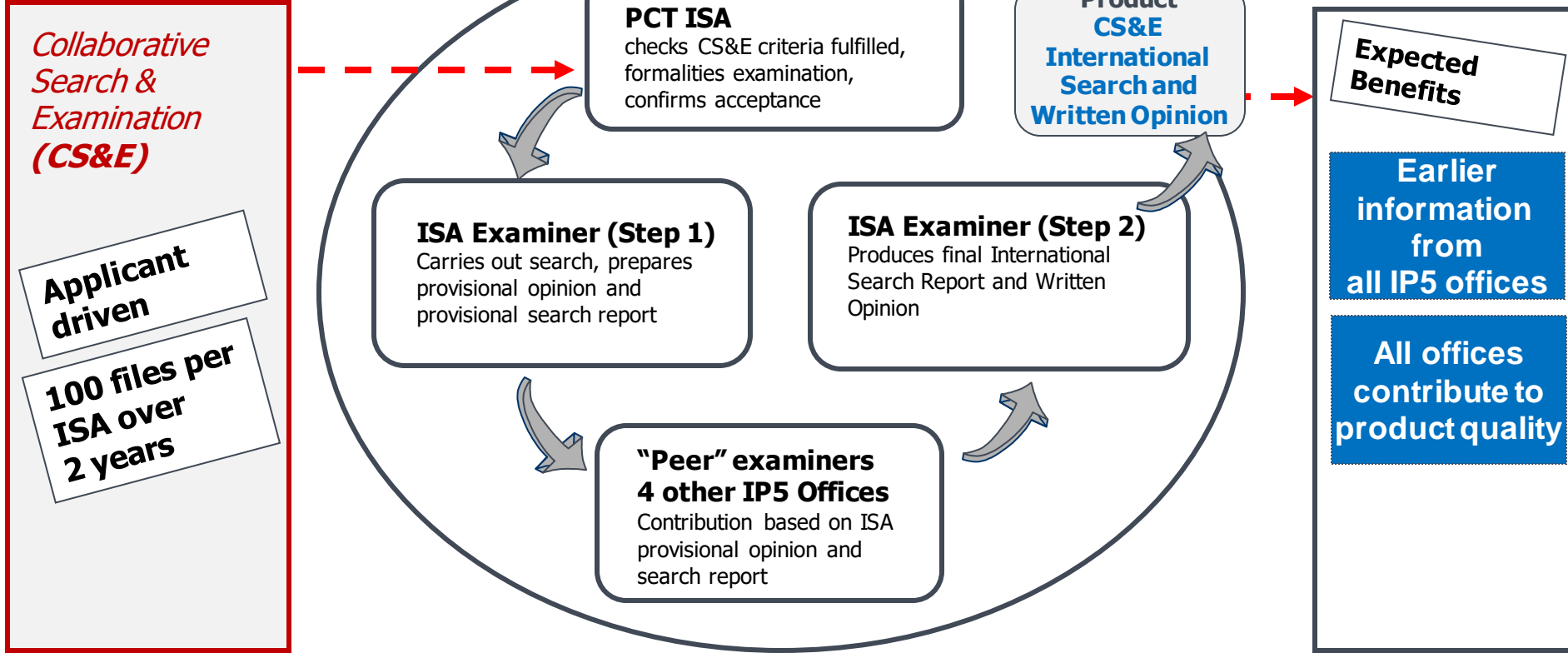
Origins of Demands by ROs
received by IPEA/EP in 2018



New services and projects at the EPO in 2019

- **New refund procedure** at the EPO since 1 April 2019 (OJ EPO 2019, A26)
- **Early start** for Chapter 2 examination since 1 July 2019 (PCT Rule 69)
- **Good timeliness**: 96.5% ISRs issued in time for A1 publication (2018)
- **EPO joined DAS** from 1 Nov 2018 (general) and 1 April 2019 (for PCT/RO)
- **Collaborative Search & Examination** (IP5 pilot project launched in 2018)
- **PCT Direct** (new service launched in 2016)

CS&E - process model



CS&E requests as main ISA (as of 30.8.2019)



Requests
accepted

60

(incl. 4x DE)



Prov. SR
uploaded

✓ **57**

(3 non-unity)



Final SR
dispatched

✓ **43**



Overall

143 requests in total

83 refused (quotas)



Receiving
Office

- 18 PCT/EP
- 32 PCT/US
- 8 PCT/IB – 2 PCT/JP



Tech. sectors

- 29 for ICT*
- 23 for HBC*
- 8 for MM*

* ICT: Information and Communications Technology, HBC: Healthcare, Biotechnology and Chemistry, M&M: Mobility and Mechatronics

CS&E requests as peer Office (as of 30.8.2019)



Overall

226 requests accepted



Prov. SR received

196

(71 – MM, 48 – HBC, 77 – ICT)



Receiving Office

CN - 52

KR - 22

JP - 28

IB - 12

US - 112



Main ISA

CN - 53

US - 63

JP - 42

KR - 68



Handed over to examiner

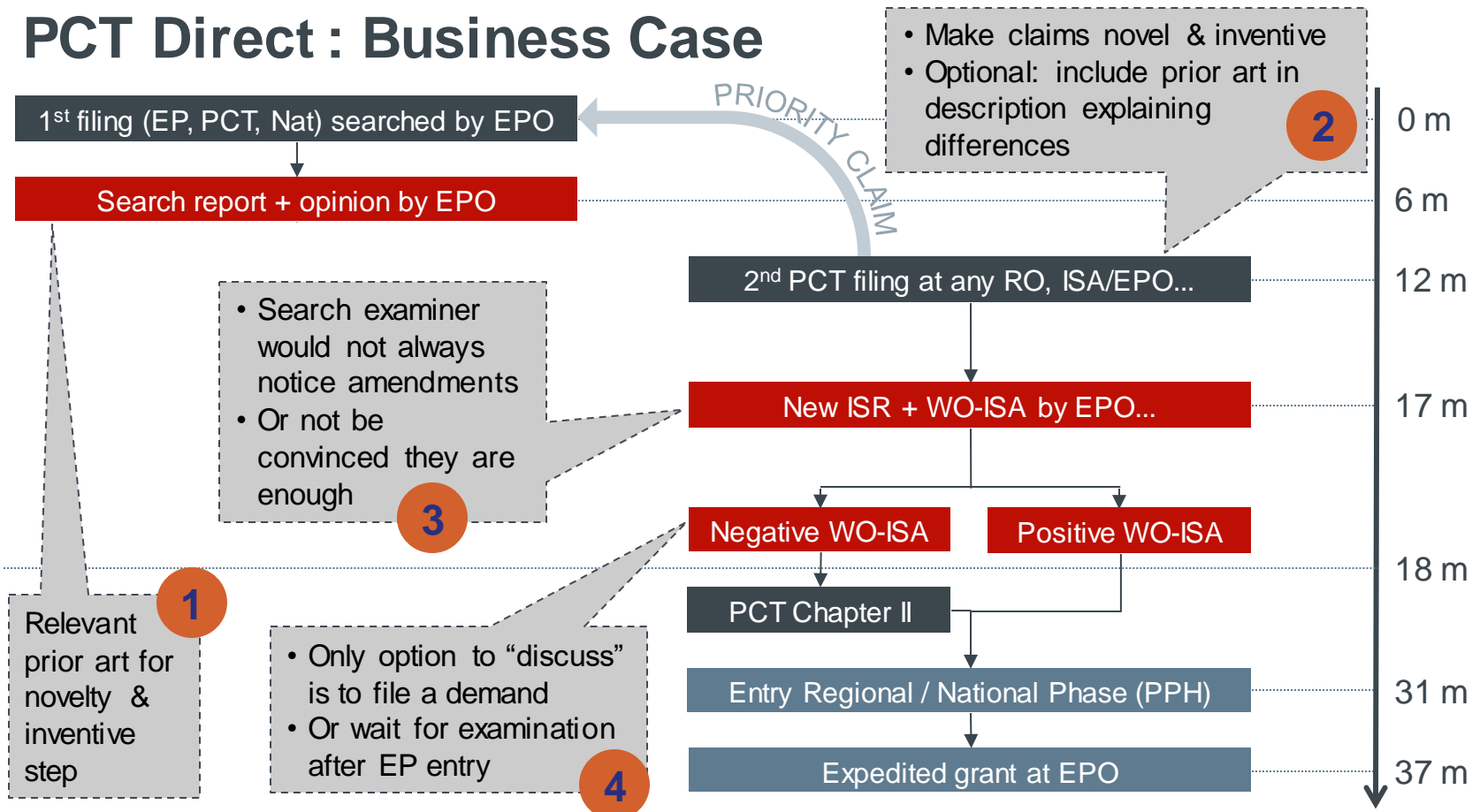
✓ **194**



Peer opinion uploaded

✓ **184**

PCT Direct : Business Case



PCT Direct is user-driven

- **You** file a 1st filing application **searched by EPO**
- **You** file a PCT application with **EPO as International Searching Authority** claiming priority from the 1st filing application
- **You amend your PCT application** in response to the search report and opinion established by the EPO for the 1st filing



PCT Direct



Letter accompanying
your 2nd filing

- **EPO** establishes a new search report and written opinion based on **your** reply letter and addressing the points raised **by you!**

PCT Direct timeline

