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New research from the EUIPO shows that Registered Community Design (RCD) filings increased by 36.2% between 2010 and 2019, with an average annual growth rate of 3.5%.

51% of all filings in that period came from Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Spain. The world's three largest economies – the United States of America, the People's Republic of China and Japan occupy the third, sixth and ninth positions respectively in the top 10 ranking of the countries with the most direct RCD design filings.

Strong RCD filing growth is also observed in Poland and The Netherlands, which round out the top 10.

Taken together, the top 10 countries accounted for 77% of all filings directly submitted to the EUIPO or to the central industrial property offices of the EU Member States in the past decade.

China experienced an RCD filing growth rate of 890.4% between 2010 and 2019, while the USA also grew strongly, with a growth rate of 103.7% during the same period.

Within the EU, direct RCD filings from Poland grew by 92.3% between 2010 and 2019, equating to the highest annual growth rate among the EU-27, of 8%. Direct filings from The Netherlands grew by 46.6% during the period 2010-2019, with an annual growth rate of 5%.

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