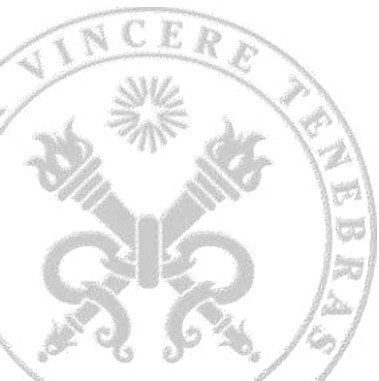


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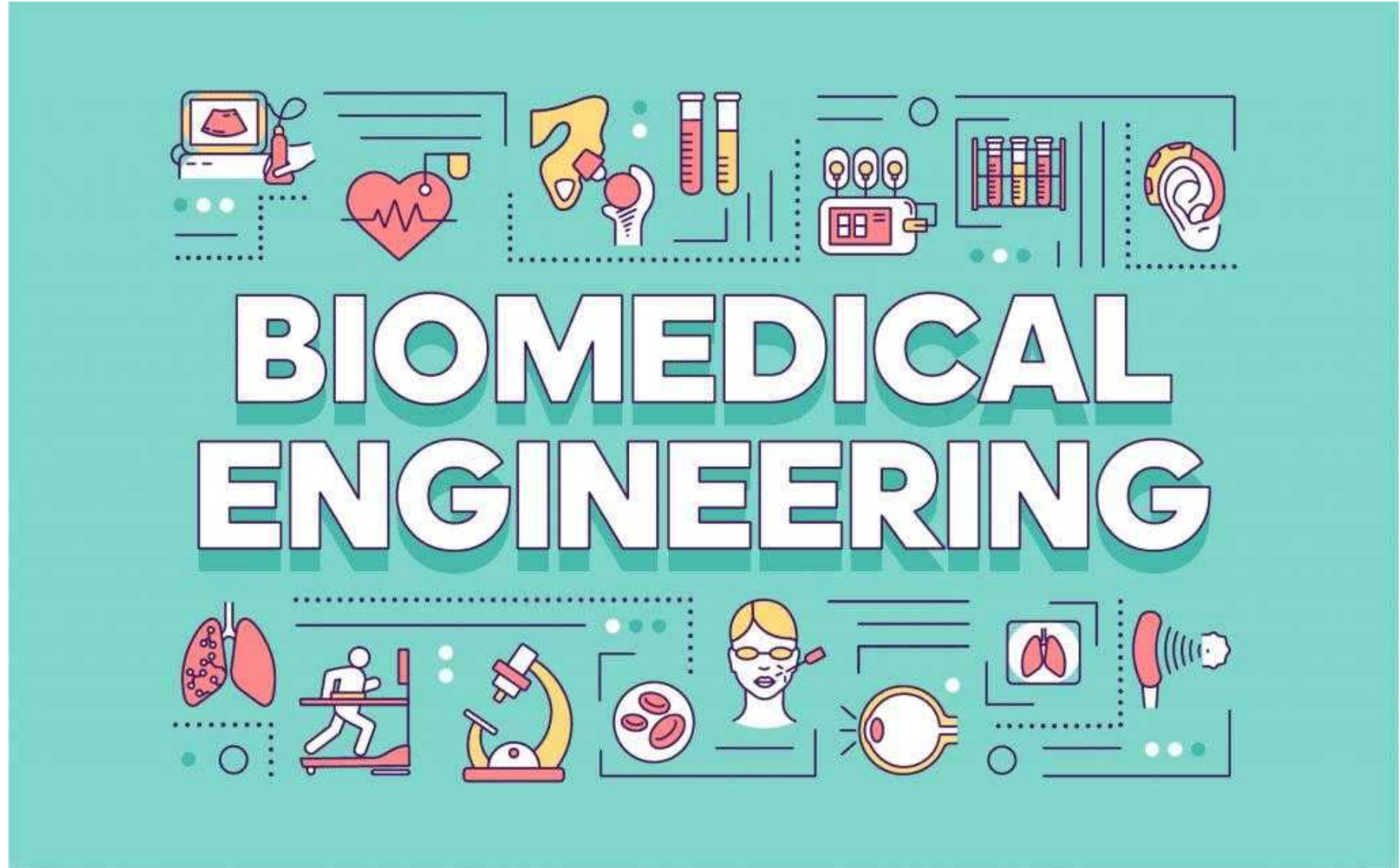
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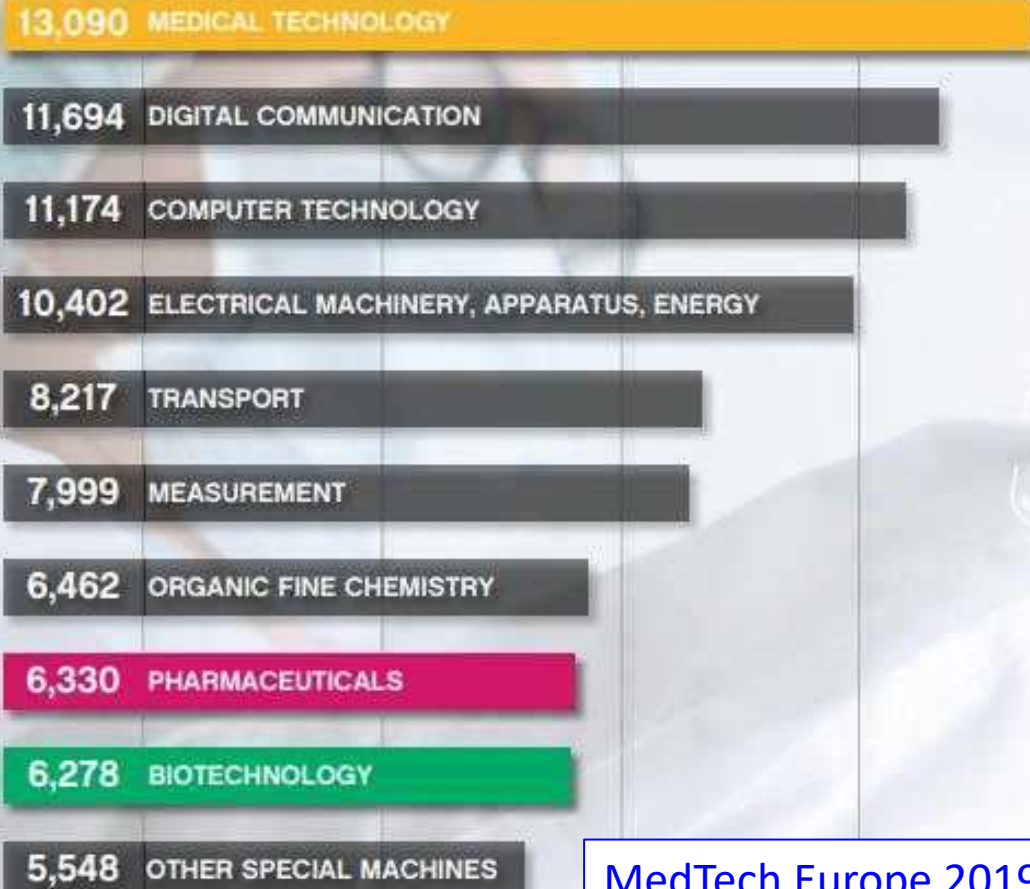
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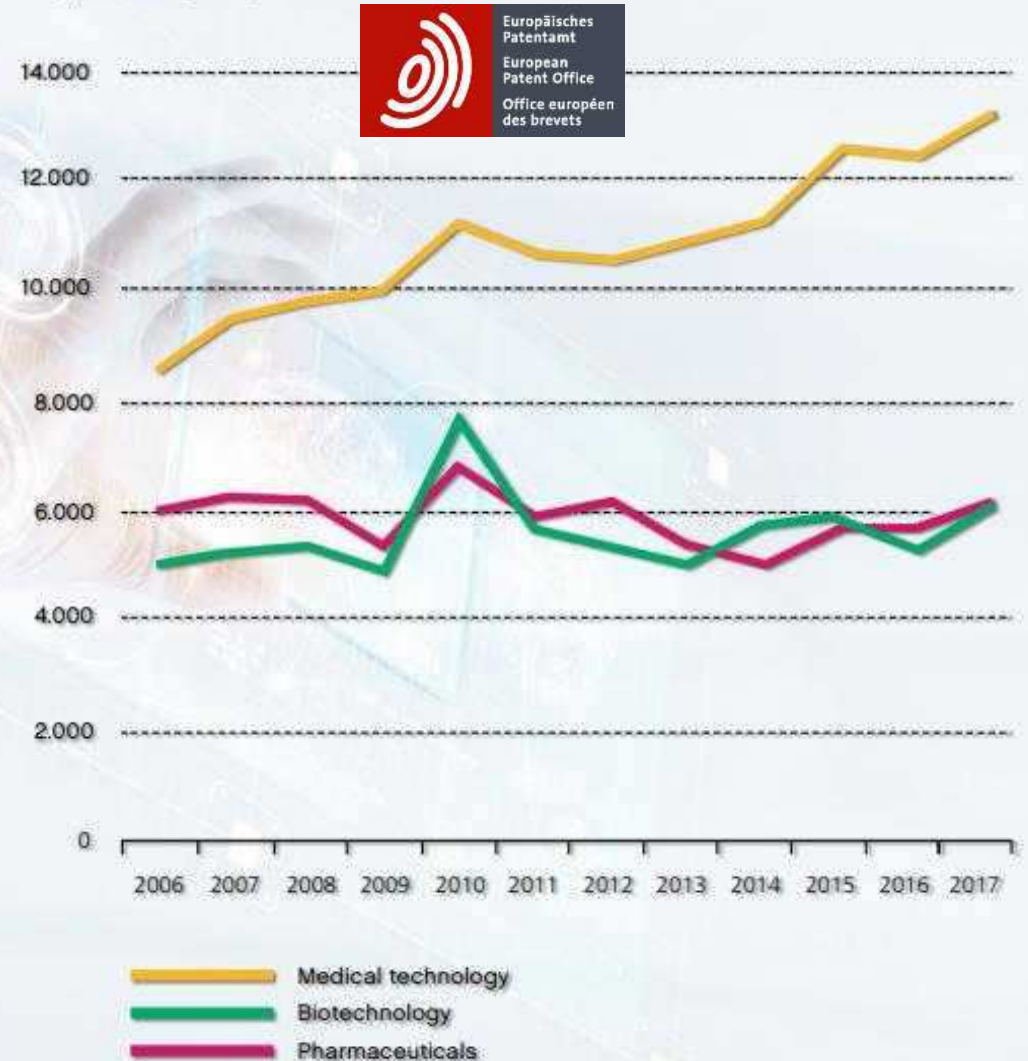
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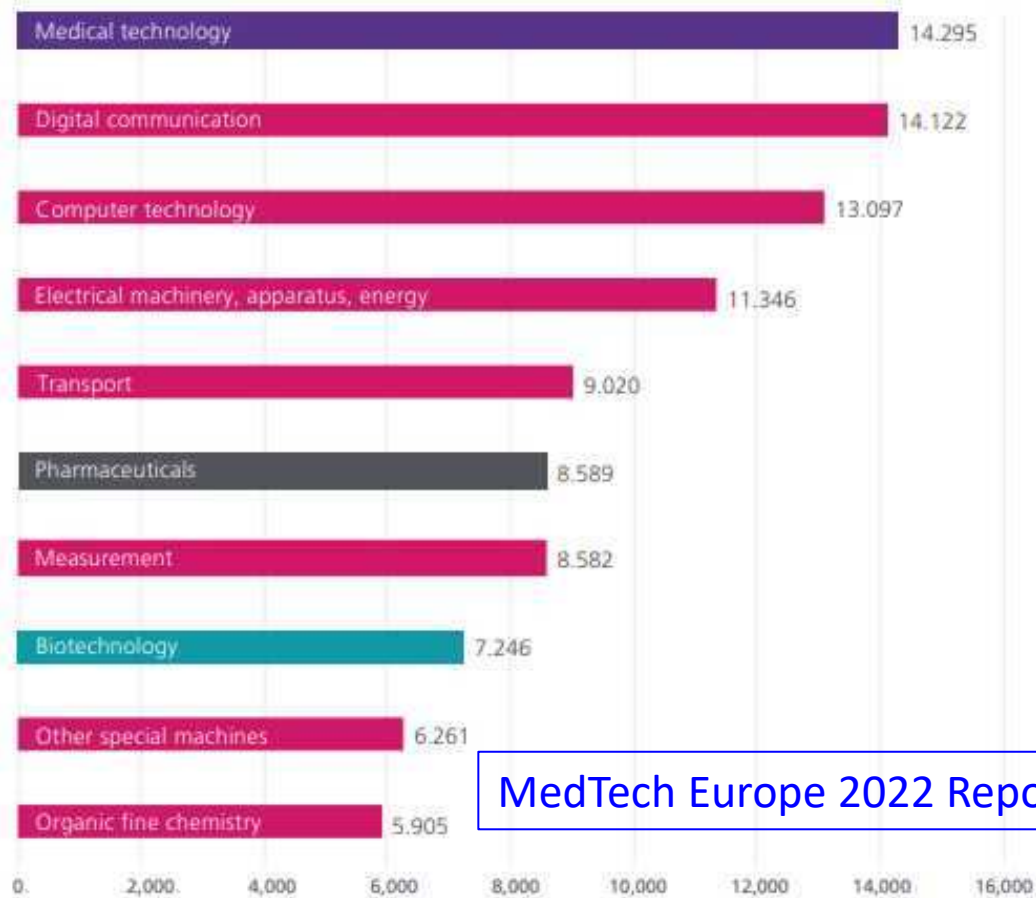
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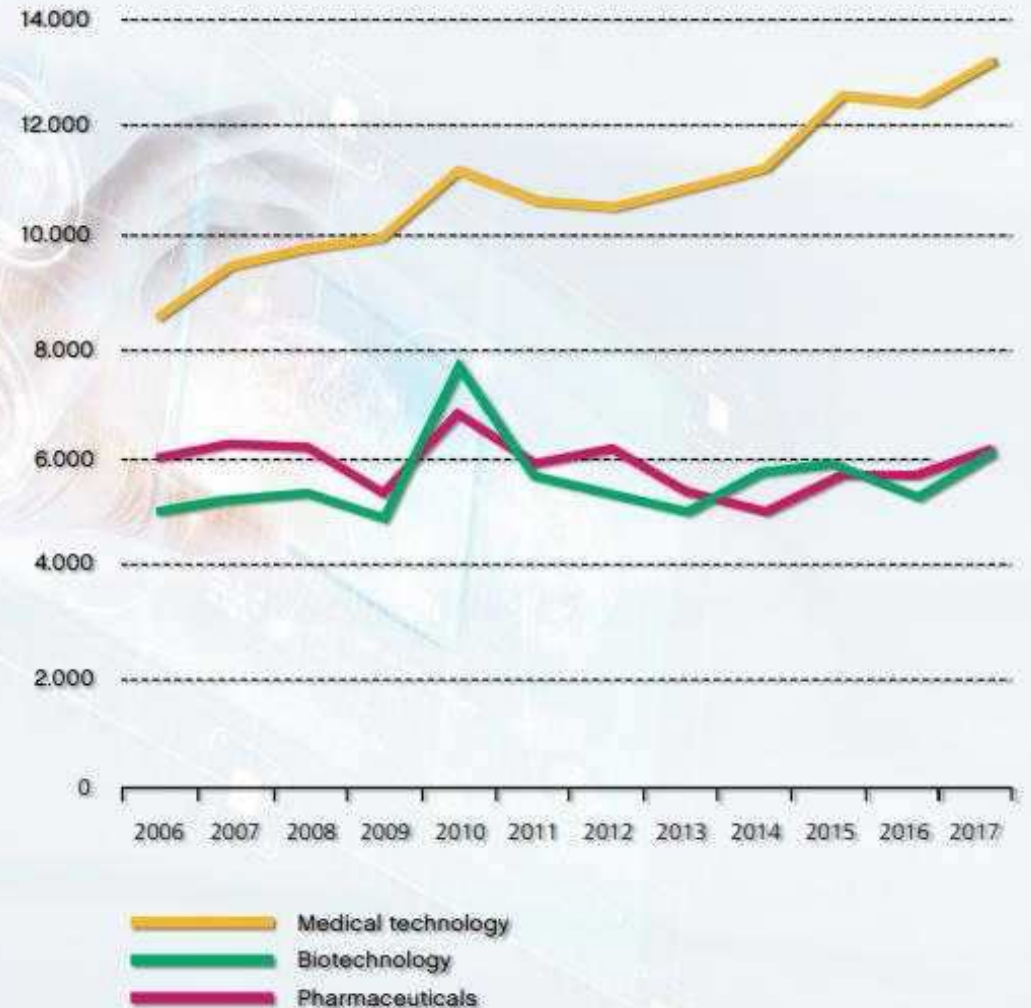
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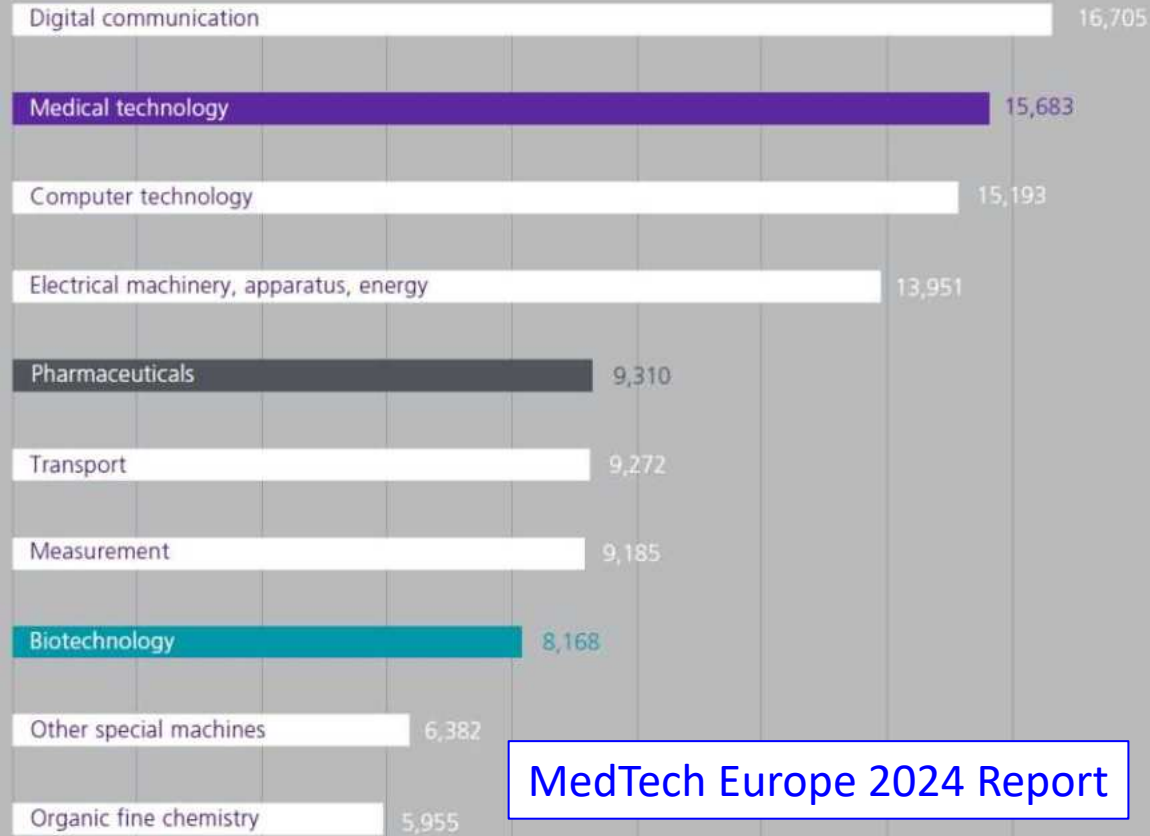
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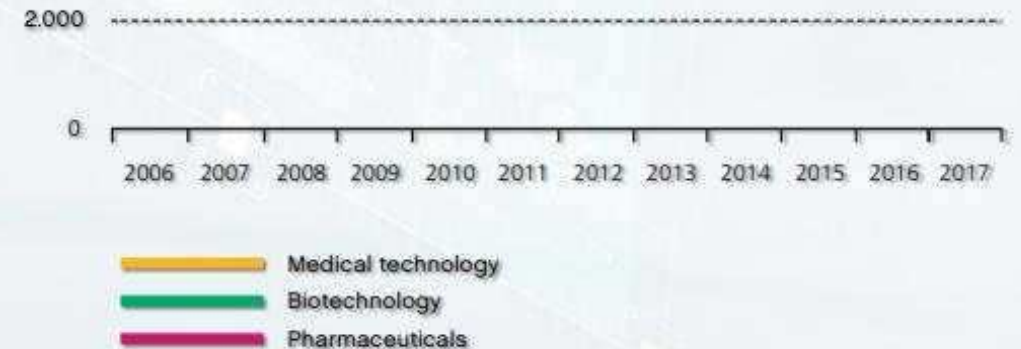
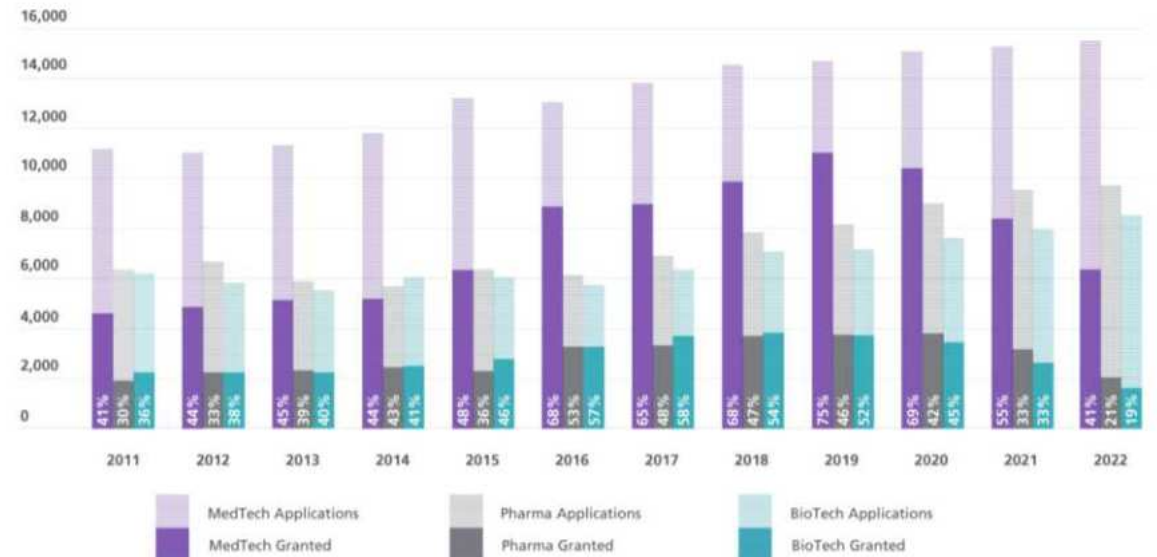
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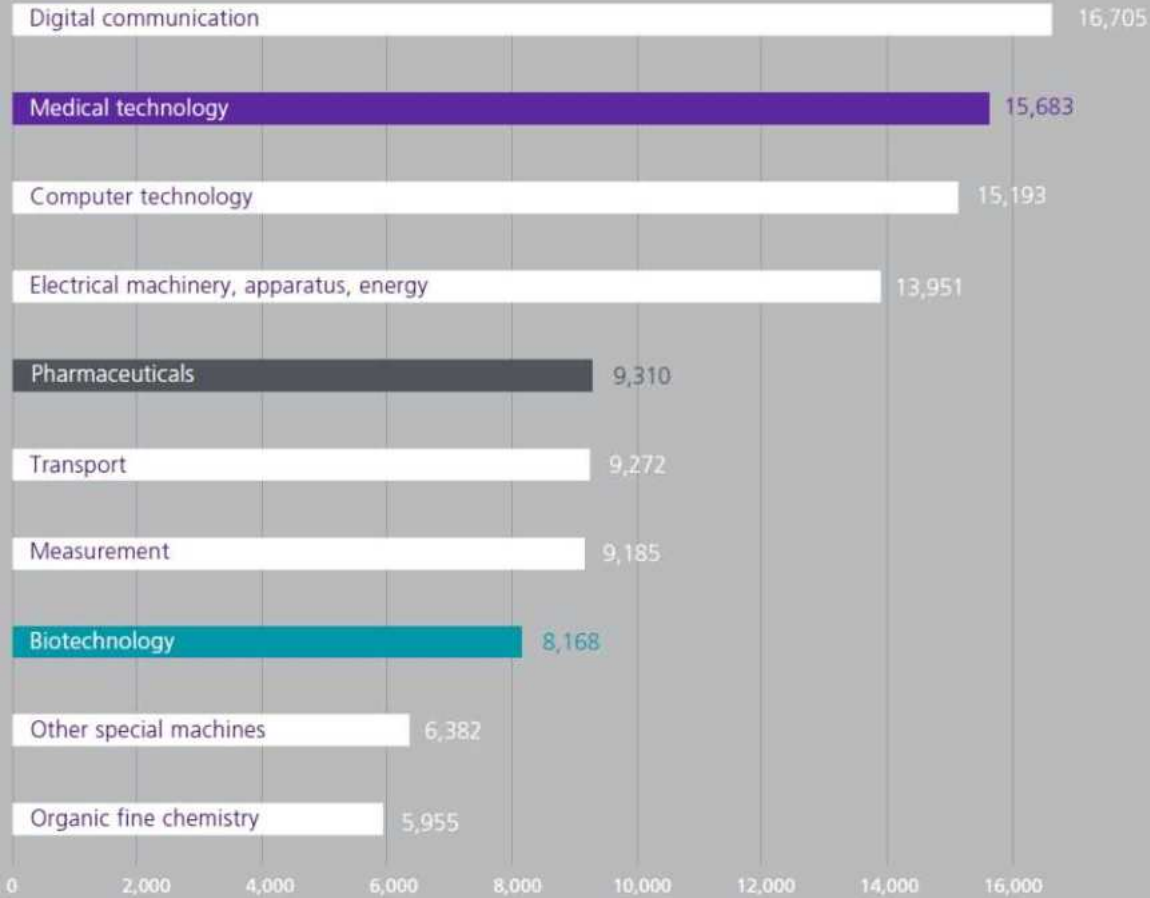
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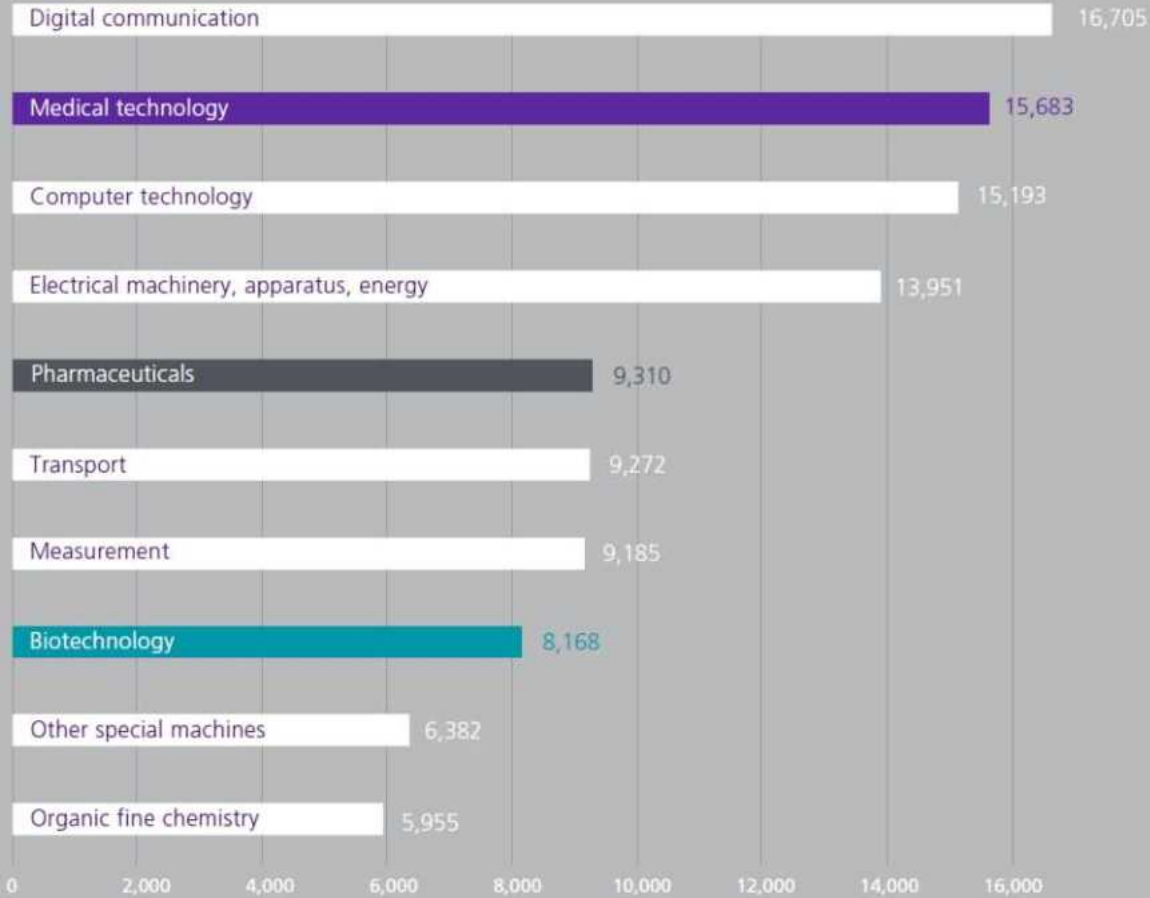
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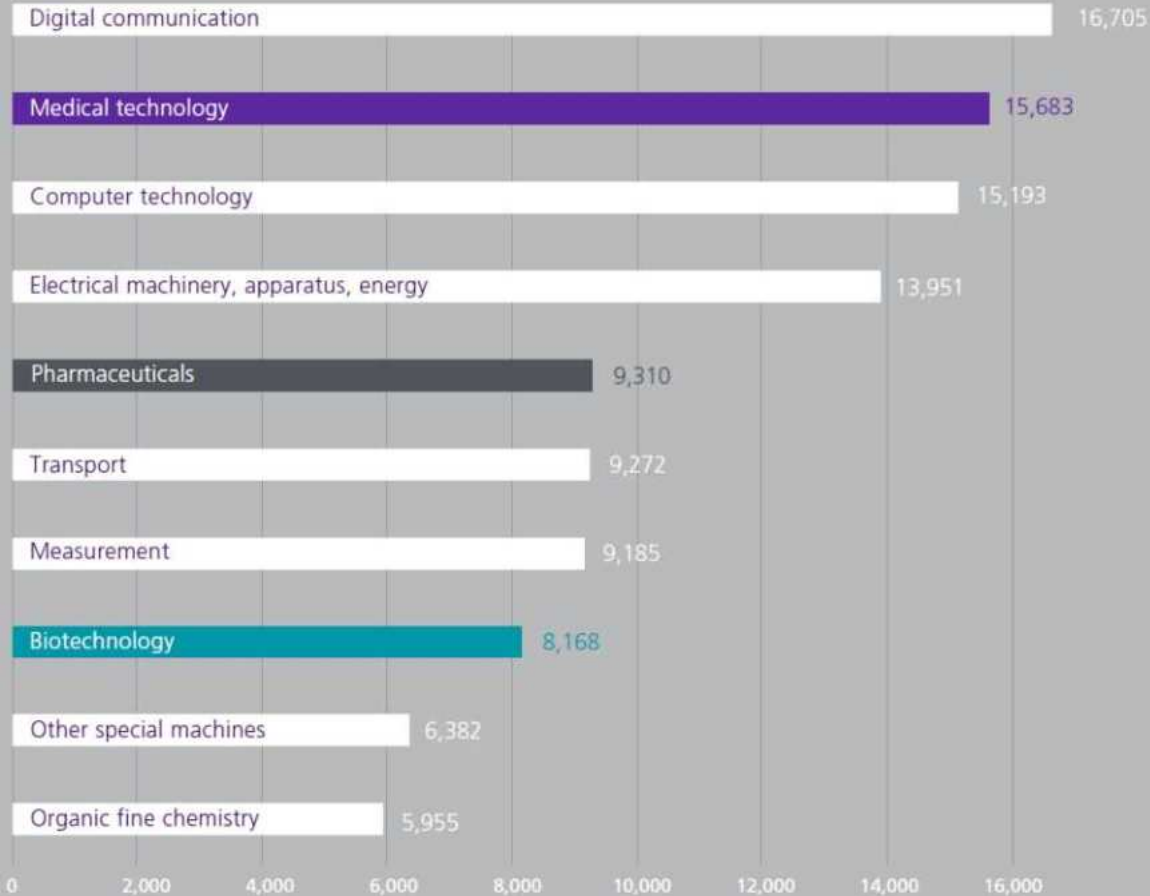
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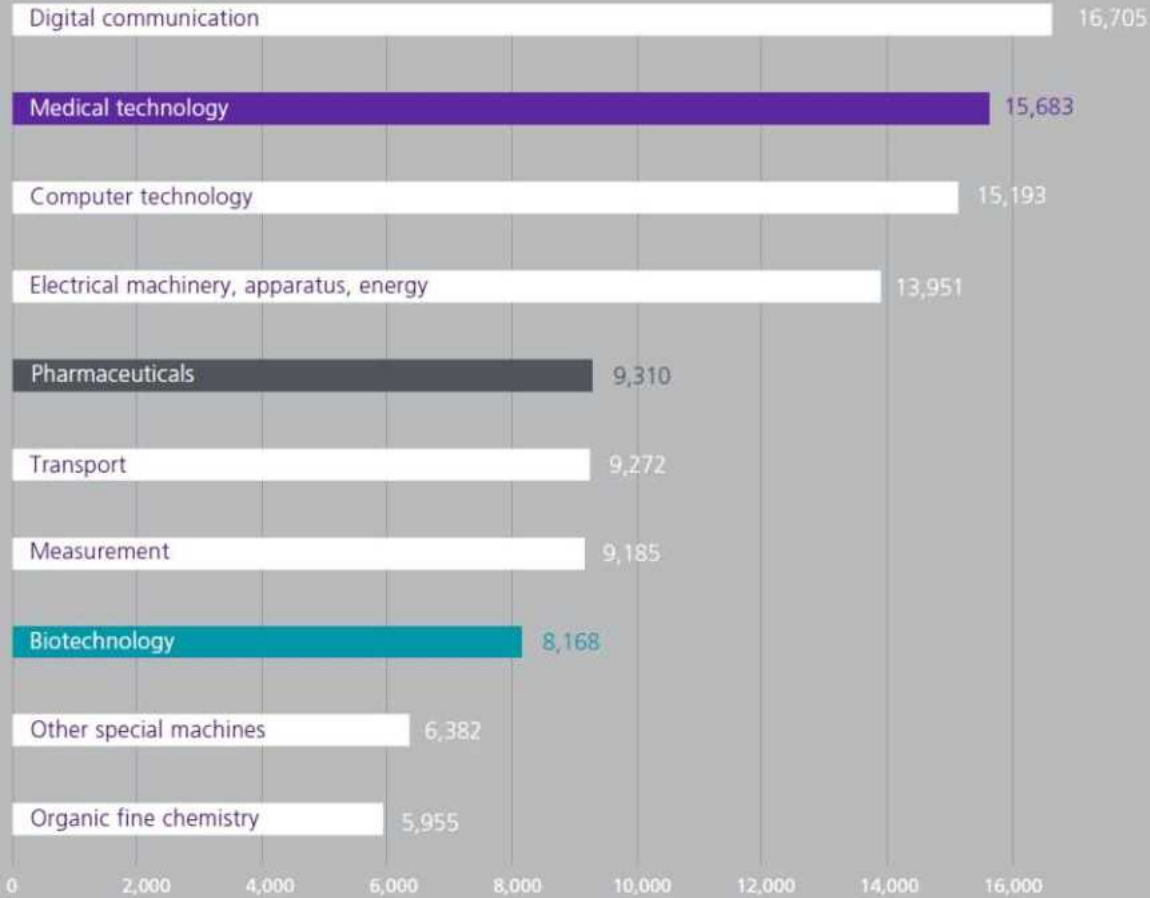
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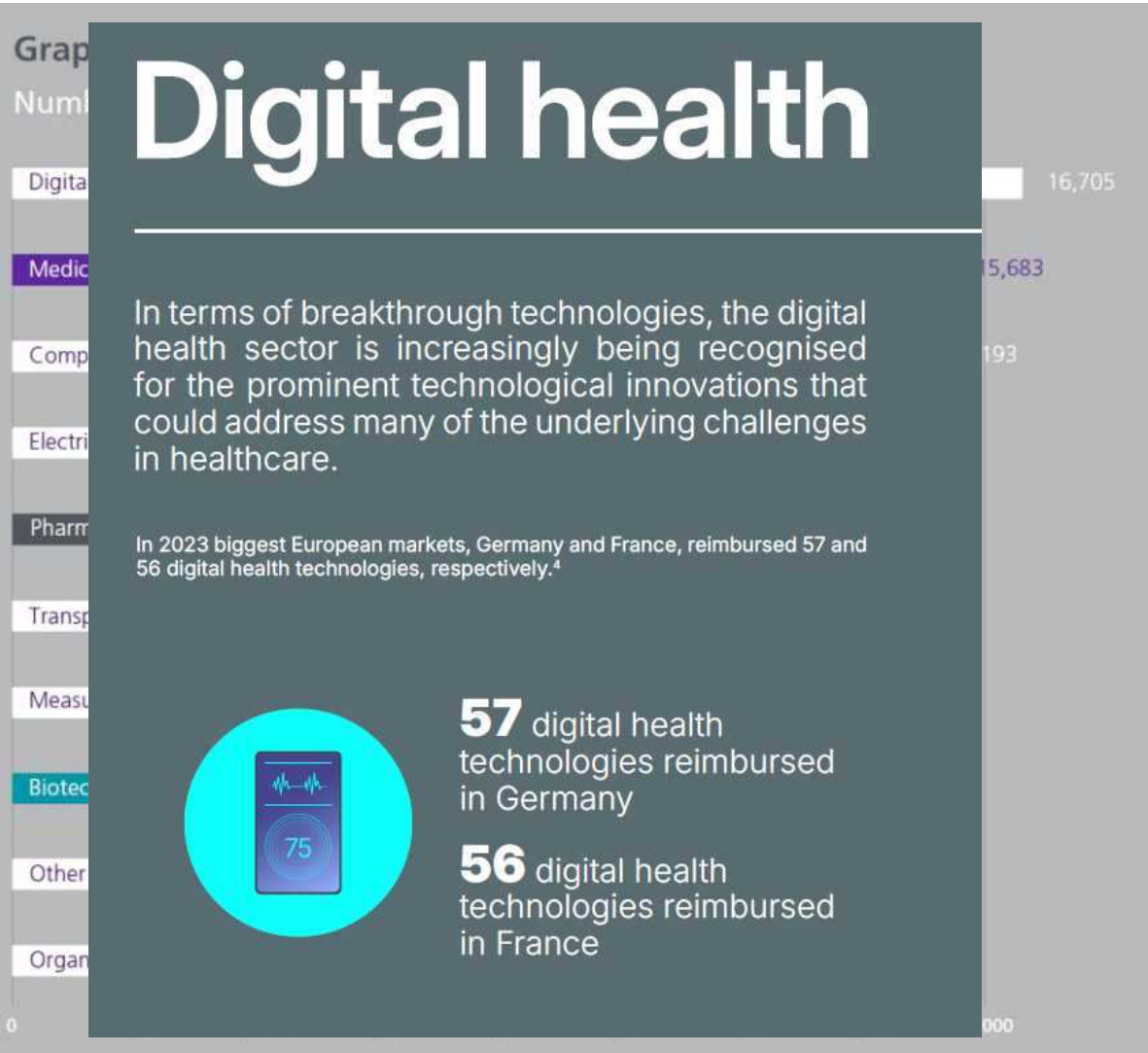
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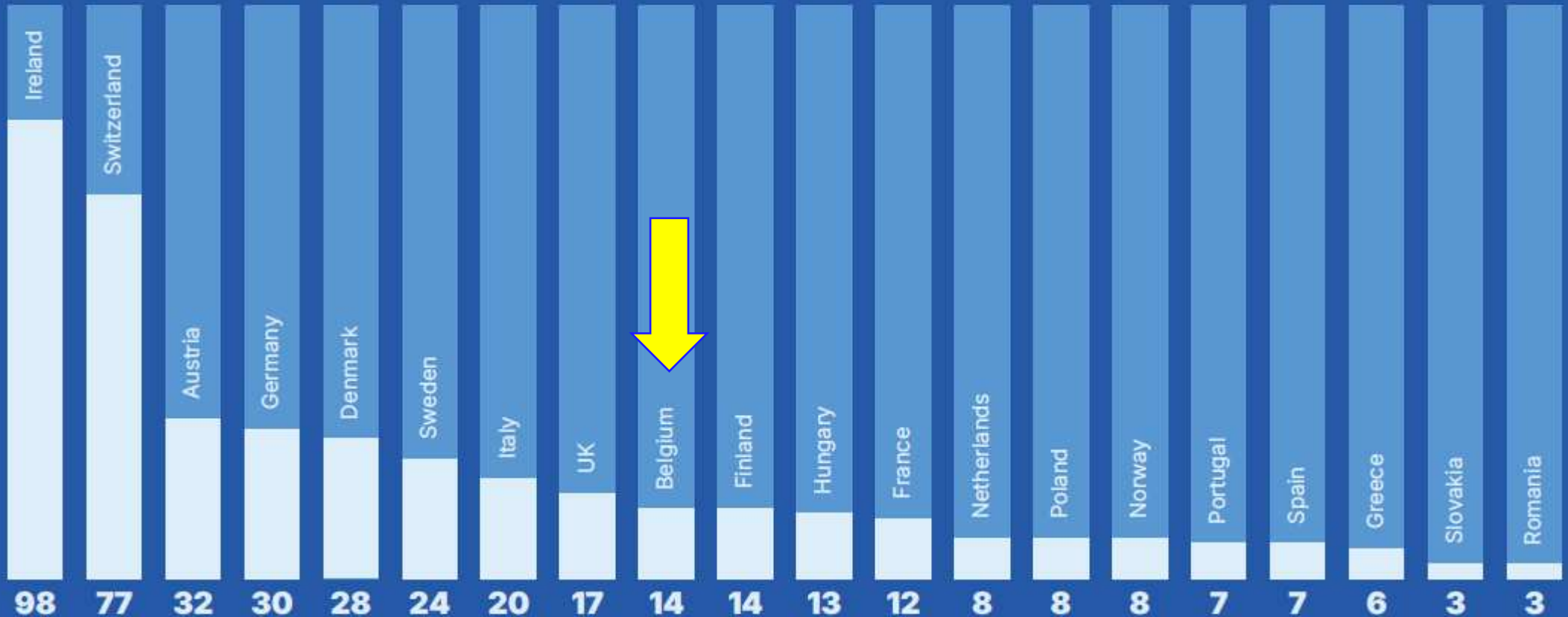
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Number of people directly employed in the medical technology industry per 10,000 inhabitants

Latest year available (ref. 4)





## Companies

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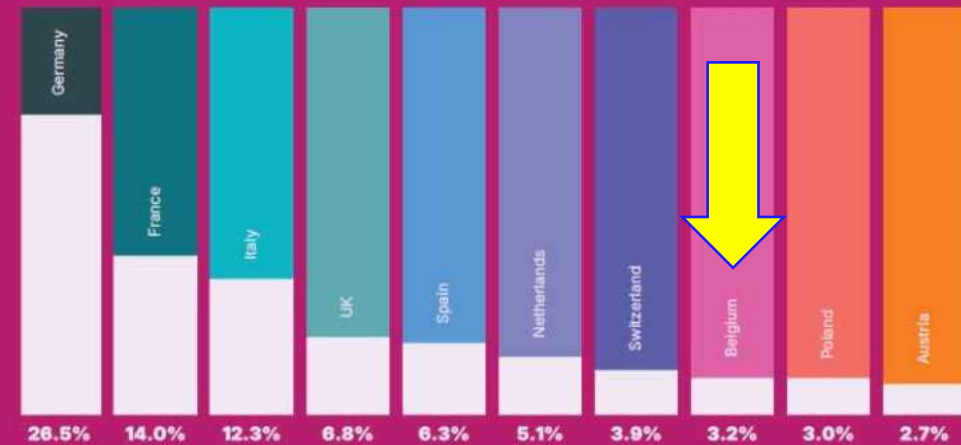


**26.1%** of world market

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Graph 6  
European medical device market by country  
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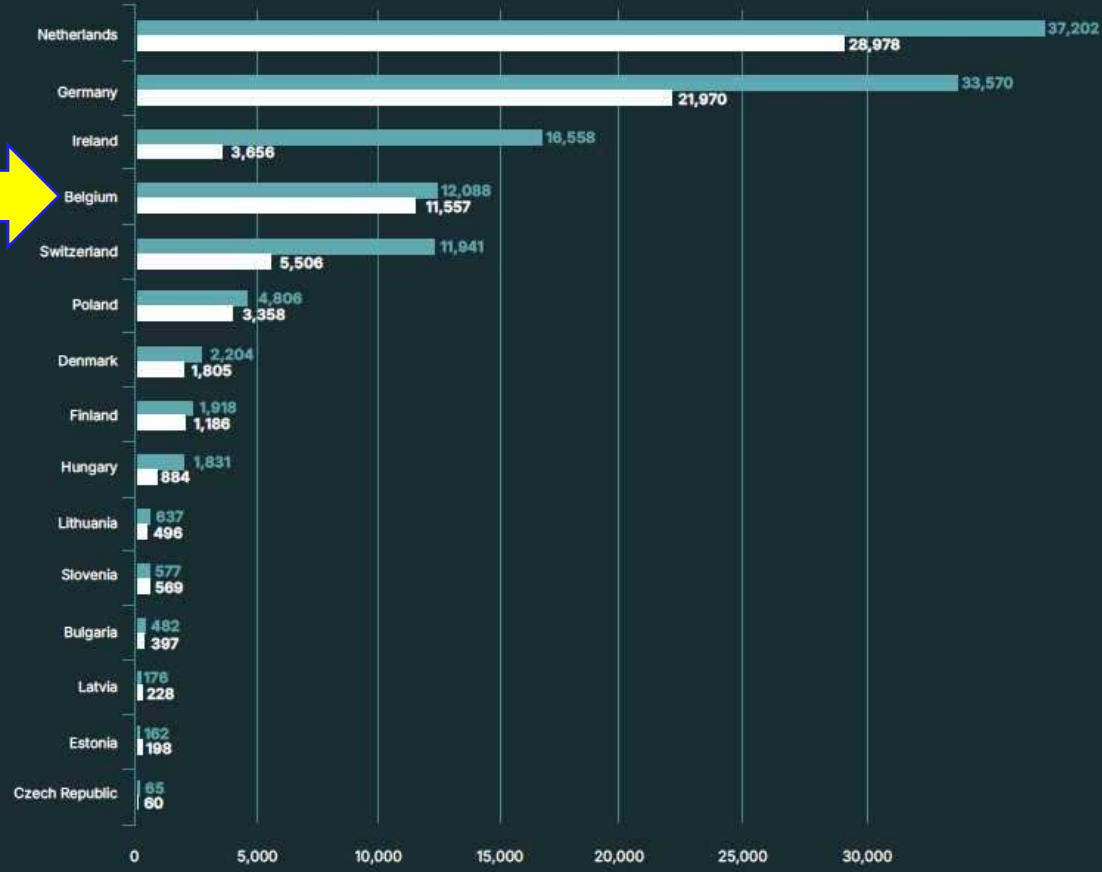
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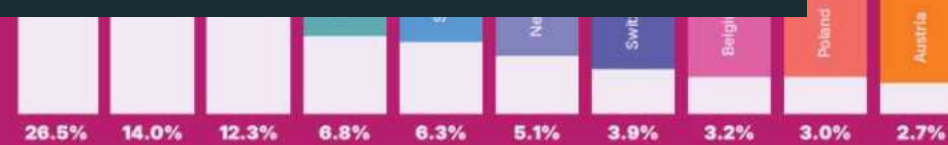
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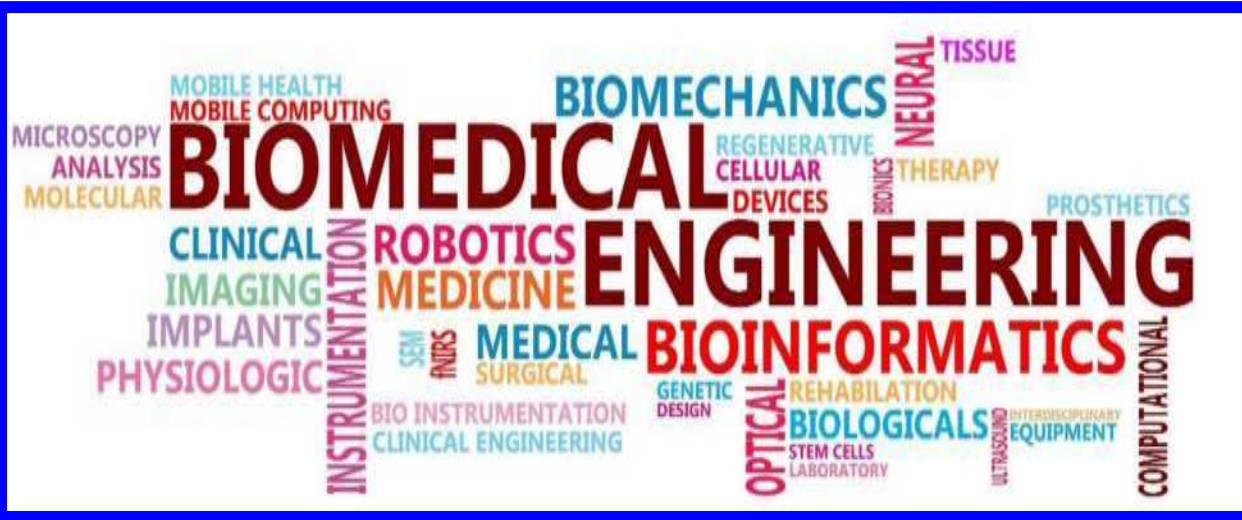


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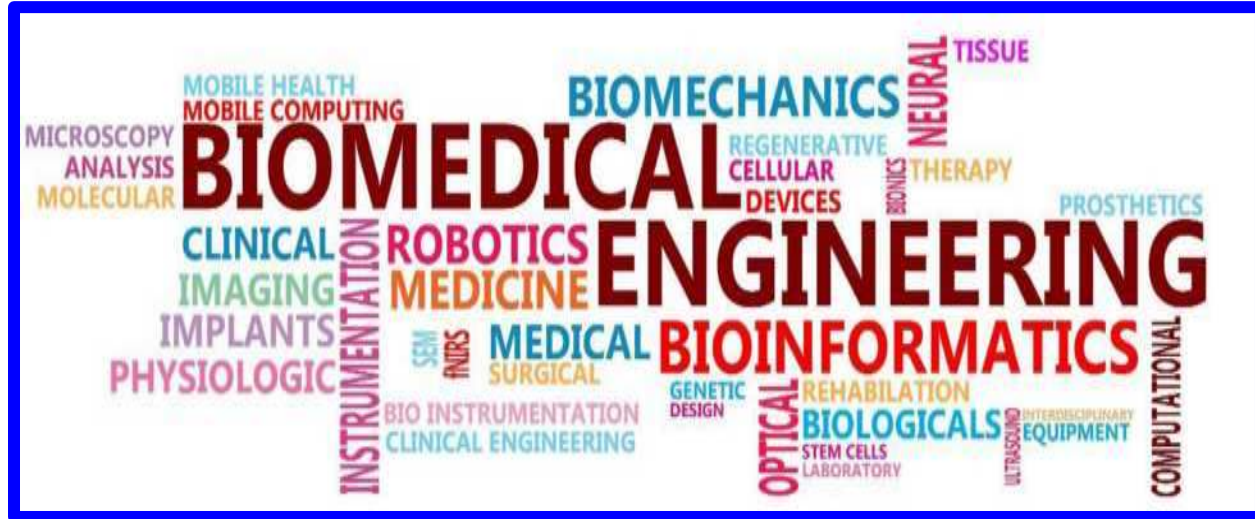
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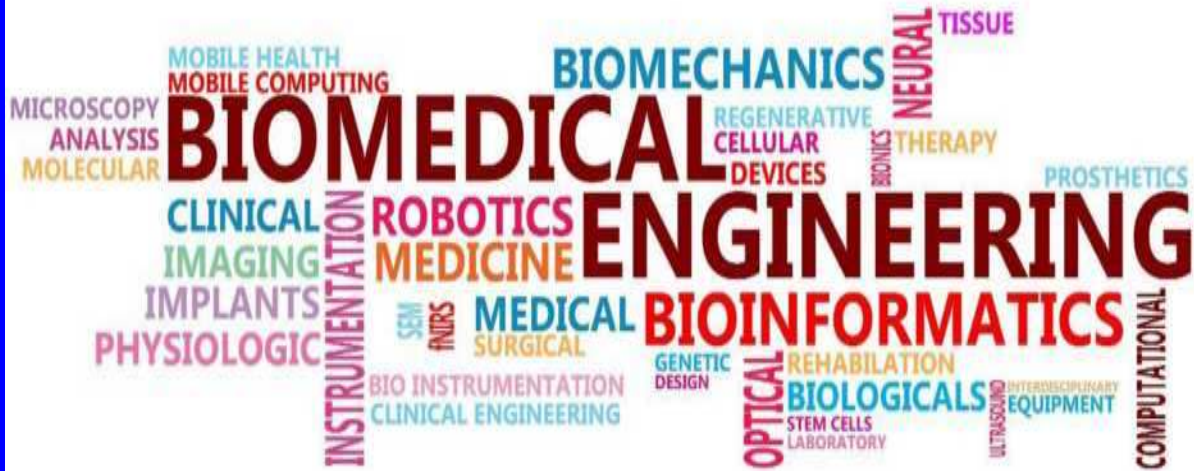




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