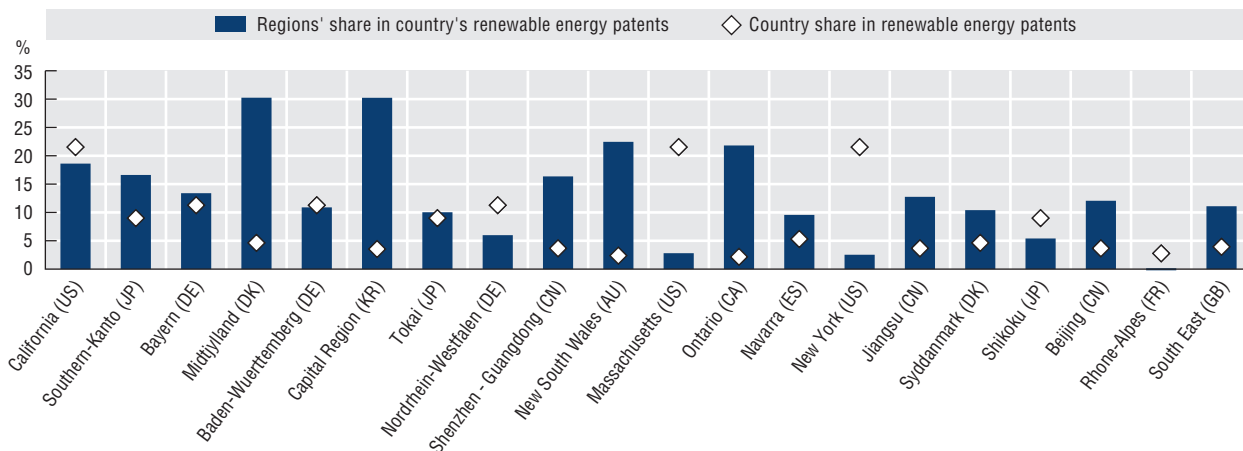


REGIONAL INNOVATION HOT SPOTS

Many of the leading firms in knowledge-intensive industries, such as information and communication technology and life sciences, have emerged in a limited number of regions. Such regions appear to provide more conducive environments for business innovation. Policy makers in other regions seek to replicate or nurture the positive environmental conditions offered by the best-performing regions.

Innovation hot spots in renewable energy, 2005-07

Patents of the world's top 20 patenting regions as a percentage of the country's renewable energy patents

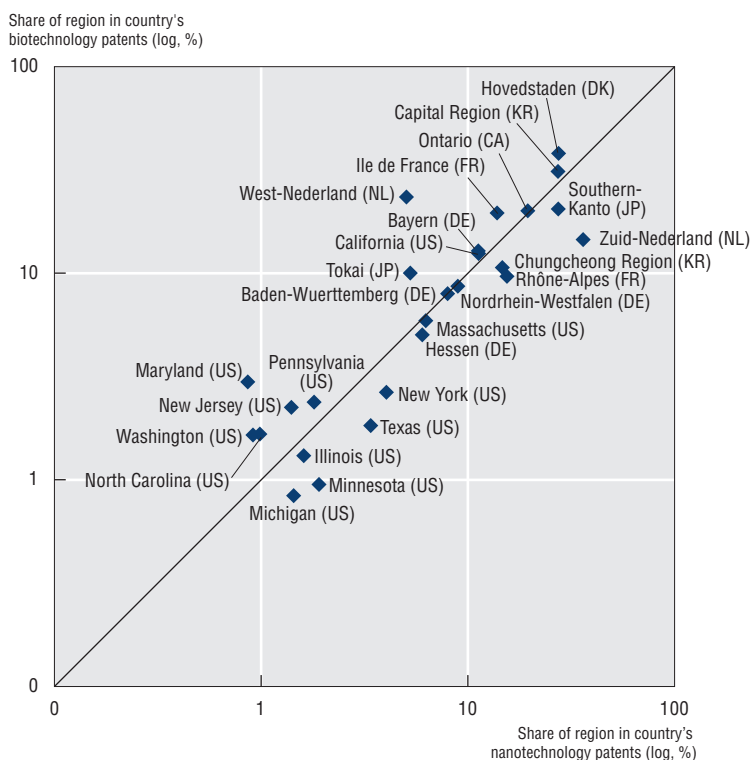


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Innovation hot spots in biotechnologies and nanotechnologies, 2005-07

Top 26 patenting regions as a percentage of the country's biotechnology and nanotechnology patents



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