

**Latest report on Germany's technological efficiency, April 2005** During the presentation of the report on the role of innovation in Germany, the German Minister for Education & Research, Bulmahn marked some of the results:

- German companies belong to the most innovative ones in Europe. 59% of the German companies come up with new products and processes. This makes Germany a leader in the EU.
- Concerning research intensive products, Germany holds the second position after USA in the world market.
- The number of Patent registrations in Germany lies much above the EU and OECD average.

#### **Patents by country**

	1998	2000*	2001*
Germany	114	130	127
USA	102	118	11
United Kingdom	80	94	92
European Union	70	81	80
France	59	65	66
Italy	23	28	28