

List of abbreviations

3GPP	the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (of GSM mobile telephony standard)
AIA	Advance Informed Agreement, under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
ANFOR	Association Française de Normalisation
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (also known as ‘mad cow disease’)
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCP	common commercial policy
CEECs	Central and Eastern European Countries
CEN	Comité Européen de Normalisation.
CENELEC	Comité Européen de Normalisation Electrotechnique
CERN	Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire
COST	European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research
CSF	Community Framework Support
DVD	digital versatile disc
DVB	digital video broadcasting standard
DVB-MHP	digital video broadcasting-multimedia home platform
ECJ	European Court of Justice
EEA	European Economic Area
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EMBL	European Molecular Biology Laboratory
EMBO	European Molecular Biology Organization
EOTC	European Organization for Testing and Certification
EP	European Parliament
EPO	European Patent Office
ERA	European Research Area
ESA	European Space Agency
ESF	European Science Foundation
ESI	European System of Innovation
ESO	European Southern Observatory
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
EU	European Union

EUREKA	European Research Coordinating Agency
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FP	Framework programme
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GMO	genetically modified organisms
GSM	Groupe Spécial Mobile
HDTV	high definition television
HTML	hypertext markup language
i2i	innovation 2000 initiative
ICTs	information and communication technologies
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IGC	intergovernmental conference
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IPRs	Intellectual Property Rights
IS	information society
ISO	International Standards Organization
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
JET	Joint European Torus
JRC	Joint Research Centre
MAC	multiplexed analogue components (a European HDTV standard)
MRA	mutual recognition agreement
NSI	national system of innovation
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OHIM	Office for the Harmonization of the Internal Market
OJ	Official Journal (of the EU)
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
RIS	regional innovation strategy
RTD	research and technological development
RTT	regional technology transfer
SEA	Single European Act
SEM	Single European Market
SGML	Standard Generalized Markup Language
SMEs	small and medium-sized enterprises
SPS	sanitary and phytosanitary measures (under WTO)
SST	social shaping of technology
TBT agreement	Technical Barriers to Trade (under WTO)
TEU	Treaty on European Union.
UMTS	universal mobile telecommunications system

UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UN	United Nations
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WSSN	World Standards Services Network
WTO	World Trade Organization
XML	extensible markup language

