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Jurisdiction - General Information

Estonia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since August 24, 1994. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since July 17, 2001. In addition, it is a party to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure and the Patent Law Treaty (PLT).

Estonia is a member of the European Patent Organization ([EPO](#)) and belongs to the “European patents with unitary effect” system, started on June 1, 2023, which provides a unitary effect for an European patent (EP) granted in 17 of the 27 European Union member countries (updated January 2024).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Estonia can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Estonia

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