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Jurisdiction - General Information

Hungary has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since January 1, 1909. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since June 27, 1980. 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).

Hungary is a member of the European Patent Organization (EPO).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Hungary can be found on <u>WIPO Lex</u>.

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) has an **Online Register** and an **Online Gazette**.

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register ('e-register') has a **Hungarian interface**. Among other IP rights, it includes information about Hungarian patents and utility models, European patents validated in Hungary, and PCT applications designating Hungary.

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The Online Register can also be searched by **PCT Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data**.

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European patents validated in Hungary can be searched through the Online Register or in the European Patent Register available at this <u>link</u>.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Hungary

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

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