## **ROMANIA - RO**

### **Jurisdiction - General Information**

Romania has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since October 6, 1920. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since July 23, 1979. In addition, it is also 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.

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

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

## **Online Patent Register and Online Gazette**

Romania has an **Online Register** and an **Online Gazette**.

#### **Features and search functionalities**

The Online Register has an **English** and **Romanian interface**. It only includes European Patents designating Romania.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on **Fee Payment** and **Legal Status** and access the **Full Publications.** 

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

At the time of the preparation of this sheet there is not a national patent database available, the indication provided on the Romanian IP Office website invite to address to the <u>worldwide version</u> or to the <u>Romanian version</u> of Espacenet, which only provide bibliographic data and basic information on **Legal Status**. They allow searching by **Applicant/Inventor Name**.

Romanian patents can also be searched through the publication server at this link.

The Romanian IP Office publishes two gazettes (Official Industrial Property Bulletin - BOPI), a first one including national applications, patents and utility models and a second one including European Patents with effect in Romania. They are published monthly in Romanian, can be searched by number and downloaded in PDF format. The coverage of the national edition is from 1994 to present, that of European Patent designating Romania from 2007.

There is also an archive for **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)** published in the years 2007-2008. Starting with January 2009 they can be found on the BOPI in the section "APPLICATION AND ADDITIONAL PROTECTION CERTIFICATES" of the part regarding INVENTIONS.

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# **Additional Information**

#### Particularities of patent protection in Romania

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

#### Search tips

To access patents **Full Publications**, click on the patent number in the bibliographic record (EP) or use the publication server for national patents.

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