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Jurisdiction - General Information

Austria 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 April 23, 1979. 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 to the Patent Law Treaty (PLT).

Austria is also 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 Austria can be found on WIPO Lex.

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has a **German** and an **English interface**. It covers patents and utility models.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on **Legal Status**, **Fee Payment**, **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs),** and access the **Full Publications.**

The Online Register can also be searched by **Applicant/Inventor Name** and by **Priority Data** (by priority date only).

The Online Gazette is published monthly in German. It is searchable by number and downloadable in PDF format. The current coverage is from 2011 to present.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Austria

Protection through **SPCs** is available**.**

The Austrian Patent Office offers the opportunity to file a description and pay a small fee to get a "provisional patent application" (PRIO), which can serve as priority document for 1 year. More information is available here.

Search tips

Search is possible by selecting particular publication kind codes (A1, A2, A3, etc) and **Legal Status** (Registration Canceled, Deleted, Conversion, etc).

An example of data reported as a **Legal Status** is e.g. "Deleted" for application A 1604/2010.

Results are displayed in a table with links to the corresponding records on the multinational databases Espacenet and Depatisnet.

Information about European Patents designating Austria can be searched in the Online Register or in the [European Patent Register](#).