

## MALTA – MT

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Malta has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since October 20, 1967. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since March 1, 2007, but it can be designated only through a European Patent.

Malta 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 Malta can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Malta has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#).

#### Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English** interface. It includes national patents and European Patents with effect in Malta.

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

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

The Online Gazette is published weekly in English. Its coverage is from 2015 to present.

European patents designating Malta can be searched in the patent register or in the [European Patent Register](#).

### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in Malta

Protection through **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)** is available.

#### Search tips

An example of **Legal Status** included in the lists of patents is "Lapsed" for European Patent no. 2113253. In the advanced search mode you must fill at least two search fields.

General information and a list of granted SPCs updated from time to time can be downloaded from [this page](#).

The **Fee Payment** is not reported but the situation can be inferred from the 'Expiry date'.