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### **Jurisdiction - General Information**

Lithuania has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since May 22, 1994. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since July 5, 1994, but it can be designated only through a European Patent. 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).

Lithuania 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 Lithuania can be found on <u>WIPO Lex</u>.

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

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

#### Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an English and Lithuanian interface.

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

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

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European patents designating Lithuania can be searched at this link or in the European Patent Register.

### **Additional Information**

#### Particularities of patent protection in Lithuania

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

## Search tips

The Online Register contains descriptions of patent applications submitted after 2011 and of all patents issued under the Patent Law in PDF format. Search by words in the invention description text can be performed starting with patent No. 5242.

**PCT Application/Publication Number** can be searched, e.g., PCT/IB99/00948 as 'PCT application publication number'.

**Priority Data** can be searched without the two letters jurisdiction code, e.g. P9701627 as "Priority application number" for ES P9701627.