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Jurisdiction - General Information

Finland has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since September 20, 1921. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since October 1, 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).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English, Finnish and Swedish interface**. It contains information on Finnish patents and utility models, European Patents and Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs).

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

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

The Online Gazette is published weekly in Finnish and Swedish. It is searchable by number and can be displayed in HTML format. The current coverage is from 1999 to present.

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

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Finland

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

Search tips

PCT **National Phase Entry** is reported as “Date of receipt” of the PCT.

To see information about **Fee Payment** or **Legal Status**, search e.g. 115451 ("Lapsed").