

LATVIA - LV

Jurisdiction - General Information

Latvia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since September 7, 1993. It has also been a Contracting Party to the European Patent Convention and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since September 7, 1993, 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).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

The Online Register has an **English and Latvian interface**.

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

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

Features and search functionalities

Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs) are searchable in a separate database at this [link](#).

European patents designating Latvia can be searched in the [European Patent Register](#).

The Online Gazette is published monthly in Latvian, with an index in English. It can be searched by number and downloaded in PDF format. The coverage is from 1992 to present.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Latvia

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

Search tips

European Patents validated in Latvia are searchable by application or publication number, eg., respectively 02778149.1 or 1436477 for patent EP1436477.

An example of data reported as a **Legal Status** is e.g. "Early Patent Lapse" for application P-16-89, or "Early Lapse of EP(LV)" for the European Patent 3536599.

Priority Data can be searched by number only, without the country code, eg., 10120737.9 for German priority no. 10120737.9.