

**Convention
on the Grant of European Patent
(European Patent Convention)**

Munich, 5 October 1973

Entry into force: 7 October 1977, in accordance with Article 169 thereof:

“(1) This Convention shall enter into force three months after the deposit of the last instrument of ratification or accession by six States on whose territory the total number of patent applications filed in 1970 amounted to at least 180,000 for all the said States.

(2) Any ratification or accession after the entry into force of this convention shall take effect on the first day of the third months after the deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession.”

as amended by: **Act of 17 December 1991 Revising Art. 63 of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents,** which entered into force on 4 July 1997 in accordance with Article 4 thereof:

“The revised text of Article 63 of the European Patent Convention shall enter into force either two years after the ninth Contracting State has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession or on the first day of the third month following the deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession by the last of all Contracting States to take this step, whichever is the earlier.”

as amended by: **Act of 29 November 2000 Revising the Convention on the Grant of European Patents** which entered into force on 13 December 2007 in accordance with Article 8 thereof:

“(1) The revised text of the European Patent Convention shall enter into force two years after the fifteenth Contracting State has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession, or on the first day of the third month following the deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession by the Contracting State taking this step as the last of all the Contracting States, if this takes place earlier.

(2) Upon entry into force of the revised text of the Convention, the text valid until that time shall cease to apply.”

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2007 II p. 1082
Federal Foreign Office Treaty Collection, Volume 69 A 860

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Contracting Party	Convention 1973 Entry into force	Revision of Art. 63 by Act 1991 Entry into force	Revision by act 2000 Entry into force
Albania	01.05.2010	01.05.2010	01.05.2010

Austria	01.05.1979	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Belgium	07.10.1977	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Bulgaria	01.07.2002	01.07.2002	13.12.2007
Croatia	01.01.2008	01.01.2008	01.01.2008
Cyprus	01.04.1998	01.04.1998	13.12.2007
Czech Republic	01.07.2002	01.07.2002	13.12.2007
Denmark	01.01.1990	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Estonia	01.07.2002	01.07.2002	13.12.2007
Finland	01.03.1996	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
France	07.10.1977	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Germany	07.10.1977	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Greece	01.10.1986	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Hungary	01.01.2003	01.01.2003	13.12.2007
Iceland	01.11.2004	01.11.2004	13.12.2007
Ireland	01.08.1992	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Italy	01.12.1978	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Latvia	01.07.2005	01.07.2005	13.12.2007
Liechtenstein	01.04.1980	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Lithuania	01.12.2004	01.12.2004	13.12.2007
Luxembourg	07.10.1977	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic	01.01.2009	01.01.2009	01.01.2009
Malta	01.03.2007	01.03.2007	13.12.2007
Monaco	01.12.1991	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
the Netherlands	07.10.1977	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Norway	01.01.2008	01.01.2008	01.01.2008
Poland	01.03.2004	01.03.2004	13.12.2007
Portugal	01.01.1992	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Romania	01.03.2003	01.03.2003	13.12.2007
San Marino	01.07.2009	01.07.2009	01.07.2009
Serbia	01.10.2010	01.10.2010	01.10.2010
Slovakia	01.07.2002	01.07.2002	13.12.2007
Slovenia	01.12.2002	01.12.2002	13.12.2007
Spain	01.10.1986	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Sweden	01.05.1978	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Switzerland	07.10.1977	04.07.1997	13.12.2007
Turkey	01.11.2000	01.11.2000	13.12.2007
United Kingdom	07.10.1977	04.07.1997	13.12.2007

(All dates are given in the format dd.mm.yyyy.)

**Agreement
on the application of Article 65
of the European Patent Convention**

17 October 2000

Entry into force: 1 May 2008, in accordance with Article 6 thereof:

“(1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the fourth month after the deposit of the last instrument of ratification or accession by eight Contracting States to the European Patent Convention, including the three States in which the most European patents took effect in 1999.

(2) Any ratification or accession after the entry into force of this Agreement shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month after the deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession.”

Contracting Party	Date of signature	Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification (1) or Accession (2)	Entry into force
Albania		31.05.2013 (2)	01.09.2013
Belgium		02.05.2019 (2)	01.09.2019
Croatia		31.10.2007 (2)	01.05.2008
Denmark	17.10.2000	18.01.2008 (1)	01.05.2008
Finland		25.07.2011 (2)	01.11.2011
France	29.06.2001	29.01.2008 (1)	01.05.2008
Germany	17.10.2000	19.02.2004 (1)	01.05.2008
Hungary		28.09.2010 (2)	01.01.2011
Ireland		25.11.2013 (2)	01.04.2014
Iceland		31.08.2004 (2)	01.05.2008
Latvia		05.04.2005 (2)	01.05.2008
Liechtenstein	17.10.2000	23.11.2006 (1)	01.05.2008
Lithuania		22.01.2009 (2)	01.05.2009
Luxembourg	20.03.2001	18.09.2007 (1)	01.05.2008
Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic		20.10.2011 (2)	01.02.2012
Monaco	17.10.2000	12.11.2003 (1)	01.05.2008
the Netherlands	17.10.2000	05.10.2006 (1)	01.05.2008
Norway ¹		26.09.2014 (2)	01.01.2015

¹ Declaration by Norway, effected 26.09.2014 :

Contracting Party	Date of signature	Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification (1) or Accession (2)	Entry into force
Slovenia		18.09.2002 (2)	01.05.2008
Sweden	17.10.2000	29.04.2008 (1)	01.05.2008
Switzerland	17.10.2000	12.06.2006 (1)	01.05.2008
United Kingdom	17.10.2000	15.08.2005 (1)	01.05.2008

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*“In accordance with Article 1 (2) of the Agreement, Norway declares that the translation requirements provided for in Article 65, paragraph 1, of the European Patent Convention, will be dispensed with if the European Patent has been granted in the English language or translated into that language and supplied under the conditions provided for in Article 65, paragraph 1, of the European Patent Convention.
In Accordance with Article 1 (3) of the Agreement, Norway will require that a translation of the claims into the Norwegian language be supplied.”*