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General information

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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Belgium is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Belgium be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Belgium concerning international-type search:	Article XI.23, paragraph 10 of the Code of Economic Law

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