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Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing ⁴
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Transmittal fee:	BGN 80
International filing fee: ⁶	EUR 1,233
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Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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⁴ As from 1 February 2021, the Office will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software. For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 3 December 2020, page 269.

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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Search fee:

See Annex D(EP) or (RU)

Fee for priority document:

None

Fee for requesting restoration of the right
of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

None

Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Bulgaria

Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office
