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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Croatia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Croatian or English ¹
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	Same as above ²
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{3, 4, 5}	Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Croatian kuna (HRK)
Transmittal fee:	HRK 200
International filing fee: ⁶	Equivalent in HRK of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	Equivalent in HRK of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in HRK of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in HRK of Swiss francs 300

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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).

² The Office has not specifically notified the International Bureau of the language that it accepts under PCT Rule 12.1(d).

³ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

⁴ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4 (a)(ii-bis)).

⁵ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 22 February 2018, pages 193 *et seq.*

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

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Search fee:	Currency: Croatian kuna (HRK) Equivalent in HRK of the search fee payable to the European Patent Office in EUR: see Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	HRK 230 plus HRK 50 for each additional priority document
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	HRK 300

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Croatia Yes, if he is a non-resident
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Who can act as agent?

1. any natural person who is a citizen of the Republic of Croatia or a citizen of a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (hereinafter: the EEA), having permanent residence in the Republic of Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in technical or natural sciences and having passed the professional examination for patent representative before the Office,⁷
2. any natural person who is a citizen of the Republic of Croatia or a citizen of a Contracting State of the EEA, having permanent residence in the Republic of Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in an area other than technical or natural sciences, having at least five years of working experience in jobs relating to the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights, obtained after completing the studies and having passed the professional examination for patent representative before the Office,⁷
3. an attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association who passed the professional examination for patent representative before the Office, or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship,
4. any legal person with a registered office in the Republic of Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, employing at least one person meeting the conditions referred to in point 1 or 2 of this paragraph or cooperating with such person pursuant to some other contractual relationship and performing the activities of representation before the Office as its registered activity.⁷

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁷ A list of patent representatives is available on the website of the Office at:
www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/