

# PAPI survey part 2

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## 1. Identification page

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Please enter your email address so we can contact you if we have questions about your response.

## 2. Questions page

1. Please explain any other conditions or requirements for access to patent information besides those covered in Part 1 questions 3 (access mechanism) and 4 (who may access), such as limits on the number of queries, number of results, or data limits.

The EPO offers various patent information services, for which the conditions of access and the terms of use differ. Most web-based platforms are monitored in terms of the EPO fair use policy.

2.

### Are fees required for access to particular types of information?

If yes, please indicate for which information and explain the access procedure (e.g. how to create an account, what forms of payment are accepted, etc.).

**Comments:** The EPO offers free-of-charge and licence/fee-based online services. The EPO is in the process of reviewing the conditions for access to patent information. Accordingly, these conditions may change in the future.

3. If your office uses multiple languages, are the online interfaces for different languages synchronized with the same capabilities and the same data, or do some interfaces have different capabilities or data than others?

Please indicate the reference language(s).

English

French

German

**Comments:** The EPO generally offers online access to patent information in the three official languages of the Office (EN, FR and DE). Specific EPO online services may be available in more than these three official languages.

4. Please indicate any differences in the data available in other languages (for example, in the frequency of updates, coverage, search tools, etc.).

	Differences for Language
Published applications	
Granted patents	
Legal Status information	
Corrections	
Priority information	
Patent Term Extensions or Supplementary Protection Certificates	
Patent family information	
File inspection	
Court decisions	
Reassignments	
Licensing information	
Official Gazette	

**Comments:**

#### 5. Are documents available for download in a searchable text format?

Examples of searchable text formats include plain text documents, HTML, XML, and certain PDFs that are created with readable text. If a PDF was created from a scanned image with OCR (optical character recognition) applied, then select "PARTIAL" as text may not always be converted correctly.

This question refers only to the content of the document which can be represented as text. Do not consider images or figures in your answer. If a document has both images and text, answer "Yes" if all the text elements are searchable.

	YES	NO	PARTIAL (some text elements not searchable)
Published applications	X		
Granted patents	X		
Amendments, corrections, or other documents with updates	X		
File history			X

**Comments:** Documents in the file history are to some extent available in scanned format only.

#### 6.

**Are updated versions of patent documents available online when changes are made after publication (e.g. "as granted" rather than "as filed")?**

YES

If yes, please explain how updated documents are presented in search results (e.g. with updated kind codes according to WIPO ST.50).

Changes that result in a republication of a patent document will be available through the European publication server and other platforms. Those publications have a specific publication kind code so that they can be identified.

Some changes that do not require a republication will be reflected in the European Patent Register and/or the European Patent Bulletin.

**7. Which parts of patent documents are updated online after publication? Mark all that apply.**

Entire document  
Front page/ first page only  
Title  
Abstract  
Description  
Claims

**Comments:**

**8. Is the event history (list of relevant legal status information) for a given document available in online systems?**

	YES	NO	PARTIAL
Pre-grant events	X		
Post-grant events	X		

**Comments:**

**9. What are your current plans, if any, for using WIPO Standard ST.27 for patent legal status information? Check all that apply.**

We are currently in the process of implementing ST.27

**Comments:**

**10. Does your Office / Organization provide an authority file of published patent documents?**

YES, we currently provide an ST.37 compliant authority file accessible through the WIPO Authority File portal

**Comments:**

**11. If you do not provide an authority file to WIPO according to the recommendations of ST.37, can you indicate the reasons below? Check all that apply.**

**Comments:**

**12. Are the following features available in the online systems provided by your Office?**

See glossary above for definitions of search types.

	Patent Applications	Patent Grants	Legal Status data
Basic search	X	X	X
Advanced search or Field combination search	X	X	X
Semantic search or similarity search			
Machine translations	X	X	X

**Comments:**

**13. Are the following fields available for search in the online systems in question? Check all that apply.**

	Patent Applications	Patent Grants	Searchable in English or Latin character set?
Patent publication number	X	X	X
Patent application number	X	X	X
Priority date	X	X	X
Priority number	X	X	X
Applicant name	X	X	X
Inventor name	X	X	X
Owner name	X	X	X
Normalized names (applicant, owner, etc)	X	X	X
PCT application number	X	X	X
PCT publication number	X	X	X
Title	X	X	X
Abstract	X	X	X
Claims	X	X	X
Description	X	X	X
Country (of applicant, owner, etc)	X	X	X

**Comments:**

**14. For machine translations, please indicate which languages are translated.**

**From (original document languages)**

Chinese  
 English  
 French  
 German  
 Japanese  
 Korean  
 Portuguese  
 Russian  
 Spanish  
 Other (Specify in comments)

**To (translated output languages)**

English  
 French  
 German  
 Portuguese  
 Spanish  
 Other (Specify in comments)

**Comments:** From: SQ, BG, CS, HR, DA, NL, EN, ET, FI, FR, DE, EL, HU, MK, NO, IS, IT, LV, LT, PL, PT, RO, RU, SR, SK,

**15. Which patent information is translated?**

Title

Abstract

Description

Claims

**Comments:**

**16. Does your system provide guidance on what types of number formats are accepted when searching by application or publication numbers?**

Our system does not provide guidance on accepted number formats

**Comments:**

**17. What types of number formats are accepted when searching by application or publication numbers? Please check all that apply.**

Numbers containing a code for the type of industrial property right, a year designation and a serial number, as recommended by ST.13

Numbers with a fixed length of 15 digits, composed of two digits for the type, four digits for the year and nine digits for the serial number, as recommended by ST.13

Numbers starting with an ST.3 code identifying the office, as recommended by ST.13

Numbers with separators between different parts of the number, such as slash (/) hyphen (-) or space ( )

Number issued by another Office, such as a PCT application number that entered the national phase

Other number formats (Please specify in Comments)

**Comments:** Examples: Numbers starting with an ST.3 code identifying the office and a kind code indicator; document numbers in original format; document numbers standardised by the EPO.

**18. Are WIPO ST.3 two-letter codes or WIPO ST.16 document kind codes used as part of the search term when searching by application or publication number?**

	required	optional	not accepted
ST.3 Office codes are		X	
ST.16 document codes are		X	

**Comments:**

**19. What kind of interface do users have to access your online systems for the available types of patent documents? For example, for published patent applications, granted patents, patent term extensions, fee payments.**

There are multiple web pages or portals for different types of information, and-

The web pages or portals for different types of documents look and function differently

**Comments:**

**20. Do your online systems use the same web pages or portals for different types of industrial property rights provided by your Office? For example, patents for inventions, plant patents, design patents, inventors' certificates, utility certificates, utility models, patents of addition and others. Answer yes here even if there are multiple web pages or portals for different types of documents (application, legal status history, assignments, etc), as long as each type of IP right is available on the same web page or portal.**

**Note-** this question is about different types of IP rights. Question 17 is about different types of patent documents.

NO

**Comments:** The EPO grants EP patents. Via our online systems, we make information on other kinds of IP rights from other offices available in addition to information on patent documents, including information on design rights.

**21. If there are separate websites or portals for these other types of industrial property provided by your Office, please list them.**

**22. Do your online systems contain information on documents issued under international or regional IP protection systems, which have (potential) effect in your jurisdiction?**

YES

**Comments:**

**23. If so, what types of documents are available, e.g. PCT documents or translations?**

WO documents; EP documents

**24. Is international or regional data searchable in the same online systems as national documentation?**

Yes, international / regional data is available and searchable

**Comments:**

**25. What functionality would you like to see in the systems provided by other Offices?**

	For full descriptions	For legal status
Possibility to translate content into other languages	X	X
Search by bibliographic data fields	X	X
Full text search	X	X
Possibility to download documents in various formats	X	X
Alerting to data updates	X	X
Date of receipt of applications by your Office	X	X
Other (Specify in comments)	X	X

**Comments:** Possibility to translate content into other languages: At least into English Other: Easy and open access to bibliographic and legal event data.

**26. What is your desired update frequency for data from other Offices?**

	For full descriptions	For legal status
Real time publication of all changes	X	X
Daily updates		
Weekly updates		
Other (Specify in comments)		

**Comments:**

**27. Should other Offices' systems support machine-to-machine communication (such as web services) for exchanging data with your Office?**

	YES	NO	NO PREFERENCE
For full applications	X		
For bibliographic data	X		
For legal status information	X		

Comments:

**28. Should Offices' systems provide search capabilities for both their national data sets and data published by other Offices (with an interface in the national language)?**

	YES	NO	NO PREFERENCE
For full applications	X		
For bibliographic data	X		
For legal status information	X		

Comments:

**29. User guide**

**Is there a user guide for searching (such as explanation of fields or examples) available in the system?**

YES

URL where the guide is available-

<https://www.epo.org/searching-for-patents.html>

**30. Is there a clear indication of which information in the official publication is issued by your Office / Organization and which information is from other sources (e.g. a disclaimer on externally provided information)?**

As a principle, the EPO indicates if data and information does not originate from the EPO.

**31. Please briefly describe your future plans with respect to your Office's online systems, their content and functionality. For example, if you have plans to expand their capabilities, merge existing systems, retire old systems, or a general timeline for such work, please include that information here.**

The EPO is constantly active to improve and to harmonise its online services to make them more useful for patent information users and for other stakeholders of the EPO. This will include improvements of the services but also of the data available.

**32. In which of the following areas are WIPO recommendations the most needed and/or most effective? Check all that apply.**

	For full applications	For legal status
Scope of published information	X	X
Frequency of updates	X	X
Availability of information and/or interfaces in other languages	X	X
Information retrieval functionality		

Comments:

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## 2. Questions

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**Is your Office / Organization considering to discontinue the official gazettes, and instead make related publication data available only via public online services?**

Other - Write In:

**Comments:** Both the EPO Official Journal (official information and general notices from the EPO, and of other information relevant to the EPC) and the European Patent Bulletin (bibliographic data and legal status information of European patent applications and patents) have been published online for many years. Currently we do not have any plans to discontinue the official gazettes.

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