

# European patent applications – EPO member states

		Applications			
		2020	2021	Change	
AL	Albania	0	3	–	↗
AT	Austria	2 306	2 317	+0.5%	↗
BE	Belgium	2 406	2 485	+3.3%	↗
BG	Bulgaria	54	40	-25.9%	↘
CH	Switzerland	8 125	8 442	+3.9%	↗
CY	Cyprus	65	44	-32.3%	↘
CZ	Czech Republic	206	203	-1.5%	↘
DE	Germany	25 882	25 969	+0.3%	↗
DK	Denmark	2 420	2 642	+9.2%	↗
EE	Estonia	57	69	+21.1%	↗
ES	Spain	1 794	1 954	+8.9%	↗
FI	Finland	1 899	2 111	+11.2%	↗
FR	France	10 614	10 537	-0.7%	↘
GB	United Kingdom	5 698	5 627	-1.2%	↘
GR	Greece	135	198	+46.7%	↗
HR	Croatia	23	27	+17.4%	↗
HU	Hungary	109	118	+8.3%	↗
IE	Ireland	980	956	-2.4%	↘
IS	Iceland	41	62	+51.2%	↗

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IT	Italy	4 619	4 919	+6.5%	↗
LI	Liechtenstein	439	494	+12.5%	↗
LT	Lithuania	50	73	+46.0%	↗
LU	Luxembourg	402	430	+7.0%	↗
LV	Latvia	30	22	-26.7%	↘
MC	Monaco	34	23	-32.4%	↘
MK	North Macedonia, Republic of	1	5	+400.0%	↗
MT	Malta	63	51	-19.0%	↘
NL	Netherlands	6 386	6 581	+3.1%	↗
NO	Norway	652	640	-1.8%	↘
PL	Poland	478	539	+12.8%	↗
PT	Portugal	251	286	+13.9%	↗
RO	Romania	55	30	-45.5%	↘
RS	Serbia	8	22	+175.0%	↗
SE	Sweden	4 422	4 954	+12.0%	↗
SI	Slovenia	165	116	-29.7%	↘
SK	Slovakia	54	42	-22.2%	↘
SM	San Marino	3	12	+300.0%	↗
TR	Turkey	605	732	+21.0%	↗

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