



ICGEB

International Centre for Genetic
Engineering and Biotechnology

RESOURCES FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

1. WHAT IS IP?

EPO learning resources (<https://www.epo.org/learning.html>) including

- the IP Teaching KIT: <https://www.epo.org/learning/materials/kit.html>
- and the Inventor's Handbook: <https://www.epo.org/learning/materials/inventors-handbook.html>

More on IP: <https://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/>

Free resources on IP for universities: https://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/universities_research/

WIPO Academy: <https://www.wipo.int/academy/en/>

2. HOW TO APPLY FOR A PATENT (ALONGSIDE NATIONAL PATENT OFFICES)

WIPO – World Intellectual Property Organisation

WIPO is the global forum for intellectual property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation. It is a self-funding agency of the United Nations established in 1967 by the WIPO Convention, based in Geneva Switzerland and counting 193 member states. Its mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international IP system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. More on WIPO's activities:

<https://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/>

PCT – The International Patent System

The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) assists applicants in seeking patent protection internationally for their inventions, helps patent offices with their patent granting decisions, and facilitates public access to a wealth of technical information relating to those inventions (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/faqs.html>).

By filing one international patent application under the PCT, applicants can simultaneously seek protection for an invention in a large number of [countries](#).

How to file an international patent: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/filing.html>

EPO - European patent office

<https://www.epo.org/index.html>

The European Patent Office examines European patent applications, enabling inventors, researchers and companies from around the world to obtain protection for their inventions in up to 44 countries through a centralised and uniform procedure that requires just one application.

How to apply for a European patent at EPO: <https://www.epo.org/applying.html>

USPTO – United States Patent and Trademark Office

The United States Patent and Trademark Office is the federal agency for granting U.S. patents and registering trademarks.

New submissions: <https://patentcenter.uspto.gov/#/>

3. PATENT SEARCH

Espacenet

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

Espacenet is a European patent search tool offering free access to information about inventions and technical developments from 1782 to today. It contains data on more than 120 million patent documents from around the world.

You can use Espacenet to:

- search and find patent publications
- machine-translate patent documents
- track the progress of emerging technologies
- find solutions to technical problems
- see what your competitors are developing

Patentscope

The PATENTSCOPE database provides access to international Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications in full text format on the day of publication, as well as to patent documents of participating national and regional patent offices.

The information may be searched by entering keywords, names of applicants, international patent classification and many other search criteria in multiple languages.

<https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/#wipoModal1>

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf>

4. IP ISSUES, KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER & COMMERCIALIZATION

European IPR Helpdesk

Library: <https://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/Library>

Regular webinars: https://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/training/Regular_Webinar_Curriculum

WIPO

Knowledge Transfer for universities: https://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/universities_research/ip_knowledgetransfer/index.html#toolkit