

## European patents: Montenegro joins the London Agreement

On August 1, 2025, **Montenegro's accession to the London Agreement** came into force, marking a relevant change in the European patent validation process in that country.

As of this date, **translation requirements following the grant of a European patent are simplified**, bringing Montenegro in line with the practices of other member states of the Agreement and reducing the administrative burden for patentees.

### European patents in Montenegro before August 1, 2025

When validating a European patent in Montenegro, it was mandatory to file a **translation into the Montenegrin language** of both the **technical specification** and the **claims**.

### European patents in Montenegro from August 1, 2025 onwards

For European patents granted with effect for Montenegro as of August 1, 2025, **translation of the technical specification of the European patent will no longer be required**, provided that the patent has been granted in **English** or a **translation into English** is provided in accordance with Article 65.1 of the European Patent Convention (Munich Convention).

As for the claims, it is still mandatory to **translate them into Montenegrin**.

It is important to note that these novelties do **not apply retroactively** to patents granted before August 1, 2025, even in the event that they are amended in opposition, appeal or limitation proceedings.

## What does this accession imply?

Montenegro's accession to the London Agreement is a **significant step towards simplification and harmonization in the field of European patents**. The partial release of the translation burden represents a clear improvement in efficiency and competitiveness for European patent holders.

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