

Increase in European patent fees as of April 1, 2026

The European Patent Office (EPO) has announced an **update to its official fees**, which **will come into effect on April 1, 2026**. This is a significant measure that will directly impact the cost of prosecuting and maintaining European patents.

The adjustment involves a **general increase in several key fees**, with increases ranging **from 4.5% to 5.5%** in most cases, while other fees will remain unchanged.

This increase will affect, among other things, search, examination, designation, grant, and annual fees, and may therefore have a direct impact on your application strategy, budget, and renewal planning for 2026. Anticipating payments before April 1, 2026, may result in a **significant reduction in costs compared to carrying out the same procedures under the new fee regime**.

Please, check the updates fees on this link

The update to EPO fees reinforces the importance of **strategic and advance planning** in patent matters. Reviewing schedules, evaluating advance payments, and adjusting budgets will be key to minimizing the economic impact of this regulatory change.

At **UNGRIA**, we will be pleased to advise you if you wish to file an early application or make an advance payment.

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