

Validation states

Since 2010, the European Patent Organization (EPO) has concluded Validation agreements with four non-member states – as tabulated below. A validation agreement with two these countries (Morocco [MA] and Moldova [MD]) has entered into force and a third is, at the date of this Note, about to enter into force (Tunisia [TN]). Whilst small in scale at present, the EPO's exercise of the "Validation" initiative well beyond the geographic borders of Europe is becoming evident:

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Country	Official title	Agreement signed on	Entry into force on	Status of the Agreement
Morocco	Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the European Patent Organisation on validation of European patents (Validation agreement)	Dec 17, 2010	Mar 1, 2015	in force
Republic of Moldova	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the European Patent Organisation on validation of European patents (Validation agreement)	Oct 16, 2013	Nov 1, 2015	In force
Tunisia	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Tunisia and the European Patent Organisation on Validation of European patents (Validation agreement)	Jul 3, 2014	Dec 1, 2017	
Cambodia	Agreement between the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the European Patent Organisation on validation of European patents (Validation agreement)	Jan 23, 2017		

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