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European patent applications – EPO member states

		Applications		
		2018	2019	Change
AL	Albania	0	2	–
AT	Austria	2 281	2 341	2.6% 
BE	Belgium	2 348	2 423	3.2% 
BG	Bulgaria	31	34	9.7% 
CH	Switzerland	7 961	8 249	3.6% 
CY	Cyprus	49	47	-4.1% 
CZ	Czech Republic	248	198	-20.2% 
DE	Germany	26 663	26 805	0.5% 
DK	Denmark	2 385	2 404	0.8% 
EE	Estonia	47	49	4.3% 
ES	Spain	1 781	1 887	6.0% 
FI	Finland	1 728	1 703	-1.4% 
FR	France	10 468	10 163	-2.9% 
GB	United Kingdom	5 761	6 156	6.9% 
GR	Greece	120	139	15.8% 
HR	Croatia	14	19	35.7% 
HU	Hungary	118	100	-15.3% 
IE	Ireland	826	878	6.3% 
IS	Iceland	33	50	51.5% 

		Applications		
		2018	2019	Change
IT	Italy	4 404	4 456	1.2% 
LI	Liechtenstein	432	437	1.2% 
LT	Lithuania	37	29	-21.6% 
LU	Luxembourg	431	427	-0.9% 
LV	Latvia	13	22	69.2% 
MC	Monaco	24	25	4.2% 
MK	North Macedonia, Republic of	0	1	–
MT	Malta	51	56	9.8% 
NL	Netherlands	7 142	6 954	-2.6% 
NO	Norway	610	632	3.6% 
PL	Poland	519	469	-9.6% 
PT	Portugal	221	272	23.1% 
RO	Romania	50	40	-20.0% 
RS	Serbia	9	9	0.0% 
SE	Sweden	4 055	4 381	8.0% 
SI	Slovenia	100	121	21.0% 
SK	Slovakia	51	42	-17.6% 
SM	San Marino	9	8	-11.1% 
TR	Turkey	574	465	-19.0% 

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