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**Belgian Intellectual Property Office (OPRI) :**

**recent + upcoming technical developments**

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**recent + upcoming technical developments - overview**

- 1) EPO Federated Register Service : integration of Belgian and European patent registers
- 2) OPRI electronic online filing (eOLF) module
- 3) WIPO Priority Document Access Service (DAS)

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## Federated Register Service : what is it about ?

- The European Patent Office (EPO) has an online register in which the European patent(s)(applications) are published. Via the Federated register button in this register it is possible to view at a glance the status and a selection of other essential data of a European patent in each of the EPO member states designated in the patent and participating in the Federated Register Service (Belgium is among the participating EPO member states).
- In the Federated Register interface there is a link to the online Belgian patent register for an access to more data about the selected European patent in Belgium as one of its designated countries.
- The European patent register and the Federated Register Service are available in French, German and English. The Federated Register Service is free of charge and no prior registration is required. The online Belgian patent register ('eRegister') is available in Dutch, French, German and English.

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## Federated Register Service : how to get access?

- The Federated register button is available in the European patent register which can be found on the website of the EPO : [www.epo.org](http://www.epo.org) .

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## Federated Register Service : what does it look like ?

- When you have found a European patent in the European patent register, you can click on the "Federated register" button. You will then see some essential information about this patent in the participating designated member states. This information is directly retrieved from the national patent registers to which you have access by clicking on the abbreviation of the corresponding country.

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## Federated Register Service: which information is available? (1/2)

- In the Federated Register you will find the following information for a European patent in a participating designated member state : the status, the application number, the publication number, the name(s) of the grantee(s), a possible invalidation date, a possible 'not in force since' date, the date of the last payment of a renewal fee and the date of the last update of the national register record.
- More information on the data that are retrieved from the national patent registers can be found on the website of the EPO via the following link: <https://www.epo.org/searching-for-patents/legal/register/documentation/federated-register.html> or, for Belgium in the eRegister, via the following link: <http://bpp.economie.fgov.be/fo-eregister-view/register/home.action>.

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## Federated Register Service : which information is available ? (2/2)

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**BE - Federated Register Service**

Register documentation

Deep link data coverage

Federated Register

Register events

FAQ

European Patent Bulletin

Third-party observations

EP bibliographic data (EBD)

INPADOC

BE Patent Register

- Coverage: FRS is supported for European Patents, while the deep-linking is supported for National Patents, European Patents and SPCs.
- Updating frequency: Daily
- Availability of file inspection: Yes
- URL to National patent register: <http://bpp.economie.fgov.be/fo-eregister-view/>
- Availability of Deep linking to National Patent register from FRS: Yes

Contents provided via FRS

FRS data	Data provided	BE - Contents
Status	Yes	No status mentioned for EP patents designating Belgium that are granted before 22/09/2014; the FRS data field 'Status' might be

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EPO web page and Belgian eRegister web page on which more information on the Federal register data that are retrieved from the Belgian national patent register can be found.

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## Federated Register Service : example of information on a European patent in Belgium

### Federated register: EP3010922

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Application No.	Publication No.	Applicant	IPC
EP14729895	EP3010922	Galapagos NV	C07D497/04 C07D519/00 A61K31/4985 (+1)

Only designated contracting states and extension states providing the Federated Register Service are listed below.

Status	Application No.	Publication No.	Proprietor	Invalidation date	Not in force since	Renewal fees last paid	Record last updated
AI Patent not validated	EP14729895	EP3010922	Galapagos NV	12.07.2017	15.03.2017	---	---
BA No data provided by the national patent office for this patent							
<b>BE Request for EP validation received</b>	EP14729895	EP3010922	Galapagos NV	---	---	17.04.2018	21.04.2018
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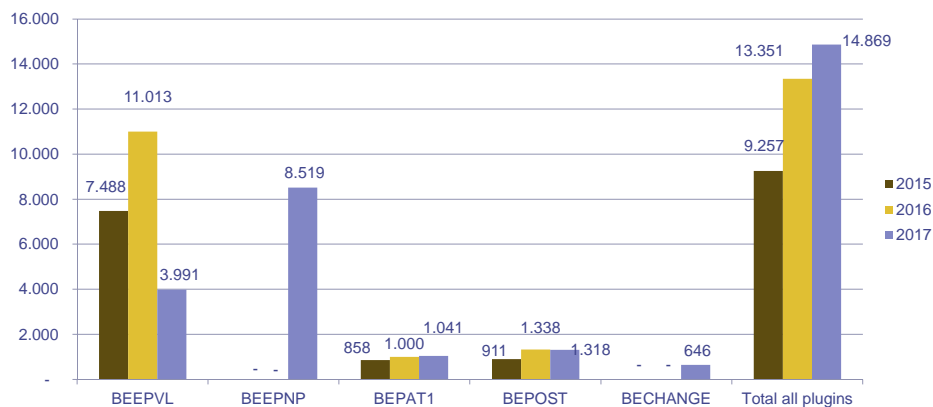
### OPRI electronic online filing (eOLF) module : currently available plugins

- BEPAT1: for online filing of Belgian patent applications
- BEPOST: for online filing of additional documents for already filed Belgian patent applications (e.g. priority document, modified claims, ...)
- BEEPNP: for online filing of documents for European patents designating Belgium (e.g. designation of a representing patent attorney, ...)
- BECHANGE: for online filing of requests for registration of mutations for Belgian patent(s) (applications), for Belgian SPC (applications) and for European patents designating Belgium (e.g. assignment, license, ...)

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### OPRI electronic online filing (eOLF) module : statistics on use of the plugins



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### **OPRI electronic online filing (eOLF) module : need for a new plugin**

- On 23/06/2017, OPRI organized a meeting with the patent attorneys for a consultation concerning the application of Belgian patent law.
- One of the resolutions of the meeting was that the patent attorneys were asking for the use of an electronic form for the online filing of applications and documents relating to supplementary protection certificates (SPC).
- On 01/07/2017, OPRI launched a project for the development of a new eOLF plugin called 'BESPC' and its subsequent integration with the Belgian instance of the Benelux Patent Platform.

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### **OPRI electronic online filing (eOLF) module : new plugin coming up**

- BESPC: for online filing of Belgian supplementary protection certificate (SPC) applications for medicines and plant protection products + additional documents for already filed Belgian SPC applications (e.g. marketing authorisation copy, ...)
- On 30/06/2018, the development of the eOLF plugin BESPC in cooperation with the EPO was completed.
- In November 2018 : user acceptance testing of the integration of the eOLF plugin BESPC with the Belgian instance of the Benelux Patent Platform.
- Rollout of the new eOLF plugin BESPC planned for end 2018 – beginning 2019.

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## WIPO Priority Document Access Service (DAS)

- Article XI.20 §2 of the Belgian Economic Law Code : "(...) the patent applicant may also refer to a database designated by the King for the declaration of priority."
- Article 4 §5 of the Royal Decree 18/12/1986 on the application, grant and maintenance of patents : "The database or databases referred to in Article XI.20 (...) and §2, subparagraph 2 of the Economic Law Code, are listed on the pages 'Intellectual Property' of the website of the Federal Public Service for Economy."
- Before the end of 2018, OPRI will ask WIPO for assistance at first in the processes for becoming an office of second filing (DAS accessing office) and later on in the processes for becoming an office of first filing (DAS depositing office).

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