

Breakthrough on EU Patent: a first victory for business

EUROCHAMBRES applauds the agreement on the Community Patent dossier at today's Competitiveness Council. This is a first victory for businesses who are striving to develop innovation and maintain competitiveness.

Now an additional effort is required to solve the language issue.

"We have won an important battle, but not yet the war," said Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES. *"Translation into all EU languages currently impacts enormously on the overall cost of patenting inventions in Europe. It is not sustainable that a company cannot protect an invention on the whole EU territory for less than 70,000€ while this costs around 20,000€ in the US and even less in Japan."*

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