

Assisted Patent Search at Tecnopolo Ticino

What is This About?

Do you have an idea or invention and you are wondering if you can patent it? Find it out with an expert from the Swiss Institute of Intellectual property (IGE/IPI). You will have up to 4 hours to receive an initial overview of the state of the art (also known as prior art) in the technology field of interest and make a patent search via an online meeting solution from the Tecnopolo Ticino, without having to go in person to the IPI headquarter in Bern.

Your Advantages

- Clarification of the conditions for patentability and the different filing procedures.
- Get a general idea of the state of the art and be able to assess whether your invention is new and whether it is worthwhile to patent it or not.
- Professional search in national and international patent databases (worldwide coverage).
- Receive patent documents regarding your specific topic and questions.

Location

Tecnopolo Ticino, Via Cantonale 18, Stabile Suglio, 6928 Manno.

Conditions

- The search is performed by an online meeting solution between the requestor and the IPI expert who resides in Bern. It requires the presence and direct dialogue between the two parties throughout the search.
- The search lasts a maximum of 4 hours (see [IPI conditions](#)).
- At the end of the search, the client receives a report and all the full versions of the patents identified of interest in PDF.
- The cost is 300 CHF all inclusive, to be paid directly to the IPI (usually by invoice).
- Fondazione Agire provides the infrastructure for the online meeting solution free of charge.

Procedure

- The requestor contacts Fondazione Agire (info@agire.ch).
- Fondazione Agire coordinates the next steps with the requestor and the IPI and assists the requestor in the preparation of the assisted patent search.
- The requestor comes to the Tecnopolo for the online meeting solution on the scheduled date, and together with the expert who will be in Bern conducts the patent search.

It is still possible to conduct the assisted patent search at the IPI in Bern in person.
For more information see IPI.ch or contact us.