

## PATENT GRANTING PROCEDURE IN THE LAW OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**Summary:** *Patent granting and protection procedures are complex, long-lasting, difficult and expensive. The acquisition, maintenance, content, recording of transfer, cessation and the protection of a patent in B&H is regulated by the Patent Law and the Regulations Concerning Procedure for the Grant of a Patent and a Consensual Patent.*

*Patent granting procedure is an administrative procedure that is conducted by The Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The process issues that are not regulated by the Patent Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina or the Regulations Concerning Procedure for the Grant of a Patent and a Consensual Patent, are then regulated by the Administrative Procedure Law.*

*Although the three material legal conditions that must be met in order for the invention to be patented are universally accepted, the right to exploit the patented invention is still territorially limited, so the protection of a patent in the EU is regulated on the national level of each member states. Apart from the Patent Register, the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina monitors the Register for Patent Application. Therefore, the paper analyses the significance of patent application and the specificities of the patent granting procedure, which is regulated by a specific law.*

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