

Boards of appeal

Technical appeals

The EPO offers a system of internal legal remedies to review its procedures and safeguard the quality of its patents. Decisions reached in examination and opposition procedures may be appealed before the EPO's boards of appeal. In 2014, the EPO's technical boards of appeal settled 2 387 cases, 1,4% more than in 2014.



All appeals

Overall situation in 2015	New cases	Cases settled			
		Total	Allowed (in part)	Dismissed	Settled otherwise
Legal Board of Appeal	12	27	12	6	9
Technical Boards of Appeal	2 387	2 287	708	654	925
Examination procedure (ex parte)	864	1 085	234	303	548
Opposition procedure (inter partes)	1 523	1 202	474	351	377
Enlarged Board of Appeal	9	14			
Referrals	1	4			
Petitions for review	8	10	1	7	2
Disciplinary Board of Appeal	9	7	2	3	2
Total	2 417	2 335			