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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Albania is designated (or elected):	National protection: Albanian Patent Office (see Volume II) Extension of European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see Volume II)
May Albania be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models European: Extended European patents
Provisions of the law of Albania concerning international-type search:	None

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Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

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