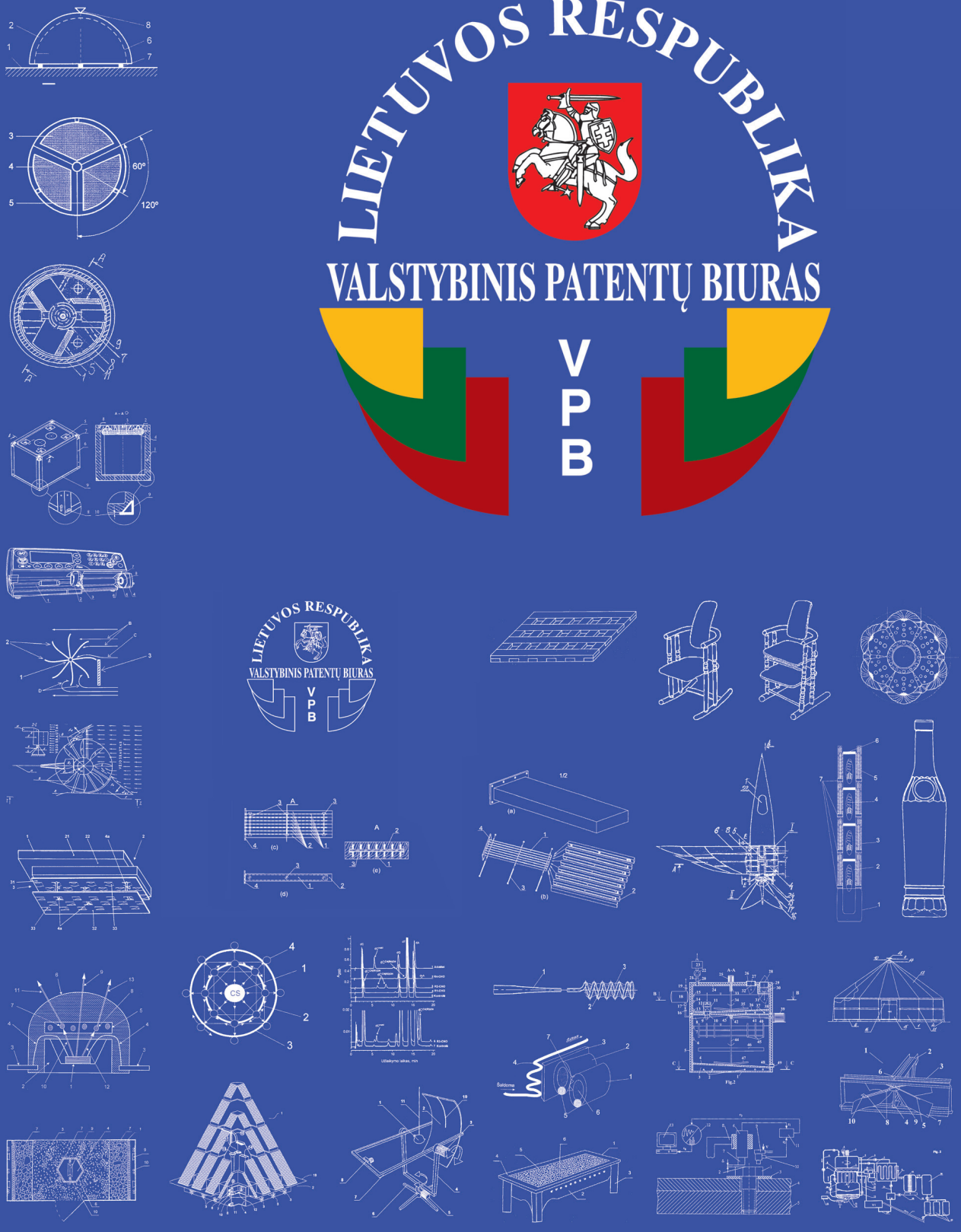
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Introduction



Director Rimvydas Naujokas

"Behind every great innovation, either artistic or technological, is a human story – a tale in which new pathways open as a result of the curiosity, insight or determination of individuals."

– Gurry, F.
(Director General of World Intellectual Property Organization).
(2012). Message on World Intellectual Property Day.

Depending on technological development of the state, national patent services play an important role in protection of industrial property objects in leading European and world markets by keeping the register, issuing documents that grant legal protection, and disseminating information on industrial property.

After the restoration of independence of Lithuania on 11 March 1990, legal protection of industrial property has been introduced. On 20 May 1992, Government of Lithuania passed a decree No. 362, which established interim measures that offered protection of industrial property rights in Lithuania by renewing registration of patent, trademarks and design applications filed in the Soviet Union.

The first official bulletin of the State Patent Bureau, "Inventions, Industrial Samples, Trade and Service Marks, and Commercial Names", was published in October 1992. This bulletin announced the first 6 registered inventions, 47 trademarks and 7 patent attorneys, who were certified under Patent Attorneys Regulations approved under order No. 362 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

In 2012, in order to promote implementation of Lithuanian Innovation Strategy for 2012–2020, the State Patent Bureau started implementing publicity measures for protection of industrial property and providing information and methodological help via Lithuanian Technical Library (LTL) to persons seeking to obtain patents on their inventions, register trademarks or design.

Year 2012 was also important as a 20th anniversary since the Republic of Lithuania became a member of one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). During the twenty years of Lithuania's WIPO membership, the state has taken an active part in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization in areas of legislation, public education, and dissemination of information on industrial property. Lithuania has joined the main international treaties administered by WIPO on issues of protection of intellectual property and has been represented in WIPO General Assemblies, WIPO Committees, work groups, meetings and various events.

On 8 November 2012, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania passed a law on ratification of the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks. Implementing this international treaty, amendments and addenda were made to the Law on Trademarks and Law on Fees for the Registration of Objects of Industrial Property. These amendments allowed extending the list of electronic services and simplifying the administrative process for registration of trademarks. In November 2012, the Seimas passed amendments and addenda to Laws on Legal Protection of Designs and Law on Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products, which are also related to simplification of the registration procedures.

However, the biggest achievements of 2012 were made in the area of invention protection.

On 3 February 2012, a new edition of the Patent Law and Patent Law Treaty came into effect. The goal of this treaty is to ease the administrative burden for the patent system users and simplify and speed up patent issue procedures.

On 11 December 2012, the European Parliament approved the unitary European patent package, thus finishing over 40 years of disagreements and contradictions regarding development of a uniform European patent system. After implementing regulations of the European Council and the European Parliament on the unitary European patent and the assessment procedure, and after signing the agreement on unified patent court, a system will be developed which will simplify and reduce the cost of patenting of inventions and grant them the same legal protection across the European Union.

Contemporary requirements and technological progress does not leave the State Patent Bureau behind. Development of e-government technologies became top priority of the SPB in planning its operations. Information systems have already been developed that enable to exchange data with databases of intellectual property services from all over the world, and thus shorten the examination time of industrial property objects.

In 2012, the newly elected 16th Government of the Republic of Lithuania set a task in clause 106 of the Government program "to extend cooperation possibilities to business and education establishments, applying various forms, models of partnership, commercialization of innovations, realization of good ideas for development of competitive products in a faster way and attracting skilled and creative young people. Improve patenting and licensing processes".

In order to secure this important goal of the Government, and in execution of the strategic action plan program "Services to Population and Business" for year 2012–2014 managed by the Minister of Justice, the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania is ready to execute

the tasks it has been given, and secure fluent representation of the Republic of Lithuania at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), European Patent Office (EPO), Office for Harmonization of the Internal Market (OHIM) and other institutions of the European Union. Since Lithuania will hold the Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2nd half of 2013, the State Patent Bureau shall take active participation in implementation of the requirements set for Lithuania as the President of the Council of the EU in the field of protection of industrial property.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that the state can and must secure the balance between creator of the intellectual property and interests of his product users by legal instruments and the legal system. Thus, it is of particular concern for the society to understand the importance of intellectual property for development of the state, since new ideas lead towards progress and well–being.

Rimvydas Naujokas

SPB organizational structure and human resources, budget

On 1 January 2012, 60 positions at the SPB were approved: 39 positions among them were of civil servants, and 21 positions of employees employed under the employment contracts. During 2012, the structure of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania and a number of approved positions remained unchanged.

Staff turnover of the SPB was very slight in the year 2012. Two new employees were employed under the employment contracts. Two employees were dismissed under their requests.

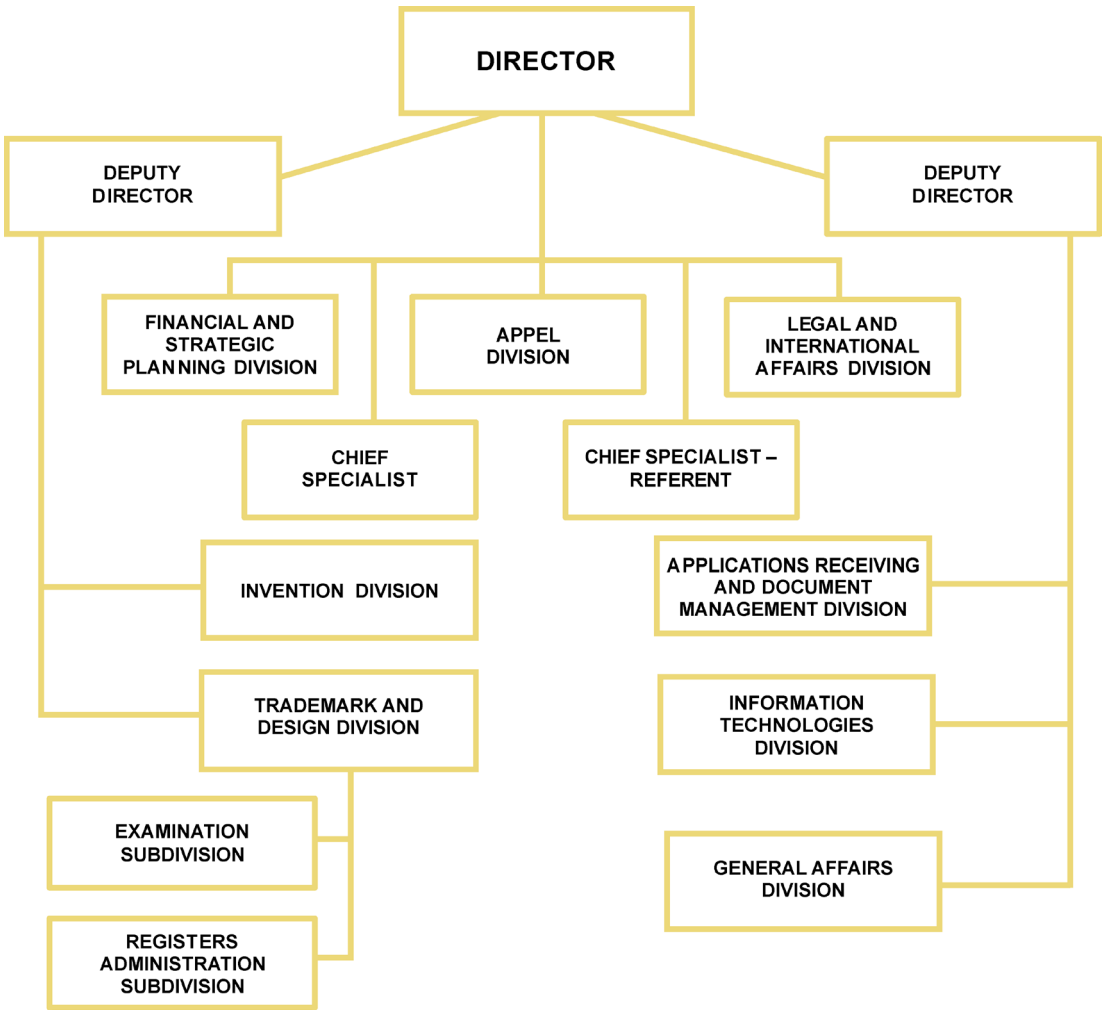
Personnel of SPB according to age: 18–30 years of age – 7; 31–40 years of age – 8; 41–50 years of age – 16; 51–65 years of age – 26 and over 65 years of age – 3 employees. The mean age of the SPB employees in year 2012 in comparison with 2011 remained unchanged – 49 years of age. In 2012, 47 women (78.3 %) and 13 men (21.7 %) were employed at the SPB. The proportion of managers at SPB is balanced, that is 5 women (45 %) and 6 men (55 %). The bigger part of the SPB employees – 44 employees (73 %) – have a university degree.

Taking into account specific activities of SPB, much attention in 2012 was paid to training and improving of employees' qualifications. Employees of SPB participated in various training events, at institutions both in Lithuania and abroad (seminars organised by European Patent Academy, WIPO, and OHIM). In 2012, 43 employees of the SPB participated in trainings, out of that number, 17 participated in trainings organised by European Patent Academy, OHIM and WIPO.

The State budget revenue for the year 2012 for activities of SPB increased up to 9.2 million Litas (8,3 million Litas for the year 2011). Expenditures for the year 2012 was 5 million Litas (4,5 million Litas in the year 2011).



Structure of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania



Since 26 April 2011

Legislation and international cooperation

Legislation

One of the most significant results in legislation in 2012 was passing of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Ratification of Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks – by the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. The objective of this international treaty is to unify the procedural regulations for registration of trademarks in states of the Treaty.

Implementing provisions of the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks in national law, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania passed a Law on Amendment and Addenda to the Trademark Law of the Republic of Lithuania in 2012 .

Besides, in 2012, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania passed a Law on Amendment to the Law on Design, a Law on Amendment to the Law on Legal Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products and a Law on Amendment to the Law on Fees for the Registration of Industrial Property Objects. With these amendments, registration procedures for industrial property objects were simplified and fees for registration of industrial property objects were reduced.

Amendments to Laws on Legal Protection of Trademarks, Designs, and Topographies of Semiconductor Products will come into effect from 1 June 2013.

On 3 February 2012, a new edition of the Patent Law and Patent Law Treaty came into effect, the goal of which is to ease administrative burden for users of the patent system, also simplify and speed up patent grant procedures.

Implementing the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the case C–307/10, Rules for Registration of Trademarks ZR/03/2004 were amended under the decree No. 3R–54 of the Director of State Patent Bureau, 9 December 2012. The main amendments to rules were related to indication of goods and services in the application, as well as indication of titles of classes of International goods and services (Nice) classification in the application; the amendments came into effect on 1 January 2013.

A new edition of the statute of the Lithuanian Technical Library (hereinafter referred to as LTL) was approved under the decree No. 3R–21 of Director of the State Patent Bureau, 13 June 2012.

International Cooperation

In 2012, the SPB continued active cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Office for Harmonization of the Internal Market (trademarks and design) (OHIM) and European Patent Office (EPO), and participated in activities of these organizations and agencies of the European Union. Bilateral agreements with these organizations were successfully implemented. Year 2012 was exceptional for very intensive discussions and representation of Lithuania's interests in the EU regarding development of the unitary European patent and establishment of the unified patent court; final solutions regarding development of the unitary European patent were adopted at the Council of the EU and the European Parliament, and respective legal acts were approved in December 2012.

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

In 2012, SPB continued to cooperate with one of specialized international organizations of the United Nations – World Intellectual Patent Organization, which is in charge of global policy–making for protection of intellectual property, and administration of majority of international treaties in the area of protection of industrial property.

Same as each year since 1992 when Lithuania became a member of WIPO, Lithuania has been represented at General Assemblies of WIPO, Assembly of the Paris Union, Assembly of the Nice Union, Assembly of the Patent Cooperation Treaty Union, Assembly of the Madrid Union, Assembly of the Budapest Union, and meetings of WIPO Coordination Committees. Director of the State Patent Bureau held the position of the Vice Chairman of the Assembly of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

Employees of the State Patent Bureau attended 17 sessions of WIPO Committees, meetings and sessions of working groups, and other events organized by WIPO.

In 2012, the SPB cooperated closely with WIPO in execution of the bilateral Lithuania–WIPO cooperation plan for 2011–2012. As a result, a national conference „Protection of Intellectual Property: 20 years at International Intellectual Property Organization" was held; WIPO award was presented to the most innovative Lithuanian company and a gold medal was given to the young Lithuanian inventor, a seminar was held for Lithuanian science and education institutions on the issues of design and trademarks; regional training was organized for judges on the issues of enforcement of intellectual property rights.

Participation of the Republic of Lithuania in multilateral international treaties administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in the field of industrial property

International treaty and the date when the Republic of Lithuania joined it:

- Convention on Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (Lithuania joined on 30 January 1992, the treaty took effect in Lithuania on 30 April 1992);
- Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Lithuania joined on 21 February 1994t, the treaty took effect in Lithuania on 22 May 1994;
- Patent Cooperation Treaty (Lithuania joined on 5 April 1994, the treaty took effect in Lithuania in Lithuania on 5 April 1994);
- Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Trademarks (Lithuania joined on 22 November 1996, the agreement took effect in Lithuania in Lithuania on 22 February 1997);
- Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (Lithuania joined on 9 February 1998, the treaty took effect in Lithuania on 9 May 1998);
- Protocol of Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (Lithuania joined on 15 August 1997, agreement took effect in Lithuania on 15 November 1997);
- Trademark Law Treaty (Lithuania joined on 28 October 1994, treaty took effect in Lithuania on 27 April 1998);
- The Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs the Geneva Act (Lithuania joined on 26 June 2008, the agreement took effect in Lithuania on 26 September 2008);
- Patent Law Treaty (Lithuania joined on 3 November 2011, the treaty took effect in Lithuania on 3 February 2012);
- Singapore Treaty Concerning Trademark Law (the treaty will take effect in Lithuania on 1 June 2013).

European Union (EU)

In 2012, representatives of the SPB participated in EU working group meetings; they drafted and presented the official position of Lithuania on the matters regarding protection of the industrial property discussed in the EU Council.

In year 2012, representatives of the SPB participated in two working group sessions of the EU; the SPB prepared and coordinated 18 positions according to its competence. Majority of positions were related to legal acts regarding development of the unitary European patent and establishment of Unified Patent Court; final resolutions on development of the unitary European patent were made in the Council of the EU and the European Parliament, and respective legal acts were approved in December 2012.

The Office of Harmonization for the Internal Market (Trademarks and Designs) (OHIM)

The State Patent Bureau closely collaborated with the Office for Harmonization of the Internal Market (trademark and design) (OHIM). In 2012, representatives of the SPB represented the Republic of Lithuania at two OHIM administrative bodies, namely meetings of the Administration Council and the Budget Committee, discussing important organizational, administrative and financial issues of OHIM. In year 2012, experts of the SPB attended 11 technical cooperation meetings between OHIM and representatives of national patent offices, as well as meetings of OHIM and representatives of the patent offices on the matters concerning trademarks and design; employees of the SPB attended trainings organized by OHIM.

Implementing bilateral cooperation agreements with OHIM, new software has been developed – an information system that secures data transfer from the Lithuanian trademark registry *TMview*. Since the beginning of 2012, data on trademarks submitted for registration or registered in the Republic of Lithuania is delivered to *TMview* portal every day (http://www.tmview.europa.eu). Internet trademark database of Lithuania was modified, providing an option to automatically transfer information on Community trademarks which have seniority in Lithuania. The State Patent Bureau organized Doors Open Days on the issues of trademarks and design in Kaunas, Šiauliai, Panevėžys and Klaipėda in accordance with a bilateral cooperation agreement with OHIM and also organized a seminar “Effect of the EU Court of Justice Judgments on Development of Protection of Trademark in the European Union.“

Europos patentų organizacija (EPO)

Under the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention, EPC) in 2012 representatives of the SPB represented Lithuania at 4 meetings of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organization, 2 meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee where organizational, administrative and financial questions of operations of the EPO and legal regulation of European patents were discussed. In 2012, a session of the Supervisory Board of European Patent Academy was held. Representatives of the SPB took part in 5 different events of the EPO in year 2012, i.e. in the meeting of EPO Technical and Operational Support Committee (TOSC), meeting of representatives of EPO member states on the issues of patent classification, 6th annual meeting with EPO member states on cooperation issues, other meetings and official events.

Deputy Director of the SPB Žilvinas Danys held the position of the member of the EPO Supervisory Board of the European Patent Academy.

Having assessed the needs in improving special professional knowledge in the area of granting patents, and using opportunities offered by EPO program in multilateral collaboration, employees of the SPB continued attending trainings organized by the European Patent Academy in year 2012.

In 2012, the following projects of SPB and EPO cooperation plan were implemented:

– Taking part in the project of the EPO „EPN Training“, which is designated for improvement of the qualification of SPB employees; in year 2012, 13 employees of the State Patent Bureau attended 11 trainings of the European Patent Academy. Trainings were related to specific issues concerning patent application and examination, application receiving procedures, patent information and documentation, practice of the Board of Appeal, patent management, also projects pursued by the SPB and EPO; employees from the Ministry of Justice, Economy, Education and Science and also of the LTL attended these trainings;

– Representatives of the State Patent Bureau attended the conference organized by European Patent Organization PATLIB 2012 in Manchester (United Kingdom) in 2012;

– Representatives of SPB together with representatives from Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia patent offices attended the conference EPOPIC 2012 organized by EPO and German Patent and Trademark Agency (DPMA) in Hamburg (Germany) in 2012;

– Business visits were carried out to patent offices of Serbia, Croatia and Poland on the issues of implementation of electronic services;

– In 2012, brochures „Protection of Inventions” and „Patent Information“ were published in Lithuanian and English;

– A publication „How to Protect Intellectual Property During Exhibitions“ was translated from English into Lithuanian and published;

– The SPB had its stand at the exhibition „Balttechnika 2012”, where representatives of the SPB informed visitors on protection of industrial property objects, presented its history, present and future in Lithuania and abroad;

– EPTOS module Espacenet was implemented, which receives information on bibliographic data and descriptions of the patent applications;

– Patnet equipment was installed, which secures a safe encoded link between the SPB and EPO;

– OLF (*online filing*) was implemented on the basis of EPTOS, which enables online filing of European and PCT patent applications.

Cooperation with Patent Services and Other International Cooperation

In 2012, the State Patent Bureau continued cooperation with patent services of other states. Employees of the SPB had business visits to patent services of Serbia, Croatia and Poland and also attended events organized by the national patent offices of other states in Tallinn and Riga.

Representatives of the SPB attended meetings of managers and experts of the patent services of Northern and Baltic states.

Inventions

There are three ways to obtain patent protection in the Republic of Lithuania: filing an application directly with the SPB (national route), under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) (international route) and under the European Patent Convention (Euro and Euro–PCT applications) (regional route).

From the establishment of the State Patent Bureau to 31 December 2012, 3,037 patent applications have been filed with the SPB under the national route.

In 2012, 118 applications have been filed with the SPB, 109 of those were filed by Lithuanian applicants. Conventional priority was requested for 8 patent applications.

In 2012, 6 international applications proceeded to the national level, all of them had priority (–ies) of earlier application(–s).

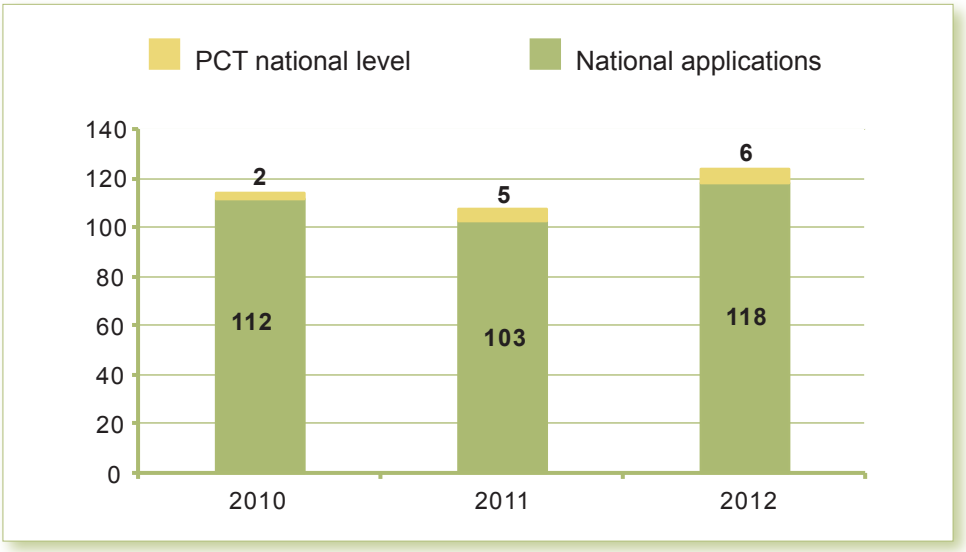
In 2012, 10 international applications were filed with SPB as receiving office.

In 2011, 22 applications for supplementary protection certificates were filed.

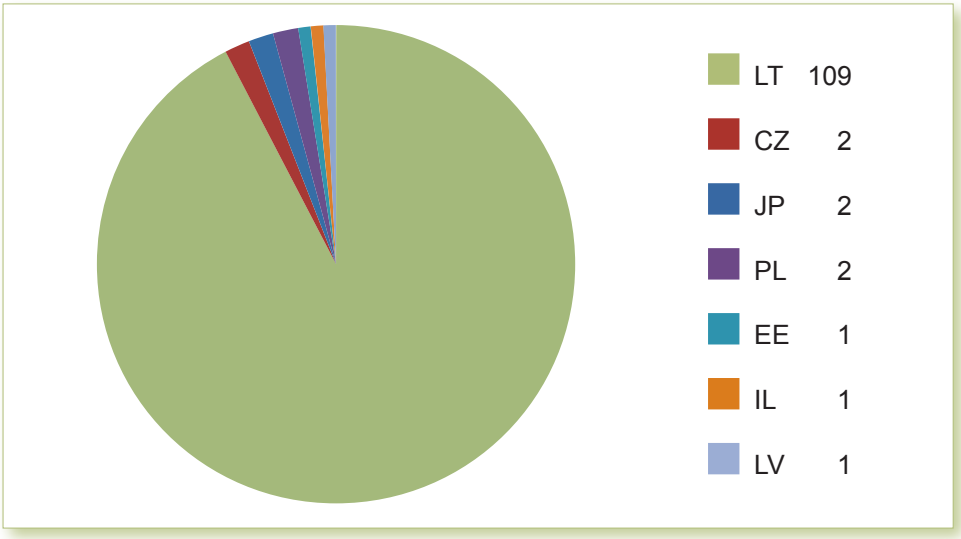
Patents that came into effect in Lithuania in 2012

Patents that came into effect in the Republic of Lithuania in year 2012	Number	Patent owners from Lithuania	Share of patents granted to owners from Lithuania %
Granted by SPB	92	83	90
Granted by EPO	1176	–	–
Total:	**1268**	**83**	**6,5**

Filing of patent applications, 2010–2012



Distribution of national applications by states in year 2012



Number of patent applications filed by applicants from the Republic of Lithuania, 2010–2012

In 2012, the rise of number of patent applications filed by legal entities is noticeable, showing growth of 59 percent over 2011.

Applicants	Number of applications		
	2010	2011	2012
Legal entities	44	46	73
Natural persons	64	47	36
Total of legal entities and natural persons	**108**	**93**	**109**

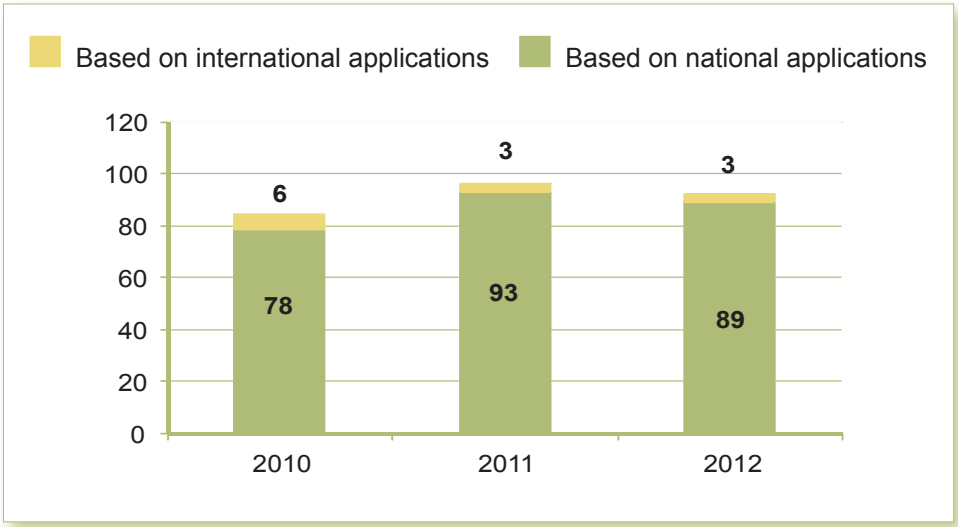
Lithuanian institutions/companies that filed applications in year 2012

In 2012, Lithuanian institutions of science and research filed 30 patent applications, that constitutes 41 % of all patent applications filed by Lithuanian legal entities.

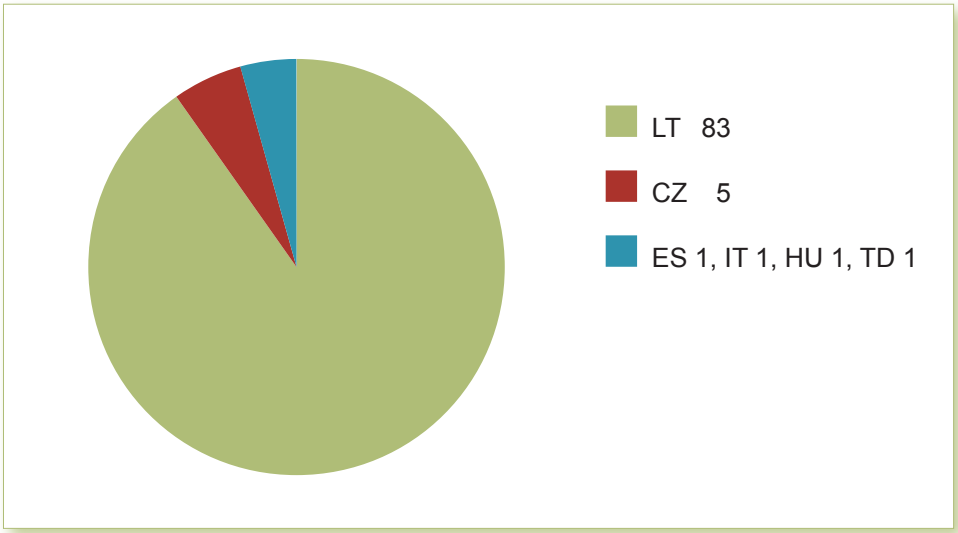
No.	Applicants	Number of applications
1.	Vilnius University	12
2.	Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	9
3.	Kaunas University of Technology	5
4.	UAB “Integrated Optics”	4
5.	National Research Institute for Physical Science and Technology Center	3
6.	Mickus Creative works studio, MB	2

No.	Applicants	Number of applications
7.	UAB “Modernios E-Technologijos“	2
8.	UAB “TRIJŲ ARTELĖ“	2
9.	AB “Lietuvos geležinkeliai“, Centre of Diagnostics	1
10.	Machinery plant AB “Astra“	1
11.	Aleksandras Stulginskis University	1
12.	Association ECO Industry Socio–Economic Cluster	1
13.	UAB “Devulco”	1
14.	Medical Lasers and Waves Research Clinics	1
15.	MB “EKODARNA“	1
16.	UAB “ABILI“	1
17.	UAB “AROSTĖ“	1
18.	UAB “Adelonas“	1
19.	UAB “BIOCENTRAS“	1
20.	UAB “Baltic Ground Services“	1
21.	UAB “ECPG“	1
22.	UAB “EKSPLA“	1
23.	UAB “GTV“	1
24.	UAB “Gaminu“	1
25.	UAB “Hidrosfera“	1
26.	UAB “Indema“	1
27.	UAB “Lidaris“	1
28.	UAB “MIBARSAS“	1
29.	UAB “NAUJASIS NEVĖŽIS“	1
30.	UAB “PakMarkas“	1
31.	UAB “RAIDOLA“	1
32.	UAB “ROKIŠKIO PRAGIEDRULIAI“	1
33.	UAB “UNERA“	1
34.	UAB “Vildoma“	1
35.	UAB “Biotechpharma“	1
36.	UAB “ENJOY–TOY”	1
37.	UAB “Elektromotus”	1
38.	UAB “FridayLab”	1
39.	UAB “GEOLA DIGITAL”	1
40.	UAB “MANTINGA”	1
41.	UAB MGF “Šviesos konversija”	1
42.	UAB “Minties kvantas”	1

Grant of patents, 2010–2012



Patents granted in year 2012 by states of patent owners



Number of patents granted in year 2012 by IPC sections

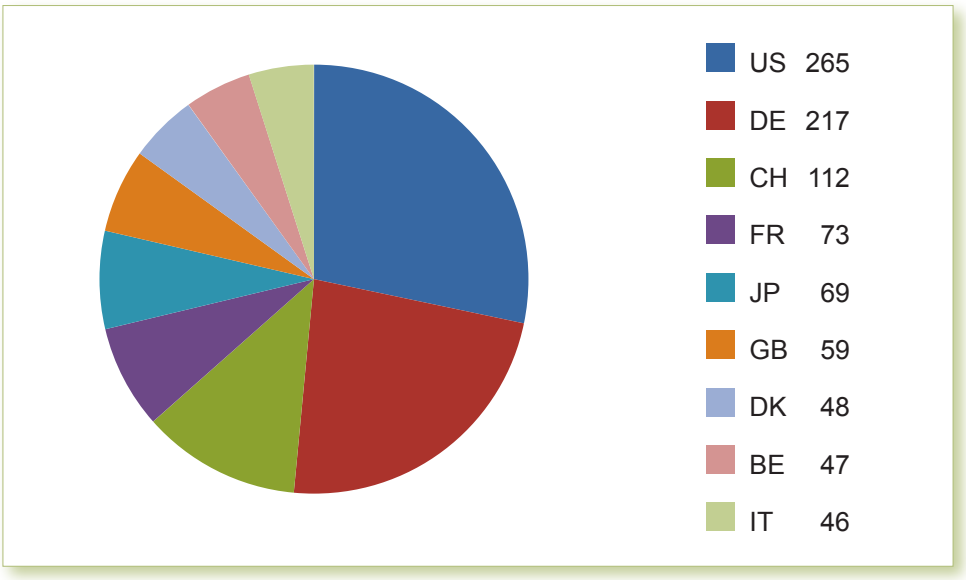
Sections of IPC		Lithuania	Foreign country (country code and number of patents)	Total
Human necessities	**A**	19	CZ 1, ES 1, HU 1	**22**
Performing operations; transporting	**B**	11	CZ 3, IT 1	**15**
Chemistry; metallurgy	**C**	10	–	**10**
Textiles; paper	**D**	–	–	**–**
Fixed constructions	**E**	8	CZ 1	**9**
Mechanical engineering; lighting; heating; weapons; blasting	**F**	16	TD 1	**17**
Physics	**G**	13	–	**13**
Electricity	**H**	6	–	**6**
Total		**83**	**9**	**92**

European patents

In 2012, SPB received 2 European patent applications as a receiving office.

1,176 European patents granted by European Patent Office (EPO) came into effect in the Republic of Lithuania the same year. 1059 of them were granted under the European Patent Convention (EPC).

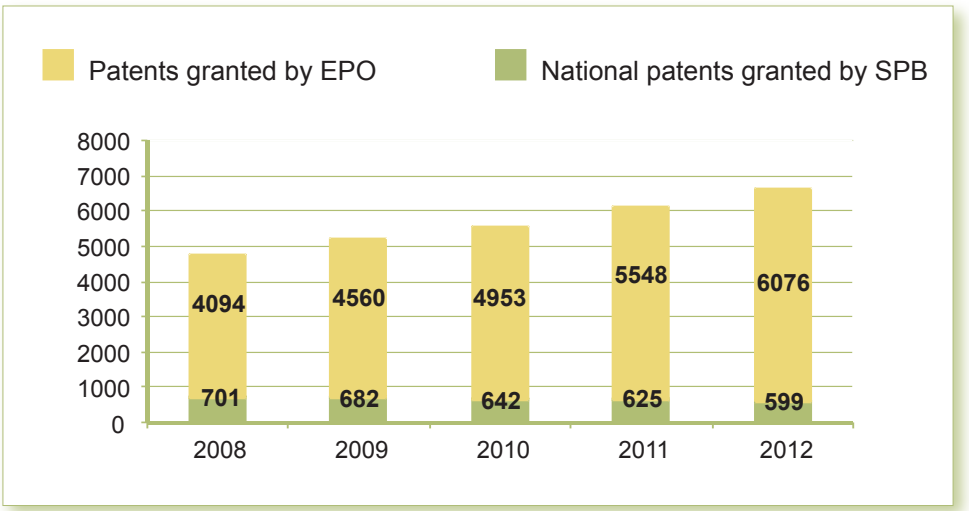
European patents that came into effect in year 2012, by states of patent owners



Number of European patents that came into effect in the Republic of Lithuania in year 2011 by IPC sections

IPC sections		Country code and number of patents	Total
Human necessities	**A**	US 94, DE 61, CH 47, JP 28, IT 26, FR 21, DK 17, GB 15, BE 14, SE 13, LU 10, NL 10, IL 7, FI 5, IN 5, AT 3, CU 3, EE 3, IE 3, NO 3, ES 2, HU 2, RU 2, BG 1, CN 1, CY 1, CZ 1, GR 1, HK 1, KY 1, LI 1, MX 1, NZ 1, PL 1, TH 1, TN 1, ZA 1	**408**
Performing operations; transporting	**B**	DE 34, CH 13, DK 11, AT 9, NL 9, GB 7, US 7, FR 6, IT 5, FI 4, BE 2, CN 2, LU 2, NO 2, SE 2, AU 1, CY 1, ES 1, GR 1, MX 1	**120**
Chemistry; metallurgy	**C**	US 140, DE 74, CH 42, FR 36, JP 36, BE 29, GB 28, DK 15, SE 15, IT 8, NL 8, ES 6, AT 4, CA 4, FI 4, IE 4, CZ 3, HU 3, IN 3, CN 2, MX 2, IL 1, LI 1, LU 1, LV 1, PT 1, RO 1	**472**
Textiles; paper	**D**	NL 3, JP 2, DE 1, FR 1, IT 1, US 1	**9**
Fixed constructions	**E**	DE 12, AT 4, FI 4, CH 2, DK 2, NL 2, US 2, CA 1, CN 1, ES 1, HR 1, IT 1, PL 1, SE 1	**35**
Mechanical engineering; lighting; heating; weapons; blasting	**F**	DE 16, NL 5, IT 4, CH 3, GB 3, FR 2, SE 2, AR 1, AT 1, BE 1, CA 1, ES 1, JP 1, NO 1, PL 1, RU 1, US 1	**45**
Physics	**G**	US 15, DE 10, FR 5, GB 4, DK 3, NL 2, AT 1, BE 1, CH 1, CN 1, ES 1, FI 1, IT 1, NO 1, PL 1, RU 1, SE 1, TW 1	**51**
Electricity	**H**	DE 9, US 5, CH 4, SE 4, FR 2, GB 2, IN 2, JP 2, SI 2, AT 1, FI 1, KR 1, NO 1	**36**
Total		**US 265, DE 217, CH 112, FR 73, JP 69, GB 59, DK 48, BE 47, IT 46, NL 39, SE 38, AT 23, FI 19, LU 13, ES 12, IN 10, IL 8, NO 8, CN 7, IE 7, CA 6, HU 5, CZ 4, MX 4, PL 4, RU 4, CU 3, EE 3, CY 2, GR 2, LI 2, SI 2, AR 1, AU 1, BG 1, HK 1, HR 1, KR 1, KY 1, LV 1, NZ 1, PT 1, RO 1, TH 1, TN 1, TW 1, ZA 1**	**1176**

Patents in effect at the end of year 2012



In year 2012, 60 transfer agreements were registered; 49 of those were registered for European patents.

1 licence agreement was registered in 2012.

Topographies of semiconductor products

Legal protection of topographies of semiconductor products in the Republic of Lithuania may be obtained by filing applications directly with the SPB, under the Law on Legal Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products, which came into effect on 1 December 1998.

No applications for registration of semiconductor products have been filed since the Law on Legal Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products came into effect.

Trademarks

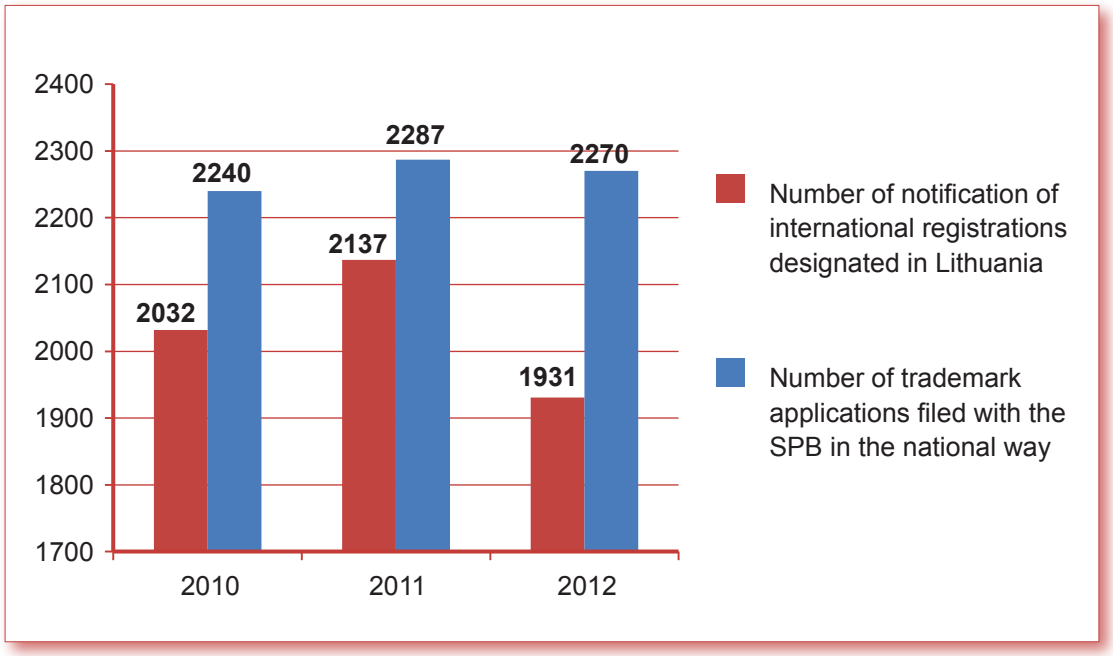
There are three ways to get exclusive rights to a trademark in the Republic of Lithuania: under the Trademark Law of the Republic of Lithuania by filing applications directly with the SPB (national route); starting 15 November 1997 – under the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, according to which the protection provided by the international trademark registration is extended to the Republic of Lithuania (international route); and from 1 May 2004 – under the EU Council Regulation No 207/2009 of 26 February 2009 on the Community Trade Mark (Codified Version), according to which any trademark, registered as a Community trademark with the EU Office for Harmonization for the Internal Market (OHIM), is protected in Lithuania (regional route).

From the establishment of the State Patent Bureau until 31 December 2012, the SPB received 66,577 applications for registration of a mark via national route. 54,666 trademarks have been registered at the Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania within this period, 36,191 of them were valid registrations; 28,382 changes at the Register, 10,550 transfers of rights and 1,081 license agreements were recorded. Also, 1,714 marks given as security (withdrawals of security) and 316 seizures (withdrawals of seizures) were entered.

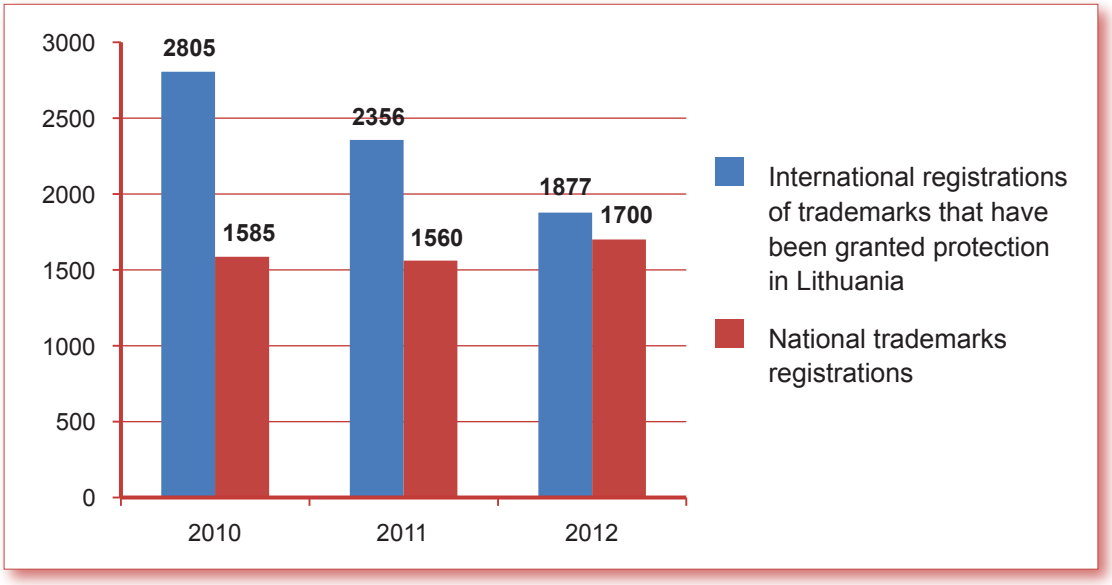
Since 1997, 52,231 notifications regarding the extension of international marks registrations in Lithuania have been received from the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); 49,046 decisions were adopted to grant protection, having performed the examination.

At the end of 2012, 79,113 registrations of trademarks, applications for which have been filed by the national and international routes, and 888,373 Community trademarks, registered at the Register of Community trademarks of the EU, were in effect in Lithuania

Trademark applications filed in the Republic of Lithuania in 2010–2012



Trademark registrations in the Republic of Lithuania in 2010–2012



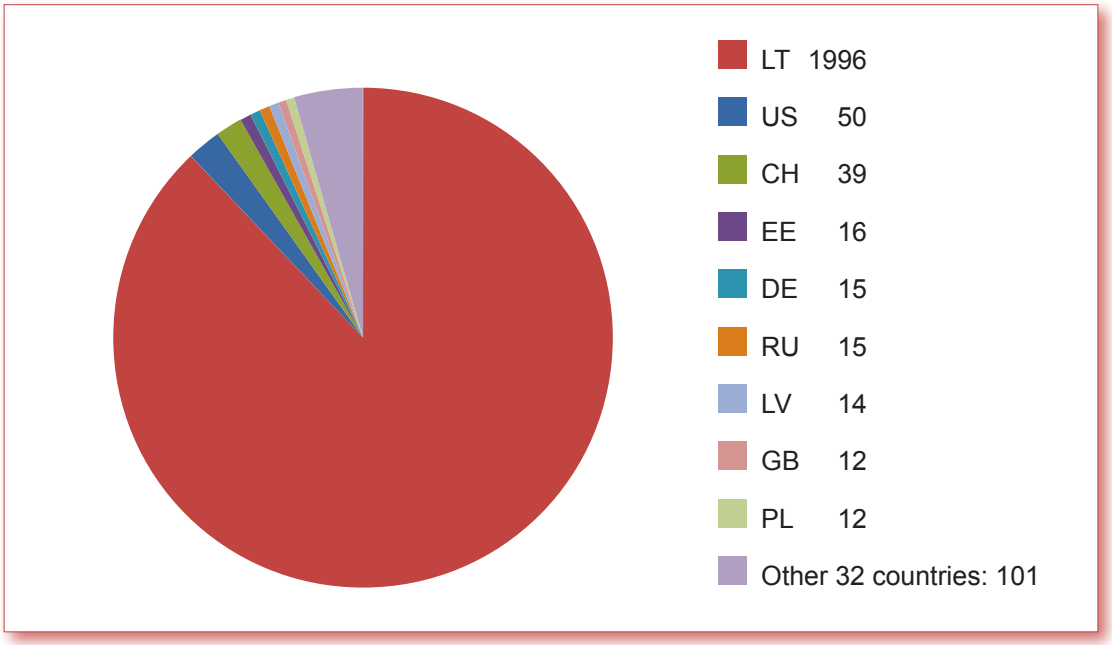
Protection of trademarks in the Republic of Lithuania granted by the national route

In 2012, 2,270 trademark applications were filed with the SPB, among them:

1,996 (88 %) of Lithuanian applicants,

274 (12 %) of foreign applicants

Breakdown of applications by country of origin



In year 2012, the highest number of applications was filed for the following classes according to the International Classification of Goods and Services:

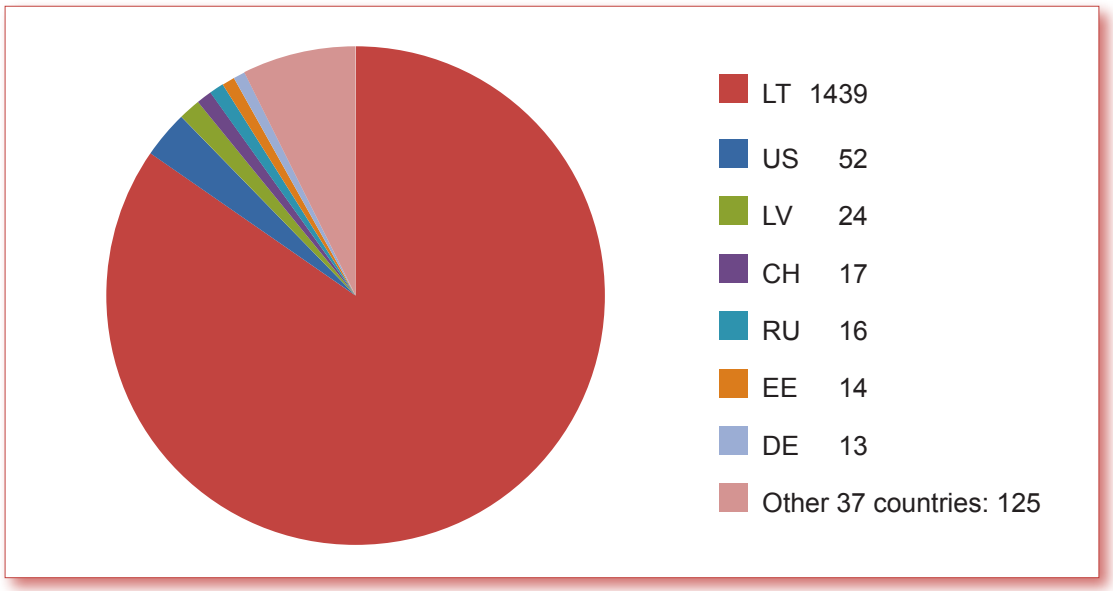
Class	Title of the Class	Number	%
29	Meat, fish, poultry and game; meat extracts; preserved, frozen, dried and cooked fruit and vegetables; jellies, jams, compotes; eggs, milk and milk products; edible oils and fats.	183	5
30	Coffee, tea, cacao and artificial coffee; rice, tapioca and sago; flour and preparations made from cereals; bread, pastry and confectionary; ices; sugar, honey, treacle; yeast, baking–powder; salt; mustard; vinegar, sauces (condiments); spices; ice.	185	5
35	Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions.	609	16,6
41	Education; training; entertainment; sporting and cultural activities.	379	10,3
43	Catering; temporary accommodation.	221	6

In the year 2012 1,700 trademarks were registered and among them:

1,439 (85 %) of Lithuanian applicants,

261 (15 %) of foreign applicants.

Breakdown of the registration by country of origin



In year 2012, 23 trademarks were registered, the applications of which contained a request claiming the conventional priority.

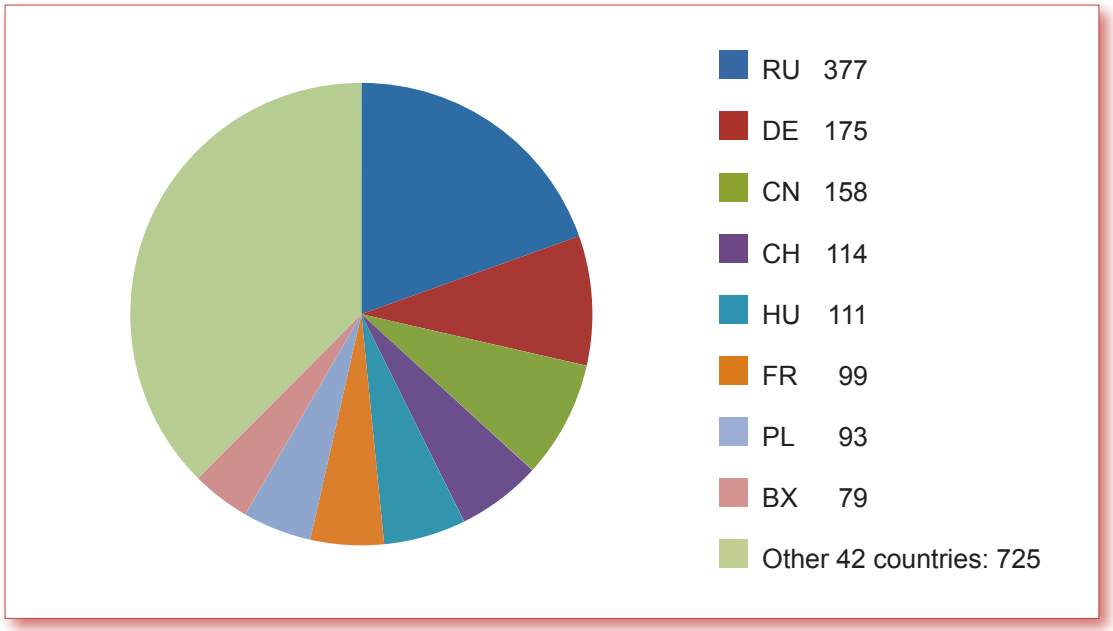
The same year, 643 transfers of rights and 27 license agreements, 2,013 changes at the Register, 1856 renewals, 227 securities of mark rights (withdrawals of securities) and 42 seizures (withdrawals of seizures) were entered into the Register of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania, 1,199 registrations were cancelled, 1,135 registrations among them were cancelled without extension of the effect time of the registration.

In the year 2012, 1,511 searches were conducted under the Article 38 of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 207/2009 of 26 February 2009 on the Community Trademark (Codified version) by request of the OHIM. Also, the SPB has received and forwarded 2 applications of Community trademark registration to OHIM.

Protection of trademarks under the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement on International Registration of Marks

In year 2012, 1,931 notifications of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) were received regarding protection of international registration of marks in Lithuania. The SPB adopted 1,877 decisions to grant protection to international mark registrations.

Breakdown of international registrations extended to the Republic of Lithuania in year 2011, by the states of mark owners

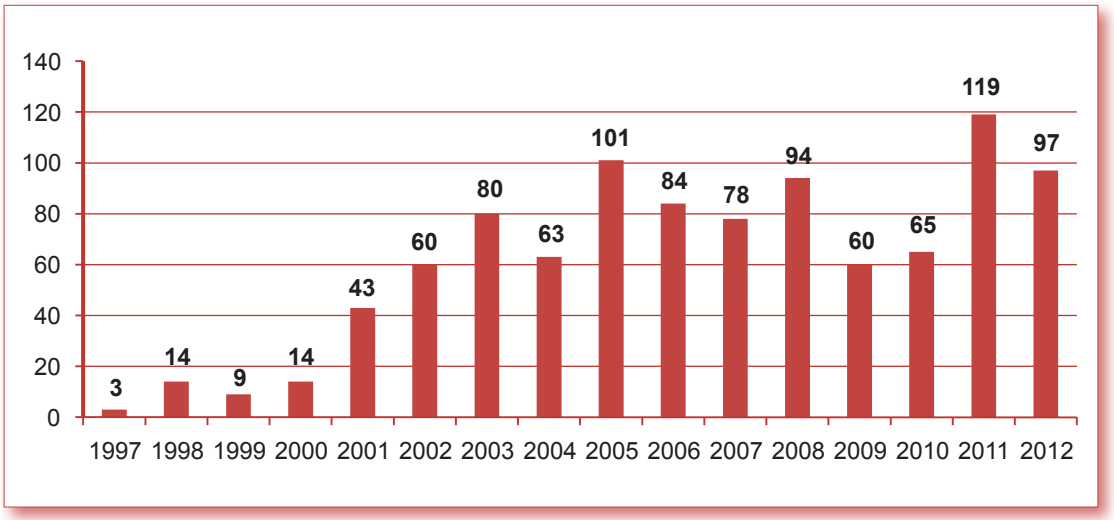


Lithuanian applicants filed 984 international applications from year 1997 to the end of 2012 using the opportunity to acquire protection of trademarks in other countries, granted by a membership of Lithuania in the Madrid Protocol. 941 trademarks of Lithuanian applicants have been registered at the International Trademark Register.

Breakdown of International applications filled in 2012 by designated country

Country	Applications	
	Number	%
AM	12	2.84
AZ	12	2.84
BY	44	10.40
EE	24	5.67
EM	29	6.86
GE	13	3.07
HR	10	2.36
KZ	29	6.86
LV	28	6.62
MD	13	3.07
NA	21	4.96
NO	11	2.60
PL	12	2.84
RU	55	13.00
UA	37	8.75
US	19	4.49

Number of international applications filed under the Madrid Protocol by Lithuanian applicants



Breakdown of international applications filed in 2010–2012 by classes according to the International Classification for Goods and Services:

Classes	2012		2011		2010	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1	1	0.45	0	0.00	4	1.47
2	4	1.80	0	0.00	1	0.37
3	2	0.90	12	4.40	1	0.37
4	3	1.35	0	0.00	0	0.00
5	4	1.80	16	5.86	4	1.47
6	4	1.80	0	0.00	1	0.37
7	9	4.05	0	0.00	2	0.73
8	4	1.80	0	0.00	0	0.00
9	9	4.05	9	3.30	9	3.30
10	1	0.45	2	0.73	2	0.73
11	9	4.05	3	1.10	4	1.47
12	5	2.25	2	0.73	2	0.73
13	1	0.45	0	0.00	0	0.00
14	1	0.45	3	1.10	1	0.37
15	1	0.45	0	0.00	0	0.00
16	1	0.45	5	1.83	4	1.47
17	4	1.80	1	0.37	2	0.73
18	1	0.45	4	1.47	2	0.73
19	4	1.80	0	0.00	3	1.10
20	4	1.80	5	1.83	0	0.00
21	4	1.80	4	1.47	2	0.73
22	3	1.35	2	0.73	0	0.00
23	1	0.45	0	0.00	0	0.00
24	4	1.80	9	3.30	1	0.37
25	5	2.25	19	6.96	3	1.10
26	1	0.45	3	1.10	0	0.00
27	3	1.35	0	0.00	0	0.00
28	2	0.90	7	2.56	1	0.37
29	38	17.12	34	12.45	18	6.59
30	12	5.41	35	12.82	10	3.66
31	3	1.35	9	3.30	3	1.10
32	8	3.60	15	5.49	4	1.47
33	6	2.70	5	1.83	2	0.73
34	1	0.45	3	1.10	0	0.00
35	18	8.11	29	10.62	13	4.76
36	1	0.45	5	1.83	1	0.37
37	6	2.70	1	0.37	3	1.10
38	3	1.35	1	0.37	0	0.00
39	6	2.70	6	2.20	2	0.73
40	3	1.35	0	0.00	1	0.37
41	3	1.35	5	1.83	1	0.37
42	10	4.50	8	2.93	1	0.37
43	4	1.80	7	2.56	1	0.37
44	2	0.90	4	1.47	5	1.83
45	3	1.35	0	0.00	0	0.00

Community trademark protection by Lithuanian applicants in 2010–2012

Year	Applications for Community trademark registration	Community trademark registrations
2010	103	131
2011	139	106
2012	209	146

Design

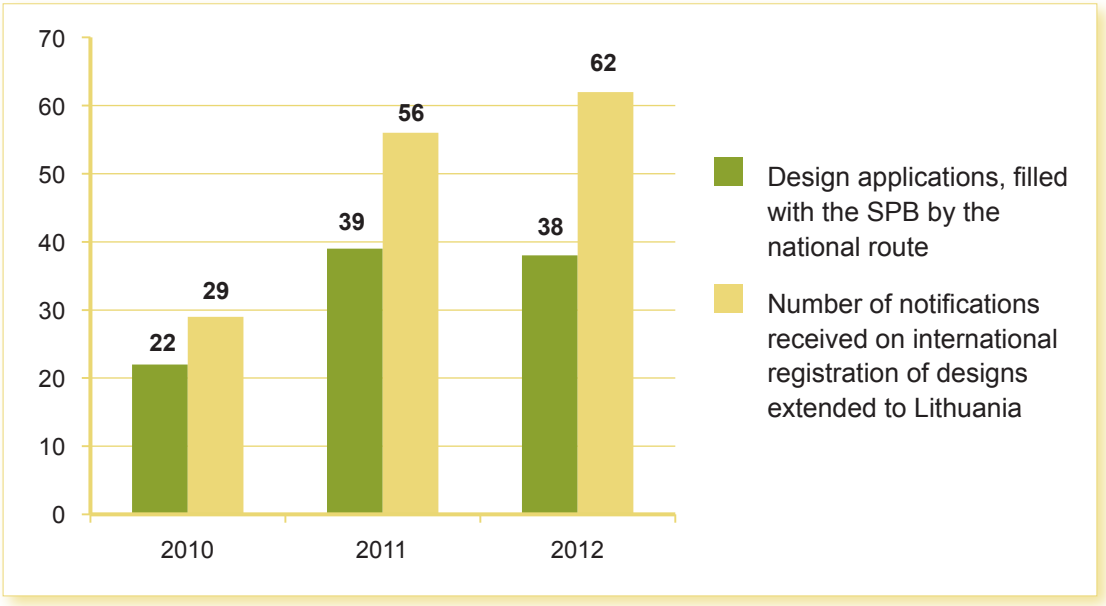
There are three ways to get exclusive rights to a design in Lithuania: under the Design Law of the Republic of Lithuania, by filing an application directly with the SPB (national route); under the Council Regulation of 12 December 2001 on the Community Design, under which a Community design registered with the EU Office for Harmonization of the Internal Market (OHIM) is protected in Lithuania from 1 May 2004 (regional route). Since 26 September 2008, after Lithuania joined the Geneva act of the Hague Agreement on International Registration of Industrial Design, registration of international design may be extended to Lithuania (international route).

From the establishment of the State Patent Bureau until 31 December 2012, the SPB has received 1,752 applications for registration of design by the national route. 1,521 design registrations have been registered at the Register of Design of the Republic of Lithuania, 327 registrations among them came in effect.

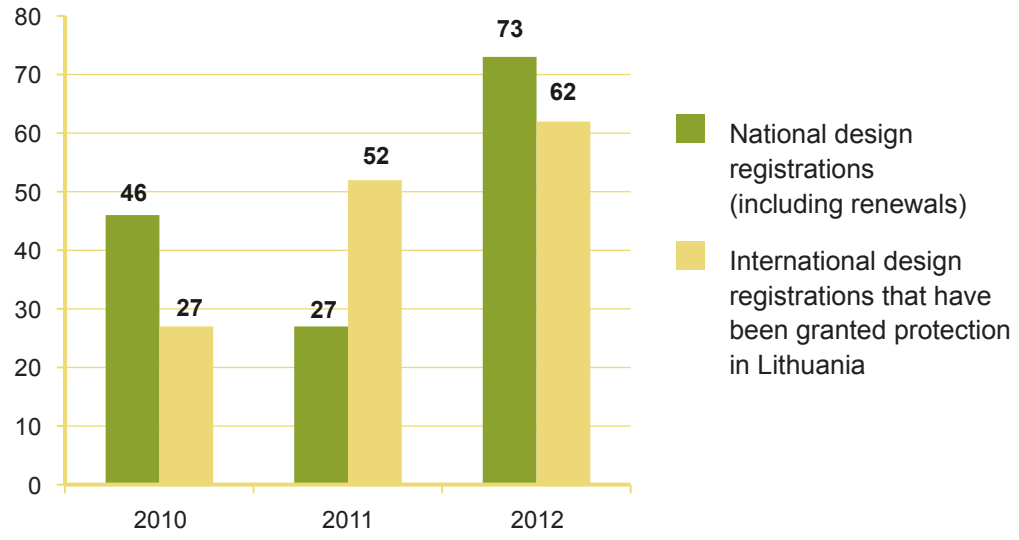
Since 2008, 159 notifications regarding the designation of the international designs registrations in Lithuania have been received from the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); having performed the examination, 151 decisions were adopted to grant the protection.

At the end of 2012, 1,934 design registrations, applications for which have been filed by national and international route, also 603,547 Community designs registered in the EU Community design register were in effect in Lithuania.

Filing of design applications in the Republic of Lithuania in 2010–2012



Design registrations in the Republic of Lithuania in 2010–2012



Designs, protection for which was requested in 2010–2012

Year	Designs that were submitted by the national route	Designs extended by the International route	Total
2010	32	160	192
2011	62	562	623
2012	82	534	616

Designs that have been granted protection in the Republic of Lithuania in 2010–2012

Year	Registered national designs	Registered International designs	Total
2010	35	132	167
2011	57	558	615
2012	69	495	564

In 2012, 38 applications (82 designs) were filed with SPB:

36 (95%) were filed by Lithuanian applicants,

2 (5%) were filed by foreign applicants.

Breakdown of design applications according to the international Locarno classification:

In the year 2012 the Lithuanian applicants have filed design applications in the following areas:

packages and containers for transportation and storage of goods (class 9) – 12; sales and advertising systems, marks (class 20) – 5; articles of clothing and haberdashery (class 2) – 3; furniture (class 6) – 3; ventilation and air–conditioning equipment, solid fuel (class 23) – 2; articles of adornment (class 11)– 3; building units and construction elements (class 25) –3; stationary and office equipment, artists' and teaching material (class 19) –2; household goods, not elsewhere specified (class 7) –1; apparatus for locomotion by land, air or water equipment for production (class 12)–1; recording, communication or information retrieval equipment (class 14) – 1, fluid distribution equipment, sanitary, heating, lighting apparatus (class 26) – 2; games, toys, tents and sports goods (class 21) – 3, articles for the care and handling of animals (class 30) – 1.

Applicants of the Republic of Lithuania who filed applications in years 2010–2012

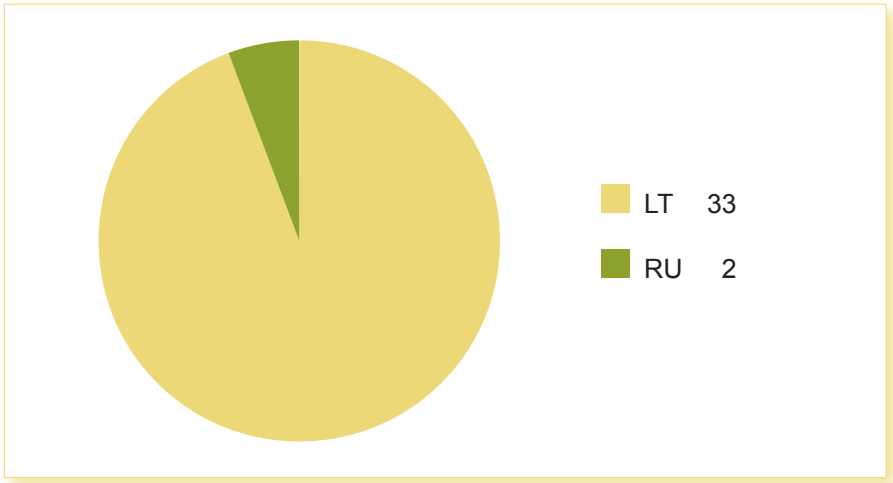
Applicants	Number of applications		
	2010	**2011**	**2012**
Legal entities	12	21	26
Natural persons	8	18	12
Total	20	39	38

In 2012, 35 design registrations (69 designs) were filled:

33 (94 %) of Lithuanian applicants,

2 (6 %). of foreign applicants.

Breakdown of registrations by the owner states of the design in 2012

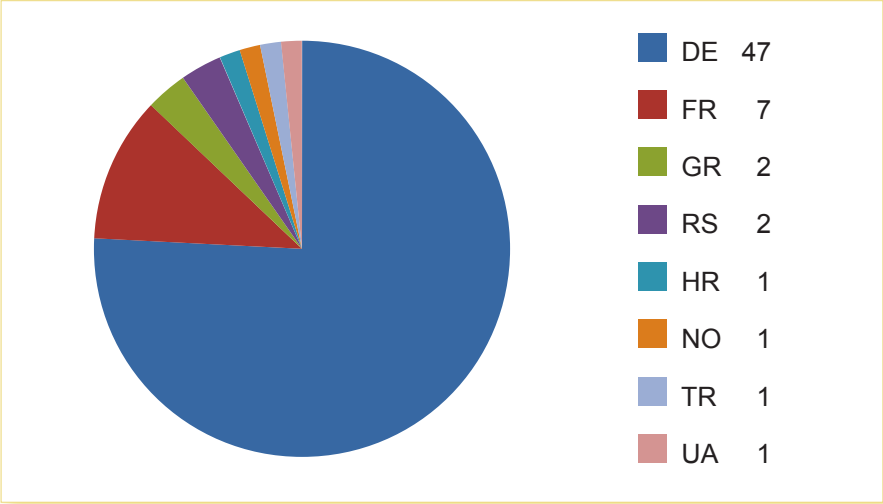


In the 2012, 5 agreements on transfer of rights were registered at the Register of Design of the Republic of Lithuania, 13 changes in the Register, renewal for 32 designs were entered and 25 registrations were cancelled.

Protection of designs under the Geneva act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Design

In 2012, 62 notifications of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) concerning designation of international registration of the design in Lithuania were received. The SPB adopted 62 decisions to grant protection to international registrations of design.

Breakdown of international registrations extended to the Republic of Lithuania in 2012 by the states of design owners



International registrations designated in the following areas:

Means of transport or hoisting (class 12) – 34, lighting apparatus (class 26) – 20; furniture (class 6) – 2,; tools and hardware (class 8) –2; building units and construction elements (class 25) – 1; articles of clothing and haberdashery (class 2) – 1; games, toys, tents and sports goods (class 21) –1; graphic symbols and logos, surface patterns, ornamentation (class 32) – 1.

Community design protection by Lithuanian applicants in 2010–2012

Year	Applications for Community design registration	Community design registrations
2010	35	33
2011	31	35
2012	13	9

Appeals, oppositions

The objective of operations of the Appeals Division of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania is to review the SPB expert decisions, passed following the procedure defined by legislation after examination of a patent application, an application for a supplementary protection certificate, an application for registration of a topography, a design, or a trademark, that are appealed by the applicants, and also to protect the infringed intellectual property rights of interested persons.

Appeals and oppositions are usually examined by a written procedure. The oral procedure is applied only in exceptional cases when the dispute is very complicated or is significant to formation of the practice of Appeals Division.

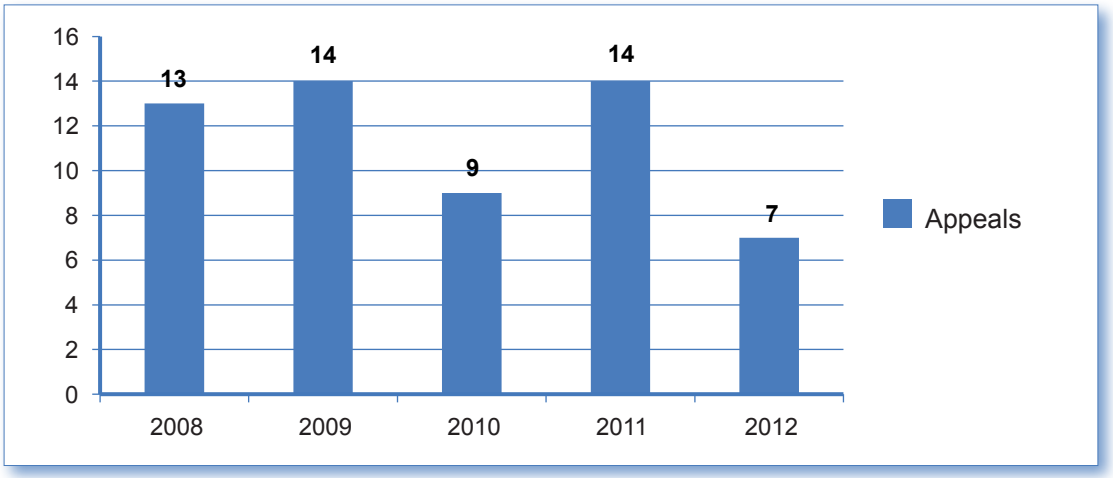
Making a review of the statistical data of 2012, it should be noted that 131 oppositions and **7** appeals were filed with the Appeals Division:

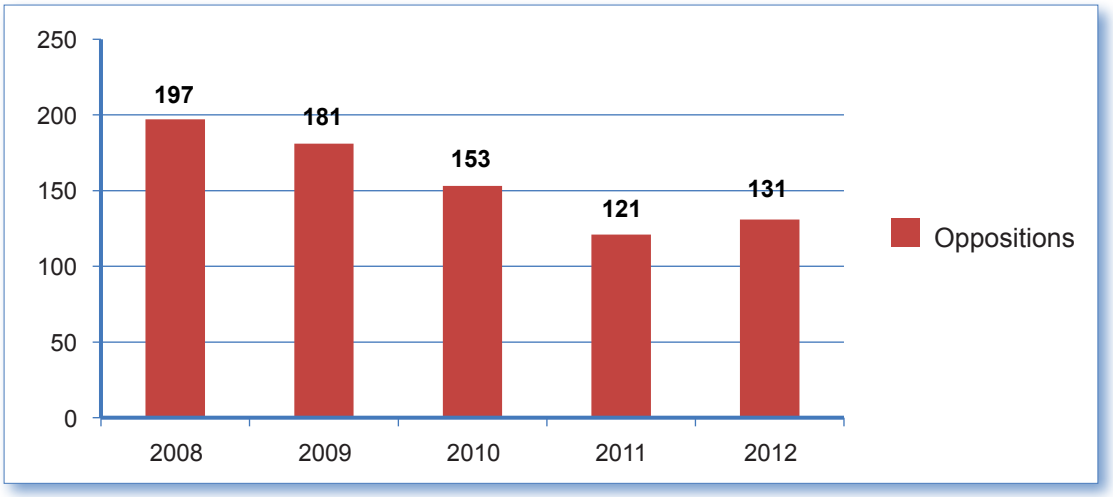
– 89 oppositions regarding national trademark registrations;

– 41 oppositions regarding international trademark registration under the Madrid protocol;

– 1 opposition regarding design registration;

– 7 appeals regarding national trademark application.





Number of appeals and oppositions received in 2008–2012:

- In year 2008 – 13 appeals and 197 opposition;
- In year 2009 – 14 appeals and 181 oppositions;
- In year 2010 – 9 appeals and 153 oppositions;
- In year 2011 – 14 appeals and 121 oppositions;
- In year 2012 – 7 appeals and 131 oppositions.

In 2012, the Appeals Division adopted 73 decisions after examination of:

- **10** appeals (1 regarding the granting of certificate of supplementary protection and 9 regarding national registration of marks);
- **75** oppositions (52 oppositions regarding national trademark registration, 23 regarding international registration of marks).

By decisions adopted:

– In **37** cases, oppositions were granted;

– In **7** cases, oppositions were partly granted;

– In **31** cases, oppositions were rejected us lacking ground.

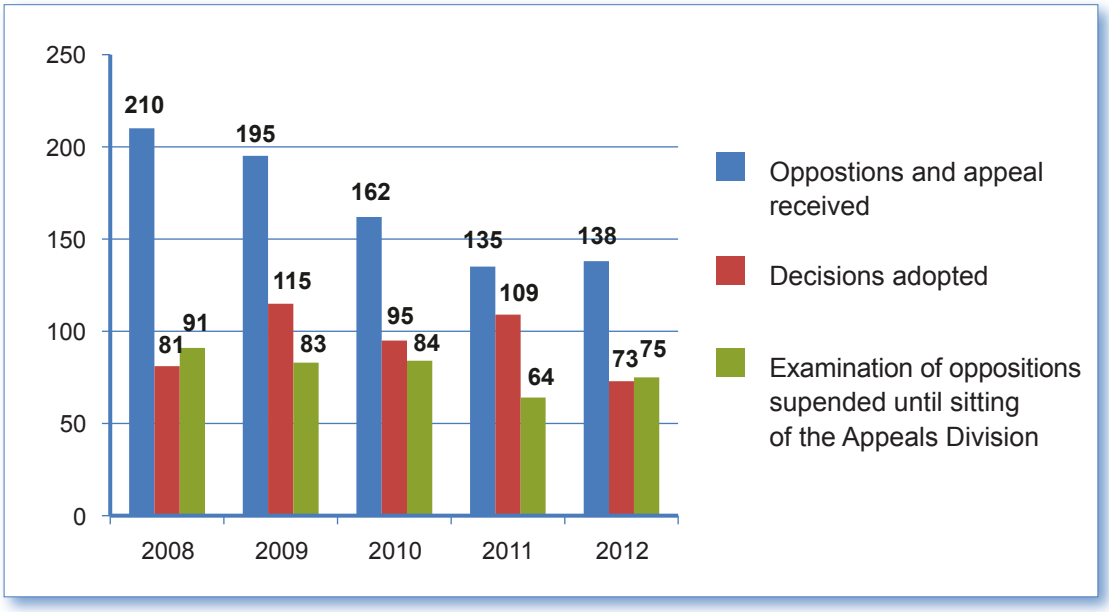
Results of considered appeals:

4 appeals were rejected as ungrounded,

1 was partly granted, and

5 appeals were fully granted and the decisions to register trademark for all or partial goods (or services) were adopted.

Generalized data of the Appeals Division in years 2010–2012:



Parties of the dispute also use an option for peaceful dispute resolution after filing an opposition. If an agreement is reached in such way, the examination of such oppositions in the Appeals Division is discontinued. In 2012, this number was reached 72 oppositions: examination of 48 oppositions regarding national trademark registrations, 24 oppositions regarding international registration of marks, 1 opposition regarding registration of trademark were discontinued in the Appeals Division.

In 2011–2012, Vilnius District Court was examining several decisions of the Appeals Division regarding the three–dimensional sign (*Schogetten* chocolate bar) of the trademarks MADA VAIKAMS, CREDITINFO, MAŽIAUSIOS KAINOS GARANTIJA, questioning the acquisition of the distinctive character of the sign through use. In all cases the Appeals Division has noted that based on the presented evidence, it cannot be concluded that the above signs had acquired a distinctive character through use. At the moment, only one of the cases (regarding the sign of MADA VAIKAMS) is closed, where the legality and validity of the decision of the Appeals Division was recognised. Further development of case law on this relevant and rather complex issue is very interesting.

In 2012, the Appeals Division of the State Patent Bureau started participating in one of OHIM project: *CP5 Relative Grounds – Likelihood of Confusion.* The objective of this project is to combine the different interpretations on how to deal with non–distinctive/weak components of trademarks in the context of the examination of relative grounds for refusal (likelihood of confusion). Participation in the project is important in forming a common practice in the matter, as well as the determination of specific criteria and the influence on decision–making.

Intellectual property popularization and information activities

The State Patent Bureau (SPB) annually organizes and implements measures of public awareness and dissemination of information on industrial property, organizes events, publishes publications on industrial property protection and relevant information on SPB website

The Plan on Measures for Educating the Public, adopted by the Director of SPB for 2012, encompassed 20 measures. SPB implemented 18 of them. All nine measures of the Plan on Measures for Dissemination of Industrial Property Information were implemented in 2012.

On 23 January 2012, Lithuania celebrated 20th anniversary of WIPO membership. During this period, the SPB cooperated with WIPO intensively in implementing the bilateral Lithuania–WIPO agreements for 2012. Conferences, seminars and other trainings on issues of industrial property were organized for Lithuania's science and educational institutions, especially for small and medium–sized enterprises, other intellectual property–related individuals; informational publications were published on the issues concerning the protection of industrial property.

On April 2012, the State Patent Bureau in collaboration with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has organized conference "Intellectual property protection: 20 years in WIPO". The aims of the conference were to review the results of the Republic of Lithuania membership in WIPO, evaluate the changes that were made to national intellectual property law during the membership in the international organizations and appraise the impact on Lithuanian economic environment; review national intellectual property laws and the international agreements on intellectual property laws that take effect in Lithuania.



Moments of the Conference "Intellectual property protection: 20 years in WIPO"

For the second consecutive year, WIPO and SPB nominate a „Best young inventor“. During the conference, WIPO award in this category was given to young Lithuanian inventor Vytautas Janušonis. This award is designed to encourage youth to become more active in the field of innovation, as well as draw attention of the society of academics to importance of intellectual property protection, to form a positive view of the importance of protecting these rights for academic development, social and economic development of the state.

On 22–24 May 2012, SPB participated in exhibition “Balttechnika 2012“, where the SPB had its stand and informed visitors on protection of industrial property (inventions, trademarks, designs), its history, present and future in Lithuania and abroad.



Representatives of the SPB at conference PATLIB 2012 in Manchester (United Kingdom)

On 29 May – 1 June 2012 in Manchester (United Kingdom), representatives of the SPB participated in the conference held by European Patent Office PATLIB 2012. Conference main speakers were representatives from European patent information centres, who shared their best experiences and practices in the field of intellectual property management and provision of patent information services. Also, in parallel with the conference, an exhibition was held. During exhibition, national patent offices, European patent information centres and private companies related with patent information, presented their services and activities. Lithuanian delegation, which was constituted of representatives from the State Patent Bureau and Lithuanian Technical Library, participated in the united stand with representatives from patent offices of Poland, Czech Republic and Romania. During exhibition, national Lithuanian intellectual property protection system was presented, main activities of the State Patent Bureau and Lithuanian Technical Library were introduced.



Moments of the regional seminar for judges in Trakai

On 4–5 September this year, Trakai hosted a regional seminar for judges on the implementation of intellectual property rights organized by WIPO in cooperation with the SPB. The event was attended by 35 judges and their assistants from Lithuania, and 6 judges and their assistants from higher courts of Estonia, Poland and Moldova. At the seminar, reports were presented by representatives of WIPO, SPB, the Ministry of Justice, scholars and practitioners working in the area of the protection of intellectual property rights.

This is the fifth time that Lithuania together with WIPO organizes a training for judges and law enforcement personnel, with primary goal being to provide the participants with knowledge of intellectual property, trends and problems of its development, to discuss the global and the European Union case law dealing with intellectual property disputes, and to enable the representatives of the Lithuanian law enforcement institutions to share their experience of handling intellectual property cases with colleagues from other countries

On 6–8 November 2012 in Hamburg (Germany), representatives from the State Patent Bureau of Lithuania together with representatives from patent offices of Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia participated in the patent information conference EPOPIC 2012, which was jointly organized by European Patent Office and the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA). Conference main speakers were representatives from European patent office. Commercial patent information providers offered an insight on their range of services, providing further evidence of the rapidly growing importance of their business for the expanding global technology market. Also in parallel with the conference, an exhibition was held. During exhibition, the European patent office, private commercial companies related with patent information, and national patent offices presented their services and activities.

On December 2012 in cooperation with Office for Harmonization of the Internal Market of European Union (OHIM), a seminar “Impact of EU Court of Justice Judgments on the development of trademark protection in the European Union” took place in Vilnius. Representatives of the SPB participated in the information day “How to protect trademarks and designs in Lithuania and EU”, organized by Kaunas Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts, and in Doors Open Day, which took place at the patent information centres in Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, Panevėžys, Šiauliai.



National seminar “Intellectual Property as the Tool for Competiveness and Innovation“ in Klaipėda

On 5 December 2012, Klaipėda Science and Technology Park hosted a national seminar “Intellectual Property as the Tool for Competiveness and Innovation“, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the State Patent Bureau (SPB). At the seminar, reports were presented by representatives of WIPO, SPB, scholars and practitioners working in the area of the protection of intellectual property rights.

In 2012, seminars for patent attorneys, state representatives and lawyers were held seeking to present new patent law of the Republic of Lithuania. Lectures were given to lawyers and legal assistants on industrial property legislation and its current issues, as well as the establishment of Unified Patent Court.

Popularising protection of industrial property, SPB carried out the measures of the Information dissemination plan in 2012. While implementing the SPB and OHIM cooperation projects, *TMview* second level database and “seniority” database have been launched.

In the beginning of February 2012, the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania in cooperation with the European Patent Office has successfully renewed one of EPTOS system modules used to provide SPB electronic services – *Espacenet* module. *Espacenet* offers free access to more than 70 million patent documents worldwide, containing information

about technical developments and inventions from 1836 to today. *Espacenet* v.5, just as its predecessor, delivers the same quality document search service, helping to find information on patent bibliographic data and descriptions.

In 2012, SPB published the following informational publications on the issues concerning the protection of industrial property: “How to protect industrial property” and “Patent information” (in Lithuanian and English), and a brochure “The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania: annual review of year 2011. In the second half of the year, publication “How to Protect Intellectual Property in Exhibitions and Trade Fairs” was translated into Lithuanian and adapted.

Implementing these measures, information on Lithuanian patents and European patents that come into effect is provided monthly to *Espacenet* and *INPADOC* databases. SPB internet databases of inventions, trademarks and designs are periodically renewed.

It is important to mention the project of European language technology services for patents among the most significant activities of SPB in 2012.

In 2012, implementing the plan for the Language Technology services initiative of the European Patent Organization, the SPB delivered 8387 EP validated patent terms in Lithuanian and 1326 LT patent abstracts in English and Lithuanian. For EPO‘s consideration, a list of seven books of technical non–patent literature was presented.

Automatic patent translation system is a very important tool to improve public accessibility to information contained in patent documents and disseminate knowledge of technologies in society. This possibility to use quality automatic translation of European patent applications and descriptions into all languages of European Patent Convention (EPC) will be useful to all European Patent system users. The quality of automatic translations will be controlled by an independent expert committee, established by EPC member states.

Trademark search databases have been renewed in 2012. Since the beginning of 2012 data, of trademarks registered in the Republic of Lithuania were integrated to *TMview* search tool, which provides free access to trade mark applications and registrations from a number of leading trade mark offices. As trade marks from the Polish Patent Office have been added to the *TMview*, this tool now provides access to more than 9,5 m trade marks in total.

At the end of 2012, according to Cooperation fund programme for Lithuania, SPB in close collaboration with the OHIM have implemented OHIM Seniority project**.** The project allows access to information on the Community trademarks which have an earlier validity date based on the trademark registration in Lithuania in the Database of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania.

Together, SPB and LTL branches in Kaunas, Klaipėda, Panevėžys form the network of country’s PATLIB (patent information) centres, which is the part of the European PATLIB network (http://www.epo.org/searching/patlib/directory.html). The Patent Information Centre of the Lithuanian Technical Library offers such services as patent documents, official gazettes of patent offices, international classifications are lent out and provided for usage in the reading room, looking for information in the Internet and CD/DVD–ROM databases, consultations on information search issues on spot or by e-mail , searches for trademarks and designs, monitoring of patent technologies and other services.

Information technologies

In 2012, Information Technologies (IT) Division continued development of the State Patent Bureau Information system. Employees of IT Division renewed and maintained installed systems and computer workstations and ensured their impeccable operation. The SPB in cooperation with the European Patent Office (EPO) installed new computer systems – a new version of patent database Espacenet and a system that enables filing European and PCT patent applications online, as well as Patnet2 equipment for secure connection with EPO. Besides, progress was made in development of the electronic filing system of the Lithuanian patent applications together with EPO.

The SPB system for electronic services EPAS was further improved and developed by the IT Division. The system allows applicants to file online requests, to monitor the process of their administration, and also to pay for the services by means of electronic banking. In 2012, this system was supplemented with an option to download the certificate in PDF format, and new application forms were added, such as applications:

- to issue a certified copy of the patent application;
- to extend patent application examination;
- to publish patent application earlier;
- to issue a duplicate certificate of mark registration;
- to extend the term defined by the Law on Design of the Republic of Lithuania;
- and to issue a duplicate certificate of design registration.

IT Division was responsible for layout and publication of the SPB Official bulletin, created the design of brochures and SPB publications and designed exhibitions organized by the SPB. The document system *Avilys* was supplemented with a contract module. Employees of IT Division maintained *TMView* system, which provides information on trademarks registered by the SPB to the portal http://www.tmview.europa.eu of the OHIM.

Every month data on the legal status and bibliographic data of Lithuanian and European patents extended in Lithuania has been submitted. In 2012, software was developed by the SPB that enables transfer of this data in XML format. Now all this data, including information of supplementary protection certificates, are submitted in this format only.

Online trademark database was improved by adding seniority data.

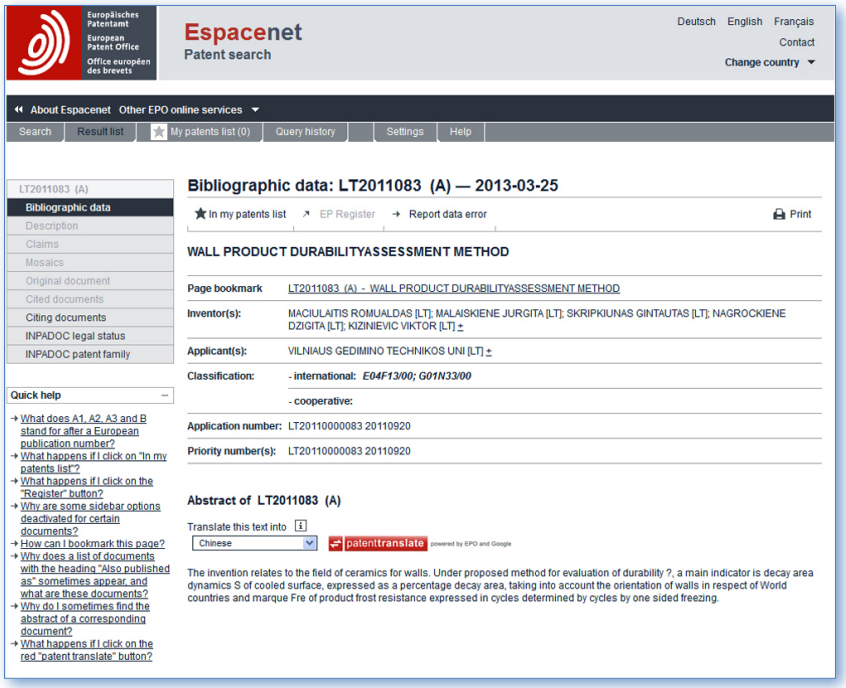
Together with the Appeals Division, Technical requirements were drafted for internal and online databases of trademark appeals and oppositions. Software development services were bought and the installation of these databases is now in process. Information on trademark appeals and oppositions shall be published on the website of the SPB and accessible to everyone.

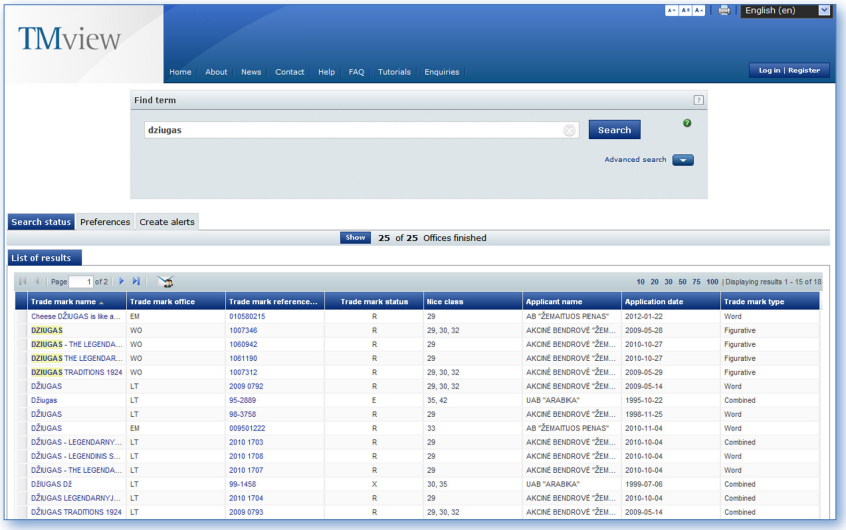
The Bureau took part in *Deep linking* project executed by EPO. During the time of this project, EPO online databases linked to data on European patents extended to Lithuania.

Specification of the Trademark register has been agreed with Information Society Development Committee. It described the purpose of the register, goals, objectives, the current status of the register, its modular and functional structure, information streams and processes, functions performed at the workstation and their interconnection and requirements set for the register.

In 2012, backup software was renewed. This ensures professional data collection from all systems and registers, thus protecting from data loss, which could interrupt operations of the state registers administered by the SPB.

In order to see whether information systems of the State Patent Bureau comply with the requirements set for general security of electronic information in information systems of state institutions and establishments, an independent risk assessment of the SPB information system was carried out in 2012.





Statistical data

Report on registered exclusive rights

Industrial property objects		Year		Rate of change %
		2011	2012	
Inventions	National patents	96	92	–4
	European patents that came into force	1125	1176	4
	Total	**1221**	**1268**	**4**
Topographies of semicond. products	National registrations	0	0	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**
Trademarks	National registrations	1560	1700	9
	Protection granted for international registrations extended under Madrid protocol	2356	1877	–20
	Total	**3916**	**3577**	**–9**
Designs	National registrations	28	35	25
	Protection granted for the for international registration of industrial designs extended to the Republic of Lithuania	52	62	19
	Total	**80**	**97**	**21**
Total		**5217**	**4942**	**–5**

Report of the filed applications

Registration of industrial property objects			Year 2011	Year 2012	Rate of change %
Inventions	National applications	Of Lithuanian applicants	93	109	17
		Of foreign applicants	10	9	–10
	International applications (PCT national level)	Of Lithuanian applicants	0	0	0
		Of foreign applicants	5	6	20
	Extended European patent applications		301	204	–32
	Total		**409**	**328**	**–20**
Topographies of semiconductor products	National applications	Of Lithuanian applicants	0	0	0
		Of foreign applicants	0	0	0
	Total		**0**	**0**	**0**
Trademarks	National applications	Of Lithuanian applicants	1980	1996	1
		Of foreign applicants	307	274	–11
	Notifications on international registration of trademarks extended under the Madrid Protocol		2137	1931	–10
	Total		**4424**	**4201**	**–5**
Designs	National applications	Of Lithuanian applicants	39	36	–8
		Of foreign applicants	0	2	200
	Notifications on international registration of industrial designs extended to the Republic of Lithuania		56	62	11
	Total		**95**	**100**	**5**
Total			**4928**	**4629**	**–6**

Report on state taxes (in thousands, LTL)

Registration of industrial property objects	Year 2011	Year 2012	Rate of change %
Inventions	4699,9	5025,5	7
Topographies of semiconductor products	–	–	–
Trademarks	1998,8	2560,1	28
Designs	67,9	74,3	9
Total	**6766,6**	**7659,9**	**13**

Report on applications filed by Lithuanian applicants for registration of patents, trademarks and designs under international agreements and EC regulations on the community trademarks and community designs

	Year 2011	Year 2012	Rate of change %
International patent applications (PCT)	25	24	–4
European patent applications	14	18	29
TInternational applications for trademark registration under Madrid Protocol	119	97	–18
Applications for registration of Community trademarks	139	209	50
Applications for registration of Community design	31	13	–58
International applications for industrial design registration	1	5	400

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SPB – State Patent Bureau
MJ – Ministry of Justice
LTL – Lithuanian Technical Library
EPO – European Patent Organization
EPO – European Patent Office
WIPO – World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO – World Trade Organization
OHIM – Office for Harmonization of the Internal Market of European Union
PCT – Patent Cooperation Treaty
EPC – European Patent Convention

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