THE STATE PATENT BUREAU OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

ANNUAL REVIEW 2016

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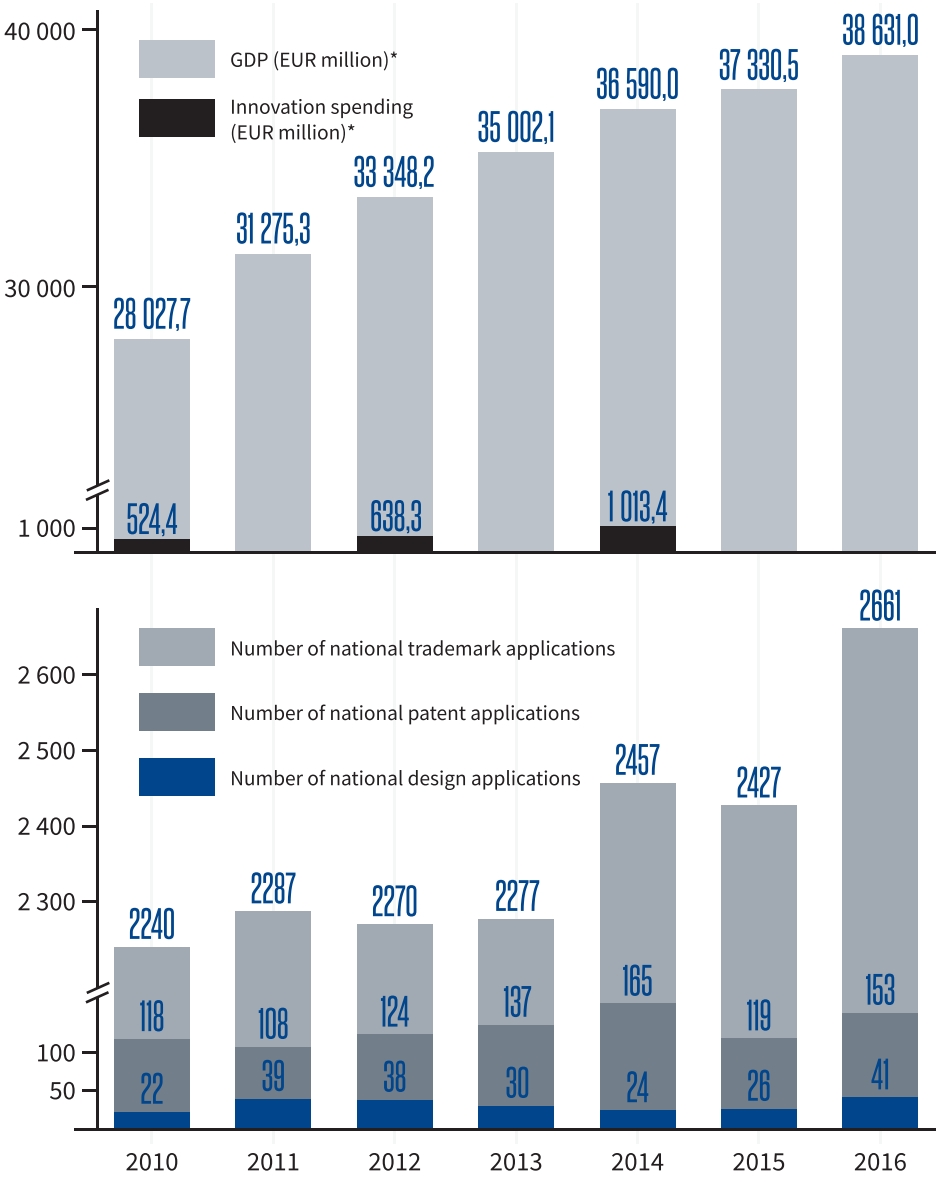
- **5** minutes of work — the State Patent Bureau (SPB) receives one new application or request concerning registration of industrial property objects.
- **30** minutes of work — SPB issues a patent or a trademark or design registration certificate.
- **3** days — the SPB prepares one piece of news about the invention patent, trademark or design.
- More than **once** a month — the SPB organises an event on the subject of industrial property in Lithuania.

Devoting a few minutes for this review, you will learn not only about how many moments

"EUREKA!"

were experienced by the Inventions Division of the SPB last year, but also a wealth of useful statistics on the situation of industrial property in Lithuania.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND THE ECONOMY



Dynamics of the national gross domestic product (GDP), innovation spending and national applications for industrial property objects.

** The Lithuanian Department of Statistics info*

TAXES AND FEES

For invention patenting

138 €

For trademark registration

138 €

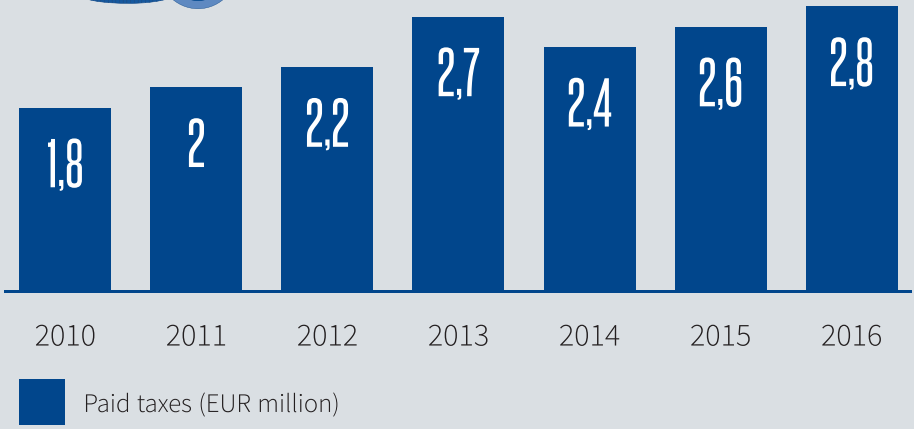
For design registration

138 €

The specified fees are basic fees. The validity or the extension of validity of a patent, trademark and design and issuance of related documents as well as other processes carried out by the SPB are charged by additional fees.



Taxes paid to the State Budget for registration of industrial property objects and other actions carried out in the registers maintained by the SPB.



NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS

95 (62 %)
Lithuanian applicants

153
national patent applications were filed.

58 (38 %)
Foreign applicants

The major part of foreign applicants represented Chinese business.

Lithuanian applicants

95

61 (64 %) legal persons

34 (36 %) natural persons

35 (57 %) business entities

26 (43 %) Lithuanian institutions of science and studies

Compared with the previous year's statistics, the number of national patent applications increased by

28 %



GRANTING OF NATIONAL PATENTS

103

national patents were granted.

Granted patents by country of origin



Lithuania	86
China	4
Japan	3
Belarus	3
Israel	2
Germany	1
Dominica	1
Estonia	1
Great Britain	1
Poland	1

According to the International Patent Classification, the bigger part of granted patents is attributable to:

	Lithuania	Foreign country (country and number of patents)	Total
Human necessities	21	China – 2	23
Performing operations, transporting	10	China – 1, Estonia – 1	12
Chemistry; metallurgy	18	-	18
Textiles; paper	-	-	-
Construction; mining	5	Belarus – 1, Dominica – 1, Great Britain – 1, Japan – 1	9
Mechanical engineering; lighting; heating; weapons; blasting	8	Israel – 2, Japan – 1, Poland – 1	12
Physics	18	Belarus – 2, Germany – 1, Japan – 1	22
Electricity	6	China – 1	7
Total	86	17	103

EUROPEAN PATENTS

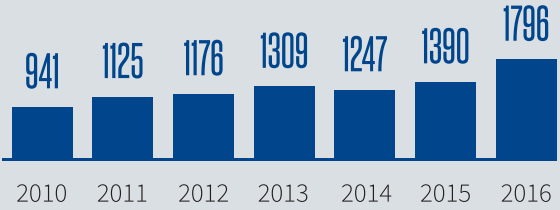
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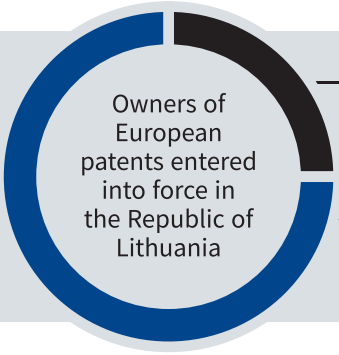
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European patents granted by the European Patent Office came into effect in Lithuania.

That is by **29 %**

more European patents that came into effect in the country, compared with 2015.

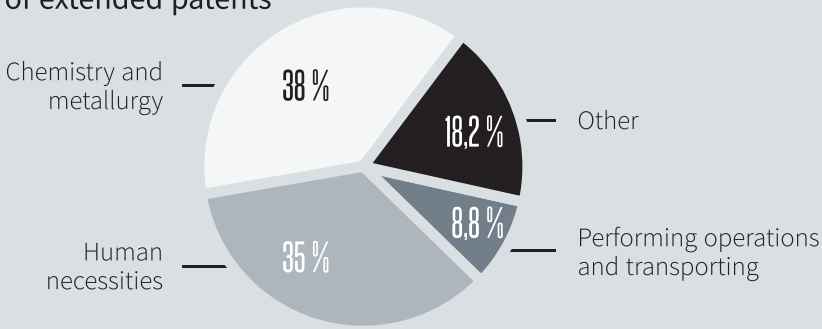




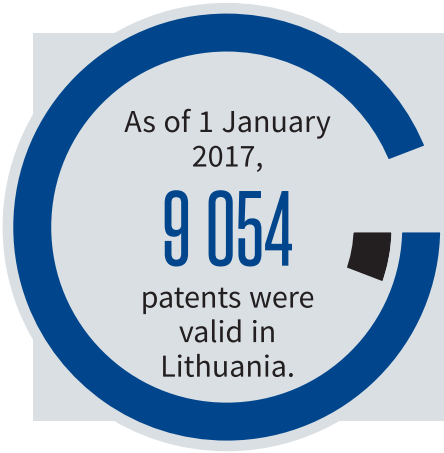
USA

Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Great Britain, Netherlands, Japan, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, etc.

Areas of extended patents



PATENTS VALID IN LITHUANIA



8 532 (94 %) granted by the European Patent Office and validated in Lithuania.

522 (6 %) national patents granted by the SPB.

Last year,

126

patent transfer agreements were registered, of which –

117

transfer agreements were registered with respect to European patents.



Last year,

5

license agreements were registered, of which

1

with respect to the European patent.

TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

2 661 national trademark applications were filed.

2 390 (90 %) Lithuanian applicants

271 (10 %) Foreign applicants

The majority of national trademark applications according to the International Classification of Goods and Services were related to

the marking of goods and services of advertising, business management, business administration, office functions



15 %

education, providing of training, entertainment, sporting and cultural activities



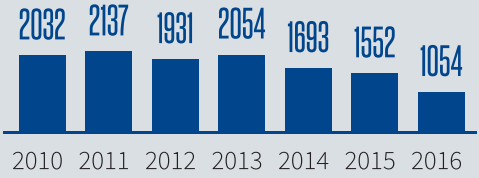
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services of providing food and drink and temporary accommodation



7 %

1 054 notifications about extensions of international trademark registrations in Lithuania were received. This is almost by one third less compared with statistics of 2015.



TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS

2 241 (88 %)
Lithuanian applicants



298 (12 %)
Foreign applicants (Belgium, USA, Germany, Latvia, Switzerland and other countries)

Last year,

1 454

international trademark registrations were granted protection in the Republic of Lithuania.

This is the smallest number of extensions of international registrations of trademarks in Lithuania over the last **5** years.

The majority of holders of extensions of international trademark registrations in Lithuania are from

Russia (143/10 %),
China (134/9 %),
Ukraine (76/5 %),
Germany (66/5 %),
France (65/5 %).

TRADEMARKS VALID IN LITHUANIA



Since the establishment of the SPB in

1991

until

31 December 2016



76 399

national trademark registration applications were filed.

During this period,

63 353 trademarks were registered in the Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania, of which

36 166 registrations are valid.

Since 1997,

58 584

notifications were received from the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) regarding the extension of protection of international trademark registrations in Lithuania.

After examination,

56 135

decisions to grant protection were adopted.

Year end 2016,

75 200 national or international registrations of trademarks

and

1 325 777 Community trademarks registered in the EU Register of Community Trademarks

were valid in Lithuania.

In 2016,

1 063 rights transfer,

40 license agreements

and

1 521 renewals of registrations

were registered in the Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania.

DESIGN APPLICATIONS

National design applications exceeded the number of the previous years' applications even

by **57 %**

Out of **41** applicants

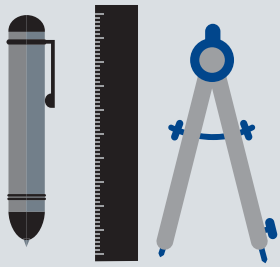
29 (71 %) were from Lithuania and **12 (29 %)** from Sweden and Latvia.



41 national design applications covered

119 designs.

It is **21 %** more compared with statistics of 2015.



67 WIPO notifications concerning international design registrations extended in Lithuania.

These international design registrations extended in Lithuania include **275** designs.

This is one of the largest numbers of notifications during the last few years.

DESIGN REGISTRATIONS

51 national design registrations (including renewals of registrations) were provided.

67 international design registrations were granted protection in Lithuania.

275 international designs were registered in respect of them

The majority of international designs are related to the means of

transport and hoisting apparatuses



lighting apparatuses



The majority of national designs are related to the means of

clothing and haberdashery



furnishing



packages and containers for the transport or holding of goods



stationery and office equipment, artists' and teaching materials



25 holders of international design registrations were from France,

13 were from Germany.

Representatives of Sweden, USA, Switzerland, Turkey and other countries hold only a few international design registrations.

DESIGN VALID IN LITHUANIA

Since the establishment of the SPB in **1991** until **31 December 2016**

1 873

national applications for design registration were filed.

296 out of **1616** design registration entered in the Design Register of the Republic of Lithuania are valid.

Since 2008,



of the extension of international design registrations in Lithuania were received from the WIPO.

After examination,



decisions to grant protection were made.

Year end 2016,

695 national and international designs

and

975 549 Community designs

were valid in Lithuania.

In 2016, 3 rights transfer were entered in the Register of

3 Designs of the Republic of Lithuania.

APPEALS AND OPPOSITIONS



11 regarding the national trademark application

1 regarding the granting of supplementary protection certificate

This is one of the largest numbers of filed applications during the last five years.

6 appeals were examined:

- **4** regarding national trademark applications
- **1** regarding the international mark registration
- **1** regarding the supplementary protection certificate

Outcome of examined appeals: in

- **5** cases appeals were dismissed and decisions of experts of the SPB were upheld
- **1** case – the appeal was upheld and the decision of the SPB's expert was fully annulled





109 regarding national trademark registrations

18 regarding international registrations of marks according to Madrid Protocol

67 oppositions were examined:

- **48** regarding national trademark registrations
- **18** regarding international registrations of marks
- **1** regarding the design registration

According to decisions made in

- **36** cases the oppositions were allowed
- **7** allowed in part
- **24** cases oppositions were dismissed as unfounded



PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND BRINGING APPEALS BEFORE COURT

Parties to a dispute may also use peaceful dispute resolution techniques further to filing the opposition: if the parties succeed in reaching an agreement with each other, the examination of such oppositions before the Appeals Division of the SPB is discontinued.



In 2016, this number was larger than in 2015 and totalled

59

oppositions

49 oppositions regarding national registrations of marks

and

10 oppositions regarding international registrations of marks

were discontinued.

The right to appeal before the court the decision of the Appeals Division of the SPB was exercised in

7 cases.



During this year, no decisions of the Appeals Division of the SPB were reversed by the first instance court.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING

The SPB contributed to the organisation or organised

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events.

During the events, more than

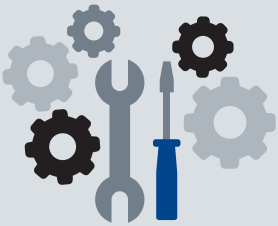
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persons concerned were consulted, including representatives of small and medium-sized business, academic community, courts, patent agents, etc.

More than

100

information messages on the subject of industrial property were prepared and disseminated.





Representatives of Lithuania were nominated for

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competitions held at the European Union level.

ABOUT THE SPB

Year end December 2016, the SPB employed

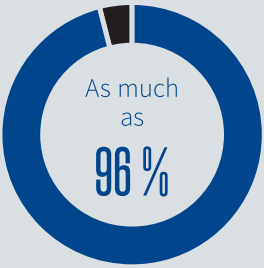
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persons:

45
female

16
male

The major part of them comprised civil servants. Average age – 48 years.



of all services of the SPB are also available by electronic means.





The mission of the SPB is to ensure exclusive rights to industrial property objects and to guarantee the needs for protection of industrial property of the society. The SPB falls within the regulatory sphere of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania.

Protecting home, car, and manicure.
And what about the intellectual property?

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