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PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2017

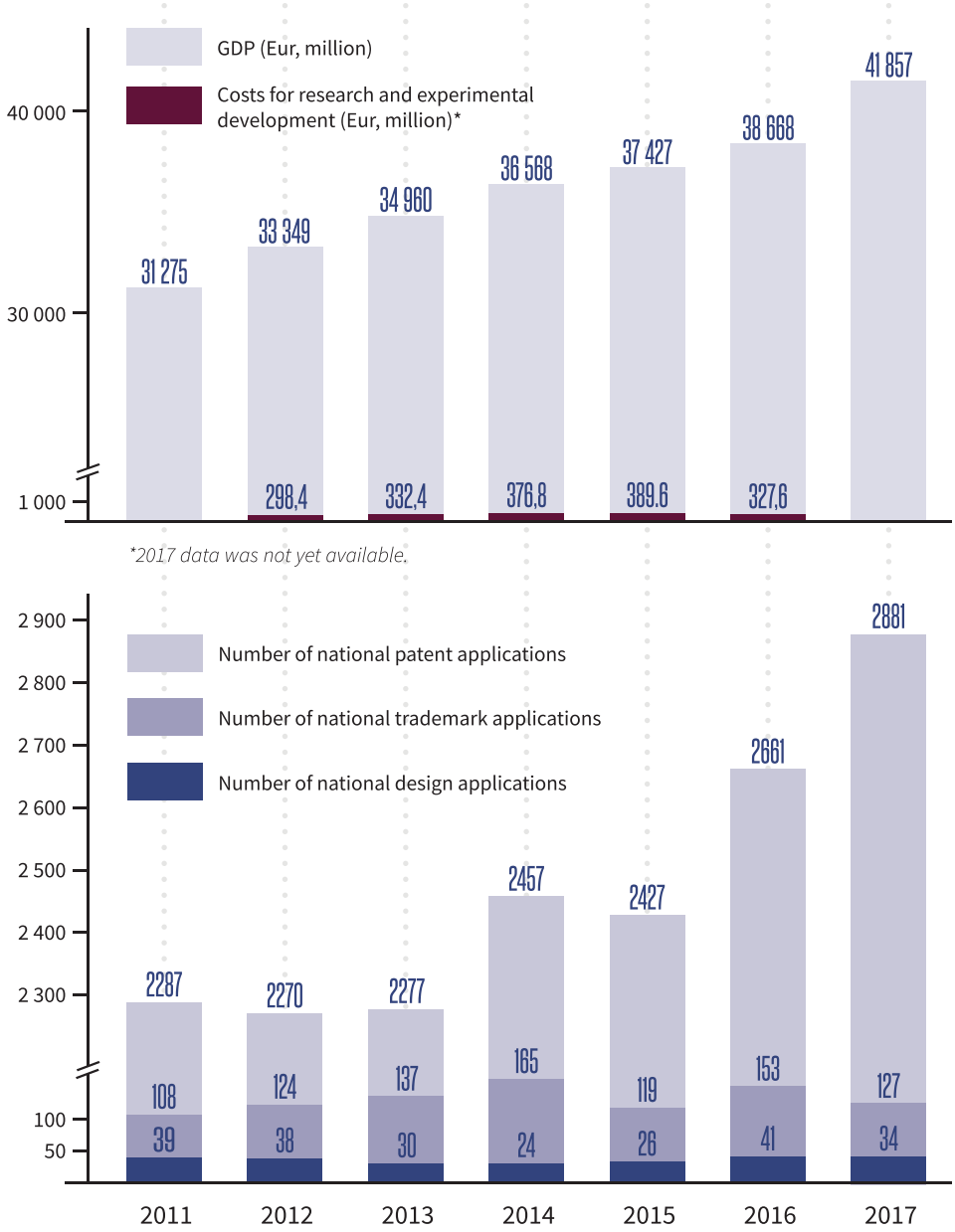
Which country submits an increasing number of patent applications?

How many events and to whom dedicated has the SPB organized in 2017?

Which business sectors are leading in the registration of trademarks?

You will find the answers to these questions and a lot of valuable and interesting statistics on the situation of the industrial property in Lithuania, reading this overview.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMY



The dynamics of the Country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the costs for the research and experimental development and national applications for industrial property objects.

FEES

For patenting an invention

138 €

For trademark registration

138 €

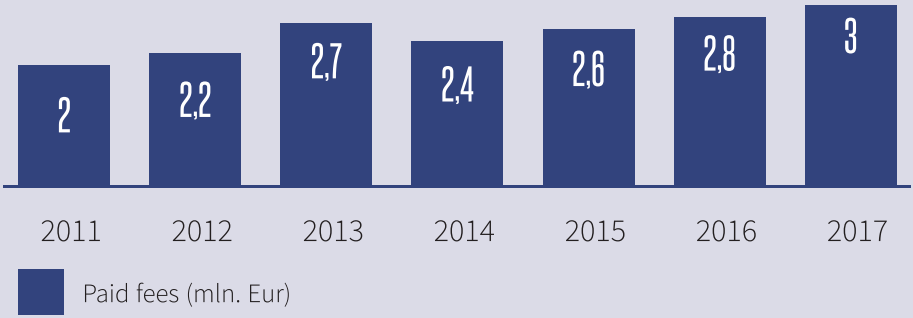
For design registration

138 €



The basic fees are specified. The additional fees are paid for the validity or extension of a patent, trademark and design, as well as for the issuance of the related documents and other actions performed by the SPB.

FEES PAID TO THE BUDGET



Fees are paid to the state budget for registration of industrial property objects and other operations in the managed registers performed by the SPB.

NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS

81 (62 %)
Lithuanian applicants

127
national patent applications were filed.

46 (38 %)
Foreign applicants

The largest share of foreign applicants was made up of Chinese business.

Lithuanian applicants

81

58 (72 %) legal persons

23 (28 %) natural persons

Lithuanian science and studies institutions submitted

30 patent applications

Business entities submitted

51 patent applications

Comparing with the last year's statistics, the quantity of national patent applications decreased by

16,9 %



GRANTING OF NATIONAL PATENTS

143

national patents were granted.



93 owners – from Lithuania, 42 – from China, 2 – from Latvia, and 1 – from Israel, the United Kingdom, Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and Montenegro each.

According to the International Patent Classification, national patents are classified as follows:

	Lithuania	Foreign country (country and number of patents)	Totally
Human necessities	23	Latvia –2, China – 1, United Kingdom –1, Montenegro –1, Russia –1, Ukraine –1	30
Various technological processes; transport	15	China – 8, Belarus – 1	24
Chemistry; metallurgy	15	China –2	17
Textile; paper	2	–	2
Construction; mining	8	Israel –1	9
Mechanics; lighting; heating; weapons; blasting works	11	China – 6	17
Physics	12	China – 4	16
Electricity	7	China – 21	28
Totally	93	50	143

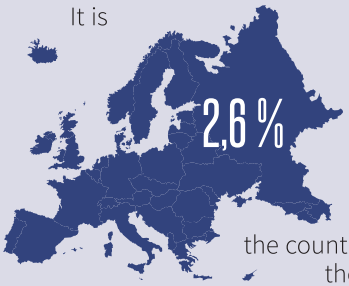
EUROPEAN PATENTS

In 2017 in Lithuania

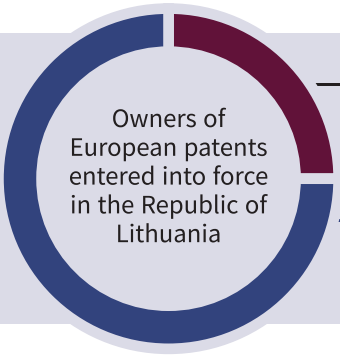
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European patents came into force, issued by the European Patent Office.

It is



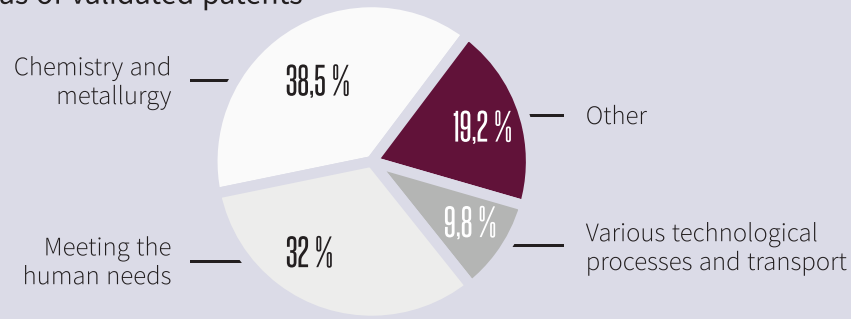
more European patents which came in force in the country, comparing with the statistics of 2016.



from the United States

from Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Japan, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, South Korea, etc.

Areas of validated patents



PATENTS VALID IN LITHUANIA

On the 1st of January 2018,

10 054

patents were valid in Lithuania.

9 494 (94,4 %) were granted by the European Patent Office and validated in Lithuania

560 (5,6 %) national patents, granted by the SPB

Last year,

133

patent transfer agreements were registered, of which –

127

transfer agreements were registered regarding the European patents.

Last year,

5

license agreements were registered,

2

of them – regarding the European patent.



TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

2 881 national trademark applications were received.

2 527 (88 %) Lithuanian applicants

354 (12 %) Foreign applicants

Most of the national trademark applications were attributed to the following classes under the International Classification of Goods and Services.

advertising, business management, business management, companies' activities



15 %

education, training, entertainment, sporting and cultural activities



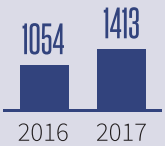
11 %

food and drink supply and temporary accommodation



7 %

1 413 notifications about the international trademark registrations extended to Lithuania were received. It is about one third more than in 2016.



TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS

2 300 (90 %)
Lithuanian applicants



250 (10 %)
Among the most active foreign applicants are representatives from Switzerland, the USA, Estonia, Latvia and Sweden.

Last year, the protection was granted to

1 279

international trademark registrations in the Republic of Lithuania.

This is 12 % less than in 2016.

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

Russia (255)
China (217)
Germany (101)
Ukraine (83)
Turkey (79)

TRADEMARKS VALID IN LITHUANIA

Since the establishment of the SPB **1991** till **31st December, 2017**

79 280

national applications for trademark registration were filed.

In the Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania,

65 905 trademarks were registered during this period,

36 889 registrations of them are valid.

Since 1997

59 997

notifications from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on the extension of the protection of international trademarks registrations in Lithuania were received.

After examination,

57 414

decisions to grant the protection were taken.

At the end of 2017, in total

75 310 national or international trademark registrations

and

1 454 276 EU trademarks were valid and registered in the EU Trademark Register.

In 2017,

447 transfers of rights agreements and **34** license agreements

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

In the International Trademark register of the WIPO, 1 203 international trademarks are registered, which were filed on the basis of the Lithuanian application or registration.

DESIGN APPLICATIONS

In 2017, **34** design applications were filed.

All applications were filed from Lithuania.



In 34 national design applications – **204** designs.



It is **71 %** more designs, comparing with statistics of 2016.

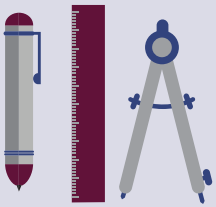
The **104** notices on international design registrations extended in Lithuania were received.



In these international design registrations – **579** designs.

It's 55 percent more than in 2016.





DESIGN REGISTRATIONS

National design registrations (including renewals of registrations) – **32**

104 designs were granted the protection in Lithuania.

To Lithuania's applicants – **21** (66 %),

to the foreign applicants – **11** (34 %).

100 international design registrations were granted protection in Lithuania.

The majority of the international designs are related to the means of

transport or lifting facilities,



lighting devices



furnishing



The owners of

30 international registrations are from France,

34 from Sweden,

26 from Germany.

Just a few international design registrations belong to owners from Singapore, USA, Switzerland, and Turkey.



DESIGN VALID IN LITHUANIA

Since the establishment of the SPB
1991

till
31st December, 2017

1 907
national design applications were filed.

292 out of **1 648**
design registrations entered in the Design Register of the Republic of Lithuania are valid.

Since 2008,



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

After the examination,



decisions to grant the protection were made.

At the end of 2017,



national and international designs and



Community designs were valid.

APPEALS AND OPPOSITIONS

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appeals have been filed to the Appeals Division of the SPB:

- 5 for the national trademark application
- 1 for the international registration of the mark
- 1 for the patent application

15 appeals were examined:

- 13 regarding the applications for national trademarks
- 1 regarding the international registration of the mark
- 1 regarding the patent application

The results of the examined appeals:

- 11 cases of the appeals were rejected and decisions of the SPB experts remained in force
- 2 satisfied, and the decisions of the SPB experts are annulled
- 1 partially satisfied
- 1 appeal regarding the patent application was satisfied; and the patent application was returned for examination again



- 104 regarding the registrations of the national trademarks
- 18 regarding international trademark registration under the Madrid Protocol

73 oppositions were examined:

- 60 regarding national trademark registrations
- 13 regarding the international trademark registrations

According to the taken decisions, in

- 44 cases the oppositions were satisfied
- 7 partially satisfied
- 22 rejected 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 2017,
the number of

50

protests was reached.

42 oppositions regarding the national registration of the marks,

6 oppositions regarding the registration of the international marks,

2 oppositions regarding the design registration examination were dismissed.

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

10 cases.



During this year, the first instance court changed one decision of the Appeals Division. Due to such court decision, the State Patent Bureau filed an appeal, but the decision in the appeal instance has not yet been rendered.

EDUCATION AND AWARESNESS-RAISING

During the 2017, the SPB organized **18** events for the different audiences:



for schoolchildren and students



for small and medium–sized enterprises



lawyers, patent attorneys

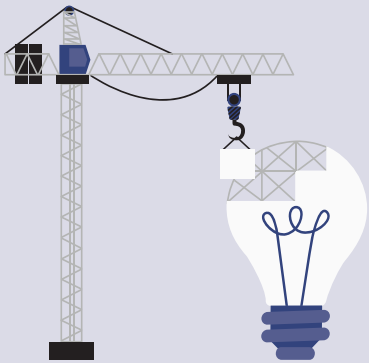


law enforcement officers and judges

There were established 3 new industrial property information centers –

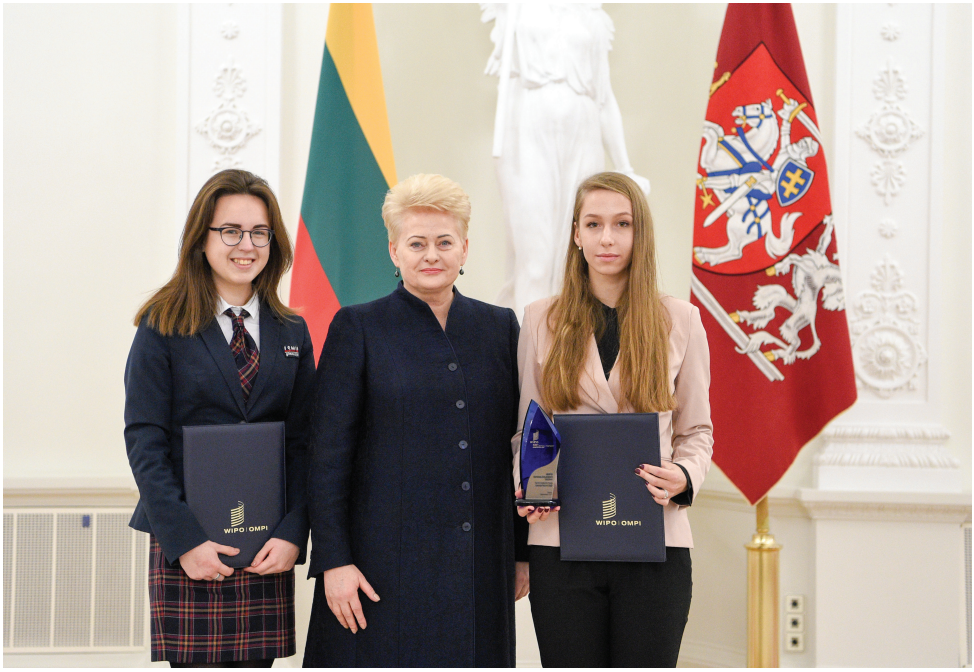
PATLIB („Patent library“) in Lithuanian universities:

- Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)
- Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LSMU)
- Vilniaus University (VU)



IMPORTANT EVENT

For the first time World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) awarded young Lithuanian scientists - Gabija Imbrasaitė and Aleksandra Kriukelytė, Gymnasium students of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, with the special prize „WIPO Schoolchildren‘s Trophy“ for the work „The Impact of Bioplastic with blue mould mushroom on pouring and preservation of pears“.



Under the photo: President of the Republic of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė and awarded schoolgirls of LSMU Gymnasium G. Imbrasaitė (on the left) and A. Kriukelytė (on the right).

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ABOUT SPB

Before entering the 2018,



SPB services were made accessible electronically.

At the end of December 2017, employees of the SPB:



47 women

14 men

Most of them are civil servants.



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.

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