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ANNUAL REVIEW 2018



Which business sector filed the highest number of patent applications to the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (SPB)?



Which of the areas of the industrial property protection have experienced the biggest growth?



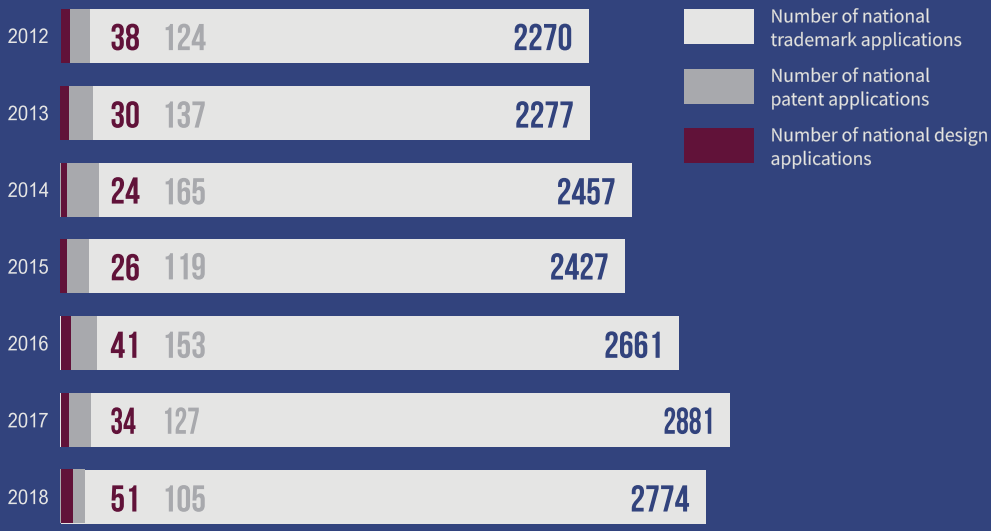
Do Lithuanian businesses see the benefits of the industrial property?

By reading this review you will find the answers to these questions as well as valuable and interesting statistics regarding the situation of industrial property in Lithuania.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMICS



2018 data was not yet available.



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



FEES

138 € For patenting an invention

180 € For trademark registration

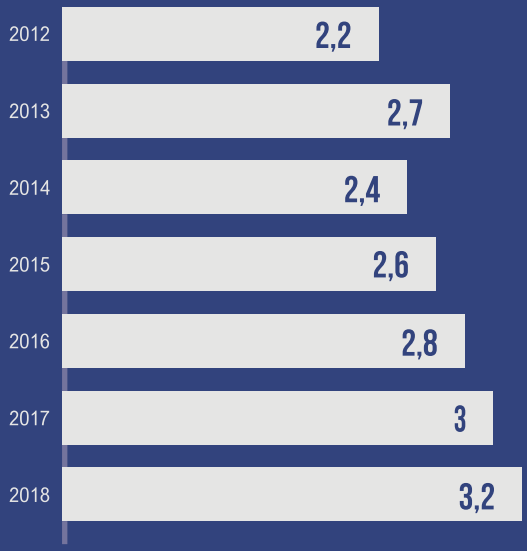
138 € For design registration

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



Fees to the state budget are paid for the registration of industrial property objects and actions performed by the SPB.

FEES PAID TO THE BUDGET



NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS

81 (77 %)

Lithuanian applicants

There were **105** national patent applications filed.

24 (23 %)

foreign applicants

The largest share of foreign applicants were Chinese businesses.

APPLICANTS FROM LITHUANIA

81

61 (75 %) legal persons

20 (25 %) natural persons

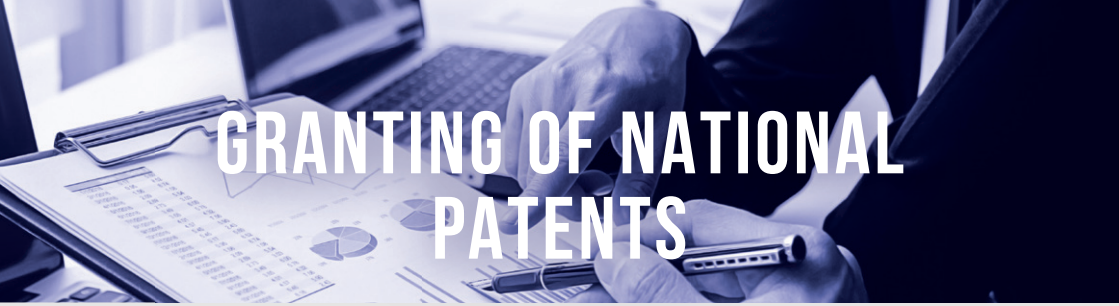
Lithuanian higher education and research institutions submitted **30** patent applications

Business entities submitted **51** patent applications



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

17,3 %



GRANTING OF NATIONAL PATENTS

92

national patents were granted.



68 owners are from Lithuania, 21 – from China and 1- from each Israel, Belarus and Ukraine.

ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASSIFICATION, NATIONAL PATENTS ARE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

	Lithuania	A foreign country (country and a number of patents)	Total
Human necessities	21	China: 3, Ukraine: 1	25
Various technological processes; transport	10	China: 6, Belarus: 1	17
Chemistry; metallurgy	12	-	12
Textile; paper	0	-	0
Construction; mining	7	Israel: 1, China: 1	9
Mechanics; lighting; heating; weapons; blasting works	6	-	6
Physics	6	China: 11	17
Electricity	6		6
Total	68	24	92

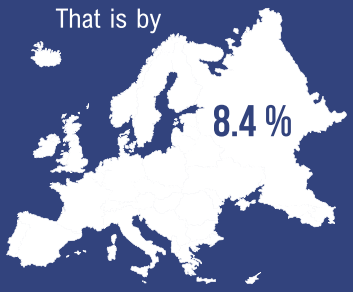
EUROPEAN PATENTS

In 2018

1 998

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

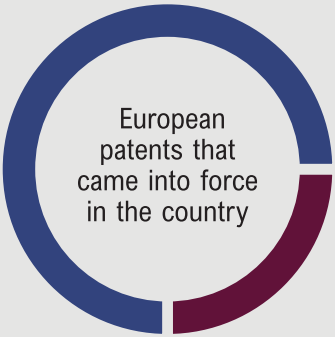
That is by



more European patents which came in force in the country, comparing with the statistics of 2017.

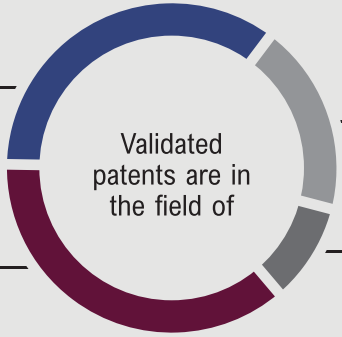
75 %

from Germany, Switzerland, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Netherlands, South Korea, Belgium, Austria, etc.



25 %

from USA



Chemistry and metallurgy **35 %**

Human needs **36.5 %**

18.8 % Other

9,7 % Various technological processes and transport

PATENTS VALID IN LITHUANIA

On the 1st of January 2019,

10 937

patents were valid in Lithuania.

10 414 (95,2 %) were granted by European Patent Office and validated in Lithuania

523 (4,8 %) national patents, granted by the SPB

Last year

100

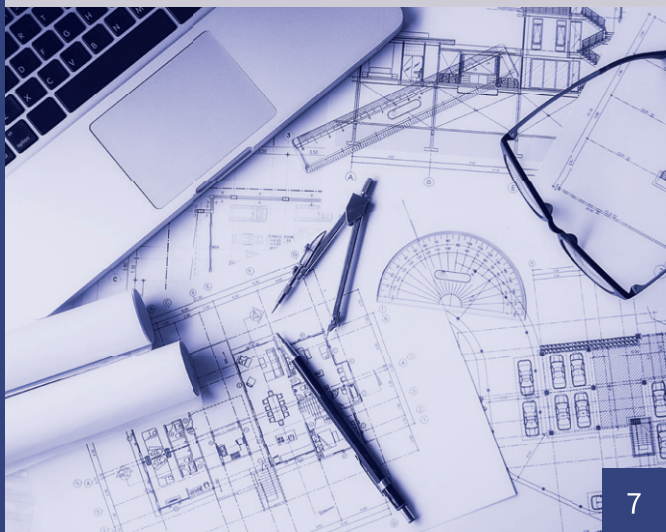
patent transfer agreements were registered; of this number

90

transfer agreements were registered regarding European patents.

Last year

3 licensing agreements were registered, **1** of them – regarding the European patent.



TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

2 774

national trademark applications were received

2 438 (88 %) Lithuanian applicants

336 (12 %) Foreign applicants

1 585 notifications about the international trademark registration extended to Lithuania were received.

It is **172** more (12%) than in 2017.

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



advertising, business management, business administration, companies' activities



education, training, entertainment, sporting and cultural activities



food and beverages, and temporary accommodation

TRADEMARK REGISTRATION

2 278 (87 %)

applicants are from Lithuania

2 631

national trademarks were registered

353 (13 %)

Among the most active foreign applicants were representatives from Latvia, Netherlands, Czech Republic, USA, Estonia, Georgia and the United Kingdom

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

CHINA (392)
RUSSIA (290)
GERMANY (99)
UKRAINE (70)
TURKEY (67)

Last year, the protection was granted to



1 300

international trademark registrations in the Republic of Lithuania.

TRADEMARKS VALID IN LITHUANIA

Since the establishment of the SPB until the 31st of December, 2018

82 054

national applications for trademark were filed.

In the Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania,

68 536 trademarks were registered during this period,

37 326 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 trademark registrations in Lithuania were received

After an examination,

57 414

decisions to grant the protection were taken.

1 600

international trademarks were registered to the International Trademark Register of WIPO, which were filed on the basis of Lithuanian application or registration.

At the end of 2018, in total

74 977 national or international trademark registrations

and

1 587 735 EU trademarks were valid and registered in EU Trademark Register.



In 2018,

565 transfers of rights agreements and

46 licensing agreements were registered in the Trademark Register of the Republic of Lithuania

1655 renewed registrations



DESIGN APPLICATIONS

In 2018

59

design applications were filed.



51 (84 %) submitted by Lithuanian applicants

8 (16 %) – applications filed by foreign applicants

In 59 national design applications –

169 designs.

This is by **21 %** less designs comparing with statistics of 2017.

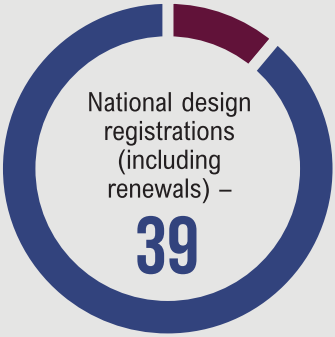
The **52** notices of international design registrations extended in Lithuania were received.

This is by 89 percent less than in 2017.

There are **265** designs in these international design registrations.



DESIGN REGISTRATIONS



35 (89 %) Lithuanian applicants

4 (11 %) Foreign applicants

On the basis of these applications

180 designs were granted protection in Lithuania.



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

- transport or lifting facilities
- lighting devices
- recording, transmission or information retrieval units

55 international design registrations were granted protection in Lithuania.

Owners of

22 international registrations are from Germany,

14 – from Sweden and

9 – from the USA

Owners from China and Turkey have both only a couple of international design registrations

DESIGN VALID IN LITHUANIA

Since the establishment of the SPB until the 31st of December, 2018,

1 966

national design applications were filed.

293 out of

1 687

design registrations entered into the Design Register of the Republic of Lithuania are valid.

Since 2008,

555

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

After the examination,

554

decisions to grant the protection were made.

At the end of 2018,

3 392 national and international designs

and

1 094 878 Community designs registered in the Community Design Register were valid.





APPEALS AND OPPOSITIONS

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

8 for national trademark application

1 for international registration of the trademark

1 for a patent application

6 appeals were examined:

5 regarding the applications for national trademarks

1 regarding the international registration of the trademark.

Results of the examined appeals:

5 cases of appeals were rejected and the decisions of the SPB examiners remained in force,

2 fully or partially satisfied and decisions of the SPB examiners were annulled.



65 regarding registrations of national trademarks

40 regarding international trademark registration under the Madrid Protocol

86 oppositions were examined:

61 regarding national trademark registrations

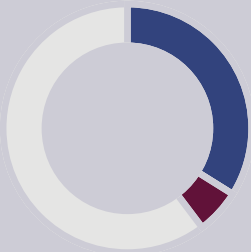
25 regarding international trademark registrations

According to the taken decisions, in

52 cases oppositions were satisfied

5 partially satisfied

29 cases the oppositions were 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 2018, this number reached **40** in case of oppositions.

Decisions of the SPB Appeals Division were appealed in court in

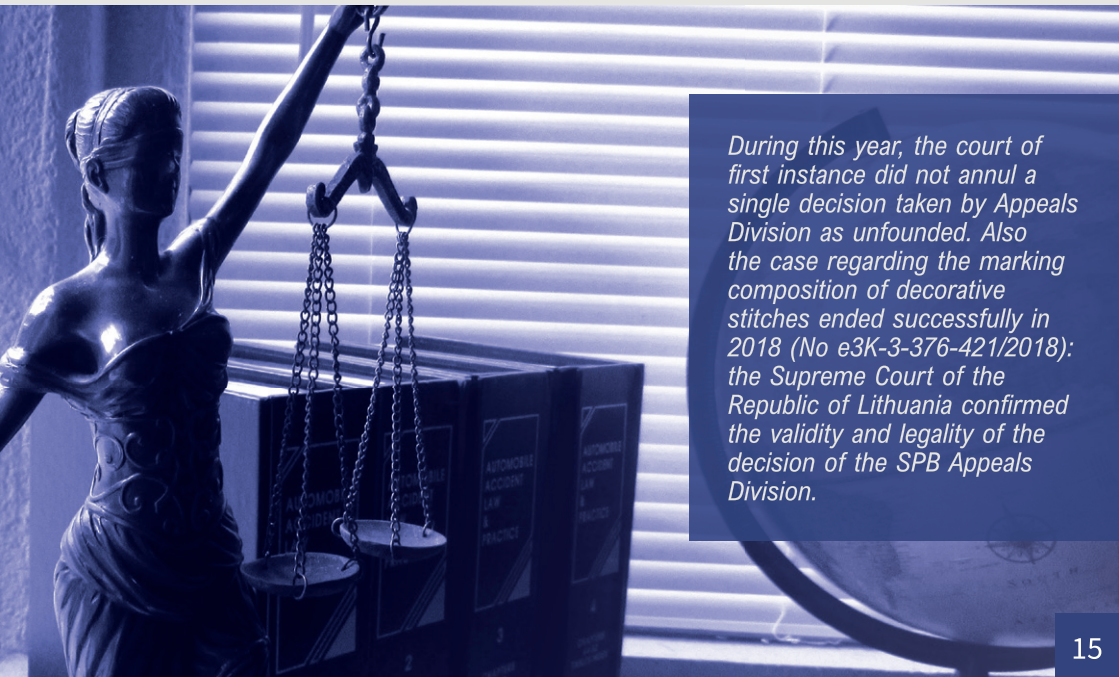
14 cases, and

4 cases ended peacefully.

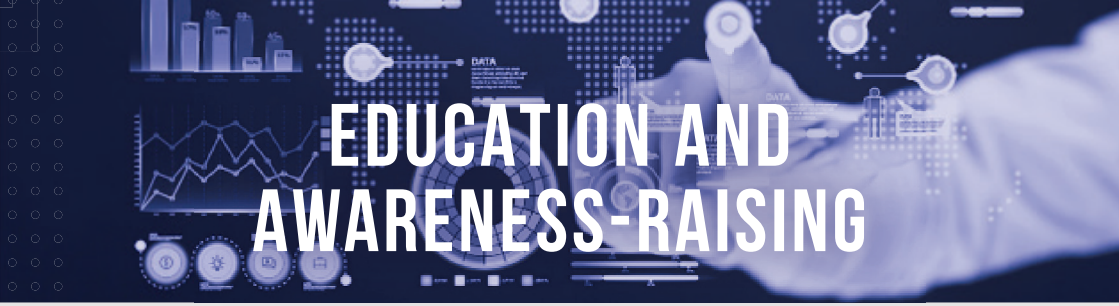
Examination of

28 oppositions regarding the national trademark registrations and

12 regarding registrations of the international trademarks were discontinued.



During this year, the court of first instance did not annul a single decision taken by Appeals Division as unfounded. Also the case regarding the marking composition of decorative stitches ended successfully in 2018 (No e3K-3-376-421/2018): the Supreme Court of the Republic of Lithuania confirmed the validity and legality of the decision of the SPB Appeals Division.



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING

During 2018, the SPB organised **21** events for different audiences:

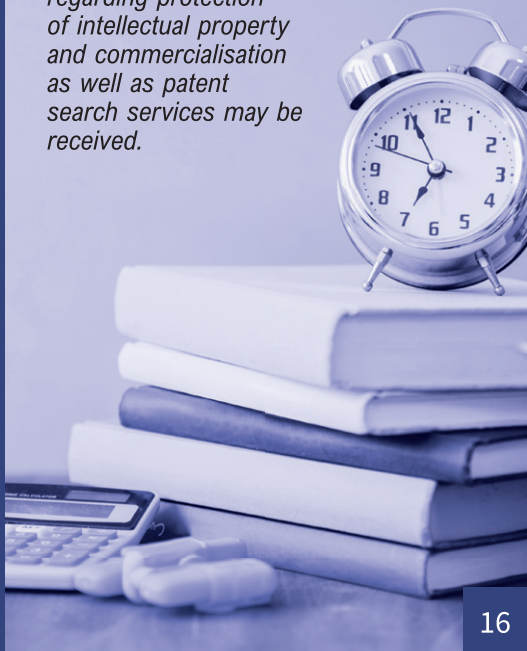
- for schoolchildren and students
- for small and medium-sized enterprises
- for patent attorneys and lawyers
- for law enforcement officers and judges

The sixth industrial property information centre PATLIB (Patent library) was established in Klaipėda University (KU).

You can also find **PATLIB** centres at:

- Vilnius University (VU)
- Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)
- Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LSMU)
- General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania (LKA)
- State Patent Bureau

PATLIB – industrial property information centre, where consultations regarding protection of intellectual property and commercialisation as well as patent search services may be received.



IMPORTANT EVENT

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) awarded a young scientist, student of Gymnasium of Kaunas University of Technology, Gabija Jurkevičiūtė with the special prize *(WIPO Schoolchildren's Trophy)* (supervisor dr. Paulius Čižas) for the thesis *Itaconic Acid Influence On Neuron Viability.*



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania Saulius Skvernelis, the awarded student of KTU Gymnasium Gabija Jurkevičiūtė and supervisor dr. Paulius Čižas (on the left).

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ABOUT SPB

Sociological research carried out in 2018 on the awareness of the industrial property protection possibilities showed that

78 %

of Lithuanian companies are aware of the industrial property protection possibilities.

63 persons were working in the SPB at the end of December in 2018

50 women **13** men

Most of them are civil servants.

The Parliament (Seimas) adopted a new law on trademarks on the 4 of December 2018. The new version of the law aims to make the trademark registration and protection system more accessible and effective, adapt it to the digital environment as well as simplify, speed up and harmonise the application, trademark registration and other procedures.



SPB VISION: ACCESSIBLE AND VALUE GENERATING INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY.

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