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ANNUAL REVIEW 2019



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



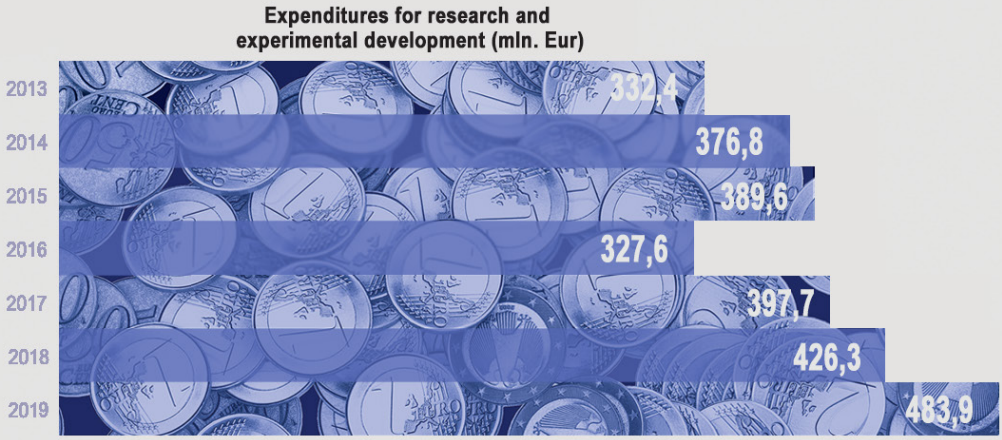
Which of the areas of the industrial property protection have experienced the biggest growth?

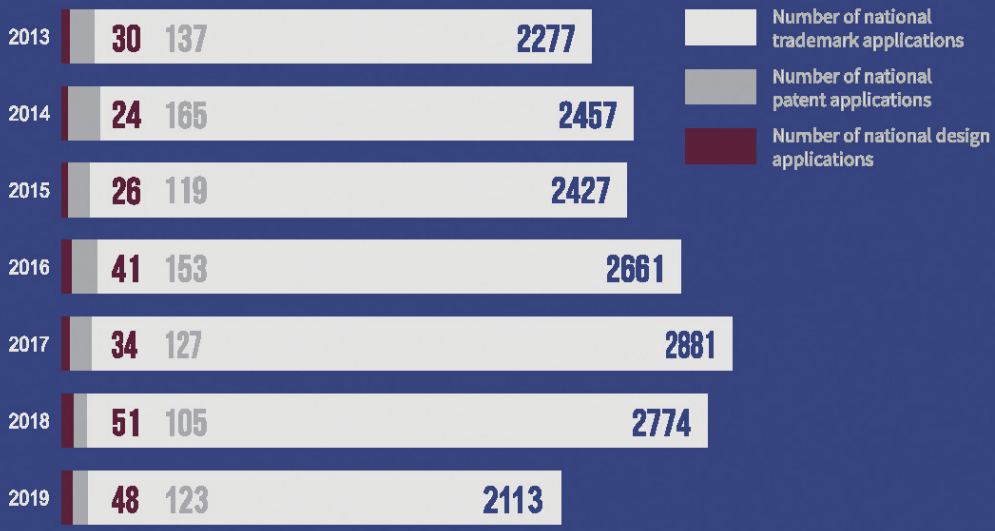


Do Lithuanian businesses see the benefits of the industrial property?

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





The dynamics of 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

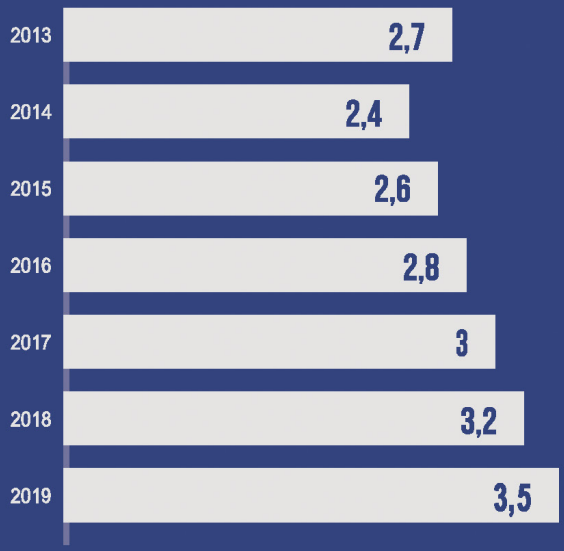
138 € For design registration

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

90 (73 %)

Lithuanian applicants

There were **123** national patent applications filed.

33 (27 %)

foreign applicants

The largest share of foreign applicants were Chinese businesses.

APPLICANTS FROM LITHUANIA

90

61 (68 %) legal persons

29 (32 %) natural persons

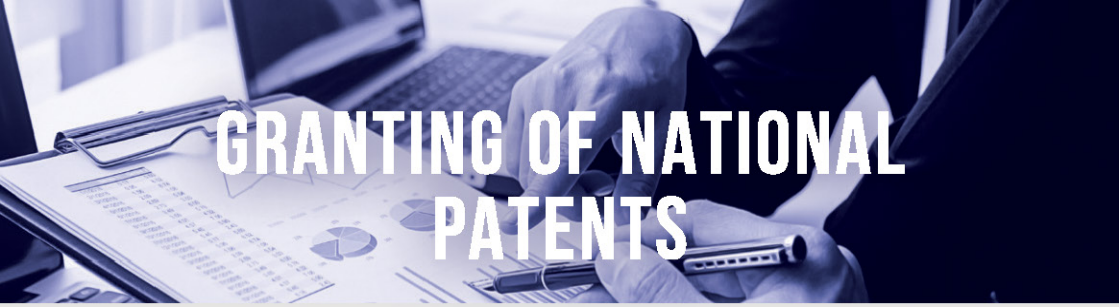
Lithuanian higher education and research institutions submitted **33** patent applications

Business entities submitted **57** patent applications



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

14,6 %



GRANTING OF NATIONAL PATENTS

112

national patents were granted.



77 owners are from Lithuania, 29 – from China, 3 – from Russia and 1 – from each Ukraine, USA and Ireland.

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	25	China: 14	39
Various technological processes; transport	13	China: 5, Russia: 3, Ireland: 1, Ukraine: 1	23
Chemistry; metallurgy	8	USA: 1	9
Textile; paper	–	–	–
Construction; mining	5	–	5
Mechanics; lighting; heating; weapons; blasting works	4	–	4
Physics	18	China: 6	24
Electricity	4	China: 4	8
Total	77	35	112

EUROPEAN PATENTS

In 2019

2008

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 2018.

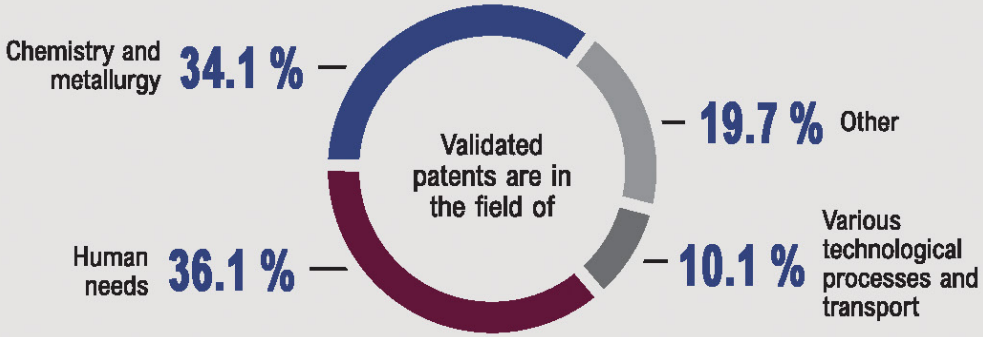
75 %

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



25 %

from USA



PATENTS VALID IN LITHUANIA

On the 1st of January 2020,

11 848

patents were valid in Lithuania.

11 355 (95.8 %) were granted by European Patent Office and validated in Lithuania

493 (4.2 %) national patents, granted by the SPB

Last year

130

patent transfer agreements were registered; of this number

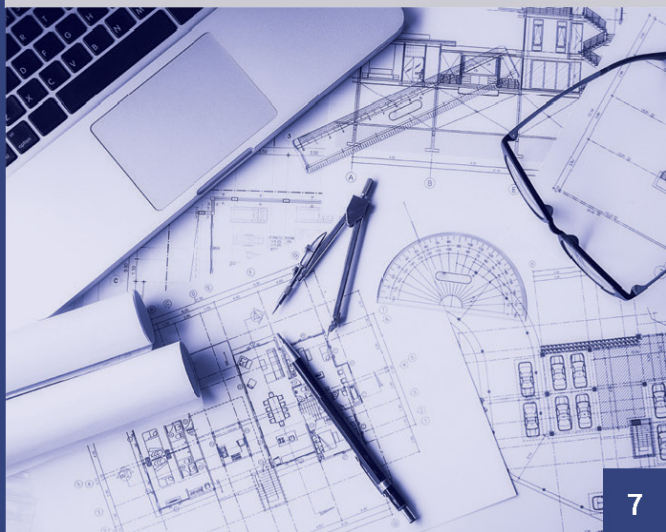
115

transfer agreements were registered regarding European patents.

Last year

5 licensing agreements were registered,

3 of them – regarding the European patent.



TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

2 113
national trademark applications were received

1 937 (92 %) Lithuanian applicants

176 (8 %) Foreign applicants

1 467 notifications about the international trademark registration extended to Lithuania were received.

It is **118** less (7.4%) than in 2018.

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

1 671 (89 %)

applicants are from Lithuania

1 877

national trademarks were registered

206 (11 %)

Among the most active foreign applicants were representatives from Estonia, USA, Latvia, Denmark, United Kingdom, Switzerland

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

CHINA [298]
RUSSIA [252]
GERMANY [100]
UKRAINE [83]
BULGARIA [72]

Last year, the protection was granted to



1 465

international trademark registrations in the Republic of Lithuania.

TRADEMARKS VALID IN LITHUANIA

Since the establishment of the SPB until the 31st of December, 2019

84 167

national applications for trademark were filed.

In the Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania,

70 413 trademarks were registered during this period,

37 140 registrations of them are valid.

Since 1997

64 195

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,

60 179

decisions to grant the protection were taken.

1 593

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 2019, in total

74 151 national or international trademark registrations

and

1 728 538 EU trademarks were valid and registered in EU Trademark Register.



In 2019,

409 transfers of rights agreements and

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

1055 renewed registrations



DESIGN APPLICATIONS

In 2019

48

design applications were filed.

47 (98 %) submitted by Lithuanian applicants

1 (2 %) applications filed by foreign applicants

In 48 national design applications –

177 designs.

This is by **5 %** more designs comparing with statistics of 2018.

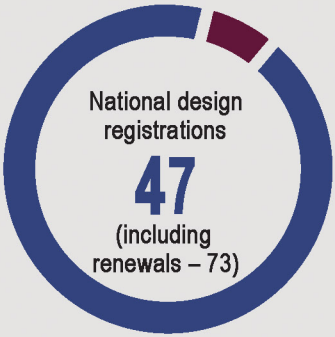
The **67** notices of international design registrations extended in Lithuania were received.

This is by 28 percent less than in 2018.

There are **466** designs in these international design registrations.



DESIGN REGISTRATIONS



44 (94 %) Lithuanian applicants

3 (6 %) Foreign applicants

On the basis of these applications

224 designs were granted protection in Lithuania.



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

- Lighting apparatus
- Articles of adornment
- Packaging and containers for the transport or handling of goods

64 international design registrations were granted protection in Lithuania.

Owners of

36 international registrations are from Germany,

6 – from the EU

6 – from the USA

16 – from the other countries

DESIGN VALID IN LITHUANIA

Since the establishment of the SPB until the 31st of December, 2019,

2014

national design applications were filed.

312 out of

1 734

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

Since 2008,

619

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

After the examination,

618

decisions to grant the protection were made.

At the end of 2018,

4 453 national and international designs

and

1 113 223 Community designs registered in the Community Design Register were valid.





APPEALS AND OPPOSITIONS

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

- **25** for national trademark application
- **3** for international registration of the trademark
- **2** for a patent application
- **1** for a supplementary protection certificate

28 appeals were examined:

- **25** regarding the applications for national trademarks
- **3** regarding the international registration of the trademark.

58 protests were examined:

- **41** regarding national trademark registrations
- **17** regarding international trademark registrations





- **96** regarding registrations of national trademarks
- **24** regarding international trademark registration under the Madrid Protocol

According to the taken decisions, in

- **32** cases oppositions were satisfied
- **3** partially satisfied
- **24** 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 2019, this number reached **60** in case of oppositions.

Decisions of the SPB Appeals Division were appealed in court in

5 cases, and only

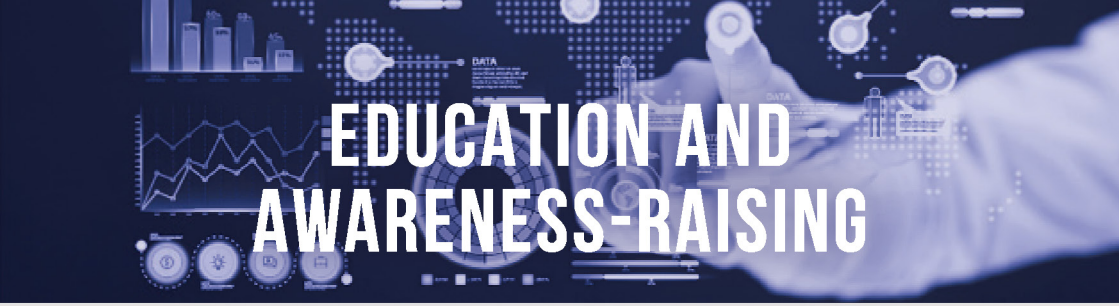
1 decision taken by Appeals Division was annuled by the court of first instance.

Examination of

49 oppositions regarding the national trademark registrations and

11 regarding registrations of the international trademarks were discontinued.





EDUCATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING

During 2019, the SPB organised **34** events for different audiences:

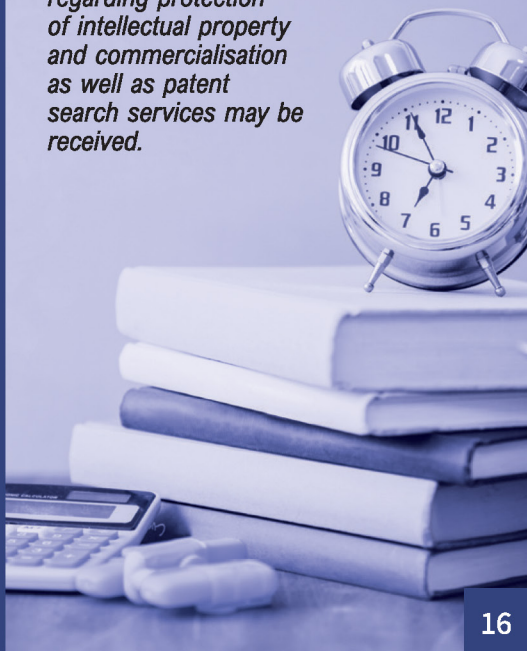
for schoolchildren and students	for small and medium-sized enterprises	for patent attorneys and lawyers	for law enforcement officers and judges

The seventh and the eighth industrial property information centres PATLIB (patent library) were established in Vytautas Magnus university in Kaunas and in the Academy of Arts in Vilnius

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)
- Klaipėda University (KU) and Klaipėda Science and Technology Park
- 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 Pranciškonai, Julija Grigaitytė with a special prize (WIPO School-children's Trophy) (supervisor Lina Jucytė) for the thesis *Application of hop extract in the biodegradable packaging industry.*



The Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania, the awarded student of the Pranciškonai Gymnasium J.Grigaitytė and supervisor L.Jucytė.

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IMPORTANT EVENT

Design Innovation Center of the Vilnius Academy of Arts held a traditional annual competition of „Young Designer Prize“. The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (SPB), together with European Intellectual Property Organization (EUIPO), presented additional special prizes in 4 categories of works.



Deputy Director of the SPB Lina Mickienė, on of the nominee, Head of Industrial Property Information Division at SPB Kristina Vilkienė.

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ABOUT SPB

Increased the availability of e-services, the e-application system was updated.

75 % of trademark applicants

and even

66 % patent applicants

use e-services.

57 persons were working in the SPB at the end of December in 2019

48 women and **9** men

Most of them are civil servants.

With the entry into force of the new Law on Mediation, since 1st of the January, 2019, the possibility of mediation has been established in the new version of the Law on Trademarks



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