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# ● SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT



**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The year 2024 brought several important changes for the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic. One of these was a change in the Office's leadership, as the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary General of the Service Office were renewed. Therefore, allow me, for the first time in my capacity as President, to address you through this Annual Report.

As I mentioned in March 2024, the leadership of the Office underwent changes, and Mr. Ing. Martin Král' assumed the position of Vice-President, while Ing. Tomáš Novanský became the Secretary General of the Service Office.

Although the field of intellectual property law was not unfamiliar to me, it nevertheless represented a shift—a specialized, yet over time I can say a truly rewarding, area of law.

Our priority as the new management team was to quickly and thoroughly understand the Office's operations and internal processes, to set clear objectives and ensure their effective implementation. During the handover period, I sought to absorb as much information as possible from the previous leadership to ensure continuity in the Office's functioning and to apply the lessons learned from best practices.

In 2024, the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic continued implementing all ongoing best-practice projects. In March 2024, we extended our cooperation with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) within the AUTENTICITY - Authentic City project through a new partnership with the city of Bardejov. We also continued all projects under the EUIPO Cooperation Agreement.

As part of this cooperation, the Academy of Intellectual Property continued its activities under the Office, organizing regular educational events in the field of intellectual property—both in-person and online. These webinars were designed particularly for different educational levels, as well as for small and medium-sized enterprises, and included professional training modules for experts. The Office also continued its company visits, offering comprehensive intellectual property protection solutions to interested businesses.

Throughout 2024, the Office's leadership and staff participated in all major representational and working events, conferences, and meetings organized by EUIPO, the European Patent Office (EPO), and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Our management also deepened friendly and productive cooperation with the leadership of these organizations and with numerous national offices—especially those of the V4 Group (Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary), and the V4+ Group (Austria, Croatia, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria), as well as with other countries such as Portugal, Germany, Spain, Italy, Serbia, Finland, Latvia, Greece, and Cyprus.



During 2024, the Office's leadership held several bilateral meetings. As is customary in our country, the first took place with the Czech Republic, followed by meetings with the Polish and Hungarian offices. All these meetings were conducted in a friendly and constructive spirit, enabling the exchange of experiences and best practices. Particularly valuable were the insights gained regarding the setting of fee structures during the drafting of the amendment to the Patent Act.

In 2024, the Office had the honour of hosting the meeting of the V4 and V4+ groups in Bratislava, attended by national offices and the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) represented by its director. In addition to these bilateral meetings, the Office welcomed two more foreign delegations in 2024—from Serbia and Moldova. Both delegations received expert advice, support, and shared experiences, particularly regarding negotiation processes. The members of both delegations showed great interest in our experts' insights and expressed sincere gratitude for all the information shared.

I would also like to draw attention to one special bilateral meeting held in Hrubá Borša with the Hungarian delegation, which brought together not only representatives of national offices but also Tokaj wine producers from both Hungary and Slovakia, as well as officials from the agriculture ministries of both countries. This meeting was initiated following a European Commission request within the prescribed deadline. During the meeting, the Slovak representatives addressed and clarified all the questions raised by the Hungarian side—both within and beyond the scope of the original objection.

In the field of legislative activity, I would like to highlight, among many other efforts, the submission of the proposal for the National Council of the Slovak Republic's consent to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications, during its 12th session. Following the National Council's approval, the ratification documents were deposited at the WIPO headquarters in Geneva during the WIPO General Assembly, attended by WIPO Director General Daren Tang and Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic Peter Kmec.

At the end of 2024, the Office faced another major change—unfortunately, a difficult one. The government consolidation measures affected our Office as well, resulting in the need to part ways with 10 percent of our colleagues. This was an extremely challenging process for everyone involved, not only due to the task itself but also due to the very short timeframe. It required a marathon of meetings with managers and trade union representatives, alongside reviews of previous personnel audits and process analyses. Determining the specific 10 percent was a difficult and exhausting undertaking.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone affected—above all, those who demonstrated a constructive attitude, those who offered support and solutions, and those who showed understanding and empathy. Without such cooperation, it would have been impossible to handle such a situation.

Finally, on behalf of the entire management, I would like to express my gratitude to all colleagues who provided us with support, trust, constructive cooperation, and understanding. Thanks to your commitment, we managed to navigate a demanding and turbulent year and to make sound decisions that led to positive and meaningful outcomes.

**JUDr. Pavol Gregorčok**  
President IPO SR



● **YEAR 2024**  
**THROUGH THE EYES**  
**OF MANAGEMENT**

# THE YEAR THROUGH THE EYES OF MANAGEMENT



In 2024, the leadership of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (IPO SR) adopted a pragmatic approach to new challenges from the very beginning of our term. We reassessed the effectiveness of ongoing processes and allowed successful initiatives to continue and develop further. Our focus has been on optimisation, operational efficiency, and delivering added value across all activities of the Office. While upholding our client-oriented approach, we also placed emphasis on reducing unnecessary bureaucratic burdens. Our employees remain central to our success, and we have made it clear that the leadership's door is always open to them. Their dedication plays a crucial role in helping us increase operational efficiency, especially in the face of growing demands. We also received positive recognition from our European partners. Through our active participation in the European Patent Office (EPO) and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), we not only drew valuable inspiration but also proposed a highly effective pan-European initiative aimed at blocking online stores that violate intellectual property regulations. Additionally, we had the opportunity to propose shared IT solutions designed to benefit all national intellectual property offices. Furthermore, we strengthened our cooperation with European counterparts, especially with colleagues from the Czech Republic and Poland. At the same time, we began to implement artificial intelligence tools—where appropriate—and focused on analysing and reinforcing the cybersecurity of the Office. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all our colleagues for their outstanding dedication.

**Ing. Martin Král'**  
Vice-President

The organizational units under the management of the Secretary General of the Service Office delivered stable and standard performance in 2024, with a continued emphasis on a client-oriented approach. Support to the professional departments of the IPO SR focused primarily on the effective coordination of the Office's inputs and outputs. In the Informatics Department, we built internal staff capacity to support the implementation of new international programmes aimed at enhancing the quality of services for our professional units. These programmes leverage data from interconnected databases, supporting processes related to designs and trademarks, as well as patents and utility models. The most significant challenges in 2024 were faced by the staff of the Personnel Department, who successfully managed the necessary rationalisation of job positions in response to the consolidation measures imposed. The IPO SR also continued its efforts within the project aimed at evaluating process effectiveness through self-assessment, continuous improvement, and the application of excellence principles, known as the "Efficient User of the CAF Model." Thanks to the active involvement of the Office's staff, this status was successfully upheld.

**Ing. Tomáš Novanský**  
Secretary General

From the perspective of the number of applications filed, 2024 was less successful than the "record-breaking" year of 2023. A slight decrease was recorded in the number of patent applications and utility model applications submitted. An increase was observed only in the number of applications for the grant of supplementary protection certificates (SPCs) for medicinal products and plant protection products, as well as in applications for the extension of the duration of existing SPCs. However, 2024 can be regarded as particularly successful in terms of the number of rights granted. There was an 8% year-on-year increase in the number of patents granted, 18% more utility models were registered compared to 2023, and the number of granted SPCs increased by 26% year-on-year. One of the biggest challenges we faced in 2024 was preparing for the implementation of a new search system used to carry out searches on the subject matter of applications seeking protection for technical solutions. As of 31 December 2024, the Office fully discontinued the use of its previous search system, which had been in operation for more than 20 years, and began conducting searches exclusively using a new, more technologically advanced, high-performance, and time-efficient system based on artificial intelligence. Based on our experience so far, it can be stated that patent examiners have successfully managed the transition to the new search system. We believe that the use of this new system will contribute further to improving the quality of application examinations and reducing application processing times.

**Ing. Lukrécia Marčoková**  
Head of Patent Department

In 2024, the Trade Marks and Designs Department recorded a 22% increase in the number of trademark applications filed compared with the previous year. This growth reflects the heightened interest of domestic applicants in securing protection for their signs, as well as an increase among foreign applicants. The conditions for accelerated trademark examination, Fast Track, were successfully met by 35% of all published trade mark applications during the past year. A similar positive trend was observed in industrial designs, where the number of filed applications also increased. Such developments demonstrate a healthy and dynamic market environment in the Slovak Republic, as well as a growing tendency to increase the share of branded and design-oriented products on the market—products that serve as a guarantee of a certain level of quality.

**Lenka Midriaková**  
Head of Trade Marks and Designs Department

Year 2024 for the Department of Dispute Proceedings can be assessed positively. The Department successfully maintained a high standard of performance in its core activity – the preparation and issuance of decisions in dispute proceedings. Notably, the overall duration of proceedings last year was approximately 10 months for opposition and 11 months for applications for revocation or invalidation of trademarks. As in previous years, the Department actively participated in the Office's internship programme, contributed to the popularisation of intellectual property among the public, and took part in lecturing activities during the IPO SR's training courses. Looking ahead, the Department's priority is not only to maintain or enhance the quality of decisions – with particular focus on the latest developments in practice within the European Union – but also to ensure that the duration of proceedings remains reasonable.

**Ing. Janka Bohál'ová**  
Head of Dispute Proceedings Department

From the perspective of the Appeals Division, the year 2024 can be regarded as successful in terms of the number of completed appeal proceedings. Although more appeals were initiated this year compared to the previous year, the number of pending appeals did not increase, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the staff. In addition to gradually reducing the backlog of pending appeals, the Division places strong emphasis on the quality of second-instance decisions issued. Accordingly, the Department's staff actively participated in international meetings throughout the year, facilitating the exchange of experience and presenting cases from the current decision-making practice of the participating offices. They also attended numerous training events focused on intellectual property matters. Besides their primary responsibility—preparing decisions on appeals—the Department's staff contributed last year to other activities related to the Office's agenda, including consultations on legislative amendments and involvement in convergence projects within the European Union Intellectual Property Network.

**JUDr. Lucia Kováčiková**  
Head of Appeals Department

In 2024, the Legislative and Legal Department focused primarily on preparing for amendments to legislation within the competence of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (IPO SR). We analysed inputs from the professional community, best practices of European patent offices, and considered the global trend towards increased digitalization in the field of industrial property protection. Additionally, we conducted a detailed review of administrative and maintenance fees. Throughout the year, we progressed through the various stages of the legislative process, culminating in January 2025 with the submission of a government bill to the National Council of the Slovak Republic. We are confident that the new legal framework will soon be implemented in practice and will bring benefits to all users of the industrial property system. Beyond legislative activities, in 2024 we also managed the routine legal agenda of the IPO SR, represented the Office in administrative court proceedings, and undertook other related tasks.

**Jitka Mikuličová**  
Head of Legislative and Legal Department

For the Economics Department, 2024 was a year of stabilization and financial completion of projects from the previous year, 2023. The last project financed from the completed programming period was completed, and at the same time, we were preparing for the new programming period and new challenges. It was a year of change, especially in the management of the office, and therefore also a year of setting up processes and new work systems. We improved the new system of planning and recording expenses, which brought clarity and control in the ongoing monitoring of budget utilization, which is a significant aid not only for the material guarantors but also for the management of the office. In addition, the Economics Department performs its regular daily tasks in the areas of accounting, payroll, preparation and processing of the final accounts of the chapter, the budget of the chapter, as well as the public procurement processes of the chapter.

**Bc. Ing. Ľubica Gajdošová**  
Head of the Economics and Operations Department

In 2024, the Entry and Amendment Department of the IPO SR registered and processed a total of 4,032 new applications, representing a 14.87% increase compared to 2023. In addition, 2,546 translations of European patent specifications into Slovak were completed. The Department registered a total of 20,643 incoming filings (6.5% more than in the previous year) and ensured the dispatch of 45,243 mailings, an increase of 7.64% year-on-year. The Office completed 7,763 proceedings concerning changes in the ownership of dispositive rights, changes in representation, and renewals of registered designs, utility models, and trademarks. The most common types of proceedings included trademark renewals, changes of representation, and transfers of dispositive rights. Significant efforts were made to improve the Office's electronic services. In 2024, 45 new or updated electronic services were introduced. These services feature a new user interface and are designed to automatically pre-fill data from public registers of legal and natural persons as well as internal IPO SR databases. The improvements were driven by user feedback and suggestions, reflecting the Office's ongoing commitment to enhancing digital accessibility and user experience.

**Mgr. Peter Jasenák**

Head of Receiving and Changes Department

In addition to its core responsibilities, the Fees and Documents Division continued to focus on streamlining its internal processes throughout the past year. One such improvement involved extending the data collection period for each issue of the Gazette, allowing for the inclusion of a greater volume of data for publication. The year 2024 also marked a period of significant change. A legislative amendment concerning administrative fees required adjustments to the IPO SR's unified information system, as well as updates to official forms, correspondence templates, tariff schedules, and public information materials. Further changes were implemented in the quarterly transmission of the pro rata share of collected maintenance fees to the European Patent Office. Following a successful pilot phase, this process is now conducted via the "Single Access Portal." Towards the end of the year, the Division actively contributed to the development of forthcoming legislative changes in the field of industrial property protection. These changes are expected to include, among other reforms, a transition in the issuance of protection documents—from physical paper format to electronic form.

**Ing. Ivana Bielíková**

Head of Fees and Documents Department

In 2024, the Informatics Department successfully completed the implementation of the IT Asset Management Information System project. The objective of this project was the implementation, operation support, maintenance, and further development of an IT asset management information system within the government cloud environment. The system provides tools to streamline IT asset management, including control, optimisation, standardisation, and centralised approval of the use and procurement of hardware and software assets. This significantly contributes to reducing IT asset-related costs. In parallel, preparations were made for the launch of a new project, IP Register in Blockchain, which will be implemented in cooperation with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). The aim of this project is to interconnect national IP offices, enable real-time updates of trademark and design data, and provide access to high-quality data and innovative services within the blockchain ecosystem.

**Mgr. Miroslav Blaško**

Head of IT Operations Department



In 2024, work related to the modernization of the interiors of the administrative building of the Slovak Industrial Property Office was completed. We managed to re-lease the temporary surplus space of the canteen and offer catering to employees on the premises of the office. Ensuring the smooth operation of the building, maintenance of the interior and exterior of the building, cleaning services, repairs, regular inspections and professional surveys, transporting employees on business trips, caring for tenants, and cooperating with suppliers have always been a matter of course for us.

**Ing. Iveta Zvaríková**  
Head of Administration and Operations

In 2024, the IPO SR significantly strengthened its international, regional, and bilateral cooperation. Its representatives actively participated in the activities of the governing and expert bodies of key international institutions such as the EPO, EUIPO, WIPO, and the Visegrad Patent Institute. The objective was not only to represent Slovakia, but also to actively shape policies and contribute to decision-making processes in the field of intellectual property. A major milestone was the adoption of the EUIPO Strategic Plan 2030, which sets the direction for cooperation over the next five years. The European Patent Organisation adopted its own Strategic Plan SP2028. During the WIPO General Assembly in Geneva, an exhibition on designations of origin of Slovak products was presented, and Slovakia officially acceded to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement. At the bilateral level, the Office developed cooperation with Austria, Serbia, the Czech Republic, and Moldova, with special emphasis placed on the protection of designations of origin and the sharing of Slovak expertise. The activities of the IPO SR in 2024 confirm its active role within the international community, its commitment to professional training and legislative coordination, and its dedication to fostering an innovative environment in the Slovak Republic.

**Ing. Emil Žatkuliak**  
Head of International Affairs Department

The year 2024 was a breakthrough year for our department. We were required to manage not only organisational changes, but also the implementation of new services within our area of responsibility. We actively contributed to the intensification of educational and awareness-raising activities. In cooperation with our colleagues across the IPO SR, we carried out educational programmes for more than 4,000 pupils, students, entrepreneurs, and members of the public. In addition, we visited 50 companies to raise awareness about the hidden potential of intellectual property. We also launched 12 new pilot initiatives targeting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), with the aim of fostering the innovation potential of Slovak companies. These initiatives attracted the participation of over 400 individuals. These achievements were made possible thanks to the close cooperation of our department's staff, colleagues across the IPO SR, and our external partners. I am confident that this model of collaboration will continue to deliver results in the future—contributing both to the development of Slovakia's innovation ecosystem and to the continued growth of the Office itself.

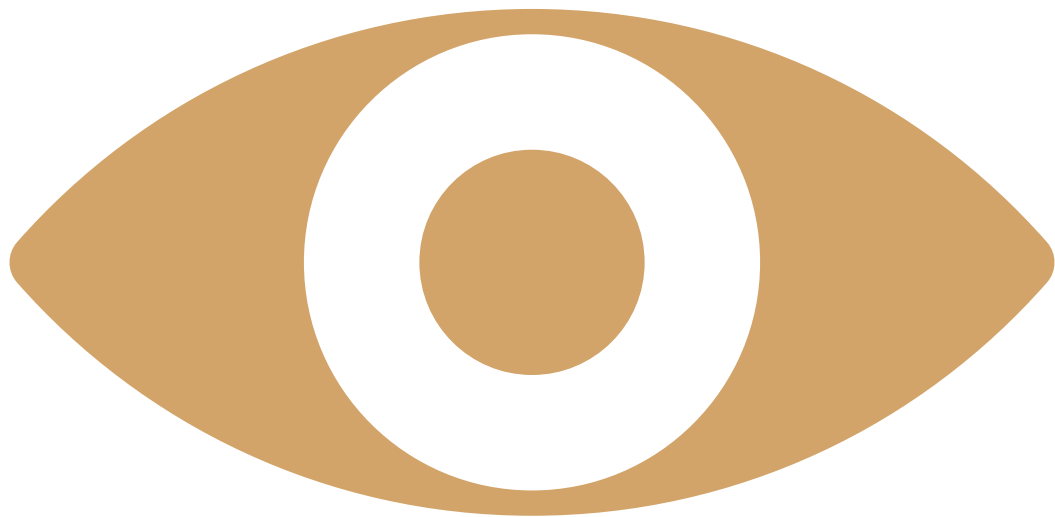
**Mgr. Martin Macko**  
Head of Communication and Education Department

The past year was a particularly dynamic one for the activities of the Personnel Office. Throughout 2024, our efforts were focused on reinforcing our distinctive role, with the aim of aligning human resource development with the development of the Office and the creation of long-term strategies and conceptual frameworks. Effective human resource management remains one of the key prerequisites for achieving the strategic goals and tasks of the Office. Accordingly, in 2024, the human resources strategy concentrated on transparent recruitment procedures, flexible employee remuneration, and professional development, with the overarching objective of nurturing human potential and cultivating a workplace environment that motivates staff to meet objectives and take on complex challenges. We are proud that the IPO SR's work in 2024 continued to be carried out by employees with extensive professional experience. We also successfully continued to fill every civil service post—even temporarily vacated ones—thereby upholding our long-term vision of preparing and training qualified successors for staff approaching retirement. Despite fiscal consolidation measures in 2024, which resulted in a reduction in civil service and employment posts, we aim to continue in 2025 with efforts to increase the attractiveness of the IPO SR as an employer by creating increasingly favourable conditions for work, training, and personal development.

**Mgr. Ľuboslava Fekiačová**

Head of the personnel office





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- **INDUSTRIAL  
PROPERTY RIGHTS  
IN NUMBERS**

# INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN NUMBERS

# 24

## VALID SUBJECTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN SLOVAKIA 31.12.2024

47 493

**TRADE**  
marks

20 666

**EUROPEAN**  
patents

1 745

**UTILITY**  
models

1 010

**DESIGNS**

523

**PATENTS**

**SUPPLEMENTARY**  
protection certificates

112

27

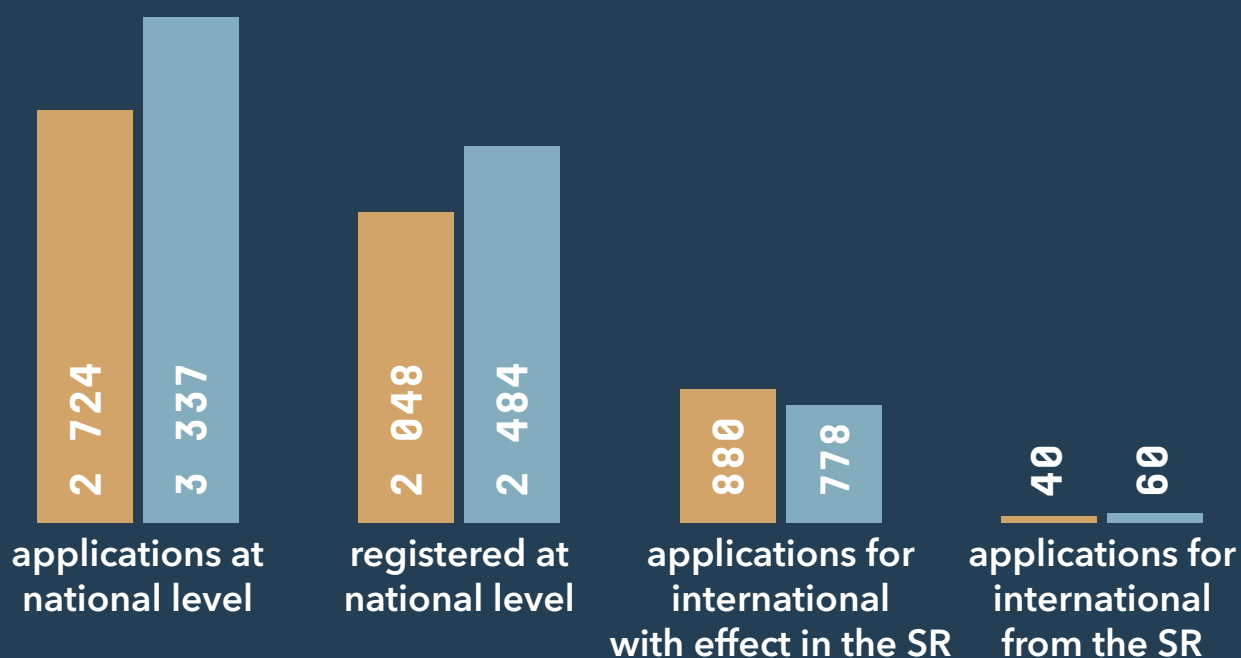
**DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN OF PRODUCTS**  
and geographical indications

# ● INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS APPLIED FOR AND GRANTED IN SLOVAKIA 31.12.2024



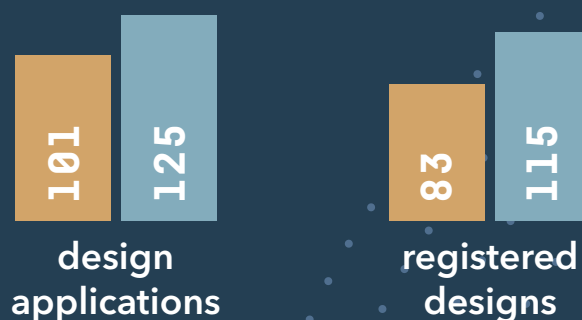
## TRADE MARKS

2023 2024



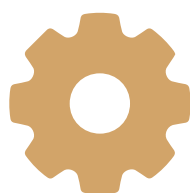
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2023 2024



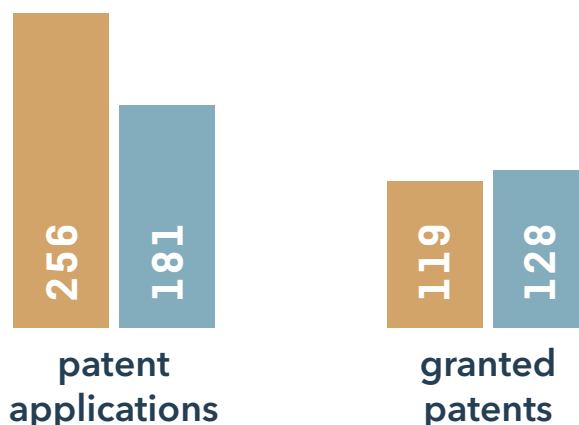
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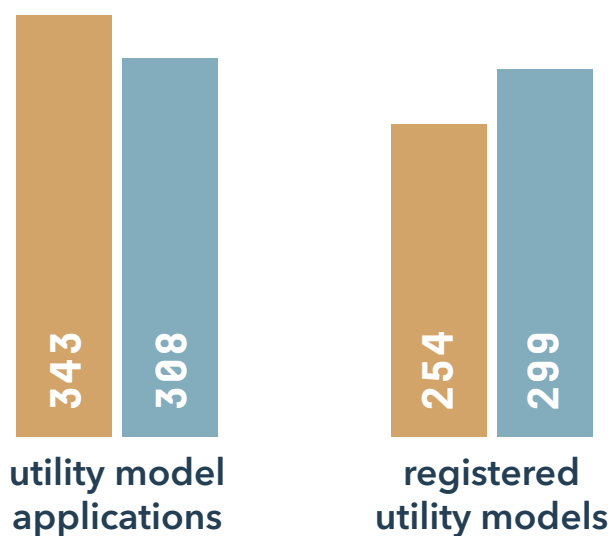
## PATENTS

2023 2024



## UTILITY MODELS

2023 2024



## DESIGNATIONS OF ORIGIN AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF PRODUCTS

2023 2024





# ● CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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65th WIPO General Assembly in Geneva



Peter Kmec, João Negrão - Executive Director EUIPO, President of IPO SR - Pavol Gregorčok



Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic Peter Kmec gave a speech at the general meeting





Slovak folklore was also presented, through our compatriots living in Switzerland



Signing of a memorandum of cooperation in the international project Authenticity – Authentic City; Chairman of IPO SR Pavol Gregorčok and Mayor of Bardejov Boris Hanuščák





IPO in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) organized inspiring workshops and panel discussions as part of the PCT for V4 initiative



Visit from the Republic of Moldova



Completion of teaching the subject protection of innovations



Director of the Department of Communication Martin Macko and students





Liptovská bryndza celebrations, where IPO SR with the Bačova cesta OZ and city Liptovský Mikuláš signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on obtaining a protected geographical indication.



Representatives of IPO SR at the Bardejov Fair ▶

- ◀ Support for the protection of regional producer:  
 Detvianska výšivka - Iveta Smileková  
 Brhlovské podlievané buchty - Adriana Sztankóová  
 Liptovská bryndza - Ľudovít Urbanovský  
 Kyjatické hračky - Ladislav Hedvigi



President of IPO Pavol Gregorčok at the conference on geographical indications in Slovenia





President of IPO Pavol Gregorčok at the conference on geographical indications in Slovenia



Conference on Geographical Indications in Slovenia



● **TRADE  
MARKS**

# ● TRADE MARKS



A trade mark protects any name or symbol that distinguishes the goods or services of one producer from those of another and identifies them to consumers. Trade marks help consumers navigate the market, allowing them to repeat satisfactory purchasing decisions or, conversely, avoid those that were not. For traders and entrepreneurs, a trade mark is an important marketing instrument and often represents a significant part of their assets.

Any sign—particularly words (including personal names), drawings, letters, numerals, colours, the shape of a product or its packaging, or sounds—may become a trade mark if it is capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one entity from those of another, meets the statutory requirements for registration in the Trade Mark Register, and can be represented therein.

The owner of a trade mark holds the **exclusive right** to use it in connection with the goods or services for which it is registered. In the event of unauthorised interference with these rights, the owner is entitled to request that such infringement or threat of infringement cease and that its consequences be remedied. They may also claim damages or appropriate compensation.

In 2024, the Office received **3,337 national trade mark applications**, representing a 22 % increase compared with the previous year. As at 31 December 2024, there were **47,493 valid trade marks registered** in the Slovak Republic. The conditions for **Fast Track** proceedings were fulfilled by **35 %** of all registered trade marks.

**Domestic applicants** submitted **2,831 trade mark applications**, while **foreign applicants filed 506**. Traditionally, the largest number of foreign applicants came from Czechia (323), followed by Poland (31), the United States of America (26), Germany (16) and Switzerland (15).

In the past year, the Office sent **60 applications for international trade mark registration to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**, representing an increase of 20 applications compared to the previous year. Conversely, the number of international trade marks (ITMs) with effect in the Slovak Republic decreased in 2024 compared to 2023.

While 880 ITM applications were filed in 2023, the number dropped to **778** in 2024, representing a decline of nearly **13 %**. The Office continued to handle the granting of protection and provisional refusals of protection for ITMs within the standard period of five months, consistent with previous years.



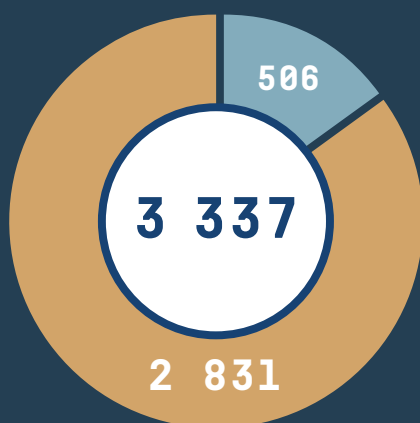
**Compared to the previous year 2023, the number of national trademark applications filed represented an increase of 22 %.**

## ● TRADE MARKS 2020 - 2024

TRADE MARKS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Trade marks applications at national level	2 987	3 287	2 492	2 724	3 337
Domestic	2 429	2 623	2 022	2 348	2 831
Foreign	558	664	472	376	506
Applications for international trade marks with effect in the SR	1 116	977	952	880	778
Applications for international trade marks from the SR	72	74	57	40	60
Trade marks registered at national level	2 497	2 741	2 351	2 048	2 484
Domestic	1 947	2 183	1 899	1 720	2 074
Foreign	550	558	452	328	410

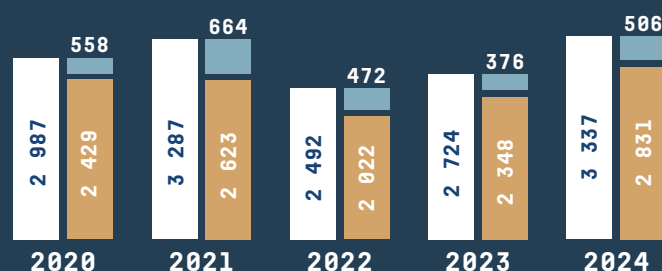
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domestic foreign



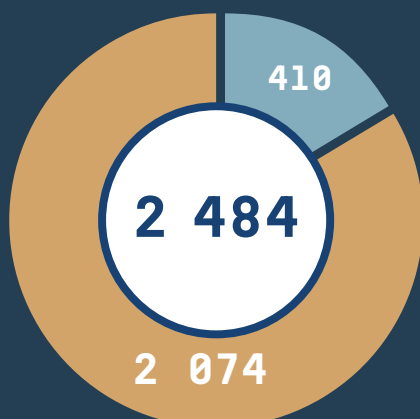
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domestic foreign applications total



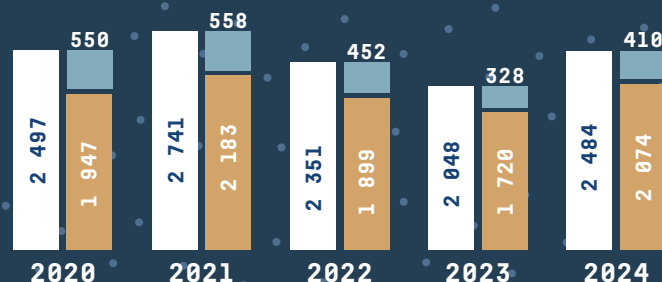
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domestic foreign



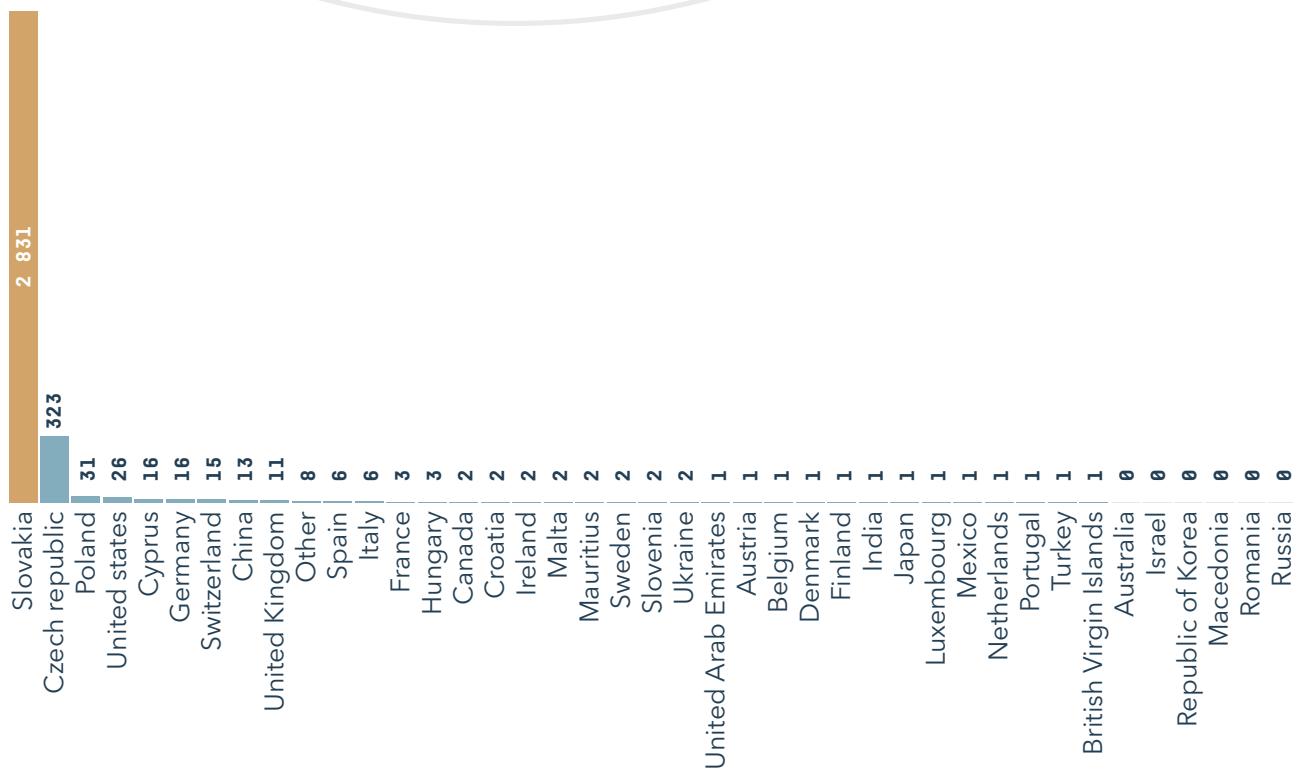
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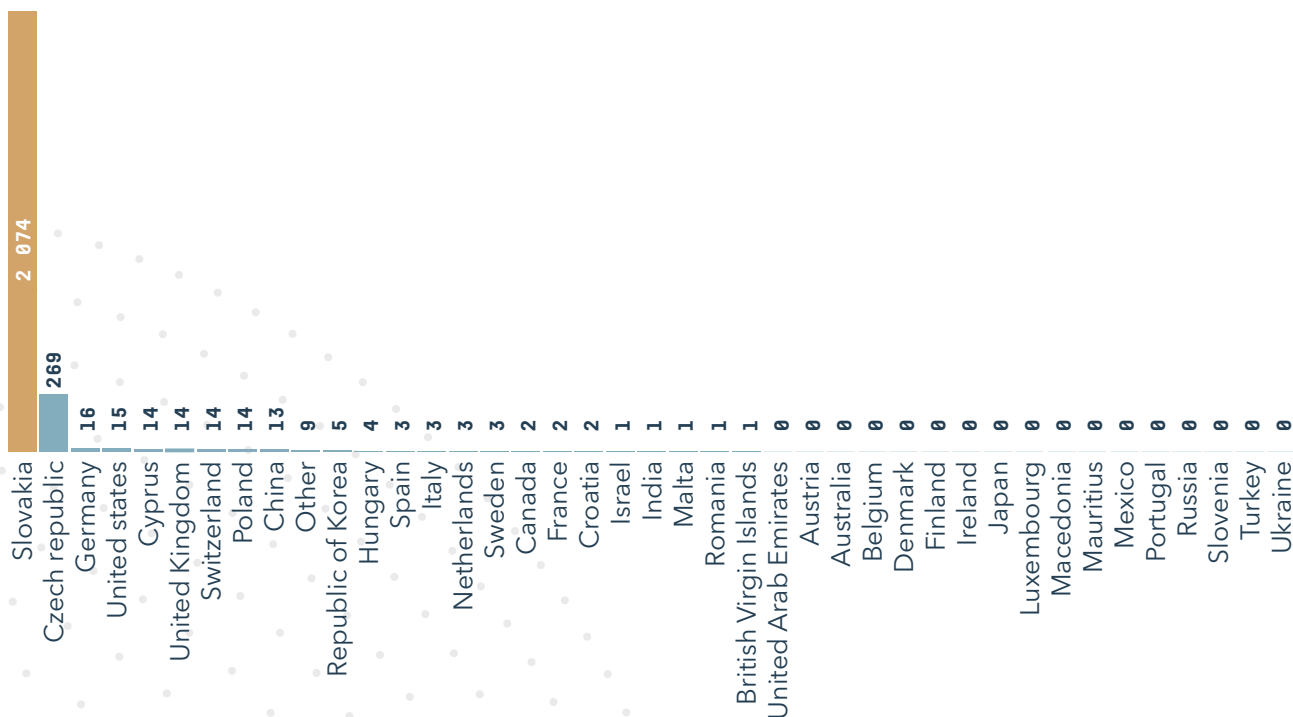




## ● TRADE MARKS APPLICATIONS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN 2024



## ● TRADE MARKS REGISTERED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN 2024

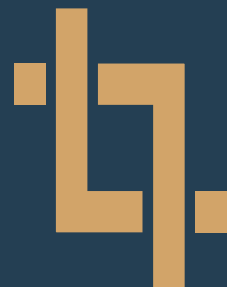




● **DESIGNS**



# ● DESIGNS



A design is the external appearance of a product or its part, defined by its features—particularly lines, contours, colours, shape, texture, materials, or ornamentation. A design adds aesthetic value and visual distinctiveness to a product. A design may be protected by registration in the Design Register maintained by the Office, provided that two conditions are met: novelty and individual character.

A design is new if no identical design has been made available to the public before the filing **date or the date of priority**. It has individual character if the overall impression it produces on an informed user differs from that produced by any design previously made available to the public. The owner of a registered design enjoys the exclusive right to use it and to authorise its use by others, for example by granting a licence.

As at 31 December 2024, there were **1,010 valid designs registered** in the Slovak Republic.

During the year, **125 design applications** were filed with the Office, representing an increase of nearly 24 % compared with the previous year. Domestic applicants accounted for **110 of these applications**, while foreign applicants from five countries submitted **15 applications**.

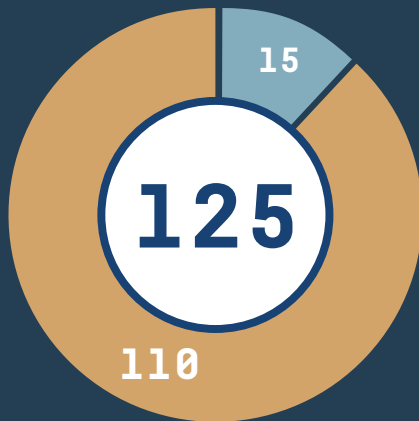
In 2024, the Office registered **115 designs**, while nine proceedings were concluded negatively due to refusal or termination of the procedure.

## ● DESIGNS 2020 - 2024

DESIGNS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Design applications</b>	145	113	102	101	125
Domestic	119	103	77	92	110
Foreign	26	10	25	9	15
<b>Design registrations</b>	126	121	85	83	115
Domestic	95	110	65	72	97
Foreign	31	11	20	11	18

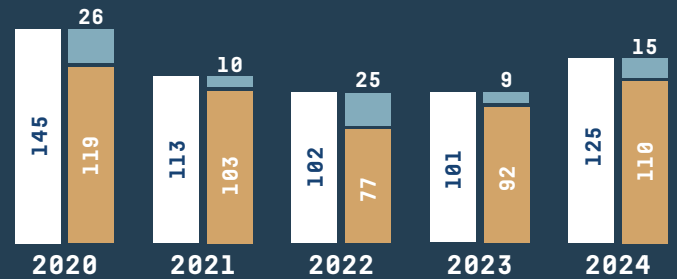
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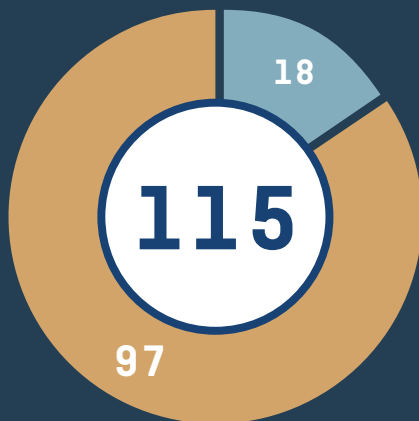
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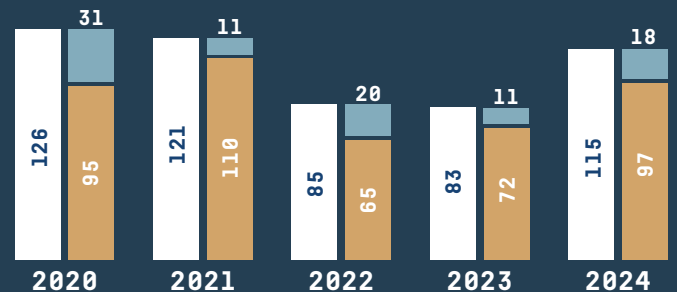
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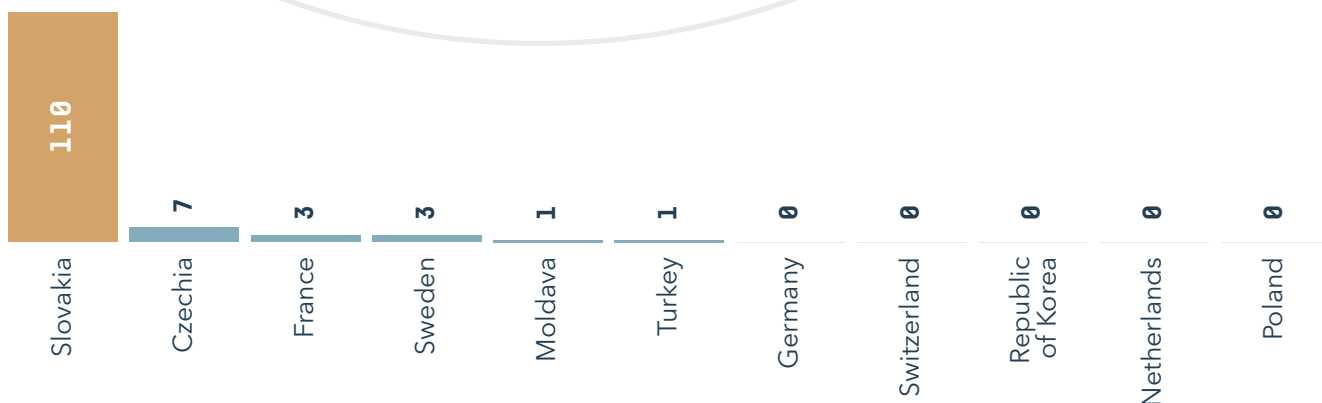


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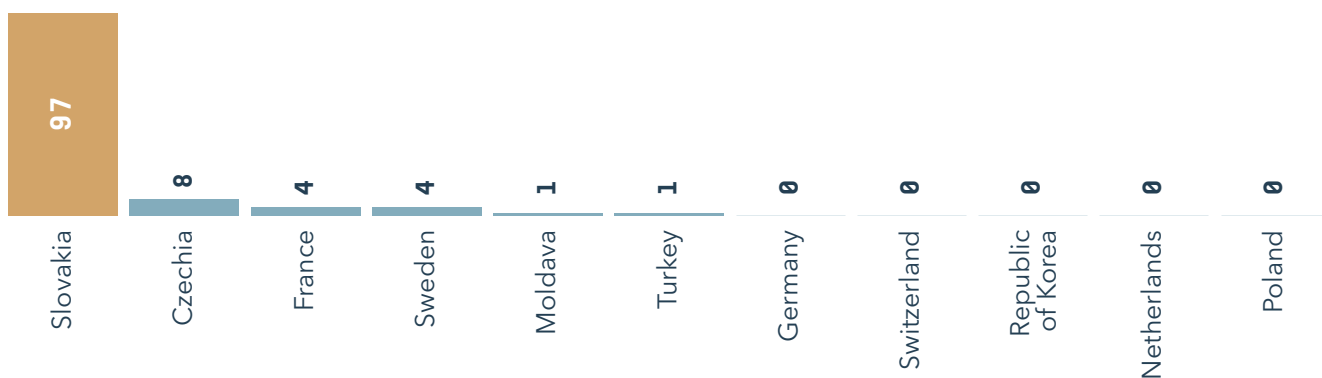
domestic foreign registered total



## ● DESIGN APPLICATIONS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN 2024



## ● DESIGN REGISTRATIONS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN 2024



## ● LOCARNO CLASSIFICATION





# ● DESIGNATIONS OF ORIGIN AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF PRODUCTS

# ● DESIGNATIONS OF ORIGIN AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF PRODUCTS



The system of designations of origin and geographical indications provides legal protection for labels that identify products originating in a specific geographical area. These products are characterized by the fact that their characteristics or quality are linked to the geographical area, its natural conditions, or the skills of the people living there. This system provides protection that preserves cultural, social, and societal values. Anyone who produces products in a defined geographical area that meet the specified requirements, known as product specifications, may use designations that are registered as designations of origin or geographical indications. These rights do not belong to a single entrepreneur or entity. The registration of designations of origin and geographical indications in the relevant register helps to preserve high-quality and traditional products, increases the attractiveness of the region concerned, and supports small and medium-sized enterprises operating in that region.

**Designation of origin** is the name of a specific place, region or, in exceptional cases, country used to designate a product originating from that place, region or country, where the quality or characteristics of that product are exclusively or essentially due to the geographical environment with its characteristic natural and human factors, and the production, processing and preparation of this product takes place exclusively in the defined place, region or country.

**Geographical indication** of a product is the name of a specific place, region or, in exceptional cases, country used to designate a product originating in that place, region or country, where that product has a specific quality, reputation or characteristics attributable to that place, region or country, and the production, processing or preparation of that product takes place in the defined geographical location, region or country.



**Regulation (EU) No 2023/2411 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on the protection of geographical indications of craft and industrial products and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/1753** entered into force on 16 November 2023. Protection under Regulation No. 2023/2411 focuses on artisanal and industrial products such as natural stones, wood products, jewelry, textiles, lace, cutlery, glass, porcelain, and leather. Currently, in some European Union countries, including Slovakia, it is possible to protect the designations of these products through the institution of geographical indications or designations of origin at the national level.

**Regulation No. 2023/2411 will apply from December 1, 2025.** The procedure for registering geographical indications for craft and industrial products consists of two stages. The first stage takes place at national level and the second stage at EU level before the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). The existing national protection of geographical indications falling within the scope of the new regulation will expire on December 2, 2026, for those indications for which their users have not expressed an interest in registration under this European regulation.

As of December 31, 2024, there were **14 designations of origin and 8 geographical indications of products registered** in the register kept by the authority. Compared to the previous year, the number of registered designations of origin is down by 5, which is related to the entry of the name "Trenčianska borovička JUNIPERIES – TRENČÍN DISTILLERY/Trenčianska borovička JUNIPERUS" in the Union's register of geographical indications and the fact that national protection ceases on the date of entry of the name in the Union's register of geographical indications.

As regards the other four names, the European Union (EU) has in place uniform and comprehensive systems for the protection of geographical indications for wines, spirits and agricultural products (including mineral

waters), which are regulated by Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on geographical indications for wine, spirits and agricultural products, as well as on traditional specialities guaranteed and optional quality terms for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2019/787 and (EU) 2019/1753 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012.

European Union legislation on geographical indications, given its exclusive competence in this area, does not allow for the existence of national systems for the protection of geographical indications for such products in individual Member States of the European Union, and therefore does not allow for their registration in national (domestic) registers of geographical indications.

Following the above, the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic announced in its bulletin that designations of origin of products with geographical origin in the Czech Republic, which were registered on the date of dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and remained automatically valid in both countries:

**Bohemia sekt,  
Bohemia sekt rosé,  
Karlovarská hořká a  
Poděbradská minerální voda,**

**will no longer be entered in the register of** geographical indications maintained by the Office.

At the end of 2024, 7 designations of origin originating in the Slovak Republic were registered in the international register of designations of origin, and another 2 designations of origin (Žitavská paprika and Vinohradnícka oblasť Tokaj) are registered in the international register as originating in the European Union, as the registration was made under the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications.

There are 26 designations of origin and geographical indications from Slovakia registered in the Union's register of geographical indications, including the geographical indication "Trenčianska borovička JUNIPERIES TRENČÍN DISTILLERY/Trenčianska borovička JUNIPERUS". "Trenčianska borovička JUNIPERIES - TRENČÍN DISTILLERY" was originally registered as a designation of origin at both national and international level, but European legislation does not provide for the concept of "designation of origin" in the case of spirits, so the registration was transformed into a geographical indication.

Six new applications were sent to the European Commission for registration of the name as a protected designation of origin or protected geographical indication (Brhlovské podlievané buchty, Liptovská bryndza, Liptovské šialence, Muránske buchty, Spišský šípkový lekvár and Tôčky), one of which was withdrawn during the proceedings (Tôčky - cheese). In addition to the above, proceedings are also pending before the European Commission concerning an application for registration of the name Trnavský slad and for registration, i.e. transfer, of the name TOKAJSKÉ VÍNO from the Slovak region, against which objections have been raised

and the proceedings had not been concluded as of December 31, 2024.

Protection of geographical indications for products that do not fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 but fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 of the European Parliament and of the Council on geographical indications for wine, spirits and agricultural products, as well as on traditional specialities guaranteed and optional quality terms for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2019/787 and (EU) 2019/1753 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 (i.e. mineral waters), granted under national law, shall expire on May 14, 2025, unless an application for registration is submitted to the Commission.

During the previous year, no new designations of origin and geographical indications for products were entered in the Office's register due to legislative changes in this area at European Union level, which allow or will allow the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural and non-agricultural products only at European Union level.

## ● DESIGNATIONS OF ORIGIN AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF PRODUCTS 2020 - 2024

DESIGNATIONS OF ORIGIN AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF PRODUCTS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Prihlášky	0	1	2	2	0
Zapísané	0	1	2	2	0

As already mentioned, the protection of mineral water names granted under national law will expire on May 14, 2025, unless an application for registration is submitted to the Commission.

Regulation (EU) 2023/2411 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of geographical indications of craft and industrial products and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/1753 (hereinafter Regulation

2023/2411) entered into force on November 16, 2023. This Regulation introduces exclusive protection for geographical indications of artisanal and industrial products (such as jewelry, textiles, glass, porcelain, etc.) at the European Union level.

The existing national protection of designations of origin and geographical indications will expire on December 2, 2026 for those indications for which users have not expressed an interest in registration under EU law.





**PATENTS**



# PATENTS



Patents are an important form of protection for inventions, such as products, technologies, and devices. The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (IPO SR) grants patents for inventions from all fields of technology that are new, involve an inventive step, and are industrially applicable. Patent protection can be granted not only for new products, devices, and technologies, but also for chemically produced substances, pharmaceuticals, industrially produced microorganisms, as well as biotechnological processes and the products obtained thereby.

A patent is a protective title that confers upon its holder a territorially and temporally limited exclusive right to commercially exploit the protected invention. The publication of an invention described in a patent application provides the public with valuable technical information, which may form the basis for further development in a particular field of technology.

As of 31 December 2024, there were **21,189 valid patents** in force in the territory of the

Slovak Republic, of which **523** were granted through the **national procedure**. On the same date, **20,666 European patents** were valid in Slovakia.

During **2024**, the Office received **181 patent applications**, of which **171** originated from domestic applicants and **10** from foreign applicants. Compared with 2023, this represents a 29 % decrease in the number of applications filed. The number of domestic patent applications was 25 % lower than in 2023, while foreign applications decreased by 58%. Most foreign applicants traditionally came from the Czech Republic. The largest share of patent applications filed in 2024 related to mechanical engineering and transport (25 %), human necessities (17 %), and electrical engineering (16 %). The most active applicants were the Technical University of Košice (24 applications) and the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (12 applications).

In 2024, **128 patents were granted** via the national procedure, representing an **8 % increase** compared with 2023.

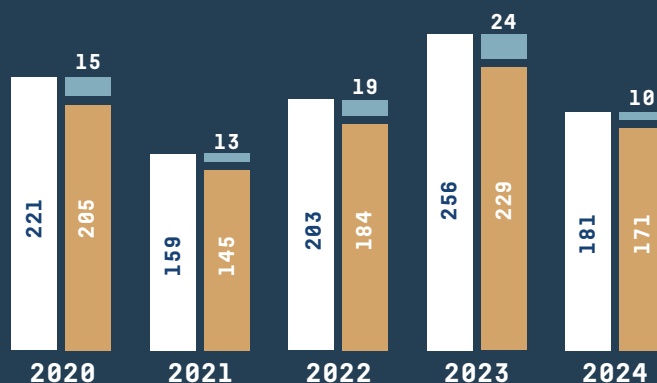
## PATENT APPLICATIONS 2024

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## PATENT APPLICATIONS 2020 - 2024

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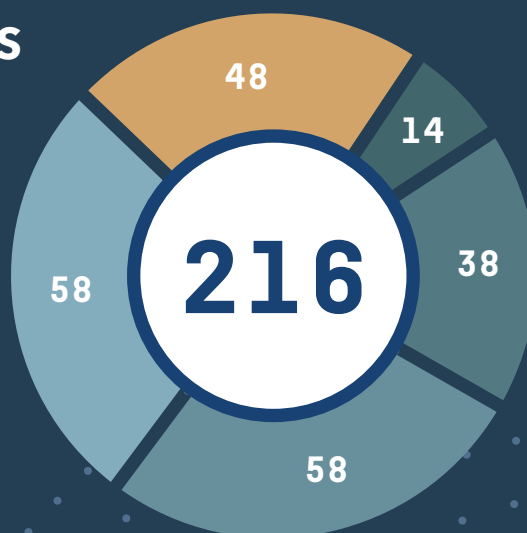
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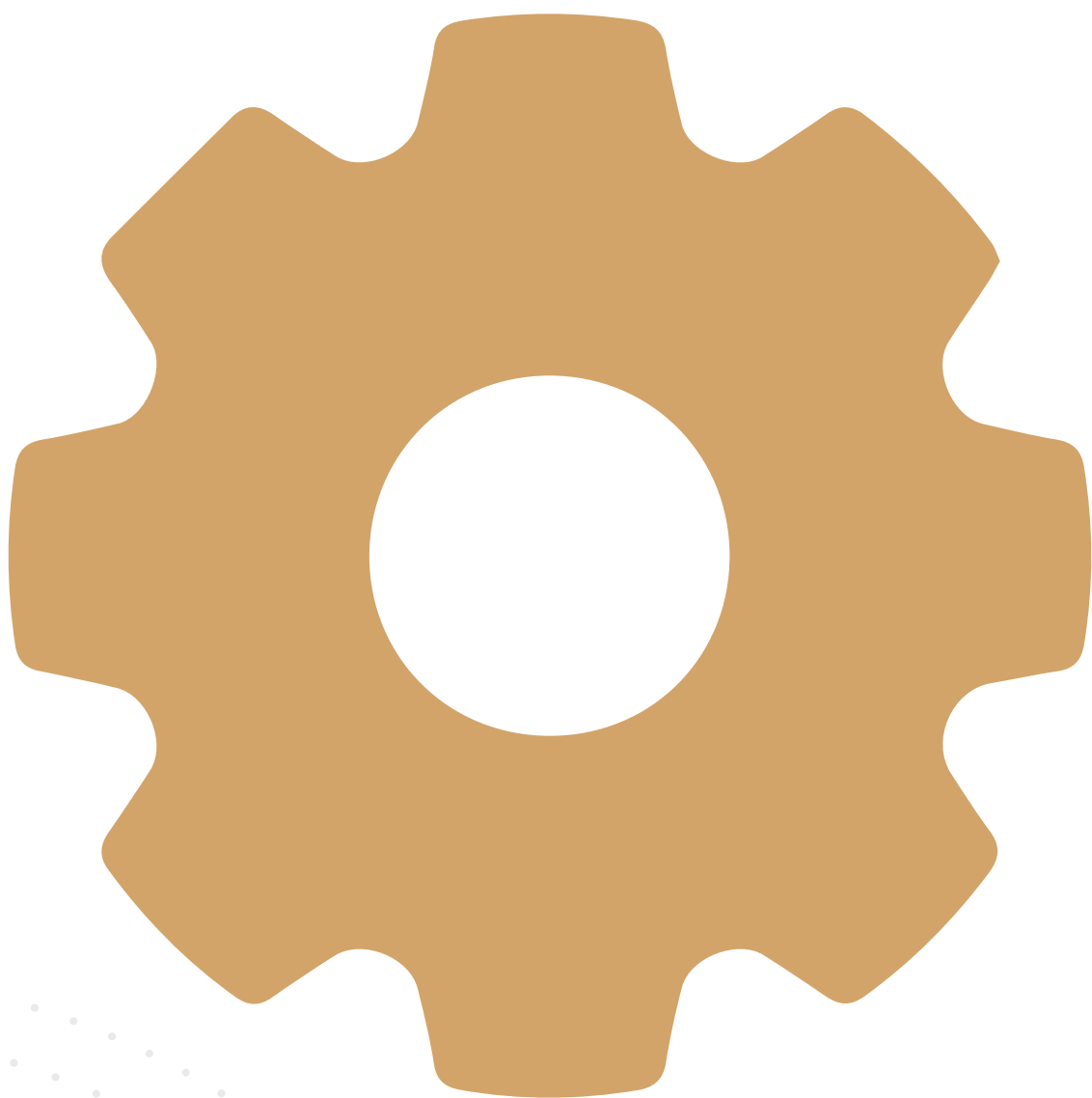
Since 1 March 2021, applicants have been able to obtain a patent through an accelerated procedure (Fast Track)—within 24 months of filing the patent application. All applications filed after 1 July 2020 that meet the prescribed requirements are processed under the accelerated procedure. As of 31 December 2024, **a total of 216 patent applications had been preliminarily included in the Fast Track process**, 48 of them in 2024.

Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the IPO SR, acting as a receiving office, received 24 international applications in 2024, representing a 35 % decrease compared with 2023.

## ● PATENT FAST TRACK APPLICATIONS 2020 - 2024

■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ přihlášky spolu







● **SUPPLEMENTARY  
PROTECTION CERTIFICATES  
FOR MEDICINAL  
PRODUCTS AND PLANT  
PROTECTION PRODUCTS**

# SUPPLEMENTARY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS AND PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS



The introduction of a new medicinal product or plant protection product to the market requires extensive, costly research and, not least, several years of testing and approval by the relevant authorities. When such a product is protected by a patent, the regulatory approval process effectively shortens the period of effective patent protection, i.e. the time during which the patent medicinal or plant protection product can be commercially exploited. Adequate duration of protection for new medicinal and plant protection products is essential for ensuring a return on research investments and, consequently, for supporting further pharmaceutical and agrochemical innovation. Supplementary protection certificates (SPCs) are intended to compensate, to a certain extent, for the reduction in effective patent protection caused by lengthy marketing authorization procedures.

holder of the basic patent or their legal successor. The duration of SPC protection depends on the time elapsed between the filing date of the basic patent application and the granting of marketing authorization, but it may not exceed five years.

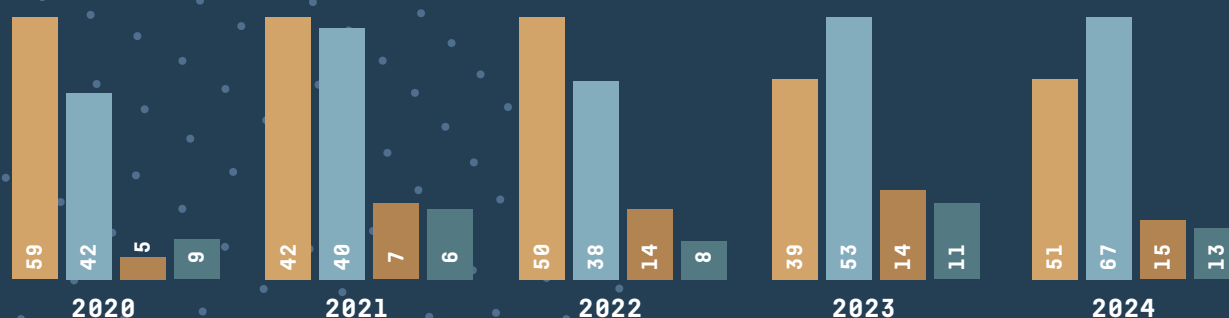
For medicinal products for which studies have been carried out in accordance with an approved paediatric investigation plan under the European Medicines Agency, it is possible—under certain conditions—to apply for an additional six-month extension of the SPC's validity.

During **2024**, the Office received **51 applications** for the grant of SPCs, representing a 31 % increase compared with 2023, and granted **67 SPCs**, which is 26 % more than in 2023. In addition, the Office received 15 applications for a six-month extension of SPC validity (7 % more than in 2023) and approved **13** such extensions, marking an 18 % year-on-year increase.

**SPCs protect medicinal products and plant protection products that can be placed on the market only after obtaining authorization from the competent authority. The certificate is granted to the**

## SUPPLEMENTARY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES 2020 - 2024

■ applications submitted ■ granted applications ■ submitted for extension of validity ■ extended validity





# ● UTILITY MODELS

# UTILITY MODELS



Based on the number of applications filed, the utility model remains the most popular form of protection for technical solutions in Slovakia. It can protect technical solutions that are new, involve an inventive step, and are industrially applicable.

Holders of registered utility models enjoy exclusive rights to exploit the protected technical solutions. In essence, the rights conferred by a utility model are similar to those arising from a patent. However, unlike patents—which are valid for a maximum of 20 years from the filing date—a utility model may remain in force for up to 10 years from the filing date.

Obtaining protection through a utility model is simpler than obtaining a patent, as utility models are registered without substantive examination of novelty or inventive step, provided the technical solution falls within the scope of protectable subject matter. The main drawback of utility model protection is the higher risk of cancellation from the Register of Utility Models upon a third-party request, if the Office determines that the registered subject

matter does not meet the protection requirements set out in Act No. 517/2007 Coll. on Utility Models, as amended.

As of 31 December 2024, there were **1,745 valid utility models** in force in Slovakia. During 2024, 299 utility models were registered, representing an 18 % increase compared with 2023.

Throughout **2024**, the Office received **308 new utility model applications**, marking a 10 % decrease compared with 2023. Domestic applicants filed **255 applications** (14 % fewer than in 2023), while foreign applicants filed **53 applications** (15 % more than in 2023). As in previous years, most foreign applicants came from the Czech Republic (30 applications). The largest share of utility model applications filed in 2024 concerned mechanical engineering and transport (24 %), human necessities (17 %), and physics (15 %). The most active applicants were the Technical University of Košice (38 applications) and the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (18 applications).

## UTILITY MODELS 2020 - 2024

UTILITY MODELS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Utility model applications	390	297	288	343	308
Domestic	342	253	236	297	255
Foreign	48	44	52	46	53
Registered utility models	323	409	262	254	299
Domestic	272	355	218	201	262
Foreign	51	54	44	53	37



# ● DISPUTE PROCEEDINGS



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The Dispute Proceedings Division of the IPO SR is responsible for resolving conflicts arising from conflicting interests of parties in proceedings related to all industrial property subject matters. The purpose of submissions in dispute proceedings is to cancel, invalidate, or prevent the granting of protection to industrial property subject matters that do not meet legal requirements or infringe on prior rights of other entities.

**Dispute proceedings include opposition proceedings against the registration of a designation as a trademark in the Office's register, as well as oppositions leading to the refusal of protection for an international trademark in the territory of the Slovak Republic.**

**Other types of dispute proceedings include applications for revocation or for a declaration of invalidity of a trademark, initiated after protection has been granted, which may later be found to have been unjustified. For registered utility models and designs, dispute proceedings involve applications for their deletion from the register. In the case of granted patents, an application for revocation may be filed if it is determined that the patent did not meet statutory conditions at the time protection was granted.**

In 2024, the total number of new filings with the Dispute Proceedings Division reached 152, slightly higher than in the previous year (139 filings).

The number of **newly filed oppositions** amounted to **119**, which is comparable to the previous year's figure of 117.

Regarding **applications for revocation or a declaration of invalidity of a trademark or international trademark**, a total of **26 applications** were filed in 2024. This represents a notable increase compared to 2023, when a historically low number of 13 applications was recorded. The 2024 figure is also comparable to 2022, when 23 applications were submitted.

As for **technical industrial property subject matters** (patents, supplementary protection certificates (SPCs), and utility models), **6 new applications** were filed in 2024, indicating a slight decrease from 8 in 2023. Notably, 4 of these related to the revocation of a European patent or invalidity of an SPC derived from a European patent designating the Slovak Republic in the pharmaceutical sector, which is consistent with previous years.

Applications for **the deletion of registered designs** have remained consistently low over the long term.

**In 2024, only 1 application** was submitted, and **1 decision** issued. In previous years, no more than 2 such applications were filed or decided annually.

In 2024, the IPO SR issued **109 decisions** in **opposition proceedings concerning the registration of a designation as a trademark** or refusal of protection in the case of international trademarks. This represents a decrease compared to 2023, when **128 decisions were issued**.

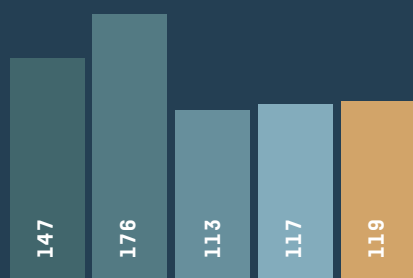
In proceedings regarding **applications for revocation or a declaration of invalidity of a trademark or international trademark, 16 decisions** were issued in 2024. While this marks a decrease compared to previous years, it corresponds to the low number of filings over the last two years.

In 2024, the IPO SR issued 9 decisions in proceedings for the revocation of patents,

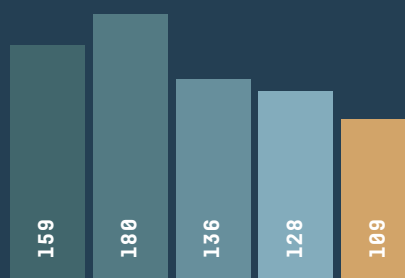
deletion of utility models and designs, declaratory proceedings, and proceedings concerning supplementary protection certificates. This represents an increase of approximately 35 % compared to the past two years, in which 5 decisions were issued annually. It is worth noting that all these cases in 2024 involved pharmaceutical disputes, reflecting the trend in technical subject matter filings.

## ● DISPUTE PROCEEDINGS 2020 - 2024

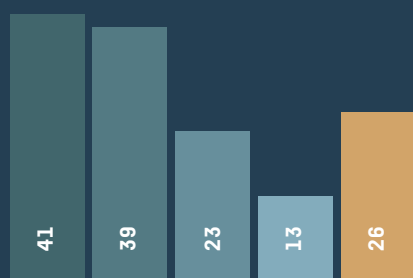
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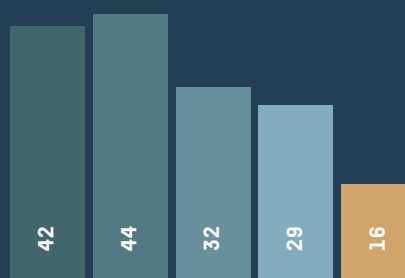
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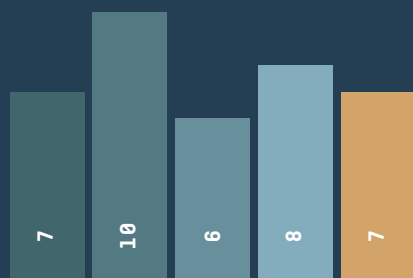
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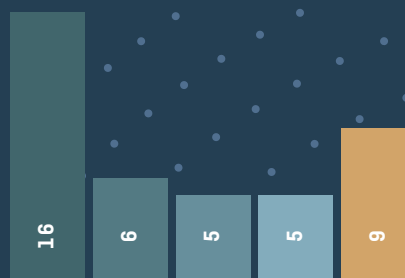
applications for revocation/invalidity of a trademark



decisions on revocation/invalidity (trademarks)



applications - patents, SPCs, utility models, designs



decisions - patents, SPCs, utility models, designs





# ● APPEAL PROCEEDINGS

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A party to proceedings may challenge a non-final first-instance decision of the Office through an ordinary legal remedy - an appeal. Final decisions of the Office may be subject to extraordinary review through review proceedings outside of appeal proceedings or through reopening of proceedings. Review proceedings outside of appeal proceedings are conducted by a second-instance authority either ex officio or upon suggestion by another party. The most frequently used legal remedy in proceedings before the IPO SR continues to be the appeal.

In 2024, a total of **90 legal remedy proceedings** were initiated (i.e. transferred to or commenced at the Appeal Proceedings Department). One of these involved review proceedings outside of appeal proceedings initiated ex officio; the remaining were appeals lodged against first-instance decisions of the Office. Compared to 2023, the number of newly initiated appeal proceedings increased by five (from 85 in 2023 to 90 in 2024).

As in previous years, the majority of appeals concerned **trademark matters**, constituting **91 %** of all filings received by the Appeal Proceedings Department in 2024. More than half of all appeals concerned decisions issued during the examination of trademark

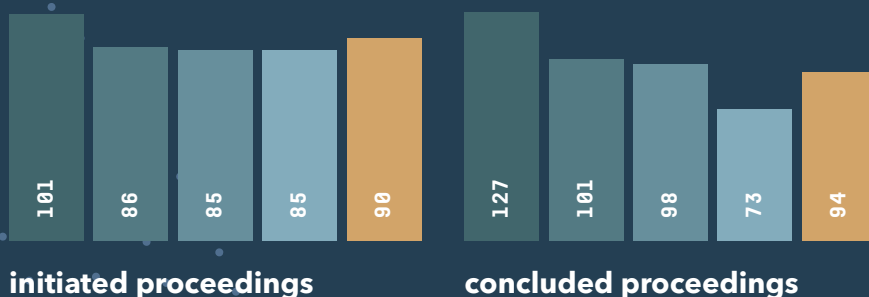
applications, particularly in relation to absolute grounds for refusal. In 2024, a total of seven appeals were filed against decisions concerning patents, European patents, utility models, and supplementary protection certificates (SPCs) - a decrease of six compared to 2023. The number of appeals concerning designs remained stable, with one appeal filed in both 2023 and 2024.

In total, the Appeal Proceedings Department concluded **94 legal remedy proceedings** in 2024. Two proceedings were terminated via informal communication; the remaining were concluded through the issuance of a formal decision.

As of 31 December 2024, the department's agenda included **147 pending proceedings**. Although the department managed to conclude more appeal proceedings in 2024 than in the previous year (94 proceedings in 2024 vs. 73 in 2023), the number of pending cases at year-end decreased only slightly, **by four proceedings**, compared to the previous year. This was directly influenced by the number of new proceedings initiated in 2024.

## ● LEGAL REMEDY PROCEEDINGS 2020 - 2024

■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022  
■ 2023 ■ 2024







# ● LEGISLATION

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In 2024, the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (IPO SR) was actively engaged in preparations for amendments to legislation within its competence. The aim of these changes is to incorporate best practices from European patent offices into the national legal framework and to reflect the growing trend of digitalisation in public administration, as well as the increasing use of electronic services by IPO SR clients.

Among the anticipated legislative developments in 2025 is the introduction of reimbursement of costs for parties to

contentious proceedings before the IPO SR, with the aim of at least partially compensating the expenses of the successful party. Another planned initiative is the IPO SR's integration into the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) for the electronic exchange of priority documents. The forthcoming legislative package will also include a revision of the administrative fee schedule, as well as fees for maintaining the validity of patents, European patents with designation for the Slovak Republic, and supplementary protection certificates.

## ● COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 2024, a total of **15 actions for judicial review** of the legality of IPO SR decisions were filed with the Administrative Court in Banská Bystrica. Of these, 13 concerned trademarks, one related to a patent, and one to a utility model. This represents an increase compared to previous years.

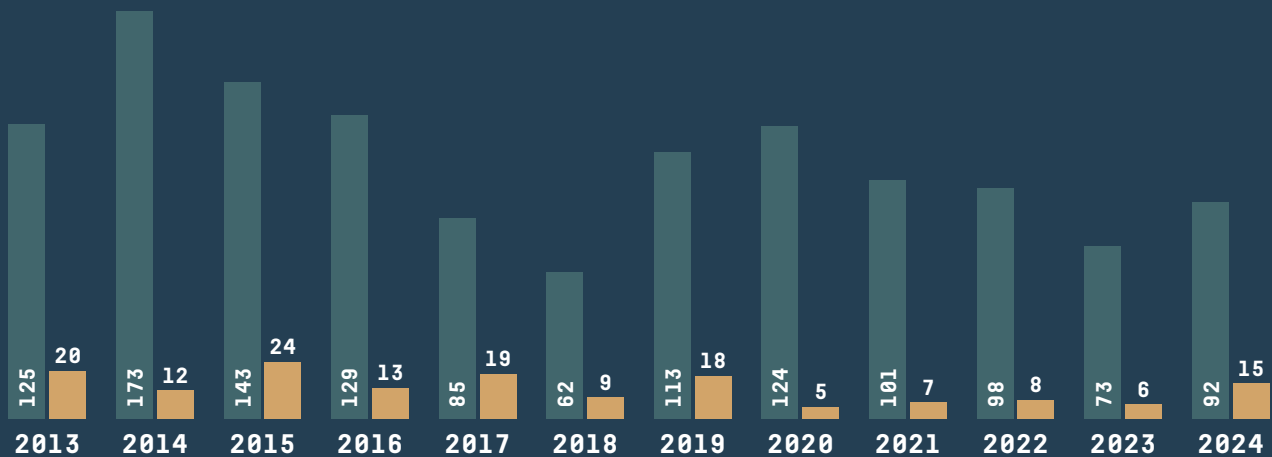
As of 31 December 2024, 23 proceedings for judicial review remained pending before the Administrative Court in Banská Bystrica, while a further eight proceedings were pending before the Supreme Administrative Court of the Slovak Republic, acting as the cassation court.

The chart below illustrates the number of administrative complaints filed against second-instance decisions of the IPO SR in the period from 2013 to 2024. In 2024, 16.3 % of the Office's second-instance decisions were challenged by administrative action. This represents a notable increase compared to previous years; however, the rise is partially attributable to the fact that one third of the complaints were filed by the same claimant and were based on identical grounds.

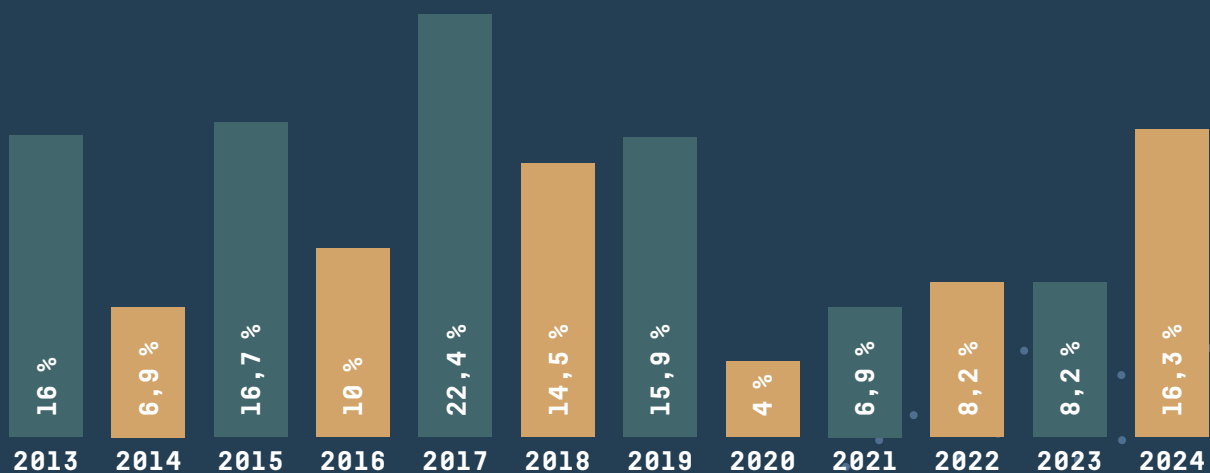


## ● ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS FILED AGAINST SECOND-INSTANCE DECISIONS 2013 - 2024

■ second-instance decisions ■ second-instance decisions challenged by an action



## ● % OF SECOND-INSTANCE DECISIONS CHALLENGED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION 2013 - 2024







- **INTERNATIONAL,  
REGIONAL  
AND BILATERAL  
COOPERATION**



## ● INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND BILATERAL COOPERATION



In 2024, the IPO SR significantly reinforced its international engagement. Staff members actively participated in meetings of governing and expert bodies within major international organisations, aiming to shape and present Slovakia's positions in the field of intellectual property (IP) protection. The Office's leadership represented Slovakia in the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation (EPO), the Management Board and Budget Committee of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and the Governing Board of the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI).

## ● EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (EUIPO)

Throughout 2024, the IPO SR implemented several projects under its cooperation agreement with the EUIPO. These projects focused on enhancing access to information, raising public awareness of IP rights, supporting convergence initiatives, and contributing to activities of the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights. In November 2024, the EUIPO adopted its new Strategic Plan 2030, outlining the Office's development goals and priorities, as well as cooperation frameworks with Member States over the next five years.



In March 2024, representatives from the EUIPO Boards of Appeal attended a joint meeting of the Visegrad Group countries in Warsaw, where they presented recent developments in case law, decision-making practices in IP, and opportunities for Slovak experts to participate in international projects.

## ● EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION (EPO)



The IPO SR continued its bilateral cooperation with the EPO in 2024. In March, the EPO adopted its new Strategic Plan SP2028, defining strategic objectives, development areas, and cooperation modalities with Member States for the upcoming period.

The PATLIB 2.0 initiative progressed with the implementation of new training modules

designed to enhance the expertise of PATLIB centres. The project supports collaboration among centres across the partner network, facilitates discussions on practical challenges, and promotes the exchange of ideas, innovations, and tailored information suited to local needs.

The Department of International Relations coordinated preparations for meetings of the EPO Administrative Council, the Budget and Finance Committees. It also acted as the national coordinator for training activities under the European Patent Academy,

ensuring the participation of IPO SR staff in virtual seminars. In addition, the IPO SR took part in meetings of the EPO's Committee on Patent Law and the Technical and Operational Support Committee.



## ● **WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)**

During the 65th Session of the WIPO General Assembly (9-17 July 2024, Geneva), the IPO SR, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, organised a thematic exhibition on Slovak geographical indications and designations of origin at WIPO headquarters. During the event, Deputy Prime Minister Peter Kmec formally handed over Slovakia's instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications to WIPO Director General Daren Tang.

In 2024, WIPO launched the "PCT for V4" project, aimed at raising awareness of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) system among innovators in the Visegrad region. The project targeted universities, start-ups, and SMEs through seminars and regional events. In October, the IPO SR, in collaboration with WIPO, hosted workshops and panel discussions at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, the Faculty of Law at Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, and the Technical University in Košice.

## ● **EUROPEAN UNION**



In 2024, the Council of the European Union was chaired by Belgium and Hungary.

At the working group level, discussions continued the European Commission's patent package proposals, published in April 2023.

Negotiations on the draft regulation concerning compulsory licensing of patents in crisis situations advanced to the trilogue phase.

Further discussions were initiated regarding revisions to legislation on supplementary protection certificates (SPCs) for medicinal and plant protection products.

By the end of 2024, two legislative acts reforming the EU design protection framework had entered into force.

## ● VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI)



Under the annual rotation of the chairmanship of the VPI Governing Board, the Czech Republic assumed the presidency in 2024.

During the year, two meetings of the VPI's IT/Quality Management Working Group and its Technical Expert Group were held. The Governing Board met in June and December.

## ● BILATERAL COOPERATION

In 2024, the IPO SR continued to strengthen its bilateral and regional partnerships. In February, a bilateral meeting with the management of the Austrian Patent Office was held at the IPO SR's premises, focusing on current European topics and innovative approaches to communication with start-ups, SMEs, and universities.

In May, as part of a bilateral cooperation programme supported by the Slovak Agency for International and Development Cooperation, the IPO SR welcomed a delegation from the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia. Discussions centred on the Slovak experience with the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications.

In June, the President and Vice-President of the IPO SR visited the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic in Prague. In keeping with Slovak tradition, the first foreign

visit of the new President of the IPO SR was to the Czech Republic. The meeting focused primarily on exchanging experience in supporting SMEs in their use of the IP protection system.

In October, the IPO SR hosted a five-member delegation from the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova. The visit was conducted under the EU's TAIEX technical assistance programme, which supports countries in the EU pre-accession process.

The main objective of the study visit was to exchange expertise and best practices in aligning national trademark legislation with EU standards. The Slovak side shared valuable insights into the legislative harmonisation process, critical for Moldova's EU integration efforts.

## ● OTHER ACTIVITIES

In April 2024, Bratislava hosted a meeting of representatives from the national IP offices of the Visegrad Group (V4), also attended by delegations from Croatia, Austria, Romania, and Slovenia. The autumn session was held in Warsaw and organised by the Polish Patent Office.

The purpose of these meetings was to present national office activities, share experiences and new trends in IP, assess cooperation with international partners such as WIPO, EUIPO, and EPO, and explore opportunities for further joint initiatives.



# ● SERVICES OF THE OFFICE

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The Information Centre of the IPO SR provides clients with fast and up-to-date information on industrial property protection and application filing, as well as various types of searches. It also organises free information visits for entrepreneurs and carries out awareness-raising activities at trade fairs and exhibitions.

4 261

**REQUESTS**  
for information

**PUPILS, STUDENTS  
AND ENTREPRENEURS**  
attended lectures  
by the IP Academy

4 440

807

**REQUESTS FOR COOPERATION**  
and file inspections handled

**TRADEMARK, DESIGN AND PATENT**  
searches performed

317

60

**LECTURES DELIVERED**  
at primary and secondary  
schools

**COMPANY VISITS**  
conducted

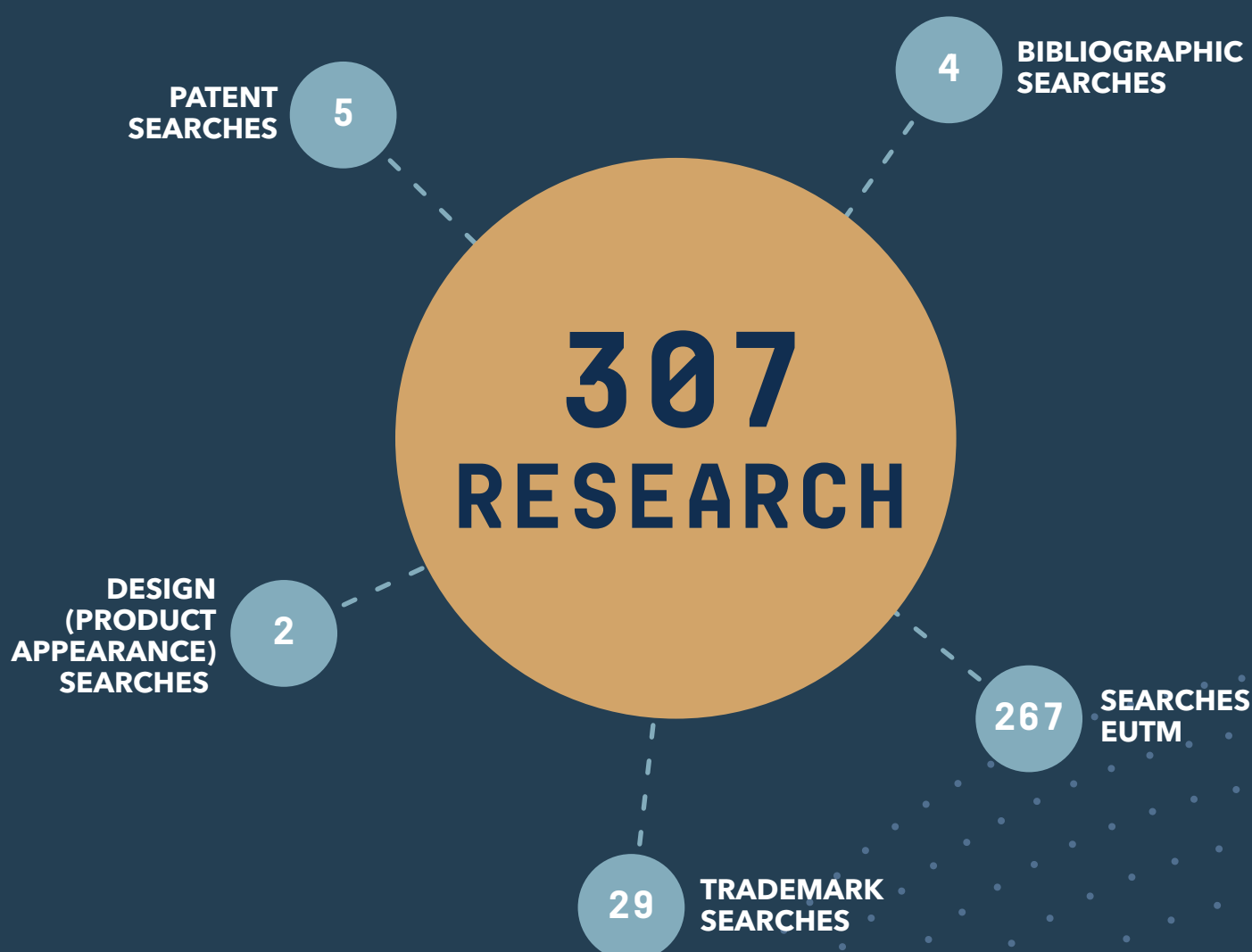
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The Information Centre offers clients a range of tailored **search services**. These searches provide information on registered trademarks, patents and designs based on the client's specifications. Such services can result in cost savings in research, development, investments, and even in potential litigation. In 2024, a total of **267** EUTM (European Union Trade Mark) **searches**, **40** **searches** (including patent, design, trademark and bibliographic searches), and **10** annotated patent searches were performed.

## ● SEARCHES 2024

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024



Another service offered by the IPO SR is **company visits**. Following a pilot year, the Office officially launched this service targeting start-ups, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and other businesses—especially those with innovation potential or lacking awareness of intellectual property.

During each visit, trained staff members visit the company premises (and/or production facilities) to provide tailored guidance on the hidden potential of IP assets. Each visit is adapted to the specific needs of the company in question. The primary objective of these visits is to make intellectual property more accessible and appealing to innovative businesses and to support their competitiveness by raising awareness of IP and its role in the development and revision of SME business plans. In 2024, the IPO SR conducted a total of **50 company visits**, which resulted in **15** industrial property right **applications**, submitted by nearly one-quarter of the SMEs visited.

## ● REGISTRATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOLLOWING PRE-DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS 2007 - 2024

The IPO SR also provides the **IP Scan** service in cooperation with the private sector. **IP Scan** is an intellectual property audit conducted by a certified attorney-at-law or patent attorney. Through this service, businesses can receive a reimbursement of up to 90 % of the service cost via a grant from the SME Fund of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

In 2024, the service continued to be provided by Slovak patent attorneys and attorneys-at-law certified through EUIPO's IP Scan training. Support, administration, and quality control of service delivery for SMEs were ensured by the trained staff of the IPO SR. In 2024, IPO SR staff administered 80 IP Scan service requests and conducted quality checks on **41 reports**.



- **POPULARISATION  
OF INDUSTRIAL  
PROPERTY**

## ● POPULARISATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY



The IPO SR seeks to inform the public about industrial property in a modern, accessible, and comprehensible manner. The Office makes use of digital media, publications, promotional materials, educational activities, and awareness-raising events. A key part of public outreach is a network of partner organisations, patent information centres, and contact points supporting awareness of intellectual property rights.

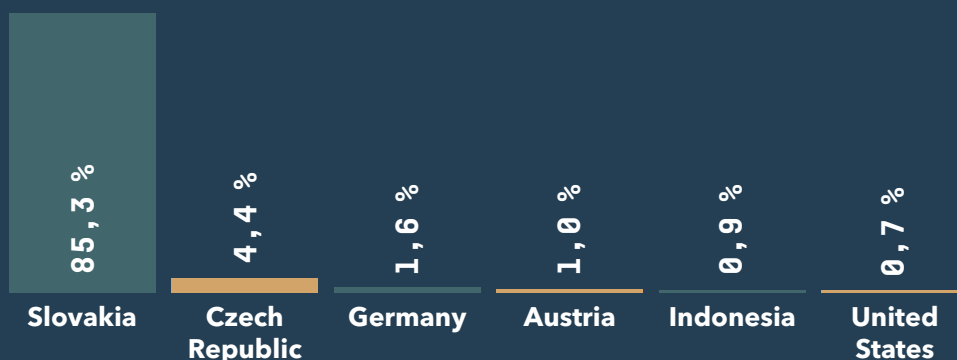
## ● IPO SR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2024, the number of visits to the authority's website [www.indprop.gov.sk](http://www.indprop.gov.sk) was more than 87 thousand. Regularly returning users of the portal are 23 %.

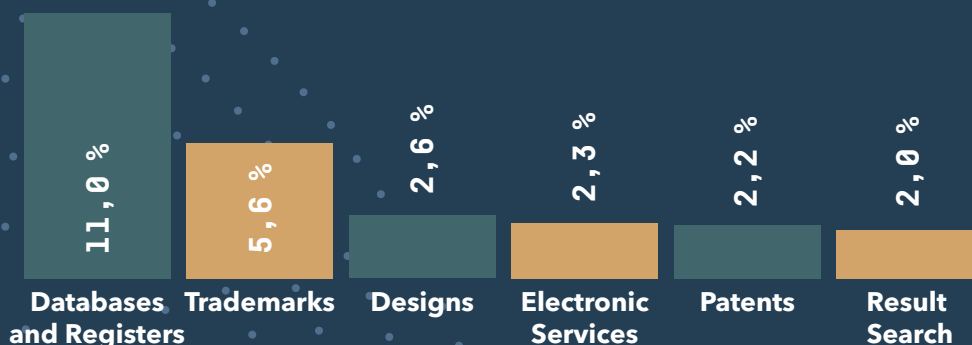


Compared to the previous year 2023, the number of visits to the office's website decreased by 72 thousand visits.

### ● WEBSITE USERS BY COUNTRY (OF TOTAL VISITS) 2024



### ● MOST VISITED SUBPAGES 2024



The public is now able to access the **innovated web registers of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic**. As part of the Data Management and Improvement of its Electronic Services project, the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic has launched a new version of the Web Registers, which have a new design within the framework of the unified identity of the state service. The new version is responsive, which means that the Web Registers can be used on mobile devices

(mobile phone, tablet) and provide new functionality with the ability to view the history of a file in a "timeline" according to the publication in the Office's Gazette. The history function is available for files that have been published in the Office's Gazette since 1 December 2022.

To enhance public understanding of the value and protection of intellectual property, the IPO SR actively uses social media platforms **Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn**.



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**Industrial Property Office  
of the Slovak Republic**

**Facebook** remains the primary platform for outreach, where the Office experienced the most significant growth—rising from 1,121 followers in December 2021 to over **10,000 followers** by the end of 2024. Instagram reached **920 followers**, and LinkedIn had **593 followers** by the same period. Each

platform serves a unique function in communicating with the public, and content is tailored accordingly to suit the nature of the channel.

The IPO SR continued to issue **press releases** on its activities, informing the public about activities, legislative changes and planned events.





# ● PRESS RELEASES



# ● PRESS RELEASES 2024



## JANUARY

1. WIPO GLOBAL AWARDS

2. COUNTERFEIT CLOTHING COST SLOVAK  
BUSINESSES €107 MILLION  
3. JAN BAHÝĽ AWARD AND INVENTION OF THE YEAR

## FEBRUARY

## MARCH

4. AUTHENTICITY - AN ORIGINAL CITY, EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE  
5. HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION: DON'T BE A FAKE! 2024

6. RECORD NUMBER OF PATENT APPLICATIONS IN EUROPE IN 2023  
7. ILLICIT TRADE IN COUNTERFEITS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## APRIL

## MAY

8. IPO SR AT EUIPO STRATEGIC PROGRAMME DISCUSSIONS IN KILKENNY

9. PLAY FAIR CAMPAIGN: MILLIONS OF EUROPEANS  
BUY COUNTERFEIT SPORTS EQUIPMENT  
AND WATCH ILLEGAL SPORTS BROADCASTS  
10. AUTHENTICITY: BARDEJOV - CONTINUED COOPERATION  
11. VISIT OF SERBIAN DELEGATION TO IPO SR

## JUNE

## JULY

- 12. VISIT OF THE CZECH INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE
- 13. DON'T BE A FAKE! 2024 COMPETITION RESULTS
- 14. EUROPE LEADS IN WATER TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

- 15. REGIONAL EVENT:  
BRAND PROTECTION IN THE REGIONS
- 16. GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2024:  
TOP 100 SCIENCE  
& TECH CLUSTERS PUBLISHED BY WIPO

## AUGUST

## SEPTEMBER

- 17. GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2024:  
SLOVAKIA'S PERFORMANCE

- 18. INVITATION: THE IMPORTANCE  
OF IP FOR SMES
- 19. STUDY VISIT FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
- 20. WEBINAR INVITATION: PROTECT YOUR BRAND II
- 21. INVITATION: BRAND AND PRODUCT PROTECTION IN THE REGIONS
- 22. EU TOOL LAUNCHED TO SAFEGUARD TRADE SECRETS  
FROM CYBER THEFT

## OCTOBER

## NOVEMBER

- 23. NEW ISSUE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MAGAZINE
- 24. WEBINAR INVITATION: PATENT INFORMATION  
SEARCH IN PRACTICE
- 25. BUSINESS CONSULTATION ANNOUNCEMENT
- 26. EUIPO: EUROPEANS WATCH ILLEGAL  
ONLINE CONTENT UP TO 10 TIMES A MONTH

- 27. EUIPO LAUNCHES DESIGN COMPETITION
- 28. €1.9 BILLION IN COUNTERFEIT GOODS  
SEIZED IN THE EU

## DECEMBER

# ● PUBLICATIONS

The most significant official publication in industrial property is **the IPO SR Bulletin**, issued twice monthly. Since issue 1/2016, the electronic version is available free of charge exclusively on the IPO SR website. Older editions (1993–2007) were published in print, while versions from 2008 to 2015 were distributed via CD-ROM in PDF format.

**The Journal of Intellectual Property** is currently the only Slovak periodical focused on industrial and copyright issues. The journal is open to the general public on the website of the Office and is freely available for consultation.

# ● PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The IPO SR engages in various outreach activities targeting both expert and general audiences. Key events include in-person and online formats such as the World Intellectual Property Day conference, exhibitions held at the Office premises, and training conducted within the Intellectual Property Institute educational programme.

In 2024, the IPO SR participated in events such as SARIO Business Day in the Regions, CONECO Racioenergia, Danubius Gastro, Nábytok a bývanie Nitra, Agrokomplex 2023, European Researchers' Night, and SlovakiaTECH Expo 2024.

On **26 April**, World Intellectual Property Day, proclaimed by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), was observed for the 23rd time. The 2024 Slovak edition focused on sustainability in the context of intellectual property.

## NEW EDUCATION FORMAT

In 2024, the IPO SR launched a new training format aimed at supporting SMEs in formulating IP strategies and conducting registration activities. Six webinars and six

in-person sessions were attended by over 500 participants. These sessions covered practical topics such as trademark and logo protection, innovation safeguarding, and integrating IP into business planning.

Additional webinars were held in cooperation with EUIPO, including The Importance of IP for SMEs, SlovakiaIPForYou, and Patent Information Search in Practice.

## EDUCATION FOR ALL GENERATIONS

The IPO SR actively engaged in educational outreach to primary and secondary school pupils, university students, entrepreneurs, exporters, and professionals in the food industry.

In the 1st half of 2024, the Intellectual Property course continued **with Module D - Industrial Property Law**. After the summer break, the training continued **with Module A - Introduction to IP and Copyright Law**. The number of new participants increased, and 25 of them completed this module. This was immediately followed by **Module B - Creativity: Management, Marketing, and Economics**, which continued in 2024.

Also in 2024, the Office successfully continued to **educate** primary and secondary school pupils, as well as academics and entrepreneurs, **about the importance of IP protection. 61 lectures** were delivered to **primary and secondary schools**. Pupils evaluated as positive and beneficial an overview of important Slovak and foreign inventors, familiarisation with the world's biggest trade secret (Coca Cola) and, finally, the distinction between counterfeits and original products (in the pictures). The educational process helped students to understand why it is important to protect their IP and many were also interested in this topic for future business activities.

Based on the lectures, the teachers also understood the importance of IP from the perspective of consumer behaviour.

The Office also participated in **13 educational events aimed** at small and medium-sized entrepreneurs. Representatives of the Office participated in the **32nd International Furniture and Housing Fair in Nitra, the CONECO Racionenergia 2024 and the Danubius Gastro Fair in Bratislava, the 49th International Engineering Fair and the Agrokomplex in Nitra**, where they promoted the Office's services and the meaning of geographical indications through a consultation stand, as well as provided consultancy services to visitors and exhibitors. The staff of the Communication Department also presented the activities of the Authority during the **European Researchers' Night 2024** at stands in Košice, Banská Bystrica and Žilina.

## ● PARTNERS OF THE OFFICE

In the course of 2024, the cooperation with the Patent Information Centres (**PATLIB**) and the contact and information points of the Office continued based on mutual cooperation agreements. The partnership is based on the exchange and provision of information; information materials and the organisation and provision of events aimed at disseminating and supplementing expertise in the field of industrial property. In the Slovak Republic, the PATLIB Centre currently operates at the Slovak National Library in Martin, the Centre for Scientific and Technical Information of the Slovak Republic in Bratislava, the State Scientific Library in Košice, the State Scientific Library in Banská Bystrica and the Centre for Technology Transfer at the University of Žilina.

The Office's contact and information points (**KIM**) inform interested parties about the possibilities of protecting their creative activity and try to make the general public aware of the existence of a state institution that ensures the protection of their intangible property, intellectual property. These include the State

Scientific Library in Prešov, the Juraj Fándly Library in Trnava, the Michal Rešetka Public Library in Trenčín, the Karol Kmet'ek Regional Library in Nitra, the Ľudovít Štúr Regional Library in Zvolen and the Regional Library in Žilina.

In 2024, the Industrial Property Office also provided advice to the professional public, innovative companies and research institutes on how to protect their intellectual property through the Office's Information and Advisory Points for Innovation (INNOINFO) and, most importantly, to highlight and emphasise the importance of developing an appropriate strategy in this area.

**Key INNOINFO activities in 2024** included the participation of IPO SR staff in consultation days organized by the Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SOPK). Consultations were held both in-person at the Bratislava Regional Chamber of SOPK and in online format, where an Office representative discussed practical challenges faced by companies in their innovation activities.



# ● HUMAN RESOURCES

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**The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter "the Office") is, pursuant to Section 32 of Act No. 575/2001 Coll. on the Organisation of Government Activities and the Organisation of the Central State Administration, as amended, the central authority of state administration in the field of industrial property.**

The activities of the Office are carried out through two categories of employment relationships - civil service relationships, pertaining to civil servants employed under the Civil Service Act; and employment relationships governed by the Labour Code, pertaining to work performed in the public interest.

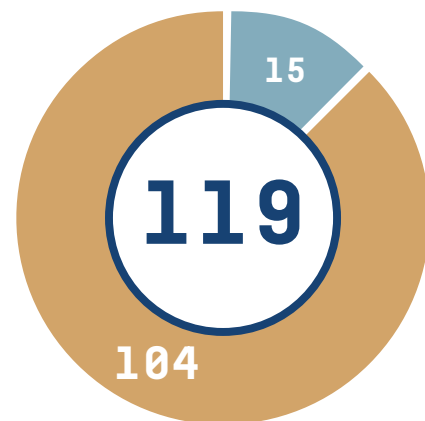
During 2024, **10 employees** commenced either a civil service or employment relationship. In **23 cases**, employment was terminated. Organisational restructuring affected 10 employees, and **6 female** employees were on maternity or parental leave as of 31 December 2024.

**The collective agreements concluded provide employees with benefits that go beyond statutory entitlements, such as:**

- increased severance pays and redundancy compensation,
- paid leave for recovery and health improvement,
- supplemental compensation during temporary incapacity for work,
- contributions to supplementary pension

In the 2024 state budget, the staffing cap for the IPO SR was set at 125. As of 31 December 2024, the average registered headcount was **119 employees**, comprising **104 civil** servants and **15 employees** performing work in the public interest.

■ performance in the public interest  
■ state services



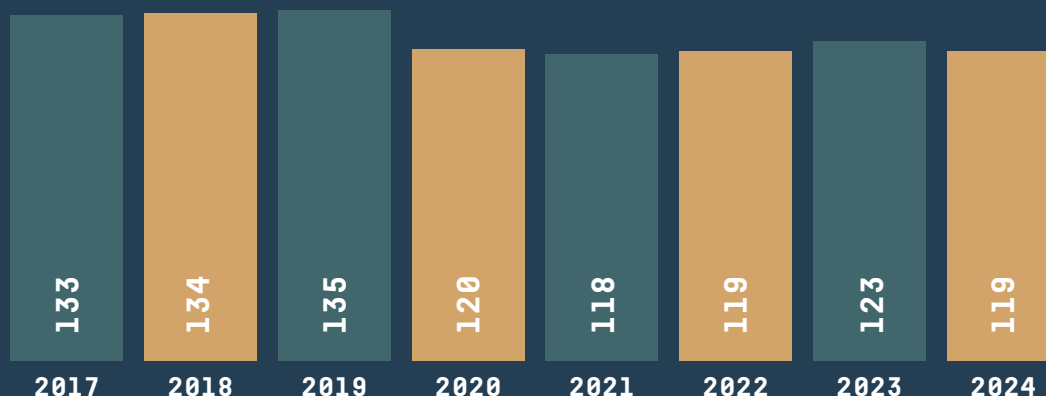
schemes,

- bonuses and gifts for life anniversaries (ages 50 and 60) and work anniversaries (20 and 30 years),
- social assistance benefits.

The management of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic is committed to creating a supportive and professional working environment for its employees. It continuously adopts measures to enhance the quality of the Office's activities and outputs, both at the national and international levels.

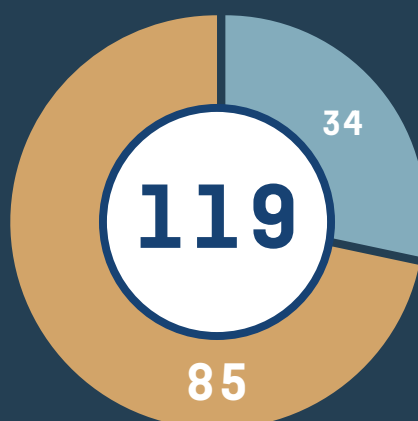


## ● REGISTERED NUMBER OF OFFICE EMPLOYEES 2017 - 2024



## ● REGISTERED NUMBER OF OFFICE EMPLOYEES BY REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN AND MEN 2024

men  
women



## ● REGISTERED NUMBER OF OFFICE EMPLOYEES BY AREA OF OPERATION 2024

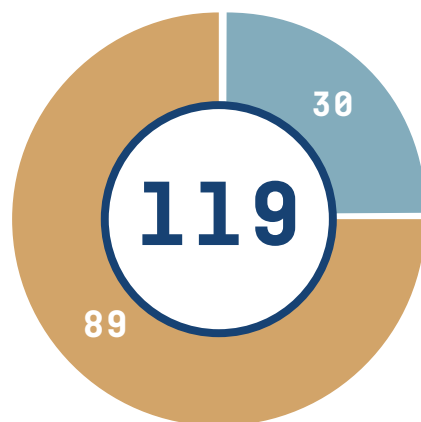
patents, Supplementary Protection Certificates, Utility Models  
designs, Trade Marks, Designations of Origin, Geographical Indications of Products  
litigation  
appeal Proceedings  
legislation  
office Services, Promotion of Industrial Property  
other Activities



## ● EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE 2024

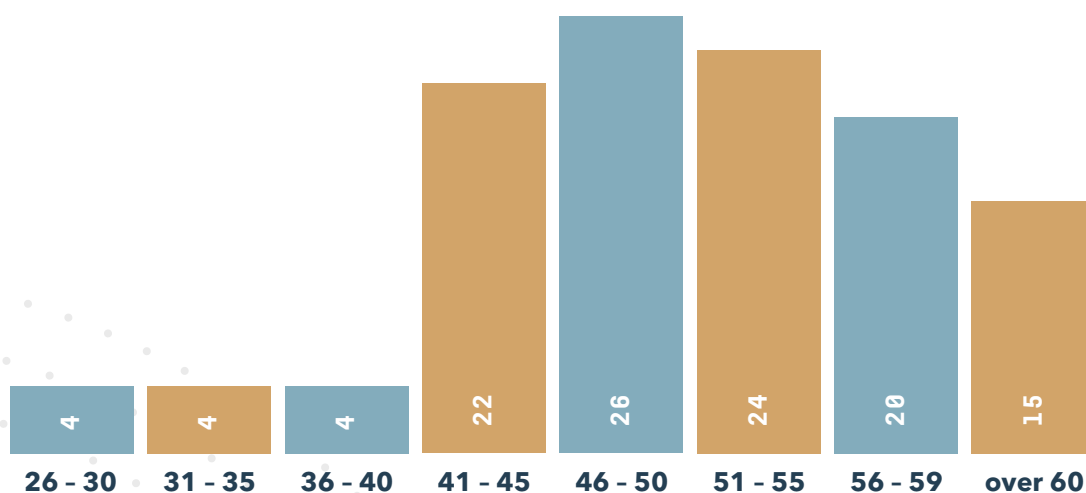
- secondary Education
- university Degree

The educational structure of staff directly influenced the professional standards across the departments of the Office. An analysis reveals that 74.8 % of employees hold at least a second-level university degree, significantly exceeding the average educational attainment of the Slovak population. This reflects the demanding nature of the work performed by the Office.



## ● AGE STRUCTURE 2024

The age structure confirms a long-standing trend: the core functions of the Office continued to be carried out in 2024 by experienced professionals with many years of service.



## ● STAFF TRAINING

Acquiring, deepening, and maintaining the professional competencies of staff is one of the primary conditions for addressing new challenges posed by today's legal, economic, and highly technical environment, in which industrial property plays an integral role. In modern society, education is both a core goal and a fundamental requirement. Given the rapidly evolving demands for knowledge, skills, and experience, employees must continuously broaden and refine their competencies to perform at a professional level.

The IPO SR places strong emphasis on the development of knowledge capital among its staff. The training programme was implemented in accordance with the 2024 **Training Plan**, which outlined the learning needs of all organisational units throughout the year.

In 2024, employees participated in numerous training events in the field of industrial property protection, which continues to represent the largest segment of professional development. These sessions were primarily provided by international partners, including the EPO, EUIPO, and WIPO. Participation in these events enhances professional expertise and competencies. Several international

trainings were conducted in online format, enabling broader participation and greater cost efficiency compared to in-person sessions.

Management and personal development training focused on building key managerial and communication competencies, which positively influence organisational culture and contribute to strengthening the external image of the Office.

The planned training calendar was continually updated with operational training activities, reflecting the immediate needs of specific departments. These included updates on legislative changes and essential areas such as public procurement, internal control, audit, and information technology.

The Office also implements a structured language training programme, primarily offering English language courses.

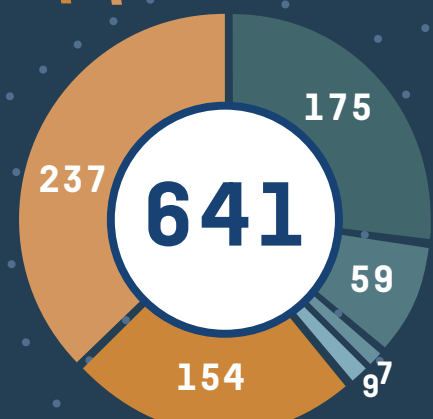
### ● TYPE OF TRAINING NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES

professional language managerial  
personal development IT other



### ● TYPE OF TRAINING NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

professional language managerial  
personal development IT other



The IPO SR, as the central authority in the field of industrial property, has reached a high standard of performance thanks to the expertise of its employees. This quality is

consistently recognised both domestically and internationally, attesting to the professionalism and competence of its workforce.

## ● **RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES**

In connection with the staffing of civil service positions in both temporary and permanent civil service, four external selection procedures were successfully completed in

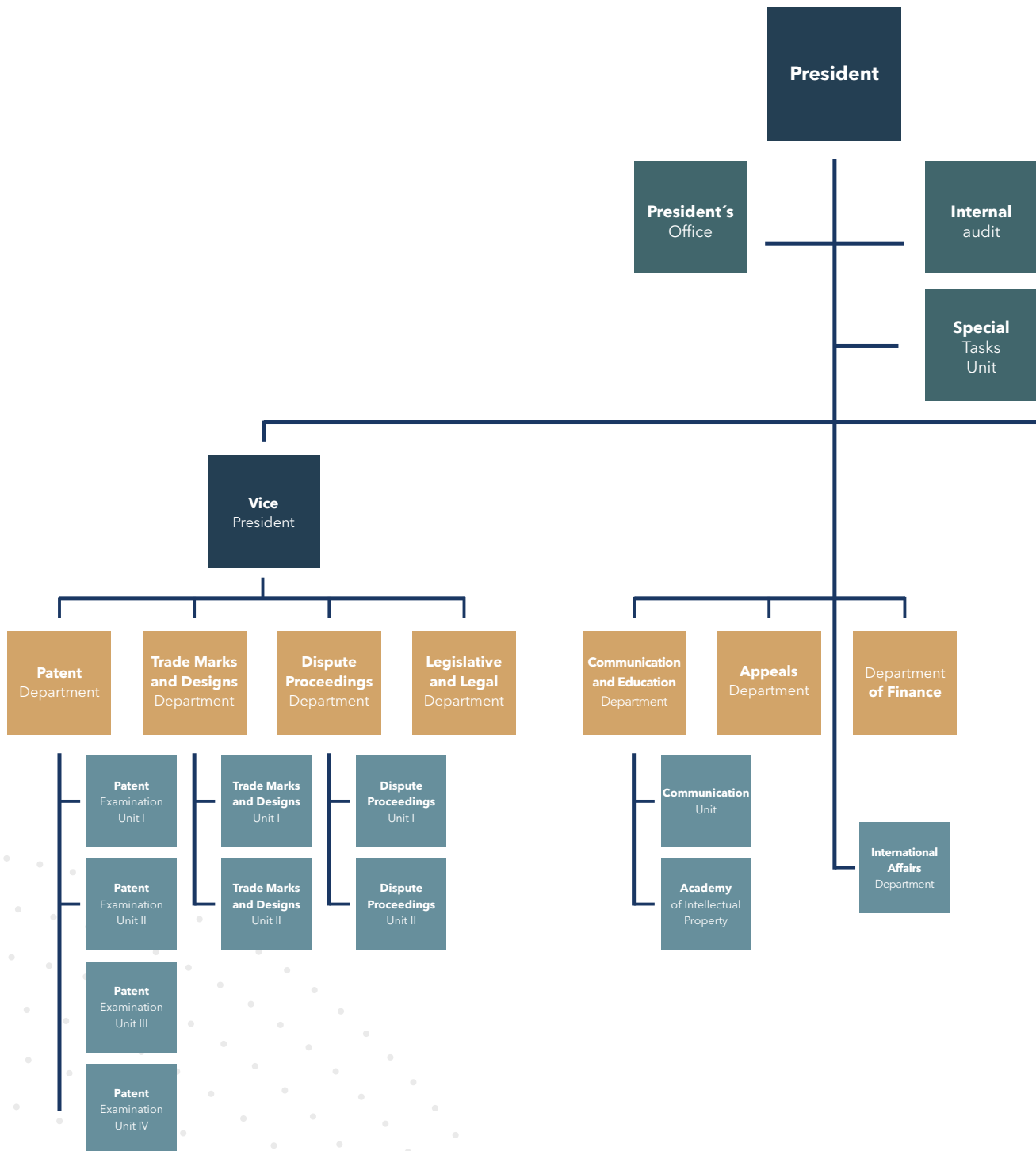
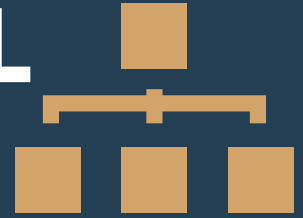
2024. These included the filling of one temporary civil service post and one managerial position.



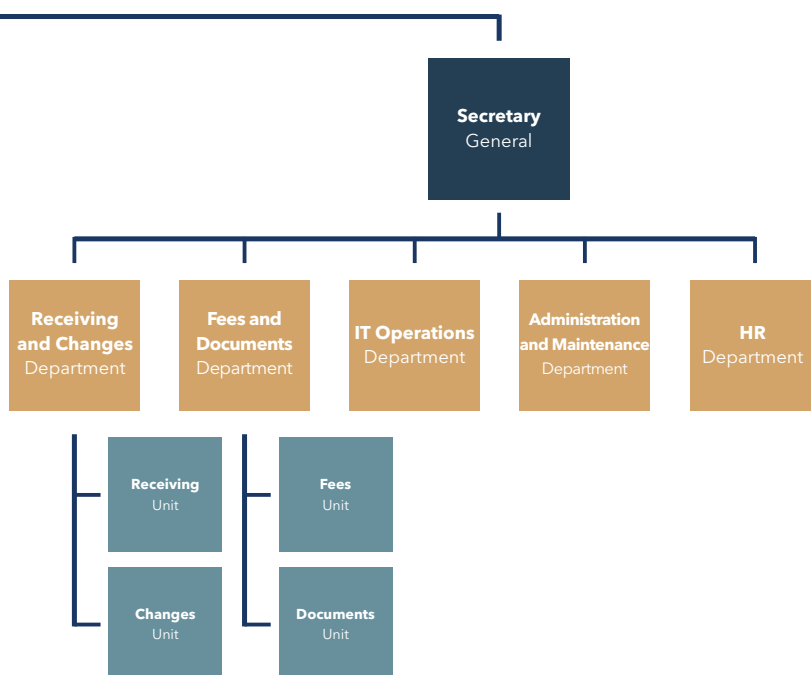


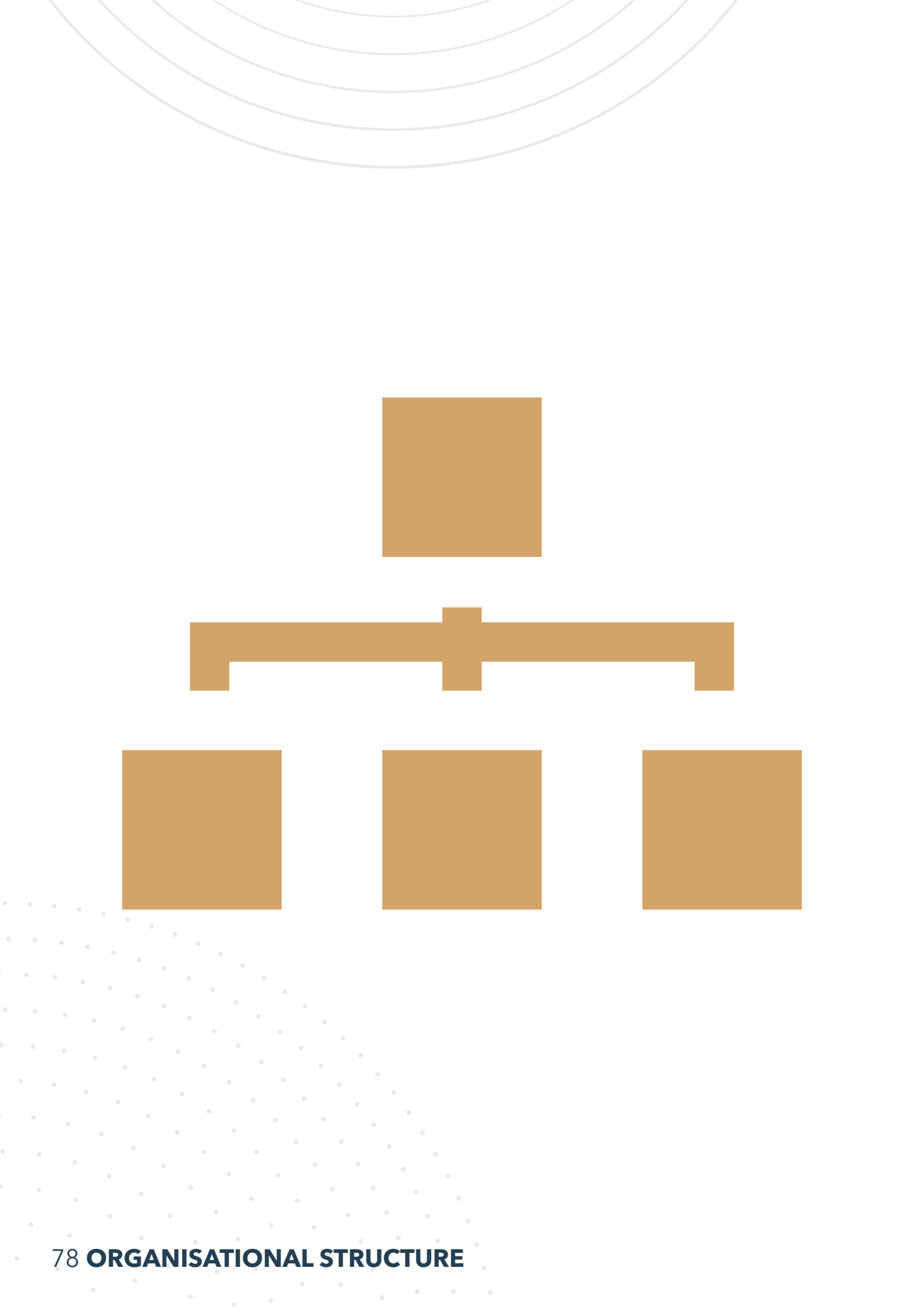
- **ORGANISATIONAL  
STRUCTURE**

# ● ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE











# ● FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (IPO SR) is a budgetary organisation. It generates income both from its own activities (including revenue from maintenance fees for industrial property rights, income from renting premises, revenue from search and other services provided by the Office, and income from refunds), as well as from administrative fees. The fees are collected in accordance with Act No. 495/2008 Coll. on Fees for Maintaining the Validity of Patents, European Patents with Effects in the Slovak Republic, and Supplementary Protection Certificates for Medicinal Products and Plant Protection Products, as amended.

In 2024, the total revenue of the Office—comprising non-tax revenues of the chapter and administrative fees—amounted to **€4,745,117.90** (compared to **€4,783,899.18** in 2023).

Of this, **non-tax revenues** of the chapter accounted for **€3,748,098.70**, while **administrative fees** amounted to **€997,019.20** (compared to **€769,752.35** in 2023). The largest share of the Office's total revenue came from **maintenance fees**, which reached **€2,957,863.60** (compared to **€2,929,123.24** in 2023). This represents a year-on-year increase of **€28,740.36**. By comparison, total revenue in 2023 was **€4,014,146.83**. Therefore, the 2024 figure reflects a **decrease of €266,048.13**, primarily due to the absence of a one-off extraordinary income from the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), which in 2023 had amounted to **€345,661.47**.

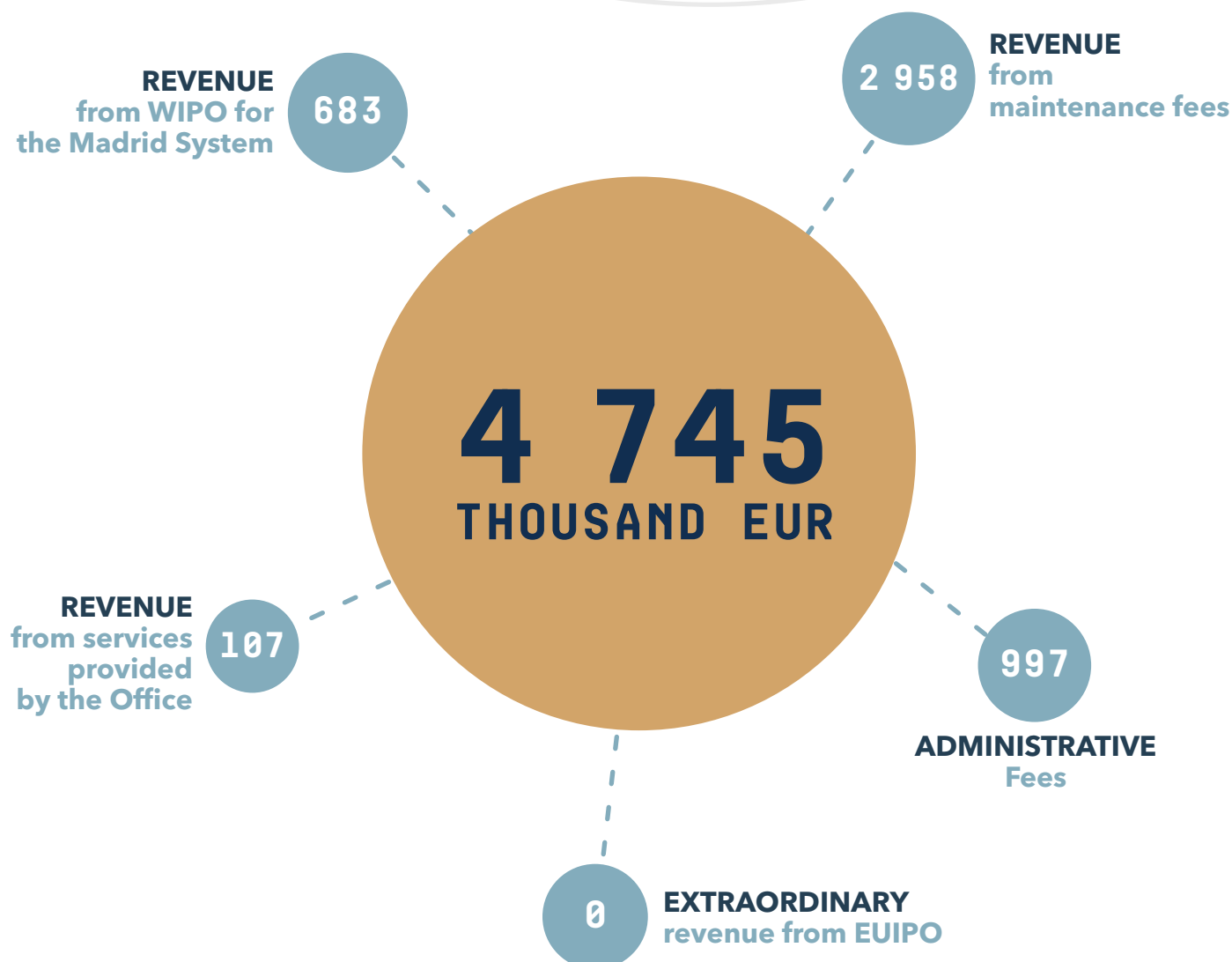
In the area of **administrative fees**, however, there was a **year-on-year increase of €227,266.85**, rising from **€769,752.35** in 2023 to **€997,019.20** in 2024.

The **total expenditure** of the Office for 2024 was budgeted at **€5,598,496.09** and implemented in the amount of **€5,597,006.27**, representing a drawdown of **99.97%**. Of this, current expenditure accounted for **€5,433,355.80** (drawdown of **99.99 %**), and capital expenditure reached **€163,650.47**, i.e., **99.15 %** of the adjusted capital budget.

In addition to State budget allocations, the Office also continued to draw funds from **European Union resources** in 2024. Under the Improvement of eGovernment Services of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic project, co-financed by the EU, expenditures of **€19,079.09** were drawn in 2024.

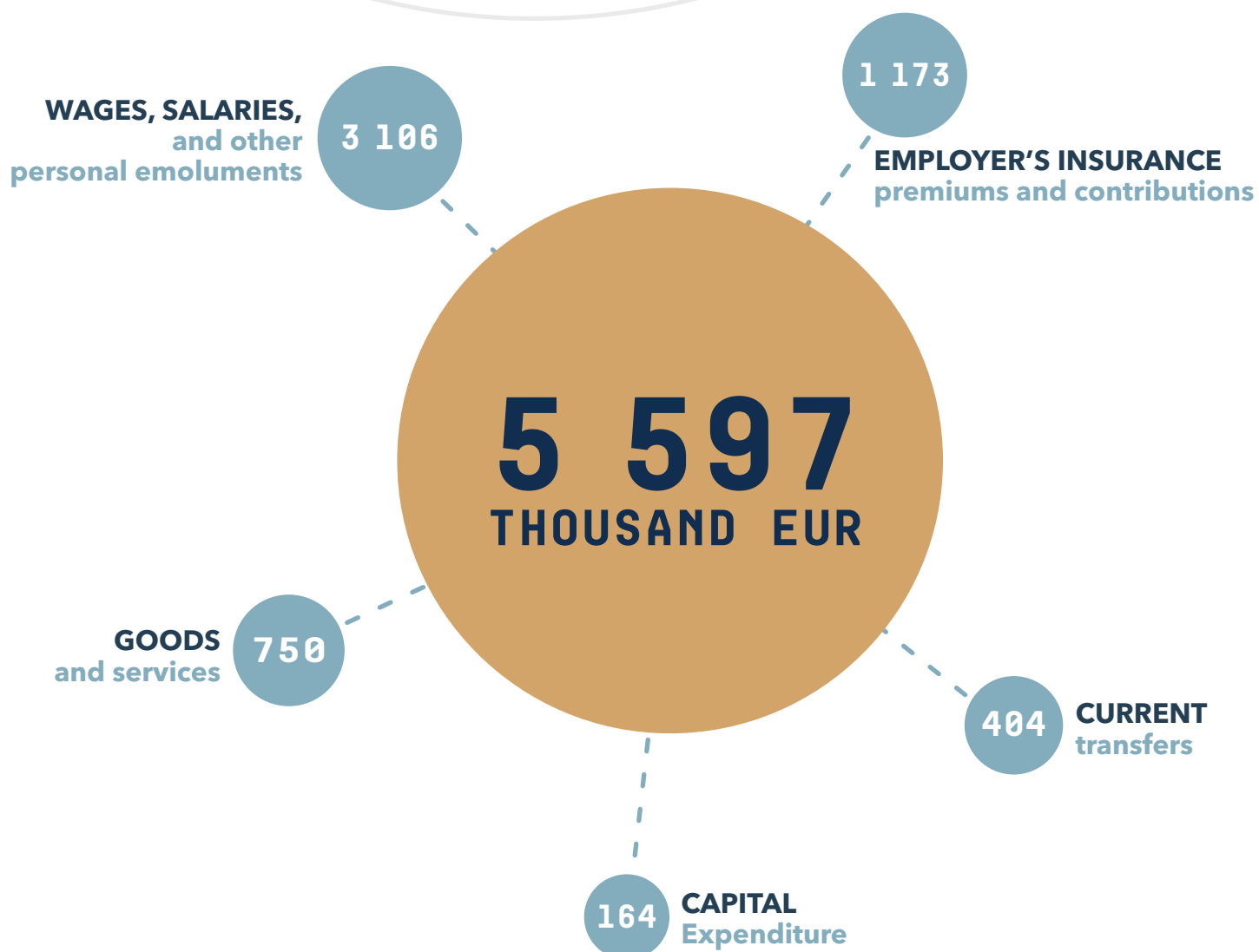
The generation of revenue and utilisation of expenditure directly impacted the core operations of the Office, as well as the most significant events and milestones of the year 2024.

## ● ECONOMIC RESULTS REVENUE 2024



ECONOMIC RESULTS FOR		2024
<b>Chapter Revenue:</b>		3 748
- revenue from maintenance fees		2 958
- revenue from WIPO for the Madrid System		683
- revenue from services provided by the Office		107
- extraordinary revenue from EUIPO		0
<b>Administrative Fees</b>		997
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>4 745</b>

## ● ECONOMIC RESULTS EXPENDITURES 2024



CHAPTER EXPENDITURE	2024
<b>Current Expenditure:</b>	5 433
- wages, salaries, and other personal emoluments	3 106
- employer's insurance premiums and contributions	1 173
- goods and services	750
- current transfers	404
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	164
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5 597</b>





● **ATTACHMENTS**

# ● ATTACHMENTS



- 1. Patent applications in 2024**  
according to country of origin
- 2. Patent applications in 2024**  
according to the international patent classification
- 3. Patents**  
according to country of origin
- 4. Granted patents 2024**  
according to the international patent classification
- 5. Filed and registered utility models**  
according to country of origin
- 6. Applications and registered utility models 2024**  
according to the international patent classification
- 7. Filed and registered designs**  
according to country of origin
- 8. Filed and registered trademarks**  
according to country of origin

● **PATENT APPLICATIONS IN 2024**  
**ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

Country	National					PCT					Total					Code
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	AT
China	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	CN
Czech republic	6	2	5	6	4	1	5	2	8	3	7	7	7	14	7	CZ
France	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	FR
Germany	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	DE
Switzerland	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	CH
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	IT
Republic of Korea	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	KR
Luxembourg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	LU
Hungary	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	HU
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	NL
Poland	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	5	0	PL
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	RO
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	BG
Slovakia	205	145	184	229	171	1	1	0	3	0	206	146	184	232	171	SK
Thailand	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	TH
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	TR
United States of America	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	US
Foreign	11	5	13	13	7	4	8	6	11	3	15	13	19	24	10	
TOTAL	216	150	197	242	178	5	9	6	14	3	221	159	203	256	181	TOTAL

# ● PATENT APPLICATIONS IN 2024 ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASSIFICATION

	Subject	Patent applications				IPC
		Domestic	Foreign	PCT	Total	
I.	Electrical engineering					
1	Electrical machinery and apparatus, electrical energy	20	3	0	23	12,71
2	Audio-visual technology	1	0	0	1	0,55
3	Telecommunications	3	0	0	3	1,66
4	Information technology	6	0	0	6	3,31
5	Semiconductors	2	0	0	2	1,10
II.	Instruments					
6	Optics	1	0	0	1	0,55
7	Analysis, measurement, control technology	15	0	0	15	8,29
8	Medical technology	8	0	0	8	4,42
9	Nuclear engineering	0	0	0	0	0,00
III.	Chemistry, pharmaceuticals					
10	Organic fine chemistry	3	0	0	3	1,66
11	Macromolecular chemistry, polymers	4	0	0	4	2,21
12	Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics	5	0	0	5	2,76
13	Biotechnology	4	0	0	4	2,21
14	Agriculture, food chemistry	2	0	0	2	1,10
15	Chemical and petrol industry, basic materials chemistry	1	2	0	3	1,66
16	Surface technology, coating	1	0	1	2	1,10
17	Materials, metallurgy	10	0	0	10	5,52
IV.	Process engineering, special equipment					
18	Chemical engineering	1	0	0	1	0,55
19	Materials processing, textiles, paper	2	1	0	3	1,66
20	Handling, printing	13	0	0	13	7,18
21	Agricultural and food processing, machinery and apparatus	2	0	0	2	1,10
22	Environmental technology	2	0	0	2	1,10
V.	Mechanical engineering, machinery					
23	Machine tools	7	0	0	7	3,87
24	Engines, pumps, turbines	9	0	0	9	4,97
25	Thermal processes and apparatus	4	0	0	4	2,21
26	Mechanical elements	4	0	0	4	2,21
27	Transport	19	0	0	19	10,50
28	Space technology, weapons	0	1	1	2	1,10
VI.	Consumption					
29	Consumer goods and equipment	12	0	1	13	7,18
30	Civil engineering, building, mining	10			10	5,52
	Total	171	7	3	181	100,0

● **PATENTS  
ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

Country	National					PCT					Total					Code
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Austria	3	3	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	AT
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BE
Czech republic	2	7	15	9	1	4	0	4	1	3	6	7	19	10	4	CZ
Germany	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	DE
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	CN
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	NL
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FR
Israel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	IL
United Kingdom	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	GB
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	CH
Hungary	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	HU
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	JP
Republic of Korea	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	KR
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	IT
Luxembourg	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	LU
Poland	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	PL
Russian Federation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RU
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	TR
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SE
Slovakia	77	92	75	107	115	2	0	0	0	1	79	92	75	107	116	SK
United States of America	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	US
Foreign	6	12	16	11	4	4	2	4	1	8	10	14	20	12	12	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>



# GRANTED PATENTS 2024

## ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASSIFICATION

	Subject	Granted Patents				IPC
		Domestic	Foreign	PCT	Total	%
I. Electrical engineering						
1	Electrical machinery and apparatus, electrical energy	8	0	2	10	7,81
2	Audio-visual technology	0	0	0	0	0,00
3	Telecommunications	7	0	0	7	5,47
4	Information technology	0	0	0	0	0,00
5	Semiconductors	0	1	0	1	0,78
II. Instruments						
6	Optics	0	0	0	0	0,00
7	Analysis, measurement, control technology	15	0	1	16	12,50
8	Medical technology	4	0	0	4	3,13
9	Nuclear engineering	0	0	0	0	0,00
III. Chemistry, pharmaceuticals						
10	Organic fine chemistry	1	0	0	1	0,78
11	Macromolecular chemistry, polymers	2	0	0	2	1,56
12	Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics	0	0	0	0	0,00
13	Biotechnology	5	0	0	5	3,91
14	Agriculture, food chemistry	0	0	0	0	0,00
15	Chemical and petrol industry, basic materials chemistry	3	0	0	3	2,34
16	Surface technology, coating	1	0	0	1	0,78
17	Materials, metallurgy	6	0	1	7	5,47
IV. Process engineering- special equipment						
18	Chemical engineering	1	0	0	1	0,78
19	Materials processing, textiles, paper	6	1	0	7	5,47
20	Handling, printing	5	1	1	7	5,47
21	Agricultural and food processing, machinery and apparatus	1	0	0	1	0,78
22	Environmental technology	1	0	0	1	0,78
V. Mechanical engineering, machinery						
23	Machine tools	19	0	2	21	16,41
24	Engines, pumps, turbines	7	0	0	7	5,47
25	Thermal processes and apparatus	1	1	0	2	1,56
26	Mechanical elements	4	0	1	5	3,91
27	Transport	14	0	1	15	11,72
28	Space technology, weapons	1	0	0	1	0,78
VI. Consumption						
29	Consumer goods and equipment	1	0	0	1	0,78
30	Civil engineering, building, mining	2	0	0	2	1,56
Total		115	4	9	128	100,0



● **FILED AND REGISTERED UTILITY MODELS  
ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

Country	Applications					Registered					Code
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Austria	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	AT
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BG
Brazil	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	BR
China	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	CN
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	CY
Czechia	36	30	45	40	30	38	41	32	47	30	CZ
Germany	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	DE
Spain	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	ES
Finland	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	FI
France	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	FR
United Kingdom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	GB
Hungary	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	HU
Switzerland	2	1	0	0	1	5	3	0	0	0	CH
Italy	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	0	3	IT
Thailand	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	TH
Japon	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	JP
Republic of Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	KR
Poland	0	3	2	0	8	1	1	1	2	2	PL
Russian Federation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RU
Seychely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SC
Slovakia	342	253	236	297	255	272	355	218	201	262	SK
Turkey	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	TR
Ukraine	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	UA
United States	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	US
Foreign	48	44	52	46	53	51	54	44	53	37	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

# ● APPLICATIONS AND REGISTERED UTILITY MODELS 2024 ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASSIFICATION

	Subjekt	Applications				Registered				IPC
		Domestic	Foreign	Total	%	Domestic	Foreign	Total	%	
I.	Electrical engineering									
1	Electrical machinery and apparatus, electrical energy	24	9	33	10,71	17	3	20	6,69	F21; G05F; H01B, C, F, G, H, J, K, M, R, T; H02; H05B, C, F, K
2	Audio-visual technology	5	0	5	1,62	0	0	0	0,00	G09F, G; H11B; H03F, G, J; H04N-3-5-9-13-17-19-21; H04R, S
3	Telecommunications	4	0	4	1,30	6	0	6	2,01	G08C; H01P, Q; H03B, C, D, H, K, L, M; H04B, H, J, K, L, M, N-1-7-11, Q, W
4	Information technology	8	0	8	2,60	8	1	9	3,01	G06; G10; G11C; G16B; G16H; G16Y; G16Z
5	Semiconductors	1	0	1	0,32	1	0	1	0,33	H01L; B81
II.	Instruments									
6	Optics	2	0	2	0,65	0	0	0	0,00	G02; G03B, C, D, F, G, H; H01S
7	Analysis, measurement, control technology	30	5	35	11,36	32	1	33	11,04	G01B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, V, W; G04; G05B, D; G07; G08B, G; G09B, C, D; G12
8	Medical technology	12	3	15	4,87	14	3	17	5,69	A61B, C, D, F, G, H, J, L, M, N
9	Nuclear engineering	0	0	0	0,00	1	0	1	0,33	G01T; G21; H05G, H
III.	Chemistry, pharmaceuticals									
10	Organic fine chemistry	0	0	0	0,00	1	0	1	0,33	C07C, D, F, H, J, K
11	Macromolecular chemistry, polymers	3	1	4	1,30	2	0	2	0,67	C08B, F, G, H, K, L; C09D, J
12	Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics	2	0	2	0,65	3	0	3	1,00	A61K; A61P; A61Q
13	Biotechnology	6	0	6	1,95	1	0	1	0,33	C07G; C12M, N, P, Q, R, S
14	Agriculture, food chemistry	5	0	5	1,62	14	2	16	5,35	A01H; A21D; A23B, C, D, F, G, J, K, L; C12C, F, G, H, J; C13B, K
15	Chemical and petro industry, basic materials chemistry	5	1	6	1,95	7	0	7	2,34	A01N; C05; C07B; C08C; C09B, C, F, G, H, K; C10B, C, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N; C11B, C, D
16	Surface technology, coating	1	0	1	0,32	4	0	4	1,34	B05C, D; B32; C23; C25; C30
17	Materials, metallurgy	6	0	6	1,95	3	0	3	1,00	C01; C03C; C04; C21; C22; B22; B82
IV.	Process engineering, special equipment									
18	Chemical engineering	5	0	5	1,62	3	0	3	1,00	B01B, D, I, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, V, W; B02C; B03; B04; B05B; B06; B07; B08; C40; F25; F26
19	Materials processing, textiles, paper	5	2	7	2,27	6	1	7	2,34	A41H; A43D; A46D; B28; B29; B31; C03B; C08; C14; D01; D02; D03; D04B, C, G, H; D05; D06B, C, G, H, J, L, M, P, Q; D21
20	Handling, printing	16	2	18	5,84	21	3	24	8,03	B25J; B41; B65B, C, D, F, G, H; B66; B67; B33Y
21	Agricultural and food processing, machinery and apparatus	5	2	7	2,27	11	1	12	4,01	A01B, C, D, F, G, J, K, L, M; A21B, C; A22; A23N, P; B02B; C12L
22	Environmental technology	6	1	7	2,27	7	0	7	2,34	A62D; B01D-046 to -053; B09; C02; F01N; F23G, J
V.	Mechanical engineering, machinery									
23	Machine tools	18	2	20	6,49	12	3	15	5,02	B21; B23; B24; B26D, F; B27; B30
24	Engines, pumps, turbines	9	0	9	2,92	10	0	10	3,34	F01B, C, D, K, L, M, P; F02; F03; F04; F23R
25	Thermal processes and apparatus	13	3	16	5,19	15	5	20	6,69	F22; F23B, C, D, H, K, L, M, N, Q; F24; F25B, C; F27; F28
26	Mechanical elements	9	0	9	2,92	3	3	6	2,01	F15; F16; F17; G05G
27	Transport	15	4	19	6,17	14	3	17	5,69	B60; B61; B62; B63B, C, H, J; B64B, C, D, F
28	Space technology, weapons	5	0	5	1,62	5	0	5	1,67	B63G; B64G; C06; F41; F42
VI.	Consumption									
29	Consumer goods and equipment	19	5	24	7,79	21	0	21	7,02	A24; A41B, C, D, F, G; A42; A43B, C; A44; A45; A46B; A47; A62B, C; A63; A99Z; B25B, C, D, F, G, H; B26B; B42; B43; B44; B68; D04D; D06F, N; D07; F25D; G10B, C, D, F, G, H, K
30	Civil engineering, building, mining	16	13	29	9,42	20	8	28	9,36	E01; E02; E03; E04; E05; E06; E21
Total		255	53	308	100	262	37	299	100	

● **FILED AND REGISTERED DESIGNS  
ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

Country	Applications					Registered					Code
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Czechia	4	2	6	5	7	9	3	6	4	8	CZ
Germany	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	DE
France	1	1	5	1	3	3	1	4	1	4	FR
Switzerland	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	CH
Republic of Korea	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	KR
Netherlands	0	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	NL
Poland	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	PL
Sweden	19	3	12	3	3	17	3	8	5	4	SE
Moldova	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	MD
Turkey	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	TR
Slovakia	119	103	77	92	110	95	110	65	72	97	SK
Foreign	26	10	25	9	15	31	11	20	11	18	
TOTAL	145	113	102	101	125	126	121	85	83	115	TOTAL

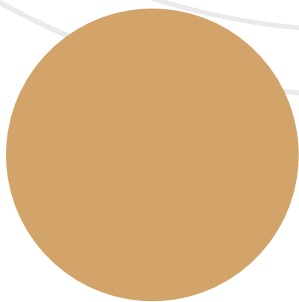
● **FILED AND REGISTERED TRADEMARKS  
ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

Country	Applications					Registered					Code
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
United arab emirates	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	AE
Austria	9	2	4	5	1	7	2	0	6	0	AT
Australia	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	AU
Belgium	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	BE
Canada	7	0	3	9	2	7	2	1	4	2	CA
China	8	5	17	20	13	6	7	16	11	13	CN
Cyprus	31	9	15	10	16	25	7	10	14	14	CY
Czechia	302	363	290	209	323	307	306	278	193	269	CZ
Germany	28	14	11	14	16	22	14	12	6	16	DE
Denmark	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	DK
Spain	2	0	5	1	6	4	0	1	1	3	ES
Finland	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	FI
France	12	32	17	3	3	14	25	15	9	2	FR
United Kingdom	17	14	13	15	11	11	16	11	8	14	GB
Croatia	0	3	0	3	2	1	0	2	2	2	HR
Hungary	9	9	11	4	3	13	2	8	4	4	HU
Switzerland	32	28	14	16	15	15	39	22	14	14	CH
Ireland	3	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	3	0	IE
Israel	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	IL
India	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	IN



● **FILED AND REGISTERED TRADEMARKS  
ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN - CONTINUATION**

Italy		3	3	4	2	6	2	0	4	2	3	IT
Japan		2	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	JP
Republic of Korea	24	21	1	1	7	0	35	21	3	3	5	KR
Luxembourg	2	0	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	LU
North Macedonia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	MK
Malta	0	56	3	3	0	2	4	29	7	1	1	MT
Mauritius	6	2	1	1	1	2	0	8	1	0	0	MU
Mexico	3	9	0	0	0	1	1	11	0	0	0	MX
Netherlands	3	5	11	3	3	1	2	3	6	5	3	NL
Poland	8	11	11	21	31	6	9	8	18	14	14	PL
Portugal	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	PT
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	RO
Russia	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	RU
Sweden	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	3	SE
Slovenia	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	SI
<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>2 429</b>	<b>2 623</b>	<b>2 022</b>	<b>2 348</b>	<b>2 831</b>	<b>1 947</b>	<b>2 183</b>	<b>1 899</b>	<b>1 720</b>	<b>2 074</b>	<b>SK</b>	
Turkey	2	0	0	2	1	8	1	1	0	1	0	TR
Ukraine	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	UA
United States of America	30	49	16	16	26	38	35	25	10	15	15	US
Virgin Islands (British)	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	1	1	VG
other	4	11	12	5	8	4	5	10	7	9	9	Iné
Foreign	558	664	472	376	506	550	558	452	328	410		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 987</b>	<b>3 287</b>	<b>2 494</b>	<b>2 724</b>	<b>3 337</b>	<b>2 497</b>	<b>2 741</b>	<b>2 351</b>	<b>2 048</b>	<b>2 484</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	



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