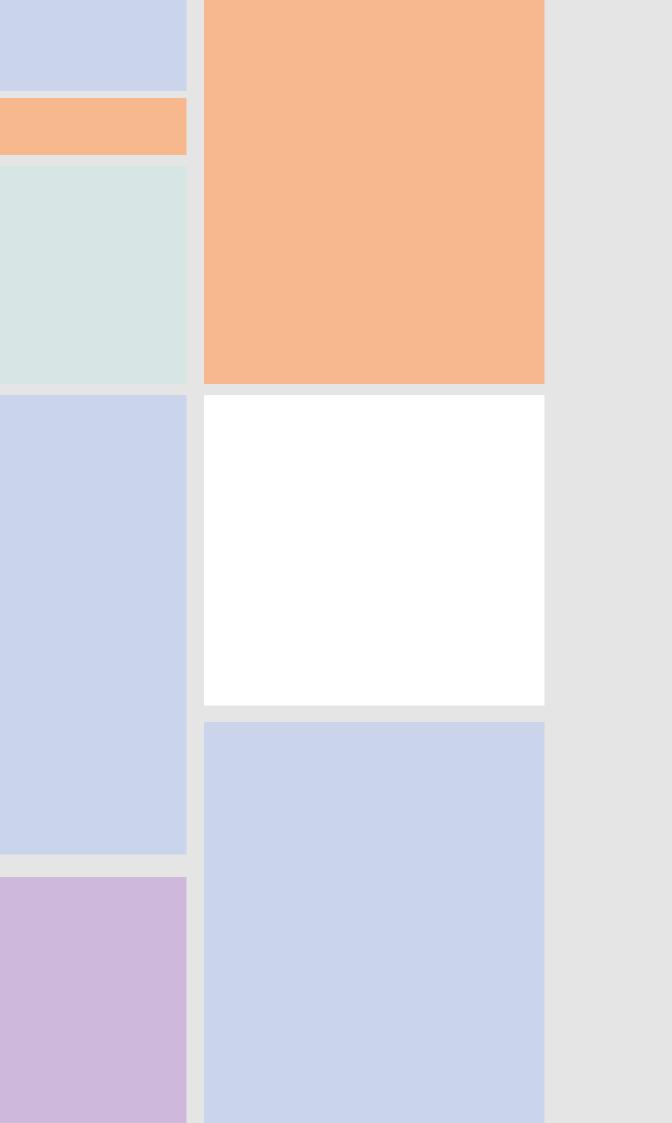


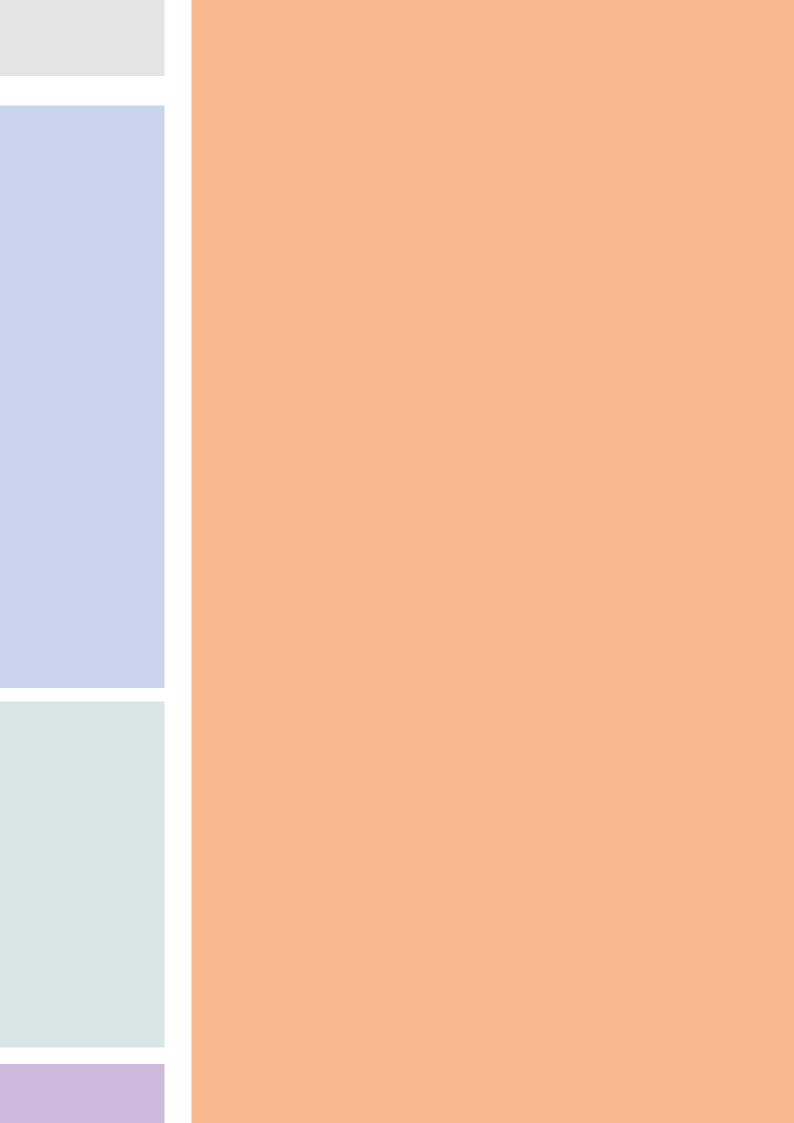
## **ANNUAL REPORT**

National Institution for the Protection of Inventions, Trademarks and Industrial Designs. Source of technological information from published Patents.





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### **Preface**



Panagiotis Kanellopoulos Director General 2023 marked as a year during which the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation (OBI) expanded its institutional role both significantly and substantially.

OBI, being a technological institution and empowered with the competence of Technological – Innovation Information since its foundation, had undertaken the role of the Mechanism for the Support of Innovation (Innovation Agency) at national level.

Within the same framework, it successfully concluded the Act "Organisation of a service to support start-ups and SMEs in patent exploration and patenting" which is integrated into the NSRF Operational Programme under the title "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship, Innovation 2014-2020". OBI is now testing on a pilot basis the services proposed to be offered to the Greek businesses following the respective assessment in order to be able to provide them with support from the first steps of the initial exploration of the possibility of registering their invention

In terms of numbers and relevant statistics, 2023 ranked as a significant year since the applications concerning national patents were maintained to the national record achieved in 2022 (1.083). In parallel, an increase of 8% compared to 2022 was observed with regard to the applications submitted for national trademarks. Moreover, the significant increase of patents' applications which were filled by Universities and Research Institutions, is particularly satisfying.

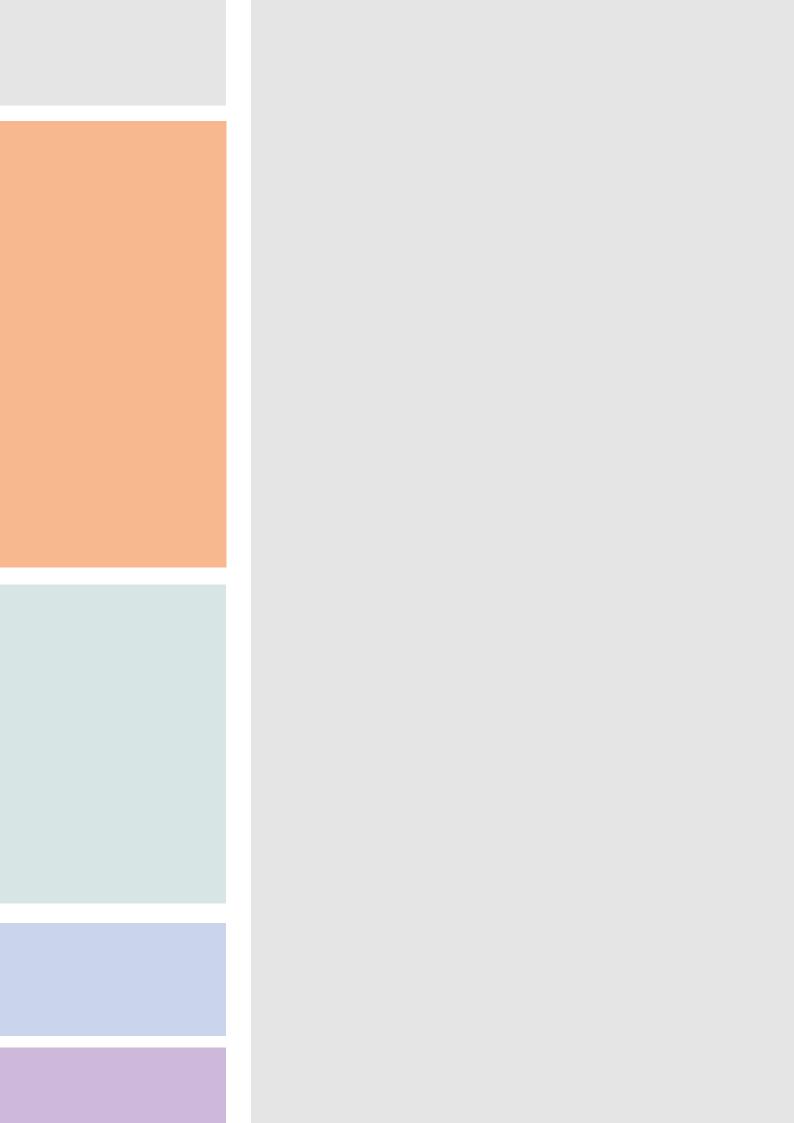
At the same time and focusing on the field of contacting the users of the system of Industrial Property on a daily basis, the Organisation continued to implement projects which improve on the

one hand the existing ones, while on the other hand they create new tools for the electronic filing and management of all titles under its responsibility, aiming to provide modern and fully digitized services to the public.

The Hellenic Industrial Property Academy (HIPA), that consists of an autonomous service of OBI, continued to implement with great success the 2-years basic education curriculum, which will provide to the market -following the relevant examinations- the first Greek Certified Industrial Property Consultants.

It would be an omission not to mention the active participation of OBI in the European "Authenticities" Programme which continued for a third year. Within the framework of this Programme, numerous actions were implemented with the aim of cultivating a sensitive culture in terms of buying exclusively authentic products. The provision of information to the citizens and visitors of the cities which have been certified as "authentic" ones (Thessaloniki, Mykonos, Corfu) was continuous and dynamic, while the necessary steps have been taken to include a fourth city in the network, namely Argostoli.

What mentioned above complements in brief the consistent extroversion policy of the Organisation as it actualized with events, workshops, seminars and our constant participation in exhibitions, which intensifies our efforts to improve the information of businesses, educational institutions, research centers and the general public on the benefits arising from the protection of Industrial Property and the avoidance of any infringement of Intellectual Property rights in general.



# 2 The Highlights of the Year

## National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF)

In November 2023, the NSRF Act "Organisation of a service to support start-ups and SMEs in patent exploration and patenting" was successfully completed following an open electronic tender. The objective of the project was to support the services provided by the state to businesses with emphasis to start – ups and SMEs. In particular, the aim is the provision of support on behalf of the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation (OBI) to startups and

SMEs with the focus on those that are guided towards innovation and patent registration which consist of the legal basis of their technical or other industrial property. The results of the said Act are currently in pilot operation under the aim of assessing their results and serviceableness for SMEs and subsequently of taking the necessary steps for the integration of the new service into the organizational structure of OBI.

Within the framework of implementing the NSRF Act, the Organisation held 6 workshops in Athens, Thessaloniki, Patras, Heraklion, Crete, Kalamata and Ioannina.

Six emerging sectors were presented in these workshops for which the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation drew up Patent Litigation Reports (PLRs) as follows:

- Smart Electric Networks
- Enhancement of Energy Efficiency in Buildings
- Alternative Forms of Energy from Marine Resources
- Biological Systems for Sustainable Food Production AgriScience
- · Internet of Things
- Electricity Storage Facilities

All interested parties and the public will soon have the opportunity to access these six Patent Litigation Reports and the video – recorded workshops which will be integrated into a microsite to the official website of OBI.

## The European Patent Office & the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation joined forces at the 40th AUTHENTIC MARATHON OF ATHENS

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Patent Cooperation Treaty - PCT, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation participated with a joint team of runners in the 40th Authentic Marathon of Athens that took place on November 12, 2023.

This emblematic race symbolizes many European values such as justice, inclusion and cooperation. EPO and OBI are strongly supporting innovation in any form and their participation highlighted the contribution of technology in promoting sports performance.

56.000 athletes from 135 countries participated in the 40th Authentic Marathon of Athens.

In addition, OBI participated in the "MARATHON EXPO" exhibition and in the SPONSORS VILLAGE and provided informational material and remembrance gifts.



# AUTHENTICITIES PROJECT

#### **AUTHENTICITY THESSALONIKI - PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

In the course of conducting Thessaloniki International Fair, a musical event was organized under the aim of promoting the «Authenticity» Project at the lively pavement street of Ag. Sofia.

The pedestrian walkway was flooded with people who had fun to the rhythms of the music while being in parallel informed about the Programme by the projection booth and received little remembrance gifts.





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#### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME TO THESSALONIKI & MYKONOS**

Within the context of the Programme "AUTHENTICITY Thessaloniki" and "AUTHENTICITY MYKONOS", OBI implemented an interactive educational programme for students of the 6th grade of primary school.

The aim of the programme is to provide children with information on issues pertaining to Industrial Property (Patents, Trademarks and Industrial Designs) and provides them with the opportunity to learn what a counterfeit product is and why they should avoid

buying non-authentic products.

Students can comprehend the concepts of industrial property and the significance of buying exclusively authentic products by the means of a specially designed presentation, photographic examples and actual products (authentic and counterfeit).

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The goal of OBI is to evolve informed students who act as knowledge multipliers, protecting as such the interests of consumers, inventors, authors and trademark owners.

#### **AUTHENTICITY CORFU**

On May 9, 2023, which is the so-called "Europe Day", an inaugural Communication Event took place in Corfu in the framework of the European Authenticities Project - Authenticity Corfu with the cooperation of the Municipality of Central Corfu and overseas Islands. The event was attended by representatives of the local media, officials of the local authorities and businessmen operating in the island.

It is profound that Corfu did not join the Authenticities network by chance. Corfu consists of a special tourist destination having arrivals from all over the world, while the town of Corfu has an authentic character, port and intense commercial activity. In brief, it fulfills all the conditions to be certified as an authentic city and become as such an ambassador of "Authentic" throughout Europe.





## STEAM PROGRAMMES

#### CHILDREN DESIGN THE CITIES OF THE FUTURE

STEAM Programme (Science -Technology - Engineering - Arts & Mathematics) also continued within 2023 with the collaboration of the Municipalities of Thessaloniki and Mykonos.

The students of the 5th and of the 6th grade of primary school were exposed to new technologies and innovation. They were informed about smart cities, they worked together in groups and presented their ideas, while at the end they manufactured an electric car with original «LEGO WeDo2» equipment and raced each other.

Through this interactive educational programme children developed their own ideas for the enhancement of the quality of life in the cities of the future, they thought about which cities they would like themselves to live in in the future and at the same time they were informed about the importance of using and consuming authentic products.

The Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation places the utmost weight and value on making students understand from an early age the importance and the value of innovation, as well as of the registration of industrial property.

## **INNOVATION AGENCY**

OBI, as a technological body and being provided from its founding legislation with the competence of Technological - Innovative information, offered to undertake the role and the obligations of the Innovation Agency, a necessary term which is simultaneously required by the EU.

The special duties of the Agency are the following:

- Assessment of the innovative performance of Greek enterprises
- Supporting enterprises in terms of exploiting research & tech-

nological results

- · Promoting the networking of enterprises
- Strengthening the Process of Technology Transfer
- $\bullet$  Developing partnerships between enterprises and research organisations
- Services oriented to the Exploitation of Intellectual Property Rights

## PARTICIPATION IN THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "NANOTECHNOLOGIES AND NANOBIOSCIENCE (NaoBio)"

Executives of the OBI's Department of Chemical and Biotechnological Inventions participated in the 2nd International Conference of Nanotechnologies and Nanobioscience (NanoBio) that took place in Heraklion, Crete by the means of an attached announcement. The work of the department concerns the Greek activity in the field of nanotechnology as reflected in patents.

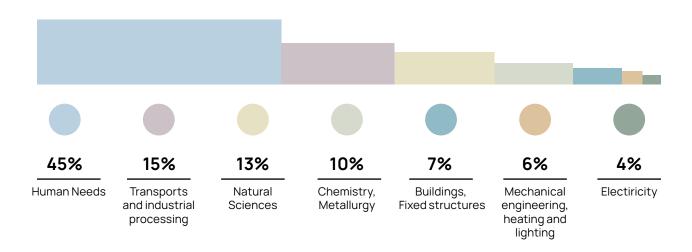
The relevant study identified a rising trend of patents applications in the field of nanotechnology between 2000 and 2021,

while the main applicants were Universities and research institutes. However, comparing the number of patents applications with the number of scientific publications, it is observed that scientific publications remain the main means of disseminating knowledge from Universities and Institutions. It is thus appearing that there is scope for increasing the number of patents applications and of exploiting research outcomes for the creation of innovative products in the field of nanotechnology.

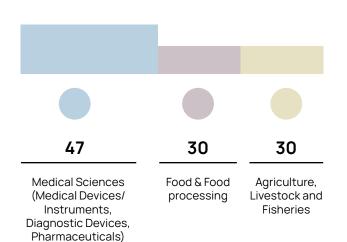
# **3** Statistics

## ALLOCATION OF PATENTS APPLICATIONS OF 2023 BY TECHNOLOGICAL SECTOR

As every year the field of Human Needs ranked top among the patents' applications with significant difference as it is identified in the graph below with 45% of the total number of applications.



Further analyzing the field of Human Needs it is observed that the majority of the applications thereof (in total numbers) was referring to the following 3 technological fields:

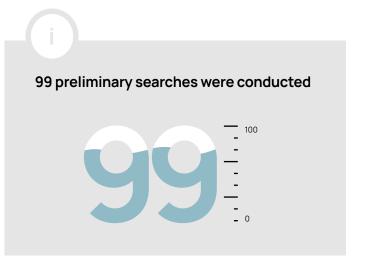


In 2023, the average time for the completion of research reports by the examiners of OBI was 7 months from the filing of a patent application, that consists of a crucial asset for the applicant since he had time to decide for the potential protection of his invention abroad by drawing on Priority Rights.



#### **Thalis**

Throughout the whole year a systematic use of the Artificial Intelligence System "THALIS" was made that concerned both the pre-classification and routing of new patents' applications to the competent examiner departments depending on their technical content, and to the Realization of Semantic Search during the phase of the examination of each application.



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#### **Applications concerning Industrial Property Titles**



OBI is empowered with all competences and the full responsibility for trademarks since May 16, 2022.

### FILINGS OF TRADEMARKS IN 2023

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	
ALBANIA	2
AUSTRIA	2
AUSTRALIA	4
BELGIUM	2
BULGARIA	4
BRAZIL	2
CANADA	1
SWITZERLAND	31
CHINA	37
CYPRUS	46
GERMANY	13
SPAIN	10
FRANCE	15
GREAT BRITAIN	16
GREECE	5780
HONG KONG	2
IRELAND	2
ISRAEL	3
INDIA	2
ITALY	10
JORDAN	1
JAPAN	4

NORTH KOREA	1
KOREA	15
LEBANON	2
SRI LANKA	1
LITHOUANIA	1
MOROCCO	1
MARSHALL ISLANDS	1
MALTA	2
MAURITIUS	4
MALAYSIA	3
NETHERLANDS	5
NORWAY	1
POLAND	1
QATAR	1
SINGAPORE	3
SLOVENIA	2
THAILAND	1
TURKEY	4
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1
TAIWAN	2
UNITED STATES	32
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	1
SOUTH AFRICA	1

#### FILINGS OF PATENTS IN 2023 .....

#### **GREECE** 499 **BELGIUM** 1 7 **SWITZERLAND CYPRUS** 7 **GERMANY** 4 1 DENMARK 1 **SPAIN** 2 **FINLAND** FRANCE 6 **GREAT BRITAIN** 50 **IRELAND** 3 **ISRAEL** 6 3 **ITALY JAPAN** 2 **KOREA** 11 **NETHERLANDS** 93 **NORWAY** 1 **NEW ZEALAND** 1 **SWEDEN** 78 SINGAPORE 2 **UNITED STATES** 294

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SAUDI ARABIA

## FILINGS OF UTILITY MODEL CERTIFICATES IN 2023

GREECE	18
BELGIUM	-
SWITZERLAND	-
CYPRUS	-
GERMANY	-
DENMARK	-
SPAIN	-
FINLAND	-
FRANCE	-
GREAT BRITAIN	-
IRELAND	-
ISRAEL	-
ITALY	2
JAPAN	-
KOREA	-
NETHERLANDS	-
NORWAY	-
NEW ZEALAND	-
SWEDEN	-
SINGAPORE	-
UNITED STATES	-
SAUDI ARABIA	-

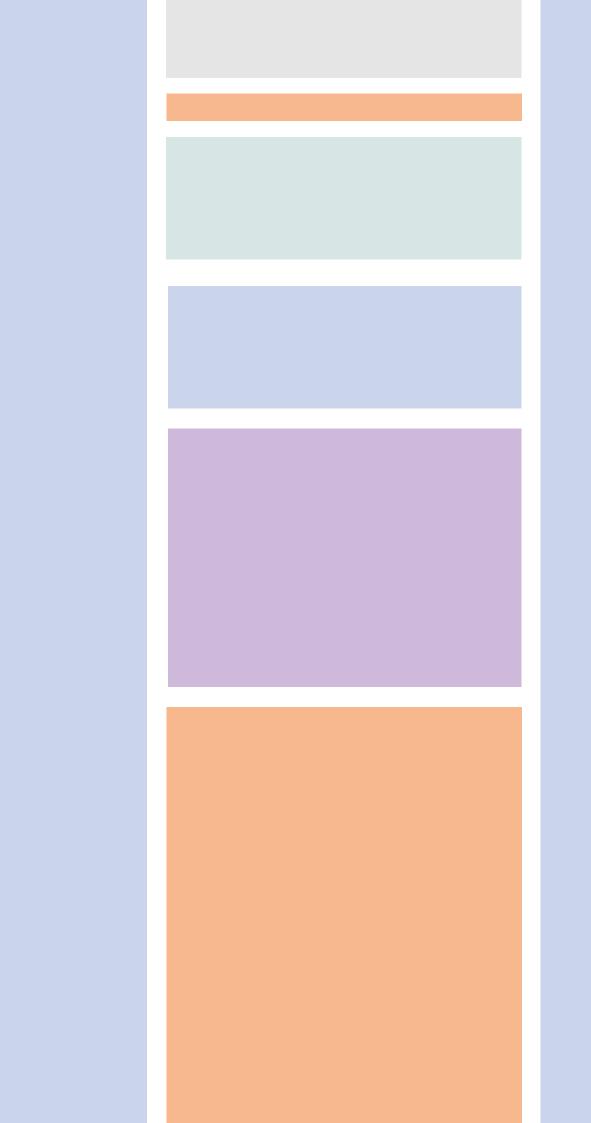
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## FILINGS OF EUROPEAN PATENTS IN 2023

GREECE	19
AUSTRIA	39
AUSTRALIA	13
BELGIUM	65
BULGARIA	3
BERMUDA	2
BRAZIL	1
BAHAMAS	1
CANADA	27
SWITZERLAND	217
CHINA	95
CYPRUS	9
CZECH REPUBLIC	7
GERMANY	273
DENMARK	47
ESTONIA	4
SPAIN	64
FINLAND	23
FRANCE	126
GREAT BRITAIN	153
HONG KONG	7
HUNGARY	7
IRELAND	23
ISRAEL	29
INDIA	16
ITALY	180
JAPAN	139
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	82
CAYMAN ISLANDS	1
LIECHTENSTEIN	2
LUXEMBOURG	8

LATVIA	1
MONACO	1
MALTA	3
MEXICO	1
NETHERLANDS	81
NORWAY	25
NEW ZEALAND	7
POLAND	19
PORTUGAL	12
SERBIA	1
RUSSIA	3
SWEDEN	78
SINGAPORE	9
SLOVENIA	2
TURKEY	15
SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN	15
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	614
VIRGIN ISLANDS OF GREAT BRITAIN	1
SOUTH AFRICA	4
SLOVAKIA	4
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3
LITHUANIA	1
ARGENTINA	2
ROMANIA	2
SAUDI ARABIA	2
CROATIA	2
VIETNAM	1
UKRAINE	1
URUGUAY	1
COSTA RICA	1
FYROM	1

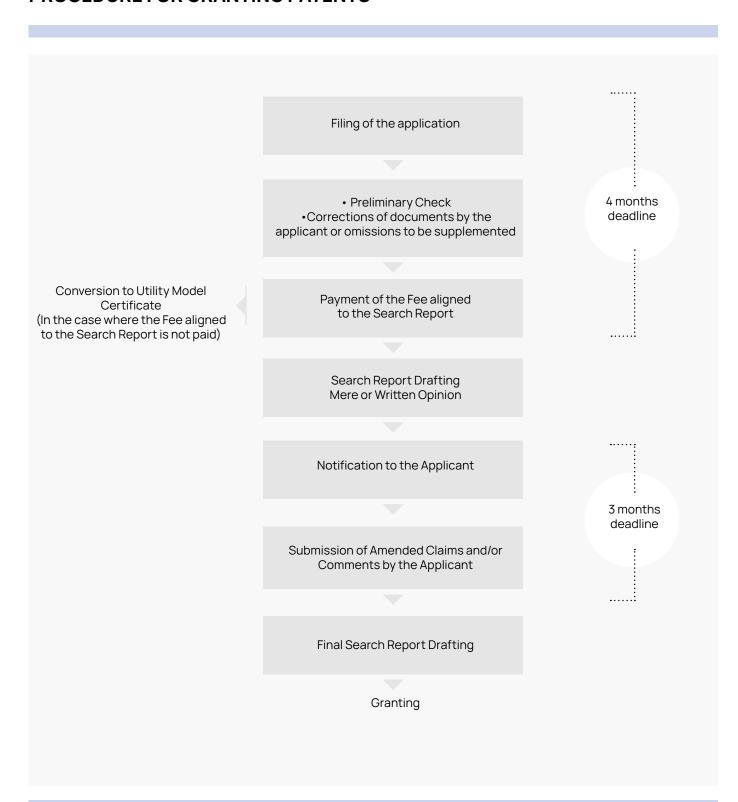
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# 4 Industrial Property Titles

## **Procedures for Granting Titles**

#### PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING PATENTS



## PROCEDURE FOR THE GRANTING OF UTILITY MODEL CERTIFICATES

Normal Filing of Application

Complete

Granting of the Utility Model Certificate

#### PROCEDURE FOR REGISTERING DESIGNS OR UTILITY MODELS

Filing of the application

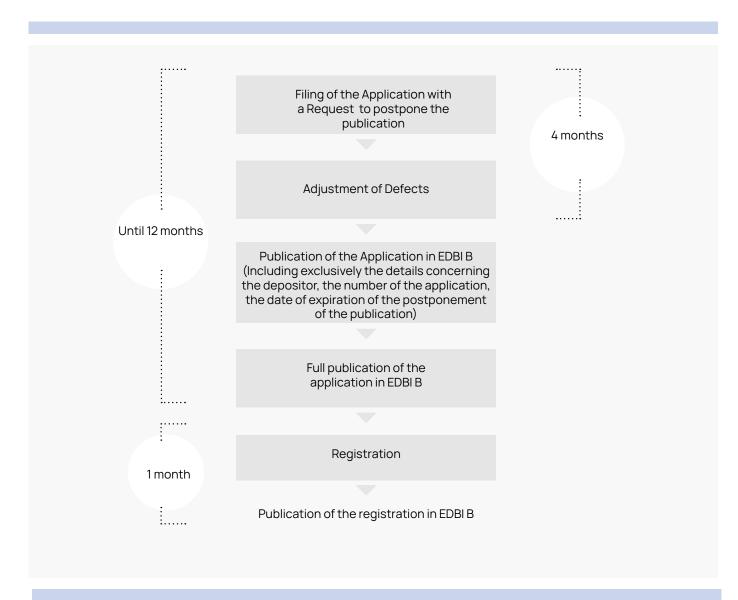
Adjustment of defects 4 months

Publication of the Application in EDBI B

Registration 1 month

Publication of the registration in EDBI B

## PROCEDURE OF REGISTERING DESIGNS OR UTILITY MODELS IN THE EVENT OF POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLICATION



#### **TRADEMARKS**

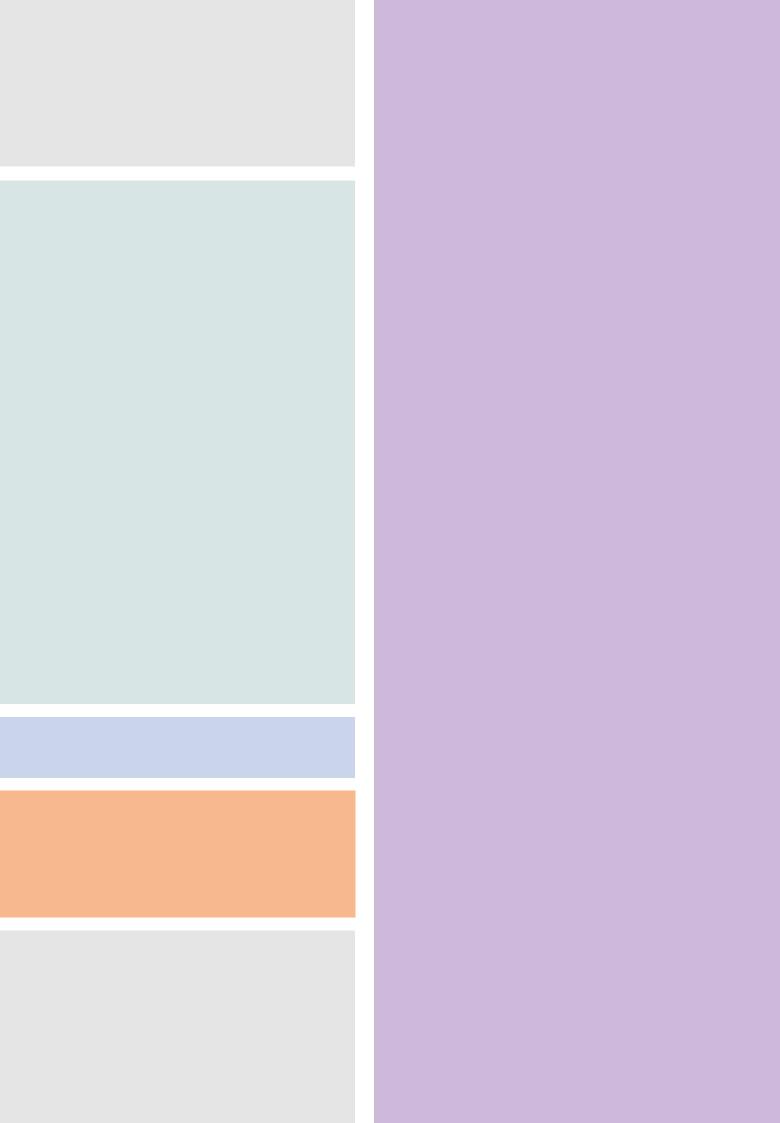
Filing of the Application of the Application of the Application

Expiration of the Oppositions/Appeals Period Finalization

Examination Period Oppositions/Appeals Period Registration

## FEATURES OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TITLES

	Trade Marks	Patents	Industrial Designs
Concept	Trademarks distinguish the products or services of enterprises/their persons from those of their competitors  Distinctive sign	Patents protect inventions/ technical creations which are new and demonstrate a level of inventiveness Technical conception	They protect the design/the external visual impression of a product or of parts therefrom  Aesthetic creation
Application	Marks symbols, words, sounds on goods, which intends to distinguish	Product/method Industrial application	Designs which are integrated on a product
Protection	Distinguishing products or services Prevention of confusion with products or services of other enterprises Protection against unfair competition	Ideas are converted into methods/products which are new and consist of the subject - matter of protection in absolute terms  Prevention of illegal production and exploitation	Absolute right to use which extends also to designs which give users a similar impression  It refers to the visible form of the design and it does not any case apply to the technical features
Right to Submit Application	Statement by a legal or a natural person	Statement by the inventor and applicant	Statement by the author and applicant
Examination	Absolute grounds for inadmissibility	Search Report Mere or Written Opinion	Without examination
Duration	10 years with a right to renewal every 10 years	Up to 20 years with a right to renewal every year	Up to 25 years with a right to renewal every 5 years
Publication	Website of OBI / TM View	EDBI Online Register (EMT)	EDBI Online Register (EMT)
Territorial Protection	Greece (OBI) - EUIPO - WIPO	Greece (OBI) - EPO - WIPO	Greece (OBI) - EUIPO - WIPO
Exploitation	Transfer/Licensing Pledge	Transfer/Licensing Pledge	Transfer/Licensing Pledge



# 5 Actions & collaborations

# Collaboration projects with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO)

OBI has successfully implemented the projects which were integrated in the annual cooperation agreements with the said Organisations. In particular:

#### **EUIPO**

- A series of projects concerning applications for the management of trademarks applications was concluded. With these projects, outstanding issues dating back to the entry into force of the law No 4679/2020 were resolved:
- Submission of modifications requests
- Electronic receipt of certification trademarks
- Management of submission of trademarks in parts
- Automatic creation of folders concerning international trademarks which are applicable in Greece
- Transition of a large number of expired trademarks with a purpose to complete the relevant database
- Use of Blockchain technology in data concerning trademarks and corresponding implementation to industrial designs.
- Assistance in the project of maintaining common practices and tools. In 2023, the following common practices were prepared by the relevant working group of the EUIPO, which are expected to be published and implemented in 2024:
- CP13 Filing a trademark application in bad faith
- CP14 Trademarks which are contrary to the public order or to accepted principles of morality
- In collaboration with the Office of Cyprus, the assistance in the project of translating in Greek the sections which were added to the new SME webpage continued to be provided.
- National actions were implemented (organisation of a seminar concerning the infringement of IP rights in loannina and of two seminars in Thessaloniki and Komotini on the protection of trademarks and of the available tools provided by the EUIPO).

- In collaboration with the Board of Appeals, an event was held on the information/training of the participants in relation to the acts and developments of the field in Thessaloniki.
- A webinar took place that was structured in three different subject-areas concerning the modifications arisen from the implementation of the Directive (EU) 2015/2436 and the Law No 4679/2020.
- Three educational videos were produced that concerned the same subject-areas in relation to the modifications arisen from the implementation of the Directive (EU) 2015/2436 and the Law No 4679/2020.
- The project "Authenticity" continued to run.
- · Participation in the "SME Fund" project.

#### EPO:

- OBI acted as a pilot office in the implementation of the tool of the EPO on the electronic filing of patents. The project was made available to a small number of users in order to evaluate its use and to modify the points that need improvement. The new tool of electronic filing will be made available in 2024.
- The new search tool of the EPO, ANSERA, that will soon replace EPOQUENET was used on a pilot basis by all examiners of OBI.
- Two seminars under the title "European Patent System and Technological Information" were held in Alexandroupoli and Heraklion in collaboration with the Democritus University of Thrace and the University of Crete respectively, concerning the protection of patens at National , European and Unitary level, as well as the commercialization of search outcomes.
- The staff of OBI participated in working groups that concerned specific subject-areas and mainly IT and common practices for patents.

## **Hellenic Industrial Property Academy**

The Hellenic Industrial Property Academy (HIPA) continued its contribution to the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship in Greece through various initiatives.

2023 was a landmark year for the operation of HIPA, as the 1st year's courses of the 2-year study cycle of Basic Education Program on Industrial Property began.

Participants in the program are taught by internationally recognized professors (using distance learning), in order to acquire the practical and academic knowledge that will enable

them to take part in the National exams for obtaining the title of certified patent attorney.

In addition, in 2023 HIPA offered specialized seminars on patent and trademark protection, effectively contributing to the creation of a protected and competitive business environment.

By providing training programs and seminars, HIPA has enhanced the knowledge and skills of researchers and students in the field of industrial property, empowering research, and technological development in the country.

## Legislative work

## Preparation for the amendment of the Presidential Decree No 259/1997 as regards the provisions relating to the ratification of the 1999 Geneva Act

Preparation of a new Presidential Decree on the grounds of the Law 5051/2023 by the means of which the Geneva Act to the Hague Agreement concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs that was approved in Geneva on July 2, 1999, was ratified under the aim of providing more effecting protection of domestic industrial designs at international level through an updated system of international filing of industrial designs.

The international filing of industrial designs is taking place today before the World Intellectual Property Organization, WIPO on the basis of the 1999 Geneva Act since in December 2023 the Hague Union Assembly decided to freeze the implementation of the 1960 Hague Act. Within this framework certain aspects concerning the filing of industrial designs on the basis of the 1999 Geneva Act must be determined. For this reason, a relevant amendment of the Presidential Decree No 259/1997 is promoted.

Preparation of a draft law under the title "Measures of implementation of the Regulation (EU) 2023/2411 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on the protection of geographical indications for craft and industrial products and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/1753".

### International Relations

## **Cooperation Agreements**

OBI participates in and is represented at the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents, the General Assembly and the Working Groups of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), as well as to the Working Groups of the

OBI renewed cooperations agreements with the following institutions:

• European Patent Office (EPO)

practices of the Patents Offices.

- European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)
- EU Observatory for the Enforcement of IP rights
- by preparing statements on current Industrial Property Issues, exchanging of views and discussing matters of converging of the
- Democritus University of Thrace
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Rodopi
- · Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Thessaloniki
- · Science and Technology Park of Epirus SA
- · Chamber of Heraklion
- · Association of Enterprises and Industries of Peloponnese and Western Greece.

## Quality management systems

### **Events - Exhibitions**

Aiming at its excellent operation and at the provision of high quality services, OBI developed, had been respectively specified and implements since 2022 the following quality management systems in which it was recertified within 2023:

- 1. ISO 22301:2019 Business Continuity Management Systems
- 2. ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems
- In addition, it proceeded to the preparation and its certification for the systems:
- 1. ISO 27001: 2013 Information Security Management System
- 2. ISO 50001: 2018 System for the Management of Energy
- 3. ISO 26001: 2010 Corporate and Social Responsibility Management System
- 4. System «S & W CERT» It ensures health and shields businesses from covid and other pathogens.»
- 5. Management system for the development of policy to combat violence and harassment in the workplace (Law 4808/2021)

- Participation in the following Exhibitions
- AUTOKINISI & ELECTROMOBILITY (Athens)
- KOSMIMA (Thessaloniki)
- ALEXPO (Alexandroupoli)
- IndustryTec (Paiania)
- Participation in the 87th Thessaloniki International Fair
- International Boat Show (Athens)
- Participation in the 6th Thessaloniki Development Conference
- Participation in the 11th Conference on Regional Development in Patras
- · Participation in the three-days Innovation Conference "INNO-DAYS" (Heraklion, Crete)
- · Presentation at a colloquium organized by the Ministries of Development and Investments and Education on the status of research in universities and spin-off companies as well as on critical issues pertaining to the protection of copyright and industrial property.
- Participation in the "Researcher's Night" (National Technical University of Athens)

## **Actions of the Regional Offices of OBI**

Event under the title "Issues of Trademarks Protection", Patras (in collaboration with HIPA & Lawyers Association of Patras)

Workshop under the title "National and EU Patent", Alexandroupoli (in collaboration with the EPO)

Workshop under the title "National and EU Patent", Heraklion (in collaboration with the EPO)

Workshop under the title "Issues of Trademarks Protection", loannina (in collaboration with Lawyers Association of Ioannina)

Workshop under the title "Industrial Property Rights", Volos (in collaboration with the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Unit)

Workshop under the title "Industrial Property Rights", Larisa (in collaboration with the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Unit)

Workshop under the title "Industrial Property Rights", Virtual (in collaboration with the Accelerator of the Chamber of Kavala)

Workshop under the title "Protection and Utilization of Search Outcomes", Thessaloniki (in collaboration with the Technology Transfer Office - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Workshop under the title "Protection and Utilization of Search Outcomes", Virtual (in collaboration with the University of the Aegean)

Event under the title "Presentation of the IMED project results" (in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Thessaloniki)

Event under the title "Business and Technological Intelligence for Copyright", Volos (in collaboration with the Department of Economics - University of Thessaly)

Event under the title "Innovation Vision Action Forum: The future of the Ecosystem of Innovation", Volos (in collaboration with members of the ecosystem of Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the

University of Thessaly, members of the academic community of the University of Thessaly, Industries Associations (Association of Industries of Thessaly and Central Greece, Association of Thessalian Enterprises and Businesses and the Chamber of Magnesia)

Meeting under the title "Establishment of a Transfer Technology Network of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and of the Democritus University of Thrace, Virtual (in collaboration with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Democritus University of Thrace)

Workshop "3D Printing Applications", Patras (in collaboration with the Foundation for Research and Technology /Institute of Chemical Engineering Sciences)

Event under the title "Industrial property as a development tool for SMEs", Thessaloniki (in collaboration with the Thessaloniki Innovation Zone)

Workshop under the title "Patents: Source of innovation and entrepreneurship", loannina

Event under the title "Women's Entrepreneurship", loannina (in collaboration with the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Greece"

Seminar "Industrial Property", Virtual (in collaboration with the Association of Employees of Chambers of Epirus, Western Greece and Peloponnese)

Seminar "Industrial Property", Virtual (in collaboration with the Association of Employees of Chambers of Epirus, Western Greece and Peloponnese)

Event under the title "Research Support and Exploitation of Outcomes", Larisa (in collaboration with the Transfer Technology Office of Special Account for Research Grants (ELKE, University of Thessaly)

### **Education**

Within 2023, following the operational needs and with a view to the continuous training and education of staff, 1.211 educational hours were conducted (in person and virtually) on subject-areas that are aligned to the Examination of Applications concerning Patents, Trademarks Registration, Technical Issues (IT), Staff Safety and Health, Violence and Harassment, as well as to administrative and organisational areas.



## Opinion of the public

29,63% had an excellent impression from its first contact with OBI

**37,04%** had a very good impression from its first contact with OBI

 $\bf 44,44\%$  is immensely satisfied from the quality/reliability of the services of the Organisation.

**33,33%** is very much satisfied from the quality/reliability of the services of the Organisation.

**22,22%** is immensely satisfied from the time of implementation of its services.

**38,89%** is very satisfied from the time of implementation of its services.







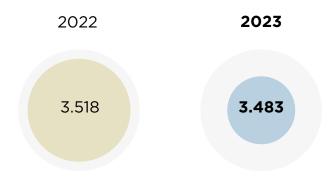






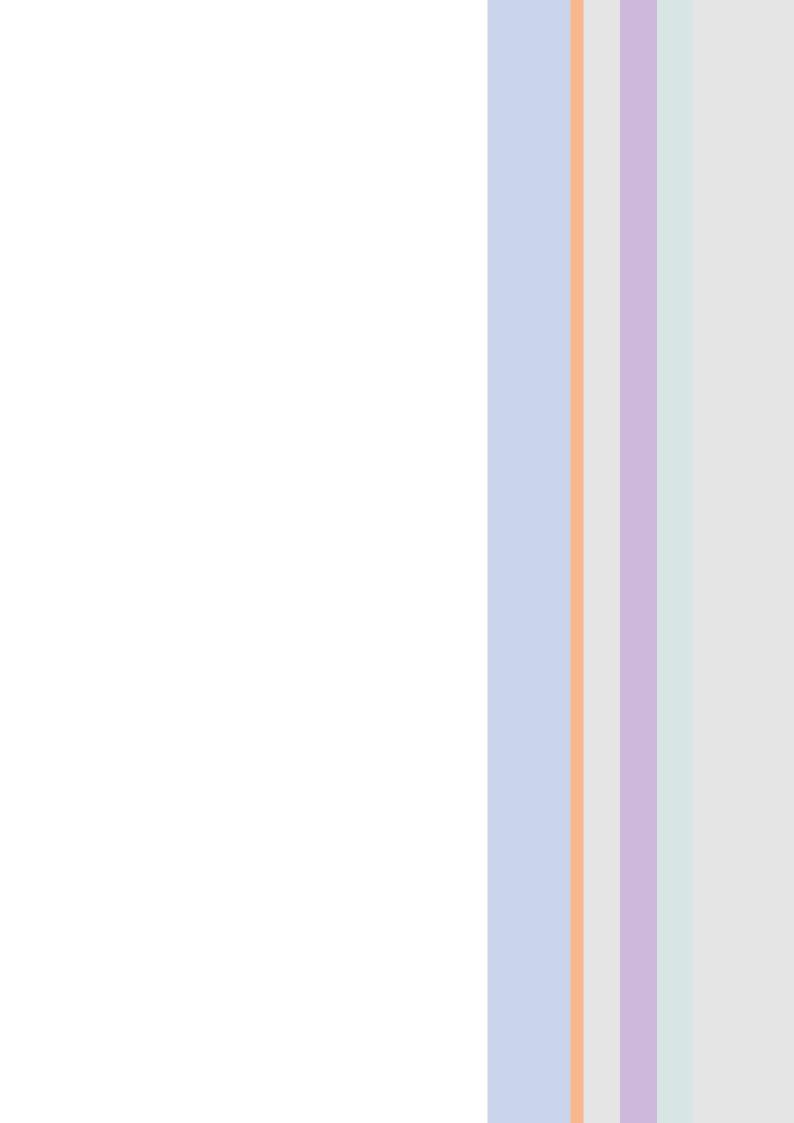
## Communication with the public

Total number of interested parties who were served by the One – Stop Shop:



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