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List of abbreviations

Cabinet	Cabinet of Ministers
CIGI	Geographical indication for craft and industrial products
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
EC	European Commission
EPO	European Patent Office
EU	European Union
EUIPN	European Union Intellectual Property Network
EUIPO	European Union Intellectual Property Office
GI	Geographical indication
HR	Human resources
ICT	Information and communication technology
IP	Intellectual property
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
IT	Information technology
JA Latvia	Junior Achievement Latvia
LaIPA	Association of Latvian Performers and Producers

List of abbreviations

LIAA	Investment and Development Agency of Latvia
Library	Patent Office's Library
MoU	Memorandum of understanding
Nordic-Baltic	Nordic-Baltic cooperation
Observatory	EUIPO European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PATLIB	European patent information centre
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
QMS	Quality Management System
SJSC	State joint-stock company
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprise
SPC	Supplementary protection certificate
SRS	State Revenue Service
Strategy	Patent Office's Operational Strategy 2022–2026
TTO	Technology transfer office
VIRSIS	National Information Resources, Systems and Interoperability Information System
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation

DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

Dear Readers of the Patent Office's 2025 Public Report,

Each patent, design or trademark is based on an idea that gains real value only when it becomes a protectable, practically usable and commercially viable solution. The mission of the Patent Office is to ensure a stable, professional and reliable environment providing for effective registration, protection and development of these solutions. We are the bridge between creative concepts and their economic potential. National IP offices have become active participants in the innovation ecosystem, providing essential support in technology transfer rather than merely maintaining registers.



The year 2025 was special for the Patent Office, as we marked our institution's 105th anniversary. This year was characterised not only by reflection on past achievements but also by significant accomplishments that strengthen Latvia's role in the international IP system. Over the past year, a steady upward trend continued in the number of industrial property filings, and particularly with regard to trademarks and patents. This clearly demonstrates that Latvian entrepreneurs and research institutions increasingly look upon IP as a strategic asset. It is also encouraging to see the active engagement of SMEs in making use of the support instruments and pre-diagnostic services offered by the EUIPO, thereby fostering a considered approach to their business development.

At international level, 2025 was a year of intensive cooperation and important initiatives. The work carried out in Latvia and cooperation among the Baltic States in strengthening the IP field were highly appreciated at the 66th WIPO General Assembly. The evaluation of Latvia's IP system, funded by the EC Directorate-General for Structural Reforms and conducted by the OECD, was completed, and its recommendations will form the basis for further development of the ecosystem. In the field of technological advancement, Latvia successfully integrated into the EPO Federated Register, providing users with immediate access to up-to-date information on the status of European patents in our country.

The events marking our 105th anniversary attracted considerable international attention, as we hosted in Riga the leaders of the world's largest IP organisations – WIPO, the EPO and the EUIPO. These events, which brought together not only the heads of major international IP organisations but also a number of directors of national IP offices from across Europe, confirmed Latvia's professional reputation and its active involvement in strengthening the IP system.

At the same time, we continued to work systematically with young creative minds. Over the past year, we organised, in cooperation with WIPO, the first regional seminar for Baltic youth in the Cēsis municipality, as well as the first IP hackathon for school students, “Creative Intellectual”, to promote IP awareness from an early educational stage.

In 2025, the Patent Office was entrusted with a new area of responsibility – the registration of GIs for craft and industrial products. This task provides unprecedented opportunities for Latvian manufacturers and artisans to strengthen the recognition and protection of their products in Europe. We also continued to educate the public through our annual anti-counterfeiting campaign, with particular emphasis on the risks posed by counterfeit medicines.

An important strategic direction was the improvement of the Patent Office’s IT systems, enhancing security, usability and data accessibility. These improvements provide a solid foundation for the further modernisation, simplification and development of services, making them more convenient and accessible for clients.

In the autumn of 2025, we returned to the fully renovated and modernly equipped premises at 6A Citadeles Street. This environment provides both more comfortable and functional working conditions for our staff and a higher-quality service experience for our clients.

All these achievements have been made possible thanks to the Patent Office’s team – professionals whose expertise and sense of responsibility ensure the high standards of our institution. I invite you to review this report, which reflects our accomplishments and clearly outlines the directions for future development.

Agris Batalauskis



Director

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 LEGAL STATUS OF THE OFFICE

The Patent Office is a direct administrative institution under the supervision of the Minister for Justice. It was established in 1992 and operates in accordance with the Law on Industrial Property Institutions and Procedures, Cabinet Regulation No. 720 of 15 December 2015 “Regulations of the Patent Office”, as well as other regulatory acts.

The Patent Office is led by the Director of the Patent office who determines the structure of the Patent Office, the functions and subordination of each unit.

Organisational Chart of the Patent Office

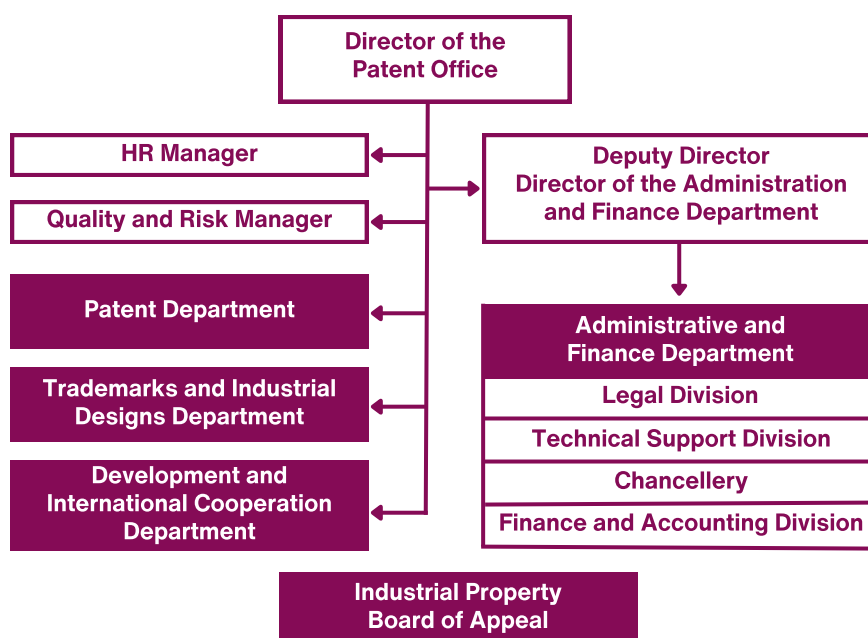


Figure 1

The following positions and departments are directly subordinate to the Director of the Patent Office:

- Deputy Director and Director of the Administrative and Finance Department, under whose authority the Administrative and Financial Department operates;
- Patent Department;
- Trademarks and Industrial Designs Department;
- Development and International Cooperation Department;
- Quality and Risk Manager;
- Personnel Manager.

1.2 FUNCTIONS AND TASKS

The purpose of the Patent Office is to implement the State policy in the field of the legal protection of industrial property, in particular inventions, trademarks, industrial designs, CIGIs, and topographies of semiconductor products.

The functions of the Patent Office include:

- Registering of industrial property objects – patents for inventions (including SPCs for medicinal products and plant protection products), trademarks, industrial designs, and topographies of semiconductor products – and maintaining the relevant registers;
- Acting as the competent authority in respect of the procedures for the registration of CIGIs at national level;
- Promoting public IP awareness and strengthening its value in society and the State;
- Acting as the State industrial property authority as provided for in international agreements binding on Latvia;
- Providing information services in the field of IP protection and developing a specialised information collection.

To ensure the performance of its functions, the Patent Office:

- Receives and examines applications submitted by legal and natural persons for the legal protection of inventions, trademarks, industrial designs, topographies of semiconductor products, as well as CIGIs;
- Maintains the Patent Register (including SPCs for medicinal products and plant protection products), the Trademarks Register, the Industrial Designs Register, and the Register of Topographies of Semiconductor Products;
- Prepares and publishes the Official Gazette of the Patent Office;
- Informs the public and organises events and training activities in order to promote the benefits of IP protection;
- Carries out activities to strengthen the value of IP;
- Maintains and updates a local database on IP rights issues;
- Maintains and develops a specialised IP information collection (the Library);
- Organises qualifying examinations for professional patent attorneys and arranges the List of Professional Patent Attorneys;
- Ensures, within its competence, the implementation of international agreements binding on Latvia and represents the Republic of Latvia at international organisations and events;

- Participates, within its competence, in drafting of legislative proposals and in the provision of opinions on legislative proposals drafted by other institutions;
- Provides fee-based services and performs other tasks laid down in regulatory acts;
- Ensures the organisational and administrative functioning of the Board of Appeal.

1.3 OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

The Patent Office carries out its activities in accordance with the Strategy approved in 2022, which is a medium-term planning and management document setting out the strategic vision and defining the principal objectives and tasks of the institution for the forthcoming five-year period. The Strategy establishes the development priorities of the Patent Office, the areas of activity and their strategic objectives, as well as the tasks, expected outcomes, and performance indicators. All employees of the Patent Office are involved in the achievement of these objectives.

Mission

The mission of the Patent Office is to serve as a centre of support and expertise in the field of industrial property rights – to provide modern and accessible services, to ensure opportunities for the protection of newly created IP, to implement national and international policies, and to educate the public in the field of IP, thereby creating a favourable environment for bringing innovations to the national economy.

Vision

The Patent Office is an innovative, collaborative, and widely recognised IP authority in Latvia and internationally, contributing to shaping the business environment as a key player in a knowledge-based and innovation-driven economy.

VALUES



Professionalism

The professionalism of motivated staff is one of the core values of the institution, enabling the effective provision of services in line with sectoral developments and trends, the fulfilment of institutional functions, and the achievement of common objectives through cohesive teamwork.



Our customers

Each customer is valued and afforded individual attention and consideration. The Patent Office is committed to regularly identifying clients' needs and continuously improving its services in order to achieve ever better outcomes together.



Development and innovation

We strive to make use of the latest technologies and innovations. We continuously review, improve and digitalise our processes in order to adapt dynamically and flexibly to changes and challenges.



Collaboration

We achieve more through cooperation with IP-related organisations in Latvia and internationally.



Table 1 **Key performance indicators defined in the Patent Office's Strategy**

Activity results				
Result	Performance indicator	Numerical values for the performance indicator		
		2021 (factual)	2025 (factual)	2026 (target)
1. Reliable, accessible and easy to use data in the field of industrial property	1.1 Number of visits to the Patent Office's website (unique visits per year)	178 365	571 342	290 000
	1.2 Number of database visits to the Patent Office's website (number of unique visits per year):			
	■ trademark databases	14 663	20 765	18 000
	■ inventions databases	2 939	3110	3 200
	■ industrial designs databases	902	1202	1 100
2. Efficient processes related to the registration of industrial property rights are ensured	2.1 Share of services provided electronically in the total number of Patent Office's services (%)	76%	62%	increasing 80%

	2.2 The Patent Office's QMS complies with ISO 9001:2015 requirements, with no non-conformities identified in external QMS audits (number of non-conformities reported).	0	0	0
3. Expanded range of available services	3.1 Number of alternative dispute resolution modules available on the Patent Office's website	0	0	3
	3.2 Provision of online consultations	-	ensured	ensured
4. Patent Office's customer needs are identified, and existing services are improved accordingly	4. Customer satisfaction with the quality of services in industrial property registration and post-registration procedures (share of fully and mostly satisfied respondents out of total respondents, (%))	92%	no survey conducted	increasing
5. Public awareness-raising activities are carried out	5.1 Number of public awareness-raising activities carried out per year	29 activities	60 activities	increasing

	5.2 Satisfaction with the quality of attended events (share of satisfied participants out of total respondents, (%))	92%	92,80%	remains at present level
6. Level of IP awareness among Latvian entrepreneurs	6. Share of Latvian entrepreneurs assessing their knowledge of industrial property protection as very good, rather good or average (% of respondents)	28%	no survey conducted	increasing
7. Children and young people have a good understanding of industrial property and its protection	7.1 Number of children and young people participating in events	2 670	2 442	remains at the current level
	7.2 Share of children and young people assessing their knowledge of industrial property as very good, rather good or average (% of respondents)	-	no survey conducted	70%
8. Involvement of Patent Office's employees in international initiatives is ensured	8.1 Number of representations of the Patent Office at WIPO, EPO, EUIPO and Nordic-Baltic working groups or standing committees (per year)	36	71	increasing
	8.2 Number of active bilateral agreements and MoU concluded with national patent offices	0	4	5

9.Ensuring a sustainable and professional workforce	9.Staff turnover (% of total staff)	12 %	21,20%	decreasing
10. Improved working environment	10.1 Renovation and modernisation of the Patent's Office building at Citadeles iela 6A (formerly 7/70) is ensured.	-	renovation and modernisation completed	ensured
	10.2 Workplaces are consolidated in a single building	-	ensured at Citadeles iela 6A	ensured
	10.3 Increase in staff satisfaction with the working environment based on survey results	-	79% (very good – 45% good – 34%)	70%

1.4 PRIORITIES FOR THE REPORTING YEAR

In 2025, within the framework of the Work Plan of the Ministry of Justice, the following priorities of the Patent Office were implemented:

- Amendments were made to the Trademark Law and the Law on Industrial Property Institutions and Procedures; Cabinet Regulation No. 694 of 25 November 2025, “Procedure for the Registration of Geographical Indications of Craft and Industrial Products”, was developed to ensure transposition of the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2023/2411 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on the protection of CIGIs and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/1753. These set out the national stage procedure by which the Patent Office examines CIGI registration applications, notices of opposition, cancellation requests, and applications for amendments to product specifications, as well as the operational arrangements for monitoring and controlling product compliance.
- Amendments to Cabinet Regulation No. 723 of 15 December 2015, “The Price List of Paid Services of the Patent Office”, were drafted and entered into force establishing fees for CIGI-related services.

Priorities of the Patent Office's Work Plan

Changes in the regulatory acts

In the Trademark Law, the regulation regarding the public availability of personal data of trademark applicants/owners was improved by clearly defining the scope of information to be published in the Trademark Register and providing the possibility to restrict public access to certain personal data. In line with these amendments, an appropriate technical solution was also developed for the Patent Office's Database of Industrial Property Objects.

- In accordance with Section 124 of the Law on Industrial Property Institutions and Procedures and the second part of Section 14 of the Freedom to Provide Services Law, Cabinet Regulation No. 736 of 9 December 2025, “Regulations on the Organisation of the Qualifying Examination for Professional Patent Attorneys and the Keeping of the Register”, was issued.
- During the reporting year, the Patent Office prepared and approved amendments to several internal regulations governing its work processes and organisational, administrative, HR management and information circulation procedures.

Improvements to the Patent Office's ICT systems and e-services

- Work progressed on the migration of the Office's information systems to the data centre of the SJSC "Latvia State Radio and Television Centre", with the completion planned and the decommissioning of the Patent Office's server infrastructure at the data centre of the Ministry of Justice scheduled for 2026.
- In cooperation with the EUIPO, work was carried out on projects for the development and improvement of trademark information system, including the implementation of an information system administration tool, a standardised document drafting tool, and system version upgrade.
- In cooperation with the EUIPO, the analysis of needs and requirements for the new Patent Office's User Area for trademark and design information system was completed, which is a key prerequisite for its successful implementation in 2026.
- In cooperation with the EUIPO, improvements were introduced to the blockchain register, ensuring that data published in the TMview trademark database also reflects authenticated information on issued registration certificates.
- The functionality of the Database of Industrial Property Objects was enhanced to improve public access to information system data.
- In 2025, the Patent Office began preparations for the centralisation reform being implemented in public administration, which provides for the gradual transfer of accounting and financial management processes to the Shared Service Centre. The reform envisages integrating the Patent Office's accounting processes into the centralised financial accounting and HR administration solution of the State Treasury's Shared Service Centre, replacing the systems previously used under the Ministry of Justice.

Raising public awareness and knowledge of IP

Training sessions and seminars for IP professionals were organised regularly throughout the year. More details are provided in the section "Raising awareness of industrial property protection".

- The annual anti-counterfeiting campaign was carried out and, for the first time, a hackathon-style competition for school students, "The Creative Intellectual", was organised. More details are available in the section "Raising awareness of industrial property protection".
- In cooperation with WIPO, the EUIPO and the EPO, public awareness events and activities were organised. More details are provided in the sections "Contribution to the education of school students and young people" and "Raising awareness of industrial property protection".

- Throughout the year, the Patent Office participated in events (forums, awards ceremonies, exhibitions, discussions) organised by cooperation partners to inform the public about IP and the importance of its protection. More details are provided in the section “Raising awareness of industrial property protection”.
- The Library’s collection was regularly updated by adding new materials.



FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE RESULTS 2025

2.1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

In accordance with Section 41(1) of the [Law on Budget and Financial Management](#) and Cabinet Order No. 893 of 1 November 2024, “On the Approval of the Patent Office’s Budget for 2025”, the Patent Office’s revenue of EUR 4,297,314 and the expenditure of EUR 5,532,095 were approved for 2025.

During the reporting period, the revenue of EUR 4,647,006 was received in the Office’s accounts, comprising income from paid services provided and other own-source revenue.

Expenditure comprised:

- Remuneration, mandatory state social insurance contributions, benefits and compensations amounting to EUR 2,075,674;
- Goods and services amounting to EUR 1,183,076;
- Capital expenditure amounting to EUR 54,133;
- Expenditure within the framework of international cooperation amounting to EUR 1,348,604;
- Transfers of maintenance expenditure amounting to EUR 232,274.

Table 2 ***Financial resources approved for the Patent Office for 2025 and actual expenditure in 2024 and 2025***

No.	Financial indicators	2024 (actual performance) EUR	2025	
			Annual plan with changes EUR	Actual performance EUR
1	Resources for covering expenditure (total)	4 462 900	4 297 314	4 647 006
1.1	Paid services and other own-source revenue	4 462 900	4 297 314	4 647 006
2	Expenditure (total)	4 539 574	5 532 095	4 893 761

2.1	Maintenance expenditure	4 525 917	5 513 795	4 839 628
2.1.1	Current expenditure	2 904 928	4 042 095	3 258 750
2.1.2	Current payments to the EU budget and international cooperation	1 388 529	1 219 950	1 348 604
2.1.3	Transfers of maintenance expenditure	232 460	251 750	232 274
2.2	Capital expenditure	13 657	18 300	54 133
3	Changes in cash balances from paid services and other own revenue (increase (-) or decrease (+))	76 674	-1 234 781	-246 755

2.2 SERVICES PROVIDED AND KEY TRENDS IN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION

The Patent Office provides paid services in accordance with the price list approved by Cabinet Regulation No. 723 of 12 December 2015, “The Price List of Paid Services of the Patent Office”, as well as the amendments to the Price List approved in 2025, which determine the fees for services related to CIGIs.

The Board of Appeal provides paid services in accordance with the Price List approved by Cabinet Regulation No. 732 of 15 December 2015, “The Price List of Paid Services of the Industrial Property Board of Appeal”.

In 2025, in accordance with the state planning document “Service Environment Improvement Plan for 2024–2027”, prepared by the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development and approved by the Cabinet, the Patent Office continued the implementation of the service management policy in line with the national public service management reform, including the preparation of service improvement plans and their entry into the document management system.

In total, employees of the Patent Office provided 3,558 consultations on IP issues during the year. Out of this number, 615 consultations were provided in person, 2,495 consultations were given by telephone, and 448 consultations were delivered using electronic channels. During the year, no complaints were received from customers regarding delays in the provision of services.

Up-to-date information from the Registers maintained by the Patent Office on trademarks, designs, patents and SPCs is reflected in the Industrial Property databases, which are accessible to any interested party in the section “**Databases**” on the Patent Office’s website. The data reflected in the databases has public credibility.

Register entries and the information specified in industrial property legal acts relating to the registration of industrial property rights are published by the Patent Office in its official gazette “*Izgudrojumi, Preču Zīmes un Dizainparaugi*” (Inventions, Trademarks and Industrial Designs), which is issued once a month. This publication is available in PDF format on the Patent Office’s website under the section “**Official Gazette**”.

The Patent Office did not conduct a comprehensive customer survey on the services provided in 2025. However, various other satisfaction measurements are carried out on a regular basis. The Office measures satisfaction after events, and the average satisfaction indicator in 2025 was 92.8%. Satisfaction of Library users with the services provided in 2025 was also assessed, with the indicator reaching 100%. The Patent Office regularly assesses customer satisfaction regarding a free 30-minute consultation with a professional patent attorney. During the reporting year, this service was used by 40 clients, which is twice as many as in the previous year. 22 respondents provided feedback for the service quality survey. 91% of the survey respondents were fully or mostly satisfied with services received. Entrepreneurs highly appreciated the opportunity to receive professional and in-depth answers to their questions, which helped them make well-considered decisions.

Patents for inventions

In 2024, the Patent Office received 87 national patent applications for the protection of inventions, which is 39% less than in 2023, when 143 patent applications were received. Of the patent applications received in 2024, 84 were from Latvian applicants and three from applicants with foreign addresses.

Distribution of filings by applicant category

- 26 applications were submitted by Latvian institutions of higher education and research institutes. The activity was similar to that in 2024, when higher education institutions and research institutes filed 28 patents.
- Latvian companies also continued to be relatively active in protecting their innovations: in total, 31 patent applications were received from companies in 2025 (26 in 2024).
- Although private individuals were the most active applicants in terms of numbers, with 54 patent applications received from individual applicants, it should be noted that some of these applications were later withdrawn or rejected due to not meeting the formal requirements for applying patents.

During the year, 95 national patents were granted, out of which 93 were granted to Latvian applicants and 2 to foreign applicants. In 2025, the largest number of patents was granted to institutions of higher education and research institutes (49 patents). Latvian companies were granted 32 patents, representing a significant increase compared to 14 patents in 2024. Private individuals were granted 6 patents in 2025.

In some cases, a granted patent is jointly owned by several parties, e.g., a Latvian and a foreign institute, or an institution of higher education and a company, demonstrating that inventions are also developed and patented within the framework of collaborative projects.

National patent filings 2021-2025

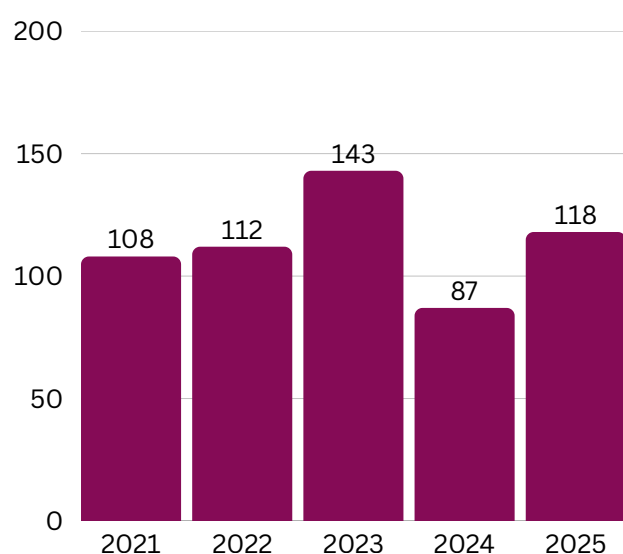


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Granted patents based on national applications 2021-2025

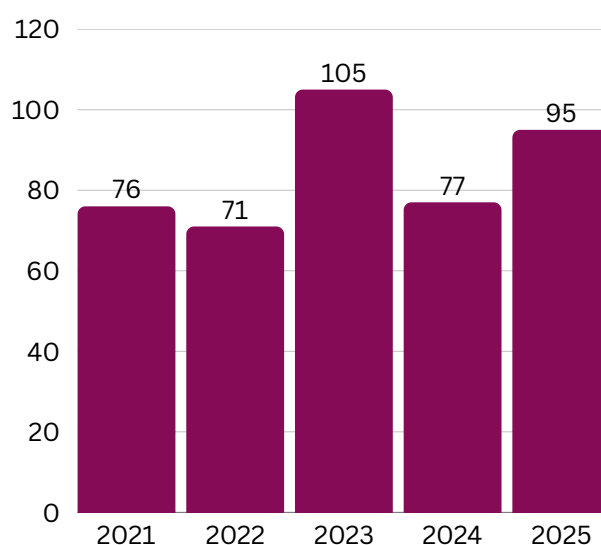


Figure 3

In 2025, 637 translations of European patent claims were received for the validation in Latvia of European patents granted by the EPO, while information on 741 European patents validated in/extended to Latvia was published in the Official Gazette of the Patent Office in 2025.

37 SPC applications were filed and 27 SPCs were granted in 2025.

As of the end of 2025, 454 national patents and 9,249 European patents were in force in Latvia. It should be noted that European patents with unitary effect (Unitary Patents) are also in force in Latvia. According to EPO data, by the beginning of 2026, unitary effect had been registered for 77,336 European patents; accordingly, all of these are in force on the territory of Latvia.

With regard to the Patent Register, a total of 132 changes of patent ownership and 11 changes of SPC ownership were registered in 2025. Changes to personal data were recorded for 128 patents and 17 SPCs, and entries relating to two licence agreements were also made in the Register.

European patents applied for validation in Latvia 2021-2025

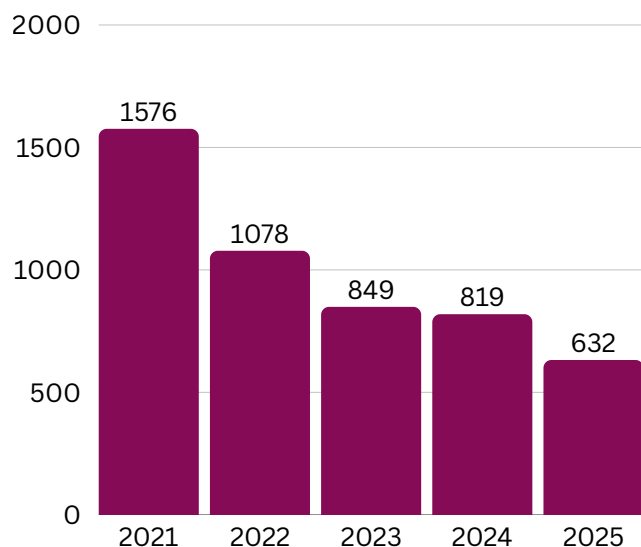


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Publications of European patents validated in Latvia 2021-2025

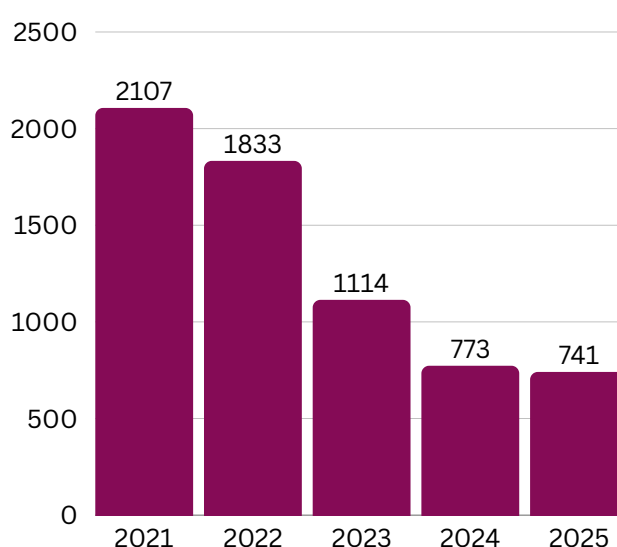


Figure 5

In 2025, the Patent Department continued its involvement in Case C-456/24 (Halozyne Inc. v Czech Industrial Property Office) before the CJEU. In 2025, following the written observations submitted in 2024, the Patent Department prepared responses to additional questions from the CJEU. As a result, a draft speech was prepared together with representatives of the CJEU Department of the Ministry of Justice setting out the opinion of the Republic of Latvia in this Case, which was expressed at the oral hearing held on 29 October 2025 in Luxembourg. A representative of the Patent Department took part in the hearing.

In addition, during the reporting year, the Patent Department prepared two written opinions for the Riga City Court in civil cases No. 77990922 (SIA "VIATRIS" v BIOGEN MA Inc.) and No. 771093324 (Bayer Intellectual Property GmbH v STADA Arzneimittel Aktiengesellschaft) concerning the compliance of European patents EP 2653873 and EP 1845961 with the requirements of novelty and inventive step. During 2025, representatives of the Patent Department participated in all court hearings related to the above-mentioned civil cases.

Trademarks

Within the national procedure, 1,407 trademark applications were received in 2025, which is 18% more than in 2024, when 1,185 applications were received. Accordingly, 1,106 trademarks were registered, representing a 14% increase compared to the previous year.

Figurative trademarks were most popular in 2025, accounting for 56% of all applications, followed by word marks (an increase of 43% compared to the previous year). 14 applications were filed for three-dimensional marks and one for a colour mark.

**Trademark applications
received 2021-2025**

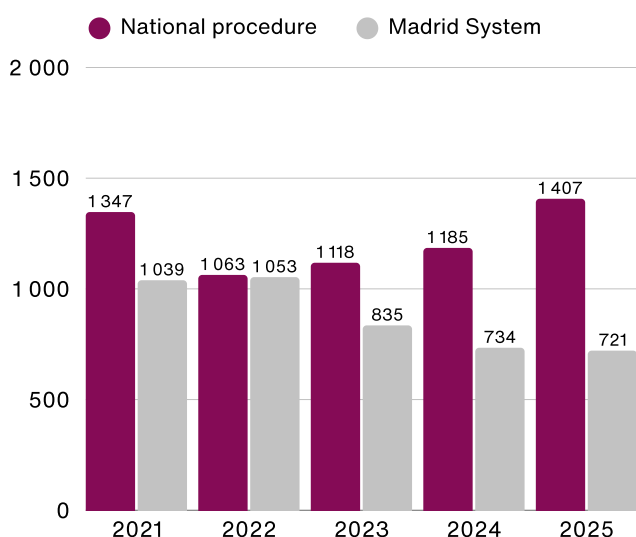


Figure 6

**Registered trademarks
2021-2025**

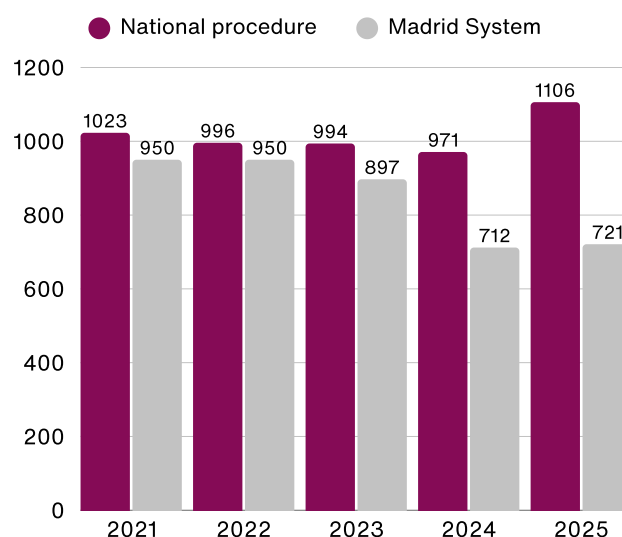


Figure 7

The largest number of trademark applications were filed in respect of the following Nice Classification classes of goods and services¹:

- Class 35 was included in 1,403 applications, mainly covering services related to business management, organisation and administration, as well as advertising, marketing and promotional services;
- Class 41 was included in 305 applications, mainly covering educational and teaching services, as well as entertainment services and the organisation of sporting and cultural events.
- Class 43 was included in 142 applications, mainly covering services relating to the provision of food and drink for immediate consumption, as well as services for providing temporary accommodation;
- Class 30 was included in 125 applications, mainly covering plant-based food products other than fruits and vegetables that are ready for consumption or preserved, as well as additives intended to enhance the flavour of food products;
- Class 36 was included in 123 applications, mainly covering services related to banking and other financial transactions, financial appraisal services, as well as services in the fields of insurance and real estate.

¹ The Nice Classification is an international classification of goods and services used for the purposes of the registration of marks. Under the Nice Classification, goods are assigned to Classes 1 to 34, and services to Classes 35 to 45. Each class has a class heading that provides general information about the relevant goods or services.

Industrial designs

Growth in applications and registrations also continued in the field of industrial designs in 2025. During the reporting year, 33 applications covering a total of 59 designs were received, showing an increase of 9% in the number of applications and 11% in the number of designs included in those applications.

In 2025, the total number of design registrations was 29 (a 4% increase compared to 2024), while the number of designs included in those registrations was 57 (a 23% increase compared to 2024).

Design applications received 2021-2025

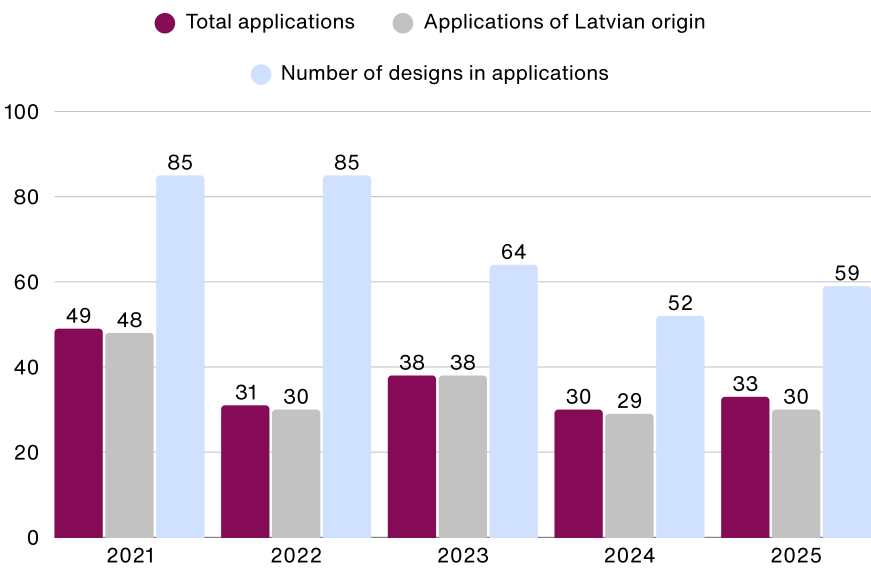


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Design registrations 2021-2025

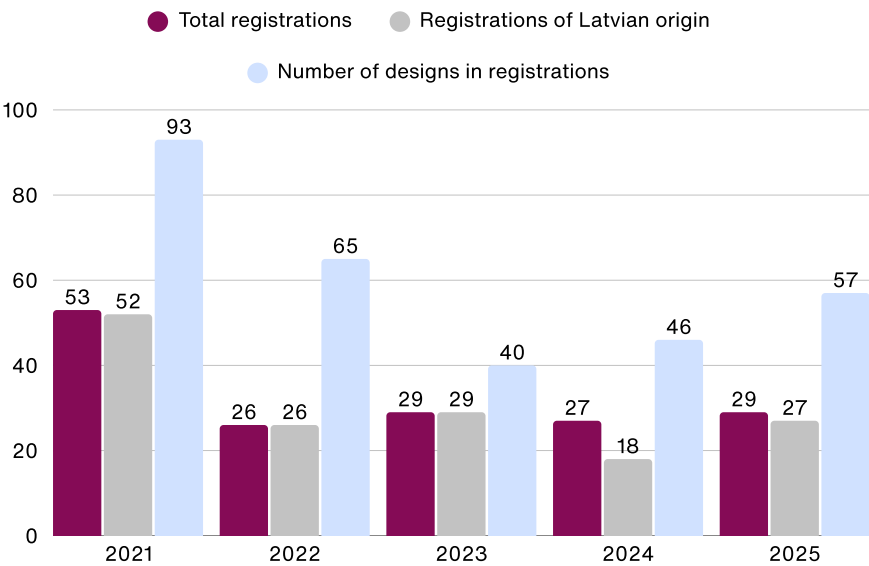


Figure 9

In the field of designs, the largest number of applications were filed in the following classes of the Locarno International Classification for Industrial Designs²:

- Class 6. Furnishing (9 applications)
- Class 32. Graphic symbols and logos, surface patterns, ornamentation (8 applications)
- Class 21. Games, toys, tents and sports goods (5 applications)
- Class 10. Clocks and watches and other measuring instruments, checking and signalling instruments (2 applications)

Geographical indications for craft and industrial products

From 1 December 2025, the new system for the protection of CIGIs came into force across the EU. In Latvia, the competent authority responsible for receiving applications for examination, to be subsequently forwarded to the EUIPO for CIGI registration, is the Patent Office.

The services provided by the Patent Office in this area include:

- Submission of an application for CIGI registration;
- Submission of a renewed self-declaration and renewal of the certificate;
- Filing an opposition to registration;
- Making amendments to the product specification or the single document;
- Submission of an application for the cancellation of registration.

During the reporting year, experts of the Patent Office initiated consultations with craftspeople on the possibilities for registering CIGIs, and meetings were organised to provide information about the new system. Within the framework of the 7th Latvian Rural Communities Parliament organised by the society “Latvian Rural Forum”, an expert discussion and working groups took place in Mālpils on 12 June 2025. Director of the Patent Office Agris Batalauskis and Director of the EUIPO Cooperation and Partnerships Department Sandris Laganovskis were among the participants of the discussion.

Raising awareness of industrial property protection

To encourage the registration of industrial property, it is essential to raise public awareness of the importance of IP and its protection. At the same time, it is also necessary to explain why IP rights must be respected. To this end, one of the key functions of the Patent Office is to promote understanding of IP protection.

² The Locarno Classification, established by the Locarno Agreement, is an international classification used for the purposes of the registration of industrial designs.

At the Patent Office, efforts to raise public awareness are carried out by the Development and International Cooperation Department, involving other Office's departments and cooperating with other state institutions and organisations at both national and international levels.

During the reporting year, the Patent Office organised or participated in more than 60 events (lectures, consultations and other activities providing information on the importance of IP registration and protection and explained why it is necessary to respect the IP rights of others. An integral part of external communication is raising awareness of the dangers of counterfeiting and its negative impact on various sectors. Events, lectures and other activities involving the Patent Office were attended by a wide range of audiences, including SMEs, school and university students, educators, researchers, professional patent attorneys, judges, customs officials, TTOs, student enterprises, representatives of the creative industries, and others. In 2025, the total number of participants in events was 9,283, while the average satisfaction rate for the events was 92.8%.

One of the most significant events organised by the Patent Office in 2025 was the international conference “IP as a Catalyst for Innovation and Growth: Connecting Research, Technology and SMEs” dedicated to the Office's 105th anniversary. At the conference, high-level experts, policymakers and industry representatives discussed developments in the IP system and its role in supporting innovation and growth.

To take part in the conference, the heads of all three major international IP organisations – WIPO Director General Daren Tang, EUIPO Executive Director João Negrão, and EPO President António Campinos – arrived in Riga, as well as heads of national IP offices from Europe.

The event was structured around three panel discussions: “Leveraging IP for Innovation and Growth: A Focus on Collaboration, Technology Transfer and SMEs”, “Patentability Opportunities in Emerging Technologies: Challenges, Strategies and Prospects”, and “Technology Transfer and Commercialisation – Building Bridges between Research and Industry”. The speakers shared their experiences and provided practical recommendations on how to reduce the gap between research institutions and the private sector.



Figure 10

On 16 June 2025, marking World Anti-Counterfeiting Day, the Patent Office launched its annual public awareness campaign, “Be Original – Counterfeits Cost Lives”, at the “Galerija Centrs” shopping centre. In 2025, the campaign activities focused on informing the public about the risks associated with the spread of counterfeit medicines and the harm they cause. At the campaign’s opening event, visitors had the opportunity to view samples of counterfeit goods, learn from an expert discussion about the potentially dangerous effects of counterfeits, particularly fake medicines and food supplements, and, under the guidance of a fitness trainer, learned exercises useful for relaxing muscles during the working day.



Figure 11

In 2025, to promote public IP awareness and to ensure that it reaches as wide a range of target audiences as possible, the Patent Office cooperated with the Latvian Design Centre, Latvian Designers' Society, Association of Patent Attorneys of Latvia, LaIPA, Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, BT1 International Expo Company, Latvia Technological Centre, Zemgale Region Human Resource and Competence Development Centre, Riga Neighbourhoods Alliance, Latvian Rural Forum, JA Latvia, Latvian educational institutions, local authorities, Kuldīga Digital Innovation Centre, and other organisations and institutions. A significant cooperation was carried out with state institutions, including the Ministry of Justice, SRS Customs Board, Supreme Court, Office of the Prosecutor General, Ministry of Culture, Consumer Rights Protection Centre, Ministry of Economics, Health Inspectorate, Latvian National Centre for Culture, LIAA, and others.

Each year, the Patent Office prepares informational videos as effective means of communication on the advantages of registering IP. In 2025, two videos were produced featuring the basketball club “[Rīgas Zēļi](#)” and the music group “[Sudden Lights](#)” sharing their experiences related to their trademark registration and explaining the benefits gained. Another video was prepared on the experience and activities of the company “[Light Guide Optics International](#)” in the field of innovation. In addition, a video was created, in collaboration with LaIPA, for the music industry awards “GAMMA”, where the Patent Office nominated a candidate for the award “Innovation of the Year in Music Technology”. This video highlighted international achievements of the company “[Sonarworks](#)” in the field of music technology through the registered IP.

Participation in events

In 2025, the Patent Office continued to take an active part in various events organised by third parties. Throughout the year, the Patent Office participated with its own stand and provided consultations at six exhibitions: Riga Food, Tech Industry, Riga Furniture & Interior, Riga COMM, Baltic Beauty, as well as at the MINOX Latgale start-up festival. At these exhibitions, the Patent Office was represented by experts from the Development and International Cooperation Department, the Patent Department, and the Trademarks and Industrial Designs Department.

Within the framework of cooperation with LaIPA, the Patent Office was represented at the first annual contemporary music awards ceremony, “GAMMA”, where the Director of the Patent Office presented an award in the category “Innovation of the Year in Music Technology”. The award was received by the nominee put forward by the Patent Office – the company “Sonarworks”, which has registered its IP and gained worldwide recognition with its products.



Figure 12

Approximately 2,500 people attended the awards ceremony in person at the Xiaomi Arena, while 208,000 people watched the broadcast on the TV3 channel. In addition, in cooperation with LaIPA, representatives of the Patent Office took part in two “GAMMA Academy” podcasts on the advantages of IP protection.

During the reporting year, the Patent Office continued its cooperation with the Latvian Design Centre, participating in the evaluation of candidates for the “Latvian Design Award” and in the selection of the winners. At the award ceremony on 5th of June, the Patent Office presented its Special Award to “Onlyonly studio” for the “Daydreamer” lounge chair. The award included advisory support aimed at improving the protection of the created design and the company’s IP. Through the Special Award, the Patent Office

seeks to raise designers' IP awareness, as well as to support the sustainable development of design sector in Latvia. The Award also aims to expand the use of design in business and the public sector by strengthening cooperation between the two and fostering the commercialisation of best design solutions.



Figure 13

For the second consecutive year, the Patent Office participated in the evaluation of candidates for the “Export and Innovation Award” organised by LIAA. During on-site visits, the jury panel, which also included representatives of the Patent Office, familiarised itself with the activities of the nominees, their innovations, and the protection of their IP.

For the second time, the Patent Office took part in Latvia's largest conversation festival, “LAMPa”, which takes place every summer in the town of Cēsis. The discussion “Is IP a Value?” was co-organised with LaIPA. Together with IP experts and the graffiti artist Kiwie, answers were sought to questions about how creativity and innovation form the foundation of our economic and cultural life, and how important the protection of IP and respect for the work of others truly are.



Figure 14

Contribution to the education of school students and young people

Raising public IP awareness largely depends on fostering it from an early age, when an individual's understanding of values is still developing. Therefore, one of the aims and tasks of the Patent Office is to work with children and young people, providing accessible and engaging information about IP, particularly industrial property, from the very first years of schooling. The main topics addressed include IP protection, the advantages of registering IP rights, respect for other's IP, and the risks associated with counterfeiting. These are especially important for school students and young people who plan to establish their own business in the future.

In 2025, the Patent Office continued its cooperation with JA Latvia, participating in various activities aimed at preparing and supporting school students and young people in the field of entrepreneurship. At events such as “Cits Bazārs”, “Young Entrepreneurs Days”, “Young Entrepreneurs School”, “Dare to Win”, and “Growth Code”, representatives of the Patent Office provided consultations and shared information on IP protection and registration, as well as other related matters. One of the most widely attended events was the student enterprise fair “Cits Bazārs”, where the Patent Office was not only present with its stand, but also participated in the evaluation jury, presenting awards to student enterprises in the category “Knowledge-based Product or Service” in both the lower secondary and upper secondary school groups.



Figure 15

In 2025, the Patent Office participated in nine activities organised by JA Latvia, strengthening school students' and young people's understanding of IP, as well as evaluating the contribution of more than 270 student enterprises to innovation.

In the reporting year, representatives of the Patent Office delivered a total of 16 lectures to schoolchildren and students of higher education institutions. They covered IP basics, trademark and domain protection, and counterfeiting. In November, the Patent Office took part, for the first time, in the logic game for school students, "Riga Puzzle Day", organised by the Riga City Council. During the event, school teams spent the day solving various intellectual challenges. At the Patent Office's stand, young people and their teachers had the opportunity to learn about IP protection, as well as to examine counterfeit goods and try to distinguish them from genuine products.

For the second year in a row, the Patent Office took part in the youth festival "Kopums", organised alongside the street festival "MAD Liepāja" on 16-17 August in Liepāja. During the festival, the Patent Office offered participants the opportunity to take part in thematic games and competitions, as well as to examine samples of counterfeit goods and receive practical information on the protection of copyright, trademarks, industrial designs, and inventions.

It is already a tradition that each autumn the Patent Office organises the competition "Creative Intellectual" for students of general education schools. In 2025, the format of the competition was changed to a hackathon. School students were invited to submit applications with a motivation letter explaining why they wished to take part in the hackathon. In total, 41 team applications were received from across Latvia. 10 teams were selected for the final stage, i.e. the hackathon day. During the hackathon, which took place on 26 November, teams were tasked with developing solutions to address digital stress. First place was awarded to the team "Visual Art" from Riga High School of Design and Art for their solution "Time Thieves" – a prototype board game that helps young people become aware of their digital habits, recognise "lost" time, and develop healthier daily routines.

For the first time in the Baltics, a regional seminar for young people from the Baltic States, jointly organised by the Patent Office and WIPO, took place in Latvia, in Cēsis Municipality, from 19 to 23 August. Its aim was to enhance knowledge and practical skills in the fields of IP, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship. This was the first seminar of its kind, where young people from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia gained knowledge of IP issues through active participation and under the guidance of international lecturers.



Figure 16

Annual seminars for professionals

The Patent Office places particular emphasis on strengthening knowledge of IP protection among those target groups for whom it is most significant in practical work. Therefore, thematic training sessions are regularly organised for various audiences, covering both practical aspects and current developments in the IP sector. Both Latvian and international experts are involved in the training process, including representatives from international IP organisations and other institutions, ensuring a broad and multifaceted perspective on developments in the field.

On 9 and 10 September, the Patent Office organised its annual regional seminar for judges and other judicial staff in Jelgava. Judges and representatives of the judiciary system were given the opportunity to analyse in greater detail such concepts as upcycling or creative reuse, where IP is created on the basis of an already existing protected work, as well as the concept of pastiche, where a new work is formed by combining works created by several authors. Such situations often give rise to discussions as to whether the newly created work can be regarded as truly original, or whether its creation infringes the rights of another author.



Figure 17

On 29 and 30 October, the seminar “Effective Methods of Enforcing IP Rights”, co-organised by the Patent Office and the SRS Customs Board, took place in Riga. At the seminar, special attention was devoted to the impact of e-commerce on the circulation of counterfeit goods, which makes their detection more difficult, as well as to the distribution of counterfeit medicines in light of current societal trends. The aim of the seminar was to promote closer cooperation between institutions involved in combating the spread of counterfeit goods. Over the years, dozens of international experts have participated in these seminars, with a total of nearly one thousand participants – specialists from customs, police, and supervisory authorities.

Both the seminar for judges and other judicial staff and the seminar for customs and law enforcement officials marked their 10th anniversary in 2025.

Cooperation with entrepreneurs

IP rights play a vital role in fostering innovation and strengthening business competitiveness. They provide entrepreneurs with the opportunity to develop strategic advantages. Well-established IP protection is a prerequisite for successful commercialisation and attracting investment, as it provides confidence in the value of a company's technology and brand.

Close cooperation with entrepreneurs is one of the most important factors enabling innovations to develop from a concept to a commercially viable product. Recognising the importance of IP in business growth, the Patent Office has significantly strengthened its cooperation with entrepreneurs, industry organisations, and partners within the innovation ecosystem. This cooperation helps businesses to identify protectable solutions at an early stage, to understand opportunities for technology transfer and licensing, and to reduce legal risks that may affect commercialisation processes.

A sound understanding of IP is particularly important for SMEs and start-ups, which often operate with limited resources and whose competitiveness is based on unique solutions, technologies, or brand identity. For these enterprises, IP is often one of their most valuable assets, and its timely protection can be crucial for attracting investment, securing export opportunities, and safeguarding against imitation by competitors. Moreover, an IP strategy helps start-ups to structure cooperation models with partners and to prepare for rapid growth.

In 2025, to promote entrepreneurs' understanding of the benefits of IP protection and to encourage them to register their IP, the Patent Office participated in events organised by third parties and organised six seminars of its own aimed at business audiences. Among the events in which the Patent Office was represented were the Future Entrepreneurs Forum, Deep Tech Atelier, a craftsmen and home producers matchmaking event in Jelgava, and an innovation think tank of the Latvian Security and Defence Industry International Cooperation Network.

EUIPO SME Fund “Ideas Powered for business”

For the fifth consecutive year, the SME Fund “Ideas Powered for business” has been implemented in Latvia. With financial support from the (EC), it enables entrepreneurs to strengthen and protect their IP, which is essential for fostering creativity, innovation and overall economic development in the country.

The SME Fund is an EC initiative implemented by the EUIPO, and in Latvia it is administered by the Patent Office.

The growing IP awareness among Latvian SMEs is reflected in the Fund's statistics for 2025: in total, 574 applications were received from Latvian SMEs, representing a 34% increase compared to the previous year. Over the course of 2025, Latvian enterprises applied for a total of 750 services.



Figure 18

As in previous years, in 2025 the most frequently requested support in Latvia was for the registration of trademarks and industrial designs, with a total of 391 applications. The second most requested support was for IP pre-diagnostic services, namely IP Scan, which was used by 245 companies.

Financial support for dealing with issues related to IP rights infringement (IP Scan Enforcement) was requested by 97 Latvian SMEs in 2025. In addition, 17 applications were submitted for financial support related to patent grant procedures.

EUIPO Authenticities Network Activities

Through its activities, the Patent Office seeks to reach most regions of Latvia, one of them being the participation in the initiative launched by the EUIPO “European Network of Authenticities”. The Patent Office has been implementing this initiative in Latvia since 2023, when Liepāja first joined the Network, followed by Daugavpils. On 22 October 2025, the City of Riga signed a MoU with the Patent Office on joining the initiative.

The first Authenticities Network activity in Riga took place even before the MoU was signed. The Patent Office participated in a Father's Day event organised by the Čiekurkalns Neighbourhood Development Association.



Figure 19

Interactive and educational activities, including lectures for entrepreneurs and students, as well as other initiatives, are also planned in other neighbourhoods of Riga in the coming years.

Latvian Intellectual Property Awards

In 2024, the Patent Office decided to merge two awards – “Trademark of the Year” and “Visionary” – under a single identity and title, the “Intellectual Property Awards”. The first award ceremony under the new concept took place on 8 April 2025.

Throughout the year, the expert commission of the Patent Office evaluated trademarks registered in 2025, and 32 of them were shortlisted for the second round, where they were assessed by the jury composed of representatives from the Patent Office and external industry experts.

In the category “Trademark of the Year for Latvia”, the figurative trademark of the basketball club “Rīgas Zēļi” was awarded, while in the category “Trademark of the Year for the EU”, the music group “Sudden Lights” was recognised as the winner. In addition, in cooperation with the Latvian Public Service Media portal (LSM), a public vote was organised to determine which of the 32 shortlisted trademarks was considered by the public to be the best and most eye-catching. The coffee brand “Tiny Giant”, which has registered an EU figurative trademark, gained a significant majority of the vote.



Figure 20

For the second time, the laureate of the “Visionary” award was determined. The winner was selected by the expert jury comprising representatives of the Patent Office and experts from the LIAA, Riga Technical University, and the company “Aerones Engineering”. Out of 26 nominees, the company “Light Guide Optics International”, which manufactures and exports fibre optic products, received the highest evaluation from the jury.

Development of the specialised information collection

During the reporting year, the Library continued to expand its collection with Latvian and foreign publications in the field of IP. In 2025, the Library's collection was supplemented with 88 new publications, while 699 journal copies were withdrawn due to the expiry of their retention period. As of 31 December 2025, the total collection comprised 2,441 items.

Over the course of the year, 62 new bibliographic records were created in the local IP database "Protection of Industrial and Intellectual Property", and 466 records were edited to improve quality. By the end of the year, the database contained a total of 17,630 records.

Following the recommendations from the Library's accreditation carried out in 2024, a separate section "Tasks of the Library" was developed and incorporated into the Development and International Cooperation Department's Regulations in 2025.

In November 2025, after the Patent Office relocated to the renovated premises at Citadeles iela 6A, the Library also gained a dedicated space for housing its collection. Any member of the public may access the Library's materials for reading either on the premises or for borrowing.

Representation of persons

Entrepreneurs, designers, inventors and anyone interested may use services of professional patent attorneys who specialise in the field of industrial property protection and handle procedures before the Patent Office. The List of Professional Patent Attorneys (the List) maintained by the Patent Office is available on its website under the section "[List of Patent Attorneys](#)".

The Patent Office organises qualifying examinations of professional patent attorneys. In 2025, seven candidates sat the examination, and five of them obtained the professional qualification.

As of 1 January 2026, a new procedure has come into force, providing that the examination is organised once a year in May and changing its structure by adding a third component – a general knowledge test on IP matters.

In 2025, 76 entries of amendments were made to the List, and three certificates were issued recognising the professional qualifications of patent attorneys in other European Economic Area member states.

Industrial Property Board of Appeal

In 2025, the Board of Appeal received one appeal, concerning a decision by the Patent Office to refuse the registration of a trademark. A total of 55 oppositions were filed, all relating to trademark registrations, including 31 filings by EU trademark owners. In 2025, 2.9% of trademark registrations were challenged in opposition proceedings (2.7% in the previous year). Nine notices for invalidation of trademark registration, four of them from EU trademark owners, and five notices for revocation of trademark registration were submitted.

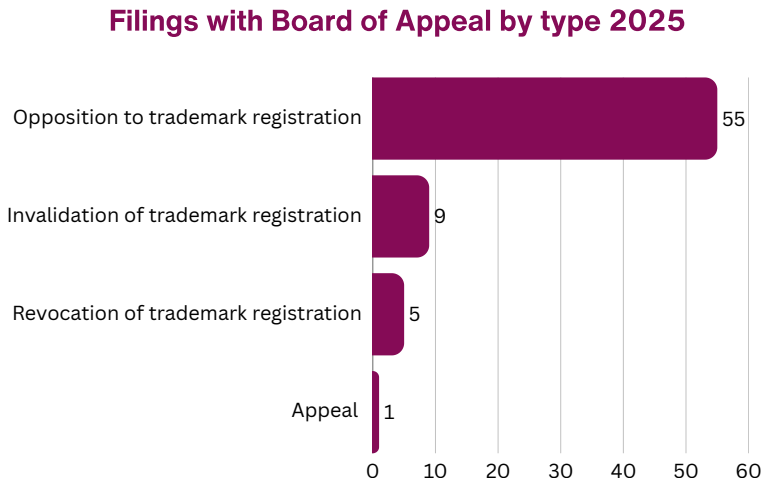


Figure 21

In 2025, 42 oppositions to trademark registration were examined on the merits, including 24 upheld in the entirety, six upheld in part, nine rejected, and in three cases terminated. 17 opposition proceedings were discontinued without reaching a substantive examination of the case. Nine trademark invalidations were examined, including six upheld in the entirety, one upheld in part, and two rejected. Seven trademark revocations were also examined, three of them upheld in the entirety due to non-use, while four revocations were upheld in part restricting the list of goods of the contested marks. One appeal against a decision of the Patent Office to refuse trademark registration was examined and rejected..

In cases where the dispute was resolved on the merits, the Board of Appeal issued 49 decisions in 2025.

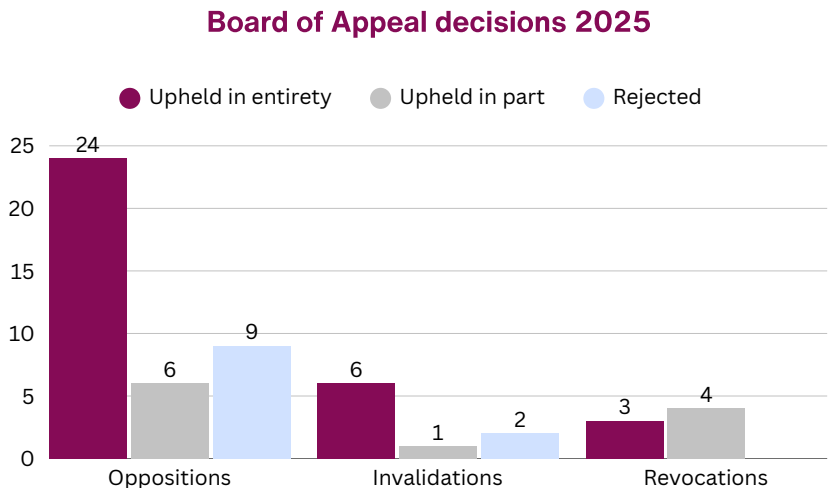


Figure 22

2.3 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Patent Office implements Latvia's obligations arising from international treaties in the field of industrial property protection and represents the State in various international organisations and at international events. It actively develops cooperation with foreign and international institutions and promotes staff participation in international projects, conferences and expert work, ensuring the international exchange of Latvia's professional knowledge and experience.

Continuing to strengthen its role at international level, Patent Office experts participated in 71 working groups and standing committees, including within Baltic and Nordic cooperation formats, as well as at WIPO, the EPO and the EUIPO. Efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation also continued. In 2025, cooperation and experience-sharing meetings were held with representatives of the IP offices of Spain, Ukraine, Estonia, Hungary, and Ireland.

On 19 September, Director of the Patent Office Agris Batalauskis signed a MoU between the Patent Office and the Intellectual Property Office of Ireland to promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences in the field of IP.

Bilateral cooperation among the Baltic and Nordic countries

On 23 and 24 October, the annual meeting of the IP offices of the Baltic States took place in Vilnius. Representatives of the Offices discussed initiatives and joint activities aimed at strengthening the IP system in the Baltic region and in each State individually. At the meeting, a trilateral cooperation agreement between the Baltic IP offices was signed.



Figure 23

In September 2025, Director of the Patent Office Agris Batalauskis participated in the Baltic Conference of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) held in Tallinn, where industry professionals, policymakers and sector leaders discussed current IP trends.

During the reporting year, cooperation with the IP offices of the Baltic and Nordic States also continued through participation in annual meetings. These meetings provided an opportunity to discuss current issues and identify significant development trends in the region. At the same time, cooperation also continued in day-to-day operations, jointly addressing sector-related matters and strengthening the exchange of information between the Offices.

World Intellectual Property Organisation

In 2025, the Patent Office continued to implement various WIPO co-funded activities. More information can be found in the section “Raising awareness of industrial property protection”.

The productive cooperation between the Patent Office and WIPO is also reflected in the visit to Latvia by Daren Tang on 7 and 8 April 2025. During the visit, WIPO Director General Daren Tang and Director of the Patent Office Agris Batalauskis signed a bilateral MoU on alternative dispute resolution in the field of IP. Mr. Tang also met with the Prime Minister, Evika Siliņa, the Minister for Justice, Inese Lībiņa-Egnere, and the Speaker of the Saeima, Daiga Mieriņa, and visited the Ministry of Economics and the Ministry of Culture.

A notable highlight was the participation of WIPO Director General Daren Tang in the international conference marking the 105th anniversary of the Patent Office. As part of the programme, he joined a panel discussion and presented a WIPO Medal to the Latvian company “Sonarworks”.



Figure 24

From 8 to 17 July 2025, the 58th WIPO General Assembly took place. The Patent Office was represented there by Director Agris Batalauskis and Deputy Director and Director of the Administrative and Finance Department Ēriks Rēķis. Agris Batalauskis was elected First Vice-Chair of the WIPO General Assembly for the term 2026–2027.

Director of the Patent Office Agris Batalauskis was invited to participate in a WIPO high-level discussion as the representative of European IP offices. At the discussion, the WIPO Pathfinders Report was presented, summarising insights into the future of IP and the challenges ahead. The discussion was opened and closed by WIPO Director General Daren Tang and included invited experts such as Mariela Formas, Executive Vice President of the Chilean Chamber of Pharmaceutical Innovation; Dr Essam Bukhary, CEO of Manga Productions; and WIPO Assistant Director General Andrew Staines.

In cooperation with WIPO, the Patent Office organised the first Baltic-scale seminar for university students. More information about the regional seminar is available in the section “Contribution to the education of school students and young people”.

European Patent Office

The EPO is one of the largest IP institutions, and the support it provides is significant for the further development of Latvia's IP system. Therefore, on 24 February 2025, a bilateral cooperation agreement was concluded between the EPO and the Patent Office for the following three years.

On 7 and 8 April, EPO President António Campinos paid a two-day visit to Riga. During the visit, the EPO President participated in the international conference marking the 105th anniversary of the Patent Office and met with the Director of the Patent Office, the Minister for Justice, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Economics, and the Director of the LIAA. He also presented the Latvian Intellectual Property Award “Visionary”.



Figure 25

For the past nine years, the Patent Office, in cooperation with the EPO, has offered national patent applicants the opportunity to obtain, free of charge, an EPO-conducted patent search assessing the patentability of their inventions. The results of the project were also presented to the Cabinet in 2025 in the informational report “On Further Action in the Field of Improving the Quality of Latvian National Patents”.

The report noted that Latvian patent applicants readily use the opportunity to obtain a free patent search performed by the EPO. The most active users of this service are Latvian SMEs, with patent searches being requested for more than 50% of their patent applications. This demonstrates the strong interest of businesses in assessing the potential of their innovations and securing appropriate protection for them. The opportunity to obtain a patent search is also widely used by individual patent applicants (inventors) as well as by Latvian institutions of higher education and research institutes. Following receipt of the patent search results, international patenting procedures are initiated in an average of 56% of cases.

During the reporting year, representatives of the Patent Office participated in various meetings and working groups organised by the EPO, thereby facilitating the exchange of information and best practices.

The Director of the Patent Office continued to serve on the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation, as well as on the Administrative Council Board, to which he was elected on 20 March 2024 for a three-year term running from 27 June 2024 to 26 June 2027.

The Patent Office also actively participated in EPO PATLIB network activities. Director of the Development and International Cooperation Department Ilze Grava was appointed to the EPO PATLIB Advisory Committee for a two-year term. The Patent Office also continued to strengthen the development of the national PATLIB network, Daugavpils University joining it in 2025.

European Union Intellectual Property Office

The EUIPO is an important partner in raising general IP awareness. In 2025, with the EUIPO support, the Patent Office continued to implement a wide range of activities aimed at educating the public about IP, its protection, and the negative impact of counterfeiting.

During the reporting year, Patent Office's staff actively engaged in the EUIPO's cooperation platform "Virtual Communities". The platform aims to transform the EUIPN from a formal cooperation framework into a genuine community of professionals who regularly collaborate on joint IP projects. The platform was launched in February 2025, and 12 experts from the Patent Office joined it.

On 10 and 11 November, Director of the Patent Office A. Batalauskis participated in the workshop "Towards 2045 – Sketching Future Scenarios for the IP System in the EU", organised by the EUIPO and the EU Policy Lab in Brussels.

The aim of the workshop was to develop potential scenarios for the evolution of the IP system up to 2045 through a multi-stage discussion process. Participants identified the key actors within the system, their interactions, the main drivers and uncertainties shaping its future, and the potential implications for EU's IP policy and the work of IP institutions.

To take part in the events marking the 105th anniversary of the Patent Office, EUIPO Executive Director João Negrão visited Riga on 7 and 8 April. In addition to participating in the international conference and the Latvian Intellectual Property Awards Ceremony, Mr Negrão met with Minister for Justice Inese Lībiņa-Egnere. During a meeting with Latvian craftspeople, the EUIPO Executive Director discussed issues related to the new CIGI system. He also became acquainted with potential Latvian craft products that could qualify for CIGI protection.



Figure 26

In November, Director of the Patent Office Agris Batalauskis and Deputy Director and Director of the Administrative and Finance Department Ēriks Rēķis met in Alicante with Executive Director of the EUIPO João Negrão, Deputy Executive Director Edyta Demby-Siwiek, and other EUIPO's experts to discuss cooperation to date in the implementation of joint projects and activities, as well as plans for future collaboration. During the meeting, the EUIPO's representatives were informed about the latest developments and day-to-day operations of the Patent Office, its contribution to the implementation of the EUIPO's Strategic Plan 2030, and the progress of ongoing joint cooperation projects.

During the reporting year, two EUIPO's technical visits took place, one in the first half of the year and another in the second half, to review completed and ongoing activities and to discuss planned projects and initiatives for the near future. During the visits, the EUIPO commended the Patent Office for its active participation in the "Virtual Communities" initiative, as well as for its involvement in a range of other EUIPO's projects and activities implemented in different formats.

In 2025, Patent Office experts continued their active involvement in the initiatives of the Observatory. They regularly participated in working group meetings and discussions, contributed data on the situation in Latvia, and ensured public awareness of the Observatory's published studies and statistics.

The Patent Office also made extensive use of the resources, research findings, and practical insights developed by the Observatory, which contributed to strengthening the Office's professional capacity and expertise. Information on the latest Observatory's publications is available on the Patent Office's website.

European Commission

The Trademarks and Industrial Designs Department of the Patent Office represented Latvia in the EC committee for CIGIs and in the IP expert working group on GIs. Through the participation in the working group and committee, Patent Office experts provided comments during the drafting of delegated and implementing acts under Regulation (EU) 2023/2411 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

In 2025, the Patent Department also actively represented Latvia at the EC working groups on patents. Work continued on the revision of the SPC Regulations, as well as on new regulations aimed at introducing a unitary SPC system.

Work was completed on the new regulation on compulsory licensing for crisis management purposes, which entered into force in January 2026.

In June 2025, the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) project, "Building a More Effective and Efficient Market Surveillance and Intellectual Property System for Latvia", funded by the OECD and the EC Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM), concluded with an international conference. During the conference, the OECD presented the project's achievements in the field of IP in Latvia and provided recommendations for further improvements to the national IP system. Following its assessment of Latvia's IP framework, the OECD identified ten areas requiring improvement, including the integration of innovation and IP, commercialisation, the prevention of IP infringement, operational capacity, and the development of professional competencies in the field of IP. As part of the project, a training programme for judges was also developed and is now being implemented by the Judicial Academy. On 28 November 2025, a report "On the Results of the Project No. 23LV12 under the EC DG REFORM Technical Support Instrument" was submitted to the Ministry of Justice.

2.4 QUALITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Since 2018, the Patent Office's QMS has been certified as compliant with the requirements of the international standard ISO 9001:2015.

In August 2025, an external surveillance audit of the Patent Office's QMS was conducted. No non-conformities were identified during the audit, and the QMS was recognised as effective and compliant with the requirements of the international standard ISO 9001:2015.

In addition to the QMS, the Patent Office also implements a risk management framework focused on identifying risks and reducing them to an acceptable level, while making use of potential opportunities and promoting adherence to the principles of good governance. This ensures the achievement of the objectives set by the Patent Office.

Risk management is essential, as it helps not only to identify and mitigate potential threats but also to capitalise on opportunities that can contribute to the Office's growth and development. Effective risk management ensures stability, reliability and sustainability, providing the foundation for successful and responsible governance.



In 2025, the Patent Office had 62 established posts. As of 31 December 2025, the actual number of employees was 54. During the year, the employment of 12 staff members was terminated, while six new employees joined the Office. Staff turnover amounted to 21.2%.

There were several reasons for employee turnover at the Patent Office in 2025:

- Voluntary resignations – 5.31%;
- Termination of employment during the probationary period – 3.54%;
- Workforce reductions, including those implemented as part of work optimisation measures – 12.39% (termination of employment, including redundancies resulting from the abolition of posts due to structural changes).

91% of all employees were women and 9% were men. The average age of employees was 46.35 years. During the reporting year, 11% of all employees were aged between 20 and 29; 22% were aged between 30 and 39; 28% were aged between 40 and 49; 18% were aged between 50 and 59; 17% were aged between 60 and 69, while the smallest proportion of employees, 4%, were over 70 years of age.

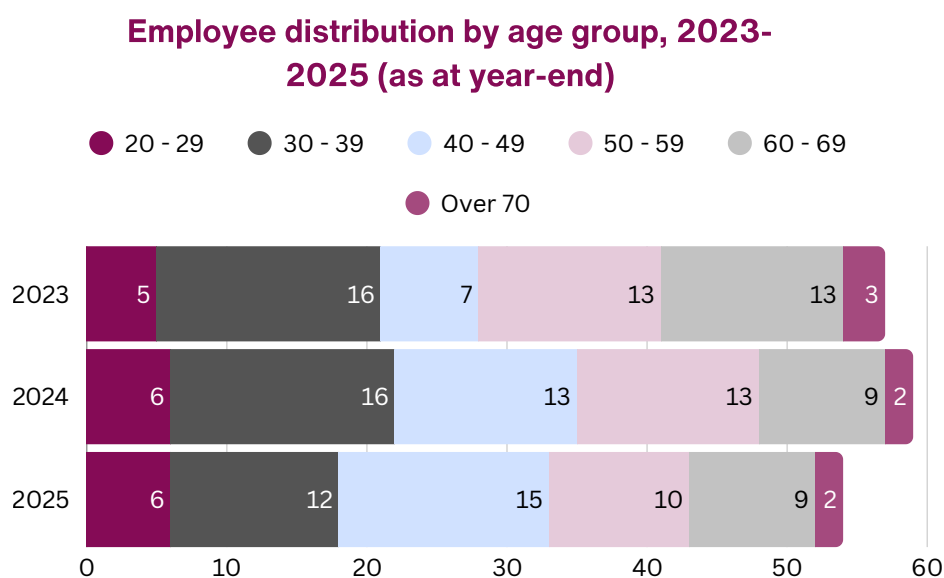


Figure 27

The Patent Office's activities are supported by a well-educated, professional and highly competent staff, the majority of whom hold higher education qualifications. Among the employees, 34 have obtained a master's degree and three hold a doctoral degree.

Education level of Patent Office's staff

Doctoral degree	3
Master's degree	34
First level professional higher education	2
Second level professional higher education	12
Secondary education	3

Table 3

In 2025, four employees of the Patent Office were awarded by the Ministry of Justice in recognition of their significant contribution to the advancement of Latvia's legal system.

Patent Office's employees regularly make use of the training opportunities offered by the EUIPO, the EPO, WIPO and the State Administration School to enhance their skills and knowledge. In December 2025, ten Patent Office's employees took part in mediation training provided by the EUIPO, covering the nature of the mediation process, methodologies, discussions and practical exercises. The training equipped participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical tools for dispute resolution. Upon completion of the programme, all participating employees received an internationally recognised certificate confirming their competence to provide EUIPO mediation services in the field of IP.

Each year, the Patent Office surveys its employees to gather their views on organisational changes, working conditions, internal communication and collaboration within the institution. In the 2025 survey, 38 employees provided their feedback. The majority of respondents rated working at the Patent Office positively (12 rated it very good and 21 good). Communication between the Patent Office's management and employees was also assessed predominantly positively, receiving 27 favourable ratings. Furthermore, 37 respondents answered positively when asked whether they would recommend the Patent Office to their friends as a good place to work.



Figure 28

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

To raise awareness of IP and its benefits, the Patent Office aims to carry out public information activities in various formats. These include organising press conferences, seminars and training events; running anti-counterfeiting campaigns and competitions for school students; participating in events organised by third parties, such as national and international exhibitions and serving on award juries; as well as undertaking a variety of other outreach initiatives.

The Development and International Cooperation Department is responsible for the Patent Office's communication activities with the public, involving representatives of other departments where necessary. Communication with identified target groups is carried out in accordance with the Patent Office's Communication Strategy 2024-2026 and the External Communication Plan 2025. Weekly external communication activities are planned and coordinated through the Trello online platform.

Over the course of the year, 142 news items in Latvian and 66 news items in English were published on the Patent Office's website, ensuring up-to-date content for both local and international audiences. The "Events" section featured 81 events, while the total number of unique website visits reached 571,342 (compared with 583,527 in 2024). The most visited sections of the Patent Office's website in 2025 were:

- Homepage – 90,306 unique visits
- Trademark Databases – 80,563 unique visits
- Databases – 20,528 unique visits
- Trademarks – 12,193 unique visits
- What Is Intellectual Property? – 18,181 unique visits

Detailed information on the Patent Office's external communication activities can be found in the section "Raising awareness of industrial property protection".

4.1 COMMUNICATION IN THE MEDIA

To promote public awareness, the Patent Office continued its cooperation with traditional media (radio, television, magazines, newspapers, online media). In 2025, a total of 285 media publications and reports were recorded, including 229 in online media, 21 radio features, 8 television reports, 11 items in regional media, and 6 publications in national newspapers and magazines. This level of activity reflects the continued public interest in IP matters and in the work of the Office



Figure 29

The Patent Office's topics continued to attract steady interest in the traditional media during the reporting year, although different trends were observed across various media categories. Online media once again recorded the most significant growth, with 229 articles published in 2025, representing a substantial increase compared with previous years (139 publications in 2023 and 147 in 2024). This growth demonstrates the consistently high level of public interest in IP issues in the digital environment, particularly in relation to research findings, statistical data and the problem of counterfeit goods.

In regional media, 11 items were published in 2025, which is similar to the previous years (12 publications in 2023 and 15 in 2024), reflecting sustained interest among regional media in local initiatives and educational activities. Six publications appeared in national newspapers and magazines. Activity in radio media increased in 2025 to 21 features, compared with 14 features in 2023 and 17 in 2024, indicating growing demand for expert commentary and thematic discussions in audio format.

Social media has become one of the most important tools of external communication, as it enables the rapid dissemination of information, provides the opportunity to reach a wide audience within a short period of time, and facilitates a direct dialogue with the public. It serves not only as a news channel but also as a platform for raising awareness of IP issues, strengthening the Office's visibility, and responding to the evolving needs and interests of society.

On social media, the Patent Office maintained steady growth throughout 2025. By the end of the year, the number of followers and subscribers had reached:

- Instagram: 606 followers (2024: 496)
- Facebook: 2,079 followers (2024: 1,966)
- X (Twitter): 1,721 followers (2024: 1,739)
- LinkedIn: 885 followers (2024: 750)
- Threads: 100 followers (2024: 94)
- YouTube: 204 subscribers (2024: 182)

Growth was recorded across almost all platforms, demonstrating the effectiveness of the Patent Office’s external communication activities.

During the reporting year, the Patent Office regularly published information on the latest research, developments and events, as well as educational IP content across its social media channels. In 2025, the Patent Office maintained a presence on six social media platforms – X, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram and Threads – ensuring broad access to information and prompt response to current issues.

The Patent Office’s external communication is founded on consistency, clarity and creativity, with the aim of making IP accessible, engaging and relevant to all audiences. In accordance with the External Communication Plan, a distinct communication style has been defined for each communication platform in order to address the respective target audiences as effectively as possible.

The Office’s external communication activities are based on three key principles: a unified and consistent communication tone, the consistent use of colours, and a coherent visual communication style. At the same time, following the assessment of effectiveness of individual social media channels and their alignment with the Office’s communication strategy, a decision was taken at the end of 2025 to discontinue communication activities on the X and Threads platforms from 2026 onwards, enabling resources to be focused on the most effective channels and those that provide the greatest reach to target audiences.

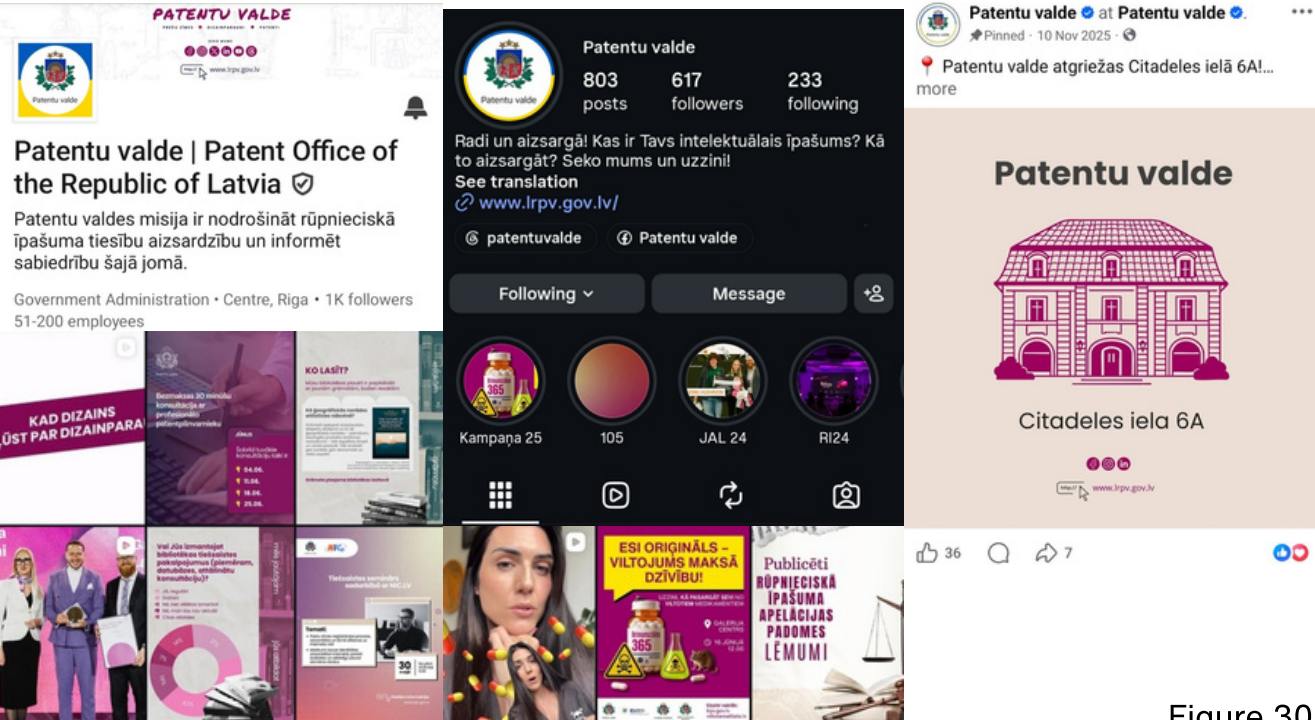


Figure 30

PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2026

In 2026, the Patent Office will continue to carry out its functions and responsibilities in accordance with its governing regulations, within the framework of the allocated budget, in line with the approved Strategy and the work plans of the Ministry of Justice and of the Patent Office.

In 2026, the Patent Office will develop a new Operational Strategy for the coming years. In line with this Strategy, a new Communication Strategy will also be prepared.

The Patent Office will continue to strengthen its role at international level, including through the organisation of high-level international meetings with national IP offices.

In the area of customer service, work will commence on the development of out-of-court dispute resolution frameworks in the field of IP. A dedicated working group on mediation issues will be established.

In the area of personnel management and development, targeted efforts will be made to strengthen employee engagement and loyalty, building on existing initiatives aimed at fostering a sustainable, safe and supportive working environment. The Patent Office will continue to enhance its organisational culture, ensuring that employees feel heard, valued and actively involved in the Office's development. At the same time, opportunities for staff participation will be expanded, and feedback mechanisms will be strengthened.



Figure 31

Particular attention will be paid to improving the internal information flow, making it more structured, timely and user-friendly. Internal communication channels and tools will be further enhanced to ensure effective access to information and to foster cooperation between the Office's departments.

In addition to the activities already implemented, the development of employees' professional competencies will continue on a consistent basis. New solutions and learning formats will be introduced to complement the existing training system, strengthening both internal knowledge transfer and cooperation with external experts and trainers. This will enable the targeted development of employees' skills, support responsiveness to emerging trends in the IP sector, and contribute to the achievement of the Office's long-term objectives.

Tasks under the 2026 Work Plan of the Ministry of Justice:

- To prepare amendments to Cabinet Regulation No. 720 of 15 December 2015, "Regulations of the Patent Office";
- To prepare the report "On Further Action in the Field of Improving the Quality of National Patents in Latvia".

Planned amendments to regulatory acts:

- Amendments to Cabinet Regulation No. 720 of 15 December 2015 "Regulations of the Patent Office" will be prepared;
- Work will continue on drafting amendments to the Law on Designs in accordance with Directive (EU) 2024/2823 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the legal protection of designs.
- Amendments to "The Price List of Paid Services of the Patent Office" will be prepared, updating the current fee levels and defining priority target groups.
- Work will continue on the draft Cabinet Regulation "On the Commercialisation of Know-how, Technologies, Inventions and Plant Varieties of State Scientific Institutions, the Valuation of Contributions, Risk Tolerance and the Determination of Remuneration", in the development of which the Patent Office has also been actively involved.

Planned amendments to the Patent Office's internal regulations

Efforts to enhance the Patent Office's operational processes and the quality of its services will continue in 2026 through the preparation of guidelines and the revision of internal regulatory documents.

Improvements to the Patent Office's ICT systems and e-services:

- Descriptions of Patent Office's services will be reviewed and updated.
- Development of capabilities and resources required for service management and delivery will commence in line with individual improvement plans.
- E-forms for the Patent Office's services will be developed using VIRSIS to ensure their availability in electronic format and compliance with the Single Digital Gateway requirements.

- Migration of information systems to the infrastructure of the SJSC “Latvia State Radio and Television Centre” within the framework of the Shared Service Centre will be completed.
- Development of the Patent Administration Information System will be started, its implementation covering the next three years, to ensure the quality and continuity of Patent Office’s services.
- Work will be carried out to align the integration solutions of the Patent Office’s business systems with the accounting system in connection with the integration of the Office’s accounting into the State Treasury’s financial accounting and HR management solution within the Shared Service Centre.
- Implementation of the EUIPO’s User Area project will be carried out.
- Implementation of the eMadrid environment for transmitting international trademark applications to WIPO will be assessed and initiated.
- Implementation of the EUIPO’s Front Office 3.0 project will commence, providing for the development of the new platform over a two-year period.
- Patent Office’s staff will receive training in the use of artificial intelligence under the EUIPO’s AI Driver’s Licence pilot project.
- An analytics tool will be provided for internet resources managed by the Patent Office, including the Public Database, the intranet, and the website.
- Internet resources managed by the Patent Office will be optimised through the closure of the viltotarealitate.lv website and the transfer of its content to the Patent Office’s website.

Quality management

The Office’s QMS will be maintained and continuously improved in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001:2015.

Public education and awareness-raising of IP rights:

- Increased cooperation with the PATLIB/ TTO networks to promote innovation and the development of creative industries by reinforcing links between design, research and entrepreneurship;
- Organisation of cooperation and coordination working groups on the enforcement of IP rights;
- Organisation of the Latvian Intellectual Property Awards ceremony, including the presentation of the “Trademark of the Year” and “Visionary” awards;
- Provision of training for IP professionals;

- Coordination of the work of the “Trademark of the Year” award internal committee and informing the public about quarterly nominees;
- Implementation of activities within the “European Network of Authenticities”;
- Organisation of competitions for students in general, vocational and special education;
- Promotion of effective information exchange and enhanced cooperation with partners in the field of IP and related areas;
- Participation in events organised by partner organisations and institutions to raise public awareness of IP.

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