

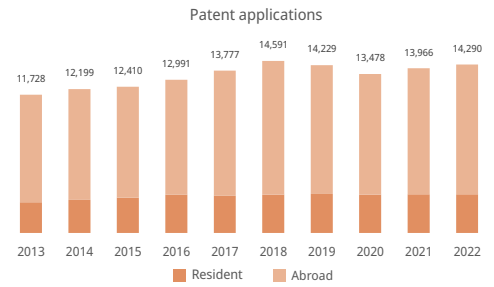
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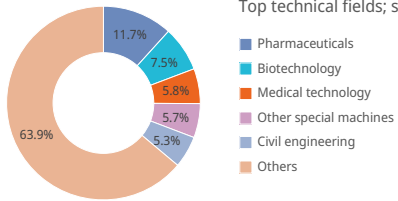
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Statistics for applicants residing in this country

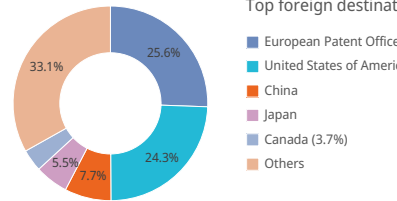
Patent applications; global rank	14,290	↑2.3%	17 th
Resident applications	3,281	↓0.1%	
Abroad applications; global rank	11,009	↑3.1%	15 th
Regional rank and share			
	Europe – 10 th		2.6%
	Western Europe – 5 th		4.2%
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank	281		14 th
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	529		16 th
Utility model applications; global rank	77	↓18.1%	49 th
PCT international applications; global rank	1,301	↓6.3%	22 nd
PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank	112		16 th
PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2020-2022)	40		1%
Share of university applications (2020-2022)	7%		
Share of women inventors (2020-2022)	19.1%		
PCT national phase entries; global rank	8,455	↑2.5%	15 th
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System	66.8%		
PCT top applicants (2020-2022)			
	Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V.	177	
	Agfa NV	127	
	Agc Glass Europe	119	
	Toyota Motor Europe NV/SA	111	
	Universiteit Gent	109	



Top technical fields; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office

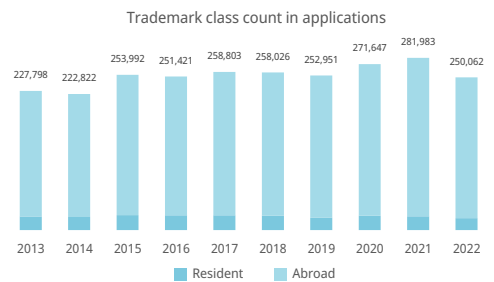
Total applications; global rank	1,207	↓0.6%	49 th
Resident; share	676	↓15.4%	56%
Non-resident; share	531	↑28%	44%
Patent Grants	1,081	↑7.6%	
Patents in force; global rank	147,281		16 th
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - grant delay in months			
Filings via regional office - resident	European Patent Office	2,605	
Filings via regional office - non-resident	European Patent Office	191,005	

Country of origin of non-resident applications; share			
	United States of America	48,167	25.1%
	Germany	24,934	13%
	Japan	21,584	11.3%
	China	19,161	10%
	France	10,996	5.7%

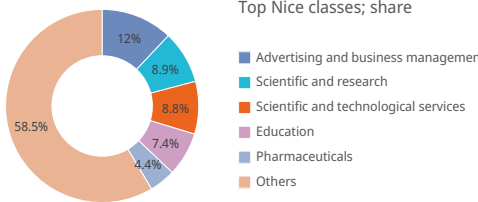
Trademark

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]

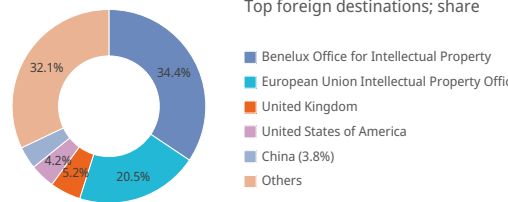
Trademark filings; global rank	250,062	↓11.3%	20 th
Resident filings	19,463	↓13.9%	
Abroad filings; global rank	230,599	↓11.1%	14 th
Regional rank and share			
	Europe – 12 th		2.1%
	Western Europe – 6 th		4.5%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	1,668		34 th
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	3,138		68 th
Madrid international applications; global rank	743	↓19.8%	19 th
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; global rank	63.7		16 th
Abroad filings via the Madrid System	32,217	↓22.1%	18 th
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System	13.6%		
Madrid top applicants (2020-2022)			
	Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V.	95	
	Niko Group NV	37	
	Omega Pharma Innovation & Development NV	35	
	Glaxosmithkline Biologicals S.A.	35	
	Anheuser-busch Inbev S.A.	24	



Top Nice classes; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office [1]

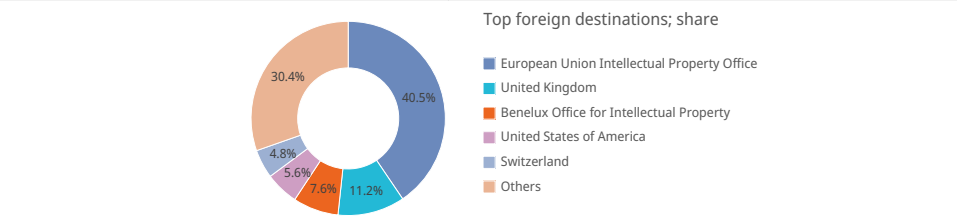
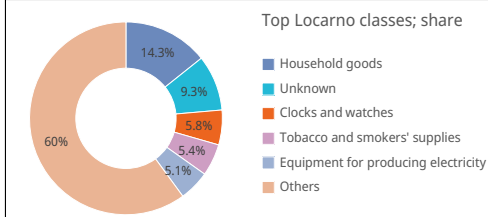
Total filings; global rank			
Resident; share			
Non-resident; share			
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations			
Trademarks in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - registration delay in days			
Filings via regional office - resident	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property	12,196	
	European Union Intellectual Property Office	7,267	
Filings via regional office - non-resident	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property	40,827	
	European Union Intellectual Property Office	441,540	

Country of origin of non-resident filings; share			
	Germany	80,300	16.6%
	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	46,993	9.7%
	United States of America	40,994	8.5%
	Italy	37,905	7.9%
	China	33,856	7%

Industrial design

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; global rank	34,668	↓ 1.3%	17 th
Resident filings	1,427	↓ 3%	
Abroad filings; global rank	33,241	↓ 1.2%	16 th
Regional rank and share	Europe - 12 th		1.7%
	Western Europe - 6 th		3.4%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	122		23 rd
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	230		41 st
Hague international filings; global rank	262	↑ 33.7%	18 th
Abroad filings via the Hague System	3,332	↑ 115.4%	22 nd
Share of abroad filings using the Hague System	9.8%		
Hague top applicants (2020-2022)			
	Babyliss Faco SRL	52	
	Niko Group NV	30	
	Bridgestone Europe NV/SA	13	
	Smart, Naamloze Vennootschap	13	
	Delvaux-createur, Societe Anonyme	10	



Statistics for the IP office [2]

Total filings; global rank			
Resident; share			
Non-resident; share			
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations			
Industrial designs in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - registration delay in days			
Filings via regional office - resident	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property	225	
	European Union Intellectual Property Office	1,202	
Filings via regional office - non-resident	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property	649	
	European Union Intellectual Property Office	107,930	
Country of origin of non-resident filings; share			
	China	21,815	20.1%
	Germany	16,117	14.8%
	Italy	12,124	11.2%
	United States of America	11,473	10.6%
	France	6,573	6.1%

Geographical indications

Geographical indications in force by product category			Geographical indications in force by legal means		
Agricultural products and foodstuffs	1,909	36.9%	Agreements	1,779	34.4%
Wines and spirits	3,267	63.1%	Regional system	3,396	65.6%
			Lisbon system	1	0%

Plant variety

Plant variety applications filed by applicants residing in this country		Plant variety in force	
Resident	83	National	36
Abroad	2,196	Community Plant Variety Office	30,562
Regional	Community Plant Variety Office	83	

Note

- (1) For trademarks, filings refer to the number of classes specified in applications.
- (2) For industrial designs, filings refer to number of designs contained in applications.
- (3) Statistics are produced regardless of whether the home office of the applicants supplied statistics or not. An asterisk symbol indicates that the home IP office did not supply statistics.
- (4) Statistics relating to "technical fields" are extracted from the Patstat database and are based on the publication date.
- (5) The indicator "resident applications per million population" is available for countries with a population greater than one million. The "indicator per GDP" is available for countries whose total GDP exceeds 10 billion US Dollar.
- (6) Shares of the top foreign destinations are based on absolute count of applications, that is, one application filed at a regional office is counted as one application only.
- (7) One application filed at the Eurasian Patent Organization, the African Intellectual Property Organization, the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property, the European Union Intellectual Property Office or the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf is multiplied by the corresponding number of member states. One application filed at the European Patent Office or the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization is counted as one application abroad if the applicant does not reside in a respective member state, or as one resident application and one application abroad if the applicant resides in a respective member state.
- (8) Percentage with a plus or minus symbol indicates the percentage change from the previous year.
- (9) Both national and regional data are used to establish the list of countries relating to non-resident filings.

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