NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY

STATE ORGANIZATION «UKRAINIAN NATIONAL OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INNOVATIONS» (UANIPIO)

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 2024

- 1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE
- Outline of main policies and plans aimed at development of industrial design information activities and expected time frames for their realization

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- New projects launched or resumed this year in the context of the policies and plans mentioned above, short description: aims, partners, tasks

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- Main areas of industrial design information activities and related information and communication technology (ICT) practices which were in the focus of attention last year

The main types of information activities in the field of industrial designs include: support of examination of industrial designs applications, the in-house database updating for the use in the examination body, publication of official information on registered industrial designs in the Official Electronic Bulletin "Industrial Property", creation and improvement of information and reference systems (hereinafter referred to as - IRS) for information support of a wide range of users via the Internet.

The industrial design applications p is carried out by means of an automated system that has full functionality of the text processing and record keeping at all stages, from application filing to maintenance of the State Register of Ukraine for Industrial Designs.

An automated worksite of the Editorial Department was used to form the information arrays, which are included to the publications in the Official Electronic Bulletin "Industrial Property".

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The International Classification of Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), Fourteenth Edition (LOC (14)) translated into Ukrainian was used for industrial designs classifying.

Starting from January 1, 2023 the Information and Reference System (IRS) "International Classification of Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification)" for LOC (14) in Ukrainian translation, the form and content of which fully conforms to the official publication of the Locarno Classification, published on the World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter referred to as - WIPO) website, is available.

In 2023, following the 16th session of the Locarno Committee of Experts,

WIPO amended the text of the International Classification of Industrial Designs, Fourteenth Edition, (LOC (14)), that results in the introduction of a new edition of the LOC (15) as of January 1, 2025.

In view of this, in 2024, the work was ongoing to ensure the implementation as of January 1, 2025 of the International Classification of Industrial Designs, new Fifteenth Edition (LOC (15)) in Ukrainian translation in the state system of intellectual property legal protection.

Statistics: changes in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to previous year; trends or areas experiencing rapid changes

Applications filed:

in $2023 - 1{,}112$, in $2024 - 1{,}059$, decreased by 4.8 %, as compared to the previous year.

In 2023-958 applications were filed by national applicants, in 2024-964, increased by 0.6 %, as compared to the previous year.

In 2023–154 applications were filed by foreign applicants, in 2024 - 95, decreased by 38.3 %, as compared to the previous year

In 2024, a total of 957 applications for industrial designs were filed with the use of the electronic application filing system (90.4 % of the total amount of the industrial design applications filed), increased by 4.9 %, as compared to 2023 (912 applications).

Registered Certificates:

<u>in</u> 2023–778, in 2024–911, increased by 17.1 % as compared to the previous year.

In 2024 in comparison with the previous year, the following areas experienced rapid changes: "Furniture and household goods" (+ 177.4 %), "Transport" (+ 146.7 %), "Agricultural products and food preparation" (+ 79.2 %), "ICT and audiovisual" (+ 53.1 %).

STATISTICS: https://nipo.gov.ua/statystyka-zvity/

- Other matters and useful links (URLs): annual report of the Office, news page, statistics, etc.

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NEWS: https://nipo.gov.ua/blog/

STATISTICS: https://nipo.gov.ua/en/statistics-reports/

2.. SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

- Information and support provided by the Office to applicants regarding filing on paper and/or e-filing (instructions, seminars, etc.) - URLs

Information for users on various procedures and sources of information on trademarks, in particular, information on the legislation in the sphere of trademarks, Office's services and activities related to the information on trademarks, statistical information, etc. are published on the website of the Office.

WEBSITE OF THE OFFICE: https://nipo.gov.ua/

For electronic filing of industrial design applications the Electronic Applications Filing System EAFS-2 is used. Applicant's personal account was implemented in the system providing access to all documents generated in the process of interaction between the Office and applicants in the course of prosecution of industrial design applications.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS FILING SYSTEM: https://nipo.gov.ua/podaty-zaiavku-na-

opiv/

Clarifications regarding the work with systems, rules of drafting an application, user manuals and regulatory documents are available on the Office website.

ELECTRONIC INTERACTION SYSTEM https://sev.nipo.gov.ua/

EXAMPLES OF FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS: https://nipo.gov.ua/formy-zaiavok-opv/

- Availability of the application dossier in electronic form

All application materials for trademarks (both primary and secondary), irrespective of the way they are filed to the Office (through the electronic filing system, on paper carriers, by email, fax or other telecommunication networks), are uploaded and stored in the electronic document archive automatically or after being scanned. In order to use the application materials in the course of prosecution of applications, the technological automated systems have been integrated with the electronic archive of documents.

Classification and reclassification activities; classification systems used, e.g. International Classification of Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classifications

The International Classification of Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), Fourteenth Edition (LOC (14)) translated into Ukrainian was used for the classifying industrial designs.

The IRS for the LOC (14), translated into Ukrainian, the form and content of which fully corresponds to the official publication of the Locarno Classification on the WIPO website, is accessible for free on the website of the Office.

LOC: https://base.nipo.gov.ua/locarno/

3. SOURCES OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE

- Main types of publications in the field of industrial design information, outline of the content (industrial design applications, design patents, registrations, etc.) and medium (on paper, on CDs, online - URLs)

Information about industrial designs was provided through publication in electronic publications in the field of legal protection of intellectual property, free information and search internet resources of the Office - the Information and Reference System (IRS) and the Special Information System (hereinafter referred to as SIS):

- the Official Electronic Bulletin "Industrial Property". Information concerning industrial designs was published in Volume 2 of the Official Electronic Bulletin "Industrial Property" in the following sections: "Official Information", "Information on the Grant of Certificates of Ukraine for Industrial Designs" and in Notices section.

In 2024, 52 issues of the bulletin were issued.

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IRS "International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification)" - this link contains the current of the Locarno Classification translated into Ukrainian and all previous versions which have expired but are available for informational purposes;

LOC: https://base.nipo.gov.ua/locarno/

SIS has been created and is in operation at the Office, which provides access to information on any industrial/intellectual property right (hereinafter referred to as IPR/IP) via the Internet in the mode as close to real-time as possible. The search engine of the system, which has a universal search interface, provides open and authorized access to any document

of the electronic dossier. Two search engines are implemented in the SIS - simple and advanced. The advanced search has additional search tools, which can be used to limit the search by type of IPR and legal status. Depending on the selected type and legal status, any search parameter can be selected.

SIS: https://sis.nipo.gov.ua/en/search/simple/

- Official Gazettes: main types of announcements, frequency of publication, medium (on paper, on CDs, online - URL), etc.

In the Notices section of the Official Electronic Bulletin "Industrial Property", with the periodicity of its release, announcements are published in respect of industrial designs (to the extent provided by the respective applicable Law of Ukraine) which include information on changes in the data entered into the State Register of Patents of Ukraine for Industrial Designs, information on issue of duplicates of patents of Ukraine for industrial designs, information on modifications due to the correction of errors and other information relating to the state registration of industrial designs.

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- Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) available to examiners, including external documentation and databases

Examiners considering applications for the state registration of industrial designs use the Comprehensive Automated Record Keeping System for Applications for Designations and Industrial Designs (hereinafter referred to as the CARKS ADID).

CARKS ADID provides:

- processes of keeping records of applications for the registration of industrial design rights;
- processes of keeping records of the State Register of Ukraine for Industrial Designs.

The database (DB) of the CARKS ADID contains cases related to the processing of applications for registration of industrial designs and the processing of the State Register of Certificates of Ukraine for Industrial Designs.

The CARKS ADID is integrated into the Information Technology Environment (ITE) of the Office which allows receiving documents related to applications and the State Register of Ukraine for Industrial Designs. The incoming documents may be in paper or electronic form. Paper documents are digitized, after which the document metadata is stored in the DB and the document files are stored in the file storage.

SIS: https://sis.nipo.gov.ua/en/search/simple/

- Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) and services available to external users; conditions of access (e.g., free of charge, subscription, etc.)

For information support of a wide range of users, free access to the information concerning industrial designs is provided through the website of the Office - IRS "International Classification of Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification)", SIS and the Official Electronic Bulletin "Industrial Property".

The following documents are also freely available on the website of the Office: Annual Reports of the Office, Annual Technical Reports of the Office on Industrial Designs Information Activities, quarterly issues of the Internet publication "Industrial Property in Figures", unofficial translations of WIPO Standards into Ukrainian, which are of the greatest practical importance and relate to various IPRs, including industrial designs ("WIPO Standards" Section).

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Legal status information (kind of information, coverage, medium, etc.)

Information concerning the legal status of registered industrial designs to the extent provided for by the relevant Law of Ukraine is published in the "Notices" section of the Official Electronic Bulletin "Industrial Property".

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In addition, such information is provided in the SIS.

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4. ICT SUPPORT TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRADEMARK INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

- Specific software tools supporting business procedures within the Office: general description, characteristics, advantages, possible improvements

To process applications for industrial designs registration, the Comprehensive Automated Record Keeping System for Applications for Designations and Industrial Designs (hereinafter referred to as the CARKS ADID) is used.

The main purpose of the CARKS ADID is to automate procedures and functions in the information technology processes of processing applications for registration of:

- marks for goods and services;
- industrial designs
- geographical indications;
- and for automated procedures and functions in the information technology processes of maintaining the respective State Registers.

CARKS ADID provides data entry for applications, full functionality for reviewing application materials, state registers, an archive and a system for generating statistical reports.

CARKS ADID has a distributed structure with special automated workstations (AWS) with a single interface for accessing all functions.

CARKS ADID provides a complete electronic workflow of incoming, outgoing and internal documents using barcoding technology.

CARKS ADID is integrated with technological automated systems of the State Organization "Ukrainian National Office of Intellectual Property and Innovations", namely:

- an operational database where documents are stored in electronic form (originals, signed with qualified electronic signature and digitized copies of paper documents);
- Payment Accounting AS, processing payments for applications and state registrations;
- Special Information System (SIS) providing search for applications for trademarks and industrial designs registration, as well as trademarks, industrial designs, and geographical indications registered rights;
- Incoming Document Flow AS, where new cases are created and documents received by the UANIPIO on paper are registered;

- The Global Catalogue of Counterparties AS, which includes an electronic numbering system, is an existing system that, upon request, issues a unique number for registering an object (applications, documents, cases, state registration numbers of IPRs);
- Indicators AS, where statistical data is accumulated;
- Outgoing Documents AS, where documents sent on paper are sorted into envelopes, evaluated by weight and postal registers are compiled, and electronic documents are sent, depending on the chosen correspondence channel, either by e-mail or to the Electronic Interaction System of the Examination Institution (EIS EI);
- General Prosecution AS and the Appeals Chamber module;
- IRS for the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification;
- IRS for the International Classification of Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification)
- IRS for the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification);
- Electronic Applications Filing System (EAFS-2).

- Hardware used to supporting business processes of the Office

The server part is based on x86 platform servers manufactured by Hewlett-Packard Enterprise (HPE) (HPE Synergy 480 Gen10, DL380Gen10, DL380Gen8).

Information storage models are:

- HPE (3Par StoreServ 8400, 3Par StoreServ 7200, MSA2050, MSA2040).

The Storage Area Network (SAN) is based on HPE SN3000B and Dell Connectrix DS-6620B 24P/48P switches.

The general network infrastructure is based on:

- -a two-device Fortinet FG-600F cluster containing VPN and Firewall modules for Internet connectivity, which provides access control to Internet sites and protects the Department's IT infrastructure from complex threats and malicious attacks (botnets, targeted attacks, APT and zero-day attacks);
 - FortiMail-VM virtual appliance for protecting email servers;
- an internal router (built on a Unix server) to support the local computer network of the Office.

The local computer network includes a set of HPE Aruba 8320, HPE Aruba 2930M, HPE Aruba 2540-48, HP 2530-48, HP 2510-48, Fortinet FortiSwitch-448E switches and is divided into fifty virtual networks (Vlan).

The server infrastructure is fully virtualised. The physical servers run Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2019 and VMware ESXi, which allow to create and operate the productive virtual servers. The virtualization servers are grouped into Hyper-V clusters, which allow for high availability of productive servers running Microsoft Windows Server 2019, Microsoft Windows Server 2016, Microsoft Windows Server 2012R2, Microsoft Windows Server 2012, Microsoft Windows Server 2008R2 and CentOS 7.

The database management systems used are MS SQL Server 2017, MS SQL Server 2016, MS SQL Server 2014, MS SQL 2008R2, MS SQL 2005, PostgreeSQL, MySQL.

The Active Directory (AD) domain structure is designed to allow the centralized management of all information resources, including users', computers, files, peripherals, access to services, network resources, websites, databases, etc.

Several domain controllers are used to organize the fault tolerance of the domain

structure.

The WSUS server provides updates to the operating systems of servers and client computers.

The ESET Antivirus Server provides centralized management of all anti-virus programs on users' computers, updates antivirus databases, and generates reports on database updates and existing threats.

Data is backed up using Veeam's Veeam Backup & Replication software product, which provides continuous data protection for reliable recovery of Windows and servers. There is a disaster recovery plan for all servers and services.

Other Microsoft System Center 2019 products are also used, namely: Virtual Machine Manager (SCVMM) for virtualization management, System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM) 2012R2 for operating system installation and software configuration.

The measures taken to develop the IT infrastructure in the current period were aimed at building the fail-safe core of the computer network, increasing its bandwidth, security and manageability, replacing outdated hardware components of the infrastructure, consolidating and virtualizing servers. Virtualization servers are clustered to ensure high availability of all systems.

In total, the corporate network consists of 676 personal computers, 24 physical and 122 virtual servers, 6 data storages and various switching equipment.

Internal databases: coverage, updates, interlinks with external sources

The data from a number of sources (internal and external) are used while carrying out examination of applications for industrial designs:

The database of international registrations of industrial designs. The information is downloaded to this database from the WIPO website (Global Design Database https://designdb.wipo.int/designdb/en/);

-The Central Electronic Document Archive (CEDA) database, providing for storage of documents and their attributes in electronic form.

The in-house databases are updated in the course of processing applications and within maintenance of the respective State Register.

The CARKS ADID is used to process applications for registration and maintain the State Register of Ukraine for Industrial Designs.

According to the national legislation of Ukraine, the procedure for consideration of applications for registration of an industrial design involves only formal examination. However, the CARKS ADID has a search capability that meets the requirements for examination and maintenance of the State Register of Ukraine for Industrial Designs.

As of December 31, 2024, 47,052 industrial designs were registered in the database CARKS ADID.

The CARKS ADID is the source of data for the SIS during data publication, which is performed on a weekly basis.

Establishment and maintenance of electronic search file: file building, updating, storage, documents from other Offices included in the search file

Information concerning international registrations of industrial designs is downloaded in bulk once a day from the WIPO website and stored in the database for international registrations of industrial designs. CARKS ADID is populated and updated in the course of examination, prosecution of agreements on the transfer of rights, issuance of licenses and

maintenance of the state register. The whole cycle of the formation, approval, signing, transmission and registration of documents is carried out on the basis of the electronic technology. The integrated search engine enables to search for similar industrial designs in the arrays of national and international applications and registrations, etc.

Administrative management electronic systems (register, legal status, statistics, and administrative support)

The administrative management functions are implemented in Designations AS using separate software subsystems and modules.

Thus, to maintain the registers and legal status of titles of protection for industrial designs, multifunction subsystems are operative within the automated system. The information from this system is forwarded to relevant databases for publication and generation of statistic reports.

The Indicators AS is characterized by the ability to generate multiple reports with a mechanism of calculation of indicators by objects which have multiple details for all IP rights. The Indicators AS is built on a modular basis and provides automation of data loading, preparation of data sets, and generating statistic reports.

The website of the Office provides free access to information on industrial designs published in monthly reports, Annual Reports, Annual Technical Reports of the Industrial Designs Information Activities of the Office, quarterly issues of the online publication "Industrial Property in Figures" (statistical information), information dashboard on the main performance indicators of the Office and in SIS.

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- 5. PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AIMED TO SUPPORT USERS IN ACCESS AND EFFICIENT USE OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION

-Office's library (if deals with industrial design information): equipment, collection management, network of libraries in the country, cooperation with foreign libraries

The WIPO Depository Library has been operating in Ukraine, providing free-of-charge access to its documents

- Publications related to different business procedures and trademarks sources available to users, for example, books, brochures, Internet publications, etc.

The Office's website provides free access to:

- information on industrial designs published in the Annual Reports, Annual Technical Reports of the Office, quarterly issues of the booklet "Intellectual Property in Figures" (statistical information).

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- Office's initiatives on providing foreign patent information in the local language(s) (e.g., machine translation tools, translation of abstracts)

In order to provide information support for the development and functioning of the Office, in particular, to improve the Ukrainian patent terminology base, standardize and unify

terminology in the field of intellectual property, the Office translates WIPO standards, primarily those of the greatest practical importance and relating to various IPRs into Ukrainian and ensures their timely updating.

Thus, during the reporting period, 9 WIPO standards were translated into Ukrainian, and translations were updated (revised, and amended accordingly) according to their translation (with no official status) are freely available on the UANIPIO website,

WIPO STANDARDS TRANSLATION WITH NO OFFICIAL STATUS: https://nipo.gov.ua/neofitsijni-pereklady-standartiv-wipo/

Cooperation with universities, technology and etc.

The Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) is an international project to support inventions, innovations and start-up projects launched by WIPO, implemented in Ukraine by the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the Office.

Regional TISCs are established through the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation and an Agreement on the establishment and further functioning of the TISCs.

In the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, as part of its educational activities on intellectual property rights and innovation activities, the TISC Head Office at UANIPIO organized, conducted or participated as speakers in 86 events with an average number of participants at each event of 45-60 persons, in particular, thematic workshops, seminars, trainings, conferences, festivals, startup competitions, including:

- National IP&Innovations Hub Day within IP WEEK 2024;
- All-Ukrainian Festival of Innovations;
- workshop "The Role of IP in the IT Industry";
- IP LET FORUM 2024: National Forum on Intellectual Property and Innovation;
- Collaborate to innovate: dialogue between science and business, etc.

Educational activities implemented by the TISC UKRNOVI Head Office in cooperation with external partners:

- the InnoTech social project a project of an innovative platform for modern Ukrainian inventions aimed at popularizing scientific achievements;
- educational cycle of monthly online webinars Talking about my idea (12 webinars in total);
- the training course "TISC.Services: Procedure and Mechanisms for Providing Services in the Field of Intellectual Property and Innovation", which took place from October 3 to December 26, 2024;
- the 5 workshop series Intellectual Exploration: Conquering Intellectual Property –at the "Dnipro University of Technology";
- webinars series "Intellectual Property as a Catalyst for the Development of the Innovation Environment" included 4 online training sessions and were held in cooperation with the Department "Academy of Intellectual Property", covered more than 200 participants);
- the round table "Practice of Implementation of Intellectual Property Policy", organized jointly with the Department "Academy of Intellectual Property", was held in the format of an online event for more than 50 representatives of higher education and research institutions.

The second season of the acceleration program Lab2Market UA 2.0 was held as part of the annual All-Ukrainian Entrepreneurship Program Lab2Market UA. According to the results, 17 knowledge-intensive startup projects were selected, including 11 reaching the final and building their own business plans.

In the first half of 2024, a training program on entrepreneurship and intellectual property "Lab2Market Veterano" was held in Dnipro, where 8 finalist projects were selected.

Within the framework of the educational activities of UANIPIO in Ukraine, the National

IP&Innovations Hub organized and conducted 92 educational events in 2024 (thematic workshops, trainings, business forums, innovation festivals, startup competitions, ideathons, hackathons), including

- webinar "Legal Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights" with the National University of Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic;
- webinar "Intellectual Property: from theoretical basis to practical cases";
- workshop "Q&A: WIPO databases and digital tools for the analysis of intellectual property rights" within the framework of the project "Database Power-up: Workshops to support TISC network members in the use of WIPO databases";
- a project from the YEP startup accelerator on the topic: "Current state and prospects of reforming the IP sphere" IP policy in universities";
- webinar "International patenting at different stages of innovation readiness".

A number of activities were carried out to develop information materials and references in the field of intellectual property and related areas.

Within the framework of providing patent information products to help inventors and innovators, the following were created and published:

- "IP&I Guide"
- a series of information guides "Startup Beginner's Guide" (19 information references),
- 3 patent information products (information references, guides, analytical materials, etc.) (22 information references).

Relevant methodological recommendations were developed to implement the policy on intellectual property in higher education and research institutions.

With an aim to increase the use of patent and non-patent literature in academic and research institutions, information materials were created (4 information references on ASPI, ARDI, Espacenet, WIPO PATENTSCOPE) and a presentation for the representatives of the TISC network.

Within the framework of the relevant survey, the National IP&Innovations Hub developed an analytical report on the current state of innovation capacity of domestic business entities, state-owned and municipal enterprises.

To provide information support to scientists and entrepreneurs, the National IP&Innovations Hub has prepared an interactive dashboard for analyzing technologies registered in the State Register of Technologies and their components created or purchased with budgetary funds or created or purchased by state-owned enterprises according to various criteria.

In line with the National Strategy of Intellectual Property Development, the National IP&Innovations Hub developed an information and analytical reference on the survey on problems in the field of intellectual property, innovation and technology transfer.

On the basis of the National IP&Innovations Hub, interactive dashboards on IP and innovation development in Ukraine were elaborated. The infrastructure of Ukraine's innovation ecosystem in the regional context includes industrial parks, science parks, technology parks, innovation clusters, technology and innovation support centers

In the field of intellectual property and related areas the following consultations and information were provided:

- 20 consultations on registration of IPRs abroad and patent market research,

- 68 consultations to startup projects under the Lab2Market 2.0 program;
- 7,802 telephone consultations
- 636 face-to-face consultations as part of information and advisory support on intellectual property rights protection.

Within the framework of the SME Funds 2024 project, as part of the methodology for registering a profile and working with an applicant to create a profile and request 4 reimbursements, specialists provided 112 consultations and processed 38 requests for registration of an applicant's profile.

In 2024, the TISC UANIPIO Head Office provided 36 consultations on the development of innovation activities, creation of innovative projects, commercialization of intellectual property rights, and technology transfer.

As of the end of 2024, 46 Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) operate in Ukraine together with the TISC Headquarters of the Ukrainian National Research and Development Agency, 17 of which were established in 2024 in 8 regions and Kyiv.

18 specialists of UANIPIO were involved in the implementation of the abovementioned projects.

TISC: https://nipo.gov.ua/tisc-page/

- Education and training: training courses, e-learning modules (URLs), seminars, exhibitions, etc.

Detailed information on the activities in the state system of intellectual property legal protection in 2024 is published on the website of the Office, in particular, in the quarterly issues of the booklet "Intellectual Property in Figures", as well as in the Annual Report on the activities of the Office for 2024.

In 2024, the Department "Academy of Intellectual Property" of UANIPIO organized the following educational events:

- a training course "Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in the Defense Industry" for specialists of defense industry enterprises. Within the framework of the training course, the sessions were devoted to the topic "Legal Protection of Industrial Designs". During the course, the participants had an opportunity to get acquainted with the legal protection of industrial designs (international protection of industrial designs; protection of industrial designs under the legislation of the EU countries; protection of industrial designs in Ukraine) and familiarized themselves with the peculiarities of filing an application for an industrial design under the national procedure.
- seminar-training (training course) "Protection of Intellectual Property Rights" for candidates for patent attorneys. Within the framework of the training course, the sessions were devoted to the following topics: "International Classifications of Industrial Property Objects" and "Legal Protection of Industrial Designs". During the course, the participants had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the international classification of industrial designs, peculiarities of legal protection of industrial designs under national and international legislation, and improved their skills in drafting application documents.
- A training course for masters of folk artistic crafts within the framework of the project "Role of Intellectual Property in Preserving the Nation's Code" was organized with the support of WIPO Academy, during which one session was devoted to the topic "Variability of legal protection of intellectual property: inventions, industrial designs and trade secrets". During the course, the participants had the opportunity to learn about the peculiarities of industrial designs and the form of their protection.

In 2024, the Unit for the Development of the Creative Sectors of the Economy of UANIPIO carried out the following activities aimed at supporting users in accessing and

effectively using information on industrial designs

- an online lecture for students of the Ukrainian Fashion Education Group project on industrial designs and copyright objects in the fashion industry (May 21, 2024)
- an online lecture on the topic of "Order contracts in the work of industrial designers" (October 23, 2024).

In 2024, the specialists of the Office took part in specialized and educational events in the field of intellectual property organized by both the Office and international organizations such as WIPO, EPO, EUIPO, etc.

In particular, the specialists of the Office took part in the distance learning courses of the WIPO Academy on various topics:

- DL-101 General Course on Intellectual Property;
- DL-302 Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications.

WIPO Hague System Webinars:

- Webinar "What is the Hague System?", January 17, 2024;
- Webinar "Useful Tools and Resources to Know Before Submitting your International Application", February 14, 2024;
- Webinar "Leverage New eHague Features to Build and Share your Registration Portfolio", March 13, 2024;
- Webinar "Filing on a Global Scale: Mastering Your International Design Application Journey", April 10, 2024;
- Webinar "Mastering Submission Procedures and Avoiding Potential Refusals: Tips for Reproductions and Multiple Designs", May 10, 2024;
- Webinar "Demystifying the Hague System: We Are Answering Your Questions!", June 18, 2024;
- Webinar "Exploring the Locarno Classification: Insights and Applications", July 18, 2024;
- Webinar "Flawless Filing: Navigating Irregularities on Your Application Journey", August 28, 2024;
- Webinar "Efficiently Handling Your International Design Registrations: Simplifying Transactions", September 11, 2024;
- Webinar "Exploring Global Design Protection: The Hague System Explained", October 9, 2024;
- Webinar "Making Payment Smooth and Simple", November 13, 2024;
- Webinar "2024 Insights Unwrapped: Dive into the Latest Updates", December 4, 2024;
- Webinar from Hague System with USPTO as Special Guest, December 10, 2024.

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6. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION

International exchange of industrial design information in machine-readable form (e.g., official gazettes)

The international exchange of patent documentation is carried out by the Office, which was recognized in 2003 as the Center for International Exchange of Publications in accordance with the Convention on the International Exchange of Publications, adopted on December 3, 1958 by the UN General Conference on Education, Science and Culture.

As part of the international exchange, in 2024, the Office continued the transition to the free international exchange of patent documentation on intangible media, namely by providing access to it via the Internet and spreading data exchange, mainly through the FTP-servers of the offices.

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- Participation in international or regional events and projects related to industrial information

In 2024, international cooperation in the field of intellectual property with WIPO, EPO, and intellectual property offices of other countries continued.

Representatives of the Office participated in WIPO Task Forces meetings (including online), preparation of relevant proposals and information on Ukraine (if necessary) at sessions and meetings of WIPO Committees and Working Groups (online), in particular, in the work of the Task Forces (TF) of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) on the development of new WIPO standards, their updating, as well as other CWS projects, in particular:

- WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications, 47th session, March 19 to 21, 2024;
- WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property, 32th session, April 29 to May 3, 2024;
- WIPO Program and Budget Committee, 37th session, June 10 to 14, 2024;
- Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (65th Series), July 09 to 17, 2024;
- WIPO Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), 12th session, September 16 to 20, 2024;
- WIPO Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs, 13th session, October 21 to 23, 2024;
- WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, 48th session, November 29, 2024;
- WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, 49th session, December 2 to 6, 2024;
- WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property, 33th session, December 9 to 13, 2024

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7. Activities relating to the implementation of WIPO Standards concerning industrial designs information

At present, the following WIPO Standards related to industrial designs have been implemented at UANIPIO:

ST.3: Two-letter codes for the representation of states, other entities and organizations

ST.80: Bibliographic data relating to industrial designs

ST.81: Content and layout of industrial designs gazettes