

INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY RIGHTS
IN A NUTSHELL

Important institutions and their websites and registers

01. Belgian institution: DIE (Belgian Office for Intellectual Property)

The DIE is a public service of the Federal Public Service Economy. The DIE is competent for all matters relating to intellectual property in Belgium.

The DIE is also the institution where you can file Belgian patent applications, which the DIE grants itself. On its website you will find more information on filing⁴⁷ Belgian patents. The website also contains the Benelux Patent Platform eRegister.

- **General website:** <https://economie.fgov.be/nl/themas/intellectuele-eigendom/belgis-che-dienst-voor-de>
- **Benelux Patent Platform eRegister:** <https://bpp.economie.fgov.be/fo-eregister-view/>

02. Benelux institution: BOIP (Benelux Office for Intellectual Property)

The BOIP is the competent Benelux authority for the registration of Benelux trade marks and designs. It also offers the I-Depot service (see *supra*). On its website you will find more information on applying and searching trade marks⁴⁸, designs⁴⁹ and I-Depots⁵⁰. The website also contains the respective registers that are publicly accessible:

- **Trade mark register:** <https://www.boip.int/nl/merkenregister?app=%2F>
- **Design register:** <https://www.boip.int/nl/modellenregister>
- **I-Depot register:** <https://www.boip.int/en/idspace>

03. European institutions

a. EUIPO (European Union Intellectual Property Office)

The EUIPO⁵¹ is the competent EU authority for EU trademarks and Community designs. On

its website you will find more information on applying and searching EU trade marks⁵² and Community designs⁵³. The website also contains the respective registers that are publicly accessible:

- **Trade mark register:** <https://www.tmdn.org/tmview/#/tmview>
- **Design register:** <https://www.tmdn.org/tmdsview-web/#/dsview>

b. EPO (European Patent Office)

The EPO⁵⁴ is the competent European authority for European patents. On its website you will find more information on applying⁵⁵ and searching patents. The website also contains the corresponding European patent register that is publicly accessible:

- **General website:** <https://www.epo.org/>
- **European patent register:** <https://register.epo.org/regviewer>

04. International institution: WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization)

WIPO is a self-funding agency of the United Nations and is entrusted with the task of promoting and protecting intellectual property across the world. On its website you will find general information on intellectual property. The website also contains the international registers for patents, trade marks and designs:

- **General website:** <https://www.wipo.int/portal/en/>
- **Patent register:** <https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf>
- **Trade mark register:** <https://branddb.wipo.int/branddb/en/>
- **Design register:** <https://www3.wipo.int/designdb/en/index.jsp>

- 47 <https://bpp.economie.fgov.be/bpp-portal/web/guest/efiling>
- 48 <https://www.boip.int/en/entrepreneurs/trademarks>
- 49 <https://www.boip.int/en/entrepreneurs/designs>
- 50 https://www.boip.int/nl/ondernemers/ideeen?gclid=CjwKCAjwve2TBhByEiwAaktM1BD-3EK-1jporndNvPSg-jjQ-2Ln5TLuCcG-xxzzgvcP0rGXP5ziKshoCTfkQAvD_BwE
- 51 <https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/nl>
- 52 <https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/trade-marks>
- 53 <https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/designs>
- 54 <https://www.epo.org/>
- 55 <https://www.epo.org/applying.html>



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