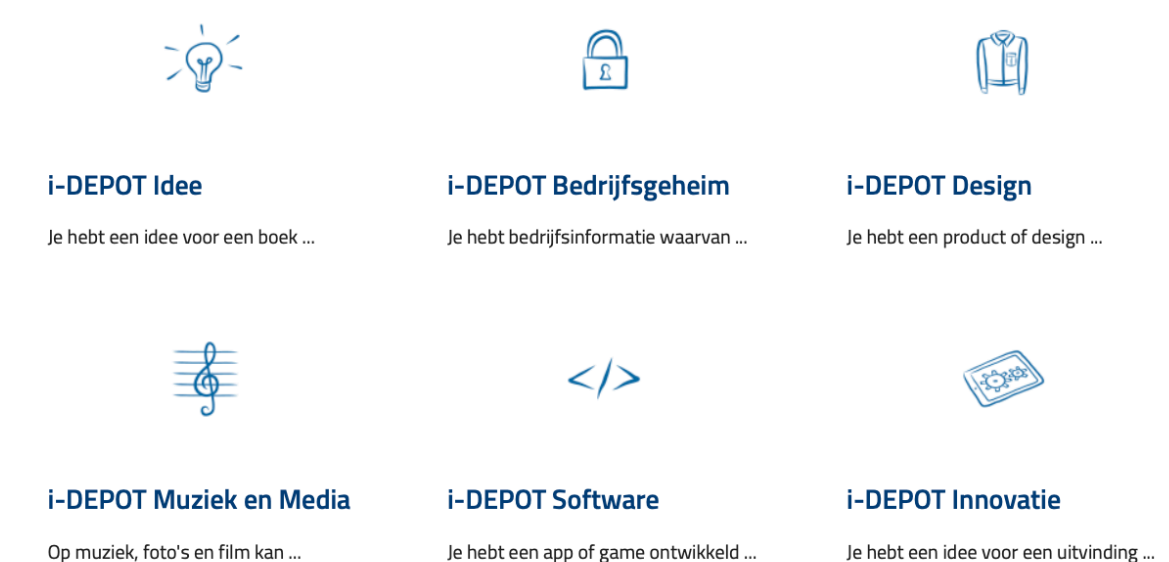


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I-Depot

As already stated above, at times it might be useful to be able to demonstrate that a certain idea, design, *etc.* already existed at a given point in time.

The BOIP has therefore developed a service to easily log relevant ideas in order to be able to prove that you (had already) created, devised or designed it at that point in time, the so-called “**I-DEPOT**”<sup>43</sup>. The I-Depot system more specifically is a legal means of proof that gives you a date stamp for e.g. an idea, prototype, trade secret or other know-how, copyrighted music, media or software, *etc.*



The submission of this “depot” can be done **online**<sup>44</sup> **or by mail**. In addition to some personal reference information, a description or representation of the concept or idea should be provided.

It is important to note that the I-DEPOT is not an intellectual property right and **no rights** can be derived from it.

The **fee**<sup>45</sup> is also **very low** and ranges between 37 and 53 EUR, depending on whether you want to store the information for a period of **5 or 10 years**. Once the initial storage period is over, the I-DEPOT **can always** be **renewed**<sup>46</sup> for a period of **5 years**.

- 43 [https://www.boip.int/nl/ondernemers/ideeen?gclid=Cj0KCQjwmuiTBhDoARIsAPiv6L9pg-ZOV8w62mLIZ4BbC-N4yzL\\_HB-nMo6f7fUPc13gUvK66el1zghgaAg6YEALw\\_wcB](https://www.boip.int/nl/ondernemers/ideeen?gclid=Cj0KCQjwmuiTBhDoARIsAPiv6L9pg-ZOV8w62mLIZ4BbC-N4yzL_HB-nMo6f7fUPc13gUvK66el1zghgaAg6YEALw_wcB)
- 44 <https://www.boip.int/en/entrepreneurs/ideas/submit-an-i-depot>
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