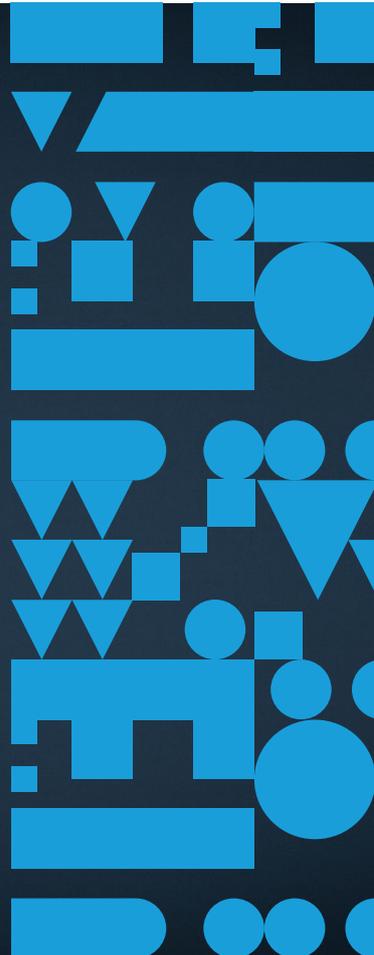


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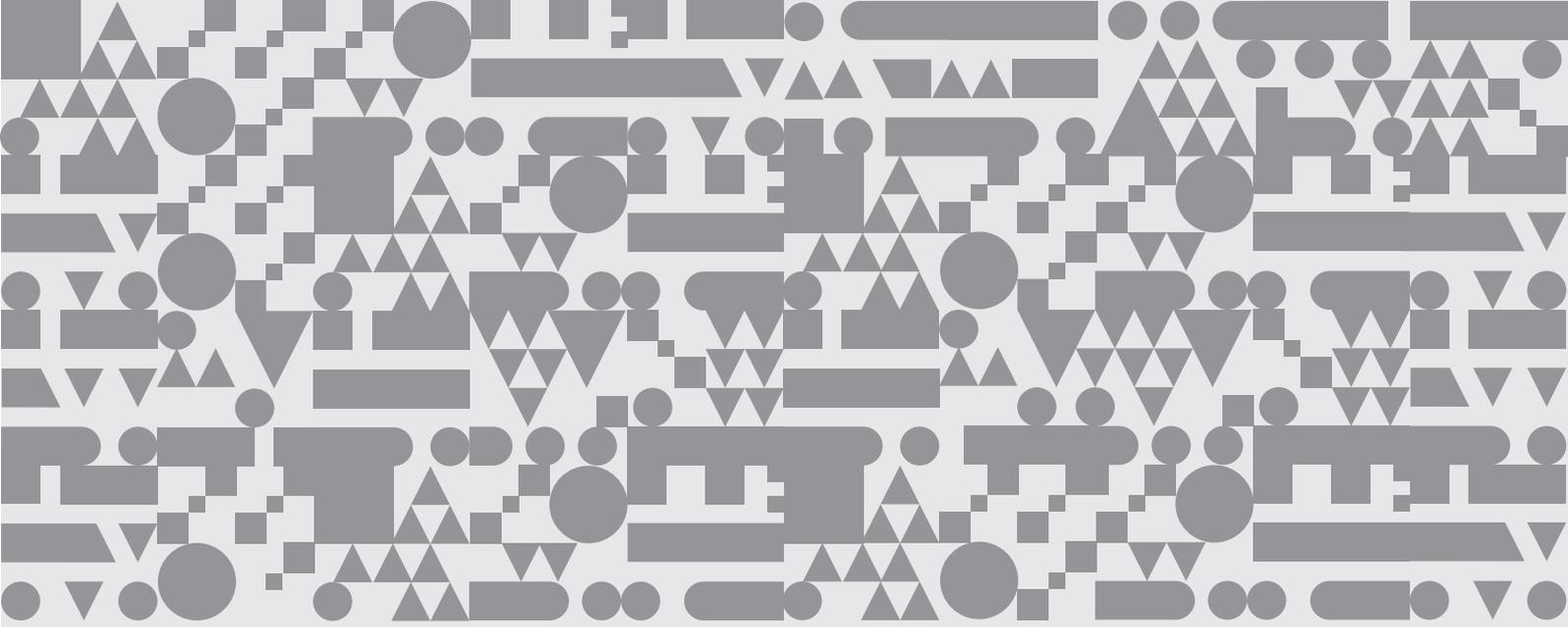
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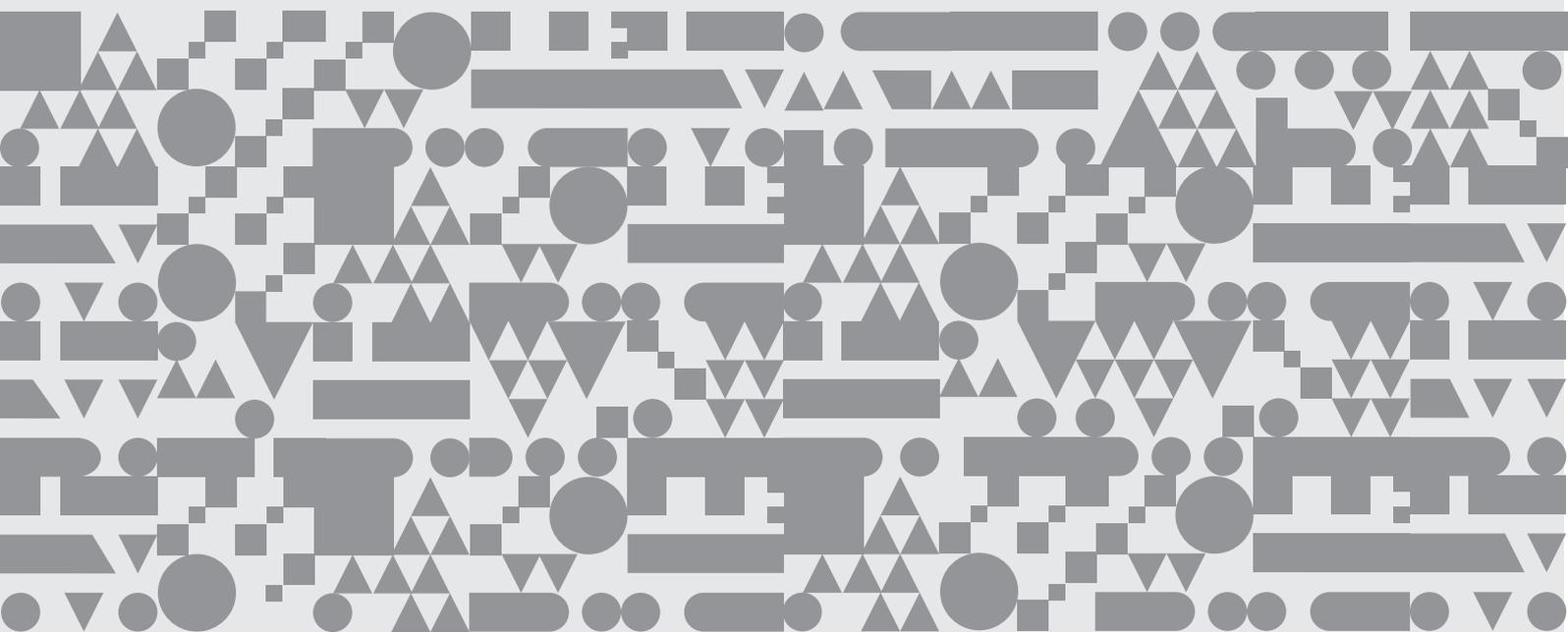
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# Events



## January

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Sakpatenti joined the Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS), a program administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). By means of this program the Georgian users, filing international applications, are given an opportunity to use the Georgian interface and make a list of goods and/or services in the Georgian language, which will simplify for them the procedure of extension of trademarks to the member states of the "Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks".

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Students of Ilia State University visited Sakpatenti. The meeting was organized on the initiative of members of Ilia State University Students Club "E Pluribus Unum", who got interested in Sakpatenti activities and expressed a desire to attend training in order to familiarize with the ongoing processes at Sakpatenti.

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Manana Pruidze, Deputy Chairperson of Sakpatenti, participated in the work of the Working Group on Draft Agreement on the Strategic Partnership and Cooperation between Georgia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. A considerable part of the Agreement is devoted to the issues of legal protection of intellectual property subject-matters between the Parties, which also covers mutual protection of geographical indications. After the Brexit process ends, the Agreement will replace the existing Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union. The document covers a wide range of cooperation and creates a legal framework for strategic partnership, also provides for maintenance of the free trade regime between Georgia and the United Kingdom.

Georgia is the first country in the EU Eastern Partnership Region, with which the United Kingdom concluded a similar agreement.

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With the financial support of Sakpatenti, Georgia participated for the first time in one of the greatest culinary trade shows - the World Hospitality and Food Service Event Sirha 2019. The event will facilitate popularization of Georgian gastronomy as well as demonstration of the tourism potential of the country. One of the main components of the trade show was popularization of Georgian geographical indications and appellations of origin and their introduction to numerous visitors from various countries of the world (Lyon, France).

# February

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The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy Distance Learning General Course (DL101GE) was continued free-of-charge in the Georgian language. Persons interested in intellectual property rights have an opportunity to pass the course. In case of successful completion of the course, the participants will be handed over the certificates of the WIPO Academy.

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A workshop within the project “Support to Sustainable Value Chains through the Development of Geographical Indications in the Dairy Sector”, funded by the Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), took place at the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti. Based on the best practices of the European Union and France, issues of drafting specifications of geographical indications, identification of the link between the place of origin and the final product, as well as making amendments to specifications were discussed.

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Mr. David Zalkaliani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, and Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), discussed the reforms aimed at strengthening intellectual property rights in Georgia and issues of successful cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization. During the meeting special emphasis was given to the successful cooperation with WIPO in terms of implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy, protection of geographical indications of Georgia and introducing various innovations in this field (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

# March

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For capacity building, Sakpatenti representative attended the seminar of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) to familiarize with the recent practice of EUIPO regarding absolute grounds of refusal of registration of marks. At the seminar special attention was paid to the descriptiveness and non-distinctiveness criteria, as well as criteria of distinctiveness of colour, three-dimensional, voice and motion marks and the practice of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) with respect to marks of this type (Alicante, Kingdom of Spain).

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One more appellation of origin of Georgian wine – “Bolnisi” was registered at Sakpatenti. Protection of wine “Bolnisi” as an appellation of origin will facilitate growing its competitiveness both inside the country and in the external markets, as it directly indicates that the product has high quality and specific characteristics. “Bolnisi” microzone is situated in Lower Kartli, Bolnisi municipality. Appellation of origin of Georgian wine “Bolnisi” was registered by non-entrepreneurial non-commercial legal entity “Bolnuri Wine”.

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The annual Employment and Internship Forum was organized by San Diego State University (SDSU-Georgia), aimed to bring together successful students of the University and their future employers. Together with other organizations, the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti participated in the Forum for the third time. At the Forum, Sakpatenti representatives introduced to successful students of San Diego State University the prospects of internship and employment at Sakpatenti.

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A meeting took place at Sakpatenti Office within the Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia”, funded by the European Union, where the parties discussed and signed the action plan for the first six months of the Project implementation. The Project is implemented in cooperation with the consortium of Italy and France. The main beneficiary of the Project is the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. The objective of the Project is to support the development of the geographical indications and appellations of origin system in Georgia and its harmonization with the GI protection system functioning in the European Union (Mtskheta, Georgia).

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The Millennium Challenge Account – Georgia announced the winning project of the Millennium Innovation Competition. One of the team participating in the final stage of the competition, “Future Builders” (Telavi European School), for the project “Concrete without Cement”, was awarded by Mr. Merab Kutsia, Head, Department of Inventions and New Varieties and Breeds of Sakpatenti, the special prize of Sakpatenti - a 300-GEL voucher for each member of the team. The Millennium Innovation Competition is aimed to promote implementation of innovative ideas and projects in natural sciences and technologies among youth. This will increase their motivation in the above-mentioned disciplines and will facilitate new achievements in the innovations and technologies field in the country.

## April

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The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was started in Geneva, Switzerland. Head of Department of Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Design of Sakpatenti participated in the Session. During the Session various items envisaged by the Agenda were discussed, among these, two proposals by Georgia and 11 member states of WIPO: Proposal Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance (document SCT/39/8 Rev.3) and Proposal Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance in the Domain Name System (DNS) (document SCT/41/6) (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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Mr. Irakli Kasradze, Head of Department of Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Design of Sakpatenti, met with the management of OriGIn – the global alliance of geographical indication, during which details of forthcoming OriGIn Biannual Meeting 2019 to be held in Georgia were discussed (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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Sakpatenti representative also participated in a workshop organized by OriGIn, aimed to raise awareness among WIPO member states on simplification of geographical indications protection in foreign countries jurisdiction and in the Internet (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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Sakpatenti representative held a meeting with the delegation of Ukraine, the parties discussed the ongoing negotiations process concerning signing the “Agreement Between Georgia and Ukraine on Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Indications of Source” (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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For capacity building, Sakpatenti representative participated in Internship project for employees of state institutions, which is implemented within the framework of the project of the German International Cooperation Program and envisages promotion of the implementation of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. As a result, it became possible to familiarize with the practice and experience of Croatia in order to overcome challenges related to this topic, to regulate them on the legislative level and to introduce them appropriately into practice (Zagreb, Croatia).

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By cooperation of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) with cooperation the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, the Distance Learning General Course (DL101GE) of the WIPO Academy became available free-of-charge in the Georgian language. Any person interested in intellectual property rights may pass the course. In case of successful completion of the course, the participants of the course will be handed over the certificates issued by the WIPO Academy. On the basis of this it will be possible to pass advanced courses in various branches of intellectual property Law offered by the WIPO Academy.

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To support the development of the geographical indications and appellations of origin system in Georgia and its harmonization with the European Union GI protection system, the series of meetings were launched. The meetings were held in the framework of implementing EU Funded Twinning Project first stage. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy visited Georgia, who introduced in detail to representatives of Sakpatenti, the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, the National Wine Agency and the Customs Department of the Revenue Service the legislation and control system functioning in the field of geographical indications in the European Union, including Italy. In their turn, Italian experts were familiarized with the legislative base and practice existing in Georgia, as a result of which they prepared relevant recommendations and conclusions.

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Study course “Patent Search” took place at the IP Training Centre functioning at Sakpatenti. It covered an overview of the patent system and introduction to the techniques of patent information search. The course was intended for representatives of universities and scientific-research institutions. The objective of the course was to offer the participants the basic knowledge on the importance of patent information, main search systems and search techniques. The gained knowledge will assist the participants of the course in familiarizing with the scientific and technological achievements in their field, preliminary assessment of the state of the art prior to preparing a patent application and better planning of drafting and filing a patent application with Sakpatenti.

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For capacity building representative of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti attended the Seminar on the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks, to deepen knowledge on international applications. During the Seminar the latest developments of the Madrid System concerning the electronic systems, role of the contracting parties in the process of registration of international applications were discussed (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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The slogan of the World Intellectual Property Day, April 26, was “Reach for Gold: IP and Sports.” In 2019, within the campaign of the World Intellectual Property Day attention was focused on sports, the role of innovation, creativity and intellectual property rights in the development of sports. Since 2000, the member countries of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) celebrate annually the World Intellectual Property Day on April 26, the date on which the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force in 1970. On this day everyone is given an opportunity to realize the contribution of intellectual property to the development of music, art and technological innovations, which helps shaping the modern world.

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Within the framework of the project “One Belt - One Road”, a second, high-level conference on intellectual property issues “2019 Belt and Road Intellectual Property Training Workshop ” was held, which aims to share experiences between countries. The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti was invited to the conference as a speaker and the representative of the office introduced Sakpatenti experience to the participants of the event (Chengdu, Sichuan Province, People’s Republic of China).

May

# 7



The National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) jointly organized regional conference. The Conference was devoted to the importance of one of the significant intellectual property subject-matters in the modern world – design, as a tool for business success and economic value of goods, as well as promotion of this IP object, which will facilitate raising public awareness on the importance of design protection and development of this direction.

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Within the framework of the Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia”, a delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy visited Georgia for the second time. The Project, which is implemented within the EU funded Twinning Project, envisages the development of the current system of geographical indications in Georgia. During the meeting, a set of draft amendments to the Law of Georgia “On Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Goods” was discussed, in addition, the issue of compliance of these draft amendments with the European Union legislation was analyzed in detail. The main beneficiary of the Project is the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. The entity is given an opportunity, through sharing experience and knowledge of leading countries in the field of geographical indications, to create administrative and institutional mechanisms which will enhance the GI protection and control system in Georgia and will strengthen the capacity and deepen the knowledge in this field.

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# 15



A meeting took place between Sakpatenti management and Mr. Peter B. Davidson, General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce, visiting Georgia. The parties discussed the ongoing and future joint projects implemented within cooperation between the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti and the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), in particular, the events funded by CLDP, aimed at raising public awareness in the intellectual property field. The Office annually organizes training sessions for judges, journalists, lawyers and students, as well as study visits to the USA for capacity building of Georgian experts and visits of American experts to Georgia, for sharing experience with their Georgian colleagues. In cooperation with CLDP, Sakpatenti annually organizes the conference “Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy” (Mtskheta, Georgia).

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Problems existing in the sector of winegrowers and ways of their solution were discussed during the First Conference of Winegrowers, held with the support of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti in Gurjaani Municipality. During the meeting the participants discussed the system for protection and control of geographical indications and appellations of origin, got familiarized with the experience of the leading countries and discussed the necessity of creation of powerful administrative and institutional mechanisms, which will facilitate capacity building and deepening of the knowledge of the national institutes and local specialists. Attention was focused on the approaches of the agricultural policy in the European Union, where geographical indications and appellations of origin are a significant means for guaranteeing quality and an efficient tool for development of viticulture and winemaking (Gurjaani, Georgia).

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An information meeting took place at the International Black Sea University (IBSU) Research and Innovation Hub, aimed at raising awareness among University students and representatives of its faculties on the necessity of intellectual property protection. The participants were familiarized with the patent system and received information on the services offered by the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti.

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The course was delivered for the second time at the Intellectual Property Training Centre, functioning at Sakpatenti aimed to support interested parties to familiarize with the scientific and technological achievements in the intellectual property field, namely, patents, to acquire state of the art preliminary assessment procedures prior to preparing a patent application and to better plan drafting and filing a patent application with the patent office. The course was attended by representatives of I.Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgian Technical University, David Tvildiani State Medical University, Caucasus University, Tbilisi State Conservatoire and R.Agladze Institute of Inorganic Chemistry and Electrochemistry.

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To raise qualification, Sakpatenti representative attended the course Freedom to Operate (OS27-2019), organized by the European Patent Office (EPO). The course was devoted to one of the types of patent information search – Freedom to Operate (FTO). The visit was aimed to obtain necessary information for introducing the freedom-to-operate search service at the Office.

# 4



Sakpatenti delegation attended the International Congress on “Use of TRIPS flexibilities to increase affordability of treatment for HIV, tuberculosis and hepatitis C virus in middle-income countries”. The aim of the participation was to share experience of various countries and present current legislative changes in Georgia concerning compulsory license issues (Kiev, Ukraine).

# 9



The first study visit of Sakpatenti delegation took place within the Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia”. The beneficiaries were hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Forestry and Tourism of Italy, which introduced the specificity of the geographical indications control system of the country (Republic of Italy) to the delegation.

# 19



A representative of Sakpatenti participated in the second edition of the Tunisian Competition of Traditional Food Products organized by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and delivered a presentation “Overview of the Current Situation and Prospects concerning Traditional Food Products in Georgia”. During the competition, representatives of various countries shared experience on added values to traditional food products. The discussed issues also included definition of the policy regarding traditional food products, labeling system, specific projects and promotional activities (Tunis, Republic of Tunisia).

# 25



Sakpatenti hosted pupils from schools of the Pankisi Region villages. The meeting took place on the initiative of the “Junior Achievement Georgia (JA Georgia)”, which is implementing in Pankisi schools the subproject “Basic Business Concepts in Primary Education” of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) project “Pankisi Community Links”. During the meeting the participants were offered extensive information on the functioning of the intellectual property system and activities of Sakpatenti, attention was focused on separate IP subject-matters and the importance and role of their legal protection in the economic, social and cultural development of the country (Mtskheta, Georgia).

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A representative of Sakpatenti participated in the IP Executive Week session, organized by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO), who got familiarized with the presentations on the current significant issues. Within the session, details of implementation of the project planned by the European Union were discussed with the coordinators of Georgia in EUIPO (Alicante, Kingdom of Spain).

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The Summer School on Intellectual Property Law was held in Georgia for the fourth time. The event is organized by the European Law Students Association Georgia (ELSA Georgia), National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). 25 students from 10 countries from European and Georgian universities attended lectures delivered by Sakpatenti high officials and sectoral specialists on mechanisms of legal protection of intellectual property subject-matters and tools of their international registration. For already the fourth time, Georgia successfully joined the 22 countries, where the study course is led by qualified sectoral specialists, who share their experience with students of various countries and facilitate raising their awareness in the intellectual property field.

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For capacity building, Sakpatenti representatives passed a training course on trademarks, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) and the National Institute of Industrial Property of France (INPI). The course was aimed to familiarize the participants with the trademark legislation of the European Union, France and Morocco and latest developments related to examination (Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco).

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The International Conference “Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy” was opened, jointly organized by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), U.S. Department of Commerce. The conference took place for the fifth time and it was aimed to inform the participants on the local and international challenges of combatting counterfeiting and piracy, as well as to facilitate effective implementation of intellectual property enforcement mechanisms (Batumi, Georgia).

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The Workshop on Adjudication of Civil Intellectual Property Infringement Cases took place in Batumi with the participation of Georgian judges. The workshop is organized by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the United States Embassy in Georgia. Sharing experience of the United States of America regarding protection of intellectual property will facilitate and assist Georgian judges to implement the IP legislation of Georgia according to international standards (Batumi, Georgia).

# 20

Sakpatenti representative attended session of Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). At the session, proposed modifications to the Common Regulations under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks were discussed, the position of Georgia were started (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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# 22



To share experience and raise qualification, Sakpatenti representative attended International Workshop on Technology Transfer and Management of Government Intellectual Property, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The training covered topics related to technology transfer and intellectual property management. It is created at government research institutions and laboratories by government funds (Alexandria, United States of America (USA)).

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# 25



The second meeting of the Steering Committee of the EU funded Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia” (GE/16 ENI EC 0318) took place, during which the Action Plan for the next 6 months and the conducted activities were presented. The above-mentioned Plan envisages studying and revising the current legislation in Georgia, including the by-laws, and drafting new regulating acts, if necessary (Mtskheta, Georgia).

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## August

# 12



Georgian appellation of origin “Kindzmarauli”, Georgian wine varieties “Saperavi”, “Rkatsiteli”, and mark “Alaznis Valley”, registered in bad faith on the territory of Mongolia by Mongolian company “Tavanbogd International” LLC, were invalidated. The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti carried out the necessary measures envisaged by the legislation, on the basis of the appeal of the producing and exporting company, whose export of wine to Mongolia had been restricted due to the above-mentioned registrations.

The copy of the official decision regarding the appeals, duly substantiated and grounded with relevant evidence, filed by Sakpatenti with the Chamber of Appeals of the Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia, was handed over to the Office.

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The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Chinese National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) organized an interregional meeting on the integration of TISC (Technology and Innovation Support Centers) within the national and institutional strategic frameworks. The aim of the interregional meeting was to discuss and disseminate information on TISC integration into the national and institutional framework, experience and best practices. Representatives of the countries participating in the meeting delivered presentations with the status of TISC coordinator and host country, who are also members of the TISC worldwide web. The participants of the event received detailed information from the Sakpatenti delegation about the activities carried out in Georgia under the auspices of TISC and the services rendered to interested parties. (Hangzhou, People's Republic of China).

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To obtain relevant information for export-oriented small and medium business representatives on WIPO services, to share experience of other countries and to introduce to the colleagues the mechanisms existing in Georgia, Sakpatenti representative attended a workshop, organized by WIPO and the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria (Bulgaria, Sofia).

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The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) professional development Training Course on Geographical Indications opened at the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti. In 2019, the international, English-language training course, organized by the WIPO Academy and the Training Centre of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, is held in Georgia for the third time. Owing to the successful experience and knowledge of Georgia in this field, Georgia became the first among the countries in transition where, by the decision of the WIPO Academy, the professional development course is held.

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Within the "Science and Innovations Festival 2019", a scientific picnic took place. The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti was one of the participants of the event. As in the previous years, Sakpatenti offered for children entertaining lessons about intellectual property. To arouse interest in inventions, various games and interesting activities were held. Through cognitive and amusing methods, the teenagers received information on the significance of creation of inventions and innovative products for the progress and development of the country (Telavi, Georgia).

19



A representative of Sakpatenti participated in the 2nd Summit of Geographical Indications, during which local and international experts working in the field delivered presentations. Within the Summit, a meeting was held with the high officials of the Turkish Patent Office to discuss current cooperation issues between Georgia, Turkey and other countries engaged in the field of geographical indications (Ankara, Turkey).

# 23



OriGIn 2019 Biannual Meeting opened, during which two hundred delegates from 30 countries reviewed the work carried out over the last biennium and planned oriGIn future activities, such as joining forces to monitor foreign markets, setting-up control systems, evocation and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement. This allowed the alliance members and partners to expand their network as well as exchange best practices and insights.

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# 24



The International Conference on Geographical Indications was opened, organized by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti) and oriGIn – the Global Alliance of Geographical Indications. Producers of goods protected by well-known geographical indications, such as “Tequila”, “Prosecco”, “Bavarian Beer”, “Parmigiano Reggiano Cheese”, “Balsamic Vinegar of Modena”, “Parma Ham”, etc. visited Georgia. The objective of holding the conference was to facilitate popularization of the geographical indications protection system in Georgia, raising awareness in the given field among Georgian entrepreneurs, establishing their direct contacts with foreign entrepreneurs and introducing their products.

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# 24



An exhibition and tasting of goods protected by Georgian and foreign geographical indications took place within the International Conference on Geographical Indications. Churchkhela, Tequila, Khvanchkara, Parmigiano Reggiano, Sulguni and other geographical indications were exhibited in a single exhibition hall. The event was aimed to popularize the geographical indications protection system in Georgia, to raise awareness of Georgian entrepreneurs in the given field, establish their direct contacts with foreign entrepreneurs and introduce their products.

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# 30 DesignClass

National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti joined DesignClass, the tool of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), which allows using the list of terms from the harmonized databases of product indications (HDBPI). Users will be able to search and translate harmonized product indications into 27 languages, including Georgian, from 30 intellectual property offices. The cooperation of EUIPO and Sakpatenti is implemented within the Memorandum signed in 2015. The aim of joining DesignClass is to simplify the procedure of design registration for Georgian as well as foreign users at the offices harmonized with DesignClass. It is noteworthy that this is the first precedent when an IP Office of a non-member state of the European Union (EU) joins DesignClass. DesignClass is available at the following link: <https://euipo.europa.eu/designclass/>.

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A meeting of the heads of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) was held, during which the parties discussed issues of cooperation between the two offices and ongoing projects. Sakpatenti cooperates with EUIPO in the field of trademarks and designs, including the development of guidelines for these intellectual property subject-matters (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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At the office of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, a meeting took place between the heads of various structural units of Sakpatenti and the US Congress staff members, visiting Georgia. The parties discussed progress achieved as a result of mutual cooperation and outlined plans for the future. During the meeting the recent developments in the intellectual property field in Georgia were considered. As is known, with the assistance of the US partners, Sakpatenti implemented a number of significant projects, among these, the electronic office management system was created, and activities were carried out for raising public awareness, capacity building of Sakpatenti staff members and other interested persons.

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The Fifty-Ninth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ended in Geneva, Switzerland, which was attended by the delegation of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, headed by its Chairman Mr. Genadi Lebanidze. According to the consensus of the member states at the session, it was decided to elect H.E. Mr. Victor Dolidze, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva, as Vice-Chair of the WIPO General Assembly in 2020, it is a result of the active engagement of Georgia in the activity of the above-mentioned organization (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti organized a meeting for small and medium-sized entrepreneurs and enterprises on geographical indications, invention and innovations. The meeting was held within the project on “Value of Intellectual Property for SMEs VIP4SMEs, which is funded by the European Union Program for Research and Innovation “Horizon 2020”. The Project envisages organizing workshops, training and face-to-face meetings for small and medium-sized enterprises and assists Georgian entrepreneurs in drafting an IP strategy and its management, which in its turn will facilitate increasing the competitiveness and creating economic value of Georgian companies, as well as creating additional economic value for them.

# 12



The Wine Festival aimed to facilitate wine tourism, introduce wine culture and Georgian traditions to foreign as well as to the Georgian public was held. At the festival, wines made by farmers in qvevri (clay jar), more than 150 wines of various types, colours and age, chacha and other spirits, produced by great and small wineries, were exhibited together with traditional meals. The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti participated in the event to raise awareness on appellations of origin of wine among entrepreneurs and the general public. Sakpatenti presented an information stand, exhibiting the goods protected by appellations of origin, produced in the Kakheti region (Gurjaani, Georgia).

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The third round of the meetings of the Intellectual Property Rights Laboratory Group took place, which is a regional project, uniting 3 countries (Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova) and is prepared within the German International Cooperation Program. It provides support for the implementation of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine (Kiev, Ukraine).

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# 15



The 4th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Project “Value of Intellectual Property for SME - VIP4SME”, funded by the European Union Program for Research and Innovations “Horizon 2020” was attended by the Sakpatenti delegation with the status of project participant office. Sakpatenti regularly organizes information meetings, training and seminars in the framework of the Project, which assists entrepreneurs in drafting and management of an IP strategy., (Malaga, Spain).

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# 17



At Employment and Internship Forum of San Diego State University a Memorandum of Understanding with Sakpatenti was signed. The Memorandum envisages internship and practice at National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti for the students of San Diego State University Bachelor Programs and for the students participating in the professional education programs funded by LEPL Millenium Challenge Account-Georgia (MCA-Georgia). According to MoU students participation in the educational programs in the intellectual property field offered by Sakpatenti Training Centre, and implementation of joint events and projects aimed to raise public awareness in the IP field is also agreed.

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The 39th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) was held to discuss copyright exceptions and restrictions for libraries and archives, educational and research organizations, as well as protection of the rights of disabled persons and broadcasting organizations. Sakpatenti representative attended the session as a member country of the Central European and Baltic States Regional Group (CEBS), where Georgia has been a member since 2015 (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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A Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement was signed between Georgia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. A considerable part of the Agreement is devoted to the legal protection of intellectual property objects between the parties, which also includes mutual protection of geographical indications. After the Brexit process ends, the Agreement will replace the existing Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union (London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

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The Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the European Patent Organization (EPO) on Validation of European Patents (Validation Agreement) was signed by Mr. António Campinos, President of EPO, and Mr. Genadi Arveladze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. Once in force, the Agreement will allow to validate European patents on the territory of Georgia, based on a single European patent application. It will simplify the procedure of patenting inventions for international applicants in Georgia (Munich, German Federal Republic).

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## November

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A representative of Sakpatenti attended the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), during which issues of the agenda were considered, including protection of country names and geographical names of national significance (document SCT/39/8 Rev.3) and Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance in the DNS (document SCT/41/6) (Geneva, Swiss Confederation).

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For capacity building, a representative of Sakpatenti passed the 10<sup>th</sup> International Certificate Course AICC – “Intellectual Property Management for Business Success”, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Organization (KIPO), Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA) and Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). The training covered topics related to innovation management and strategic management of intellectual property assets. The course touched upon the legislative, political and practical aspects of intellectual property management (Seoul, Republic of Korea).

# 7



The EU-funded Twinning Project “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia” was launched officially. The Twinning Project is the component of wider EU sectoral support to Georgia. 1.5 million Euro was allocated by the European Union on implementation of the project and was entrusted to relevant national authorities (Italy and France) of EU member states. The main beneficiary of the Project is the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. Within the Project Sakpatenti is given an opportunity, with the assistance of EU, through sharing experience and knowledge of leading countries, to create administrative and institutional mechanisms which will enhance the GI protection and control system in Georgia, strengthen the capacity and deepen the knowledge of the national institutions in this field.

# 11



In order to raise capacity on the trademark registration procedure, a representative of Sakpatenti passed the professional development program - the Trademark Law and Examination. The seminar was organized by WIPO, The International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI) and KIPO, during which the participants were given an opportunity to familiarize with the peculiarity of work of the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as well as to get acquainted with the trademark registration procedure of Korea (Daejeon, South Korea).

# 13



Sakpatenti representative delivered a presentation at the Regional Seminar “Intellectual Property Strategy and Innovation Development”, jointly organized by WIPO and the Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Uzbekistan. At the Seminar the participants discussed the experience of countries in transition in the adoption of an intellectual property strategy and its implementation (Tashkent, Uzbekistan).

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The awards ceremony of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition of Young Inventors and Researchers “Leonardo da Vinci” took place. The competition, aimed to increase interest in innovations and technical progress among teenagers, facilitate continuous improvement in education, to reveal pupils distinguished for their inventive talent and stimulate the development of pupils’ creative thinking and practical skills, has been held since 2010. Every year the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti is involved in the evaluation process of the projects submitted at the competition.

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The session of Georgia-Turkey joint intergovernmental commission on economic cooperation took place, during which the opportunity of continuing negotiations on signing the agreement between Georgia and Turkey on mutual recognition and protection of geographical indications and appellations of origin were discussed (Ankara, Republic of Turkey).

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On the occasion of the successful completion of the Project “Support to Sustainable Value Chains through the Development of Geographical Indications in the Dairy Sector” the event was organized. The aim of the event was to summarize the Project results and to demonstrate the lessons learned. To facilitate effective development of the geographical indications system in Georgia, the Project had been implemented from 2017 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti.

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The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti hosted a meeting of experts of the geographical indications field and representatives of associations of origin goods, organized within the EU-funded Twinning Project “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia”. The objective of the meeting was to evaluate the resources and necessities of producers and associations to enable them to define in future their role and authority in the geographical indications protection system.

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The Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) organized its second regional consultative meeting on geographical indications, attended by a representative of Sakpatenti. During the meeting issues related to international protection and registration, certification and establishing compliance of geographical indications were discussed. Attention was also focused on the establishing of the link between the place of origin and the specific quality of goods, internal control mechanisms and market control issues (Budapest, Hungary).

## December

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A delegation of Sakpatenti attended the meeting organized by EUIPO for representatives of patent offices of non-EU countries. At the technical workshop, the representatives of the Information Technologies Department got familiarized with the software Front Office and CESTO, EUIPO applications for electronic filing and preliminary search of applications for various intellectual property subject-matters (Alicante, Kingdom of Spain).

# International Affairs/ 2019

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In 2019 within the international cooperation active work was continued with partner organizations in various directions:

## Cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)



In terms of promotion of intellectual property protection in Georgia and strengthening the national institutional and human resources, as well as development of the relevant infrastructure, Sakpatenti is supported by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

- On February 26, 2019, in Geneva, Swiss Confederation, Mr. David Zalkaliani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has met. The meeting was organized in the framework of the UN Human Rights high-level segment meeting. During the meeting, the parties discussed the reforms aimed at strengthening intellectual property rights in Georgia and issues of successful cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- Mr. David Zalkaliani stressed the importance of the intellectual property and noted that this field is a priority direction for the country, he also expressed gratitude to the WIPO Director General for his personal involvement in the process of implementation of intellectual property related reforms in Georgia. At the meeting it was noted that intellectual property occupies a special place in the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area Agreement (DCFTA) with the European Union and through the effective work of Sakpatenti on these matters, legislative amendments, recommended by the Agreement, were implemented effectively. During the meeting special emphasis was given to the successful cooperation between the offices in terms of implementation of the

National Intellectual Property Strategy, protection of geographical indications of Georgia and introducing various innovations in this field.

- On January 11, 2019 Sakpatenti joined the Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS), a program administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). By means of this program the Georgian users, filing international applications, are given an opportunity to use the Georgian interface and make a list of goods and/or services in the Georgian language, which will simplify for them the procedure of extension of trademarks to the member states of the "Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks". Georgia is a member of the "Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks" since 1998. The Madrid System is an international tool for protection of trademarks, which enables an applicant by means of filing a single application in a single language to protect a trademark in 119 member states of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). It also allows users to translate the list of goods and/or services electronically into 19 languages, already containing the Georgian language.
- General Assembly – from September 30 to October 9, 2019, the 59th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) took place in Geneva, Swiss Confederation, which was attended by the delegation of Sakpatenti, headed by its Chairman Mr. Genadi Lebanidze.

Within the session, according to the consensus of the member states at the session, it was decided to elect H.E. Mr. Victor Dolidze, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva, as Vice-Chair of the WIPO General Assembly in 2020, which is a result of the active involvement of Georgia in the activities of the above-mentioned organization.

Within the Assembly, an official meeting of Sakpatenti Chairman with Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of WIPO, took place. Mr. Francis Gurry stressed the significant achievements of Georgia in the development of the intellectual property system and protection of IP rights. He noted that relations with Sakpatenti have moved to a higher, more intense stage, and mutual cooperation has become more comprehensive. The parties also discussed the implementation of current and future projects, including the prospects and possibilities of employing more representatives of Georgia in WIPO.

Sakpatenti Chairman also met with Ms. Binying Wang, WIPO Deputy Director General. During the

meeting it was stressed that as a result of successful cooperation with WIPO, Sakpatenti has become the third IP office worldwide which has joined the WIPO-administered program “eFiling”, by means of which Georgian users are offered an opportunity to file their international applications electronically, which simplifies for them the procedure of extension of trademarks to the member states of the “Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks”. It was also noted that Sakpatenti joined the Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS), a program administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), which enables the Georgian users, filing international applications, to translate the list of goods and/or services electronically into 19 languages, including the Georgian language.

In addition, during the meeting, Ms. Wang noted that WIPO will continue to support Sakpatenti in finalizing the process of its full integration into the Madrid Goods and Services (MGS) system. This implies translation of the complete list of the goods and services of the MGS Manager, which will simplify the trademark examination process and assist Georgian users in drafting international applications by means of the “eFiling” system.

Sakpatenti delegation held meetings with Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director of WIPO Academy, during which the significance of the training programs, offered at Sakpatenti Intellectual Property Training Centre, including the advanced “Training Course on Geographical Indications”, was stressed. The latter was held in Georgia for the third time and again the course received high evaluation from the participants and representatives of the WIPO Academy. In addition, the project of training of Sakpatenti Training Centre trainers and development of study programs (TOT), as well as launching of the WIPO Academy Distance Learning Georgian-language course (DL101GE) was evaluated successfully. Besides, the parties discussed the opportunity of organizing the Master’s Course of IP law in Georgia in future and the possibility of translation into the Georgian language and customization of advanced distance learning programs of the WIPO Academy.

A meeting was also held with the delegation of Ukraine, during which the negotiations process on signing the “Agreement on Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Indications of Source between Georgia and Ukraine” were discussed.

#### **WIPO Committees and Meetings**

In 2019 Sakpatenti high officials and representatives attended sessions and meetings of WIPO Standing Committees, in particular:

- On April 8-11, 2019, the 41st Session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications of the World

Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) took place in Geneva, Switzerland. During the Session various items envisaged by the Agenda were discussed, including two proposals by Georgia and 11 member states of WIPO:

Proposal Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance (document SCT/39/8 Rev.3) and Proposal Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance in the Domain Name System (DNS) (document SCT/41/6).

In addition, a meeting took place with the management of origIn – the global alliance of geographical indication, during which details of forthcoming origIn Biannual Meeting 2019 to be held in Georgia were discussed.

- On July 22-26, 2019, the 17th session of the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks took place in Geneva, Switzerland, at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- On July 2-4, 2019, the Worldwide Symposium of Geographical Indications was held in Lisbon, Portugal, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Portuguese Institute of Industrial Property (INPI).
- On October 21-25, 2019, the 39th session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) took place in Geneva, Switzerland, at WIPO.
- On November 4-7, 2019, the 42nd Session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) took place in Geneva, Switzerland.

In addition, Georgian judge attended the International Judges Forum, held on November 13-15, 2019, in Geneva, Switzerland.

#### **The following joint projects carried out within the WIPO Academy are noteworthy:**

- Distance Learning Course - General Course on Intellectual Property (DL101GE). In the framework of cooperation of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the LEPL National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, from 2018 the WIPO Academy Distance Learning Course - General Course on Intellectual Property (DL101GE) became available in the Georgian language, free of charge. The course is open for any person interested in the intellectual property rights. After successful completion of the course, the participants will receive a certificate issued by the WIPO Academy, together with Sakpatenti, based on which it is possible to enroll for the advanced courses on various fields of intellectual property law, offered by the WIPO Academy. The course is led by trainers (tutors) of the IP Training Centre of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, accredited by WIPO.

In 2019 the above-mentioned course (DL101GE) was offered three times. The total number of the participants registered for the course is 406. Namely:

1. In 2019 the first course (DL101GE19S1) was delivered from February 21 to March 28. The registration was open to any interested person. The target group of the course was mainly students of various accredited universities of Georgia and lawyers, as well as representatives of the small and medium-sized business sector. 121 participants were registered for the course.
  2. The second course (DL101GE19S2) was offered on May 11 - June 26, 2019. 57 persons were registered for the course.
  3. The third course (DL101GE19S3) was delivered from October 25 to December 10, 2019. 228 participants were registered for the course.
- International Training Course on Geographical Indications - on September 17-21, 2019, the international, English-language professional development Training Course on Geographical Indications was held for the third time, organized by the WIPO Academy and the Training Centre of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti. It is noteworthy that, due to the successful experience and knowledge of Georgia in this field, Georgia became the first among the countries in transition where, by the decision of the WIPO Academy, the professional development course is offered.

The course is intended for officials from intellectual property offices of various countries and relevant ministries and is aimed to enhance the skills of officers of the fields concerned. The course was attended by representatives of 13 countries.

The Training Course on Geographical Indications, together with the international experts, was led by trainers of Sakpatenti Training Centre, accredited by the WIPO.

During the event, the course participants visited the field office of the National Wine Agency, where they got familiarized with the specificity of work of the Agency and also took a tour to Kakheti region, where they visited the vineyards and winery of the wines of appellations of origin.

- Masters' programs: It is noteworthy that the WIPO Academy makes a great contribution to the capacity building of Sakpatenti staff members. In particular, Sakpatenti staff members are given an opportunity to participate distance learning courses and master's programs, financed by the WIPO Academy. In 2019:
  1. A representative of Sakpatenti completed successfully a one-year Master's program in Shanghai, China, and was awarded the degree of Master of Laws in Intellectual Property.
  2. A staff member of Sakpatenti participated successfully in a one-year Master's program in Krakow, Poland (the joint Master's program on intellectual property and new technologies of the WIPO Academy and the Jagiellonian University).

## Cooperation with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)



- In October 2019, in the framework of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assembly, Sakpatenti Chairman and Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) Mr. Christian Archambeau met and discussed issues of cooperation of Sakpatenti and EUIPO and ongoing joint projects. At the meeting attention was focused on launching of a project which was developed by the counterparts in the EU Single Support Framework 2017-2020. Within the project, cooperation is planned with EUIPO for further elaboration of trademark and design legislation, drafting trademark and design guidelines, finalizing implementation of additional EUIPO tools and cooperation in other significant directions.
- In September 2019, Sakpatenti joined DesignClass, the tool of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). It is noteworthy that this is the first precedent when an IP Office of a non-member state of the European Union (EU) joins DesignClass. Joining to the given platform was envisioned by the Memorandum signed between EUIPO and Sakpatenti in 2015. The main objective of joining to DesignClass is to simplify the procedure of design registration for Georgian as well as foreign users at the offices harmonized with DesignClass. The users are given an opportunity to use the list of terms from the harmonized databases of product indications (HDBPI). Users will be able to search and translate harmonized product indications into 27 languages, including Georgian, from 30 intellectual property offices.
- On May 30-31, 2019, the second conference "Intellectual Property Mediation" was held at the head office of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) in Alicante, Spain. The conference was organized by the Boards of Appeal of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), EUIPO Academy and EUIPO International Cooperation and Legal Affairs Department.

Mediation is an increasing direction in the field of intellectual property and a method that is used more and more frequently in the dispute resolution process. Through group discussions, interactive communication with the audience, and real-life examples, during the conference the advantages of mediation and various tools were discussed (Added value of mediation; intellectual property meditation directions and practice worldwide; intellectual property mediation in court; artificial intelligence and mediation; intellectual property related disputes and skills to influence them; hybrid mediation tools).

**Cooperation with the European Patent Office (EPO)**



On October 30, 2019, the Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the European Patent Organization (EPO) on Validation of European Patents (Validation Agreement) was signed in Munich by Mr. António Campinos, President of EPO, and Mr. Genadi Arveladze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.

Negotiations between the European Patent Organization and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti on the Agreement on Validation of European patents had been pending since 2012, as a result of which interest was expressed concerning signing this Agreement. Under the Validation Agreement, applicants will be able to validate their European patent applications and patents granted by the European Patent Office in Georgia, even though Georgia is not a contracting state to the European Patent Convention. European applications and patents validated in Georgia will have the same legal effect here as Georgian applications and patents. Along with this, legal actions related to validated European patents will be regulated by the Georgian legislation.

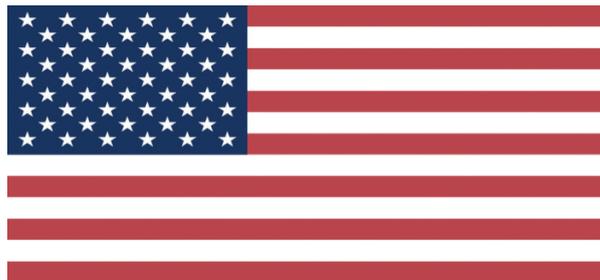
Once in force, the Agreement will allow to validate European patents on the territory of Georgia, based on a single European patent application. It will simplify the procedure of patenting inventions for international applicants in Georgia. It is noteworthy that Georgia is striving for accession to the European Patent Organization (EPO). Hence, signing the Validation Agreement will simplify the negotiations process between the parties on this issue. Membership of this organization will be further beneficial for Georgia in a number of directions. Georgia's accession to the EPO will be a message to investors that Georgia is a member of the European patent family and patent rights are protected in Georgia according to the level of protection existing in European countries.

Currently cooperation between the EPO and Sakpatenti consists of regular exchanges of patent information and training of Georgian patent examiners. Once a validation agreement is in force, the technical bilateral cooperation between the two offices will be enhanced to include a stronger focus on the development of IP and patent awareness in order to better serve national innovation.

The European Patent Organization (EPO) is a second

largest organization in Europe rendering public services. EPO carries out examination of applications to obtain patents for inventions and grants European patents, its activities are directed to facilitate development of innovations, competitiveness and economic growth in Europe, which is ensured by means of offering high level services according to the European Patent Convention. At present the European Patent Organization (EPO) unites 38 countries, including all the 27 member states of the European Union and, in addition, countries that are not the EU member states.

**Cooperation with the United States of America**



In 2019 cooperation continued with the Government of the United States of America. In order to implement the Action Plan of Sakpatenti, with the support of the United States Embassy to Georgia, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) and U.S. Department of Commerce and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the following meetings and events took place:

- On May 25, 2019, meeting took place between Mr. Peter B. Davidson, General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce, visiting Georgia, and Sakpatenti management. The parties discussed the ongoing and future joint projects implemented within cooperation between the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti and the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), in particular, the events funded by CLDP, aimed at raising public awareness in the intellectual property field. The Office annually organizes training sessions for judges, journalists, lawyers and students, as well as study visits to the USA for capacity building of Georgian experts and visits of American experts to Georgia, for sharing experience with their Georgian colleagues. In cooperation with CLDP, Sakpatenti annually organizes the conference "Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy". Through offering training and consultations services, CLDP is working to improve the legal environment for business in countries in transition, including Georgia. Sakpatenti remains one of the strategic and priority entities supported by CLDP.
- On July 18-19, 2019, the fifth International Conference "Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy" was held, jointly organized by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), U.S. Department

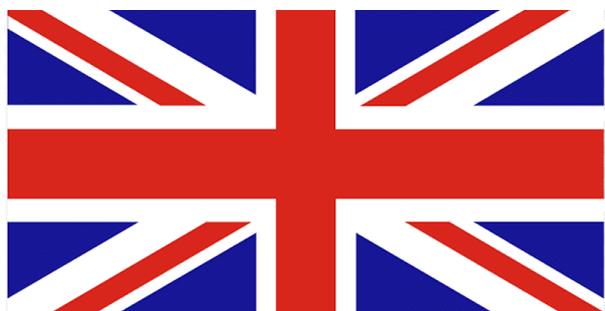
of Commerce. The Conference was aimed to inform the participants on the local and international challenges of combatting counterfeiting and piracy, as well as to facilitate effective implementation of intellectual property enforcement mechanisms; deepening a dialogue between the private and public sectors, and sharing interagency and international experience and establishing contacts between the persons interested in rights enforcement.

- On July 20-21, 2019, the Workshop on Adjudication of Civil Intellectual Property Infringement Cases took place for Georgian judges. The workshop was organized by Sakpatenti, the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the High School of Justice and the Georgian Copyright Association. At the meeting, American judges shared with their Georgian colleagues the US judicial practice on disputes related to intellectual property subject-matters. American judges also discussed with the representatives of Sakpatenti the practice of the Chamber of Appeals of the Office and courts of Georgia and offered their views and recommendations concerning the above-mentioned. Sharing experience of the United States of America regarding protection of intellectual property will facilitate and assist Georgian judges to implement the IP legislation of Georgia according to international standards.

- On October 2, 2019, at Sakpatenti office, a meeting took place between the heads of various structural units of Sakpatenti and the US Congress staff members, visiting Georgia. The parties discussed progress achieved as a result of mutual cooperation and outlined plans for the future. The recent developments in the intellectual property field in Georgia were discussed.

As is known, with the assistance of the US partners, Sakpatenti implemented a number of significant projects, among these, the electronic office management system was created, and activities were carried out for raising public awareness, capacity building of Sakpatenti staff members and other interested persons.

### Cooperation with United Kingdom



On October 21, 2019, a Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement was signed between Georgia and United Kingdom in London, UK. It is noteworthy that a considerable part of the Agreement is devoted to the legal protection of intellectual property objects between

the parties, which also includes mutual protection of geographical indications. After the Brexit process ends, the Agreement will replace the existing Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union. The document covers a wide range of cooperation and creates a legal framework for strategic partnership, also provides for maintenance of the free trade regime between Georgia and the United Kingdom. Georgia is the first country in the European Union's Eastern Partnership region with which the United Kingdom concludes a similar agreement.

### European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



- On February 19, 2019, a workshop within the project "Support to Sustainable Value Chains through the Development of Geographical Indications in the Dairy Sector", funded by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), took place at the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti.

Based on the best practices of the European Union, issues of drafting specifications of geographical indications, identification of the link between the place of origin and the final product, as well as making amendments to specifications were discussed. The participants of the meeting also focused attention on the role and authority of the Marketing Council, set up to facilitate introducing international branding and marketing practice. The Marketing Council includes representatives of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture, National Food Agency and National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti.

- On November 19, 2019, on the occasion of the successful completion of the Project "Support to Sustainable Value Chains through the Development of Geographical Indications in the Dairy Sector" the event was organized. Main objective of the event was to summarize the Project results and to demonstrate the lessons learned. To facilitate effective development of the geographical indications system in Georgia, the Project was implemented from 2017 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and the National Intellectual Property

Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti. At the Conference “Georgian Food Heritage: Way to Successful and Inclusive Geographical Indications”, held at Krtsanisi Residence complex, producers and retailers shared their experience, demonstrating how a successful scheme of geographical indications can assist quality products in occupying an outstanding place on the saturated market. In addition, the participants received information on the role of successful partnership of government agencies and other institutions in the improvement of framework conditions on the national level.

The Project was implemented with the support of the Biological Farming Association “Elkana” and REDD (Switzerland), as a result of which the institutional potential related to geographical indications was developed, the primary draft for the revision of the Law on Geographical Indications was prepared and a survey of the local foodstuffs of Georgian origin was carried out. Along with this, to facilitate two pilot products of geographical indications and their value chain in the dairy sector, the Project team cooperated closely with the producers of Sulguni and Tushuri Guda. As a result, the specifications of these GIs were revised taking into account the details of the current practice and issues of food safety. After adopting the amendments into the specifications, the status of the Georgian geographical indication cheese was changed for the first time and “Tushuri Guda” has become the first chesse of appellation of origin.

Creation and popularization of additional denominations related with geographical indications and origin will facilitate retaining the rich food heritage and outstanding biodiversity of Georgia, as well as improvement of producers’ incomes and economic growth.

**European Law Students Association Georgia (ELSA Georgia)**



On July 1-5, 2019, the International Summer School on Intellectual Property Law was held in Georgia for the fourth time. The event was organized by the European Law Students Association Georgia (ELSA Georgia) and the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti. A representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was also invited as a speaker during the Summer School.

For already the fourth time, Georgia successfully joined the 22 countries, where the study course is led by qualified specialists, who share their experience with students of various countries and facilitate raising their awareness in the intellectual property field.

The lectures on mechanisms of legal protection of intellectual property subject-matters and tools of their international registration together with Sakpatenti high officials and sectoral specialists, were also delivered by an expert from World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), who familiarized the Summer School participants with the international agreements administered by WIPO and international mechanisms and procedures of protection of various IP subject-matters on the basis of the above-mentioned agreements.

At the closing ceremony of the International Summer School, held at Sakpatenti Head Office, 25 graduates of the School were handed over Certificates of Completion of the study course. In 2019, graduates of the School were students from various universities of 10 countries (Austria, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Sweden, Switzerland, Georgia).

**European Union Program for Research and Innovations “Horizon 2020”**



On October 11, 2019, the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti organized a meeting for small and medium-sized entrepreneurs and enterprises on geographical indications, invention and innovations.

The meeting took place at Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace, within the Project, which is funded by the European Union Program for Research and Innovations “Horizon 2020” and envisages organizing workshops, training and face-to-face meetings for small and medium-sized enterprises. The Project assists Georgian entrepreneurs in drafting an IP strategy and its management, which in its turn will facilitate increasing the competitiveness and creating economic value of Georgian companies, as well as creating additional economic value for them.

The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti engaged in the VIP4SME Project in 2016 and since then has been regularly organizing information meetings, training and seminars aimed at raising awareness in the intellectual property field.

# Conferences/ 2019



Title:  
**“Designs as a Tool for Economic Growth – Hague System Promotional Event”**

Date and Venue:  
**May 7-8, 2019, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Organized by:  
**National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti;**  
**World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**

On May 7-8, 2019, the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), organized the International Conference “Designs as a Tool for Economic Growth – Hague System Promotional Event”. The conference was devoted to the importance of one of the significant intellectual property objects in the modern world – design, as a tool for business success and economic value of goods as well as promotion of

this IP subject-matter, which will facilitate raising public awareness on the importance of design protection and development of this direction.

During the Conference, the invited international experts introduced to the participants the mechanisms of design protection, including the Hague international system for design registration. During the Conference attention was focused on the role of designs in branding strategy. Representatives of Georgian fashion industry discussed current strategies and tendencies for design holders in the fashion, watch and car industries. In addition, successful examples of the use of designs from international and local practice were also presented.

The event was attended by representatives of the Government of Georgia, representatives of various public agencies, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), Intellectual Property Offices of partner countries, international organizations and international speakers.





Title:  
**“Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy”**

Date and Venue:  
**July 18-19, 2019, Batumi, Georgia**

Organized by:  
**National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti;  
 Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP),  
 U.S. Department of Commerce**

On July 18, 2019, the fifth International Conference “Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy” was opened, jointly organized by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), U.S. Department of Commerce. The Conference, held in Batumi, was aimed to inform the participants on the local and international challenges of combatting counterfeiting and piracy, as well as to facilitate effective implementation of intellectual property enforcement mechanisms; to deepen a dialogue between the private and public sectors, to share interagency and international experience and establish contacts between stakeholders on intellectual property rights enforcement.

The Conference was attended by more than 130 delegates, including the representatives of the state sector, international and regional organizations, associations and foundations, as well as business sector representatives.

During the two-day event, representatives of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), judges of the U.S. District Courts, the U.S. National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, the Anti-Counterfeiting Association REACT, Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy (BASCAP), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), customs structures of the countries of the region, the EU Twinning Project, local and foreign private companies and state agencies shared with the conference participants the international experience on issues of combatting against counterfeiting.

This year special emphasis of the Conference was to the activity of the customs bodies of the region in combatting counterfeiting. Within the panel discussion, representatives of customs bodies of Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Turkey and Ukraine considered the challenges regarding border measures and future ways of deepening regional cooperation.

The Conference also addressed the issues of global trends in combatting counterfeiting and piracy, including the impact of counterfeit goods on human health and economy. The outcomes of measures carried out in the recent period against counterfeiting in Georgia and existing challenges were also discussed.

The Conference partners were: World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Georgian Bar Association, and Adjara Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Conference was sponsored by companies “Shalvino” and legal company “Mikadze, Gegetchkori, Taktakishvili”.





Title:

**oriGIn Biannual Meeting, International Conference and Exhibition/Tasting**

Date and Venue:

**September 23-24, 2019, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Organized by:

**National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti;  
oriGIn – the Global Alliance of Geographical Indications**

On September 23-24, 2019, the International Conference of Geographical Indications and oriGIn 2019 Biannual Meeting took place in Tbilisi, organized by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and oriGIn – the Global Alliance of Geographical Indications. The event was attended by two hundred delegates from 30 countries.

oriGIn – the Global Alliance of Geographical Indications is an international non-governmental organization, uniting up to 500 associations of entrepreneurs from over 40 countries (including Georgia) and various organizations related to geographical indications.

During the Conference days, Georgia as the host

country of Origin Meeting became the world centre of geographical indications. Producers of goods protected by well-known geographical indications, such as “Tequila”, “Prosecco”, “Bavarian Beer”, “Parmigiano Reggiano Cheese”, “Balsamic Vinegar of Modena”, “Parma Ham”, “Scotch Whiskey”, “Grana Padano”, Cheese “Comte”, etc. visited Georgia.

The objective of holding the Conference as well as the exhibition and tasting was to facilitate popularization of the geographical indications protection system in Georgia, to raise awareness in the given field among Georgian entrepreneurs, establishing their direct contacts with foreign entrepreneurs and introducing their products.

The event was also attended by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), oriGIn Georgia, oriGIn Italy, oriGIn France, oriGIn Spain, American Origin Products Association (AOPA), the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), the European Commission, the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy, Intellectual Property Offices of Switzerland and Mexico, University of Alicante, as well as various government and private agencies of Georgia and other interested parties.



The Conference was opened by Mr. Levan Davitashvili, Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, Mr. Genadi Lebanidze, Chairman of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, and Mr. Aleksandre Khvtisiashvili, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

The Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture noted in his speech that protection of geographical indications is one of the important and priority directions of the agricultural and rural development strategy of Georgia. "Georgia is a country with centuries-old traditions of production of agro-food products. By means of the new legislation and modern approaches related to the protection of geographical indications and appellations of origin, we must maintain these traditions. In addition, it is also important to create effective control mechanisms which will allow us to increase the reliability of these products. It should be noted that the added marketing value of Georgian products can only be achieved by proper management and maintenance of protected appellations of origin".

As Mr. Genadi Lebanidze, Chairman of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti pointed out, protection of geographical indications is one of the important parts of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) with the European Union. For Georgia, the protection of geographical indications on the international level is very important. Definitely there is progress in this direction. Georgia is the leading country in the region which has joined a number of international agreements on the protection of appellations of origin or geographical indications.

At the conference significant issues related to geographical indications were discussed, such as monitoring of foreign markets, control systems, challenges related to imitations of geographical indications, issues of cooperation between entrepreneurs associations, as well as the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical indications.

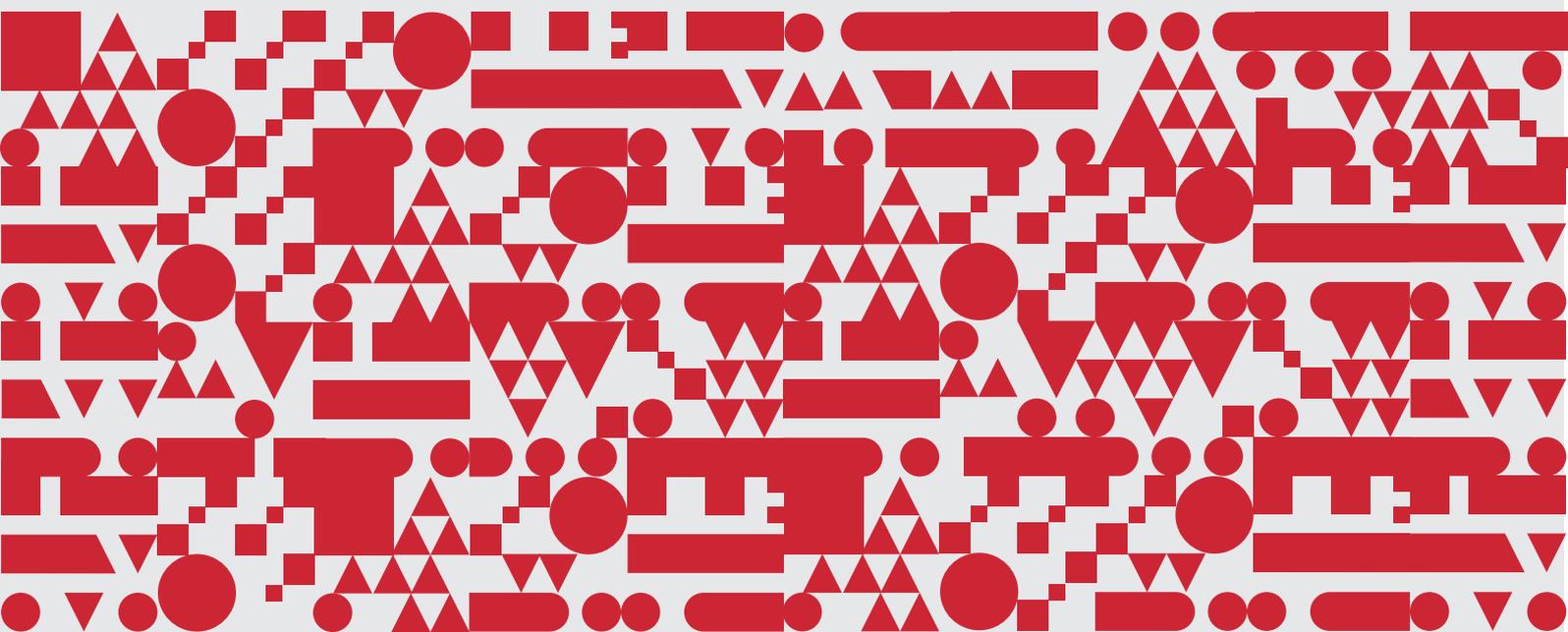
Within the framework of the Conference, the entry into force of the Agreement between Georgia and the Swiss Confederation on "Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Indications of Source" was also celebrated. In this regard, the Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation to Georgia, Mr. Patrick Franzen, and Mr. Aleksandre Khvtisiashvili, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, addressed the Conference. In addition, an exhibition-tasting of products protected by Georgian and Swiss geographical indications and products of appellation of origin was held.

It is also noteworthy that within the Meeting an Agreement on Strategic Cooperation was signed between the Tequila Regulatory Council and the Parmigiano Reggiano Cheese Consortium. Under the Agreement, the Parties agreed to direct their joint efforts towards the protection of consumers, combating counterfeiting and promotion of the importance of the recognition and protection of geographical indications on the international level.

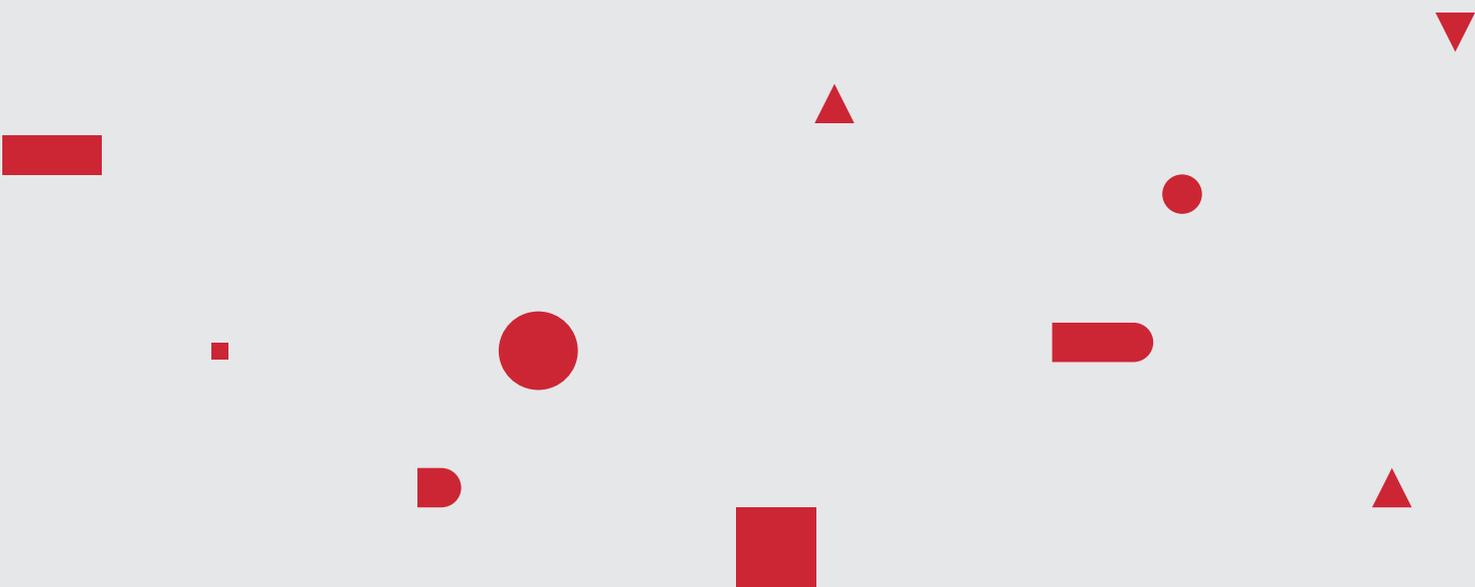
In the European Union the development of the geographical indications system is regarded as a strategic direction of the production of high-quality agricultural products. It is considered as one of the most powerful means for regional development, overcoming economic and social problems and increasing export potential. At present, 48 geographical indications and appellations of origin are protected in Georgia: 20 wines (Ateni, Akhasheni, Tsinandali, Gurjaani, Kardenakhi, Kakheti, Kotekhi, Kvareli, Manavi, Mukuzani, Napareuli, Kindzmarauli, Svir, Teliani, Tibaani, Tvishi, Vazisubani, Khvanchkara, Khashmi Saperavi, Bolnisi), 8 mineral waters (Borjomi, Sairme, Nabeglavi, Mitarbi, Utsera, Skuri, Zvare, Bolnisi), 13 cheeses (Svanuri Sulguni, Kobi, Imeruli Kveli, Meskhuri Chechili, Dambalkhacho, Tushuri Guda, Guda, Megruli Sulguni, Sulguni, Kartuli Kveli, Tenili, Acharuli Chlechili, Chogi), Chacha, Churchkhela, Akhalkalaki Potato, Kutaisi Greens, Matsoni, Tkibuli Tea, Machakhela Honey.



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**Trademark**



# Trademark

In order to improve and simplify the examination procedure for trademark examiners and applicants, in 2019 the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

- Amendments to the Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS), a program administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), were translated;
- Elaboration and improvement of the system of electronic filing and examination of applications continued;
- In order to harmonize Sakpatenti e-filing system interface with the EUIPO interface, work began on creating an interface similar to the EUIPO e-filing interface (Front Office);
- By means of the WIPO tool MECA, automatic reflection of international applications began in Sakpatenti database, in which Georgia is indicated as designated country;
- The tendency of increase of the number of applications filed electronically remained and represented 93% of the total amount of the applications filed under the national procedure;
- 4 applications requesting international extension were sent to the International Bureau via the Madrid e-Filing system.

In 2019, the leading classes of goods and services according to the number of local as well as international

trademark applications were as follows:

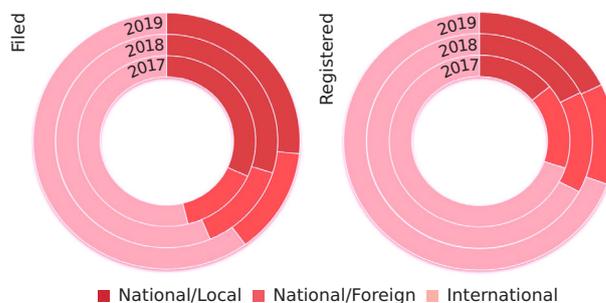
- Class 35: Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions – 1043 applications;
- Class 5: Pharmaceuticals. – 983 applications;
- Class 9: Computers and computer peripheral devices – 866 applications.

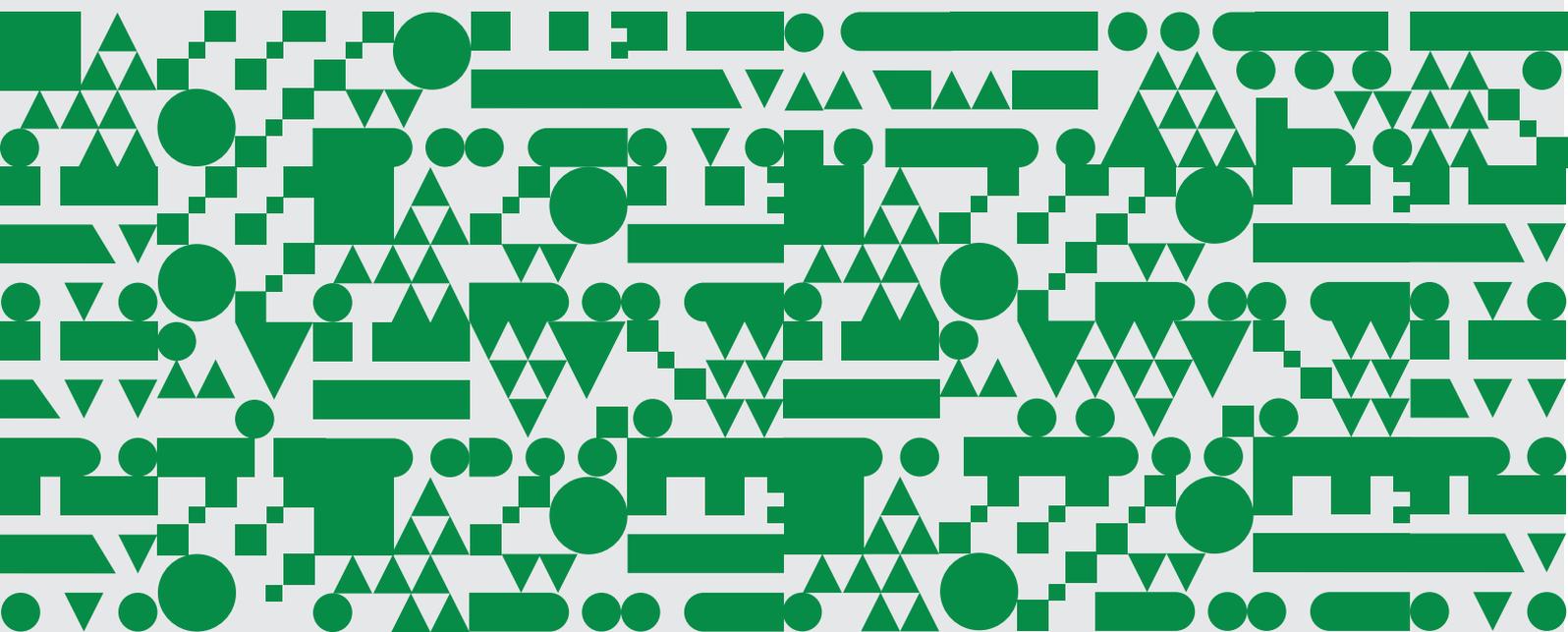
According to the number of filed applications the following are the leading countries: China (493), USA (448), the Russian Federation (401) and the Federal Republic of Germany (347). In 2019, 23 applications were sent from Georgia to the International Bureau under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, and at the same time 11 applications were sent requesting subsequent designation.

The leading classes according to the number of local applications are as follows:

- Class 35: Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions – 384 applications;
- Class 33: Alcoholic beverages (except beer) – 382 applications;
- Class 43: Services for providing food and drink; temporary accommodation – 247 applications.
- Class 32: Beers; non-alcoholic beverages – 172 applications;
- Class 5: Pharmaceuticals – 163 applications.

Trademark		Filed Applications			Registered Applications		
		2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
National Procedure	Local	1664	1373	1443	630	833	924
	Foreign	768	691	608	548	591	647
International Procedure		3145	3101	3339	2407	3257	2988
<b>Total</b>		<b>5577</b>	<b>5165</b>	<b>5390</b>	<b>3585</b>	<b>4681</b>	<b>4559</b>





**Geographical**

**Indication and**

**Appellation of Origin**

# Geographical Indication and Appellation of Origin

In order to develop the system of appellations of origin and geographical indications, improve and renew the specifications of registered appellations of origin and geographical indications of goods, ensure their protection abroad and rights enforcement, reveal new appellations of origin and geographical indications of goods, in 2019 Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

The implementation of the Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia”, funded by the European Union, started. The objective of the Project is to support the development of the geographical indications and appellations of origin system in Georgia and its harmonization with the GI protection system functioning in the European Union. The Project consists of three components and allows, through sharing experience and knowledge of leading countries in this direction, France and Italy, to create administrative and institutional mechanisms which will enhance the GI protection and control system in Georgia, as well as will strengthen the capacity and deepen the knowledge of the national institutions in this field. The Project also envisages increasing the role of producers associations and unions in the geographical indications protection system.

On the basis of the appeal of the LEPL National Wine Agency, taking into account the technological conditions of wine-making and the insufficient power in the Racha region necessary for processing grapes, amendments were entered into the specification of the Georgian appellation of origin “Khvanchkara”. Namely, until December 2020 it was allowed to process grape and make wine “Khvanchkara” also outside the Khvanchkara micro-zone - within the territory of Georgia. The boundaries of the Khvanchkara micro-zone were also specified, and technological conditions of making wine were elaborated.

In addition, on the basis of the appeal of the LEPL National Wine Agency, it was also requested to amend the production specifications of the wines of Georgian appellations of origin: “Tsinandali”, “Napareuli”, “Gurjaani”, “Vazisubani”, “Manavi”, “Ateni”, “Sviri”, “Mukuzani”, “Kvareli”, “Teliani”, “Kindzmarauli”, “Akhasheni”, “Tvishi”, “Tibaani”, “Kardenakhi” and “Kakheti”.

According to the amendments, the specifications of the production specifications of wines of the protected appellations of origin will be harmonized with the European standards, in addition, the physico-chemical characteristics will be specified, the authority for monitoring was also defined.

In 2019, the wine of appellation of origin “Bolnisi” was registered, by protection of this appellation, the special quality and high reputation of the wine “Bolnisi” were stressed.

In the reporting year, the Agreement on the Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Indications of Source between Georgia and the Swiss Confederation entered into force. As a result of the entry into force of this Agreement, according to the principle of reciprocity, Georgian geographical indications, appellations of origin and indications of source were protected on the territory of the Swiss Confederation, the procedures related to their use and rights enforcement were also defined.

Within the Project “Support to Sustainable Value Chains through the Development of Geographical Indications in the Dairy Sector”, supported by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), with the participation of the producers associations, amendments were drafted for the specifications of the registered geographical indication cheese “Sulguni” and “Tushuri Guda”. After entering the amendments into the specifications, the Georgian geographical indication “Tushuri Guda” was transformed into the protected appellation of origin “Tushuri Guda”.

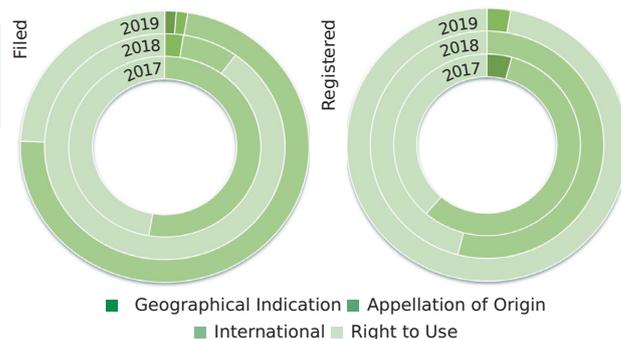
In 2019, five new geographical indications and appellations of origin were applied for registration to Sakpatenti – “Ninotsminda Honey”, “Akhoebi”, “Tsarapi”, “Akhmeta” and “Salkhino Ojaleshi”.

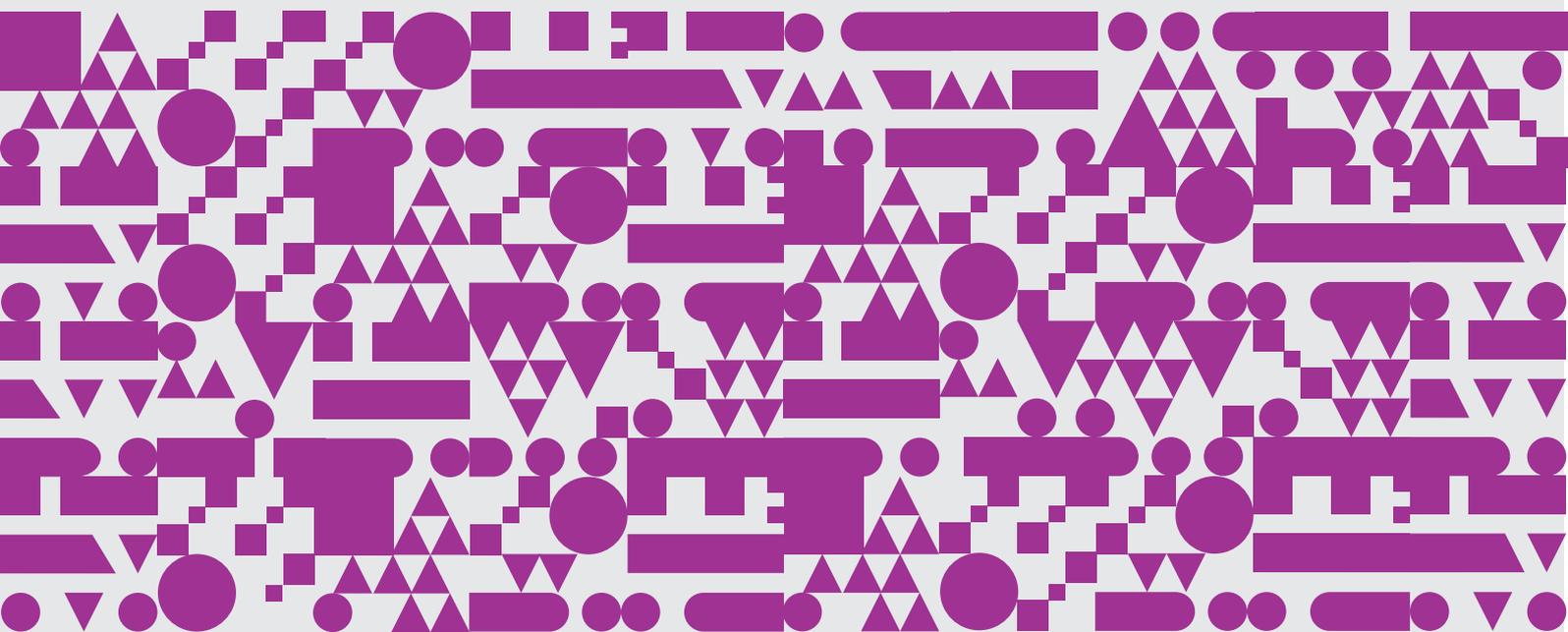
In the reporting year, 10 applications were filed under the “Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration” in order to obtain protection for the appellation of origin in Georgia.

Sakpatenti granted rights to the use of geographical indications and appellations of origin of goods for the following objects, among which traditionally appellations of origin of wine are leading:

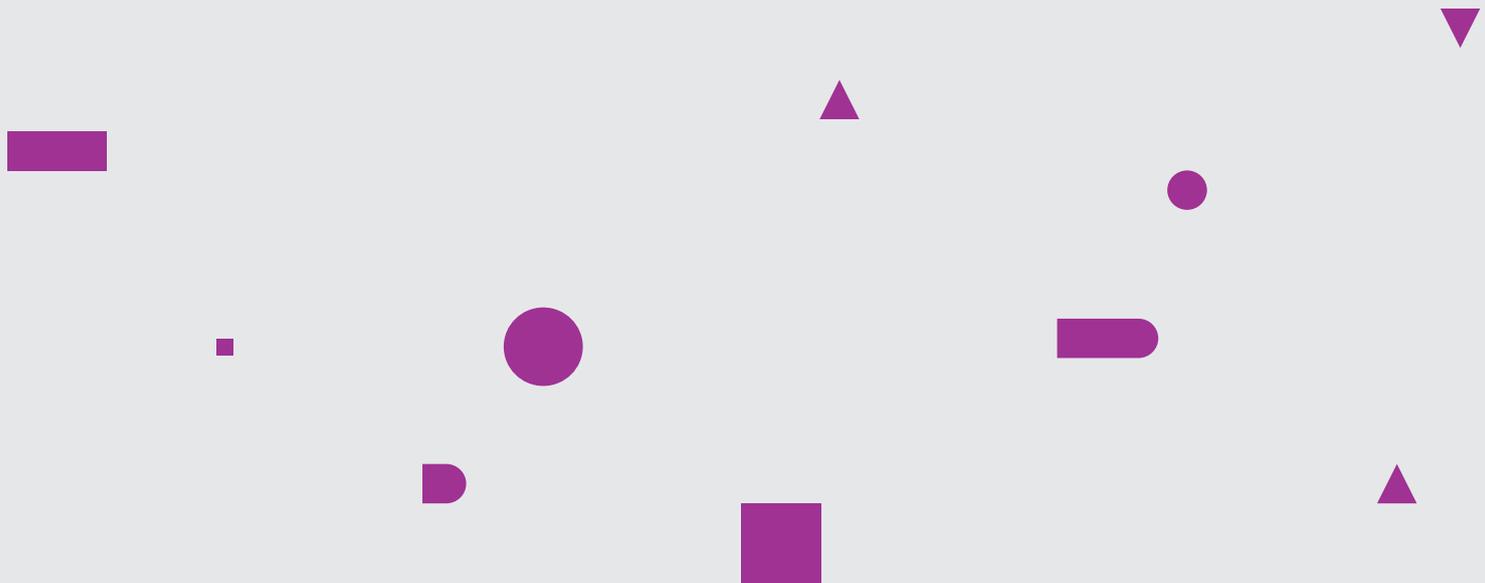
- “Khvanchkara” – 4 certificates;
- “Kindzmarauli” – 3 certificates;
- “Mukuzani”, “Akhasheni”, “Tvishi” – 2 certificates for each;
- “Gurjaani”, “Tsinandali”, “Napareuli” – 1 certificate for each;
- “Chacha” – 3 certificates;
- “Tushuri Guda”, “Sulguni”, “Borjomi”, “Mitarbi”, “Sairme”, “Nabeghlavi” – 1 certificate for each.

Geographical Indication and Appellation of Origin		Filed applications			Registered appellations		
		2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
National Procedure	Geographical Indication	0	1	1	0	1	0
	Appellation of Origin	1	1	4	0	1	1
International Procedure (Lisbon Agreement)		3	57	10	31	0	69
Right to Use of Appellation of Origin		34	19	25	34	36	25





# Design



To ensure further development and improvement the design examination procedure, to assist applicants in legal protection of designs, as well as to harmonize Sakpatenti's work in the field of design protection with the international standards, in 2019 Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

The office joined WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS), an electronic system allowing priority documents to be securely exchanged between participating intellectual property offices. The system considerably accelerates and simplifies for applicants the process of presentation of documentation required by the priority envisaged by the Paris Convention.

In the reporting year, Sakpatenti actively cooperated with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on development of a unified conception concerning the new technologies related with protection of designs such as graphical user interface for electronic devices, typeface/type font, pictogram, animated design, etc.

In 2019 Sakpatenti joined DesignClass, the tool of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). It enables users free of charge and easily search and translate in the harmonized databases of product indications (HDBPI), which unites 35 intellectual property offices, product indications in 27 languages, including Georgian, as well as define the international class. This will considerably simplify the design registration process in the offices joined to DesignClass.

To assist applicants, Sakpatenti prepared the instruction on filing electronic design applications, which simplifies filing design applications and online management of current proceedings for applicants.

Work was continued on the draft amendments to the "Law of Georgia on Design" and the Instruction on Design Registration in order to harmonize them with modern requirements and improve the examination procedure.

Work was also continued in order to bring Sakpatenti's activity in compliance with international standard ISO 9001 2015. The standard establishes unified requirements of documentary provision and is directed at regulation and organization of the process of work on design applications, revealing the main risks of this process and defining the means of their management or reduction, improvement of performance discipline, personal responsibility and outcomes.

As a result of the implemented activities, the total number of the applications, filed with Sakpatenti under the national procedure in 2019 increased by 25%, the number of local applications also increased by 45% compared to previous year.

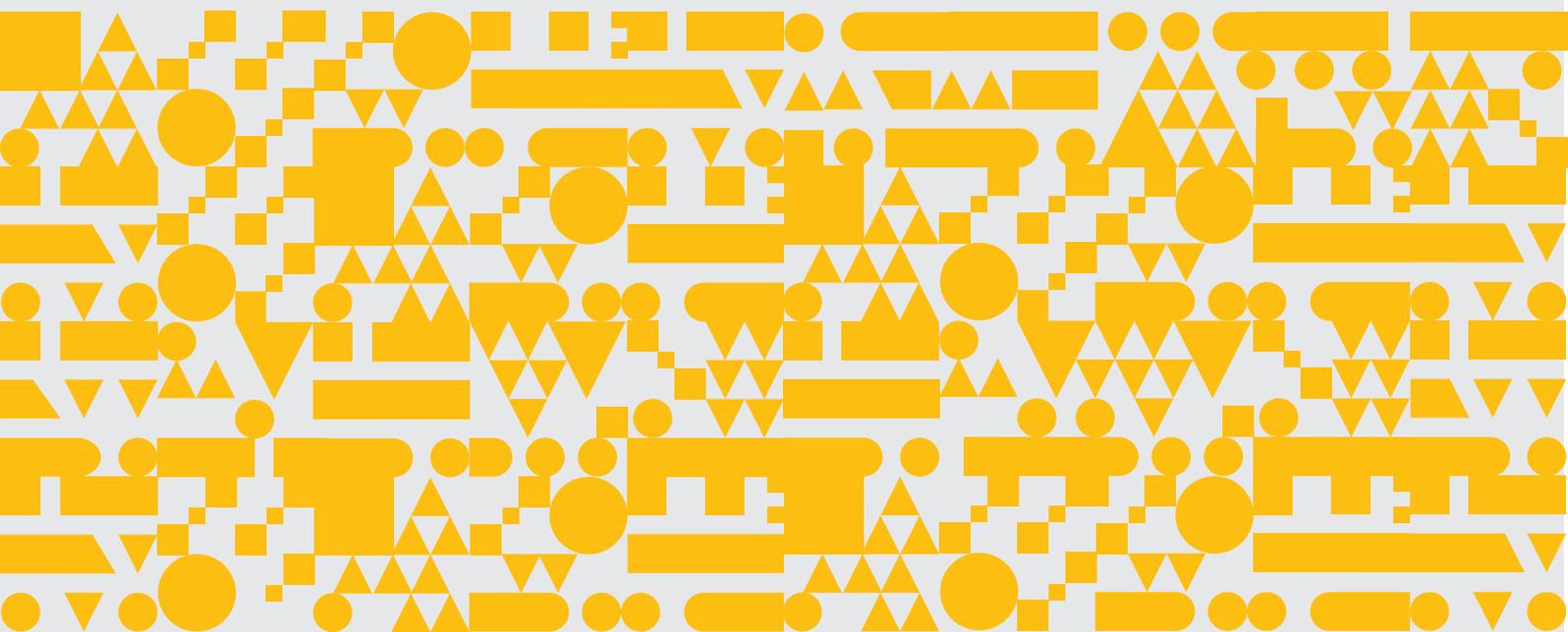
According to the International Classification for Designs, among the applications filed with Sakpatenti in 2019 under the national procedure, the leading classes are as follows:

- Class 3: Travel goods – 20 applications;
- Class 9: Packages and containers – 14 applications;
- Class 11: Articles of adornment – 9 applications;
- Class 6: Furnishing – 5 applications;
- Class 32: Graphic symbols – 4 applications;

The number of international applications also increased (11%): in the reporting year, 139 design applications were filed with Sakpatenti on the basis of international registration, containing 400 designs in total. The priority items for protection in these applications are again: watches (43 applications) and packages (19 applications), in addition, the number of applications related to jewelry (21) and clothes (8). Applicants from Switzerland (62 applications) and Italy (17 applications) were again active. 12 applications were filed from the United States of America, and 5 applications per each country were filed by applicants from Germany, Turkey, Poland and Ukraine.

Design			Filed Applications			Registered Design Applications		
			2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
National Procedure	Local	Legal Entity	16	14	9	9	14	7
		Natural Person	51	29	54	32	32	19
	Foreign	11	13	7	4	10	8	
International Procedure			174	126	139	121	145	100
Total			252	182	209	166	201	136





# Invention



# Invention

For the purposes of popularization of the invention field, improvement of the patent examination quality and harmonization of the work of the national office with the international standards, the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti in 2019 carried out the following activities:

- In 2019, according to the Action Plan, to support innovative activity, the office carried out 143 preliminary searches in cooperation with Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA). The participation of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti in the following projects of GITA is noteworthy:

“GEL 100 000 Startup Matching Grants”, “GEL 650 000 Innovation Matching Grants”, “Technology Transfer Pilot Project” and “Mini Grants Program”, as well as the Competition of Young Inventors and Researchers “Leonardo da Vinci” (Rustaveli Foundation).

As compared with the previous year, in 2019, the number of invention applications decreased by 24%. In addition, the number of local applications for inventions decreased by 17%. The number of invention applications filed on behalf of higher educational institutions and independent scientific-research units increased by 17%.

In 2019, as compared with the previous year, the number of utility models applications increased by 38%, whereas the number of local applications for utility models

increased by 47%.

Both among local and foreign applications for inventions and utility models in 2019 applications related to human necessities (Section A) were most numerous. The majority of foreign applications were filed from the USA (45), Germany (11) and Italy (9).

According to the number of local applications for inventions the leading sections are as follows:

- Section A: Human necessities –28 applications;
- Section B: Performing operations; transporting – 15 applications;
- Section F: Mechanical engineering; lighting, heating weapons; blasting – 14 applications.

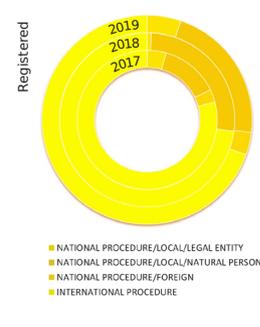
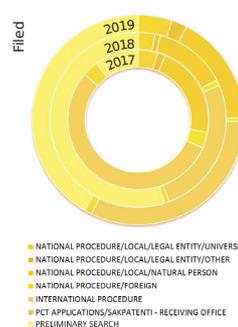
The leading sections according to the number of foreign applications for inventions are:

- Section A: Human necessities – 81 applications;
- Section C: Chemistry, metallurgy – 14 applications;
- Section B: Performing operations; transporting – 7 applications;
- Section E: Fixed constructions–7 applications.

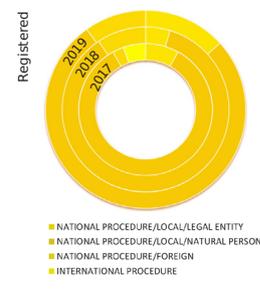
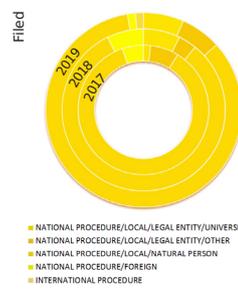
According to the number of local applications for utility models the following sections are leading:

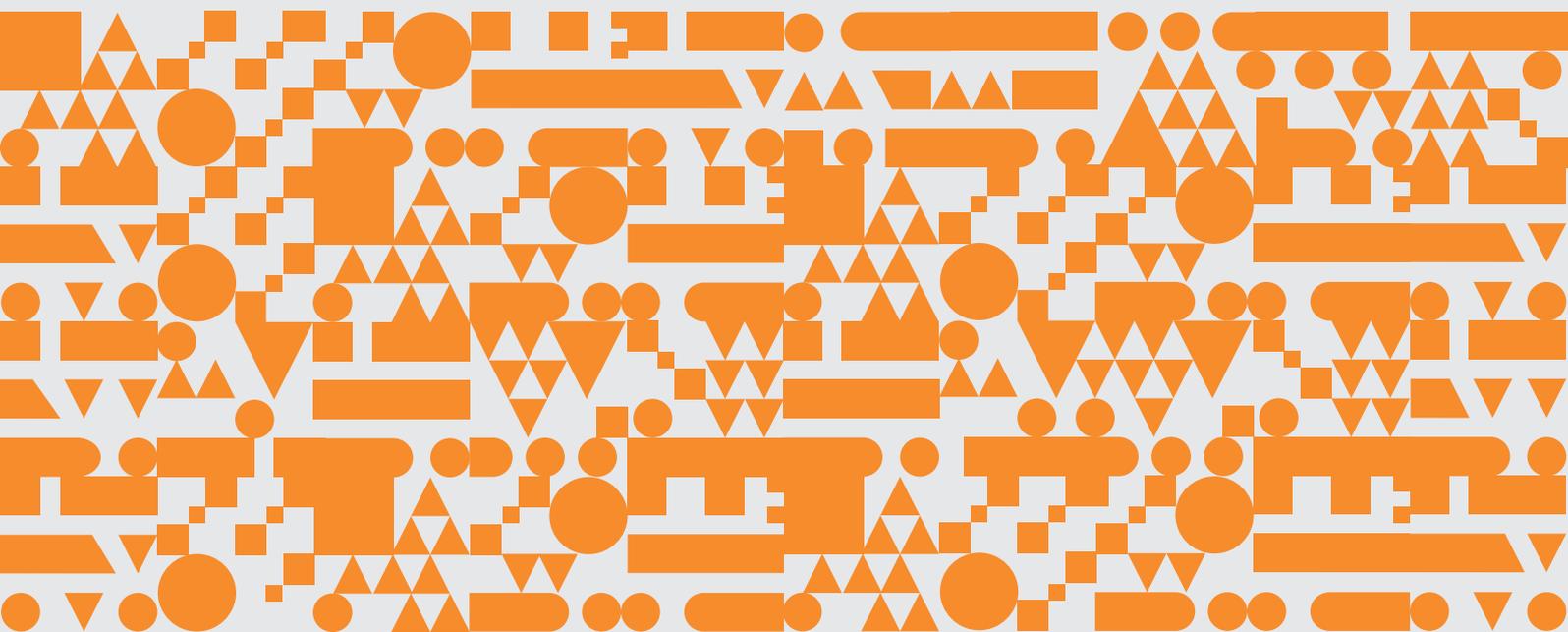
- Section A: Human necessities – 27 applications;
- Section C: Chemistry; metallurgy – 16 applications;
- Section E: Fixed constructions – 10 applications.

Invention				Filed Applications			Registered Patents		
				2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
National Procedure	Local	Legal Entity	Universities	12	18	21	8	10	9
		Other	5	6	4	1	2	2	
	Foreign	Natural Person	58	79	60	28	24	20	
		Foreign	10	6	1	6	0	4	
International Procedure				147	151	111	163	97	80
<b>Total</b>				<b>232</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>115</b>
PCT Applications/Sakpatenti - Receiving Office				10	5	4			
Preliminary Search				22	148	119			



Utility Model				Filed Applications			Registered Patents		
				2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
National Procedure	Local	Legal Entity	Universities	1	4	5	3	2	4
		Other	4	2	6	1	3	1	
	Foreign	Natural Person	49	45	64	31	34	23	
		Foreign	3	4	0	0	1	2	
International Procedure				0	0	1	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>





**New Plant  
Varieties and  
Animal Breeds**

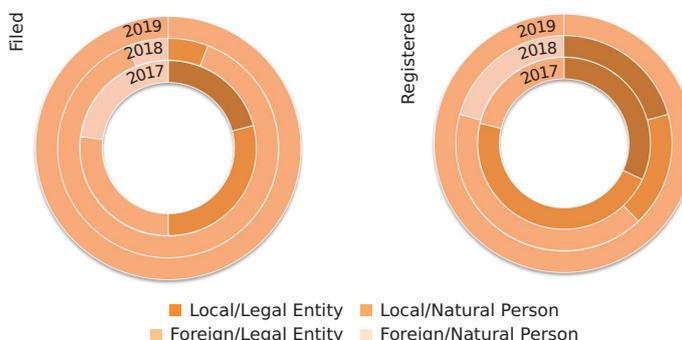


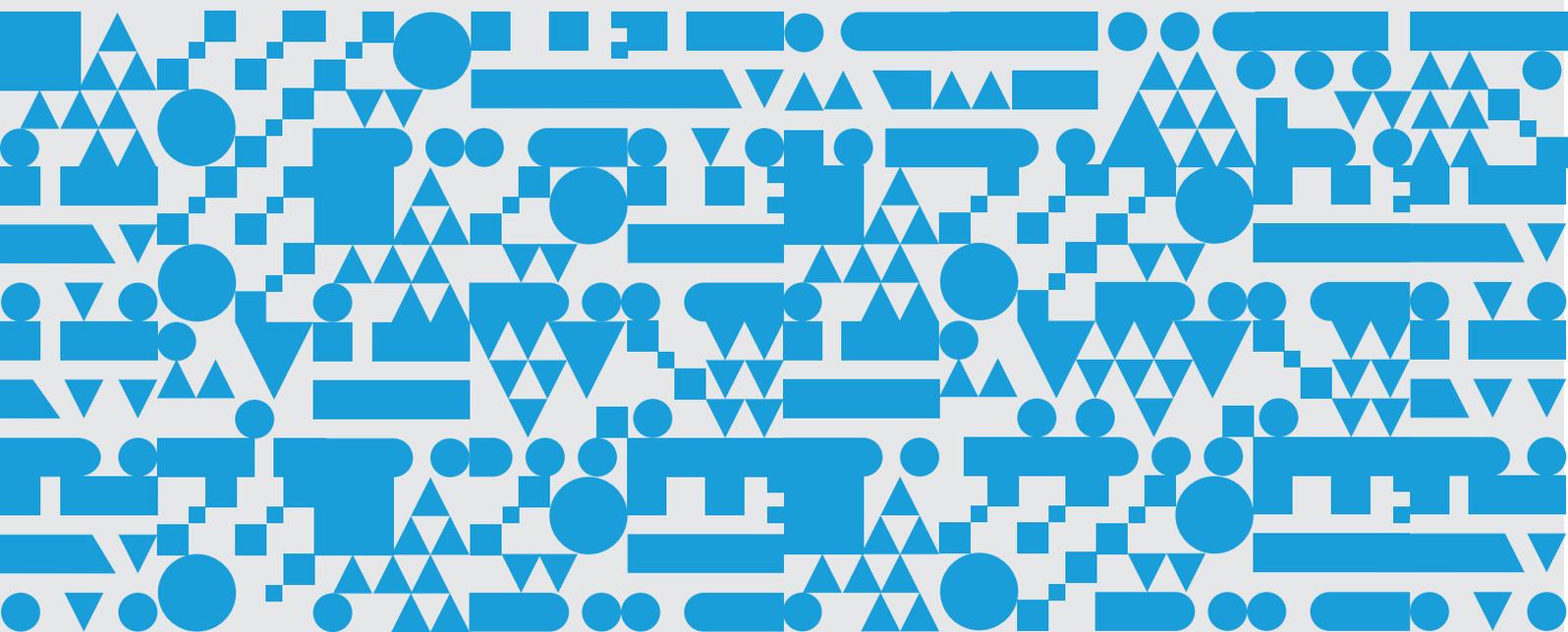
# New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds

In order to bring the system of protection of new plant varieties and animal breeds, one of the intellectual property subject-matters, and examination quality in compliance with the international standards, in 2019, National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti implemented the following activities:

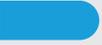
- In order to harmonize the legislation with the international standards, the Office carried out preliminary works for drafting amendments to the Law of Georgia on New Breeds of Animals and Varieties of Plants.
- In 2019, 5 applications for new plant varieties were filed with the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti by foreign legal entities. Out of these applications, there are 2 new varieties of blueberry, 2 new varieties of potato and 1 variety of tomato. 1 plant variety was registered and a certificate confirming the breeder's rights was issued. The variety was submitted by a foreign legal entity and represents a new variety of blueberry.

New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds		Filed Applications			Registered Varieties/Breeds		
		2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Local	Legal Entity	0	0	0	12	0	0
	Natural Person	1	0	0	10	0	0
Foreign	Legal Entity	15	1	5	24	4	1
	Natural Person	1	0	0	12	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>





# Copyright



## Copyright

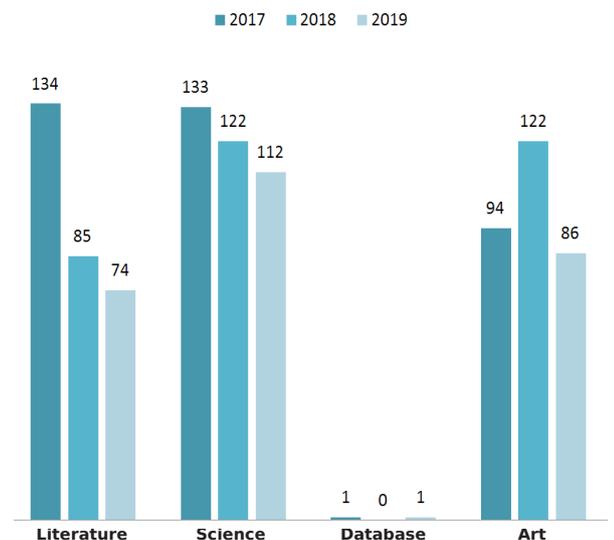
In 2017-2019, in total 414 electronic applications for this subject-matter were filed with Sakpatenti, requesting electronic proceedings of 130 applications.

In 2017, 88 electronic applications were filed, without requesting electronic proceedings of any of these applications.

In 2018, the number of filed electronic applications was 188, requesting electronic proceedings of 63 applications.

In 2019, 138 applications were filed electronically, requesting relectronic proceedings of 67 applications.

Object	Category	2017	2018	2019	
Literature	Description	1	1		
	Adapted Work			1	
	Dramatic Work	2		1	
	Translation	3	7	1	
	Collection	3	1	1	
	Literary Work	52	29	35	
	Monograph		2		
	Synopsis	9	2	3	
	Scenario	50	36	28	
	Compiled Work	8	3		
Science	Book	6	4	4	
	Computer Program	30	47	11	
	Methodological Work	31	19	15	
	Monograph	2			
	Map	5		1	
	Scientific Work	33	30	31	
	Scientific Article	14	2	3	
	Scientific-Methodological Work	6	11	24	
	Textbook	10	9	15	
	Other			1	
Database	Compiled Work		3	10	
	Town-planning	2			
	Book		1		
Art	Database	1		1	
	Architectural Project	4	18	3	
	Audio-Visual Work	11	7	8	
	Graphics	3		1	
	Decorative-Applied Art	7	12	2	
	Design	11	25	17	
	Dramatic Work		2		
	Sketch	4	1	2	
	Video Commercial	1			
	Theatrical-Decorative Art	2			
	Illustration	4		1	
	Logo	6	9	5	
	Monumental Art			1	
	Musical Work	12	8	4	
	Musical Work with Words			9	
	Musico-Dramatic Work		1		
	Musical Work with Words	12	22		
	Garden and Park Art	1			
	Work of Fine Arts	11	8	9	
	Painting			14	
	Photography	4	4	8	
	Sculpture	1	4	2	
	Compiled Work		1		
	<b>Total</b>		<b>362</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>272</b>



# Lawmaking and Litigation/ 2019

In 2019, lawmaking activity was carried out to enact and further elaborate the legislation in the field of IP. Namely, according to the EU acquis and other international law and practice standards the following acts were drafted:

- Instruction on Design Registration
- Instruction on Procedures Related to Drafting and Filing Applications for Inventions and Utility Models and Granting a Patent.

In 2019 establishment of the legislative basis for the purpose of development of the geographical indications system proceeded. Implementation of the Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia” was started from February 2019 which is funded by the European Union.

The overall objective of the project is to support the development of Appellations of Origin (AOs) and Geographical Indications (GIs) systems in Georgia through the creation of effective supporting tools with the provisions of European Union’s GIs protection system. Within this project, creation and improvement of the legislative basis has begun, which implies elaboration of the existing legislation and its harmonization with the international standards.

In addition to the draft Law “On Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Goods”, a number of by-laws were drafted with regard to the procedures of registration of appellations of origin or geographical indications, definition of the state control mechanism for the production/use of goods, functions of the relevant authority and the control body, basic elements of product specifications and conditions of making amendments to them, definition of legal mechanisms of protection in case of infringement of exclusive rights on appellation of origin or geographical indication and the stipulation of procedures of examination as to form and substantive examination, the obligation to use on goods the sign of a protected appellation of origin or geographical indication, etc.

In order to further improve and to bring the legislation in compliance with the international standards, normative administrative and legal acts, resolutions of the government of Georgia were drafted and issued.

In 2019, 176 appeals were filed with the Chamber of Appeals at the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia – Sakpatenti, the majority of them (144) concerned decisions about trademark examinations. Notably, in 2019, 35 decisions of examination of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti and the Chamber of Appeals were appealed in the court. 6 cases out of the heard disputes were settled in favor of Sakpatenti. In total, 35 court appeals were filed in 2019. 6 appeals were settled in favor of Sakpatenti.

Within the scope of the legal proceedings activity in 2019, in order to ensure transparency of Sakpatenti Chamber of Appeals and to provide access to the information about IPR litigation, the decisions of the Chamber of Appeals of 2014-2017 were digitalized and published on Sakpatenti website. Decisions of the Chamber of Appeals of 2018-2019 will be added to the above-mentioned database regularly.

Sakpatenti employees have gained free unlimited access to the global search database of one of the leading international companies in the intellectual property field – “Darts-ip” (<https://www.darts-ip.com/>) which contains information about decisions of Chambers of Appeals of various countries and international offices as well as the court case-law about IPR. Based on the memorandum signed in 2017 between Darts-ip and Sakpatenti, information is exchanged systematically between Sakpatenti and Darts-ip: Sakpatenti shares the case-law of Sakpatenti Chamber of Appeals to the Darts-ip. Distance trainings offered by Darts-ip for Sakpatenti staff facilitate the use of the aforementioned global database and assist Sakpatenti employees to implement global best practice during everyday activity in the examination process and/or legal proceedings.

Subject-matter		2017					2018					2019				
		Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected	Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected	Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected
Invention	Applicant	1	1			1						1				
	Third Party															
Utility Model	Applicant															
	Third Party															
Design	Applicant															
	Third Party	1	1			1	1	2	1		1					
Trademark	Applicant	103	107	32	6	65	161	145	43	14	88	144	147	64	14	70
	Third Party	16	12	1	-	11	21	11	2		9	31	33	7	6	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>81</b>

To ensure management of the Office resources and the budget process, and to efficiently organize procurement process, the Finance Department of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti in 2019 carried out the next activities and achieved the following results:

- As compared with the previous year, the received cash incomes increased by 737.9 thousand GEL. This increase was achieved as a result of incomes received from local payers as well as incomes of non-residents paid in foreign currency, which was mostly determined by the activities carried out aimed to raise awareness in the intellectual property field (mainly, the increased interest of non-resident applicants with respect to registration of trademarks in Georgia).
- In 2019, according to the legislation regulating state purchases, 200 simplified purchase contracts were concluded with the total value of 688.3 thousand GEL. On the basis of electronic tender procedures 17 contracts with the value of 331.4 thousand GEL were concluded, whereas by the consolidated tender procedures 14 contracts were concluded, with the values of 88.9 thousand GEL. As a result of the purchases carried out during the reporting year, economy of 19.2 thousand GEL was achieved (due to the results of trade received during electronic tenders).

### Budget Incomes (Cash Figures)

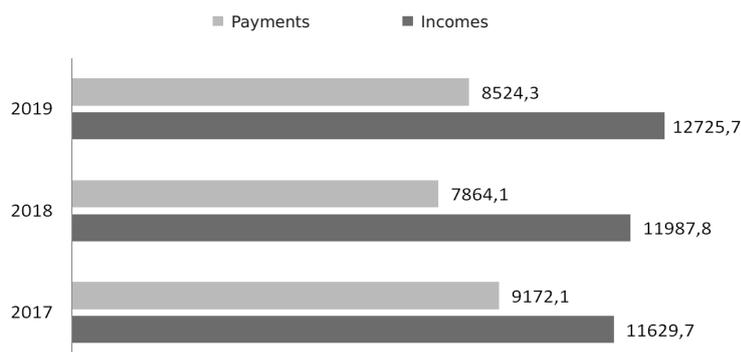
Thousand GEL

#	Economic Classification Code	Specified Plan	Received Income	Including Budget Resources	Result +/-
<b>1</b>	<b>Incomes from basic activities</b>	<b>12500,0</b>	<b>12718,9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>218,9</b>
1,1	Incomes from services rendered to non-resident natural persons and legal entities	8000,0	8120,4	0	120,4
1,2	Incomes from services rendered to resident natural persons and legal entities	4500,0	4598,5	0	98,5
<b>2</b>	<b>II- Incomes from non-basic activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,8</b>
2,1	Grants to be received	0	6,7	0	6,7
2,2	Other incomes from non-basic activities	0,0	0,1	0	0,1
	<b>Sum Total of Incomes</b>	<b>12500,0</b>	<b>12725,7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>225,7</b>

### Budget Payments (Cash Figures)

Thousand GEL

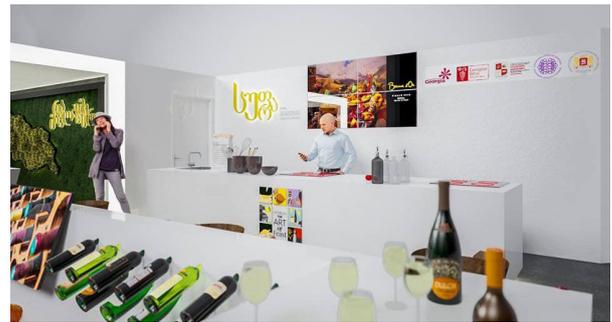
Economic Classification Code	Title	Specified Plan	Own Incomes	Budget Resources	Total Payment	Result +/-
<b>2,1</b>	<b>Payment for work</b>	<b>3386,5</b>	<b>3312,8</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>3312,8</b>	<b>-73,7</b>
2,1,1,1	Salary	3122,5	3050,8	0,0	3050,8	-60,9
2,1,1,1,3	Bonus	251,9	251,9	0,0	251,9	0,0
2,1,1,1,4	Allowance	12,1	10,1	0,0	10,1	-2,0
<b>2,2</b>	<b>Goods and Services</b>	<b>2099,8</b>	<b>1625,9</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1625,9</b>	<b>-473,9</b>
<b>2,5</b>	<b>Subsidies</b>	<b>812,0</b>	<b>812,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>812,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>
<b>2,6</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>185,0</b>	<b>181,1</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>181,1</b>	<b>-3,9</b>
<b>2,7</b>	<b>Social welfare</b>	<b>210,0</b>	<b>201,8</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>201,8</b>	<b>-8,2</b>
<b>2,8</b>	<b>Other expenses</b>	<b>3136,0</b>	<b>2216,2</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>2216,2</b>	<b>-919,8</b>
2,8,2,1,15	Payments (to the budget, according to the legislation)	3100,0	2097,6	0,0	2097,6	-1002,4
<b>3,1</b>	<b>Increase of non-financial assets</b>	<b>440,0</b>	<b>174,5</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>174,5</b>	<b>0,0</b>
	<b>Sum Total of Payments</b>	<b>10269,3</b>	<b>8524,3</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>8524,3</b>	<b>-1471,3</b>



# Public Relations/ 2019

To raise public awareness in the intellectual property protection field, in 2019 the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

activities of Sakpatenti, separate IP subject-matters, the importance and role of their legal protection in the economic, social and cultural development of the country;



- To facilitate popularization of the geographical indications and appellations of origin protection system in Georgia, raising awareness in the given field among Georgian entrepreneurs, establishing contacts with foreign entrepreneurs and introducing their products, an exhibition and tasting of these goods took place. Churchkhela, Tequila, Khvanchkara, Parmigiano Reggiano and Sulguni – Georgian and foreign geographical indications were exhibited in a single exhibition hall within an International Conference devoted to this intellectual property subject-matter. Representatives of the alliance uniting up to 500 associations of entrepreneurs from over 40 countries and various organizations related with geographical indications participated in the tasting. At present, 48 geographical indications and appellations of origin are protected in Georgia: twenty wines, eight mineral waters, thirteen cheeses, Chacha, Matsoni, Churchkhela, Akhalkalaki Potato, Kutaisi Greens, Tkibuli Tea and Machakhela Honey;
- To raise awareness among pupils and students in the IP field, information visits took place to the Office of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti. Students from Ilia State University and pupils from schools of the Pankisi Gorge were offered general information on the functioning of the intellectual property system and
- With the financial support of Sakpatenti, Georgia participated for the first time in one of the greatest culinary trade shows - the World Hospitality and Food Service Event Sirha 2019, in Lyon, France. Participation in the event facilitated popularization of Georgian gastronomy as well as demonstrated tourism potential of the country. One of the main components of the event was popularization of Georgian geographical indications and appellations of origin and their introduction to numerous visitors from various countries of the world;
- Within the “Science and Innovations Festival 2019”, a scientific picnic took place in various regions of Georgia. The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti was one of the participants of the event. Sakpatenti offered entertaining lessons about intellectual property for children. To stimulate interest in inventions, various games and interesting activities were held. Through cognitive and entertaining methods, the teenagers received information on the significance of creation of inventions and innovative products for the progress and development of the country. In addition, during the picnic fairy tales on the intellectual property topic were also distributed.



# Publishing and Information Activities/ 2019

In order to facilitate development of the intellectual property field, in 2019 the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

- To disseminate information on industrial property subject-matters, 24 publications of the Official Bulletin of Industrial Property were printed in the Georgian and the English languages and 3 issues of bilingual publication – the Official Bulletin for the Protection of New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds were published. In addition, 2 issues of the special edition of the Official Bulletin of Industrial Property were published: the list of geographical indications of the European Union, protected in Georgia; On making amendments to production specifications of protected appellations of origin for any interested party, every issue of the bulletin is available on the website of Sakpatenti;
- To support sector-specific publications, the book “European Union Trademark Law” was prepared and published, authored by David Dzamukashvili, as well as copies of WIPO and EPO publications;
- Several types of 7450 brochures and leaflets, as well as 7200 copies of various informative material were printed for the events.

In order to improve the functioning of the Intellectual Property Office and the quality of services, which represents increasing of the reliability of databases, operating systems and software, in the reporting year the following items were introduced:

- Virtualization of the server infrastructure, software backup and recovery of virtual servers;
- Geographically remote backup server;
- Call center software;
- Equipment of the halls with sound recording devices.

From 2019, the Action Document “Quality Management Handbook”, developed within the USAID Human and Institutional Capacity Development Project (HICD 2020), as a result of assessment and evaluation carried out to support structural development of the LEPL National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti entered into force. In order to harmonize all core and supporting processes with ISO 9001:2015 standards, the document identified internal and external factors that affect its ability to achieve all the planned outcomes, set by the office based on its strategic objectives and internal organizational policy.

The main objective of Sakpatenti is to offer to users and applicants of the intellectual property system the high quality, qualified and timely services according to international standards, which should ensure protection of intellectual property in Georgia and abroad.

In the process of implementation of the Quality Management Handbook, in 2019, an internal audit was conducted by the Quality Management Managers. It implied identification and improvement of gaps between the core and supporting work processes described in the Quality Management

Guidelines and the current work procedures.

To improve the consultation services, a new telephone service program was launched. The program automatically provides detailed reports of telephone consultations and generates statistical data. In addition, after every 5th caller, the application automatically reverts back to determine the level of user satisfaction. Based on interviewed callers, it was identified that 99% of users rated the service with the top, 5 points.

In the reporting period, telephone consultations were rendered to 9755 potential applicants and consultations were offered free of charge to 1400 visitors.

In 2019, 6244 applications for inventions, utility models, designs, trademarks, geographical indications, new plant varieties and animal breeds as well as for depositing of copyright and related rights were filed with Sakpatenti. 671 applicants out of 6244 applications benefited from 20% reduction on fees for proceedings and issuance of relevant titles of protection by the electronic proceedings according to the legislative amendments made in 2018. This effort further simplified the access to the intellectual property protection procedure for users.

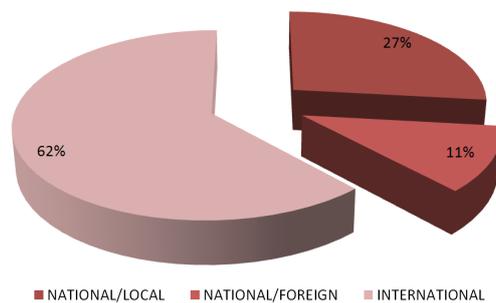
In the reporting period the filing team of Sakpatenti processed 12604 items of various types of inward and outward correspondence. In total, during the year, 18848 ingoing and outgoing documents were processed.

Object		2017	2018	2019
Invention		232	260	197
PCT Applications		10	5	4
Utility Model		57	55	75
Design	National	78	56	70
	International	174	126	139
Trademark	National	2432	2064	2051
	International	3145	3101	3339
Geographical Indication and Appellation of Origin	Geographical Indication	0	1	1
	Appellation of Origin	1	1	4
	International	3	57	10
	Right to use	34	19	25
New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds		17	1	5
Copyright and Related Rights (Deposition)		336	321	324
<b>Total</b>		<b>6519</b>	<b>6067</b>	<b>6244</b>
<b>Correspondence</b>		<b>14687</b>	<b>19966</b>	<b>18848</b>

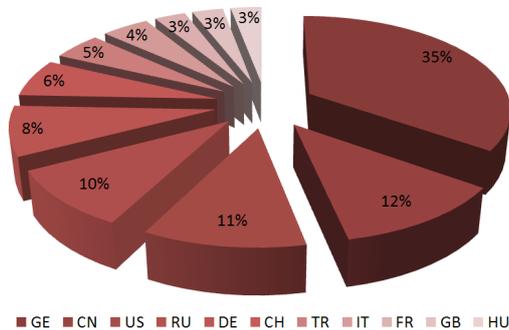
# Statistics/ 2019

## Trademark

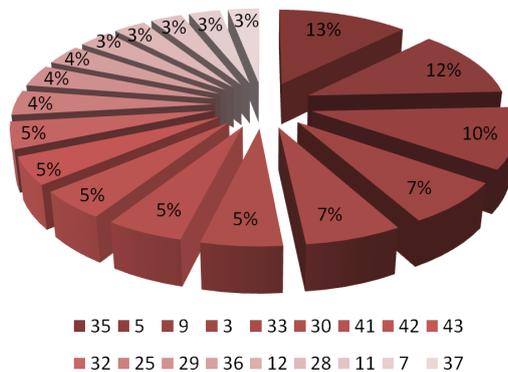
NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS	
PROCEDURE	QTY
NATIONAL/LOCAL	1443
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	608
INTERNATIONAL	3339
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5390</b>



NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES	
CODE	QTY
GE	1445
CN	493
US	448
RU	401
DE	347
CH	266
TR	192
IT	186
FR	122
GB	122
HU	121

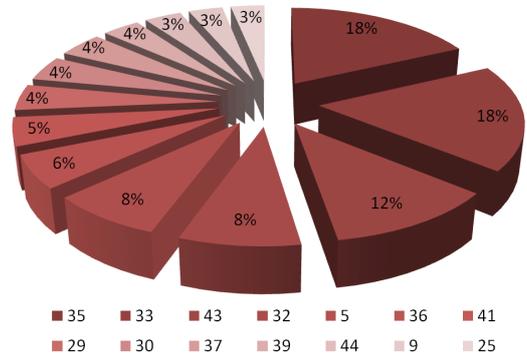


NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES	
CLASS	QTY
35	1043
5	983
9	866
3	601
33	543
30	455
41	437
42	401
43	392
32	380
25	354
29	310
36	292
12	264
28	260
11	254
7	253
37	250



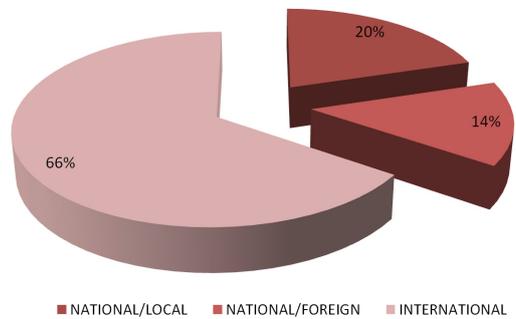
### NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY
35	384
33	382
43	247
32	172
5	163
36	119
41	102
29	94
30	91
37	91
39	76
44	75
9	69
25	68



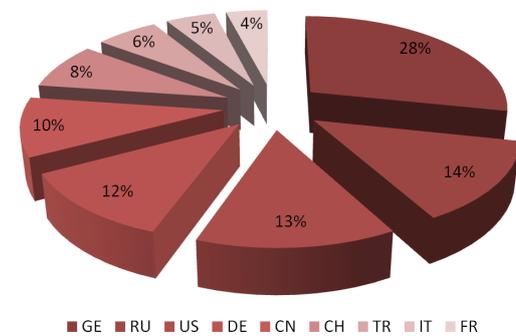
### NUMBER OF MARKS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER

PROCEDURE	QTY
NATIONAL/LOCAL	924
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	647
INTERNATIONAL	2988
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4559</b>



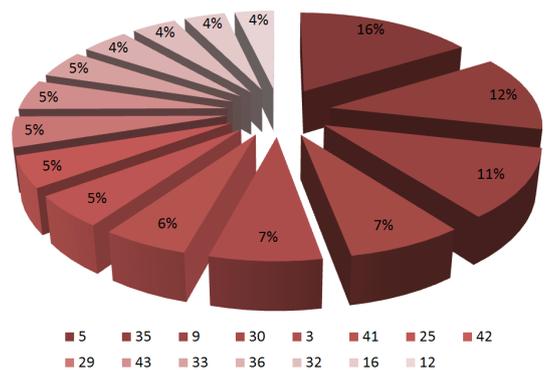
### NUMBER OF MARKS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

CODE	QTY
GE	924
RU	445
US	438
DE	382
CN	328
CH	261
TR	195
IT	156
FR	130



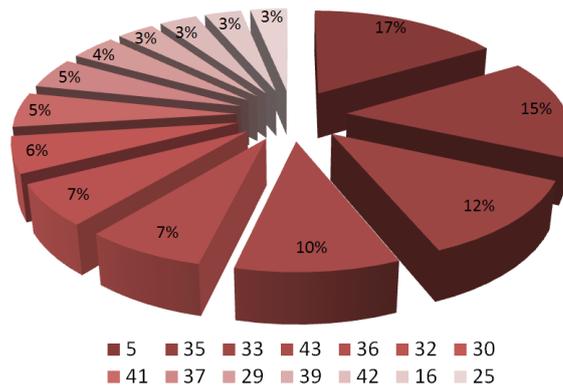
### NUMBER OF MARKS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY
35	1032
5	786
9	712
30	475
3	455
41	352
25	330
42	321
29	314
43	312
33	290
36	274
32	259
16	238
12	229



**NUMBER OF LOCAL MARKS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CLASSES**

CLASS	QTY
5	227
35	211
33	167
43	137
36	101
32	88
30	77
41	74
37	66
29	55
39	45
42	45
16	44
25	44



**Applications/Trademarks Sent to the International Bureau of WIPO under the "Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks"**

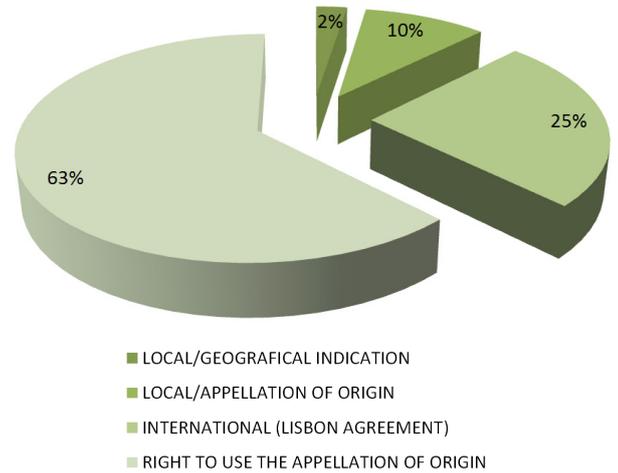
№	Applicant/Owner	Trademark	Id. or Reg. №	Class
1	BuTu Ltd	BuTu	30563	42
2	JSC TBC Bank	TBC	30470	36
3	JSC TBC Bank	VENDOO	30625	35, 36
4	Aptos Ltd	APTOS	29135	10, 44
5	Franko Ltd	FRANKO	25035	7, 9
6	Geo Alko Ltd	KARTLIS VAZI	30981	33
7	Geo Alko Ltd	KARTLULI VAZI	30982	33
8	Champions 111Ltd	europabet	28788	41
9	Champions 111Ltd	европабет	30469	41
10	JSC Bank of Georgia	SOLO	25928	9, 35, 36
11	JSC Georgian Beer Company	zeni	30009	32
12	Meama Ltd	MEAMA	103429/3	11, 30, 35
13	Shovgi Aivazov	preline baby	30851	5
14	Divine Cosmetic Ltd	MAKEDA	99766/3	3
15	Camara Express Ltd	CAMEX	28497	39
16	Khaled Alrajhi Holding Company Ltd	Glarros	30912	43
17	Bolero & Company Ltd	ბეთანელი BETANELI БЕТАНЕЛИ	27095	33
18	Bolero & Company Ltd	დაისი DAISI ДАИСИ	27590	33
19	JSC Telavi Wine Cellar		25621	33
20	Black Sea Pacific Investment and Trading Ltd	MATARA MATARA	29127	32
21	Crosty Global Ltd	თავისუფლება	31037	25
22	Crosty Global Ltd	CROSTY	29838	25
23	JSC Lomisi	ნატახტარი Natakhtari	19194	32

**Sent Applications/Trademarks Requesting Subsequent Extension**

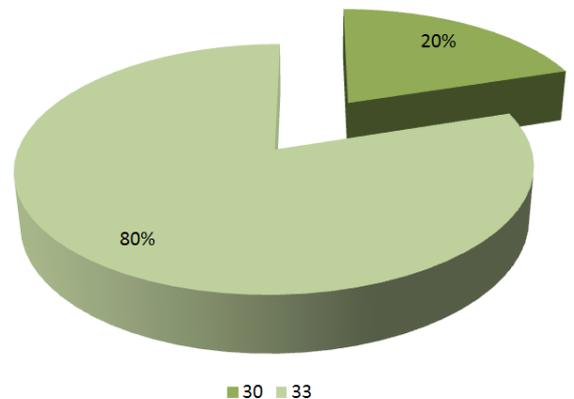
<b>№</b>	<b>Applicant/Owner</b>	<b>Trademark</b>	<b>Id. or Reg. №</b>	<b>Class</b>
1	Soft Drinks Georgia Ltd	Ragnar რაგნარი	29124	32
2	Aleksandr Levakov	Сагандзური Sagandzuri	27935	33
3	PARK GIDA Ltd	Kosmos Vodka	26875	33, 35
4	Entrée 2008 Ltd	Entrée French bakery	19334	30, 43
5	JSC Telavi Wine Cellar	MARANI	28979	33
6	JSC Telavi Wine Cellar	G E M I E R I	27949	33
7	BB Company Ltd	MONDO მონდო	27021	30
8	JSC Lomisi	ნატახტარი Natakhtari	19194	32
9	Elguja Bubuteishvili	SARAJISHVILI სარაჯიშვილი	22694	33
10	JSC Telavi Wine Cellar	MARANI	28979	33
11	Leonardo Beraia	გამარჯობა Гамарджоба Gamarjoba	26771	29, 32

# Geographical Indication and Appellation of Origin

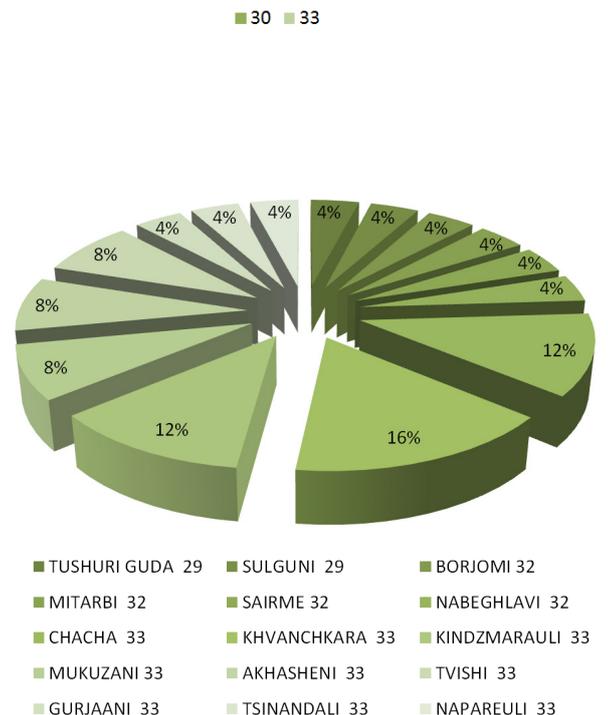
NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS	
PROCEDURE	QTY
LOCAL/GEOGRAFICAL INDICATION	1
LOCAL/APPELLATION OF ORIGIN	4
INTERNATIONAL (LISBON AGREEMENT)	10
RIGHT TO USE THE APPELLATION OF ORIGIN	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>



NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES	
CLASS	QTY
30	1
33	4

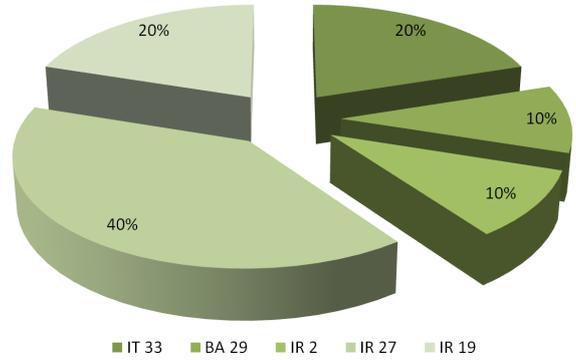


NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES OF THE RIGHT OF USE	
CLASS	QTY
TUSHURI GUDA 29	1
SULGUNI 29	1
BORJOMI 32	1
MITARBI 32	1
SAIRME 32	1
NABEGHLAVI 32	1
CHACHA 33	3
KHVANCHKARA 33	4
KINDZMARAU LI 33	3
MUKUZANI 33	2
AKHASHENI 33	2
TVISHI 33	2
GURJAANI 33	1
TSINANDALI 33	1
NAPAREULI 33	1



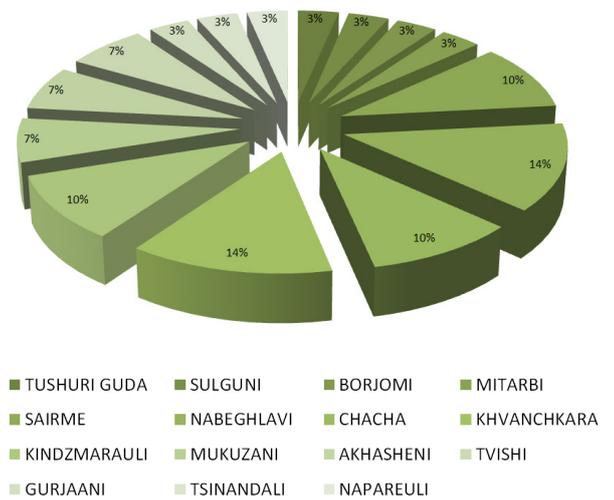
### NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FILED UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE (LISBON AGREEMENT) ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES AND CLASSES

COUNTRY CODE/CLASS	QTY
IT 33	2
BA 29	1
IR 2	1
IR 27	4
IR 19	2



### NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE RIGHT OF USE ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO APPELLATIONS

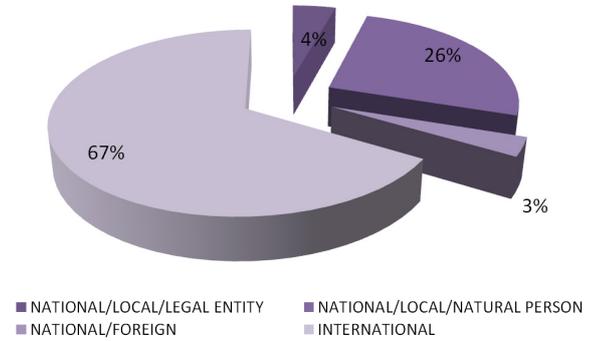
AO & GI	QTY
TUSHURI GUDA	1
SULGUNI	1
BORJOMI	1
MITARBI	1
SAIRME	1
NABEGHLAVI	1
CHACHA	3
KHVANCHKARA	4
KINDZMARALI	3
MUKUZANI	2
AKHASHENI	2
TVISHI	2
GURJAANI	1
TSINANDALI	1
NAPAREULI	1



# Design

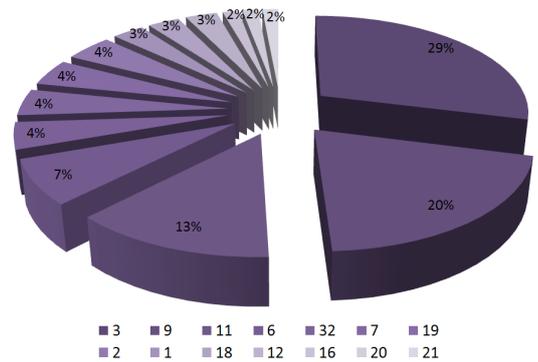
## NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATIONS REQUESTING EXTENSION OF PROTECTION TO GEORGIA

PROCEDURE	QTY
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY	9
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	54
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	7
INTERNATIONAL	139
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>209</b>



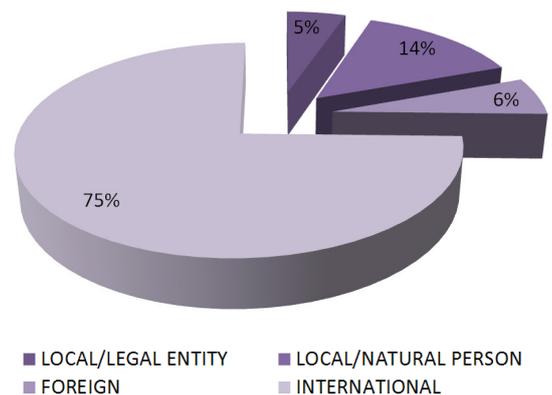
## NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY
3	20
9	14
11	9
6	5
32	3
7	3
19	3
2	3
1	2
18	2
12	2
16	1
20	1
21	1



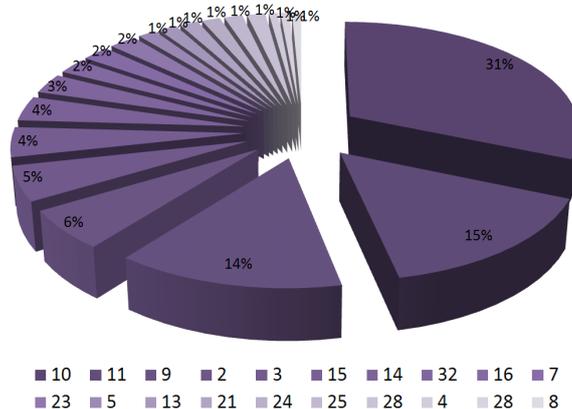
## NUMBER OF MARKS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER

PROCEDURE	QTY
NATIONAL/LEGAL ENTITY	7
NATIONAL/NATURAL PERSON	19
FOREIGN	8
INTERNATIONAL	100



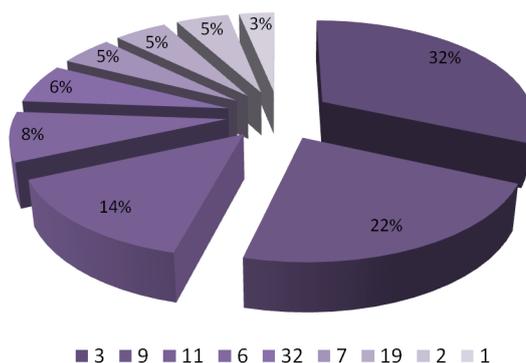
## NUMBER OF FILED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY
10	43
11	21
9	19
2	8
3	7
15	6
14	5
32	4
16	3
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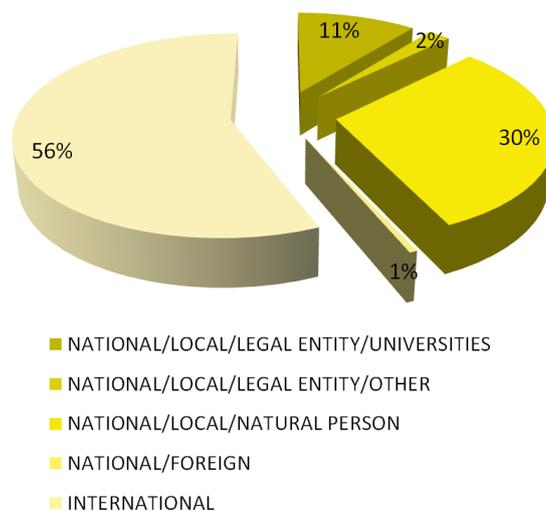
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21	1

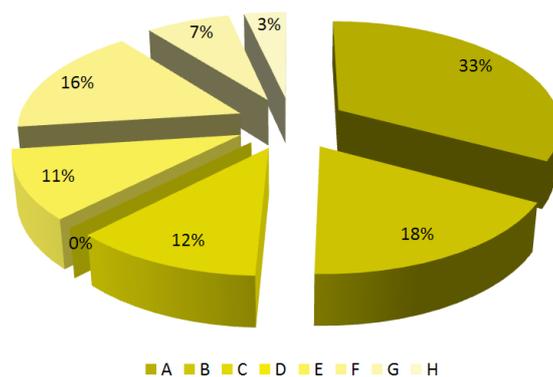


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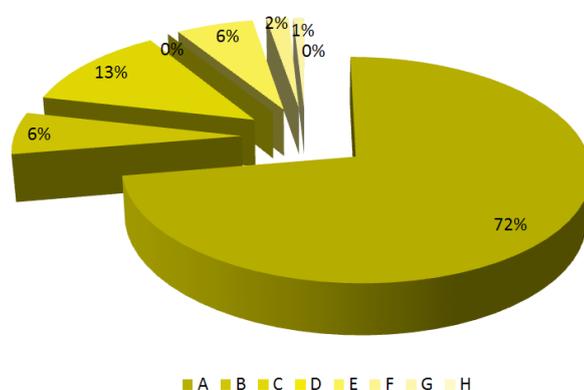
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NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/OTHER	4
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	60
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	1
INTERNATIONAL	111
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197</b>



NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO BRANCHES	
BRANCH	QTY
A	28
B	15
C	10
D	0
E	9
F	14
G	6
H	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>

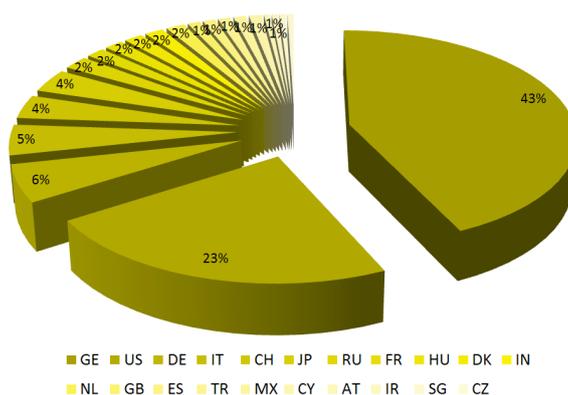


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D	0
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H	0
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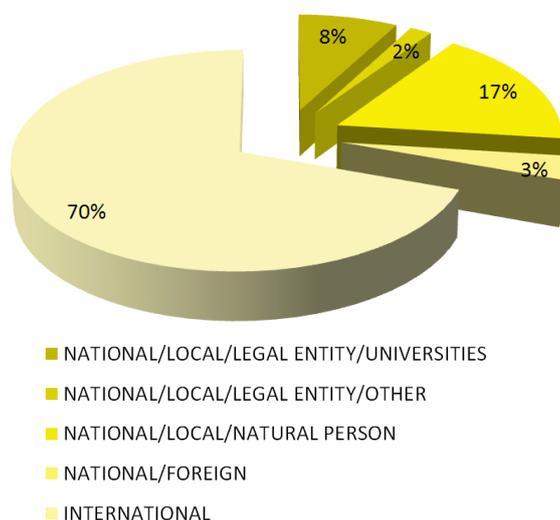
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CODE	QTY
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DE	11
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JP	7
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HU	3
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GB	2
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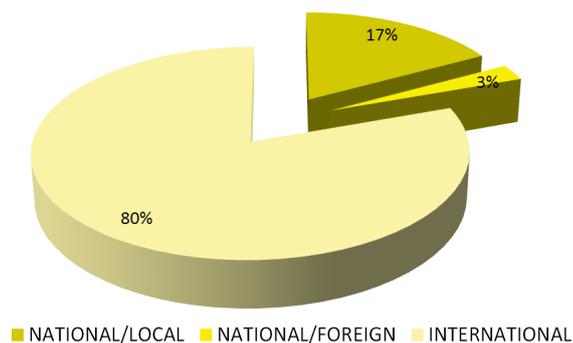
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PROCEDURE	QTY
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/UNIVERSITIES	9
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY	2
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	20
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	4
INTERNATIONAL	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>



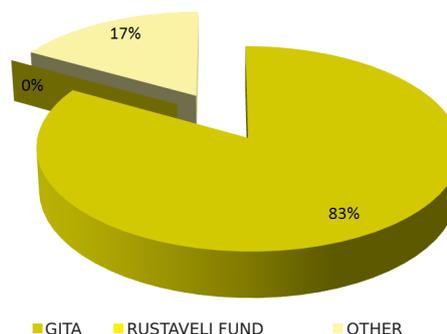
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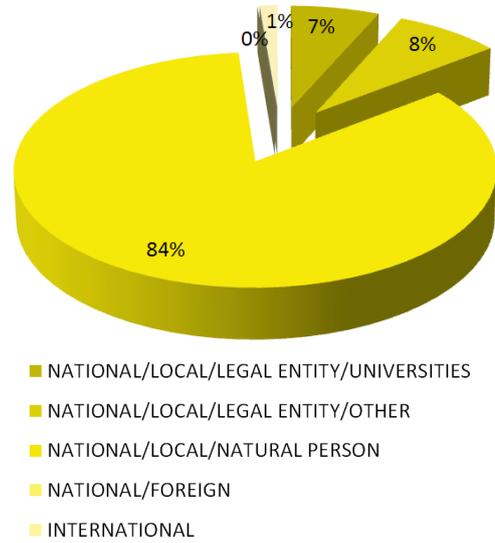
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OTHER	24
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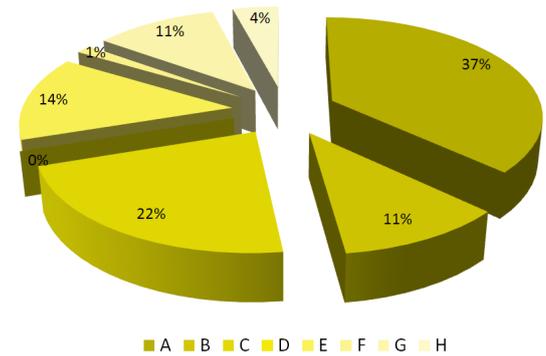


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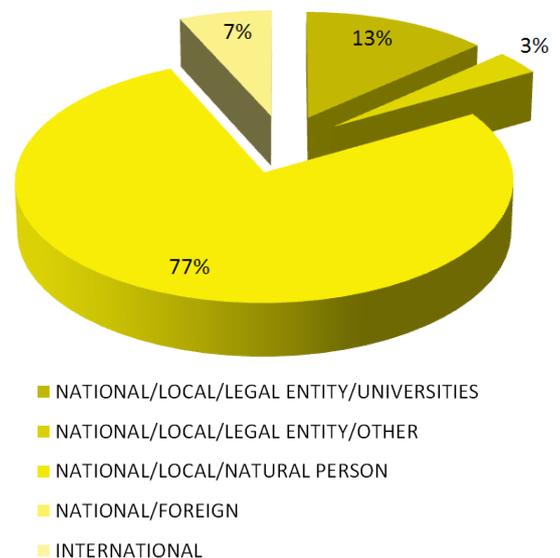
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NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/OTHER	6
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	64
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	0
INTERNATIONAL	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>



NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO BRANCHES	
BRANCH	QTY
A	27
B	8
C	16
D	0
E	10
F	1
G	8
H	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>



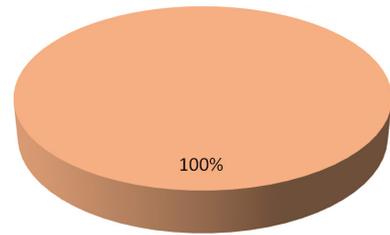
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PROCEDURE	QTY
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/UNIVERSITIES	4
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/OTHER	1
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	23
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	2
INTERNATIONAL	0
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## New Varieties and Breeds

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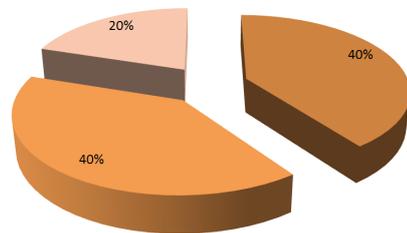
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LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	0
FOREIGN/LEGAL ENTITY	5
FOREIGN/NATURAL PERSON	0



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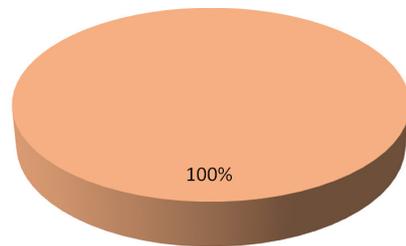
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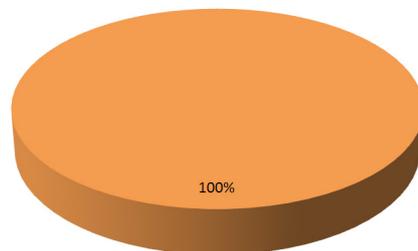
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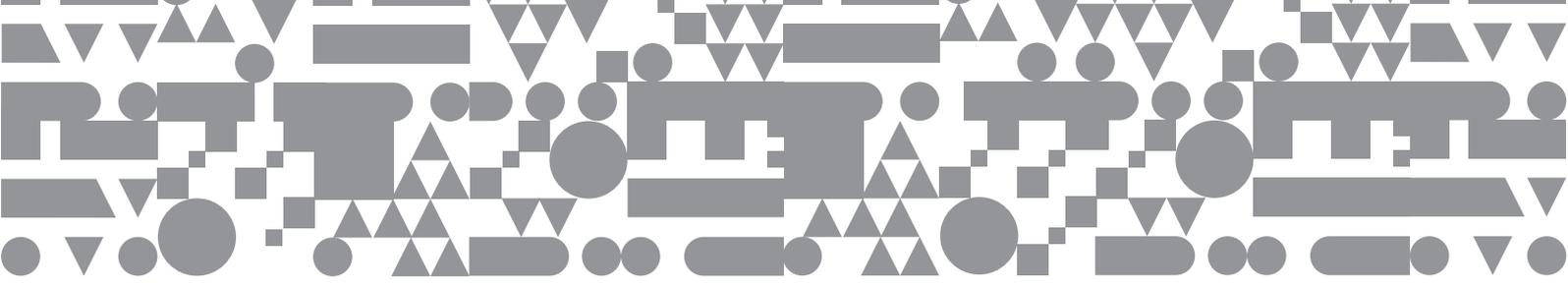
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■ FOREIGN/LEGAL ENTITY     ■ FOREIGN/NATURAL PERSON

### NUMBER OF VARIETIES ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CROPS

CROP	QTY
BLUEBERRY	1



■ BLUEBERRY



# Action Plan/ 2020

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- Capacity building for examiners (EUIPO, EPO, USPTO/CLDP);
- Offering Distance Learning Course (DL-101 – General Course on Intellectual Property)(WIPO);
- Organizing professional development program on geographical indications (WIPO);
- Training of teachers in teaching innovation (WIPO);
- Organization of an international conference “Role of IP Offices in Development of National Intellectual Property Systems” (WIPO);
- Delivering a presentation on “Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Georgia” at the session of WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement ;
- Drafting new trademark and design guidelines with the assistance of EUIPO;
- Ratification of the Validation Agreement with EPO;
- Bilateral meetings with EPO member countries;
- Offering of an IP course for SMEs, researchers, scientists, lawyers, patent attorneys, pupils and staff members;
- Organization of a conference “Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy”;
- Publication of Georgian and foreign authors books in the IP field in the Georgian language;
- Working on legislative amendments;
- Promotion of raising awareness on issues of geographical indications protection among farmers, producers, consumers and representatives of Governmental structures (oriGIn – Georgia);
- Identification of potential geographical indications in the regions of Georgia and support of their legal protection (oriGIn – Georgia);
- Participation in developing a multi-level control system of correspondence of GI products with the established specifications (oriGIn – Georgia);
- Participation in creation of farmers and producers’ associations around GIs and promotion of introducing modern forms of branding into their activities (oriGIn Georgia).



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