

## Intellectual property rights intensive industries: contribution to economic performance and employment in the European Union

Industry-Level Analysis Report, September 2013



### Impact study proves IP value

Two years ago staff from OHIM and the EPO started work on a major study to settle the question of how important IPR-intensive industries are to jobs, GDP and trade in the EU.

Now the results of that collaboration have been published in a major report, "Intellectual Property Rights intensive industries: contribution to economic performance and employment in the European Union".... [Page 2](#)

### Interview



This month James Nurton speaks to Olivier Laidebeur, Office Freylinger, Luxembourg. For the first time, James Nurton interviews a trade mark practitioner in Luxembourg about work in one of the EU's smaller countries, how BOIP and OHIM compare and the differences between working in-house and in private practice.

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## OHIM Academy Regional Seminar

The first OHIM Academy Regional Seminar, organised in conjunction with the Benelux Intellectual Property Office (BOIP), took place in The Hague on 10 September 2013. It was opened by Mr. Hugues Derème, Deputy Director General of BOIP. Mr. Hugues Bello, represented OHIM.

Around 30 participants from 15 countries took part in the event, conceived as another initiative aimed at nurturing convergence between the IP offices of the EU within the context of the OHIM vision of a European Trade Mark and Design Network.

Mr Derème expressed his pride and satisfaction at hosting the first event of this kind, in which 12 members of BOIP staff participated.

## OHIM at MARQUES Annual Conference

An OHIM delegation was present at the 27th MARQUES Annual Conference in Monte Carlo between 17 and 20 September 2013.

The Conference is a major event for the IP industry in Europe and the sessions included issues such as trade mark enforcement, free speech limitations and the impact of new top-level domains, as well as updates on OHIM, WIPO and a debate on EU case-law developments.

As well as providing an update on its activities, OHIM ran an information booth during the conference, offering hands-on demonstrations of IP tools developed by the Cooperation Fund and Convergence Programme, such as TMview, DesignView, TMclass, Taxonomy and Similarity.

More information on the conference and the programme can be found at: [www.marques.org](http://www.marques.org)

## OHIM holidays for 2014

OHIM has published Decision ADM-13-46 relating to the timetable of public holidays for the year 2014.

On the dates indicated in the Decision, the Office will not be open for the reception of documents; any deadlines affected will be extended to the next working day.

[Decision No ADM-13-46 relating to the timetable of public holidays for 2014](#)

## OHIM President visits Latvia

OHIM President, António Campinos visited the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia on 9 September 2013.

The meeting was held within the framework of international cooperation, and President Campinos met the Patent Office's Acting Director, Ieva Viļuma, and the Minister of Justice, Jānis Bordāns.

A number of Community trade mark owners as well as patent and trade mark attorneys from various parts of Latvia were also present.