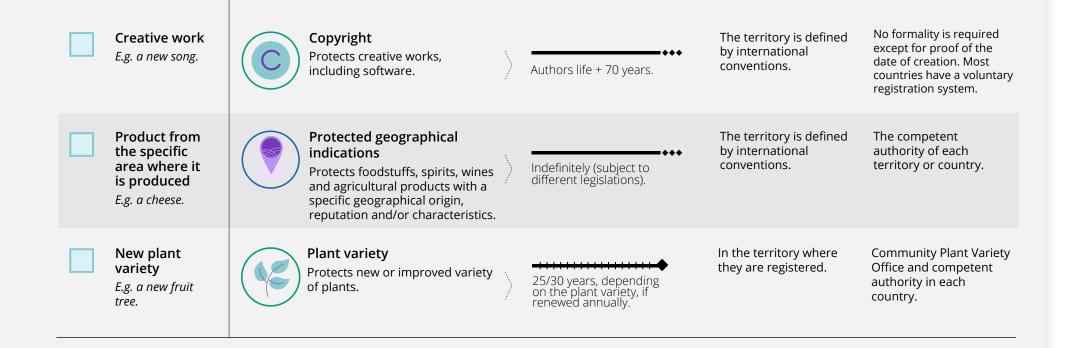




Identify and protect your intellectual property assets.

Check your company's assets and how to protect them.

What does your company need to protect?	How can you protect it?	Validity	Geographical Scope	Registration *check contact details at the end of this document
Name or logo E.g. a new brand.	Trade mark Protects the commercial origin of goods and/or services.	Indefinitely if renewed every 10 years.	In the territory where they are registered.	Intellectual property office.
Invention E.g. a new machine.	Patent protects products or processes that offer a new technical solution.	Generally 20 years if renewed anually.	In the territory where they are registered.	Intellectual property office.
Original product design E.g. a new fashion collection.	Design Protects the appearance of products.	25 years if renewed every 5 years.	In the territory where they are registered.	Intellectual property office.
Confidential information E.g. a client database.	Trade secret Protects confidential business information.	Indefinitely, if it remains secret.	Territorial limits do not apply.	Non-disclosure agreements (without registration).



What will your company get out of it?



Protection

The exclusive right over a product or service and the ability to take legal action against imitators.



Monetising Options

Selling, licencing and franchising are good ways to obtain revenue. Co-branding, to achieve common goals, is also a genuine win-win for companies and users.



Market Exclusivity

A competitive advantage to outperform competitors.



Financial Support

A well-protected business, with a competitive advantage and an established trade mark on the market, will attract investors more easily.



Market Identity

The reputation for strengthen market position and build customer loyalty.

Contacts

WIPO

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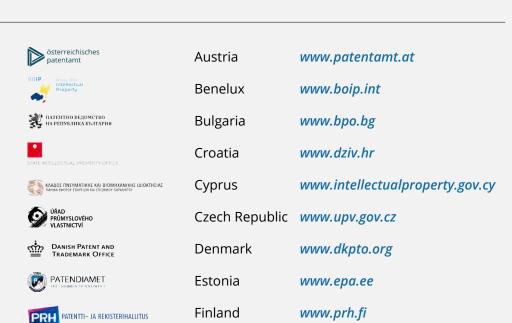
EUIPO

European Union Intellectual Property Office (for European trade marks and Community designs):

www.euipo.europa.eu

The intellectual property offices of the EU Member States (MS IPOs)

EPO



European Patents Office:

www.epo.org

Check the availability of your trade mark or the originality of your design against those already registered in Europe or elsewhere:



https://www.tmdn.org/tmview/#/tmview



https://www.tmdn.org/tmdsview-web/welcome#/dsview



EURid



European Union domain name registry:

www.eurid.eu/en/

CPVO



Community Plant Variety Office: www.cpvo.europa.eu

Check out



SME fund

The SME Fund is a grant scheme created to help European small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) protect their IP rights:

https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/online-services/sme-fund



Free IP support

https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/online-services/ip-support