

## Bulgaria

# Rankings are delineated on a scale of 0 to 100, designating first place as 100, last place as 0, and 50 indicating the midpoint.

# Patent 90 — Total 80 — Abroad 60 Trademark

#### Statistics for applicants residing in this country Patent applications; global rank 445 ↓2.4% 62<sup>nd</sup> 226 Resident applications **↑**6.6% Patent applications Abroad applications; global rank 219 **↓**10.2% 0.1% Regional rank and share Europe - 28<sup>t</sup> 1.3% Eastern Europe – 8<sup>th</sup> 46<sup>th</sup> Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank 35.1 Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank 58<sup>th</sup> 106 28<sup>th</sup> Utility model applications; global rank 348 154% 45 PCT international applications; global rank **128.6%** 50<sup>th</sup> PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank 42<sup>nd</sup> 7.0 PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2021-2023) 7.3% Share of university applications (2021-2023) Share of women inventors (2021-2023) 8.8% 2017 2018 2019 2020 56<sup>th</sup> PCT national phase entries; global rank 89 ↓30.5% Resident Abroad Share of abroad applications using the PCT System 33.8% PCT top applicants (2021-2023) Endurosat Joint Stock Company Pl Project Ltd. Nrg Tech Ltd. 3 Aglika Trade Ood 2 Alotek Ltd Top technical fields; share Top foreign destinations; share 17.7% United States of America European Patent Office Other special machines Germany Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy ■ Measurement India (2.3%) Canada (1.9%) ■ Transport Others Others

Statistics for the IP office						
Total applications; global rank	197	15.2%	83 <sup>rd</sup>	Country of origin of non-resident applications; share		
Resident; share	185	↑11.4%	93.9%	United States of America	48,162	24.2%
Non-resident; share	12	140%	6.1%	Germany	24,980	12.5%
Patent Grants	114	↑46.2%		Japan	21,525	10.8%
Patents in force; global rank	14,233		48 <sup>th</sup>	China	20,763	10.4%
National IP office - applications per examiner		14.1		Republic of Korea	12,582	6.3%
National IP office - grant delay in months		32.0				
Filings via regional office - resident	European Pa	tent Office	41			
Filings via regional office - non-resident	European Pa	tent Office	199,388			

#### Trademark

Trademark														
Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]														
Trademark filings; global rank		29,347	<b>↓</b> 12.8%	43 <sup>rd</sup>										
Resident filings		14,552	↑3.8%				Trade	emark i	rlass rn	unt in	applicat	tions		
Abroad filings; global rank		14,795	<b>↓</b> 24.7%	24 <sup>th</sup>			muu	ciriaric	LIUSS CO	rancini	иррпси			
Regional rank and share			ırope – 17 <sup>th</sup>	1%									33,673	
		Eastern E	Europe – 6 <sup>th</sup>	3.7%										29,347
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank			2,263	23 <sup>rd</sup>			23,898		24,039	25,661	24,187	24,360		
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			6,798	22 <sup>nd</sup>	21,399	19,987		20,584						
Madrid international applications; global rank		281	<b>↓</b> 14.1%	32 <sup>nd</sup>										
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; global rank			43.7	22 <sup>nd</sup>										
Abroad filings via the Madrid System		14,375	<b>↓</b> 23.3%	18 <sup>th</sup>										
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System			94.1%											
Madrid top applicants (2021-2023)				224	2011	0045	0046	0047	2040	0040	0000	0004	2022	2000
		Euro Games Tech	3,	331	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
		•	Interactive	23				R	esident	- /	Abroad			
			pharma AD Interactive	23 22										
			Digital Ltd.	13										
		Egi	Digital Ltd.	13										
Top Nice classes	s; share				Т	op fore	eign de	estinati	ons; sh	nare				
17.2%			4.1%											
■ Education					1	Unite	d States	of Ameri	ca					
38.5% Scientific and re	:search				1	North	Macedo	nia (3.99	%)					
16.2% Games and toys	š				) 1	Unite	d Kingdo	m (3.8%	)					
Advertising and	l business management				1	Serbia	a (3.7%)							
Scientific and te	echnological services			4		Ukraii	ne (3.7%)	)						
6.3% 7.8% Others			80.8%			Other								
Others					,	Other	3							

Total filings; global rank	14,145	1%	60 <sup>th</sup>	Country of origin of non-resident filings; share		
Resident; share	10,755	↑2.1%	76%	Germany	72,448	16.6%
Non-resident; share	3,390	<b>↓</b> 2.3%	24%	Italy	36,642	8.4%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	12,925	↑3.8%		China	35,264	8.1%
Trademarks in force; global rank	58,231		76 <sup>th</sup>	United States of America	34,574	7.9%
National IP office - applications per examiner				France	27,316	6.3%
National IP office - registration delay in days		123.0				
Filings via regional office - resident	European Union Intellectual Prop	European Union Intellectual Property Office				
Filings via regional office - non-resident	European Union Intellectual Property Office		432,923			

#### Industrial design

Industrial design			
Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]			
Designs in applications; global rank	1,190 ↓33.8%	43 <sup>rd</sup>	
Resident filings	886 ↓36.6%		Design count in applications
Abroad filings; global rank	304 ↓24%	36 <sup>th</sup>	Design count in applications
Regional rank and share	Europe – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	0.4%	
	Eastern Europe – 6 <sup>th</sup>	4.9%	1,984
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	138	21 <sup>st</sup>	1,677
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	414	20 <sup>th</sup>	1,312
Hague international filings; global rank	51 ↑50%	31 <sup>st</sup>	
Abroad filings via the Hague System	331 ↑16.5%	30 <sup>th</sup>	
Share of abroad filings using the Hague System	93.8%		
Hague top applicants (2021-2023)			
	Cpc Europe Ltd.	3	
	Altest Ltd.	2	
	Tesy Ood	2	
	Ficosota Ltd.	2	
	Pate Play Tech Ltd.	2	
Top Locarno classes; share			Top foreign destinations; share
16.7% Recording and communication equipment Packages and containers	1	8.9%	Serbia North Macedonia
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10.0%		8.2%	_
Games, toys, sporting goods	58.2%	6.9%	Republic of Moldova
8.7% Stationery and office equipment		6.6%	<ul><li>Ukraine</li><li>Others</li></ul>
10.4% Others			

Statistics for the IP office [2]						
Total filings; global rank	406	<b>↓</b> 12.3%	68 <sup>th</sup>	Country of origin of non-resident filings; share		
Resident; share	350	<b>↓</b> 3.8%	86.2%	China	27,002	23.2%
Non-resident; share	56	<b>↓</b> 43.4%	13.8%	Germany	15,804	13.6%
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations	396	<b>↓</b> 10.4%		Italy	14,071	12.1%
Industrial designs in force; global rank	1,698		54 <sup>th</sup>	United States of America	11,859	10.2%
National IP office - applications per examiner				France	6,128	5.3%
National IP office - registration delay in days						
Filings via regional office - resident	European Union Intellectual Pro	European Union Intellectual Property Office				
Filings via regional office - non-resident	European Union Intellectual Pro	European Union Intellectual Property Office				

### **Geographical indications**

Geographical indications in force by product category			Geographical indications in force by legal means		
Agricultural products and foodstuffs	2,257	36.5%	Agreements	1,888	30.5%
Handicrafts	67	1.1%	Sui generis	42	0.7%
Wines and spirits	3,801	61.4%	Regional system	3,487	56.3%
Others	67	1.1%	Lisbon system	775	12.5%

#### **Plant variety**

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Plant variety applications filed by applicants residing in this country	Plant variety in force
Resident 22	National 328
Abroad 1	Community Plant Variety Office 30,927
Regional Community Plant Variety Office 1	ļ

#### Note

- $(1) For trademarks, filings \, refer \, to \, the \, number \, of \, classes \, specified \, in \, applications. \\$
- (2) For industrial designs, filings refer to number of designs contained in applications.
- (3) Statistics are produced regardless of whether the home office of the applicants supplied statistics or not. An asterisk symbol indicates that the home IP office did not supply statistics.
- (4) Statistics relating to "technical fields" are extracted from the Patstat database and are based on the publication date.
- (5) The indicator "resident applications per million population" is available for countries with a polulation greater than one million. The "indicator per GDP" is available for countries whose total GDP exceeds 10 billion US Dollar.
- $\hbox{ (6) Percentage with a plus or minus symbol indicates the percentage change from the previous year. } \\$
- (7) Both national and regional data are used to establish the list of countries relating to non-resident filings.

Source: WIPO statistics database; last updated: 4/2025