

The Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) and the Impact of Enlargement on its Functioning

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Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market



A. THE OHIM

The OHIM

- is a Community body
- with legal personality
- independent in its operations
- with legal, administrative and financial autonomy
- administering the Community trade mark system and the Community design system
- in the framework of Community law
- with full regard and respect to the competences of the Community institutions

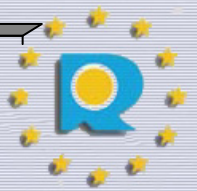
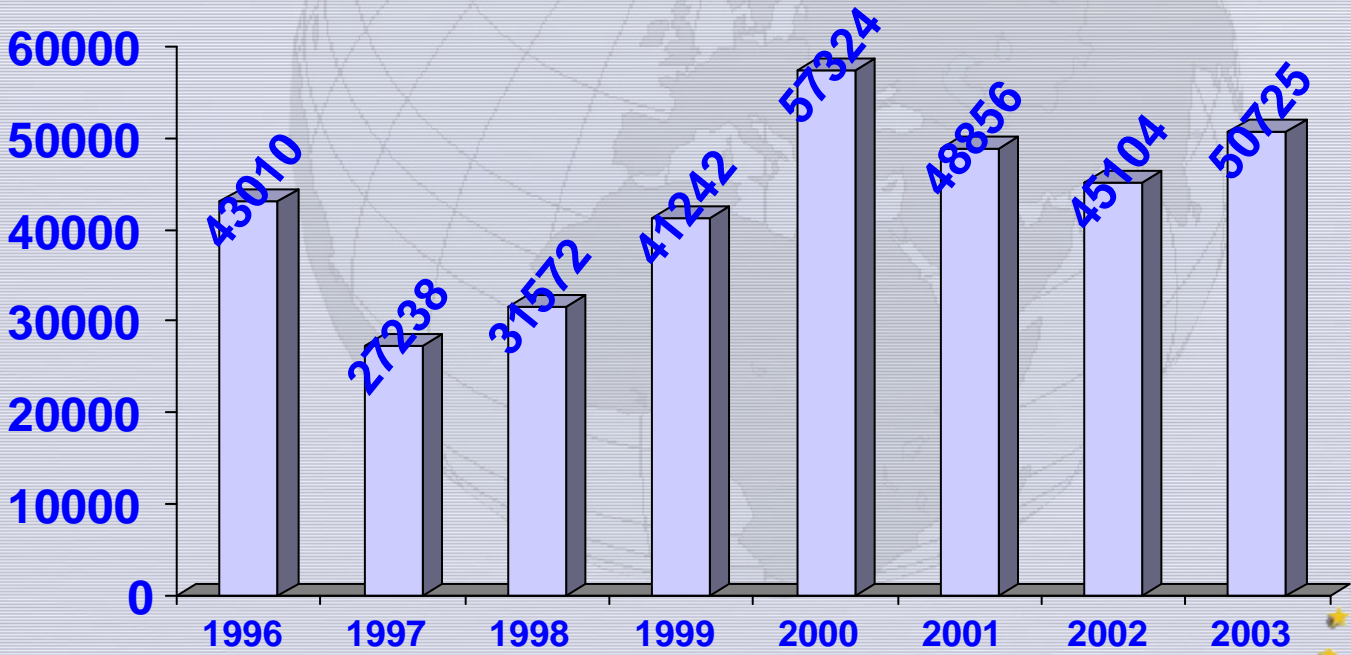


B. CTM ACTIVITY

Activity in the first seven years
(1996- 7 November 2003)

FACTS AND FIGURES

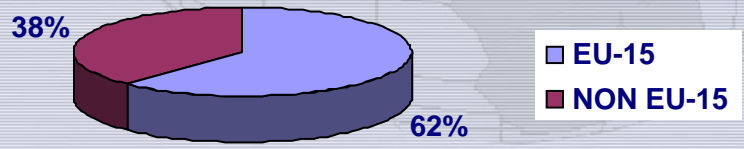
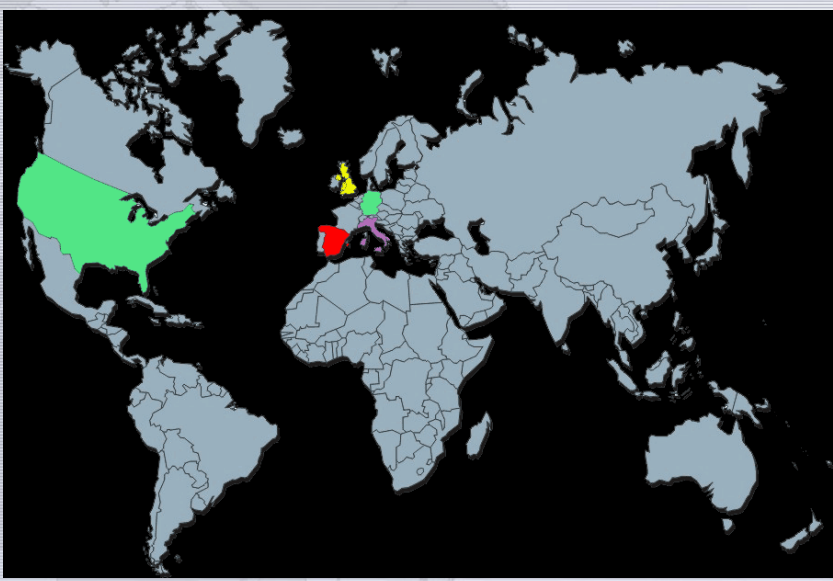
Total: 339,286 applications



B. CTM ACTIVITY

Country of origin TOP 5 (end September 2003)

USA	81 671	25%
GERMANY	54 737	17%
UK	43 020	13%
ITALY	24 515	7%
SPAIN	22 711	7%



C. CD ACTIVITY

2003: Start of Registered Community Design (RCD)

- **Regulation on Community Designs**
 - entered into force on 6 March 2002
 - unregistered design protection
 - registered designs (RCD) administered by OHIM
- **First filings of RCD at OHIM: 1 April 2003, with lead-in period beginning 1 January 2003**
- **Objective: Publication of registrations without deficiencies within 3 months**



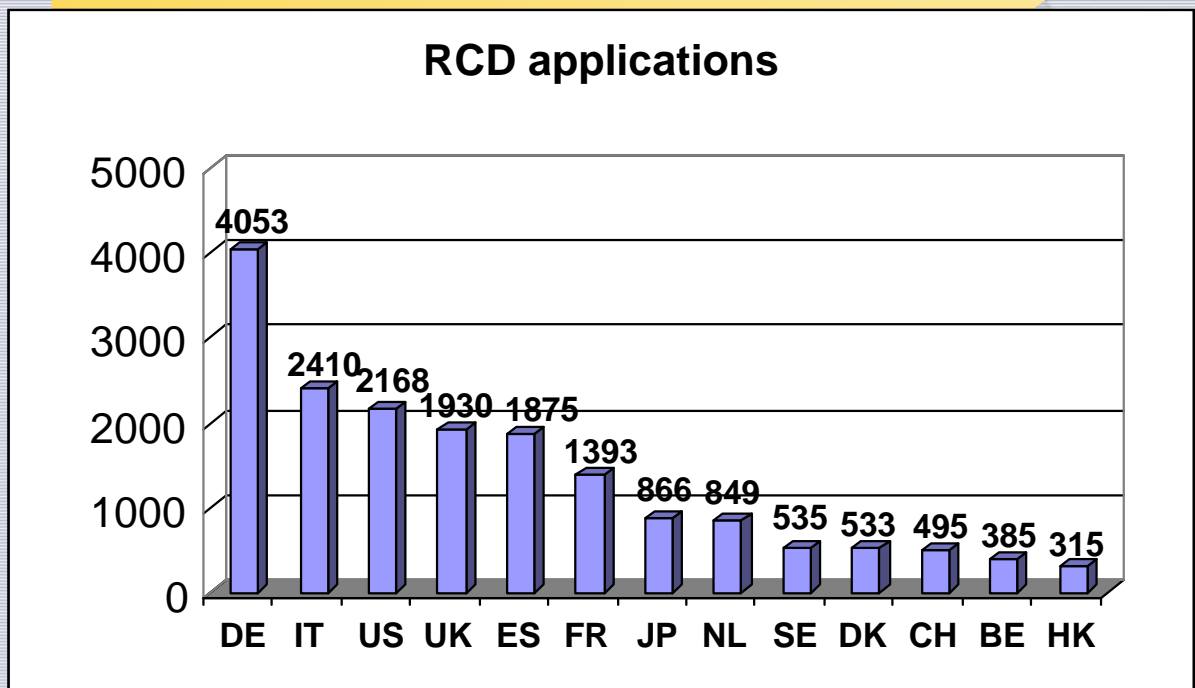
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ANNUAL STATISTICS ON RCD APPLICATION				
Months 2003	MAIL	FAX	E-filing	Total
January	110	44	-	154
February	222	48	-	270
March	545	155	-	700
April	999	266	-	1.265
May	826	271	-	1.097
June	730	252	-	982
July	788	304	67	1.159
August	555	217	41	813
September	707	284	72	1.063
October	631	308	130	1.069
Total	6.113	2.149	310	8.572

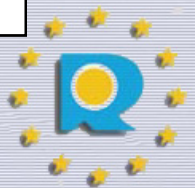


C. CD ACTIVITY

Who is filing?



Source: DD statistics (until 07.11.03)



D. THE BUDGET

Development 1996-2003

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Income	21,8	55,2	71,9	108,8	113,6	110,7 -2,6%	100,5 -9,2%	105,7
Expenses	26,8	52,3	52,6	92,2	86,7	100,6	96,9	105,7
Saldo	-5	2,9	19,3	16,6	26,9	10,1	3,6	0,0



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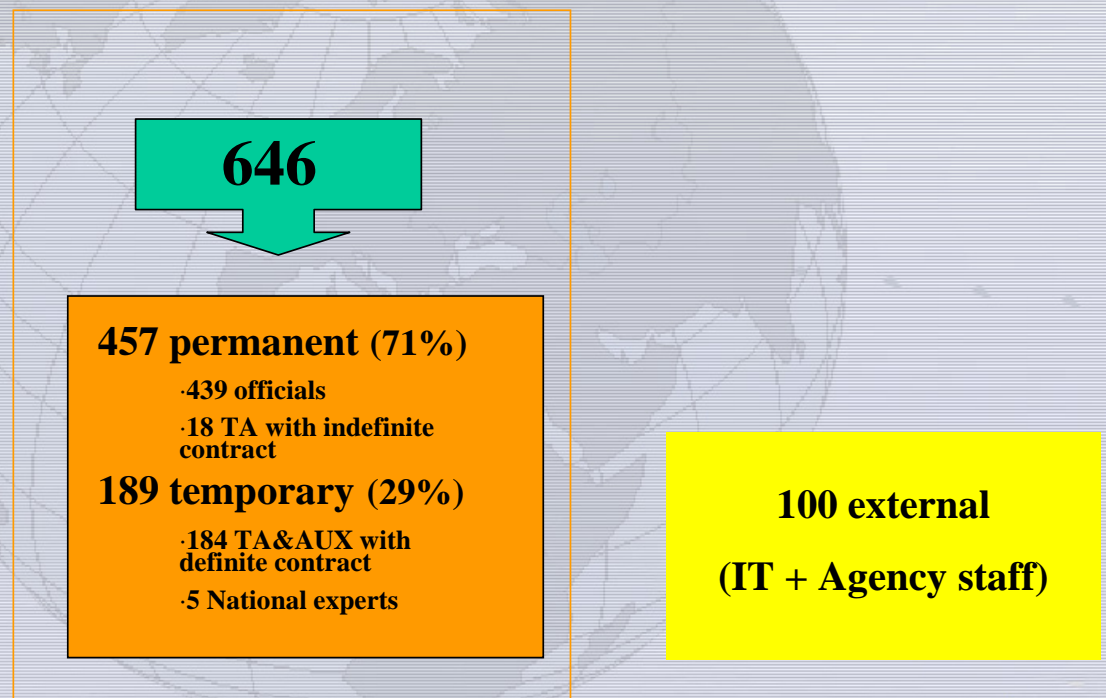
The Budget 2003

Staff	52.427
Buildings	5.988
IT	12.903
Equipment	1.727
Administrative expenses	3.090
Mail and telecommunication	1.552
Meetings, studies	823
Procedural expenses	27.175
Total	105.685



E. THE STAFF

The staff at the end of September 2003



F. OBJECTIVES

Render services that are competitive as regards

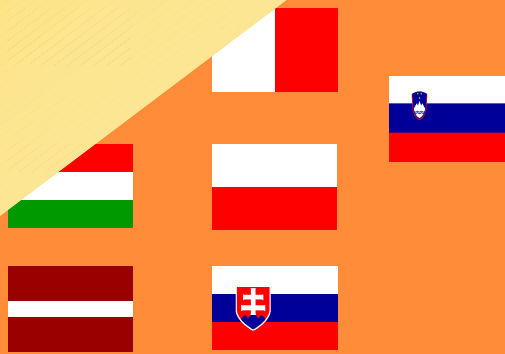
- price
- quality
- delivery



**compared to those offered by the best IP offices
anywhere**



The 2004 EU enlargement



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- **Largest ever extension of EU**
 - 10 new countries: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia
 - 1/3 more territory
 - population from 375 to 450 Mio
- **First time since introduction of Community trade marks and designs**
- **A precedent for future enlargements**





EU enlargements

