

# JDP

Newsletter

## SME Fund

Grant scheme to protect  
intellectual property rights

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# Grants for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises

established in the European Union

Until December 2023, you can benefit from the **SME Fund** that offers EU-based SMEs **financial support** to **protect intellectual property rights**.

As part of the SME Fund, you can receive **reimbursement of up to 75% of the fee** for **registering a trademark or another exclusive right** – industrial design, patent or plant variety.



## SME Fund

# 2023



ALLOCATED FUNDS

€ 27 100 000

FROM

23 January

TO

8 December

# What financing you can receive

75% reimbursement in Poland and in the EU

You can receive **reimbursement of 75% of fees** for registering a trademark or another exclusive right at **the EU** (EUIPO, EPO) or **national** (Polish Patent Office) **level**, or **50% of registration fees outside the EU** (WIPO).

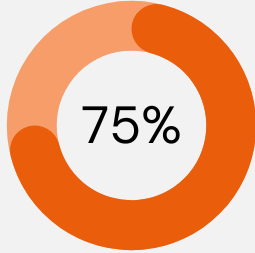


50%

## International protection (WIPO)

the **50%** reimbursement covers (among other things):

- filing fee
- fee for specifying countries where the protection is to apply



75%

## National (Polish Patent Office) or EU-wide protection (EUIPO, EPO)

the **75%** reimbursement covers (among other things):

- filing fee
- fees for additional commodity classes
- fee for the initial protection term
- fee for the statement of exercising the right of priority
- fee for publication or deferment of publication

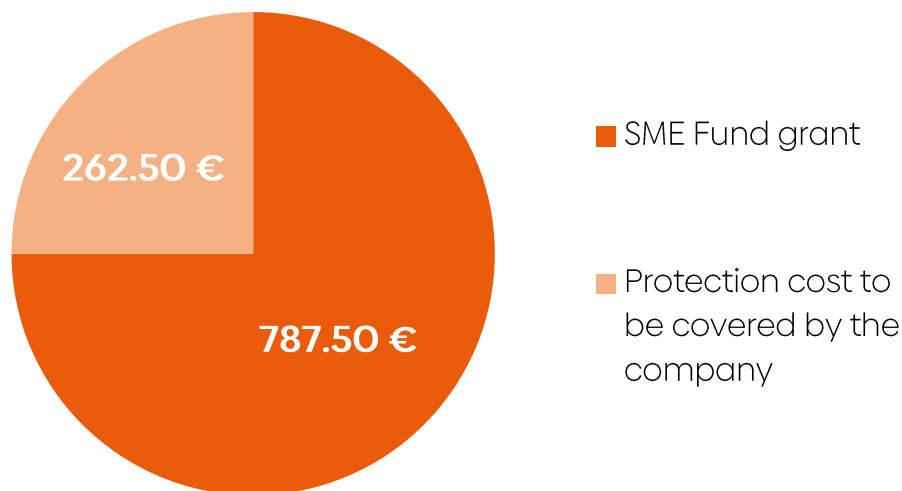
# How much exactly you will be reimbursed

## Example

**Registering a trademark** in 3 trademark classes in the EU territory is subject to a regular **fee of EUR 1050**.

With a grant from the SME Fund, the protection will cost EUR 262.50.

**The company will be reimbursed for 75% of the fees, i.e. EUR 787.50.**



	Trademarks and designs	Patents	Plant varieties
Maximum reimbursement	EUR 1000	EUR 1500	EUR 225

# Application procedure

## 1 Grant application

First, you must file an application for a grant via the EUIPO website, where you must indicate the vouchers that you want to have reimbursed.

### Required documents:

company's bank statement

VAT certificate  
**or**  
NIP/REGON number certificate

'declaration of honour' (if an SME is represented by an external representative)

grant decision

## 2 IP protection measures

After receiving a grant award notification, the **vouchers are valid for 2 months**. Their validity **may be extended** by another 2 months.

During this period, you may apply for IP protection measures related to the awarded vouchers and pay for them. This includes, for instance, filing **an application for trademark protection**.

## 3 Reimbursement application

After implementing the IP protection measures and paying for the vouchers, you must **file a reimbursement application**, thereby activating the vouchers.

After the activation, the **implementation period** starts, and during this period you may apply for reimbursement for additional costs falling within a given voucher. This is **6 months** for fees for trademarks and designs.

# Contact us!

**The Fund runs until 8 December 2023.** The available amount is limited to **27.1 million euro**. Grants are awarded on a „first come, first served” basis – **correct applications are processed in the order they are received.**



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