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The [State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania \(SPB\)](#) has successfully upgraded its back office system to SP Back Office. The upgrade was completed on 18 February 2021. This was possible thanks to the close cooperation between the EUIPO and the SPB project teams and their partners.

The SPB is the first office to upgrade to SP Back Office V 3.0 and it paves the way for future upgrades in other intellectual property offices. In addition to an improved search engine and a more modern and user-friendly interface, this upgrade also brings important technical improvements to the existing system that will enable new functionalities and easier system maintenance.

This important milestone is the result of work carried out by the EUIPO and the SPB within the framework of the European Cooperation Projects. The EUIPO and its stakeholders are working together on eight major European Cooperation Projects, with the main aim of benefiting users across the EU by providing modern, state-of-the-art tools and services for EU IP offices.