Training and raising awareness programme on trademarks and designs

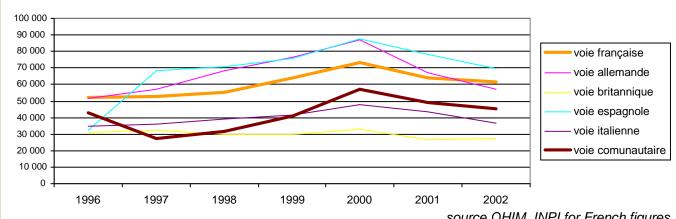
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Introduction



- Focus on broad business issues at stake in industrial property as a whole: patent, trademark, designs.
- The level of trademark applications is quite satisfactory

Based on the number of national and Community applications



activities as regards trademarks..



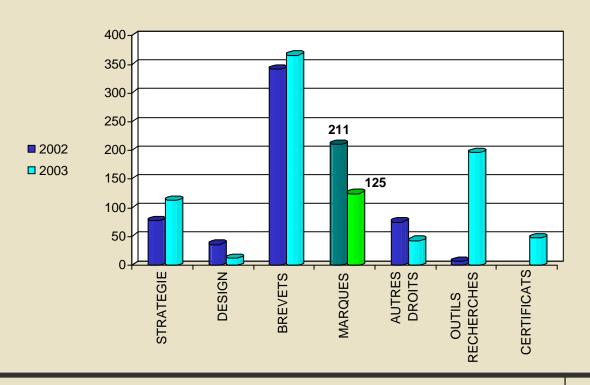
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A few figures (1/3)



Continuous professional training

4 ? 15 % of INPI's activity, with 150 trainees out of 1000.



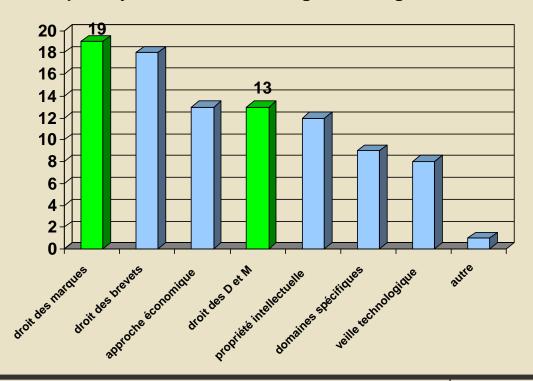


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Initial training

The place occupied by trademark and designs training in business schools

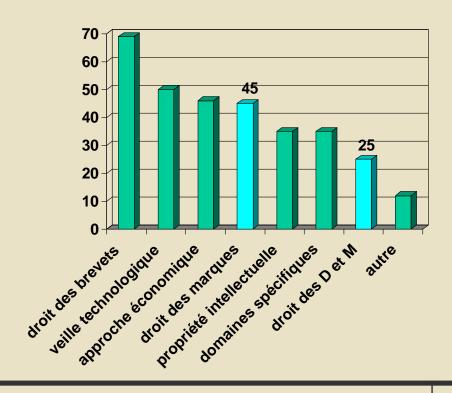


A few figures (3/3)



Initial training

The place occupied by trademark and designs training in engineering schools

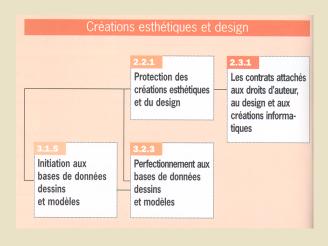






- INPI's continuous professional training
 - 8 training modules on trademarks
 - 4 training modules on designs





Around 100 people tollow these sessions each year



Two specific activities (2/5)



- Administrative assistant trademark certificate
 - 4 A programme targeting industrial property assistants in companies or in legal firms.
 - 4 Set up in partnership with industrial property attorneys and large companies.
 - 4 Objectives:
 - to professionalize assistant's practices,
 - to enhance recognition and add value to a specific job for which no training existed.



Two specific activities (3/5)



- Administrative assistant trademark certificate:
 - 6 modules totalling 100 hours of training
 - General notions of industrial property
 - Actors and professional environment of industrial property
 - Trademark and designs procedure in France
 - International procedures
 - Community procedures
 - Searches for industrial property information
 - 4 Final assessment leading to obtaining a certificate.
 - 4 Two sessions of 14 participants have been held to date (one session each year).



Two specific activities (4/5)

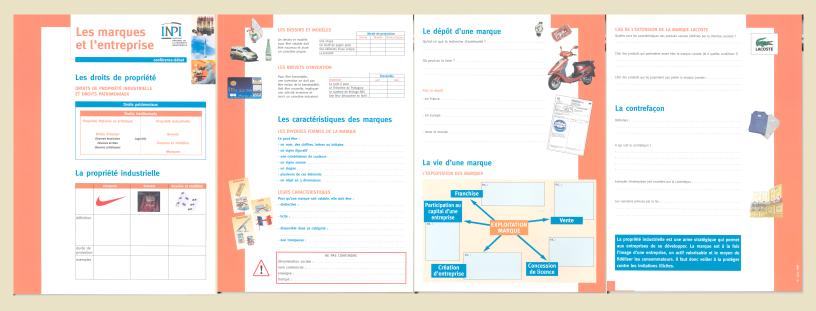


- Awareness of trademarks in secondary schools
 - 4 For 10 years, INPI has been running a programme to raise the level of awareness in secondary schools, strongly focused on trademarks.
 - 4 1,000 talks are organised each year, covering nearly 35,0000 pupils.





- Awareness of trademarks in secondary schools
 - 4 A programme which has given very satisfactory results, with a remembering and understanding rate of almost 90%.





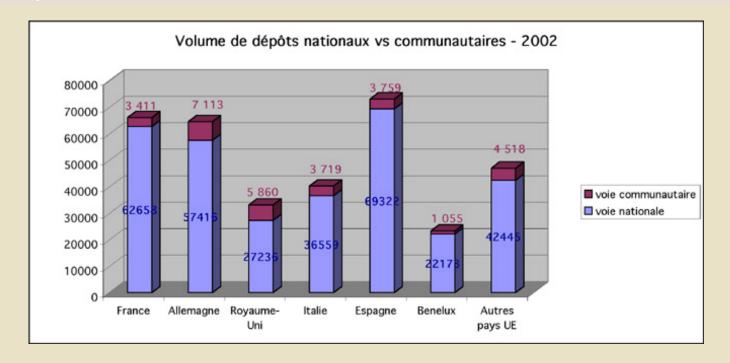
Conclusion



- The trademark is an essential feature of our training and awareness-raising policy, but is often integrated within a global approach to industrial property.
- The area in France where efforts still need to be made is that of the Community trademark. It is little used by companies.

Conclusion (2/3)





Source: OHMI 2003



Conclusion (3/3)



- A reticence linked to a lack of information and communication.
- Initial avenues of reflection prompted by a survey of French users:
 - 4 simplify and make access to information easier on the OHIM site,
 - 4 put greater emphasis on information, particularly by the professionals,
 - 4 develop joint training activities with the OHIM and with the professionals.

