

# NLO in Belgium



**Fortified with expertise**  
For future-proof IP protection



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Whether it's a game changing business model, a pioneering discovery or a brand new trademark; NLO's specialists strengthen your idea, design or trademark and record it in strong patents, design or trademark registrations.

## **Our services**

Our experienced patent and trademark attorneys and formalities officers form an efficient, effective and secure extension to your R&D or in-house patent team. Our dedicated Search & Watch department has access to all relevant databases, enabling us to provide reliable patent research, including novelty searches, landscaping or patent watches.

Furthermore, by having our own in-house US attorneys and agent who are authorised to act before the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO), NLO is uniquely positioned to efficiently protect your interests in the US.

## **Tailored to your needs**

Your adviser is not only a subject matter expert, but he or she will also tailor our services to your requirements, from devising a patent strategy that is aligned with your budget to receiving regular status updates in a specific format. Aside from regular face-to-face meetings, we would be happy to accommodate any temporary or permanent need to work on-site.

# Expertise



With 15 patent attorneys in Belgium, NLO serves a wide range of clients including multinationals, SMEs, start-ups, hospitals, universities and other (public) institutions.

Most patent attorneys have a doctorate degree. Moreover, some of our advisers have previously worked as in-house patent attorneys. We partner up with our clients in the worldwide prosecution of their patent portfolio. In addition to prosecution, we regularly assist our clients in opposition procedures before the EPO and in invalidity and infringement procedures in the National Courts of Belgium and the Netherlands.

Our Belgian teams offer the entire range of Intellectual Property services, with patent attorneys specialised in the following fields:

## **Mechanics, Electronics and Software**

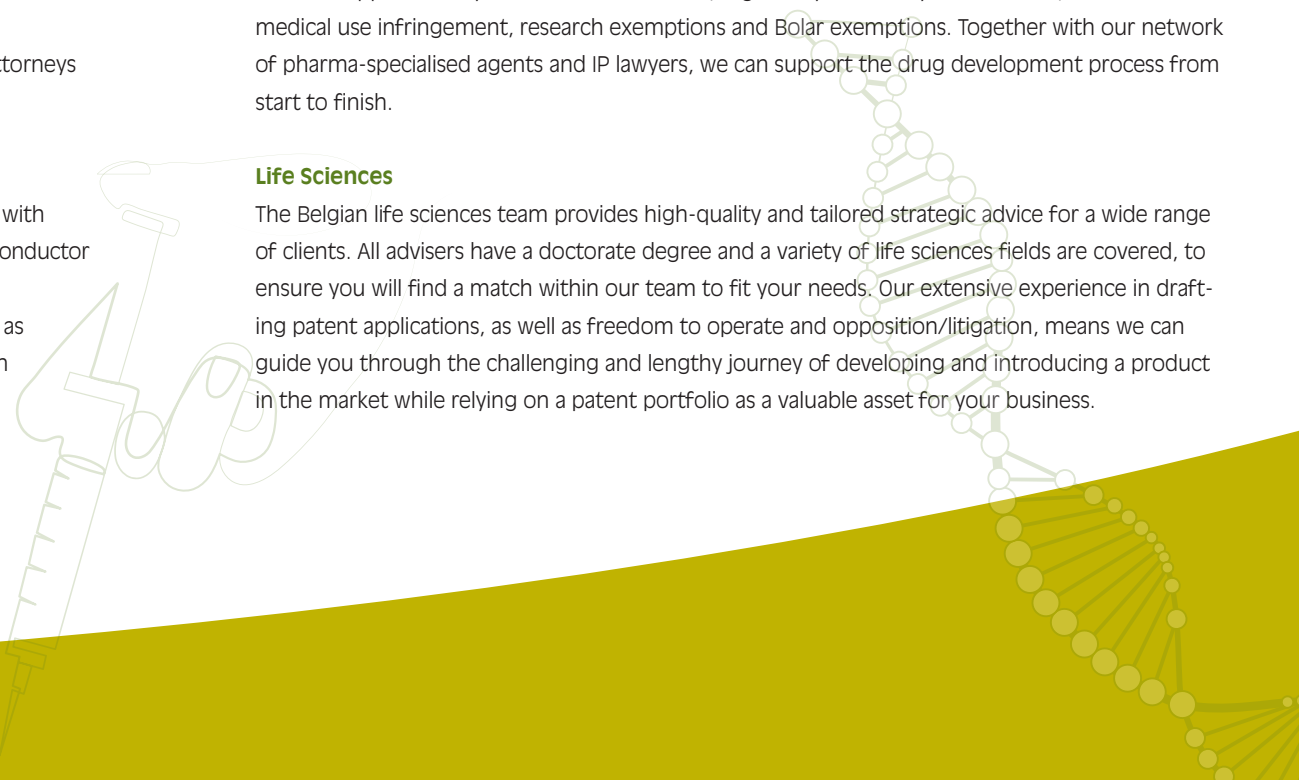
The field of mechanics, electronics and software is represented by several professionals with experience in mechanical engineering, electronics, telecommunication, energy and semiconductor technology, among others. Each of these professionals has a technical and/or scientific background, supplemented with legal training in one or more patent jurisdictions, such as Belgium or the United Kingdom. Furthermore, our attorneys have years of experience in supporting and advising clients in this domain.

## **Pharma and Chemistry**

The pharma and chemistry team offers specific expertise in the area of (small molecule) pharmaceuticals, both from a technical perspective as well as from a broader product lifecycle perspective. Our advisers have hands-on experience in patent drafting, worldwide patent prosecution and litigious proceedings. Additionally, we have in-depth knowledge in niche fields such as Supplementary Protection Certificates, regulatory exclusivity mechanisms, second medical use infringement, research exemptions and Bolar exemptions. Together with our network of pharma-specialised agents and IP lawyers, we can support the drug development process from start to finish.

## **Life Sciences**

The Belgian life sciences team provides high-quality and tailored strategic advice for a wide range of clients. All advisers have a doctorate degree and a variety of life sciences fields are covered, to ensure you will find a match within our team to fit your needs. Our extensive experience in drafting patent applications, as well as freedom to operate and opposition/litigation, means we can guide you through the challenging and lengthy journey of developing and introducing a product in the market while relying on a patent portfolio as a valuable asset for your business.





# NLO Services – Your creation is in good hands

Protecting and reinforcing our clients' ideas, innovations and trademarks, keeping a sharp eye on the market in which they operate – this has been our ambition for over 130 years. All our services are based on the following values: **quality, operational excellence and cost control**. Below you can find all the intellectual property services offered by NLO at a glance.

## NLO IP Services

### Advice and filing

- Patent applications
- Trademark and Design registrations
- Preliminary search and prosecution
- Portfolio management
- Administration management
- Strategic advice
- IP Due Diligence
- Opposition
- Infringement
- SPC
- In-house US Practice

### Searches and Watches

- Patentability search
- Availability search
- User search
- Patent Landscaping
- Freedom to Operate Search
- Patent Watch
- Validity Search

### IP Services

- Validation of EP patents
- Foreign filings
- Renewals
- Recordals

For more information on our services and dedicated advisers please visit [www.nlo.eu](http://www.nlo.eu)

# NLO Offices

- The **Ghent** office is located within the innovation campus in Zwijnaarde, which is a vibrant ecosystem of international corporate R&D centers, public research institutes and high-tech growth enterprises.
- Our office in **Mechelen** is situated in the city center and has been strategically chosen for its central location at the heart of Flanders.
- Our headquarters is situated in **The Hague**, the Netherlands, only 15 minutes from the EPO.





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