

## OUR WHY

### Uniqueness of a moment

The patent files are interesting both from a **thematic point** of view, as they cover various fields (from printing and bookbinding to industries), and from a **historical point of view**, since they date back to the time of the **Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes** and later the **Kingdom of Yugoslavia** (from 1922 to 1942).



## Legal deposit

the National and University Library acquired the patent files as part of the legal deposit collected by the national libraries of the former Yugoslavia.

Impressive **11.000 patent** files not catalogued nor documented during the past period. However, our predecessors had organised and protected them in suitable folders kept in depots.

# Patent files in National and University library of Slovenia

## National borders

# but material have changed, has remained.

## MOVING TO DIGITAL

we decided to digitise the collection and make it available to a wider public as a **digital collection**.

## OUR STEPS

### Identification process

The files were sorted according to their thematic topics, and a list of all patent files was made. The data was taken from the Official Gazette of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and of the Provincial Government for Slovenia, in which the patent groups were divided by numbers and within subclasses.

### (Creative) cataloguing

Cataloguing of each individual patent file would be time-consuming so **collective entries** has been chosen to optimise the process. Collective entries also enable more creativity - a title created by a cataloguer can also be changed, if a new title more accurately describes the collection and if better meets users' search requirements.

## Digitisation & Digital collection

The digitisation of patent files and scanogram processing were performed by an external contractor. During the project, a total of **61,772 pages** of patent files were digitised and published on the Digital Library of Slovenia website.

