

# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: The IP actions of the EUIPO globally

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#### **PROGRAMME**

### 33' Presentation

- General introduction to the international cooperation
- Tangible impact of our actions
- Cooperation with partners
- Looking to the future

12' Questions and answers













#### **ASIA**

# Where can I NOT receive help on how to protect my IP rights portfolio?



- A. India
- B. China
- C. South-East Asia
- D. Help is everywhere







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#### **AFRICA**

A geographical indication (GI) is a sign that protect a product from a specific geographical origin and with qualities that are due to that origin.

How many African Geographical Indications are protected in the EU?



A. 7

B. 17

C. 107







# GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION





#### **EXTERNAL ACTIONS @EUIPO**

- ONE-TO-ONE COOPERATION: TOOLS & PRACTICES
- EU-FUNDED PROJECTS
- DEPLOYED EXPERTS: IP ATTACHÉS







#### HOW?

## One-to-one cooperation: IPOs and international organisations

- Extend the tools, standards and practices
- Develop tools jointly with non-EU stakeholders



**Tools, Practices, Events** 

## Projects implementation: cooperation with IP stakeholders

- ✓ Build a trust network
- Increase transparency and enforcement
- ✓ Raise awareness

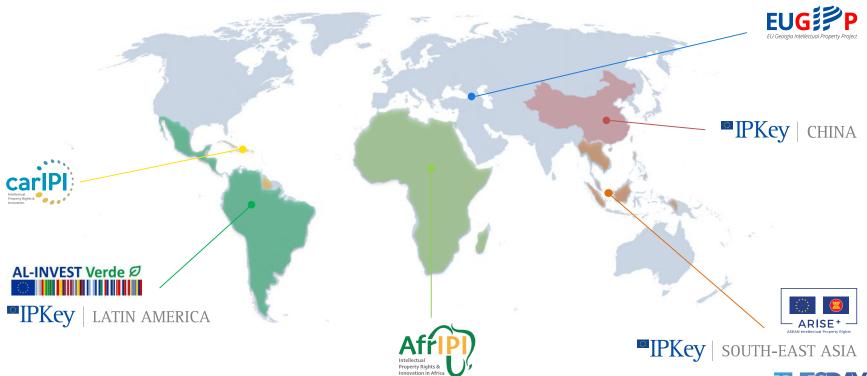


Conferences, agreements, trainings, networks, legislative developments, academic exchanges, webinars, etc.





#### WHERE?







HOW MUCH?		
IP Key China III	€4.6 M	09/2022 - 08/2025
IP Key Latin America II	€4.3 M	02/2022 - 01/2025
IP Key South-east Asia II	€4.3 M	04/2022 - 03/2025
ARISE+ IPR (ASEAN)	€ 5.5 M	01/2018 – 06/2023
CarlPl (Cariforum)	€4M	11/2019 - 04/2024
Pan-Africa IPR Action	€ 17.1 M	01/2020 - 01/2025
EUGIPP (Georgia)	€ 1.42 M	01/2020 - 06/2023
AL-INVEST MERCOSUR	€2.8 M	12/2021 - 11/2024
TOTAL BUDGET	€ 44 M	2018 - 2025
EUIPO's contribution	€ 11.5 M (26% of total)	





#### WHAT?



#### Legislative framework



Strenghtening of IP institutions



Enhancing enforcement policies and practices



SMEs and awareness raising

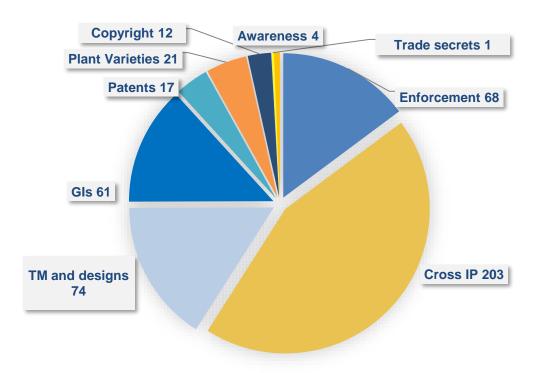


Cooperation on all IP rights





#### **ACTIVITIES SINCE 2021**









#### **COOPERATION WITH USERS**



#### 1 Consultations

Legislative amendments
Comparative studies



#### 2 Vendor List for expertise

Studies (public and confidential) Compilation of case-law



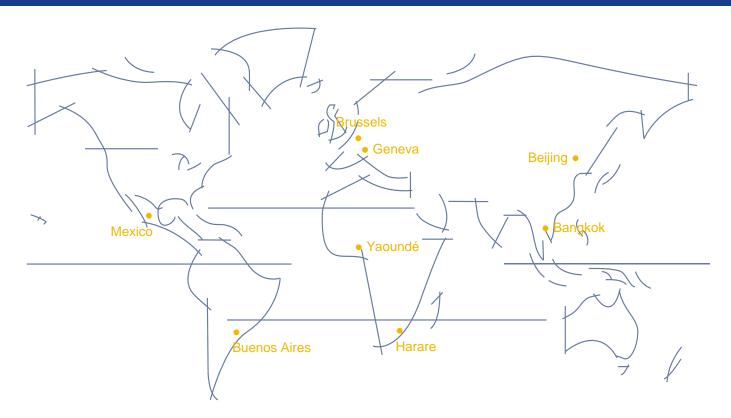
#### 3 Participation in activities

Conferences and Seminars Communication Campaigns Trainings





#### **DEPLOYED EUIPO EXPERTS**













#### **IMPACT**

# What are the tangible IMPACTS?



#### **SMEs in AFRICA**



I'm an SME. How can I access the African market and protect my IP rights?

## The Africa IP SME Helpdesk

- Helpline reply to IP questions
- Provide confidential advice
- Organise training events
- Publish IP resources





#### **SMEs in GEORGIA**









#### **GIs in AFRICA**



I'm part of an African local farming association. Can my products be protected in the EU?

'Poivre de Penja': second African GI application in the EU

Cultivated on the volcanic slopes of Mount Cameroon since the 1950s: seasoning qualities and lingering flavours

#### **REGISTRATION IMPLICATIONS**

- → members exclusively entitled
- → prevent abuse
- → prevent unhealthy competition
- → foster production and marketing
- → boost market value
- → increased commercialisation on the EU market





#### **GIs in CHINA**

How do I know that my products (protected by EU GIS) are protected in China?

Anjou Chianti Douro La Mancha Rioja



Danablu



Scottish farmed salmon



Armagnac Grappa Finnish fruit liquor Irish cream Irish whisky Original Lithuanian Vodka Polish vodka



Queso Manchego

Camembert de



Gorgonzola



Parmeggiano Reggiano



**Prosciutto** di Parma









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**PLANT VARIETIES** 

**IN ECUADOR** 



ALIGNMENT OF COUNTRIES INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

IN LATIN AMERICA

- Brazil and Hague System (designs)
- Peru and Geneva Act (AO and GI)

TO INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS



- Dialogues
- Reports to EU Delegation
- Studies and training events







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#### **GLOBAL HARMONISATION OF PRACTICES**

I own a trade mark in my home country and want to register it abroad. How do I know that it will also be protected in other country?











#### **COOPERATION WITH PARTNERS**

#### **5 LARGEST TM IPOs**

## **TM5** ID5

#### **Upcoming projects**

- E-learning platforms for SMEs
- Protection of Digital Design in Metaverse
- Opposition and Appeal













#### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

Georgia



Ukraine



Moldavia





Western Balkans















#### **ASIA**

I'm an **EU business** and my goods are **counterfeited**. To which extent can the project help me **defend my rights**?



- A. Opportunity to get direct contact with **enforcement authorities**
- B. Opportunity to get direct contact with owners of counterfeit products
- C. Access to relevant sources of information to know which steps to follow
- D. Unfortunately, **no help** can be received on this matter.







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# How can users contribute to (the success of) our activities?

- A. As experts at conferences, seminars with local authorities
- B. As experts in studies and compilation of local data
- **C.** By responding to public consultations (e.g. on draft legislative amendments)
- D. By sending complaints to helpdesks about our projects activities
- **E.** All of the above







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#### **WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS**



















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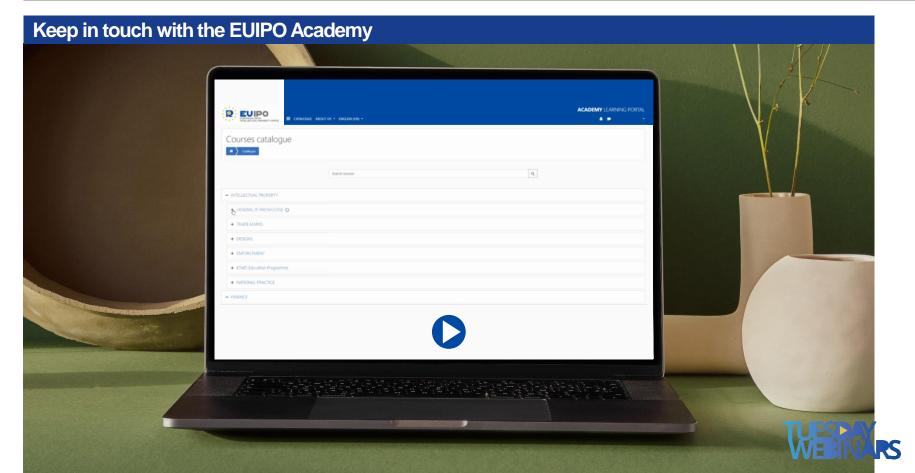
















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