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The first round of negotiations between the Republic of Moldova and Georgia on the mutual recognition and protection of geographical indications (GIs) took place on November 14 at the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI).

The negotiations were attended by the Moldovan delegation headed by AGEPI Director General Lilia Bolocan and the Georgian delegation headed by Nikoloz Gogilidze, Chairman of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI).

The participants in the negotiations exchanged opinions and information on the latest developments in the geographical indications system in the Republic of Moldova and Georgia.

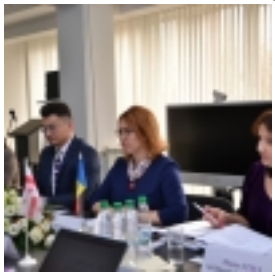
Subsequently, the parties brought up for discussion the text of the draft Agreement on Mutual Protection of Geographical Indications, focusing on issues related to the recognition, use and protection of GIs, their relation to trademarks, the territorial application of the Agreement, etc.

Negotiations on the draft Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and Georgia on the recognition and protection of geographical indications were initiated by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Moldova No.415-VIII of October 30, 2017.

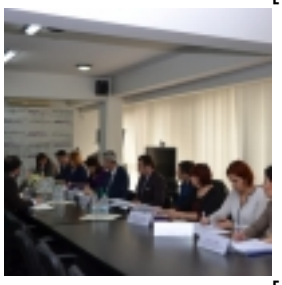
In the following days, according to the program, Georgia’s delegation will participate in the third edition of the International Innovation Conference and the International Specialized Exhibition “INFOINVENT”, 15th edition, to be held from 15 to 18 November, at the International Exhibition Center “Moldexpo”, events organized by the State Agency on Intellectual Property.

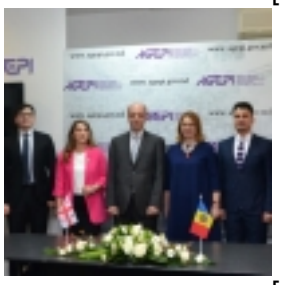
The relations between the Republic of Moldova and Georgia in the field of intellectual property have a history of more than 20 years and in 2013, AGEPI and SAKPATENTI signed a Memorandum of Understanding that aims to strengthen cooperation between the two offices. Once signed, the Agreement on Mutual Protection of Geographical Indications will contribute to the expansion of the cooperation areas between the Republic of Moldova and Georgia and will provide new opportunities for the exporters of domestic products from both countries.


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