Seminar Dedicated to the Development and Promotion of Products with Geographical Indications

A series of training seminars and workshops on geographical indications (GIs), appellations of origin (AO) and traditional specialties guaranteed (TSG) take place in the period 19-30 March 2018 at the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI), intended for producers of the Republic of Moldova.

The events are organized within the framework of the Action Plan on implementation of the EU Technical Assistance Project “Support to Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights” in the Republic of Moldova, being carried out in cooperation with AGEPI.

Seminars and training workshops are open to producers of products of animal and vegetal origin, members of the fruit producers’ associations, beekeepers’ and honey producers’ associations, grape producers’ associations and dairy and meat producers’ associations.

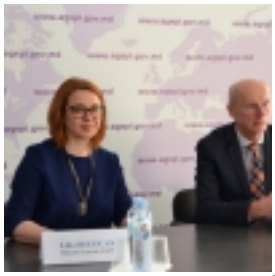
The start was given on 19 March, with the training seminar “Steps, Procedures and Set of Documents Required for Products Suitable for Registration as Geographical Indications” for producers identified with products of animal origin and traditional specialties suitable registration as geographical indications.

In the opening of the event, Director General of AGEPI Lilia Bolocan spoke about benefits of business based on geographical indications and their development potential. “The Agency has made and will continue to make strong efforts to create a strong system of protection and promotion of geographical indications in the Republic of Moldova,” said Lilia Bolocan.

During the seminar, the participants were familiarized with the organizational and legal forms of registration of producer groups, with the steps of registration and recognition of producer groups, with the legislative and normative basis of bookkeeping and invoicing of sales revenues and production costs for associative forms of farmers, as well as with the tax incentives applicable to associative forms of farmers.

The legislative and regulatory requirements applicable to the certification and registration of products of animal origin with geographical indication and the provisions of the inspection and certification procedures for products with GI in accordance with ISO 17065 have also been presented.

The Technical assistance Project “Support to Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights”, funded by the European Union, has a duration of two years and is due to be completed in November 2018. One of the basic objectives of the project is to improve the geographical indications system in the Republic of Moldova.


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