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In the Republic of Moldova, the intellectual property issues are given every year an ever-increasing attention from the Government, especially in the context of the process of integration of our country into the European Union and adjustment of the national intellectual property (IP) system to international and European standards. AGEPI, in cooperation with other responsible authorities, is actively involved in enhancing intellectual property knowledge, identifying the challenges faced by the authorities responsible for the enforcement of intellectual property rights (IPR) and exchanging experiences, best practices and intellectual property dispute resolution tools, said Lilia Bolocan, Director General of the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI), during the first day of the Regional Seminar “Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights”.

In her communication, Lilia Bolocan also spoke about AGEPI’s activities to raise awareness as an objective of the National Intellectual Property Strategy until 2020 as well as the opportunities offered by the Regional Seminar, among which she mentioned:

- multilateral analysis of the issues related to the proposed topic;
- taking over the best experiences and practices on topics of major interest to society;
- familiarization with the developments in jurisprudence, etc., all of which are primarily focused on enforcement of trademark rights.

The Regional Seminar, which took place in Chisinau on 5-6 June, brought together about 100 participants from eleven countries, including Albania, Azerbaijan, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, Montenegro, Holland, Romania, Tajikistan and the Republic of Moldova. Representatives of WIPO, the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM), the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, and the US Embassy in Chisinau also took part in the event.

The seminar was aimed in particular at representatives of the judiciary system, public authorities responsible for the protection and enforcement of IPR, right holders and representatives in intellectual property.

For a period of two days, the participants in the Seminar addressed current IPR enforcement issues, such as border protection measures, evidence of intellectual property rights violations, including in the application of interim measures and at the stage of adoption of court rulings, the assessment of IPR infringement damages, IP infringement in the digital environment, the role of right holders in IPR enforcement, trademark cancellation and invalidation procedures, dispose of IPR infringing goods, proportionality of the sentence, etc. At the same time, the seminar presented the experiences of the States participating in the Seminar on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights, and also in the field of public/public and public/private strategic cooperation.

The Regional Seminar was organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the State Agency on Intellectual Property and the National Institute of Justice of the Republic of Moldova.



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