11/04/2026 Events

The fourth meeting of the Coordination Committee of the Moldovan-Swiss Project "Swiss PartnershIP Moldova" was held online on November 4, 2026, attended by representatives of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova, the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI), the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland (SECO), the Swiss Cooperation Bureau in the Republic of Moldova, the Swiss Federal Institute for Intellectual Property (IPI) and Helvetas Moldova.

At the opening of the meeting, Natalia Mogol, Deputy Director of AGEPI, thanked the Swiss partners for the support provided through the project and highlighted three areas of progress in the period June-November 2026: modernizing the legal framework on geographical indications, identifying the needs for strengthening the capacities of control authorities and activities related to the development of the Guide for Ascertaining the Damage Caused by the Infringement of Intellectual Property Rights. Referring to Law No 107/2026 on Geographical Indications, Traditional Specialities Guaranteed and Optional Quality Terms, which will enter into force on 2 April 2027, she highlighted the contribution of international expertise, including that of expert Dariusz Goszczyński, to the approximation of national legislation to the European Union acquis.

A welcoming message was also addressed by Dominik Abry, Program Manager at the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), who appreciated the progress made and thanked all partners for the efforts made in implementing the activities, reiterating Switzerland's support for the development of the intellectual property system in the Republic of Moldova.

Present at the meeting, Dumitru Vleju, State Secretary at the Ministry of Justice, thanked the project partners for the support provided and for the partnership developed in order to strengthen the national framework in the field of intellectual property.

During the meeting, the main achievements of the project in the period June–November 2026 were presented, as well as the activities planned for the following period. Among the ongoing activities is the development of the Guide for Ascertaining the Damage Caused by the Infringement of Intellectual Property Rights, which aims to provide courts, rightholders and practitioners with clearer and more coherent methods for assessing damages. The preparation of specialized training for inspectors of the National Food Safety Agency (NFSA) was also highlighted, in order to strengthen the capacity for official control of products with geographical indications, as well as providing technical support to the Center for Applied Metrology and Certification (CAMC) and the National Center for Animal, Plant Health and Food Safety (NCAPHFS) for the development of a certification and control system for foodstuffs with protected geographical indications (PGI), protected appellations of origin (PAO) and traditional specialties guaranteed (TSG).

Another topic addressed during the meeting concerned the extension of the project implementation period until the end of 2027. The participants agreed on this extension, and the necessary measures will be taken to carry out the related steps.

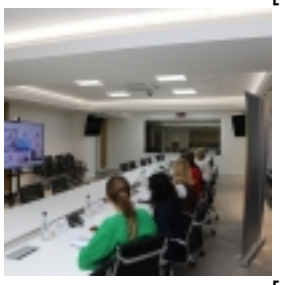
The meeting provided the opportunity to assess the progress made, review ongoing activities and coordinate actions for the coming period, reconfirming the partners' commitment to developing and strengthening the intellectual property system in the Republic of Moldova.

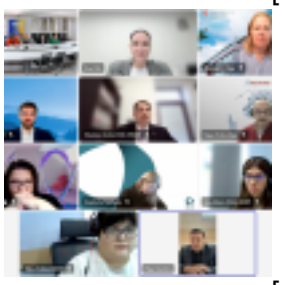


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