

Strengthening the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Armenia

General Information

Sector: Trade
Duration: 32 months
Implementation period: March 2012 - June 2014
Budget: EUR 1mln

Beneficiary Administration: [Ministry of Economy; Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia \(AIPA\)](#) 

EU MS Partners: Lead partner - [Danish Patent and Trademark Office \(DKPTO\), Denmark](#) 
Junior partner - [European Public Law Organization, Greece](#) 

Project Description

Objective: To introduce measures for strengthening the overall Intellectual Property Rights enforcement capacity of the Armenian society - public institutions, private entities and the public at large, for better understanding of and stronger involvement in the protection of intellectual property rights in line with the EU development directions and as part of executing the RA policy and reform strategy in Intellectual Property Rights enforcement.

Components: **Component I:** Strengthening the Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement Infrastructure in the Republic of Armenia
Component II: Strengthening the Intellectual Property Rights enforcement capacity of the main stakeholders
Component III: Awareness raising on Intellectual Property Rights enforcement

Achieved results: The main results achieved during the implementation of the project were as follows:

- a) Recommendations on strengthening the Intellectual Property Rights related infrastructure – Armenian Observatory Group on Counterfeiting and Piracy, Armenian Intellectual Property Agency’s structure and competences were developed, improvement of relevant Armenian legislation finalised;
- b) The judges, court personnel and prosecutors were trained in Intellectual Property Rights legislation, practices, investigation, evidencing and judgements;
- c) Trainings were conducted for Customs and Police officers on EU best practices and on work methods, on differentiating between fake and original good. Respective manuals and handbooks for specialists have been developed;
- d) 47 copyright specialists were trained from public and private sectors;
- e) ARMAUTHOR, as a collecting agency of royalties strengthened its performance and expanded cooperation with other collecting agency of royalties;
- f) A handbook was developed for SMEs;
- g) Handbooks for countering piracy and explaining Intellectual Property Rights enforcement, as well as methodological guide on authors’ rights were elaborated.

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