NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON IPR enforcement in Moldova: international standards and best practices for domestic implementation

[Chișinău, 27-28 November 2025]

# Background

In March 2025, Moldova requested a national workshop aimed at strengthening the capacity of officials from various government authorities, as well as other domestic stakeholders, to support consistent and transparent implementation of the enforcement provisions of the TRIPS Agreement. The workshop will be tailored to Moldova’s specific needs, in close cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other key partners identified by Moldova (e.g., European Union, Switzerland).

Following the initial freeze on technical assistance, ITTC has confirmed the availability of funding to carry out this activity in 2025. ITTC will cover the travel expenses of one IPD resource person.

# Objectives

1. Strengthen the capacity of the Moldovan authorities to effectively implement the enforcement provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.
2. Enhance ability of participants to formulate and implement enforcement strategies through the sharing of experiences and best practices on specific IP enforcement issues.
3. Foster a network of colleagues across different agencies to support the development and national ownership of the enforcement of intellectual property rights.

# National workshop

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| Duration: | Three days: The first two days of plenary and group work with all the stakeholders, and the third day with the team working on enforcement. |
| Tentative dates: | 27-28 November 2025, workshop with national enforcement stakeholders and local experts on (1 December) |
| Modality: | In-person in Chișinău, with possible virtual participation of certain speakers. |
| Language: | The working language of this activity will be English, all documents and presentations will be delivered in that language *[and the Moldovan authorities are exploring providing translation/ interpretation, as appropriate*]. |
| Audience: | The Workshop aims to bring together key stakeholders involved in the enforcement of intellectual property rights in Moldova, including judicial authorities (judges, court clerks and advisors), relevant government authorities (e.g., IP office, ministries, prosecutors and law enforcement officials), IP right holders, legal practitioners specializing in IP law, academics and experts in IP enforcement, and representatives of business associations and civil society involved in IP policy and enforcement. The Moldovan Authorities will identify the potential participants and invite them. |
| Venue: | [*To be confirmed by the Moldovan Authorities*.] |

# Draft Programme

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| Day | Time | Topic | Suggested Speaker(s) |
| 14:10-14:30Day 1 - Plenary | 9:00-9:30 | Registration and Opening | Moldovan Authorities, WTO-IPD and WIPO Experts |
| **Session 1: The international framework for IP enforcement in Moldova** | | |
| 9:30-10:00 | Introduction to the Legal Framework: TRIPS and enforcement provisions | Ms Tanuja Garde, Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division (IPD), WTO |
| 10:00–10:30 | Building Respect for IP: Perspective from WIPO | Mr Samer Al-Tarawneh, Legal Counsellor, Building Respect for IP Division, WIPO [TBC] |
| 10:30-10:45 | Q&A/discussion | |
| *10:45-11:00* | ***Coffee break*** | |
| **Session 2: IP enforcement in Moldova: state of play and challenges** | | |
| 11:00-11:30 | [Coordination of enforcement of IPRs in Moldova] | [Mr Eugeniu Rusu, Director General of AGEPI and Chair of the IPR Observatory] |
| 11:30-12:00 | [State of play on enforcement of IPRs in Moldova] | Representative of IPR enforcement body (tbc) |
| 12:00-12:15 | Q&A/discussion | |
| *12:15-13:30* | **Lunch break** | |
| **Session 3: Private sector perspectives on current issues in IP enforcement** | | |
| 13:30-13:50 | Current best practices on IP enforcement and the Moldovan experience | Kenny Wright, IP Enforcement Expert, Global-IPR |
| 13:50-14:10 | IP enforcement in Moldova: a private sector perspective on IP enforcement and current trends in the music industry | Graeme Grant, Vice President of Global Content Protection, Universal Music |
| 14:10-14:30 | Moldovan private sector perspective | tbc |
| 14:30-15:00 | Q&A/discussion | |
| *15:00-15:15* | ***Coffee break*** | |
| ***Session 4: Law enforcement and IP crime*** | | |
| 15:15-15:40 | National Experiences and Best Practices in prosecuting IP crime | Prosecutor – member of the EIPPN |
|  | 15:40-16:05 | Best practices from a law enforcement perspective | Kristi O’Malley, International Computer Hacking & Intellectual Property (ICHIP) Attorney Advisor, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Embassy Bucharest |
|  | 16:05-16:30 | Moldova's experience in prosecuting IP crime | Moldovan prosecution service? |
| 16:30-17:00 | Q&A/discussion | |

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|  | **Session 5: The role of the judiciary in IP enforcement** | | |
| Day 2 – Plenary | 9:00-9:30 | Relevant Decisions from International Courts and Tribunals | EUROJUST /WIPO experts |
| 9:30-10:00 | Moldovan judicial experiences and challenges | Moldovan Judge/expert |
| 10:00-10:30 | National Experiences and Best Practices in Damage Calculation | Dr Eike Nielsen, Judge, German Federal Patent Court |
| *10:30-10:45* | ***Coffee break*** | |
| **Interactive Group Exercise** | | |
| 10:45-12:15 | Group work: SWOT analysis with regard to different focus areas in IP enforcement. | All resource persons facilitate |
| *12:15-13:30* | ***Lunch break*** | |
| **Reporting back to Plenary and Wrap-up** | | |
| 13:30-14:00 | Group 1 report | Presented by international expert based on inputs from national stakeholder groups |
| 14:00-14:30 | Group 2 report | Presented by international expert based on inputs from national stakeholder groups |
| 14:30-15:00 | Group 3 report | Presented by international expert based on inputs from national stakeholder groups |
| *15:00-15:15* | *Coffee break* |  |
| 15:15-15:45 | Debrief and closure of the plenary | All resource persons facilitate |
|  | 15:45-16:00 | Evaluation and Closing | WTO, WIPO |

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| Follow-up: |
| The programme could be complemented by virtual follow-up calls for presentation of progress made on the national work programme. |