



Annual Work Plan 1 01/02 – 31/10/2020

II Sub-PSC Meeting | 14/10/2020



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About AWP1

- 9 MONTHS (1ST FEBRUARY – 31ST OCTOBER 2020)
- 4 WORK PACKAGES, 13 ACTIVITIES

Number of events organized and co-organized: 25

of which:

- Trainings (in-person): 3
- Trainings (virtual): 15
- Other events (awareness raising): 5
- Technical assistance missions: 2

Number of attendances in trainings: 1020

Communication products produced: 12

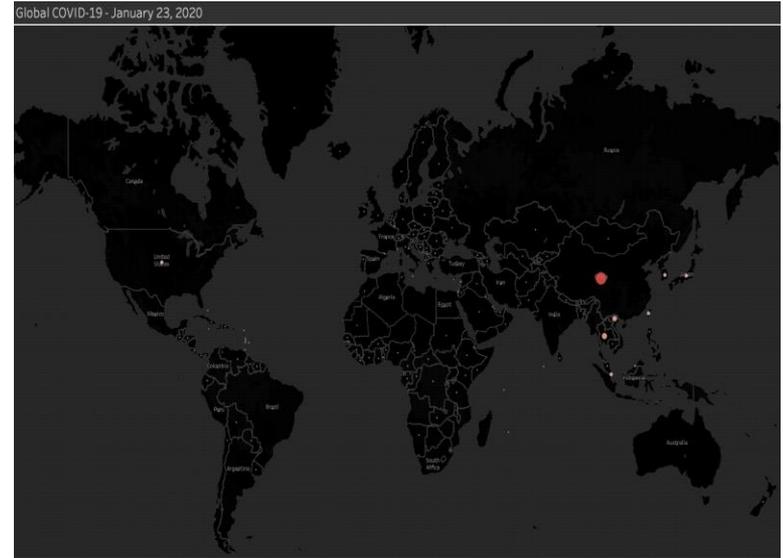
Recordings / videos: 13 EN originals, subtitled in 3 languages

Number of new services online in CS: 5 (CU 3, DO 1, KN 1)

*Inception started in November,
AWP 1 implementation in February*

*Many planned activities have been
affected by the COVID-19 pandemic*

Moved to virtual implementation



A.1 POLICY-LEVEL LAUNCH AND PROMOTION OF IMPORTANCE OF IPR

- 1st Sub-PSC Meeting, Barbados 27-29 Jan 2020



- ✓ OWP and AWP1 approved
- ✓ 2-day IPR workshop
- ✓ 15 CS IPOs, EUD, CARIFORUM Dir.

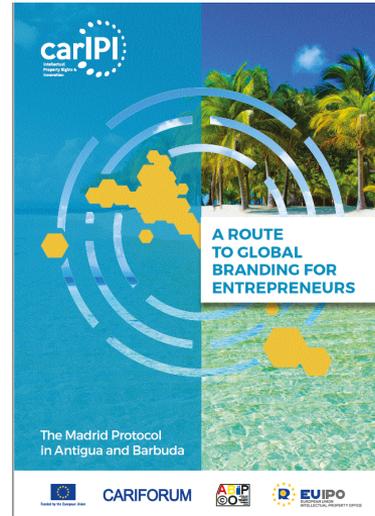
- Presentation of the project at the 9th Trade and Development Committee Meeting, Brussels, 28-29 November 2019
- Fact finding missions and meetings in some countries; VICOs with other stakeholders

A.1 POLICY-LEVEL LAUNCH AND PROMOTION OF IMPORTANCE OF IPR

IP day campaign - 26 April



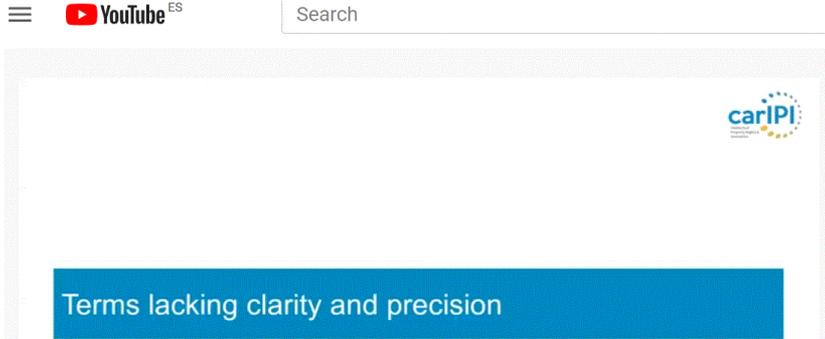
Booklet on Madrid Protocol



20th Anniversary of membership in the Madrid System

Practical toolkit for the business sector of Antigua & Barbuda – outlining how they can take max benefit of this international registration system

A.2 SPECIALIZED TRAINING ON TMS FOR IPO STAFF



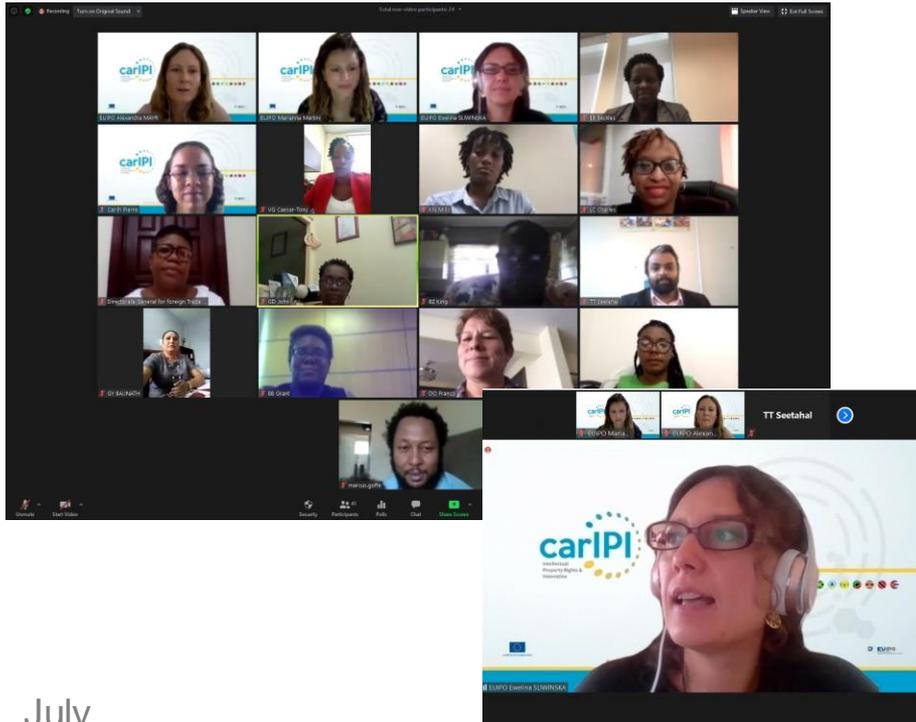
TM Classification Trends and Good Practice

- ✓ 45 participants from 14 CF
- ✓ 100% satisfaction
- ✓ 21% declared the event “exceeded expectations”
- ✓ Training translated in ES



May 19

A.2 SPECIALIZED TRAINING ON TMS FOR IPO STAFF



Trade mark opposition procedures; and TM distinctiveness and likelihood of confusion

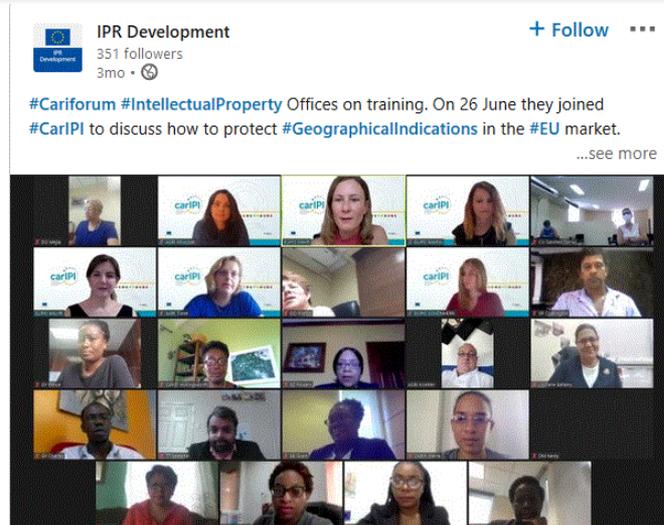
- ✓ 35 participants from 14 CF countries
- ✓ 94% satisfaction
- ✓ 27% declared the event “exceeded expectations”
- ✓ Training recorded and subtitled in ES, FR, Dutch
- ✓ Interest gathered for future trainings (i.e. non-traditional TM; bad faith registration..etc)

July

A.3 TRAINING ON GIS FOR IPO STAFF

Protecting non-EU Geographical Indications in the EU

- ✓ 4 speakers
- ✓ 48 participants from 14 CF countries
- ✓ 100% satisfaction
- ✓ 16% declared the event “exceeded expectations”
- ✓ Training recorded and translated in ES, FR, Dutch



June /July

Technical aspects of the relationship between GIs and TMs

- ✓ 44 participants from 14 CF countries
- ✓ 100% satisfaction
- ✓ Training recorded and translated in ES, FR, Dutch
- ✓ Interest gathered for future trainings (i.e. collective and certification marks, TM absolute grounds and relative grounds examination)

A.4 REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS



15 July 2020
Official Act by the
Minister of Agriculture
in DO and first 13
Breeders' titles
delivered to five
national companies

To be shared with the
region under AWP2

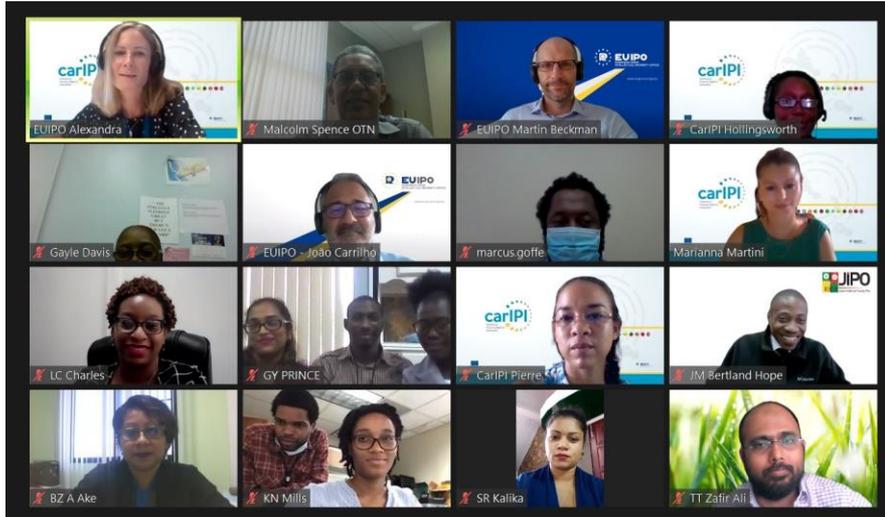
Technical Assistance to support effective Plant Variety Registrations -Dominican Republic

DO was already UPOV member;
PVR Applications had been received

CarIPI provided support to:

- Set-up procedures,
- Develop examination manual, forms and templates
- Train examiners;
- Leading to 13 first PVR examined and growing

A.5. REGIONAL TM DATABASE PILOT INTEGRATIONS - AND IT TOOLS WORKSHOP



- ✓ Several bilateral meetings with IPOs
- ✓ Test data exchanged: WIPO-TTIPO
- ✓ IT tools workshop:
 - 44 participants
 - 91% satisfaction
 - 17% declared the event “exceeded expectations”
- ✓ Next: more bilateral meetings with countries to identify steps to take

Benefits and strategic and practical implications of TMView and TMClass highlighted

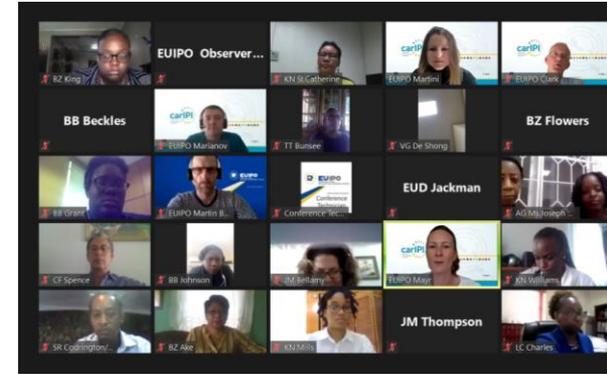
Offices joining TM View:
Cuba
TT in progress

A.6 DEVELOP A COMMON CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES DATABASE

- Proposal presented at 1st sub-PSC meeting in January
- Terms of Reference and list of terms distributed in March
- Classification training and discussion held on May 19th

Results

- Regional interface prototype created by EUIPO
- IP Offices indicating which list of terms is accepted:
 - ✓ *St. Kitts and Nevis*
 - ✓ *Dominican Republic*
 - ✓ *Suriname (tentative)*
 - ✓ *Trinidad and Tobago (tbc)*
- IP Offices joining TM Class with this list:
 - ✓ *St. Kitts and Nevis*
 - ✓ *Dominican Republic*

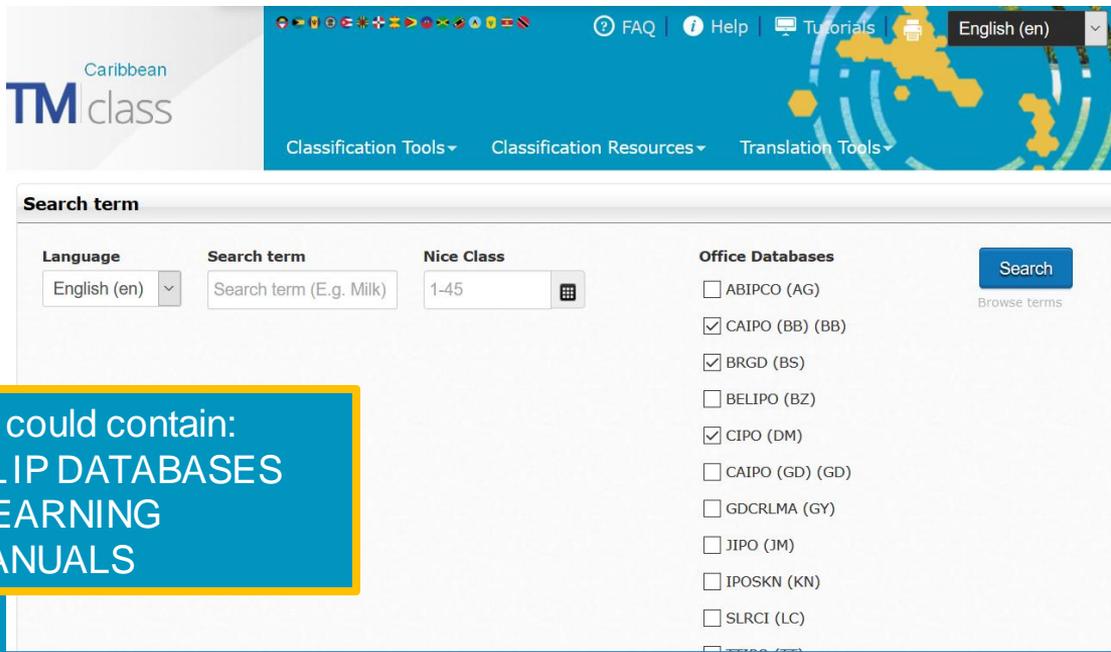


27 July: The Dominican Republic and Saint Kitts and Nevis join TMclass

A.7 REGIONAL IP PORTAL - PROPOSAL AND EXIT STRATEGY

A regional IP portal will contribute to enhance transparency and awareness on IP in the region, can help to generate policy impetus and bring about stronger regional integration in the medium-term, paving the way for further harmonisation efforts.

- ✓ **Completed:** first content, including Caribbean TM Class interface, draft terms of reference for the portal
- **Next:** present to the sub-PSC, consult and gather feedback



The screenshot shows the Caribbean TM Class website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with flags, a language dropdown set to 'English (en)', and links for 'FAQ', 'Help', and 'Tutorials'. Below the navigation bar, there are three main sections: 'Classification Tools', 'Classification Resources', and 'Translation Tools'. The main content area is titled 'Search term' and contains three input fields: 'Language' (set to 'English (en)'), 'Search term (E.g. Milk)', and 'Nice Class' (set to '1-45'). To the right of these fields is a 'Search' button and a 'Browse terms' link. Below the search fields, there is a section titled 'Office Databases' with a list of checkboxes for various countries: ABIPCO (AG), CAIPO (BB) (BB), BRGD (BS), BELIPO (BZ), CIPO (DM), CAIPO (GD) (GD), GDCRLMA (GY), JIPO (JM), IPOSKN (KN), and SLRCI (LC).

IP Portal could contain:
REGIONAL IP DATABASES
E-LEARNING
MANUALS

A.8 CREATION OF A REGIONAL GI DATABASE

LIST LIST IMAGE

Search Country GI Type

Product Type

Apply

[Reset](#)

Displaying 1 - 15 of 15

Country	Name	Type	Product	Status	Status in EU
Dominican Republic	Cacao Dominicano	Food	Cacao	Registered	
Dominican Republic	Café Barahona	Food	Coffee	Registered	

- ✓ **Completed:** 1st GI-database prototype ready
- ✓ GI information filled in for Cuba and the Dominican Republic
- **Next:** convert into regional GIView, complete info, launch

EXAMPLE

Cacao Dominicano

GI Type: Food

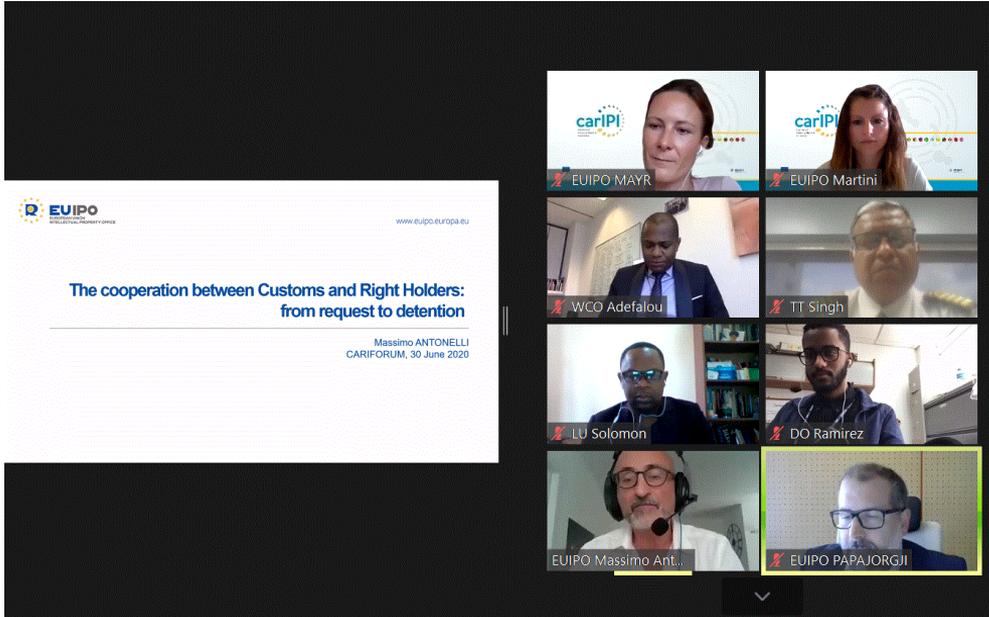
GI Status: Registered

Right Holder / Association: COMISION DE CACAO



GI Identifier: GID0000017
Type of Product: Cacao

A.9 IPR ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR FOR CUSTOMS



30th June – IPR Enforcement Seminar for Law Enforcement Agencies of CARIFORUM countries - in collaboration with WCO

- ✓ 43 participants from Customs, Police, IPOs/ EPA
- ✓ 100% satisfaction
- ✓ 23% declared the event “exceeded expectations”
- ✓ Training recorded and translated in ES, FR, Dutch
- ✓ Interest in more such events

Topics: Cooperation between Customs authorities and right holders, and Risk Management Systems.

A.10 REVIEW OF DRAFT IP LEGISLATION

- ✓ **Completed:** Review of Suriname's IP Law & mission in combination with WIPO co-organised sub-regional workshop on the Hague System for International Registration of Industrial Designs (March 2020)



06 CarIPI participates in a workshop on the Hague System in Jamaica

- **Ongoing:**
- **GI:** Review of 16 laws and elaboration of GI Model Law for all CF countries
- **Revision of draft law on Designs of KN**



02 July 2020 | CARIPPI

Suriname joins International Registration of Industrial Designs

CarIPI welcomes accession of the Republic of Suriname to the **Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs** (so-called "Geneva Act").

[...]

A.11 SUB-PSC MEETING AND CONVERGENCE TASK FORCE

Virtual Sub-PSC Meeting on 14th October

- to review the state of play of the CarIPI project and
- Agree on 2nd Annual Work Plan (AWP2), setting out the specific activities to be carried out by the project from **1.11.2020 until 31.10.2021**
- Review and validate any outputs regarding regional convergence (e.g. TM classification, regional tools...)

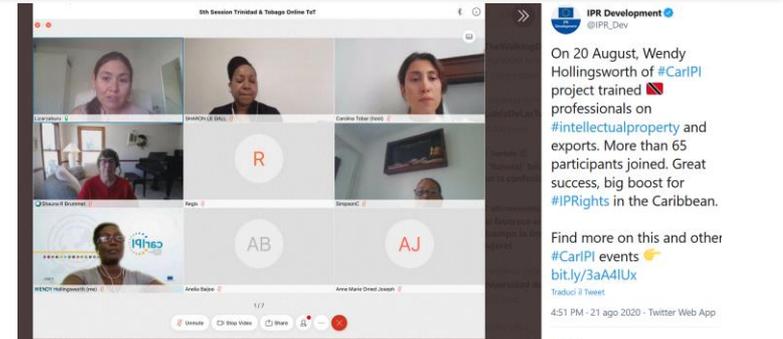


A.12 SUPPORT ON IPR FOR BUSINESS

- Almost 800 participants reached
- Awareness and skills of business intermediaries /producer associations enhanced
- High satisfaction



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a presentation slide titled "ONAPI FLUJO DE PROCESO DE REGISTRO" is displayed. The slide contains a flowchart with the following steps: "Solicitud del registro de OVP", "Examen de forma (Pagar tasa mensual)", "Si cumple", "Si no cumple (oposición)", "Examen de fondo (preferencia)", "SI O (oposición o cancelación de publicación)", "publicación en el registro oficial del OVP", "Paga tasa de publicación", "Si no hay oposición ni se cancela el registro", and "Publicación del OVP". On the right side of the Zoom window, two participants are visible: Lisibell Cordero and Jean Marc Dioulo.



The screenshot shows a Twitter post from the account @IPR_Development. The tweet text reads: "On 20 August, Wendy Hollingsworth of #CarIPI project trained professionals on #intellectualproperty and exports. More than 65 participants joined. Great success, big boost for #IPRights in the Caribbean. Find more on this and other #CarIPI events bit.ly/3aA4Ux". The tweet includes a screenshot of a Zoom meeting with several participants and a grid of icons labeled with letters like 'R', 'AB', and 'AJ'. The tweet is timestamped "4:51 PM · 21 ago 2020 · Twitter Web App".

- ✓ Training of Trainers Programme with WIPO
4, 6, 18 and 20 August
- ✓ 4 CarIPI – CEDA joint webinars
11 + 13 August and 1 + 9 October

A.13 SUPPORT TO GI PRODUCERS

Ongoing:

- 8 E-learning modules for (potential) GI producers
- 1st Live training session on 16 October



LEARNING OBJECTIVES



- Better understanding of the assets of origin-linked product
- How these assets can be identified/outlined/maintained
- Tools which can be used to identify and prioritize OLPs



IPR Development

● WEBINAR 16 OCTOBER, 9:30 am AST (3:30 pm CET)

BOOST YOUR ORIGIN LINKED PRODUCTS

SPEAKERS:

Wendy Hollingsworth,
*Intellectual Property Expert - IPR expert CARIFORUM
Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation project (CarIPI)*

Audrey Aubard,
*Secretary-General of the French Association of industrial
and handicraft Geographical Indications (AFIGIA)*

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GROWING AMOUNT OF MATERIAL



25 - 02

Jun - Jul

online

Specialised training on GIs for IPO staff

25 June - Protecting non-EU Geographical Indications in the EU

The training objective is to enhance the CARIFORUM IP Offices' technical know-how in relation to the GI examination process and criteria applied in the EU, with a view to facilitate protection in the EU of GIs protected in the CF region.

Watch these videos related with this activity:

Video 1 - Protecting non-EU Geographical Indications



Video 2 - Assessment of non-EU GI applications under bilateral agreements



Video 3 - Experience of Georgia agreement on protection of GIs with the EU



Download presentations and supporting material:

- [Presentation 1 - Monika Turek, DG AGRI/COM - Protecting non-EU Geographical Indications \[PDF - ENG\] \[1.1MB\]](#)
- [Presentation 2 - Ewa Miszczak, European Commission | Franciska Scónherr, EUIPO - Assessment of non-EU GI applications under bilateral agreements \[PDF - ENG\] \[1.5MB\]](#)
- [Presentation 3 - Sophio Mujiri - Experience of Georgia agreement on protection of GIs with the EU \[PDF - ENG\] \[1.3MB\]](#)
- [Q&As - Specialised Training for IPOs on GI Examination \[PDF - ENG\] \[0.2MB\]](#)
- [Q&As - Specialised Training for IPOs on GI Examination \[PDF - ESP\] \[0.2MB\]](#)

02 July – Technical aspects of relationship between trade marks and geographical indications

The objective of this training was to strengthen the technical capacities and skills of the CF IP Offices staff on TM and GI examination. The online training particularly focuses on the technical aspects regarding the relations between GIs and TMs (incl. collective, certification marks), PGIs and ex-officio examination of TM applications,



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