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## **Workshop on Copyright: Alignment of the Moldovan Legal Framework with the EU Acquis**

The European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) and the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI), in the context of the EU-funded EU4IP project, are organising a workshop on the compliance of the Moldovan copyright system with the EU acquis on 15 and 16 May 2025 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. The event will bring together key stakeholders, including policymakers, copyright experts and industry representatives, to discuss legislative alignment with EU standards and to exchange best practices in copyright and related rights, ultimately benefitting users and the business community.

The workshop's primary objective is to look at Moldova's current copyright framework and provide recommendations to strengthen its alignment with EU legislation, in the context of the EU4IP project. The workshop will feature experts from the EUIPO and copyright specialists from the EU Member States. Participants will examine key directives, including those governing online content-sharing services, collective rights management and copyright exceptions and limitations, focusing on their implementation in Moldova.

Discussions will also address the legal framework surrounding the right of communication to the public, multi-territorial licensing, retransmission regulations and copyright limitations, highlighting the importance of harmonising Moldova's copyright system with EU standards to improve legal certainty and enhance the rights of creators, businesses and users. Special attention will be given to the challenges of digital copyright, including private copy remuneration and the regulation of online content services.

This workshop reinforces the EUIPO's commitment to supporting Moldova's efforts to align with EU intellectual property (IP) standards.

In terms of copyright, the EUIPO manages pan-European copyright databases and portals, such as Agorateka, which helps to identify legal online content. Similarly, the Orphan Works Database and the Out-Of-Commerce Works portal provide a single online access point to discover books, photos, films and other cultural heritage institutions.

## ABOUT THE EUIPO

The [EU Intellectual Property Office](#) is one of the largest decentralised agencies of the European Union, based in Alicante, Spain. The EUIPO has managed the registration of EU trade marks since 1994, and designs since 2003, both of which are intellectual property rights that cover the 27 Member States of the EU. In 2023, the agency expanded its portfolio to include another IP right, craft and industrial geographical indications, with applications opening in December 2025. The EUIPO also carries out cooperation activities at EU and international level to create a level playing field in the world of IP. It also hosts the [European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights](#). In 2024, it was ranked the world's [most innovative IP office](#) for the fifth time.

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## ABOUT THE AGEPI

The State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova ([AGEPI](#)) is the central administrative authority for the legal protection of intellectual property relating to industrial property rights, copyright and related rights. The AGEPI's mission is to promote and implement policies in the field of intellectual property, making the intellectual property system more efficient in order to promote technological progress, stimulate creativity and contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of the Republic of Moldova. The AGEPI grants legal protection in the territory of the Republic of Moldova to inventions, plant varieties, trade marks, industrial designs, geographical indications, appellations of origin, traditional specialties guaranteed, copyright and related rights. In July 2011, the AGEPI established an Observatory on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) to ensure the exchange of information between the authorities responsible for monitoring the enforcement of intellectual property rights. The Republic of Moldova has a modern legal system for IP that is in line with international and European standards.

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