

# CarIPI

CARIFORUM Intellectual Property  
Rights and Innovation

## How CarIPI supports to endeavour to adhere to international IP Treaties

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Value of International IP Systems for global trade  
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## CarIPI – in a nutshell (2025-2029)

Covering 16 CARIFORUM countries	Antigua & Barbuda; the Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guyana; Haiti; Jamaica; Saint Lucia; St Vincent and the Grenadines; St Kitts and Nevis; Suriname; Trinidad & Tobago; and Cuba
Implementing agency	European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)
Implementation modality	Contribution Agreement EU-EUIPO

Total duration	48 months, Apr 2025 – Mar 2029
Total Budget	EUR 3.571.428,57
EU financing (amount)	70% (2.500.000 EUR)
EUIPO contribution	30% (1,071,428.57 EUR)

## CarIPI objectives

- I. Modernised and harmonised IP legal frameworks and international IP treaties promoted
- II. More efficient and more harmonised administrations offering high quality services to the users, including effective enforcement of IPR
- III. Increased awareness on the importance of IP protection and enforcement among policymakers, businesses, creators and society at large and empowering women and youth
- IV. Improved capacity of the productive sector (MSMEs/SMEs) to create, protect, utilize, commercialize and enforce their IPRs

## EU – CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement and IP Treaties

### 144 – Trademarks

“The EC Party and the Signatory CARIFORUM States shall endeavour to accede to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (1989) “

### 146 – Designs

“The EC Party and the Signatory CARIFORUM States shall endeavour to accede to the Hague Agreement for the International Registration of Industrial Designs (1999)”

## IP protection in a global market

-  IP rights are territorial
-  Businesses operate globally
-  Different protection systems, procedures, languages → barriers, especially for SMEs


## International & Regional Solutions

- International agreements: common standards, simplified filing
  - Examples: Madrid Protocol, Hague Agreement, Lisbon Agreement
- Regional systems: cover multiple countries via one registration
  - Example: European Union

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## What we do

-  Feasibility studies for accession
-  Review of legislation and/or legislative assistance
-  Hands-on guides for entrepreneurs
-  Training for private sector
-  Specialized on-the-job training for IP administrations

## Benefits of Madrid Protocol



## THE MADRID SYSTEM BOOKLETS



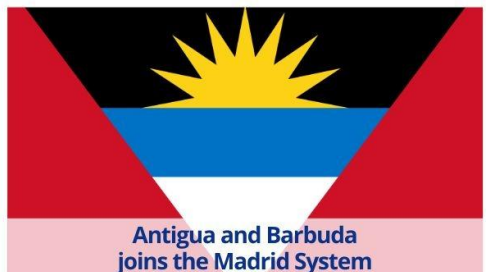
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## Accession to International IP treaties by CS



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