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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

GR/002/2019

Support Intellectual Property Network for Prosecutors

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1. Objectives and Description

To support the work of the EU intellectual property prosecutors, the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights has developed a number of initiatives. However, there is a need for more practical and operational discussion among prosecutors in different EU regions. This call for proposal aims at funding regional prosecutor's meetings to:

- develop EU MS capacities to share good practices, build stronger networking amongst EU MS prosecutors and facilitate practical and more specific discussions with regional peers, assuring a stronger EU and international judicial cooperation;
- disseminate, promote and discuss the results of the 3-5 yearly UNICRI developed A-Z case studies that analyses successful prosecutions in key criminal IP cases;
- support practical use of EUIPO research into criminal business models, modus operandi and other relevant fields;
- promote the involvement of EUROJUST and use of the instrument 'Join Investigative Teams' (JITs) in key cross border IP criminal investigations;
- improving information exchange between Member States' authorities and fostering cooperation with the relevant industrial property offices, customs authorities, police units and other IP enforcement relevant agencies, as well as private sector representatives.

2. Eligible Applicants

This call is opened only to EU Member States' public prosecutor authorities (national, regional, local). Only applications from public entities established in one of the EU Member States' are eligible. Natural persons are not eligible.

An application may be submitted by one applicant or by a consortium of public entities, whether established specifically or not for the action, provided that:

- it is formed of several public entities complying with the eligibility, non-exclusion and selection criteria set out in this call for proposals, and implementing together the proposed action;
- the application identifies the said entities.

For the purpose of declaring eligible costs as specified under section 11.1 of the Call for proposals, the entities composing the applicant shall be treated as affiliated entities.

In order to assess the applicants' eligibility, the following supporting documents are requested for public entities: copy of the resolution, decision or other official document establishing the public-law entity.

For British applicants: please be aware that eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project.

3. Eligible Actions

The types of activities eligible under this call for proposals are:

- regional conferences, seminars or workshops;
- training activities within a regional perspective.

Only activities including cross-border actions will be eligible. The activities shall result in a comprehensive regional coverage, thus the participation shall include at least 4 EU Member States and/or neighbouring countries and the involvement of EUIPO, EUROJUST and UNICRI.

Activities are to be completed within 12 months from the signature of the grant agreement.

4. Exclusion and Selection Criteria

Applicants must not be in a situation that will exclude them from participation and/or from award as defined by the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

Applicants must have the financial and operational capacity to complete the proposed activities.

5. Award Criteria

The criteria for assessing and awarding eligible proposals are allocated (out of a total of 100) based on the following weighting:

	Minimum threshold	Maximum score
1. Relevance of the action and expected results	15	30
2. Effectiveness and rationale	15	30
3. Expected multiplying effect	15	30
4. Cost-effectiveness	5	10
Total	50	100

To be considered for funding, proposals must score:

- at least 50 points overall;
- the minimum points in each of the sub-criterion.

6. Budget

The total budget available for the co-financing of projects under the present call is EUR 100 000.

Financial contribution from the EUIPO cannot exceed 80 % of the total eligible costs submitted by the applicant and must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts: EUR 10 000 to EUR 50 000.

The EUIPO reserves the right not to distribute all the available funds.

7. Deadline for Submission of Applications

The application package is available on the internet at the following address: <https://euiipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/grants>

Applications must be submitted to the EUIPO using the online application form (e-Form) no later than 30 April 2019 at 13.00 (local time).

No other method of submission for an application will be accepted.

Applicants should ensure that all the documents requested and mentioned in the e-Form are provided.

Applications that do not include all the stipulated annexes and that are not submitted before the deadline will not be considered.

8. Full Details

The detailed conditions of this call for proposals can be found in the Guidelines for applicants at the following internet address: <https://euiipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/grants>

Applications must comply with all the terms of the Guidelines and be submitted on the forms provided.

9. Contact

For any further information, please contact the following mailbox: grants@euiipo.europa.eu
