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OBSERVATORY NEWS

IP in the Digital World and Awareness



Meetings with technical experts and with Member States on establishing the out-of-commerce works portal, 10 December 2019 and 8 October 2019

These events were dedicated to establishing a public single online portal for out-of-commerce works, which has been entrusted to the EUIPO in accordance with Directive (EU) 2019/790 of 17 April 2019. An out-of-commerce work is copyrighted but not available to the public through the customary channels of commerce. Read more about these events [here](#) and [here](#).



Anti-Counterfeiting Blockathon Forum Workshop

On 29 November 2019, the EUIPO hosted the second meeting of the [Anti-Counterfeiting Blockathon Forum](#), launched in partnership with the European Commission earlier this year. The forum is a follow up of the successful [EU Blockathon 2018](#) coding competition. [Read more](#)

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Kick-off meeting Observatory Awareness Grants

On 18 November 2019, the EUIPO held the kick-off meeting for the 2019 Awareness Grant projects. The implementation will continue into 2020. [Read more](#)



Bringing IP closer to the classroom: launch of IdeasPowered@School and IP in Education network meeting taking place in Copenhagen

As part of the IP in education project, the Observatory launched a comprehensive web page [ideaspowered@school](#), aiming at offering teachers, lecturers and parents a set of modern learning materials to be used in daily teaching practice to improve knowledge of IP rights and enhance understanding of how IP can foster creativity. On 24 and 25 October, the IP in education network met in Copenhagen to discuss dissemination of materials and next steps of the project and a teacher training was organised to test materials and training kits. [Read more](#)

Enforcement and SMEs



Study visit on Observatory activities for IP offices in the Balkan region

Representatives from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia participated in a study visit at EUIPO on 10-11 December 2019. [Read more](#)

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Import/export: new feature in the IP Enforcement Portal

One of the requirements highlighted by our users during the last EDB Forum 2018 was to be able to import/export information so it could be transferred between different user accounts or even outside of the tool.

This feature has now been implemented for the contact points, product information, suspicious cases and alerts. It has gone live in the middle of December. [Read more](#)



Strengthening cooperation in the fight against IP crime

The EU's law enforcement agency Europol and the EUIPO have formally signed an agreement to further increase their cooperation in fighting infringements of intellectual property rights, both online and offline. [Read more](#)



XI Judges' Symposium

On 7 and 8 November 2019 the EUIPO held its judges' symposium. This event has been the biannual flagship event for judges organised by the EUIPO since 1999. The one held this year was the 11th edition. [Read more](#)



Regional Enforcement Seminar 22-24/10/2019 Dublin

From 22 to 24 October the EUIPO (via the Observatory) in collaboration with Ireland's Intellectual Property Unit (a part of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation), jointly held a Regional Enforcement Seminar in Dublin/Ireland. [Read more](#)

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CEPOL training course for enforcement officials

From 14 to 18 October, the EUIPO (via the Observatory) and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) jointly held the Intellectual Property Rights — Counterfeiting and Piracy course in Alicante. [Read more](#)



Judges' seminar on trade secrets

A judges' seminar took place at the EUIPO on 10-11 October 2019. The seminar gave national judges and prosecutors who deal with civil and criminal aspects of intellectual property rights an opportunity to network with other European colleagues and together discuss practical issues relating to trade secrets. [Read more](#)

Reports and Studies



Licensing activities by SMEs: evidence from EU trade mark owners

This study examines the revenues that SMEs can derive from their EU Trade Marks by licensing them to other companies. [Read more](#)

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The Observatory has published the Online Copyright Infringement in the European Union study

This report analyses consumption of copyright-infringing music, films and TV programmes in the 28 EU Member States. It does this on the basis of a rich set of data collected between January 2017 and September 2018, covering both fixed and mobile devices, as well as the main methods of access: streaming, downloading, torrenting and stream ripping. [Read more](#)



The Observatory has published a report on illegal IPTV in the EU

Television, in the form of news broadcasts, game shows, television series, videos or sports events, is loved by most people. While the internet has provided new opportunities for television broadcasters, it also poses new challenges. The interactivity afforded by the internet has facilitated the rise in the unauthorised delivery of internet protocol television (IPTV). [Read more](#)



The Observatory launched two major studies on how SMEs and young Europeans perceive IP

The European Observatory on Infringements of IP Rights has launched two EU-wide studies on the perceptions of IP among European citizens. [Read more](#)

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Stakeholder news



Observatory Working Groups and Expert Groups meet in Brussels

The Observatory held a series of Working and Expert Group meetings from 26 to 28 November in Brussels. [Read more](#)



Observatory public sector representatives meeting and conference for SMEs in Helsinki

In the context of Finland's Presidency of the European Union, the Observatory held its public sector representatives meeting on 29 October in Helsinki. [Read more](#)

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