



OBSERVATORY NEWS

IP in the Digital World and Awareness



Ideas Powered fashion week event

From 27 March to 2 April, the Observatory will participate, as part of its [Ideas Powered](#) initiative, in a pioneering live campaign against counterfeiting and fake products, via the 'Athens Xclusive Designers Week'. [Read more](#)



Ideas Powered Youth Workshop

On 28-30 March 2019, the Observatory hosted the fourth edition of the IP Youth Workshop as part of its [Ideas Powered](#) initiative. The project aims to bring intellectual property (IP) closer to young people. [Read more](#)



IP in Education - teacher training - 15 February 2019

On 15 February 2019, as part of the IP in Education project, 80 teachers from the Romanian education system participated in an all-day training session on teaching IP-related content in the classroom. [Read more](#)



Conference on IP in Education - 14 February 2019

On 14 February 2019 the Observatory, together with the Romanian Presidency, organised an IP in Education conference that aims to bring together key players in education from across Europe. [Read more](#)



Explaining IP through children's art in Italy

On 11 January 2019 the project 'Peers Say No', which is supported by the EUIPO, celebrated its final event devoted to schools. Over 320 students, from five primary and secondary lower schools in Rome, gathered in the MAXXI conference hall at the National Museum of Arts of the XXI century. [Read more](#)



Using blockchain in the fight against counterfeiting - EUIPO launches a Forum to support concrete solutions in that field

The EUIPO has launched a [new forum](#) designed to encourage the development of cutting edge technological solutions to combat counterfeiting. [Read more](#)

Enforcement and SMEs



Launch of public consultation on the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights outside of the EU

The European Commission (DG Trade) has launched a public consultation in order to gather information from EU entities with an interest in the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights (IPR) in third countries. [Read more](#)



On 19 and 20 February, the EUIPO and the European Commission DG GROW hosted an IP pre-diagnostic (IPD) training event for SMEs

To prepare for the launch of the European Commission's IPD services, a knowledge building event took place from 19 to 20 February at the EUIPO office in Alicante. [Read more](#)

Reports and Studies



EUIPO/OECD 'Trends in Trade in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods' Study

The [new study](#), released at the OECD in Paris on 18 March, also shows that fake products are found in a large and growing number of industries, and originate in a variety of countries. While China remains the top source of counterfeit goods, other countries have become increasingly important sources as well. [Read more](#)



Comparative Case Study on Alternative Resolution Systems for Domain Name Disputes

The EUIPO has published a 'Comparative Case Study on Alternative Resolution Systems for Domain Name Disputes', which compares the likely outcomes of 10 selected dispute resolution systems for 11 pre-defined case scenarios. [Read more](#)

Case Law



Recent European case-law on the enforcement of the intellectual property rights

The Observatory monitors the most recent developments in European case-law on the infringement and enforcement of IP rights. [This document on New Case-Law](#) contains summaries of important decisions made by national courts and by the CJEU. It is updated once a month, when new decisions become publicly available. [Read more](#)

Stakeholder news



Observatory private sector representatives meeting

Observatory Private Sector Representatives met in Brussels on 05 March for the yearly meeting to discuss the current activities of the Observatory and to provide a forum for a free discussion between the private sector representatives.



Observatory public sector representatives meetings and conference on IP in Education in Romania

In the context of Romania's Presidency of the European Union, the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights (the Observatory) held its public sector representatives meeting in Bucharest on 12 and 13 February. [Read more](#)



Call for Expression of Interest to Assist the EUIPO in the Collection of National Key Enforcement Jurisprudence

The Office is currently looking into the possibility of consolidating and expanding its collection of national key enforcement judgments to cover all EU Member States. This expansion will be implemented with the cooperation of an external service provider. [Read more](#)

Meetings



Coordination Group Meeting 2019, Lyon, France

The 6th meeting of the Coordination Group on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Enforcement was hosted by INTERPOL at their headquarters in Lyon (France) and will be attended by the EUIPO, Europol, Eurojust, CEPOL, the CPVO, the OECD, WIPO and the WTO. The European Commission (DG TAXUD and OLAF) and the WCO had also attended previous meetings. [Read more](#)



Second High-Level Meeting on Joint Strategy against IP crime

On 24 January, the EUIPO and Europol brought together Directors-General and heads of agencies from CEPOL, Eurojust, OLAF, and the Commission's DG Taxation and Customs Union, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs and DG Trade to discuss existing and future cooperation to fight IP crime. [Read more](#)

VIP Interview



Interview with DesignEuropa 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award winner: Hartmut Esslinger

Born in 1944 in the small village of Beuren in the Black Forest region of Baden-Württemberg in Germany, Hartmut Esslinger has been a game-changer in industrial design for his entire career. [Video](#)

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