LEGAL PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

VASTLY EXPERIENCED IN
DIVULGATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
SUPPORT FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP
ENFORCEMENT

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

SCOPE

TRAINING
STRENGTHENING OF IP SYSTEMS AND IP PROGRAMS
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE
STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTION
IN COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

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SPTO Technical Assistance

In cooperation with International and Regional Organizations

Bilateral cooperation with National Offices and IP Institutes

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Spanish Fund in Trust at WIPO Cooperation Spain - Latin America (FIT / ES)

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Seminars and Regional Workshops

Latin American countries: Modernization of IP offices, Drafting of patent applications, Seminars for judges and prosecutors

Transition and developed countries: Trademarks and The Hague Convention, PCT and use of PCT, Industrial Property for SMEs

Face-to-face training programs at the SPTO

Annual course for Latin American trademark examiners
Summer IP course in Madrid

Online learning programs

E-learning program for Latin American and Spanish experts: trademarks, patents and IP courses for government officials, judges and prosecutors

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Patent examiners Exchange

20 patent examiners have visited the SPTO since 2013

2015: 2 SPTO patent examiners at the OMPIC
2016: 2 OMPIC examiners at the SPTO

2016: 2 STPO patent examiners at ILPO

2011, 2012 y 2013: 2 examiners at SPTO

2011: 2 patent examiners at the SPTO

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Since 2002, more than 300 Latin American judges and public prosecutors has been trained on an annual basis, 20-25 judges and public prosecutors from the Latin America region discuss with international experts IP related legal issues.

**Objectives:**

- To provide updated information and capacity-building in the fields of patents, trademarks, and copyright, according to the level of knowledge and responsibilities of the Latin American judges.
- To create a trainers network that facilitates direct relations between judges and prosecutors who have responsibilities in IP issues.

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LATIN AMERICAN CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM in patent search and technological information

CIBIT PROGRAM since 2002, funded by the SPTO

Training at the SPTO of patent examiners and officials of Latin American national offices. 6 - 24 months

Tutored training in patent search (patent and non-patent databases) and technological information

+ 80 officials from Latin American IP Offices

Year 2018:
4 participants from Argentina, Mexico, Cuba and Peru

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Strengthening IP system and IP management

Quality Manuals
Working Group of WIPO, STPO and receiving offices (RO) experts of Latin America to develop quality procedures and good practices.

- Harmonization
- Access to Information
- Access to Knowledge
- Transparency and legal certainty

Trademark Manual: Central American countries and the Dominican Republic

Patent Manual: Central American countries and the Dominican Republic


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Strengthening regional cooperation programs

LATIPAT

IBEPI Programa Iberoamericano de Propiedad Industrial

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Memorandum of Understanding between WIPO-EPO-SPTO on the Project for promoting exchange of information on patents and improve electronic patent publications in 19 Latin American countries.

Free patent database in Spanish and Portuguese, guidance database in Spain, Portugal and Latinamerican countries. More than 3 million of bibliographic data and more than 1.7 million images.

Development Plan:
A new portal (www.latipat.org) integrated in the EPO search system (Espacenet) and with access from WIPO database (Patentscope) and the SPTO database (Invenes)

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Legislative Technical Assistance

Case Law Data Bases

Training Activities

Law transposition Counselling

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Case Law Data Base

**OBJECTIVES**

- To facilitate **law interpretation** and to promote the use of uniform criteria in granting of IP rights
- To increase **legal certainty** and to reduce the number of controversies
- To allow **free knowledge** and access to information

**DATA BASE CONTENTS**

- Administrative and Court ruling decisions concerning **IP rights**
- **Targeted**, not comprehensive: **relevant** decisions

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Legislative subject matter Assistance to Turkey

EU TAIEX program: Spain - Turkey

TAIEX is the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the EU for the approximation and enforcement of EU legislation as well as facilitating the sharing of best practices.

- **Cooperation fields:**
  - Counselling on EU law transposition into its national laws and on further use.
  - Training of Turkish judges on current European context in the field of protection and implementation of IP rights

- **Activities implemented:**
  - Training by a SPTO expert in Industrial Property Rights
  - Visit of 6 Turkish Supreme Court judges at the SPTO, trained on the fight against Intellectual Property infringement and good practices

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Technical Assistance in legislation and enforcement to Ukraine

EU Twinning program: SPTO - SIPSU

Twinning Program is a cooperation program funded by the EU between Public Administrations of the Member States and neighboring countries.

- Strengthening the protection and enforcement of Intellectual Property rights in Ukraine (2014 -2016)

- Cooperation areas:
  • to narrow differences between Ukrainian and UE legislations in the IP field
  • to strengthen the administrative capacity of Ukraine IP Office (SIPSU)
  • to strengthen the professional skills of IP stakeholders in the application of the legislation (State inspectors, examiners, judges, customs officials)

- Implemented activities:
  • training seminars for patent, design and trademark examiners
  • seminars on enforcement of IP rights for customs, prosecutors and police officers
  • recommendations on Ukrainian IP legislation
  • visits of ukrainian stakeholders to the SPTO and the EUIPO

- Results assessment

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Strategic Partnership

Multisector Forum of Innovation and Technology TRANSFIERE ARGENTINA 2018 promoting networking among the stakeholders of the Biotechnology, ICT, Energy and Sustainable Development, Agribusiness ... economic strategic sectors

Exchange of knowledge Forum

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Strategic Partnership (EUIPO)

Capacity building activities

Regional Workshops Exchange of information, knowledge and experiences related to the work of the European Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN)

Seminar "Innovation, Business and Intellectual Property" aimed at Latin American entrepreneurs, focussing on innovative SMEs and /or exporters with the support of the National Offices, Chambers of Commerce or Professional Associations

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EUROCLIMA+ is a program funded by the European Union to offer technical assistance in the field of climate governance in Latin America.

The SPTO assists the INPI Brazil in this program:

- **Assessment & Design phases** (Rio de Janeiro, June 2018)
  - Assessing needs and assist in IP issues
  - Designing future activities (IP & Climate Change)

- **Implementation phase** (Rio Janeiro, Sept. – Nov. 2018)
  - 2 training sessions for 30 patent examiners (INPI BR) about patent examination of Climate Change Mitigation Technologies

- **Final evaluation** (December 2018)

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Technical Assistance Methodology

Preparatory Phase
- Assess needs in order to identify priority actions:
- Define objectives and activity category (ex: training activity)
- Define a project team/responsible from the SPTO
- Send a mission to the country to examine location, facilities, IP Knowledge, risks...
- Assessment report

Development Phase
- Prepare a detailed working plan to implement already defined activities:
  - Define roles, local team, timeline, deadlines, costs, human resources
  - Prepare a technical assistance program (training activity) and logistics
  - Define risks, challenges and progress indicators
  - Prepare a communication plan

Implementation Phase
- Provide training material tailored to their needs
- Implement the activity in the country (training activity by SPTO experts)

Evaluation Phase
- Follow up of the activity and evaluate results based on objectives
- Evaluation report at the end of each phase (preparatory, development, implementation)
- SPTO final evaluation report:
  - Best practices, achievements, lessons learned
  - Propose improvements and future actions
- Participants evaluation: questionnaires

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