



REPUBLIC OF  
SERBIA  
Intellectual Property Office



## MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between

**THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

and

**THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,  
MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, TRADE AND  
ENTERPRENEURSHIP**

**OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

**AND THE ALBANIAN COPYRIGHT OFFICE, MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia, on the one side, and the General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks, Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Albania and the Albanian Copyright Office, Ministry of Culture, on the other,

herein referred as “the Parties”,

### TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION

awareness of the importance and necessity of ensuring legal protection in all fields of intellectual property (IP) in the further development of their intellectual property protection systems,

recognition of the advantage of bilateral cooperation and therefore desiring to strengthen this activity in the area of intellectual property protection,

recognition of the importance of cooperation in the area of intellectual property for the economic and social development in both countries,

willingness to exchange information and experiences and to promote friendly relations between them,

have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

The parties shall contribute to the development of cooperation in the field of intellectual property in areas of common interest for equal and mutual benefit, in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum and the legislation in force in the two countries.

## ARTICLE 2

Cooperation between the Parties shall be carried out in the following main areas:

- a) Exchange of best practices in their regular activities;
- b) Organization on study visits as financially agreed by the parties on each occasion;
- c) Exchange of knowledge and experiences in delivering specialized IP services to clients;
- d) Exchange of knowledge and experiences in IP awareness raising activities;
- e) Organization of conference, symposia, seminars and other educational events related to intellectual property.

The collaborative activities will be given in more details in the Cooperation program which will be prepared with the consent of both Parties.

## ARTICLE 3

The parties may, by mutual consent, ask for the participation of third parties for the financing and implementation of programs and projects, which will be carried out as forms of cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum.

The Parties shall support the participation of research and development organizations, enterprises and other IP stakeholders from the two countries in bilateral and multilateral projects and programs related to intellectual property.

## ARTICLE 4

The provisions of this Memorandum shall in no ways affect the rights and duties of the Parties that derive from bilateral and multilateral agreements, whether existing or in the future, of which they are a Party or undersigned.

## ARTICLE 5

The Parties nominate following persons as contacts for all matters regarding this Memorandum: Mrs. Jelena Radojević, email: [jradojevic@zis.gov.rs](mailto:jradojevic@zis.gov.rs), tel. +381 11 2025828 on behalf of the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia, and Mrs. Elvanda Mece, email: [elvanda.mece@dppm.gov.al](mailto:elvanda.mece@dppm.gov.al), tel: +355(0)42271654 on behalf of General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks, Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Albania and Mrs. Sonila Meka, email: [sonila.meka@zshda.gov.al](mailto:sonila.meka@zshda.gov.al) Tel: +355(0)42232008 on behalf of the Albanian Copyright Office, Ministry of Culture.

## ARTICLE 6



All correspondence shall be carried out in English language.

#### ARTICLE 7

The Memorandum of cooperation will come into effect on the date of the signature and remain in effect for five years. It shall be automatically extended for the same term unless any of the Parties hands a written notice to the other Party at least six months prior to the intended date of termination, stating its intention to terminate it.

#### ARTICLE 8

The Memorandum of cooperation may be amended with the mutual consent of all Parties. Any modifications must be formalized in writing and should include the dates when the modifications become effective.

All matters or disputes related to the interpretation and application of the Memorandum should be resolved by mutual agreement.

Unless the Parties agree otherwise, early termination of the Memorandum should not hinder any ongoing projects or activities.


This Memorandum is made in nine original copies - three in English, three in Serbian and three in Albanian language, whereas the original copies in English language are considered prevalent.

Signed in Belgrade on 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015

for THE INTELLECTUAL  
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