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Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the European Patent Organization on Validation of European Patents (Acord de validare [1]) will come into force from 1 November 2015.

The announcement was made by the Director General of the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI) Octavian Apostol and the President of the European Patent Organization (EPO) Benoit Battistelli, during a bilateral meeting held on October 7, in Geneva, Switzerland. Thus, starting from 1 November this year, foreign applicants will be able to validate their European patent applications and European patents in our country, they enjoying the same rights and legal protection as national patents issued in the Republic of Moldova.

President of the EPO noted that with the entry into force of this Agreement will be simplified the access to patent protection in the Republic of Moldova, will be opened new business opportunities for European enterprises, which will contribute to the strengthening of innovation in the Republic of Moldova, and will increase European patent system attractiveness for European economies.

In his speech, Director General of AGEPI stressed the following: “The entry into force of the Validation Agreement represents an important milestone for Moldova in the context of integration in the European patent space. This will contribute also to the achievement of objectives set forth by the Eastern Partnership, as part of the European Neighbourhood Policy of the EU, and support the gradual integration of the Moldovan economy in the EU internal market, in accordance with our aspirations for European integration”.

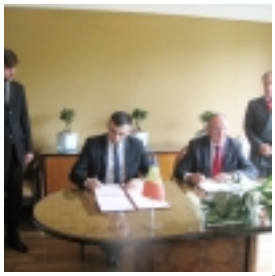
“For the Government of the Republic of Moldova cooperation with the European Patent Organization has always been a priority. Today, AGEPI cooperation with EPO experiences a new dimension and we sincerely hope that our good relations will bring benefits for both institutions, but what is more important - they must serve the interests of our economic and innovation communities”, said Mr. Octavian Apostol.

Republic of Moldova will become, after the entry into force of the Agreement, the 42nd country in which patent protection can be achieved simultaneously through a single European patent application. Currently, 38 states are members of the European Patent Organization. Other two countries - Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro signed with this Organization bilateral agreements on recognition of the European patent effect, being in the stage of pre-accession to the EPO, and with Morocco the EPO has also a validation agreement.

The Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the European Patent Organization on Validation of European Patents (Validation Agreement [1]), signed in Munich in October 2013, was ratified by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova in April 2015.

Moldova cooperates with the European Patent Organization for over 15 years. EPO supported the State Agency on Intellectual Property in improving the professional skills of the AGEPI specialists in the field of administration and examination of patent applications. EPO has also provided technical and legal assistance for capacity building of AGEPI to implement the validation system in the Republic of Moldova.

More details can be found on: http://www.epo.org/news-issues/news/2015/20151008.html [2].


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