

31/05/2010 **Bilateral documents on cooperation with third countries**

In accordance with the guidelines and measures as laid down in the **National Strategy for the Development of the Intellectual Property System of the Republic of Croatia for the period 2010-2012**, the text of which was adopted on 1 April 2010 by the Government of the Republic of Croatia, the State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia has concluded bilateral documents on cooperation with the partner national institutions of Kosovo, Montenegro and Macedonia, desiring to promote further development of cooperation in the field of intellectual property rights, and aiming at improving the appropriate protection of industrial property rights and ensuring the effective use thereof.

The first such document was concluded between SIPO RC and the Industrial Property Office of the Republic of Kosovo, in Priština, on 16 May 2010, and was followed by the cooperation agreements concluded with the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro in Podgorica, on 20 April 2010, and the State Industrial Property Office of the Republic of Macedonia, in Skopje, on 21 May 2010.



These documents include the exchange of information in the field of intellectual property; exchange of experience related to the accession to the EU; exchange and training of staff, including training through specialization programs; joint activities aiming at the definition and realization of the regional interests in the field of intellectual property (lectures, courses, seminars, conferences, exhibitions); possible mutual assistance in the field of enforcement of industrial property rights; and other issues of mutual interests.

SIPO will continue to strengthen bilateral and regional cooperation in the field of intellectual property thus contributing to the strengthening of the international position and credibility of Republic of Croatia.

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