



LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION AND THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND DIGITAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA (HEREINAFTER THE PARTIES)

Considering that:

A. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is an intergovernmental organization and a specialized agency of the United Nations with its headquarters located in Geneva, Switzerland whose mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective global intellectual property (IP) ecosystem to promote innovation and creativity for a better and more sustainable future.

The WIPO Academy is a center of excellence for education, training and capacity-building in IP for WIPO Member States, in particular developing countries, least developed countries and countries in transition. The Academy helps to build human capacity in IP, which is fundamental for innovation and creativity. The Academy manages the IP training institutions (IPTIs) program, which creates and consolidates self-sustaining training capacities in IP through education and capacity-building at the national and regional levels. The IPTIs respond to local demand for IP education and skills-building in a manner that is tailored to the goals and priorities of the Member States.

B. The Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs of the Republic of Estonia plans and carries out a legal and criminal policy of the state of Estonia, which among its other aims will help ensure an open and secure society, where people and legal entities may be assured of the proper use and protection of their rights and interests.

The Estonian Patent Office is a government agency that operates in the area of government of the Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs and implements national economic policy in the field of legal protection of industrial property. The Office provides legal protection to patents, trademarks, utility models, industrial designs, geographical indications and integrated circuits.

The Estonian Patent Office also raises public awareness of IP, to promote innovation and the economy and to revitalize the cooperation between science and entrepreneurship.

C. In this context, The Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and the Estonian Patent Office have formally expressed interest to establish closer collaboration with WIPO, to raise awareness on IP and build new IP skills and capacities for various stakeholders in Estonia.

The Parties recognize that the WIPO Academy's cooperation will make it possible to generate skills and human capacity especially within the youth community and young professionals, government officials and higher education institutions.

D. The Parties will work together to promote their common objectives, as set forth in this Letter of Intent.

The Parties undertake to work together as follows:

ARTICLE I - AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES

The Parties will work together to develop and implement targeted IP awareness and IP capacity-building activities and projects for different stakeholders in Estonia, including youth, innovative companies, researchers, government officials, IP support institutions and higher education institutions. The activities will also aim to raise the awareness of these stakeholders about the work, activities and support tools developed by WIPO to support the creation of a sustainable national talent pipeline in the field of IP in Estonia. Through the activities, the Parties also aim to strengthen the participation of Estonian nationals in IP Education and Training provided by the WIPO Academy.

Within this framework of cooperation, the following areas were identified as priority areas of importance:

- Raising awareness and understanding of IP as a tool for economic growth and sustainable development.
- Working with selected universities in Estonia to enhance IP education programs through curriculum development and support for IP teaching.
- Expanding access to the WIPO Academy IP eLearning Courses for participants in Estonia.
- Supporting the integration of IP education into primary and secondary schools through educator training and curriculum development.
- Enhancing collaboration on initiatives designed to enhance the knowledge of young people in Estonia regarding the connections between IP and creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship through innovation camps.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

This Letter of Intent does not and is not intended to establish any enforceable or legally binding rights or obligations on the Parties.

Any provision of this Letter of Intent may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties, formalized by an exchange of notes specifying the effective date of the amendment in question.

This Letter of Intent shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

This Letter of Intent shall be of indefinite duration and may be terminated by mutual consent of the Parties or by either Party upon three months' written notice to the other Party.

Nothing in the provisions of this Letter of Intent shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities accorded to WIPO under its constituent instruments or under international law.

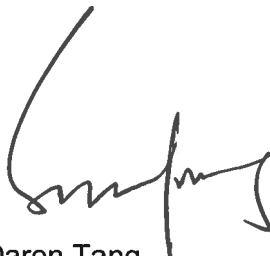
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Letter of Intent has been signed in the city of Geneva, Switzerland, on July 7, 2025, in two original copies, in English.

For the Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs
of Estonia



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(Signed)

For the World Intellectual Property Organization



Daren Tang
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(Signed)