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Introduction

The first half of 2025 was a period of intensive work on adapting Ukrainian legislation in the field of intellectual property to the law of the European Union (EU acquis). Representatives of the Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations (UANIPIO, or the Ukrainian IP Office) held a number of events with the participation of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and other stakeholders and participated in international events dedicated to trends in the IP sphere, the development of law enforcement and the strengthening of international partnerships.


Issues of copyright, trade marks, geographical indications, patents, trade secrets, enforcement of IP rights and collective management of rights were the main focus. Significant attention was paid to cooperation with the European Union, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), international organisations and national offices of other countries, which emphasises Ukraine's consistency in fulfilling its European integration obligations.

This Digest summarises key events that occurred in the field of intellectual property during the first half of 2025.


9 January 2025. A round table, "Property and Proprietary Intellectual Property Rights," was held at UANIPIO ([press release](#)  in Ukrainian), which brought together scientists, practicing lawyers and representatives of State authorities. The participants discussed the key challenges of adapting Ukrainian legislation to the EU acquis in terms of the ratio of the categories "property," "right in rem" and "intellectual property rights," the need for an appropriate legal mechanism for the State to exercise IP rights, as well as the regulation of relations related to official works and intellectual property rights created while serving in the military. The event became an important platform for the formation of proposals for improving legislation in the field of intellectual property.




Olena Orliuk, Director of UANIPIO, together with other participants of the event, discussing issues related to property and proprietary IP rights

22 January 2025. UANIPIO presented the second part of the catalogue of key decisions of the Court of Justice of the EU in the field of intellectual property, dedicated to the topic of the deceptive nature of trade marks. The selection includes decisions that demonstrate the application of EU law, in particular Council Regulation (EC) No. 40/94, Directive 89/104/EEC and Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 ([press release](#)  in Ukrainian). This analytical material aims to contribute to the formation of a unified approach to the interpretation and practical application of trade mark law provisions and is a valuable tool for harmonising the Ukrainian legal system with the EU acquis in the process of the European integration.

28-29 January 2025. The Ukrainian delegation participated in the [international conference](#) , "Preserving Heritage, Shaping the Future," dedicated to the protection of geographical indications, which took place at the EUIPO headquarters in Alicante. The event, organised by the European Commission and EUIPO, brought together experts from the European Union and beyond to discuss new challenges in the legal regulation of geographical indications, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/2411 on the protection of GIs for craft and industrial products, as well as the Regulation on GIs for agricultural products, wines and spirits. In addition, the Ukrainian national geographical indication, "Krolevets towels," was presented during the event as part of the exhibition of geographical indications.

3 February 2025. The SME Fund programme has been extended for 2025 ([press release](#)  in Ukrainian). The SME Fund is an initiative of the European Commission, implemented by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), which provides for various reimbursements for the registration of IP rights in the European Union, also supporting Ukrainian SMEs. The programme allows to significantly increase the competitiveness of European and Ukrainian SMEs by opening up new opportunities for affordable IP rights protection.

26 and 28 February 2025. A [meeting](#)  of the WTO Trade Policy Review Body was held at the World Trade Organization (WTO) headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, dedicated to the second Review of Ukraine's Trade Policy and Practice. During the event, special attention was paid to the issue of reforming Ukraine's intellectual property system, in particular its harmonisation with EU legislation, the launch of the High Intellectual Property Court, the development of the rights protection system, accession to international agreements, etc. The Review became an important signal to WTO member states about Ukraine's consistency in reforms, which strengthens the trust of trading partners and supports the process of European integration.

27-28 February 2025. The annual international conference AGM2025 [\[🔗\]](#) was held in Amsterdam (Netherlands), dedicated to challenges and best practices in the field of customs control, digital regulation and enforcement in the field of intellectual property rights protection. Within the framework of the event, UANIPIO delegation represented by **Vladyslav Bilotskyi**, Deputy Director, and the international anti-counterfeiting network REACT signed a Memorandum of Understanding. This document lays the foundation for strengthening international partnership in the field of IP rights enforcement, information exchange, coordination of actions and implementation of best international practices in the fight against counterfeit products.


During the conference, the Ukrainian IP Office and REACT signed an important Memorandum of Understanding





11 March 2025. A strategic meeting with copyright holders, representatives of State authorities and Internet intermediaries was held in UANIPIO, dedicated to combating Internet piracy (press release [\[🔗\]](#) in Ukrainian). During the event, effective cooperation mechanisms were discussed to prevent illegal distribution of content, in particular, interaction with hosting providers and domain name registrars. This meeting is important for European integration, since strengthening the protection of copyright and related rights and alignment of national practices to EU standards are key requirements for harmonising Ukrainian legislation and ensuring the transparent functioning of the digital market.

Attendees of the meeting on combating Internet piracy



11 March 2025. **João Negrão**, EUIPO Executive Director, has signed a decision extending the deadlines for communication with Ukrainian applicants for trade marks and industrial designs until 18 September 2025 ([press release](#)  in Ukrainian). This step aims to support Ukrainian rightsholders in the exceptional circumstances caused by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and continues a series of similar decisions taken by EUIPO since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. This extension not only provides applicants with additional flexibility to carry out procedural actions, but also demonstrates the European Union's solidarity with Ukraine.

31 March–2 April 2025. UANIPIO representatives participated in a **series of Liaison Meetings**  on Cooperation, Trade Marks and Industrial Designs held at the EUIPO headquarters in Alicante, Spain. During the event, which brought together more than 150 representatives of national IP offices of Europe, user associations and international organisations, the prospects for the development of the EU intellectual property system, the implementation of the new EUIPO Strategic Plan, changes in legal regulation and the application of the latest technologies in the field of TM and design registration were discussed. For Ukraine, such participation is an important step in strengthening cooperation with European institutions and harmonising the national IP system with EU practices. Also, within the framework of the visit, **Bogdan Paduchak**, UANIPIO First Deputy Director, held a **working meeting**  with **Sandris Laganovskis**, Director of the EUIPO Institutional and Cooperation Department, to discuss a wide range of issues of bilateral cooperation.



UANIPIO representatives participated in the EUIPO Liaison Meetings on Cooperation, Trade Marks and Industrial Designs



8 April 2025. An international discussion platform [\[link\]](#), “IP as a Catalyst for Innovation and Growth: Connecting Research, Technology and SMEs,” was held in Riga, organised on the occasion of the 105th anniversary of the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia. For the first time in the Baltic States, this event brought together the heads of WIPO, EUIPO and the European Patent Office (EPO), the heads of national IP offices in Europe, representatives of academia and business. As part of the visit to Latvia, **Olena Orliuk**, Director of UANIPIO, and **Liubov Maidanyk**, Deputy Director of UANIPIO, held a number of meetings with international and European partners, during which they discussed further support for Ukraine in the field of intellectual property, the challenges facing the IP system in the context of technological change, and the role of small and medium-sized businesses in innovative development.



Olena Orliuk, UANIPIO Director, with João Negrão, EUIPO Executive Director (left), and Agris Batalauskis, Director of the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia (right)

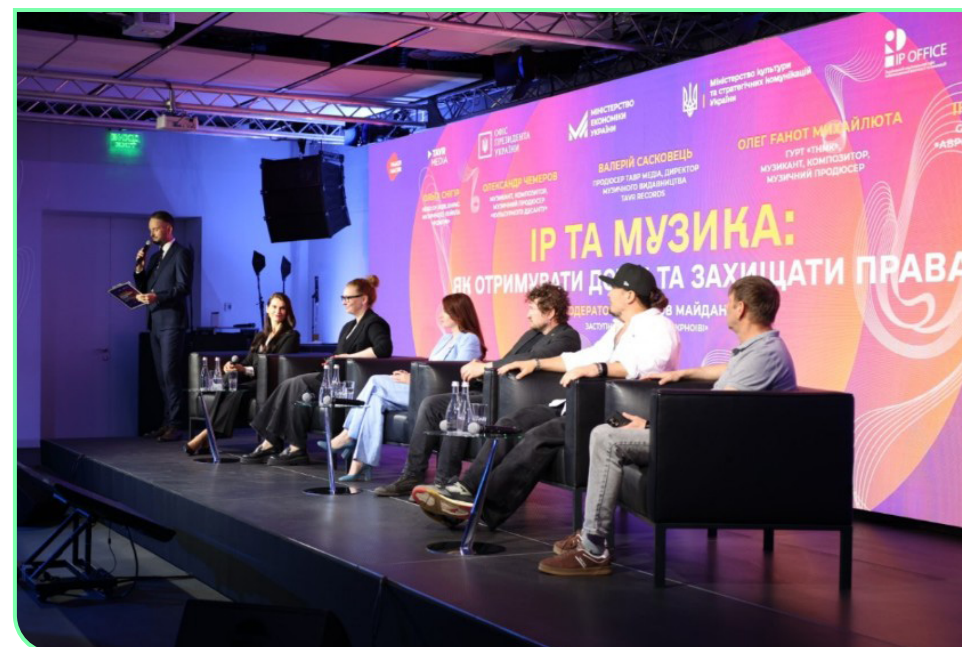




Attendees of the discussion on the draft Law on the protection of trade secrets

16 April 2025. UANIPIO held an interdepartmental discussion [\[link\]](#) of the draft Law of Ukraine, "On the Protection of Trade Secrets," developed to implement the provisions of EU Directive 2016/943 on the protection of undisclosed know-how and business information (trade secrets) against unlawful acquisition, use and disclosure. The event took place within the framework of the implementation of the Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the European Commission, presented in the Progress Report on Ukraine within the framework of the EU Enlargement Package 2024. The discussion, moderated by **Bogdan Paduchak**, First Deputy Director of UANIPIO, and **Mykola Pototskyy**, UANIPIO Deputy Director, was an important step in harmonising Ukrainian legislation with EU law.

1 May 2025. UANIPIO, together with the Office of the President of Ukraine, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, held the National Forum-Dialogue, “Ukrainian Music Industry: Listen, Protect What’s Yours” ([press release](#)  in Ukrainian). The event became a key platform for discussing the strategic development of the Ukrainian music industry, mechanisms for receiving royalties and protecting intellectual property rights, as well as ways to counter russian musical expansion. The forum brought together representatives of the State authorities, the music industry and rightsholders, contributing to the development of joint solutions to strengthen the Ukrainian music market and its European integration development.



Speeches by participants of the National Dialogue Forum

3–11 May 2025. Representatives of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and UANIPIO made a study visit [🔗](#) to Munich, Germany, to familiarise themselves with the best practices of the European Union in the field of protection and enforcement of intellectual property. During the week, the Ukrainian delegation studied the European approaches to patent examination, interaction between courts, customs and rightsholders, the fight against piracy and counterfeiting at the European Patent Office (EPO), the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, the Munich Local Division of the Unified Patent Court, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA), the Amazon office and the Federal Patent Court. The study visit was organized with the support of the TIPSTER project, implemented by the Public Organization “Reform Support Fund in Ukraine” within the framework of the REACT4UA international cooperation project, funded by the German government and implemented by the German federal company GIZ GmbH. This visit was an important step in bringing the Ukrainian intellectual property system closer to European standards.


13 May 2025. UANIPIO hosted a professional discussion of amendments to Ukrainian legislation in the field of copyright and related rights, necessary for the implementation of the provisions of European Union legal acts (press release [🔗](#) in Ukrainian). The event brought together representatives of State authorities, business associations, collective management organisations and the expert community, who considered the experts’ proposals for adapting Ukrainian legislation in accordance with European standards. The discussion was an important step in implementing the recommendations of the European Commission within the framework of the negotiating Chapter 7, “Intellectual Property Law.”




During a study visit to the EPO in Munich, Germany, representatives of the Ukrainian delegation learned about the best European IP practices




Olena Orliuk, Director of UANIPIO, and Liubov Maidanyk, Deputy Director of UANIPIO, during a discussion of amendments to the legislation of Ukraine in the field of copyright and related rights



14 May 2025. UANIPIO held a joint discussion with the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine on proposals for the implementation of the provisions of Directive (EU) 2015/2436 and Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 in the field of trade marks into national legislation ([press release](#)  in Ukrainian). The event was attended by scientists, representatives of professional associations and practitioners in the field of intellectual property. **Mykola Pototskyy**, Deputy Director of UANIPIO, and UANIPIO experts presented key changes that should harmonise Ukrainian legislation with EU law, in particular regarding the grounds for refusal of registration and recognition of trade marks as invalid, administrative procedures, introduction of the concepts of “trade mark with reputation,” “earlier TM” and protection of certification and collective trade marks.

16 May 2025. The beginning of the secondment of a UANIPIO employee in the EUIPO Cooperation and Partnership Department under the Seconded National Expert (SNE) program. This is the first time that national experts participate in the EUIPO SNE program, which will ensure a closer exchange of experience and best European practices. The internship is provided in order to implement the Action Plan for the implementation of the European Commission's recommendations within the framework of the negotiating Chapter 7, “Intellectual Property Law.”

20–21 May 2025. UANIPIO representatives [participated](#)  in the High-Level Conference “Biotechnological Innovations for a Sustainable Future,” organised by the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland within the framework of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The event brought together representatives of European IP offices, international organisations, academia and the business community to discuss legal and practical aspects of the development of biotechnology in the European Union.

23 May 2025. A [meeting](#)  with representatives of the Office of the Prosecutor General and the Prosecutors' Training Center of Ukraine was held in UANIPIO, dedicated to current challenges in the field of enforcement of intellectual property rights. The participants discussed the need to improve the skills of prosecutors specialising in IP issues, raise awareness of business and law enforcement agencies regarding rights enforcement mechanisms, and create systematic communication tools for Ukrainian companies. The meeting is aimed at strengthening the human rights infrastructure in the field of intellectual property and bringing Ukraine closer to European standards in this field.

29–30 May 2025. The IV EU-Eastern Partnership Legal Forum [\[link\]](#) was held in Warsaw, Poland, bringing together lawyers from Europe, the countries of Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the USA to discuss the challenges of the legal profession and the development of international legal cooperation. During the forum, **Olena Orliuk**, Director of UANIPIO, emphasised the need to create effective mechanisms for managing confiscated intangible assets of the Russian federation, noting that there is currently a lack of effective legal instruments for their administration.

30 May 2025. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has approved Ukraine's negotiating positions for Cluster 2, "Internal market," and Cluster 6, "External relations" (external press release [\[link\]](#) in Ukrainian). Cluster 2, which includes, in particular, negotiating Chapter 7, "Intellectual Property Law," covers key areas of the functioning of the EU Single Market: from the free movement of goods, services, labour and capital to competition rules, intellectual property rights and consumer protection, which are all of critical importance to Ukrainian businesses and citizens.



5 June 2025. The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine is focusing on the field of intellectual property in the context of European integration. This field is headed by **Oleksandr Tsybort**, Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine for Digital Development, Digital Transformations and Digitisation [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#). Among the priorities are digital services and preparation for accession to the European Union.

9 June 2025. The Order of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine No. 1803, which approved the Rules for Examination of Applications for Granting a Supplementary Protection Certificate of Rights to an Invention, has come into force (press release [\[link\]](#) in Ukrainian). The document, developed in accordance with the provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility Models," defines the conditions and procedure for granting supplementary protection for inventions relating to medicinal products and plant and animal protection products, the use of which requires State permission. The introduction of the Rules harmonises Ukrainian patent legislation with European practice.

12-13 June 2025. The VI International IP Enforcement Summit 2025 [\[link\]](#) was held in Athens, Greece, bringing together leading experts and representatives of IP agencies around the world to discuss challenges in the field of intellectual property enforcement in the context of rapid technological development. The participation of the Ukrainian delegation, headed by **Vladyslav Bilotskyy**, Deputy Director of UANIPIO, was an important step in strengthening cooperation with EUIPO, WIPO, national IP offices and international partners, as well as in exchanging practical experience and developing recommendations that will be used in the further work of UANIPIO.

17 June 2025. A professional discussion was held, organized by UANIPIO, on proposals for harmonizing national legislation with EU law in the field of copyright and related rights (press release [\[link\]](#) in Ukrainian). The event was attended by representatives of State authorities, in particular the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, collective management organisations, trade unions and expert associations. During the meeting, finalised proposals for amendments to the legislation were presented, which are based on key provisions of EU law and should be implemented in accordance with the Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the European Commission.



Attendees of the International IP Enforcement Summit 2025

18 June 2025. The second expert discussion [\[link\]](#) of proposals for the implementation of the provisions of EU Directive No. 2015/2436 and EU Regulation No. 2017/1001 into national trademark legislation took place in UANIPIO. The event brought together almost 100 representatives of State authorities, the judiciary, academic institutions and professional associations.

18 June 2025. The IP Office, together with the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, held an online discussion on the mechanisms for collection, distribution and payment fair remuneration to performers and phonogram producers (press release [\[link\]](#) in Ukrainian). These mechanisms are an important element of the implementation of EU law in the field of copyright and related rights. The event is aimed at improving the national system of collective rights management and formulating proposals for its harmonisation with European standards.

27 June 2025. UANIPIO representatives organised the second expert discussion of proposals for the implementation of EU law in the field of copyright and related rights, which was attended by representatives of State authorities, in particular the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, specialised organisations and international experts (press release [\[link\]](#) in Ukrainian). The event was aimed at agreeing on future amendments to national legislation in accordance with European standards.

