

Press release

On the memorandum of understanding between the Competition Authority (CA) and the General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (DGPT)

Tirana, February 23, 2011 - Competition Authority and the General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (hereinafter DGPT) signed a memorandum of understanding in order to increase inter-institutional cooperation to simplify the respective functions of these institutions. This memorandum was signed by the Chairwoman of the Competition Authority Mrs. Lindita Milo (Lati) and Director General of Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (hereinafter DGPT) Mr. Safet SULA, on the premises of AK.

The increase of the cooperation between these two institutions is necessary because the final aim of their activity is the protection of businesses and consumers and their interests. Public interest in respect of property rights on trademarks and patents also remains unique because of the objectives and importance of this sector.

Regarding this ACA cooperates to promote competition by giving its views on laws and regulations that establish the rules of behavior in this sector. All drafts of regulations issued by parties related to the operators of this sector and show(mention) the set of exclusive rights or special rights in certain areas, for certain operators, must be consulted in advance with the Authority, with intended functioning of the sector in line with the legal obligations.

The law no. 9121, 28.07.2003 "On Competition Protection", (as amended) in its fifth part, compels the various state entities that require evaluation of the Competition Authority to draft acts that could lead to a restriction or restriction of competition. Also, the law provides for collaboration of the Competition Authority with various regulatory bodies to ensure fair and effective competition in regulated sectors. In this context, the Competition Authority has signed a series of memorandums of cooperation with the Bank of Albania, TRE, ERE, ERU, etc.