

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND EDUCATION NETWORK

MISSION STATEMENT & OBJECTIVES FOR 2017 AND BEYOND

**A project about how to encourage and enhance creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship of young Europeans.**

In the globalised and digitalised 21st century, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship, more than ever, are at the heart of European economic, cultural and social wealth. Protecting your own work and respecting the work of others plays an increasingly important role in the professional and private lives of all citizens. Therefore, knowledge of basic principles, built around respect for one's own and others' ideas, linked with awareness of their value and existing tools allowing the young citizens to reap financial, societal and cultural benefits of such intellectual potential should be deeply rooted in the education of 21st century young Europeans.

In order to answer to the needs of digital era, the European Union Intellectual Property Office took a lead to breach a gap between education and IP authorities by creating a specialised Intellectual Property (IP) in Education network managed by the Office.

The network is mainly a pedagogical body made up of Ministries of Education from all EU Member States supported by respective Intellectual Property Offices and other relevant stakeholders like teachers and their associations. It meets twice a year in the EUIPO premises.

In the October 2016 meeting the IP in Education network established the following objectives for the year 2017 and beyond:

- To produce relevant set of IP facts and figures to facilitate the decision-making processes;
- To explore together relevant national curricula as case studies of countries that have already introduced IP notions in their curricula;
- To take part in the consultation of the European Commission on key competences by proposing a common answer indicating set of competences with IP related content;
- To collect and share good practice between the network members (positive and effective projects, materials, campaigns, etc.);
- If necessary to develop and test, modern, up to date resources for pupils and teachers that could serve as best practice examples and
- To create a practical and useful social network between the civil servants working with the same issues in EU Member States.

The role of the EUIPO is limited to that of a facilitator, supporter and resource provider in issues related to intellectual property, since it is clear that education is a national competence.