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## ECTA ACTIVITY REPORT June 2014 – June 2015

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## **I. Position Papers**

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ECTA provided Authorities with the following position papers.

All ECTA's position papers can be found on the Position Papers page of the ECTA website ([www.ecta.eu](http://www.ecta.eu)).

### **A. With the support of the Anti-Counterfeiting Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

#### **September 2014**

- ECTA's comments: EU-Korea IP Dialogue.
- ECTA's comments on the proposals, of 18 July 2014, for a Regulation and Directive on the Community trade mark.

- **Committee itself:**

#### **October 2014**

- ECTA's comments regarding a communication adopted by the European Commission entitled "Towards a renewed consensus on the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights: An EU Action Plan".

### **B. With the support of the Design Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

#### **September 2014**

- ECTA's comments: EU-Korea IP Dialogue.
- ECTA's comments on the proposals, of 18 July 2014, for a Regulation and Directive on the Community trade mark.

#### **March 2015**

- ECTA's comments on draft amendments to OHIM's Guidelines, WP2, 2015.

- **Committee itself:**

#### **March 2015**

- ECTA's opinion on the Design Law Treaty.

## **C. With the support of the Geographical Indications Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

**September 2014**

- ECTA's comments: EU-Korea IP Dialogue.
- ECTA's comments on the proposals, of 18 July 2014, for a Regulation and Directive on the Community trade mark.

**October 2014**

- Comments on the Green Paper on a possible extension of geographical indication protection of the European Union to non-agricultural products.

**March 2015**

- ECTA's comments on draft amendments to OHIM's Guidelines, WP2, 2015.

- **Committee itself:**

**May 2015**

- Letter on certification marks at OHIM.

## **D. With the support of the Harmonization Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

**September 2014**

- ECTA's comments: EU-Korea IP Dialogue.
- ECTA's input to IP Key.
- ECTA's comments on the proposals, of 18 July 2014, for a Regulation and Directive on the Community trade mark.

**March 2015**

- ECTA's comments on draft amendments to OHIM's Guidelines, WP2, 2015.

## **E. With the support of the Internet Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

### **September 2014**

- ECTA's comments: EU-Korea IP Dialogue.
- ECTA's comments on the proposals, of 18 July 2014, for a Regulation and Directive on the Community trade mark.

## **F. With the support of the Law Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees**

### **September 2014**

- ECTA's comments: EU-Korea IP Dialogue.
- ECTA's comments on the proposals, of 18 July 2014, for a Regulation and Directive on the Community trade mark.
- ECTA's contribution to OHIM – ABBC – Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

### **March 2015**

- ECTA's joint communication on OHIM Surplus issue.
- ECTA's comments on draft amendments to OHIM's Guidelines, WP2, 2015.

### **April 2015**

- ECTA's comments regarding Article 28(5) – Retroactivity

- **Committee itself:**

### **July 2014**

- ECTA Submission on Proposed Ireland "Standardized Packaging" Legislation.

### **December 2014**

- ECTA Submission to the European Commission on proposed UK "Standardized Packaging".

## **May 2015**

- Paper on Intellectual Property Issues Arising from Proposals by EU Member States for Plain Packaging Legislation.

## **G. With the support of the Membership & Disciplinary Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

### **September 2014**

- ECTA's comments: EU-Korea IP Dialogue.
- ECTA's input to IP Key.
- ECTA's comments on the proposals, of 18 July 2014, for a Regulation and Directive on the Community trade mark.

- **Committee itself:**

### **January 2015**

- Membership Poll.

## **H. With the support of the ECTA – OHIM Link Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

### **September 2014**

- ECTA's contribution to OHIM – ABBC – Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

### **February 2015**

- Additional Input – OHIM Strategic Plan 2020 Public Stakeholder Consultation.

### **March 2015**

- ECTA's comments on draft amendments to OHIM's Guidelines, WP2, 2015.
- ECTA's joint communication on OHIM Surplus issue.

- **Committee itself:**

**June 2014**

- Position paper CP3 Distinctiveness Figurative marks containing descriptive/non-distinctive marks.

**April 2015**

- Comments on CP3 – Communication and Implementation Strategy Documents.

**I. With the support of the Professional Affairs Committee:**

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

**September 2014**

- ECTA's comments: EU-Korea IP Dialogue.
- ECTA's comments on the proposals, of 18 July 2014, for a Regulation and Directive on the Community trade mark.

**March 2015**

- ECTA's comments on draft amendments to OHIM's Guidelines, WP2, 2015.

- **Committee itself:**

**February 2015**

- Data Protection at OHIM.

**J. With the support of the WIPO Link Committee:**

- **Committee itself:**

**January 2015**

- Madrid Consultation Group – Request for Feedback.
- Comments on WIPO Survey on Dependency Principle Issues.
- Press Release on the occasion of the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a new Act of the Lisbon Agreement for the protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration.

## **K. Others / ECTA Management Committee:**

### **September 2014**

- ECTA's contribution to OHIM – ABBC \_ Strategic Plan 2014-2020.

### **December 2014**

- ECTA's comments prior to the meeting with the European Commission on 11 December 2014.

### **February 2015**

- Additional Input – OHIM Strategic Plan 2020 Public Stakeholder Consultation.

### **March 2015**

- Utilization of the OHIM Surplus.

### **April 2015**

- ECTA's comments regarding Article 28(5) – Retroactivity.

## **II. Participation in Multilateral and Bilateral Meetings with the OHIM, EU Commission and Entities Linked to the EU Commission**

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### **September 2014**

- Bilateral meetings with DG MARKT (Anti-Counterfeiting, Copyright, and Intellectual Property Sections), 18 September 2014, Brussels.

### **November 2014**

- OHIM Administrative Board and Budget Committee meetings, 18-20 November 2014, Alicante.

### **December 2014**

- Bilateral meetings with DG MARKT, 11 December 2014, Brussels.
- Bilateral meetings with DG TRADE, 11 December 2014, Brussels.
- Bilateral meeting with the EU Parliament, 11 December 2014, Brussels.
- Bilateral meeting with the Permanent Representation of Sweden, 11 December 2014, Brussels.

## **February 2015**

- ECTA - OHIM Link Committee Annual Meeting, 27 February 2015, Alicante.

## **March 2015**

- Bilateral meetings with DG MARKT, 12 March 2015, Brussels.
- Bilateral meeting with the Permanent Representation of Latvia, 12 March 2015, Brussels, Brussels.
- Bilateral meeting with DG Trade, 12 March 2015, Brussels.

## **June 2015**

- OHIM Administrative Board and Budget Committee meetings, 8-10 June 2015, Alicante.

## **III. Participation in Projects Linked to the EU Commission, EU Parliament, EU Observatory, OLAF, EURid and the OHIM**

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### **June 2014**

- OHIM Anti-Fraud Networking Meeting, 16 June 2014, Alicante.

### **October 2014**

- OHIM 13<sup>th</sup> Liaison Meeting on Designs, 13-14 October 2014, Alicante.

### **February 2015**

- EU Observatory Legal Working Group, 24 February 2015, Alicante.
- EU Observatory Plenary Session, 25 February 2015, Alicante.
- EU Observatory Enforcement Working Group, 25 February 2015, Alicante.

### **March 2015**

- OHIM 10<sup>th</sup> Liaison Meeting on Technical Cooperation, 3-4 March 2015, Alicante.
- OHIM Meeting CP3 Convergence Programme, 26 March 2015, Brussels.

### **April 2015**

- OHIM 13<sup>th</sup> Liaison Meeting on Trade Marks, 14-15 April 2015, Alicante.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> OAMI User Group Meeting, 24 April 2015, Alicante.



## **June 2015**

- EURid General Assembly, 2 June 2015, Sofia.

## **IV. Participation in Multilateral and Bilateral Meetings of International Organisations**

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### **October 2014**

- WIPO – ECTA Annual Cooperation Meeting, 13 October 2014, Geneva.

### **July 2014**

- UNCITRAL 47<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission, 7-18 July 2014, New York.

### **March 2015**

- WIPO Standing Committee on the law of trade marks, industrial designs and geographical indications, 16-20 March 2015, Geneva.

### **April 2015**

- WIPO 15th session of the Committee on development and intellectual property, 20-21 April 2015, Geneva.
- WIPO NGO Meeting, 21 April 2015, Geneva.

### **May 2015**

- WIPO Diplomatic Conference, Lisbon Agreement, 11-16 May 2015, Geneva.

## **V. Meetings with Associations**

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### **September 2014**

- 18<sup>th</sup> NGO Coordination Meeting at AIPPI, 14 September 2014, Toronto.

### **May 2015**

- NGO coordination meeting at INTA Conference, 2015, San Diego.

## **VI. ECTA Round Tables and Workshops**

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### **September 2014**

- ECTA Round Table: Brand owners life before and after IP translator, Copenhagen.

## **October 2014**

- ECTA Round Table: Perfection or imperfection in trade mark practice in Russia, Tallinn.

## **February 2015**

- ECTA Workshop: Re-filing: trick or treat, Alicante.

## **March 2015**

- ECTA Round Table: 3D Printing and IP rights – update on the trade mark legislative package.

## **VII. Press**

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### **July 2014**

- *Interview with ECTA President F. Peter Müller*, Alicante News.

### **August 2014**

- *Legal Challenge to British proposed ban on cigarette packaging*, Voice of Russia UK.

### **October 2014**

- *The right to use a trade mark*, Max Oker-Blom, Bárbara Díaz Alaminos, Intellectual Property magazine.

## **VIII. Other**

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### **ECTA Committees**

- Creation of the New ECTA-WIPO Link Committee.
- Expansion of the ECTA field of expertise to copyrights.

### **ECTA and Social Media**

- Creation of ECTA profile on Facebook;
- Creation of an Official ECTA LinkedIn;
- “Up to date” ECTA twitter;
- New ECTA Website;
- ECTA event Application.



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### **ECTA Brussels meetings**

- In addition to the previous mentioned meetings, ECTA has been organizing and attending regular meetings in Brussels with different EU Officials, EU Institutions and representatives from other associations.

### **EURid Board of Directors**

- Massimo Cimoli, Vice-Chair of the ECTA Internet Committee, has been elected as a new member of the EURid Board of Directors for a three years period as ECTA representative.