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A Technical Workshop on Tools and Practices is taking place at the headquarters of the Eurasian Patent Organization (<u>EAPO</u>) in Moscow, Russia on 11-12 December 2019, with the participation of the Industrial Property Offices of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Belarus, Russia and Tajikistan.

The workshop, which is part of the EUIPO's <u>international cooperation</u> activities, enables the exchange of information and experiences and reinforces the <u>cooperation between EAPO and the EUIPO</u>. In particular, both offices will focus on extending the benefits of the tools and practices developed under the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN), in particular **DesignView**.

The agenda also includes a consultation process to **identify specific actions in assisting EAPO** in the implementation of their recently acquired competence on industrial designs. During the workshop, the EUIPO will also assist EAPO in the draft Guidelines of Examination.

The EUIPO's 2020 vision is to deliver high-quality products and services to trade mark and design users, which requires expanding its focus to the international arena. In particular, Line of Action 4 of the Strategic Plan 2020, supporting its Strategic Goal 3 'Building network convergence with global impact', includes the Office's strategy to extend the benefits of the tools and practices developed by the EUIPN beyond the borders of the EU, in the interest of users, particularly SMEs.

As part of this strategy, since 2017, the EUIPO has hosted several technical workshops with non-EU IP offices across the world, thus increasing the outreach of the Network's tools and practices globally.