

Regulation on the Organization and Conduct of the International Specialized Exhibition “INFOINVENT”

Chapter I. Purpose and Goals of the International Specialized Exhibition “INFOINVENT”

1. The International Specialized Exhibition (ISE) “INFOINVENT” is a forum of intellectual property, creativity and innovation, organized once every two years. At the decision of the Organizing Committee, the exhibition can be organized with physical presence, in online or mixed format.
2. The purpose of the organization of the ISE “INFOINVENT” is to support and promote the activity in the field of research, innovation and development, to attract investments in the activity of innovation and technology transfer, to carry out mixed projects on the valorization and implementation of inventions, plant varieties, industrial designs, new technologies, products and services, other results of human creativity in the national economy, to develop international technical-scientific cooperation.
3. ISE “INFOINVENT” has the following goals:
 - promoting the best achievements/developments in various technical-scientific fields on the national and international market;
 - providing assistance to domestic innovators and holders of rights in industrial property objects in promoting their innovative achievements;
 - familiarizing the public with the latest technical-scientific and cultural-creative achievements from the Republic of Moldova and abroad;
 - promoting the creations of young people;
 - contributing to the development of the market of new intellectual property objects, innovative products and services;
 - promoting innovative enterprises from the small and medium business sector;
 - facilitating the process of attracting investments in the activity of innovation and technology transfer;
 - organizing a platform for the exchange of experience and best practices for the development, protection, valorization and implementation of scientific and innovative achievements through forums, conferences, seminars, workshops;
 - strengthening international cooperation in the field of research, innovation and development.

Chapter II. Organizer and Partners of the ISE “INFOINVENT”

4. The organizer of the ISE “INFOINVENT” is the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI), which is responsible for the technical and organizational assurance of the exhibition, partners of the exhibition being the Ministry

of Education and Research (MER), the Ministry of Culture (MC), the National Agency for Research and Development (NARD) and the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research (NAQAER).

5. The organizer can attract other institutions and organizations both from the country and abroad as partners and sponsors of the ISE "INFOINVENT".
6. The financing of the actions of organizing and conducting the ISE "INFOINVENT" and awarding the laureates is provided from the account of available resources of the organizer and partners, as well as from the fees for participation in the exhibition, which include the fee for registration in the official catalog of the ISE "INFOINVENT" and the exhibition space rental fee.

Chapter III. Participants in the ISE "INFOINVENT"

7. Research and innovation and pre-university, university and post-university education institutions, enterprises and organizations with various forms of ownership, natural and legal persons, both from the Republic of Moldova and abroad, the activity of which result in intellectual creations (inventions, plant varieties, industrial design, scientific and innovative results, new technologies products and services, cultural and creative products, etc.).
8. The works presented at ISE "INFOINVENT" will be distributed according to the following compartments:
 - a) Compartment I: Inventions and Plant Varieties, Industrial Design;
 - b) Compartment II: Innovation and Technology Transfer Projects. Research Projects. Monographs;
 - c) Compartment III: Creation of Youth;
 - d) Compartment IV: Innovative Products and Services;
 - e) Compartment V: Creative Industries.
9. Those wishing to participate in the ISE "INFOINVENT" submit to AGEPI, by e-mail or directly, the following documents:
 - f) application for participation, signed by the participant, according to Annex No. 1 to this Regulation;
 - g) contract for participation in the ISE "INFOINVENT", signed by the participant, according to the standard forms in Annex No. 2 or, where appropriate, Annex No. 4 to this Regulation;
 - h) form for registration in the Official Catalog of ISE "INFOINVENT" (hereinafter - Official Catalog) for each work submitted to be exhibited at the exhibition, signed by the participant, according to Annex No. 3 to this Regulation;

- i) proof of payment of the fees for participation in the exhibition.
10. The amount of fees for registration in the official Catalog and for renting the exhibition space shall be established by the Organizing Committee for each edition of ISE "INFOINVENT".
11. The Organizing Committee shall establish for each edition of ISE "INFOINVENT" the period for submitting the documents provided for in point 9 letter. a), b), c) of this Regulation, including the deadline for their acceptance.
12. AGEPI reserves the right not to admit for registration in the Official Catalog the documents provided for in point 9 letter a), b), c) of this Regulation presented later than the established deadline.
13. The application for participation and the documents attached thereto can be submitted both by the participant and by any person authorized by him.
14. Participants in the exhibition are personally responsible for the veracity of the information provided in the application for participation and the form for registration in the Official Catalog.
15. If false information is detected, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to exclude the participant from the exhibition.
16. The documents referred to in point 9 letter a), b), c) submitted to AGEPI will not be returned.
17. The participants of the ISE "INFOINVENT" can take part in the program of events organized during the exhibition, as well as in the contests organized by the organizer and the partners of the exhibition. Only participants from the Republic of Moldova are eligible for the prize specified in point 21.
18. All works presented at the contests organized within the ISE "INFOINVENT" (inventions, utility models, plant varieties, industrial designs, innovation and technology transfer projects, innovative products and services, other results of human creativity) are examined and evaluated by qualified specialists from the Commission of Experts and by the Jury of ISE "INFOINVENT".

Chapter IV. Contests, Mentions and Distinctions of the ISE "INFOINVENT"

19. Within the framework of the ISE "INFOINVENT", mentions and distinctions will be awarded for the following contests:

- 1) Compartment I: Inventions and Plant Varieties, Industrial Design:
 - a) "Best Invention";
 - b) "Best Invention Created by a Woman Inventor";
 - c) "Best Invention Created by a Young Inventor";
 - d) "Most Successful Industrial Design";
 - e) "Most Successful Plant Variety";
 - f) "Most Representative Participation in the Exhibition";
 - 2) Compartment II: Innovation and Technology Transfer Projects. Research Projects. Monographs:
 - a) "Best Innovation and Technology Transfer Project";
 - b) "Best Research Project";
 - c) "Best Monograph";
 - 3) Compartment III: Creation of Youth:
 - a) "Most Ingenious Innovative Pupil";
 - b) "Best Creation of Youth";
 - 4) Compartment IV: Innovative Products and Services:
 - a) "Successful Innovative Product";
 - b) "Successful Innovative Service";
 - c) Most Innovative Enterprise in the SME Sector";
 - 5) Compartment V: Creative Industries:
 - a) "Most Skilled Craftsman";
 - b) "Bestselling Editorial Production";
 - c) "Most Successful Video Clip";
 - d) "Most Successful Advertising Product";
 - e) "Best Software Tool";
 - f) "Best Animated Film (Short)".
20. Gold, silver and bronze medals of AGEPI, accompanied by diplomas, will be awarded for the winning-designated works exhibited within the ISE "INFOINVENT".
- In the case of works presented by groups of authors, the medals referred to in this point will be awarded in a single copy to the group of authors. Author group members may request a duplicate of the diploma accompanying the award.
21. Within the ISE "INFOINVENT" will be presented the Award of the Government of the Republic of Moldova for Outstanding Inventor established and awarded in accordance with the conditions approved by Government Decision No. 291/2000, with subsequent amendments.
22. The representatives of international invention exhibitions, institutions and organizations from the country and abroad, participating in the ISE

“INFOINVENT”, can award mentions and distinctions, including prizes, cups, medals and diplomas, other than those mentioned in points 19-21 of this Regulation, obligatorily informing the organizer in this sense and assuming the costs of sending the awards to the winners.

Chapter V. Organization and Conduct of the ISE “INFOINVENT”

23. The organization and conduct of the ISE “INFOINVENT” is ensured by the Organizing Committee, whose activity is regulated by the provisions of the Regulation on Exhibition and Fair Activity in the Republic of Moldova, approved by Government Decision No. 1331/2005, as well as of this Regulation.
24. The nominal composition of the Organizing Committee shall be approved by the Order of the Director General of AGEPI and consists of representatives of the organizer, of the partners, specialists in the field of intellectual property, representatives of institutions in the field of research and innovation, of the business environment, etc.
25. The Organizing Committee of the ISE “INFOINVENT” has the following duties:
 - develops and approves the concept, format and action plan of ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - approves the program and budget of expenses of ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - approves the list of contests and mentions awarded by the organizer and exhibition partners for each edition of the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - establishes the amount of the fee for registration in the Official Catalog of the ISE “INFOINVENT” and the exhibition space rental fee;
 - organizes joint consultations and meetings with the Jury and the Commission of Experts of the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - provides assistance to the Jury in resolving conflicts;
 - organizes press conferences and summation meetings of the works presented within the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - provides assistance in solving legal and administrative problems.
26. Meetings of the Organizing Committee shall be convened as necessary, with physical presence, in online or mixed format, and will be deliberative, with the presence of more than half of its members. The decisions of the Organizing Committee shall be adopted with the majority of votes of those present.
27. The decisions of the Organizing Committee shall be recorded in minutes, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Committee.

28. AGEPI, as the organizer of the ISE "INFOINVENT", has the following duties:
- develops and approves the samples of application forms for participation in the exhibition, the contract for participation with the annex to the contract, the form for registration in the Official Catalog;
 - receives and examines applications for participation in the ISE "INFOINVENT" and forms for registration in the Official Catalog;
 - ensures the implementation of the program and estimate of expenditure of the ISE "INFOINVENT", approved by the Organizing Committee;
 - acquires the distinctions, including the gold, silver and bronze medals, to be awarded, according to points 19 and 20;
 - develops and provides for the editing of the Official Catalog, advertising materials, invitations, diplomas, etc.;
 - provides the participants with informational support and the necessary consultancy, making available to them a guide for using the online platform, where appropriate;
 - provides the participants with exhibition space and, where appropriate, with equipment according to the contracts for participation in the ISE "INFOINVENT";
 - develops and provides for the realization of the scenarios of ceremonies for the inauguration of the exhibition and the awarding of the winning works and laureates of the ISE "INFOINVENT" contests, adapted to the format in which the exhibition is organized;
 - publishes on the website of the ISE "INFOINVENT" the lists of the winning works and laureates of the exhibition contests, indicating the awards presented, according to points 19-21 of this Regulation;
 - ensures the placement on the website of the ISE "INFOINVENT" of all information related to the exhibition, in PDF document format, of the decisions of the Organizing Committee, news, informative videos, etc.;
 - organizes roundtables, seminars, other technical-scientific events in the field of intellectual property with physical presence, in online or mixed format during the conduct period of the ISE "INFOINVENT";
 - invites, as sponsors of the exhibition, various institutions, organizations and enterprises, both from the country and abroad, who want to support creativity, innovation and technology transfer activity in the republic.
29. The Official Catalog of the ISE "INFOINVENT" shall be published at each edition of the exhibition and shall include the following information:
- the program, contests and mentions of the ISE "INFOINVENT", in Romanian and English;
 - the nominal members of the Organizing Committee, the Jury and the Commission of Experts of the exhibition, in Romanian and English;
 - the list of legal entities participating in the ISE "INFOINVENT", in alphabetical order;

- the list of natural persons participating in the ISE "INFOINVENT", in alphabetical order;
- information about the works presented, in Romanian and English, according to the compartments provided for in point 8 of this Regulation.

The Official Catalog of the ISE "INFOINVENT" of each edition of the exhibition shall be placed in PDF format on the website of the ISE "INFOINVENT".

Chapter VI. Jury of the ISE "INFOINVENT"

30. In order to ensure a competent assessment of the works presented in the ISE "INFOINVENT", the Jury of the ISE "INFOINVENT" (hereinafter - the Jury) is established.
31. The jury is made up of representatives of the organizer and partners of the exhibition, of institutions and organizations in the field of research, innovation and development, highly qualified specialists in the reference fields of the exhibition.
32. The nominal composition of the Jury shall be approved by the Organizing Committee.
33. In its activity, the Jury shall be assisted by the Commission of Experts of ISE "INFOINVENT".
34. The Jury has the following duties:
 - designates the winning works and laureates of the ISE "INFOINVENT" contests, according to points 19-21 of this Regulation, based on the proposals recorded in the minutes of the Commission of Experts of the ISE "INFOINVENT";
 - awards the prizes, gold, silver and bronze medals and mentions of the ISE "INFOINVENT", provided for in points 19-21 of this Regulation, according to the proposals recorded in the minutes of the Commission of Experts of the ISE "INFOINVENT";
 - participates in roundtables, seminars, other technical-scientific events within the framework of the ISE "INFOINVENT".
35. The decisions of the Jury shall be recorded in minutes, signed by the President and the secretary of the Jury.
36. The decisions of the Jury shall be adopted with the majority of votes of the members present at the meeting.
37. Divergences arising between the members of the Jury regarding the score given to the works presented and/or the proposed mentions shall

be resolved amicably or with the assistance of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organizing Committee.

38. The Jury has the right not to award certain mentions and distinctions if the works presented do not meet the necessary conditions for awarding them.

Chapter VII. Commission of Experts of the ISE "INFOINVENT"

39. The Commission of Experts of the ISE "INFOINVENT" (hereinafter - the Commission of Experts) is composed of AGEPI specialists, representatives of the exhibition's partners, its nominal composition being approved by the Order of the Director General of AGEPI.

40. The main duties of the Commission of Experts consist in the qualified examination and operative evaluation of the works presented within the ISE "INFOINVENT" and the submission of proposals for the awarding of the mentions and distinctions established in points 19-21 of this Regulation.

41. The Commission of Experts will examine and evaluate only the works presented in the exhibition and included in the Official Catalog.

42. The evaluation of the presented works shall be carried out on the basis of the accumulated points, according to the criteria provided for in points 50-56 of this Regulation.

43. The Commission of Experts will not examine and evaluate the works included in the Official Catalog of the current edition of the ISE "INFOINVENT", if they were presented in previous editions of the ISE "INFOINVENT". They will only be admitted if they are part of a cycle of works and are accompanied by new works.

44. The Commission of Experts can transfer to other sections, for examination and assessment the papers, which according to the title and summary do not correspond to the section indicated by the participant in the Form for Registration in the Official Catalog of the ISE "INFOINVENT".

45. The members of the Commission of Experts will not participate in the examination and evaluation of the works whose authors or co-authors they are.

46. The Commission of Experts shall submit to the Jury, based on the decision taken by the majority vote of the members of the Commission, proposals on the winning works, as well as the designation of laureates for:
- the mentions provided for in point 19 of this Regulation;
 - the gold, silver and bronze medals of AGEPI, provided for in point 20

- of this Regulation;
- the Award of the Government of the Republic of Moldova for Outstanding Inventor, provided for in point 21 of this Regulation;
- the National Award of the World Intellectual Property Organization for Inventors and the National Award of the World Intellectual Property Organization for Enterprises, natural persons and legal entities from the Republic of Moldova, in accordance with the criteria provided by the Awards Guidelines of the World Intellectual Property Organization, accessible at the address: <https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/awards/national-awards.html>.

47. The decisions of the Commission of Experts shall be recorded in minutes, signed by the President and the secretary of the Commission.
48. The Commission of Experts shall present to the Jury the minutes on the evaluation of the selected works with recommendations for awarding mentions and distinctions of the exhibition.

Chapter VIII. Evaluation Criteria for Works Exhibited in the ISE “INFOINVENT”

49. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in the ISE “INFOINVENT”, the members of the Commission of Experts will take into account the evaluation criteria referred to in this chapter.
50. When examining and assessing the works exhibited in *Compartment I*, with reference to *inventions* and *plant varieties*, the Commission of Experts will take into account:
 - the presence of a patent application, a patent for invention, a short-term patent for invention, a valid plant variety patent or an application for homologation and/or a homologation certificate;
 - the degree of novelty and inventiveness;
 - the socio-economic, technical and ecological importance;
 - the degree of implementation in the national economy and/or the existence of implementation contracts, confirmed by documents;
 - the advantage of the exhibited invention compared to the existing products on the market;
 - the existence of patent rights transfer contracts and/or the existence of an application submitted/patent obtained abroad;
 - presentation of the work.
51. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in *Compartment I*, with reference to *industrial design*, the Commission of Experts will take into account:
 - the level of protection;

- the socio-economic and ecological importance;
 - the degree of implementation;
 - the originality.
52. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in *Compartment II* with reference to *innovation and technology transfer projects*, the Commission of Experts will take into account:
- the functionality of the technology/service/product obtained within the project;
 - the economic effect obtained following the implementation of the project (the amount of resources saved, the volume of innovative products sold, the number of new jobs created);
 - the investment recovery rate (income/investments);
 - the advantage of the exhibited innovation compared to the existing products on the market;
 - the existence of the possibility of exporting the innovation/finished product.
53. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in *Compartment II* with reference to *research projects*, the Commission of Experts will take into account:
- the novelty and originality of research;
 - the importance and necessity of the proposed research in the Republic of Moldova;
 - the dissemination of the obtained results (number of publications, patents, participations in events, etc.);
 - the contribution of the obtained results in solving concrete problems;
 - the transformation of the obtained results into intellectual property objects;
 - the training of researchers within the project through doctorate/postdoctorate.
- 53¹. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in *Compartment II* with reference to *monographs*, the Commission of Experts will take into account:
- the relevance (the connection between the established objectives and the identified problems/needs to be solved);
 - the scientific novelty, which makes a contribution to the knowledge process;
 - the originality of the work;
 - the existence of the potential for patenting/registration of an intellectual property object.
54. When examining and assessing the works exhibited in *Compartment III* "Creation of Youth", the Commission of Experts will take into account:

- the technical-innovative level of creation;
- the degree of ingenuity;
- the applicability and utility of the creation;
- the technical-economic effect.

55. When examining and assessing the works exhibited in *Compartment IV "Innovative Products and Services"*, the Commission of Experts will take into account:

- the level of novelty of the product/service on a regional, national, global level;
- the improvements and/or revisions of existing products/services;
- the expansions of existing product lines already on sale;
- the product repositioning: existing products, adapted for new uses or applications;
- the quality of innovative products/services from the point of view of accessibility, perception, technical requirements, content;
- the sales market;
- the existence of a strategy for the development and market launch of new products/services, including measures to protect intellectual property objects.

56. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in *Compartment V "Creative Industries"*, the Commission of Experts will take into account:

- the degree of originality;
- the degree of creativity;
- the applicability;
- the public awareness of the work;
- the valorization of the work.

Chapter IX. Common Provisions

57. The Organizing Committee will undertake the necessary measures to provide the ISE "INFOINVENT" with the distinctions, prizes and diplomas announced by the organizers, partners, sponsors and other institutions from the country and abroad.

58. The awarding or, as appropriate, the announcement of laureates of the ISE "INFOINVENT" will take place in accordance with the decisions of the Jury, confirmed by compartment minutes, in a festive ceremony.

59. In order to ensure transparency, the Organizing Committee will publicize the results of the exhibition, both on the websites of the organizers and partners of the exhibition and in the republican mass media.

60. As appropriate, the Organizing Committee shall submit proposals for amending and supplementing this Regulation, which are approved by the Order of the Director General of AGEPI.
61. The processing of personal data collected during the organization and conduct of the ISE "INFOINVENT" will be done in compliance with the provisions of Law No. 133/2011 on Personal Data Protection.

Annex