

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

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

1. The International Specialized Exhibition (ISE) “INFOINVENT” is a forum of intellectual property, creativity and innovation, organized every two years. At the decision of the Organizing Committee, the exhibition may be organized with physical presence, in online or mixed format.
2. The purpose of organizing the ISE “INFOINVENT” consists in supporting and promoting the activity in the field of research, innovation and development, attracting investments in the activity of innovation and technological transfer, carrying out joint projects regarding the use and implementation of inventions, plant varieties, industrial designs, new technologies, products and services, other results of human creativity in the national economy, development of international scientific-technical cooperation.
3. ISE “INFOINVENT” has the following objectives:
 - promoting the best achievements/developments in various scientific-technical fields on the national and international market;
 - rendering assistance to local innovators and rightholders of industrial property objects in promoting their innovative achievements;
 - familiarizing the public with the latest scientific-technical and cultural-creative achievements in the Republic of Moldova and abroad;
 - promoting the creations of youth;
 - contributing to the development of the market of new intellectual property objects, innovative products and services;
 - promoting the innovative enterprises in the small and medium business sector;
 - facilitating the process of attracting investments in the innovation and technology transfer activity;
 - organizing a platform for exchange of experience and best practices for the elaboration, protection, use 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 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 support of the exhibition, partners of the exhibition being the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research (MECC), National Agency for Research and Development (ANCD) and National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research (ANACEC).
5. The organizers may attract other institutions and organizations both from the country and abroad as partners and sponsors of the ISE “INFOINVENT”.
6. Financing of the actions for organizing and conducting the ISE “INFOINVENT” and for awarding the laureates is ensured from the 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 rental fee for the exhibition space.

Chapter III. Participants in the ISE “INFOINVENT”

7. Research and innovation and pre-university, university and post-university education institutions, enterprises and organizations with different forms of property, natural persons and legal entities, both from the Republic of Moldova and abroad, whose activity results in intellectual creations (inventions, varieties of plants, industrial design, scientific and innovative results, new products, services and technologies, cultural and creative products, etc.) can participate in the ISE “INFOINVENT”.
8. The works presented at the ISE “INFOINVENT” will be distributed according to the following Compartments:
 - a) Compartment I. Inventions and Plant Varieties, Industrial Design;
 - b) Compartment II. Research and Innovation Projects;
 - c) Compartment III. Creation of Youth;
 - d) Compartment IV. Innovative Products and Services;
 - e) Compartment V. Creative Industries.
9. Those who wish to participate in the ISE “INFOINVENT” submit to AGEPI, by e-mail or directly, the following documents:
 - a) the application for participation, signed by the participant, according to Annex 1 to this Regulation;
 - b) the contract for participation in the ISE “INFOINVENT”, signed by the participant, according to the standard forms in Annex 2 to this Regulation;
 - c) the standard form for registration in the Official Catalog of the ISE “INFOINVENT” (hereinafter - Official Catalog) for each work, submitted to be exhibited at the exhibition, signed by the participant, according to Annex 3 to this Regulation;
 - d) proof of payment of fees for participation in the exhibition.
10. The amount of fees for registration in the Official Catalog and for rental of the exhibition space is established by the Organizing Committee for each edition of the ISE “INFOINVENT”.
11. The Organizing Committee establishes for each edition of the ISE “INFOINVENT” the period for submitting the documents provided for in point 9 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 a), b), c) of this Regulation presented later than the established deadline.
13. The application for participation and the documents attached to it may be submitted by both the participant and any person empowered by him.
14. The participants in the exhibition bear personal responsibility for the truthfulness of the information presented in the application for participation and the standard form for registration in the Official Catalog.

15. In case of detecting false information, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to exclude the participant from the exhibition.
16. The documents referred to in point 9 a), b), c) submitted to AGEPI shall not be returned.
17. The participants in 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 partners of the exhibition. Only participants from the Republic of Moldova shall be eligible for the award specified in par. 21.
18. All the works presented at the contests organized within the ISE “INFOINVENT” (inventions, utility models, plant varieties, industrial designs, innovative 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 the 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 an Inventor Woman”;
 - c) “Best Invention Created by a Young Inventor”;
 - d) “Best Industrial Design”;
 - e) “Most Successful Plant Variety”;
 - f) “Most Representative Participation in the Exhibition”;
 - 2) Compartment II. Research and Innovation Projects:
 - g) “Best Innovation and Technology Transfer Project”;
 - h) “Best Research Project Realized by Young People”;
 - 3) Compartment III. Creation of Youth:
 - i) “Most Ingenious Innovative Pupil”;
 - j) “Best Creation of Youth”;
 - 4) Compartment IV. Innovative Products and Services:
 - k) “Successful Innovative Product”;
 - l) “Successful Innovative Service”;
 - m) “Most Innovative Enterprise in the SME Sector”;
 - 5) Compartment V. Creative Industries:
 - n) “Most Skilled Craftsman”;
 - o) “Best Sold Editorial Production”;
 - p) “Most Watched Video Clip”;
 - q) “Best Advertising Product”;
 - r) “Most Successful Software Product”;
 - s) “Best Animation Film (short film)”.
20. For the works exhibited within the ISE “INFOINVENT” designated winners, AGEPI gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded, accompanied by diplomas. In the case of works presented by groups of authors, the medals mentioned in this point will be awarded in a single copy to the group of authors. Members of the group of authors may request a duplicate of the diploma accompanying the distinction.

21. The Award of the Government of the Republic of Moldova Outstanding Inventor instituted and awarded in accordance with the conditions approved by Government Decision No. 291/2000 will be presented within the framework of the ISE “INFOINVENT”.
22. Representatives of international exhibitions of inventions, institutions and organizations from the country and abroad participating in the ISE “INFOINVENT” may award mentions and distinctions, including prizes, cups, medals and diplomas, other than those referred to in points 19-21 of this Regulation, obligatorily informing the organizer in this respect and assuming the expenses of sending the distinctions to the laureates.

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

23. The organization and conduct of the ISE “INFOINVENT” is provided by the Organizing Committee, whose activity is regulated by the provisions of the Regulation on the Exhibition Activity and Fairs 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 is 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 the institutions in the field of research and innovation, of the business environment, etc.
25. The Organizing Committee of the ISE “INFOINVENT” has the following tasks:
 - elaborates and approves the concept, format and action plan of the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - approves the program and the estimate of expenditure of the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - approves the list of contests and mentions presented by the organizers and partners of the exhibition 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 rental fee for the exhibition space;
 - organizes consultations and meetings jointly with the Jury and the Commission of Experts of the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - renders assistance to the Jury in dispute settlement;
 - organizes press conferences and meetings to summarize the results of the works presented in the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - renders assistance in settling legal and administrative problems.
26. The meetings of the Organizing Committee shall be convened as necessary, with physical presence, in online or mixt format, and shall be deliberative, with the presence of more than half of its members. The decisions of the Organizing Committee shall be adopted by a majority of the 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 organizer of the ISE “INFOINVENT”, has the following tasks:
 - elaborates and approves the standard forms of the application for participation in the exhibition, the participation contract 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 the forms for registration in the Official Catalog;

- ensures the implementation of the program and the 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, in accordance with points 19 and 20;
- elaborates and ensures the editing of the Official Catalog, advertising materials, invitations, diplomas, etc.;
- renders the necessary information support and consultancy to the participants, providing them with an online platform user guide, if necessary;
- provides the participants with exhibition space and, where appropriate, equipment in accordance with the contracts for participation in the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
- elaborates and ensures the realization of the scenarios of the inauguration ceremonies of the exhibition and of the awarding of the winning works and the laureates of the ISE “INFOINVENT”, adapted to the format in which the exhibition is organized;
- publishes on the ISE “INFOINVENT” website the lists of winning works and laureates of the exhibition contests, mentioning the distinctions awarded, according to points 19-21 of this Regulation;
- ensures the placement on the website of the ISE “INFOINVENT” of all the information related to the exhibition, in PDF document format, the decisions of the Organizing Committee, news, informative videos, etc.;
- organizes round tables, seminars, other technical-scientific manifestations in the field of intellectual property with physical presence, in online or mixed format during the period of conduct 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” is published at each edition of the exhibition and contains the following information:

- the program, contests and mentions of the ISE “INFOINVENT”, in Romanian and English;
- the nominal components 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 sections provided for in point 8 of this Regulation.

The Official Catalog of the ISE “INFOINVENT” of each edition of the exhibition is 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 evaluation of the works presented at the ISE “INFOINVENT”, the Jury of the ISE “INFOINVENT” (hereinafter – the Jury) is instituted.
31. The Jury is made up of representatives of the organizer and partners of the exhibition, of the 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 is approved by the Organizing Committee.

33. In its activity, the Jury is assisted by the Commission of Experts of the ISE “INFOINVENT”.
34. The Jury has the following tasks:
 - designates the winning works and the laureates of the contests of the ISE “INFOINVENT”, 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 entered in the minutes of the Commission of Experts of the ISE “INFOINVENT”;
 - participates in the conduct of round tables, seminars, other technical-scientific manifestations within the framework of the ISE “INFOINVENT”.
35. The decisions of the Jury shall be recorded in minutes, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Jury.
36. The decisions of the Jury shall be adopted by a majority of the votes of the members present at the meeting.
37. The divergences between the members of the Jury regarding the score given to the presented works and/or the proposed mentions shall be settled amicably or with the assistance of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organizing Committee.
38. The Jury has the right not to present certain mentions and distinctions if the presented works do not meet the conditions necessary for their presentation.

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 partners, its nominal composition being approved by Order of the Director General of AGEPI.
40. The main tasks of the Commission of Experts consist in the qualified examination and the operative evaluation of the works presented within the framework of the ISE “INFOINVENT” and the submission of proposals for granting the mentions and distinctions set out in points 19-21 of this Regulation.
41. The Commission of Experts will examine and evaluate only the works presented at the exhibition and included in the Official Catalog.
42. The evaluation of the presented works shall be made on the basis of the accumulated score, according to the criteria provided for in points 50-56 of this Regulation.
43. The Commission of Experts will not examine and assess the works included in the Official Catalog of the current edition of the ISE “INFOINVENT”, if they were presented at the previous editions of the ISE “INFOINVENT”. They will only be accepted if they are part of a cycle of works and are accompanied by new works.

44. The Commission of Experts may transfer, in other sections, for examination and evaluation the works, which by 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. Members of the Commission of Experts will not participate in the examination and evaluation of works, the authors or co-authors of which they are.
46. The Commission of Experts shall submit to the Jury, on the basis of the decision taken by a majority vote of the members of the Commission, proposals on the winning works, as well as the designation of the 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 Outstanding Inventor, provided for in point 21 of this Regulation;
 - the awarding of the WIPO Gold Medal for Inventors and the WIPO IP Enterprise Trophy to natural persons/legal entities of the Republic of Moldova, in accordance with the criteria provided by the WIPO Awards Guidelines, accessible at: <https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/awards>.
47. The decisions of the Commission of Experts shall be recorded in minutes, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission.
48. The Commission of Experts presents to the Jury the minutes on the evaluation of the selected works with recommendations for the presentation of mentions and distinctions of the exhibition.

Chapter VIII. Criteria for evaluating the works exhibited within the framework of the ISE “INFOINVENT”

49. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited within the framework of the ISE “INFOINVENT”, the members of the Commission of Experts will take into account the evaluation criteria mentioned in this chapter.
50. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in *Compartment I*, with reference to *inventions and plant varieties*, the Commission of Experts will consider:
 - the presence of a patent application, a patent for invention, a short-term patent for invention or a valid plant variety patent;
 - 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 the implementation contracts, confirmed by documents;
 - the advantage of the exhibited invention over the products existing on the market;
 - the existence of contracts for the transfer of rights in the patent and/or the existence of a filed application/patent obtained abroad;
 - the 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 consider:
 - the level of protection;
 - the socio-economic and ecological importance;
 - the degree of implementation;

- the originality.
52. When examining and appreciating the works exhibited in *Compartment II* with reference to *innovation and technology transfer projects*, the Commission of Experts will consider:
- the innovation degree of the project;
 - the existence of the valid patent for invention;
 - the degree of implementation of innovation in the national economy;
 - the profitability of the investments used/necessary for the implementation of the innovation;
 - the existence of the positive impact of innovation on the development of national science and economy;
 - the connection with the local social-economic development strategies;
 - the advantage of the exhibited innovation over the products existing 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 and innovation projects*, the Commission of Experts will consider:
- the originality of the research;
 - the importance and necessity of the proposed research in the Republic of Moldova;
 - the commercial potential of the research pursued by the authors and the impact of the obtained results on the national economy;
 - the value of the expected results for the field of research and innovation;
 - the potential of transforming the obtained results into intellectual property objects;
 - the potential for extending research within the Bilateral/European/International Programs/Projects.
54. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in *Compartment III "Creation of Youth"*, the Commission of Experts will consider:
- the technical-innovative level of the creation;
 - the degree of ingenuity;
 - the applicability and utility of the creation;
 - the technical-economic effect.
55. When examining and evaluating the works exhibited in *Compartment IV "Innovative Products and Services"*, the Commission of Experts will consider:
- the level of novelty of the product/service at regional, national, global level;
 - improvements and/or revisions of existing products/services;
 - extensions of existing product lines already sold;
 - the repositioning of products: existing products, adapted for new uses or applications;
 - the quality of innovative products/services in terms of accessibility, perception, technical conditions, content;
 - the commodity market;
 - the existence of a strategy for developing and launching new products/services on the market, including measures to protect the intellectual property objects.
56. When examining and appreciating the works exhibited in *Compartment V "Creative Industries"*, the Commission of Experts will consider:
- the degree of originality;
 - the degree of creativity;
 - the applicability;
 - the public knowledge of the work;
 - the exploitation of the work.

Chapter IX. Common Provisions

57. The Organizing Committee will take the necessary measures to provide the ISE “INFOINVENT” with the distinctions, awards and diplomas announced by the organizers, partners, sponsors and other institutions from the country and abroad.
58. The presentation or, as the case may be, the announcement of the distinctions to the laureates of the ISE “INFOINVENT” will take place in accordance with the decisions of the Jury, confirmed by minutes on Sections, during a festive ceremony.
59. In order to ensure transparency, the Organizing Committee will mediatize the results of the exhibition, both on the websites of the organizers and partners of the exhibition and in the republican mass media.
60. In case of necessity, the Organizing Committee submits proposals for amending and supplementing this Regulation, which are approved by 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.