

#### **Lisbon Webinar Series**

# Introduction to Geographical Indications (GIs) and the Benefits of the Lisbon System

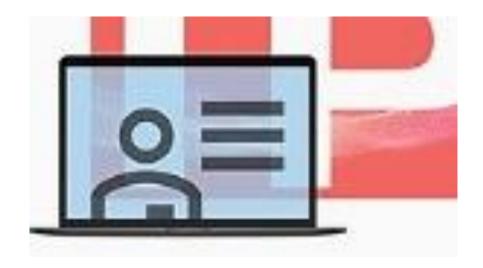
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### **Lisbon Webinars**

- 1° ever webinar on the Lisbon System
- 3 Modules
- 3 languages
- Recorded



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### **GI** essentials

Concept



Functions





Protecting GIs abroad with Lisbon 🚭



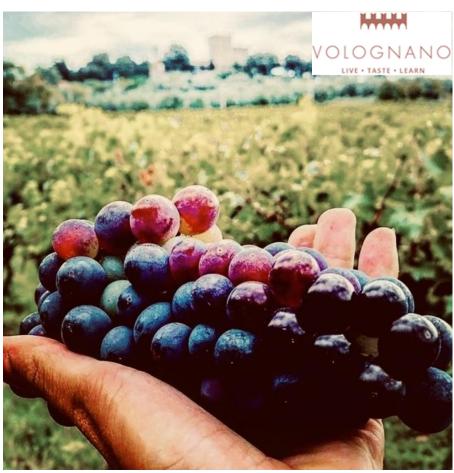
Benefits of the new Geneva Act





## What is a GI?





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## **GI** Concept

Origin



Qualities





Reputation

Wine Spectator TOP 100 Top 10 2019 All Top 100 Lists Videos Past Years'

TOP 10 of 2018



### **GI** Function

# Indicating a Connection between Characteristics of the Product and its Geographical Origin







### A GI is ...

An indication which identifies a good as originating in a specific geographical area and whose quality, reputation or characteristics are essentially attributable to that geographical origin



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## Why Gls?

Benefits for consumers

Benefits for producers

Benefits for rural areas

Benefits for overall region / country

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### **GI** Positive effects

#### **Economic**

Premium price

Tourism

#### **Cultural**

Identity

**Traditions** 



#### Social

**Employment** 

No Rural exodus

#### **Environmental**

Biodiversity

Landscape

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## GI stories: Kampot Pepper

- National registration in 2010:
  - > average purchase price
  - > production value
  - > export sales



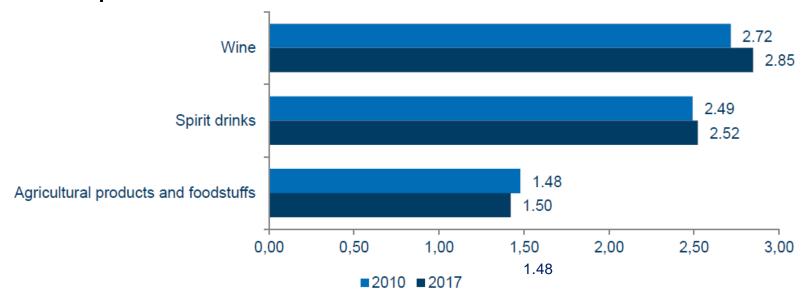
- International registration with Lisbon in 2021
  - > First under the Geneva Act





## A competitive hedge for producers

■ The average value premium rate for GI products in the European Union is estimates at 2.07



Source: AND International study for DG Agri

/!\ does not reflect the value added and/or profitability of GI schemes, as it does not consider the economic impact of compliance with GI specifications.

Study on economic value of EU quality schemes, geographical indications (GIs) and traditional specialities guaranteed (TSGs): <a href="https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/a7281794-7ebe-11ea-aea8-01aa75ed71a1">https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/a7281794-7ebe-11ea-aea8-01aa75ed71a1</a>

## Gls and Intellectual Property

# Unlock the INTANGIBLE ASSETS in a cup of coffee













A brand name associated with high-quality coffee



Your ideas are business assets.
Uncover your intangible assets to safeguard and grow your business.

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## Risks for a non-protected GI

Free-riding

Prior trademark registration

Genericness

#### Different domestic means of GI protection

Sui generis legislation

















Trademark system (collective/certification marks)

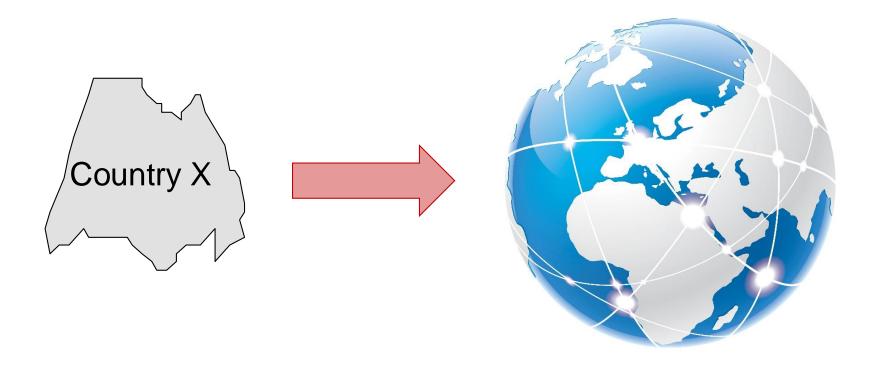




- Administrative systems
- Unfair competition laws



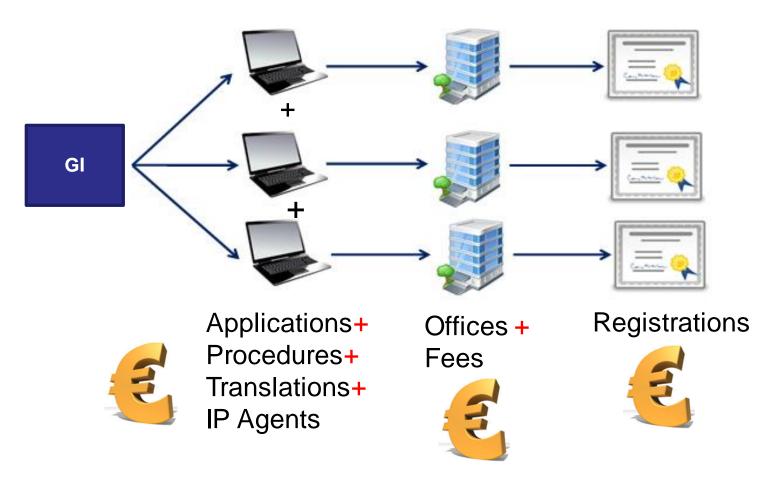
## How to protect your GI abroad?





## Several direct applications

(National or Regional offices)





### Lisbon is Accessible

#### Single registration with WIPO



- One application, one language, one set of fees
- Protection in several countries
- Centralized management



## **Lisbon is Easy**

- 1 condition to apply: prior domestic protection in party of origin (based on any system)
- WIPO notifies new AO/GI to all members
- Each member can refuse protection (within 1year)
- Protection in all Lisbon members

### **Lisbon is Convenient**

- International protection with one registration
- The only international GI register
- Covers all kinds of products







HEREND (737 / Hungary)

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## **Lisbon Legal Benefits**

- Unlimited in time protection
- High level protection
- Protection against genericness
- Title for legal action

### **Lisbon is Global**

- 53 countries overall
- Recent accessions: European Union, Laos, Cambodia, France, DPRK, Albania
- Soon members: Russia, Switzerland, Iran, Cameroon, Jamaica, Oman ...

## **Members of the Lisbon System**

## Lisbon Agreement (30 countries)

- Asia (3): Islamic Republic of Iran; Israel; DPR Korea
- •America (7): Costa Rica; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Haiti; Mexico; Nicaragua; Peru
- Africa (6): Algeria; Burkina Faso;Congo; Gabon; Togo; Tunisia
- Europe (14): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Czech Republic; France; Georgia; Hungary; Italy; Moldova; Montenegro; Portugal; Serbia; Slovakia; North Macedonia

## Geneva Act (32 countries)

Asia/Pacific (3): Cambodia,DPR Korea, Samoa

•Africa (1): Ivory Coast\*

**Europe (3):** Albania, France European Union (= 27 countries)

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## 1016 registrations

Top 3

France 509

Italy 175

Czechia 75



REBLOCHON (458 / France)



PROSCIUTTO DI PARMA (843 / Italy)



BOHEMIA GLASS (74 / Czech Republic)



#### Lisbon users



TEQUILA (669 / Mexico)



MEGRULI SULGUNI (1105 / Georgia)



SAROUGH HANDMADE CARPET (956 / Iran)



NOVOHRADSKÁ PŘÍRODNÍ MINERÁLNÍ DOBRÁ VODA (848 / Czech Republic)



BANANO DE COSTA RICA (900 / Costa Rica)

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OHRID PEARL (1002 / North Macedonia)

# Geneva Act (2015) of the Lisbon Agreement: Lisbon becomes more ..

Accessible

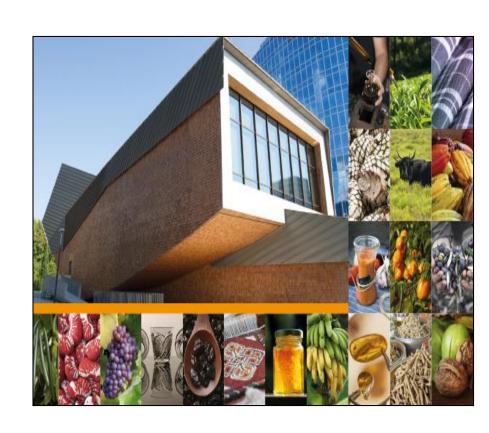
Global

**Flexible** 

**Effective** 

Inclusive

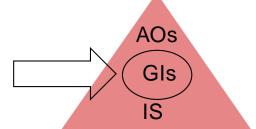
Modern





### The Geneva Act: What's ?

Extension to Geographical Indications +Accessible



Open to Intergovernmental Organizations +Global



Flexibility on national GI systems +Inclusive

Strong protection +Effective

Safeguards +Modern



# Geneva Act Extension to GIs = more products benefit from the Lisbon System



Luangprabang Silk (Lao PDR)



Alor Islands Vanilla (Indonesia)



Darjeeling Tea (India)



Bangladeshi Hilsha (Bangladesh)



Jamaican Jerk (Jamaica)



Chuao Cocoa Bean (Venezuela)
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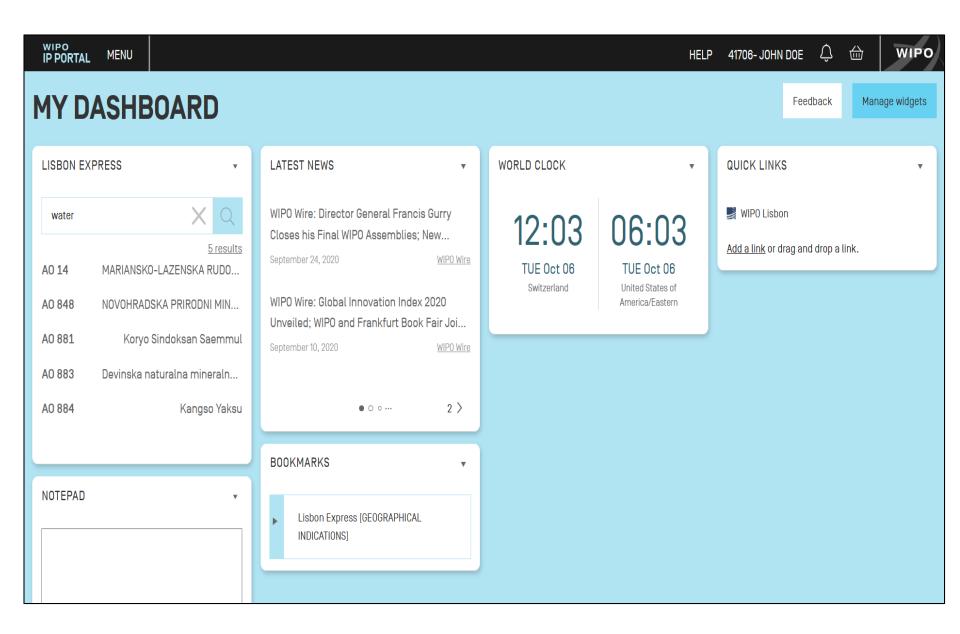
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ALL	Lisbon	Statistics	Discover WIPO PROOF
PATENTS	Lisbon Express	► Geographical indication Statistics	Trusted digital evidence for your intellectual assets.
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DIGITAL EVIDENCE			Legal Texts
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DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE RESOLUTION			Others
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## **Lisbon Express**



### Next webinar: Module II

Why and How to use the new Lisbon System (Geneva Act) to Protect your GI abroad?

Tuesday, March 9 (10:00 a.m. Geneva time)

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/748390877043 9620365



# Kampot pepper: 1<sup>st</sup> registration under the Geneva Act









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#### **Questions?**

#### More info

www.wipo.int/lisbon/en/index.html

Lisbon Express Database:

www.wipo.int/ipdl/en/search/lisbon/search-struct.jsp

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