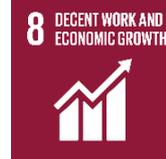


## SECTOR COOPERATION ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS BETWEEN IRAN & DENMARK, Annual report for 2018



### Project description

Since July 2018, Denmark and Iran have partnered in a Strategic Sector Cooperation that aims to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in registration, management, and enforcement of intellectual property rights (IPR) in Iran.

The project brings international experts from the Danish Patent and Trademark Office to Iran to support Iranian public authorities and private sector actors and work in unison to help modernize the country's economy and improve the regulation of its business environment, with a particular aim to spur sustainable economic growth in knowledge and innovation-intensive industries.

The core activities of the project centre on the Intellectual Property Center of Iran and provide trainings and experience sharing to its staff by Danish experts in order to strengthen human and administrative capacity.

To achieve greater institutional synergies, Denmark also works actively with its partners to foster coherence and coordination between registering authorities, private sector, academia and enforcing entities in Iran that deals with IPR on a daily basis.

Lastly, the project offers expert advice on how to bring Iranian legislation into alignment with international standards and how to build effective awareness campaigns about IPR in Iran to the public.

### Key activities in 2018

In the course of the last six months of 2018, 11 Danish expert delegations visited Iran and spent more than 210 hours of face-to-face time with their Iranian counterparts.

A 15-person Iranian delegation also visited Denmark for an introduction to Danish IPR institutions. Involvement of private sector and cooperation with trade initiatives.

### Main achievements and lessons learned in 2018

Capacity-developing activities in Iran in 2018 focused on needs assessments, legal review of Iranian IPR legislation, development of quality-management systems for the Intellectual Property Center of Iran, substantial trainings in patent examination processes, and strategic dialogues about public-private interaction in Denmark between IPR actors.

Due to the positive progress of activities, scope of the project has expanded to include four Iranian enforcement entities: public prosecutors, civil and criminal judges, police and customs. Capacity development focuses on best practises in European and international enforcement of IPR infringements.

Iran has also expressed interest in learning from Danish experiences with copyright legislation, collective rights management, and enforcement.

In 2019, implementation pace will increase – so far, 28 expert delegations are scheduled to visit Iran to share Danish experiences on a number of IPR issues.

**Status:** Project under implementation.

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