

## **Phase II**

- *Activity IV - Joining Madrid Agreement*

### ***Reasons for the action***

Georgia is not a member of the *Madrid Agreement for the Repression of False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods* (the Madrid Agreement). It is, however, party to the Lisbon Agreement and the Paris Agreement. All three agreements are complementary—and in substantive parts, e.g. Articles 4 and 5, the Lisbon Agreement cross-references the Madrid Agreement. In Georgia's case, this linkage that would result in stronger protection for appellations, and which would be useful for example in the on-going case in Bulgaria, is broken.

### ***Specific Tasks***

- To evaluate the precise additional benefits of joining the Madrid Agreement;
- To determine the accession costs, and the related implementation costs of joining the Madrid Agreement;
- To assist in preparing any background documents that would support Georgia's application to join the Madrid Agreement.

### ***Deliverables***

Attached is the "Note on the costs, benefits, process and legislative implications of acceding to the Madrid Agreement"