

Mobilizing Institutions: Cooperation between Intellectual Property and Agricultural Institutions, and the Inter- institutional Project Steering Group

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Mission Statement

The Federal Institute of Intellectual Property is the **competence centre** of the Swiss Confederation for all intellectual property matters.



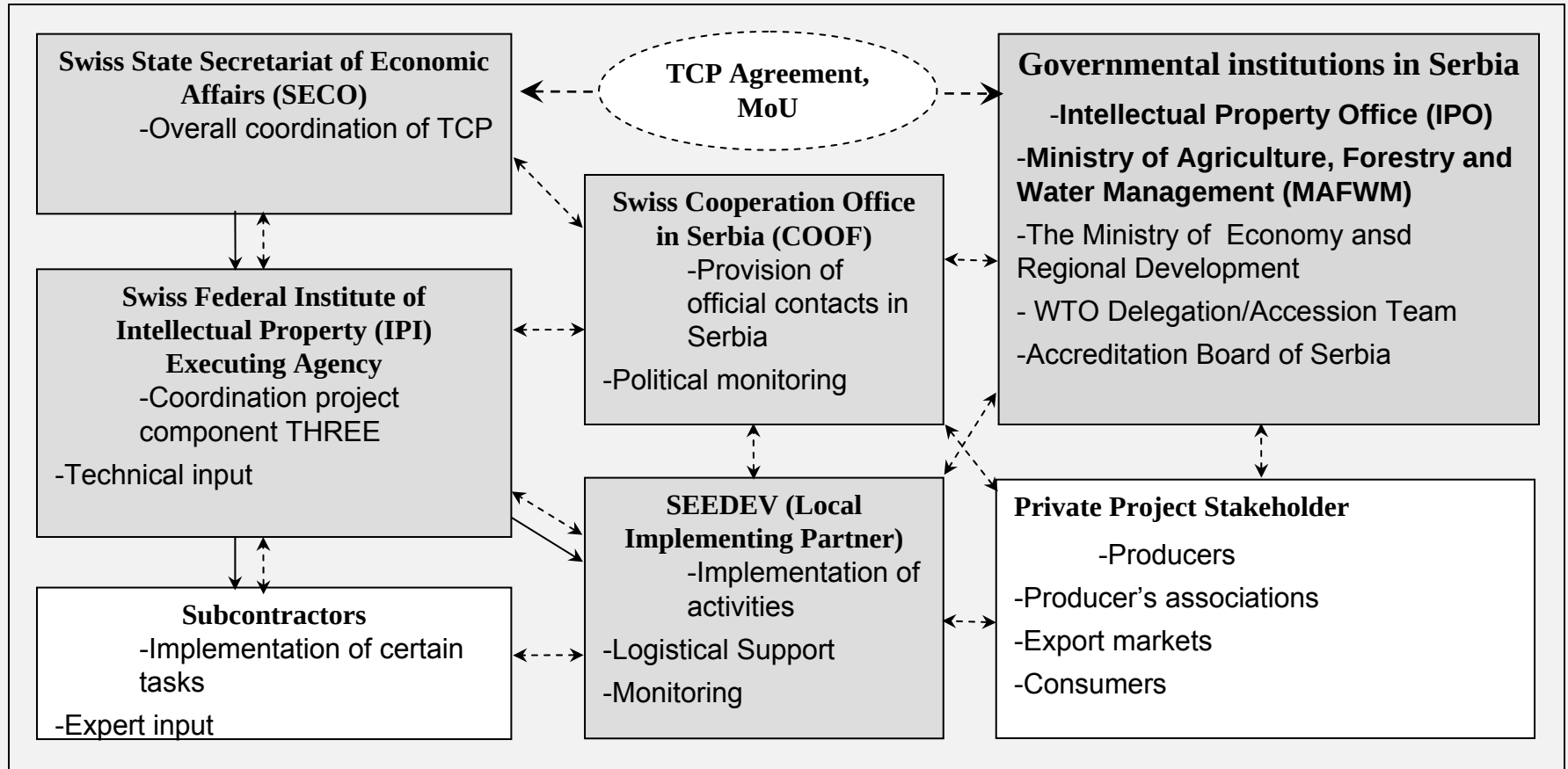
Principles and Success Factors

- **Integration** and participation of all relevant stakeholders
- Strengthening of **ownership** in the partner countries
- **Sustainability** of projects
- **Coordination** with other **donor** countries in order to use synergies and to avoid duplication of work
- **Alignment and integration** with **national economic development strategies and programmes** of partner country
- **Transparency** among all stakeholders
- **Accountability** and constant **monitoring** of the implementation process
- Objective of our work: **supporting the partner country** in reaching a level of adequate IP protection

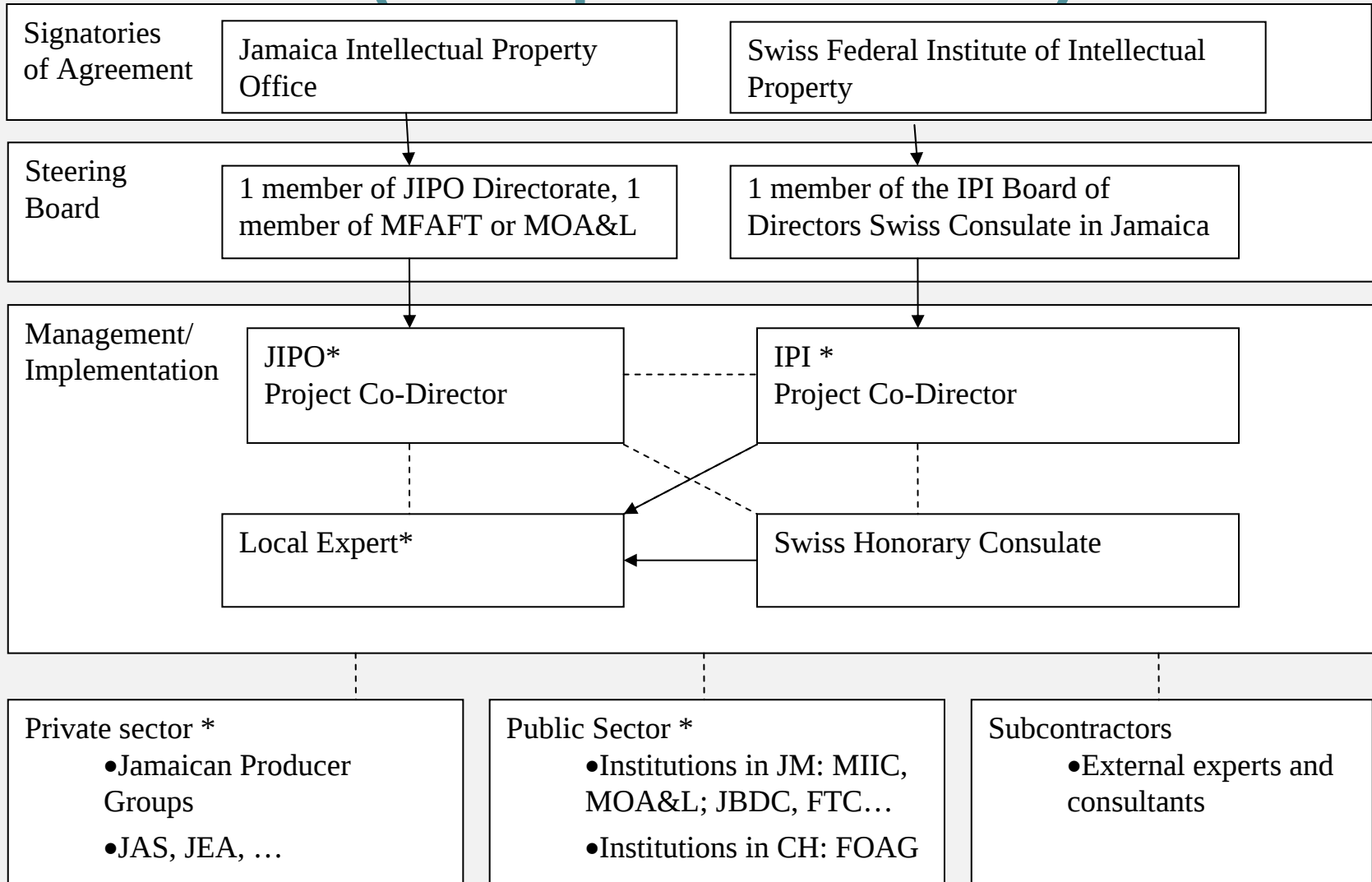
Currently ongoing Projects containing Activities on GIs:

Country	Topic	Duration	Budget (in TCHF)	Finances
Ghana	Modernization of institutions and laws, facilitating establishment of national IPR policy (including GIs)	2009 - 2011	1'000	SECO
Jamaica	Legal protection of geographical indications , awareness raising, facilitating registration of pilot GIs.	2008 - 2010	928	IPI
Kenya	Legal protection of geographical indications , awareness raising, facilitating registration of pilot GIs.	2009 - 2010	772	IPI
Serbia	Compliance of national legislation with TRIPS Agreement. Update of legal protection of geographical indications .	2010 - 2012	894	SECO
Vietnam	Update of specific aspects of IPR legislation, geographical indications , awareness raising, and outreach strategy. Follow-up to prior project.	2001 - 2010	1'000	SECO

Cooperation between IP and Agricultural Institutions (example of Serbia)



Cooperation between IP and Agricultural Institutions (example of Jamaica)





Bottlenecks in GI-Projects and how to overcome them?

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| ■ Absorption capacity | → | ■ Sufficient gaps between the activities |
| ■ Legal situation | → | ■ Phasing of project / Planning of activities |
| ■ GIs ≠ sufficient | → | ■ Embedding of GI-project in overall project/strategy |
| ■ Lack of presence by implementing agencies | → | ■ Local representation with background/ understanding for both partners |
| ■ Number of GIs | → | ■ Pilot GIs, objective criteria |

More information:

<http://www.ige.ch/d/jurinfo/j5.shtm>

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