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PCT Collaborative Search & Examination Pilot

IP5 - Industry Consultation Group



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CS&E concept

- Concept: one PCT search performed by the main ISA in collaboration with "peer" ISAs which provide contributions and feedback
- **Aim:** high quality search, increased legal certainty early on in the procedure
- Pilot phases 1 and 2 (2010-12) were Office driven, and with only 3 participating Offices (EPO, KIPO, USPTO) working on English files
- Pilot phases 1 and 2 covered only a handful of files, and there was no automatic monitoring of the files entering the various national phases
- Pilot phases 1 and 2 could not be used as a conclusive basis to implement the proposed product in the PCT framework, and a 3rd phase was needed

Pilot phase 3 (1)

- Pilot phase 3 will be applicant-driven and all IP5 Offices will participate
- Aim: check efficiency gains for Offices and potential uptake by applicants
- Pilot phase 3 is divided in two phases:
 - preparatory phase launched by IP5 Heads on 2 June 2016, and
 - operational phase to be launched (tentatively) by mid 2017

Pilot phase 3 (2)

- Period of operational phase: 3 years to monitor entry into national phases
- 100 files per main ISA will be processed with English and non-English files (including Asian languages: Chinese, Korean and Japanese)
- Secure electronic platform for exchange of information and monitoring of KPIs

CS&E Pilot Group (1)

- CS&E Cooperation Framework endorsed by IP5 Heads: sets the timeline of the CS&E Pilot and the mandate of the CS&E Pilot Group
- CS&E Pilot Group (IP5 + WIPO representatives) is in charge of:
 - during the preparatory phase, organizing the launch of the operational phase on a solid basis (i.a. collaborative scheme and methodology, operational and quality requirements, financial assessment, IT tool etc.)

CS&E Pilot Group (2)

- during the operational phase, monitoring the pilot, reporting to IP5 & PCT relevant bodies and informing the user community
- by the end of the pilot, making a recommendation regarding the implementation of the new product in the PCT framework on the basis of the experience gained and the outcome of the KPIs
- CS&E Pilot Group met for the first time on 17.10.2016 and agreed on working methods and roadmap. Next meeting will be on 3-4 February.

Agenda

Your participation in the pilot will be welcome!

Information on the conditions for participation should be available before June 2017.

Thank you for your attention!

