



## Celebrating ten years of IP5 co-operation

**31 May 2017**

The IP5 Heads of Office meet in Valletta, Malta, on 31 May – 1 June 2017, to celebrate ten years of IP5 co-operation, take stock of achievements to date, and decide the future direction of their initiatives.

On 31 May, the IP5 Heads of Office met with representatives of industry groups from the five regions (“IP5 Industry”) to discuss users’ expectations of the future strategic direction of IP5 co-operation. They also took this opportunity to share the results of the past decade of co-operation with IP5 industry.

Based on the vision established in 2008 by the IP5 Heads of Office at their meeting in Jeju, Republic of Korea, to eliminate unnecessary duplication of work among offices, to enhance patent examination efficiency and quality, and to guarantee the stability of patent rights, major results from the first ten years of IP5 co-operation include:

- the [Global Dossier](#) which provides a gateway for applicants to access file wrappers of the IP5 offices online through a single portal free of charge;
- the [Common Citation Document \(CCD\)](#), a compilation of citation data relating to a patent family treated by the IP5 offices, available online and free of charge;
- the [IP5 Common Application Format \(CAF\)](#) which sets a common format for entering applications with the respective IP5 offices;
- [priority document exchange](#), eliminating the burden for applicants in terms of providing priority documents to the offices of second filing;
- an [IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway \(PPH\)](#) scheme allowing applicants to accelerate prosecution of their applications and IP5 offices to reuse available work results;
- the [IP5 Patent Information Policy](#) setting the framework for exchanging and disseminating patent information in the IP5 region;
- the [IP5 Global Dossier Task Force](#) and the [IP5 Industry Consultation Group](#) which provide platforms for incorporating users’ views on technical projects into the IP5 co-operation;
- the [IP5 Quality Management Meeting](#) (QMM) which provides a platform for the IP5 offices to share quality management experiences with an aim to deliver high-quality products to the users;
- the Mutual Machine Translation (MMT) project reducing language barriers and assisting users to understand patent information available in the languages of the IP5 offices;
- improvements to existing [classification](#) systems making prior art and patent information more readily accessible to examiners, applicants and other

stakeholders;

- the creation of the [IP5 website](#) to inform users of the patent system and interested circles of the activities and concrete benefits of the IP5 co-operation.

**For more information about ten years of IP5 co-operation, please see:**

- Commemorative publication: "[\*Better services for users and the public: 10 years of IP5 co-operation\*](#)"