EPO Future Strategic Direction

IP5 Heads/Industry meeting

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Main drivers of our actions

- Quality
- Efficiency
- Cost control
Roadmaps underway

Five roadmaps underway in key areas:

• Human Resources (HR)
• Information Technology (IT)
• Building facilities
• Quality
• Cooperation

→ comprehensive set of concrete projects with clear timetable
A few examples of recent achievements and ongoing projects

1. Quality
   • New guidelines directly accessible through website
   • Handbook of quality procedures before the EPO

2. IT
   • Mailbox
   • Epoque rebuild

3. HR
   • Part-time home working
   • Training
   • Greater openness to external exchanges

4. Building
   • The Hague building

5. Cooperation
   • Improvement of the complementary relationships between the EPO and the national patent offices in the framework of the European Patent Network
EPO strategic direction at global level

Priorities

- Classification
- Machine Translation
- Improving the PCT
- Harmonisation (framework, practises, ...)

Thank you for your attention!