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Third pilot – IP5 Heads and IP5 Industry Meeting



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Background & Objectives

- **Aim:** high quality international search report with written opinion
- **Concept:** one PCT international search and written opinion performed by the competent ISA in collaboration with “peer” ISAs which provide contributions and feedback
- **Pilot phases 1 and 2:** concept operationally tested by EPO, KIPO and USPTO but its full implementation in the PCT system and follow-up in regional phases were not addressed
- **Pilot phase 3: CS&E concept** will be **further developed and tested** amongst the **IP5 Offices** in view of:
 - **gauging users’ interest** for a CS&E product
 - **confirming expected benefits** for both users and participating Offices
 - **setting the basis** for a decision as to the **future of this concept**

Main features (1)

- Collaboration organised according to a clear scheme (**“the collaborative scheme”**) => **final** ISR and WO established by the competent ISA =
 - **provisional** ISR and WO established by the competent ISA
 - **supplemented by** or **corrected** according to contributions of “peer” ISAs
- **Applicant driven: applications** will be **selected by applicants** (limited number of applications per applicant and a broad pool of applicants)
- About the **same number** of applications **per competent ISA** (at least 100) and **all** collaborating ISAs will contribute to **all** collaborative work products => a total of at least 500 files => a sufficient volume for benchmarking
- **Language:** applications filed in **English** and possibly in other languages (to be determined by CS&E Pilot Group)

Main features (2)

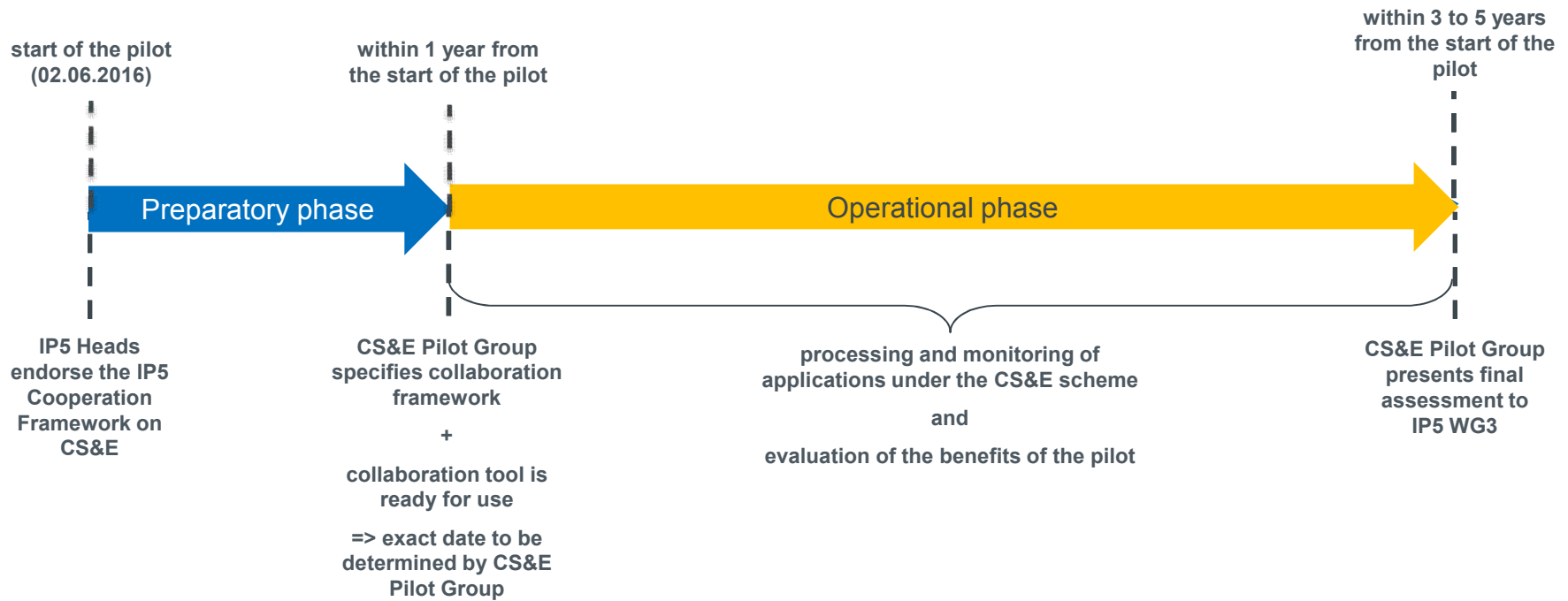
- A **common set of quality and operational standards** (to be defined by CS&E Pilot Group) will be applied by all collaborating ISAs when processing international applications under the collaborative scheme
- **A collaboration tool:** an IT infrastructure allowing exchanges under the CS&E scheme in a **secure** environment and automated data collection
- **Fees: during the pilot => standard fee for a PCT Chapter I search** at the competent ISA **and information about prospective amount of a CS&E fee** for a potential regular CS&E product (aggregated amount of the search fees of the collaborating ISAs + an administrative fee)
- **Participation by applicants:** details still under discussion, competent ISAs should be directly contacted by applicants for further details

Governance - CS&E Pilot Group

CS&E Pilot Group will be **constituted** of representatives of the collaborating ISAs and will be **responsible**, in particular, **to**:

- **further specify the collaboration framework**: collaborative scheme, pilot methodology (including accepted languages), quality and operational standards, parameters needed to support the monitoring of these standards, reporting methodology on quality of products, timeline of the pilot, duration of the period of cooperation and any other requirements or practical arrangements
- **monitor** the pilot, **evaluate** the results and **report back** to the IP5 WG3
- **prepare a final assessment** concerning the proof of concept
- **coordinate** the **communication** on the pilot

Timeline





Thank you for your attention

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