

CPC Implementation at IPO CZ

Topic 1 Classification/Searching in CPC system at the National offices

- What is the classification process for your office under the CPC system?

- Which documents are you currently classifying under the CPC system?

All A3, B6 and U1. CPC classification is not provided in the published documents, data is used only for search purposes so far. We started to classify in May 2016.

- Which documents will you be classifying under the CPC system in the future?

The same: All A3, B6 and U1

- Do you have a Quality Assurance process for the classification under the CPC system? If yes, please describe.

The work of patent examiners is controlled by the Heads of the relevant technical Sections of the Patent Department.

Topic 2 CPC training

- What type of CPC Training have you put in place within your office (general and/or specific technical field)?

All patent examiners attended at least one e-learning general course regarding CPC and a course „Using CPC in classification“ provided by the EPO.

Topic 3 CPC Data Exchange

- How do you exchange CPC data to and from the EPO?

CPC data is not yet being exchanged. The exchange will be established in 2017, in the third quarter. (Our IT department needs to do some modifications in the system.)

- For the front file(s) and back file(s)?

The front file will be exchanged within the regular data exchange (every Wednesday). The back file has to be discussed with the EPO.

Frequency - every Wednesday

- What types of issues does your office have while exchanging the CPC data? Please provide explanation.

None, not yet exchanged.

Topic 4 Future plan and/or expansion

- Does your office have any plans to expand the usage of the CPC system for classifying/searching? If yes, please describe.

There are no specific plans for expansion at the moment.