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# EPO – USPTO Cooperation in CPC – State of affairs



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## CPC milestones (1/3)

- **October 2010**
  - The EPO and the USPTO have agreed to jointly develop a patent classification system on the basis of the European Classification system (ECLA) including best practices of the USPC
- **October 2012**
  - CPC scheme made public: CPC scheme and first batch of definitions publicly available from 1 October
- **January 2013**
  - EPO and USPTO launch Cooperative Patent Classification System (CPC)
- **March 2013**
  - First US patent applications published with CPC symbols

## CPC milestones (2/3)

- **April 2013**
  - The first revised version of the CPC scheme enters into force
- **May 2013**
  - First US patent grant published with CPC symbols
- **June 2013**
  - The EPO and SIPO sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for SIPO to begin classifying its newly published patent applications into the CPC

## CPC milestones (3/3)

- **June 2013**
  - The USPTO and KIPO sign an Agreement for KIPO to start a pilot to classify into the CPC
- **August 2013**
  - All CPC Definitions become available on the Internet (626 CPC Definitions amounting to around 50 000 pages)
- **September 2013**
  - The EPO and ROSPATENT sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to classify into the CPC
- **December 2013 (new)**
  - The EPO and INPI Brazil sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to classify into the CPC

# CPC Scheme Revisions

- April 2013
- July 2013
- September 2013
- November 2013
- December 2013
- February 2014
- April or May 2014

**Thank you!**