

# 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!

