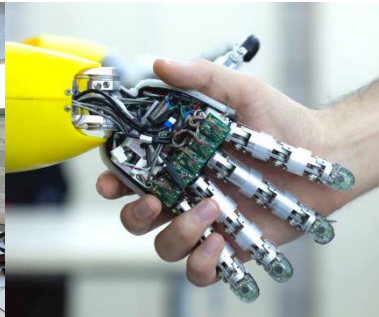




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IP5 Industry Consultation Group Meeting

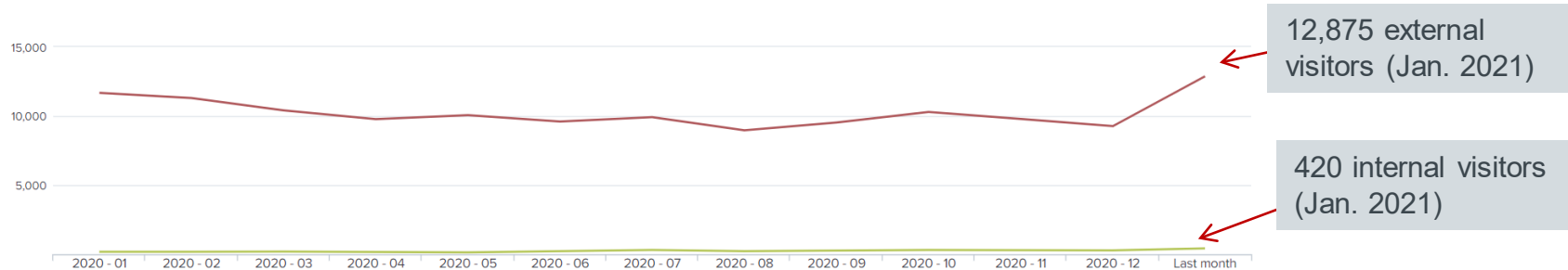


# IP5 website usage - worldwide

World map, external visitor count, January 2021

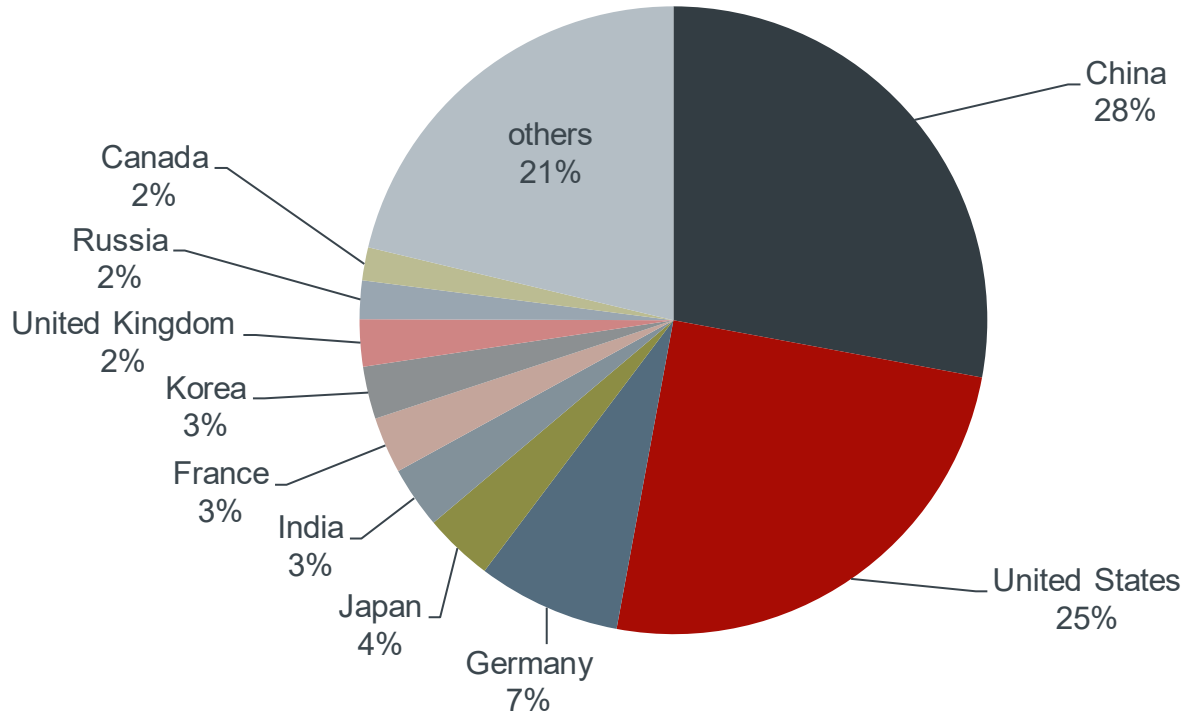


IP5 internal and external visitor count, January 2020 – January 2021



# IP5 website usage – top countries

Unique visitors (external) per country, January 2021



# IP5 website usage\*

- **Majority of visitors** come from the IP5 regions
- **Top countries** are: China, United States, Germany, Japan, India
- Overall **usage** seems to be **increasing** again

\* January 2021

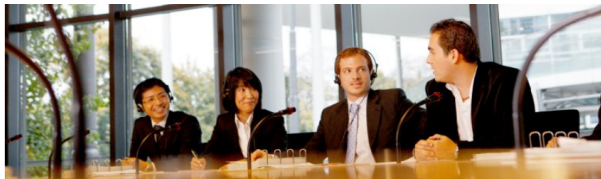
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## COVID-19 response measures

Find out more about ongoing response measures at the IP5 offices to the COVID-19 crisis.

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### European Patent Office (EPO):

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - continually updated information](#)
- [Fighting coronavirus \(patent information resource\)](#)
- [Q&A on patents and coronavirus \(for journalists\)](#)
- [Detailed information about measures adopted by the EPO](#) (> WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker)

### Japan Patent Office (JPO):

- [Handling of procedures affected by COVID-19 \(English\)](#)
- [Responses to the spread of COVID-19 \(Japanese\)](#)
- [Detailed information about measures adopted by the JPO](#) (> WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker)

### Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO):

- [News on notices regarding extension of deadlines, reduction of fees, etc. \(English\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Patent Information Navigation \(English\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Patent Information Navigation \(Korean\)](#)
- [Detailed information about measures adopted by KIPO](#) (> WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker)

### National Intellectual Property Administration of the People's Republic of China (CNIPA):

- [Application scope of relief \(English\)](#)
- [Combating the pandemic, we are in action \(Chinese\)](#)
- [Detailed information about measures adopted by CNIPA](#) (> WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker)

### United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

- [COVID-19 Response Resource Center](#)
- [Detailed information about measures adopted by the USPTO](#) (> WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker)

## COVID-19 response measures at the individual offices

[www.fiveipoffices.org/resources/covid19\\_response](http://www.fiveipoffices.org/resources/covid19_response)

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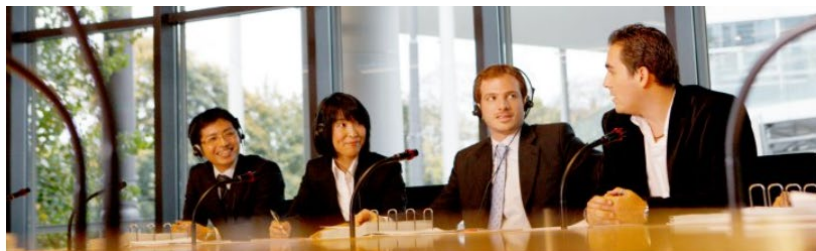
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## Updated events calendars

### Events 2021

Date	Meeting	Location
June 2021	IP5 Deputy Heads of Office IP5 Heads of Office with IP5 Industry IP5 Heads of Office	JPO
April 2021	IP5 Deputy Heads	JPO
15-19 March 2021	IP5 Working Group 1	virtual, CNIPA
8-12 March 2021	IP5 Working Group 2 Global Dossier Task Force (GDTF)	virtual, KIPO
3-5 March 2021	IP5 NET/AI Task Force	virtual, KIPO
25-26 February 2021	Industry Consultation Group (ICG)	virtual, JPO

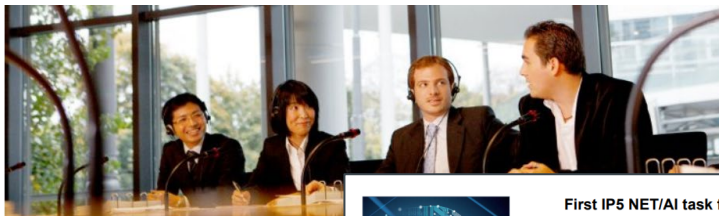
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## First IP5 NET/AI task force meeting takes place in Germany

17.1.2020 - Representatives of the IP5 Offices and WIPO inaugurated their joint task force on new emerging technologies and artificial intelligence (AI) in Berlin on 15 and 16 January 2020.

The IP5 NET/AI task force took stock of existing NET and various IP5 working groups and at the individual offices and areas for IP5 co-operation.

[Summary report](#)



## First IP5 NET/AI task force meeting 15-16 January 2020, Berlin, Germany

### Summary

In 2019, the IP5 Offices decided to advance their co-operation in the areas of new emerging technologies (NET) and artificial intelligence (AI) and agreed to set up an IP5 task force to coordinate IP5 initiatives and develop a roadmap for possible joint projects in these areas.

The IP5 NET/AI task force comprised of representatives from the IP5 Offices and WIPO met for the first time in Berlin, Germany on 15 and 16 January 2020.

In their first meeting, the IP5 NET/AI task force members took stock of existing NET and AI-related projects both in the various IP5 working groups and at the individual offices and discussed possible areas for IP5 co-operation focussing primarily on legal and IT aspects.

In particular, the task force explored ways to promote legal certainty, establish clear guidance and support users in protecting their NET/AI-related innovations globally. The application of NET and AI was discussed with a view to enhancing efficiencies in office operations and user services. The task force members also contemplated a long-term approach regarding strategic opportunities and challenges resulting from NET/AI.

Task force members discussed outreach to interested user circles, e.g. via the IP5 website. They agreed to consider the appropriate interaction model with industry on a case-by-case basis, as well as use of existing communication channels, such as the Global Dossier Task Force (GDTF) and Industry Consultation Group (ICG) meetings. The IP5 NET/AI task force set up a time table for next steps in the scoping exercise, which will form the basis for developing a roadmap for future IP5 projects and initiatives.

## Information on first IP5 NET/AI task force meeting in Berlin, January 2020

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## Harmonisation of patent practices and procedures

Since the launch of IP5 co-operation the five offices have been pursuing the improvement of the international patent landscape and within this remit have been working on a number of projects aimed at increasing efficiencies and streamlining patent prosecution for the benefit of applicants and offices alike.

The IP5 Patent Harmonisation Expert Panel (PHEP), a technical body of patent experts under the umbrella of the IP5, was established in 2012 with the aim to explore the potential for alignment of patent practices among the IP5. Recognising the importance of bringing on board the views of stakeholders, the PHEP has been working in close co-operation with industry representatives of the IP5 regions (“[IP5 Industry](#)”).

Currently, when filing globally, an applicant has to prepare more or less a different patent application for each of the IP5 jurisdictions. The PHEP explores what can be done to bring IP5 offices’ systems closer together and to minimise the differences in patent application and granting procedures. The objective is to align practices to make it simpler for applicants to enter the patent granting system and harmonize procedures to reduce users’ and patent offices’ workload.

### First PHEP work plan

As a first step, the PHEP has reviewed the following specific procedural areas:

- [Unity of invention](#)
- [Citation of prior art](#)
- [Written description/sufficiency of disclosure](#)

The work of the PHEP in these procedural areas concluded in June 2019.  
[Further details on the work of the PHEP](#)

### Future PHEP work plan

Currently, the PHEP is working on identifying further areas for potential alignment of procedures and on the formulation of its future work plan. Again, the IP5 offices are working with IP5 Industry as demonstrated by the discussion at the [IP5 Heads of Office with IP5 Industry meeting in June 2019](#).

# Updated PHEP section following successful conclusion of first work plan

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## Applicant name standardisation - Global Mapping Table (GMT)

The IP5 Offices have been working closely together on the realization of the “Global Dossier”, a service which provides seamless access to electronic dossier information for IP5 family applications.

Applicant name standardisation is one of the five [Global Dossier](#) priorities. This KIPO-led initiative aims at establishing a Global Mapping Table including applicants’ names and addresses in the respective languages of the IP5 regions, in order to encourage applicants to use uniform applicants’ names and prevent miss-spelling by applicants and attorneys when filing patents for a given company or entity at the IP5 Offices.

The Global Mapping Table below is the result of a first contribution by industry representatives of the IP5 regions (IP5 Industry). As further contributions from IP5 Industry will be used to populate this table, it will become a meaningful instrument for enhancing patent searches and patent portfolio management. In addition, further discussions are foreseen between the IP5 Offices and IP5 Industry to define how such tables could be improved.

[Download the Global Mapping Table \(GMT\) v1\\_2019](#)

*While this mapping table aims at providing a quick overview of correct spellings of applicants’ names and addresses as submitted to the IP5 Offices at the time of the data contribution its content may not be considered or construed as legally binding in any way. The data presented has been provided voluntarily by representatives of IP5 Industry. The IP5 Offices do not guarantee the completeness, accuracy, or fitness for specific purposes of the data presented.*

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## First version of Global Mapping Table (GMT) published

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