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# Background

- 2007 IP5 Co-operation launched
- 2008 10 Foundation Projects
- 2012 Global Dossier initiative
  - Focus on users' needs
  - User involvement through establishment of Global Dossier Taskforce (GDTF)
- 2013 Realignment of IP5 co-operation, streamlining of projects
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Global Dossier Taskforce meeting
- 2014 Update of [www.fiveIPOffices.org](http://www.fiveIPOffices.org) public website to reflect new reality of IP5 Co-operation**

# Aim of update

- Reflect the current status of IP5 Co-operation following the realignment in 2013
- Increase transparency of the IP5 co-operation to all stakeholders (including possibilities for user feedback)
- Render IP5 public website more user-friendly by:
  - focusing on projects relevant for users (e.g. Global Dossier, IP5 PPH, etc.)
  - providing download area with useful background material (e.g. CAF, IP5 Authority Files, patent system overview table)
  - adding links to other relevant websites



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## Areas of activity

The vision of the IP5 Offices is global co-operation, which has been defined as "the elimination of unnecessary duplication of work among the IP5 Offices, the enhancement of patent examination efficiency and quality and guarantee of the stability of patent right".

Since October 2008, the IP5 have been working together to harmonise the search and examination environment of each office and to standardise the information-sharing process.

The IP5 Offices have set up three Working Groups (WGs) dealing with projects and topics in the areas of:

- [Classification \(WG1\)](#)
- [Global Dossier and patent information \(WG2\)](#)
- [Work-sharing and quality \(WG3\)](#)

In order to enhance the efficiency of the global patent system, the IP5 also explore [harmonisation](#) of their practices and procedures.

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New structure  
following realignment  
of IP5 Co-operation



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## IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway (IP5 PPH)

The IP5 Offices launched on 6 January 2014 the comprehensive IP5 PPH Patent Prosecution Highway pilot programme for a period of three years ending on 5 January 2017.

Under the IP5 PPH pilot programme a PPH request can be based

- either on the latest PCT work product (written opinion of the ISA (WO-ISA) or international preliminary examination report (IPER)) established by one of the IP5 Offices as ISA or IPEA,
- or on the national work product established during the processing of a national application or a PCT application that has entered the national phase before one of the IP5 Offices,

where this work product determines one or more claims to be patentable/allowable.

The PPH leverages fast-track patent examination procedures already available at the offices to allow applicants to obtain corresponding patents faster and more efficiently. It also permits each office to exploit the work previously done by the other office.

Information regarding the IP5 PPH pilot programme is available via the IP5 Offices' respective websites:

- [European Patent Office \(EPO\)](#)
- [Japan Patent Office \(JPO\)](#)
- [Korean Intellectual Property Office \(KIPO\)](#)
- [State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China \(SIPO\)](#)
- [United States Patent and Trademark Office \(USPTO\)](#)

Further information regarding the PPH is available via the [JPO PPH portal site](#).

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Focus on projects  
relevant for users



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## Useful IP5 material and links

- [Common Citation Document \(CCD\)](#)
- [Common Application Format \(CAF\)](#)
- [IP5 Authority Files](#)
- [IP5 Patent Information Policy](#)
- [Catalogue of Differing Practices \(CDP\)](#)
- [IP5 patent systems overview](#)
- [2010 IP5 Examiners' Workshop](#)
- [2012 IP5 Examiners' Workshop](#)

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Download area  
and useful links



## Consultation with industry

In 2012, the IP5 Offices expressed their common conviction that future IP5 initiatives will have a strong focus on user needs.

Through regular meetings and consultations with industry representatives of the IP5 regions ("IP5 Industry"), the IP5 Offices want to ensure user involvement at an early stage of IP5 projects and co-operation initiatives.

**IP5 Industry** is comprised of:

- [American Intellectual Property Law Association \(AIPLA\)](#)
- [BUSINESSEUROPE](#)
- [Intellectual Property Owners Association \(IPO\)](#)
- [Japan Intellectual Property Association \(JIPA\)](#)
- [Korea Intellectual Property Association \(KINPA\)](#)
- [Patent Protection Association of China \(PPAC\)](#)

## Meetings with IP5 Industry

- [June 2014, Busan, Korea](#)
- [June 2013, Cupertino, USA](#)
- [June 2012, Porticcio, France](#)

## Global Dossier Taskforce

The Global Dossier Task Force (GDTF), created in June 2012 and comprising representatives of the IP5 Offices, WIPO and IP5 Industry, is an initiative to keep future developments in the Global Dossier project closely focussed on the needs of the user community.

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## Meeting with IP5 Industry, June 2012, Porticcio, France

On 5 June 2012, in Porticcio (France), the IP5 Heads of Office met with industry representatives from the IP5 regions. At this high-level meeting, - the first of its kind -, they sought input from users on their needs concerning the orientation of the IP5 cooperation. Responding to the views put forward by industry, the five Heads expressed their common conviction that the focus of future IP5 initiatives should be even more user-directed.

The presentations at the first meeting between the IP5 Heads of Office and IP5 Industry in June 2012 included:

- [About AIPLA \(presented by AIPLA\)](#)
- [About BUSINESSEUROPE \(presented by BUSINESSEUROPE\)](#)
- [About IPO \(presented by IPO\)](#)
- [About JIPA \(presented by JIPA\)](#)
- [About KINPA \(presented by KINPA\)](#)
- [JPO Future strategic direction \(presented by JPO\)](#)
- [EPO Future strategic direction \(presented by EPO\)](#)
- [Sharing and documenting search strategies \(presented by AIPLA and IPO\)](#)
- [Common Application Format \(presented by JIPA\)](#)
- [Classification \(presented by EPO and USPTO\)](#)
- [European Machine Translation \(presented by EPO\)](#)
- [Mutual Machine Translation \(presented by KIPO\)](#)
- [Global Dossier \(presented by USPTO\) \(presented by EPO\)](#)
- [Common Citation Document \(presented by EPO\)](#)
- [Quality and Efficiency: Patent Examination Management \(presented by SIPO\)](#)
- [Developing the PCT \(presented by EPO\)](#)
- [Timeliness in the Paris Route \(presented by EPO\)](#)

[PCT Patent Prosecution Highway - PCT DDH \(presented by AIPLA\)](#)

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Making meeting material available to increase transparency of consultation process

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## Events

Date	Meeting	Location
January 2015	IP5 Working Group 2 Global Dossier Taskforce (GDTF)	Beijing, SIPO
October 2014	IP5 Working Group 3	Beijing, SIPO
28-30 July 2014	IP5 Statistics Working Group	Tokyo, JPO
4-6 June 2014	IP5 Deputy Heads, Industry & Heads	Busan, Korea
12-16 May 2014	IP5 Working Group 2	Daejeon, KIPO
15-16 April 2014	IP5 Deputy Heads	Daejeon, KIPO
15 April 2014	IP5 Patent Harmonization Expert Panel (PHEP)	Daejeon, KIPO

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If you did not find an answer to your question on this website, or if you want to send comments or feedback to the IP5 Offices, please write to: [ip5@epo.org](mailto:ip5@epo.org).

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Alternatively, you can contact the IP5 Office in your region direct:

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# Next steps

Ongoing improvements to make IP5 public website a useful resource for the user community

- Adding new content
- Monitoring website usage
- Collecting feedback from users

YOUR suggestions welcome!

Please send your feedback to [ip5@epo.org](mailto:ip5@epo.org)