



# Follow up: 2018 strategic topics

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# Overview

- Strategic topic overview
- 2018 strategic topics
  - Quality
  - Evolution of the IP5

# Strategic topic overview

- Objective:
  - An opportunity for the heads of the IP5 Offices to interact in a strategic manner with the industry representatives of the IP5 countries/regions
  - The group explores topics such as:
    - New areas for achieving the IP5 vision
    - New ways to improve the global IP system and expand the cooperation of the IP5
    - Recent global IP/patent issues that warrant discussion within the IP5 framework

# Strategic topic overview

- **Expected strategic topic discussion outcomes:**
  - A better understanding of the relevant issues related to the strategic topics that may be used to inform the work of the IP5
  - Consideration of whether the IP5 should initiate further work related to the selected strategic topics
    - Not all strategic topics will have dedicated IP5 projects
    - Potential follow up discussions in subsequent IP5 Heads with IP5 Industry meetings

# 2018 strategic topic – quality

- Focused on:
  - Collaborative nature of quality:
    - Is patent quality collaborative?
    - Is examination quality collaborative?
    - The role of the office and the role of applicants in quality
    - Etc.

# 2018 strategic topic – quality

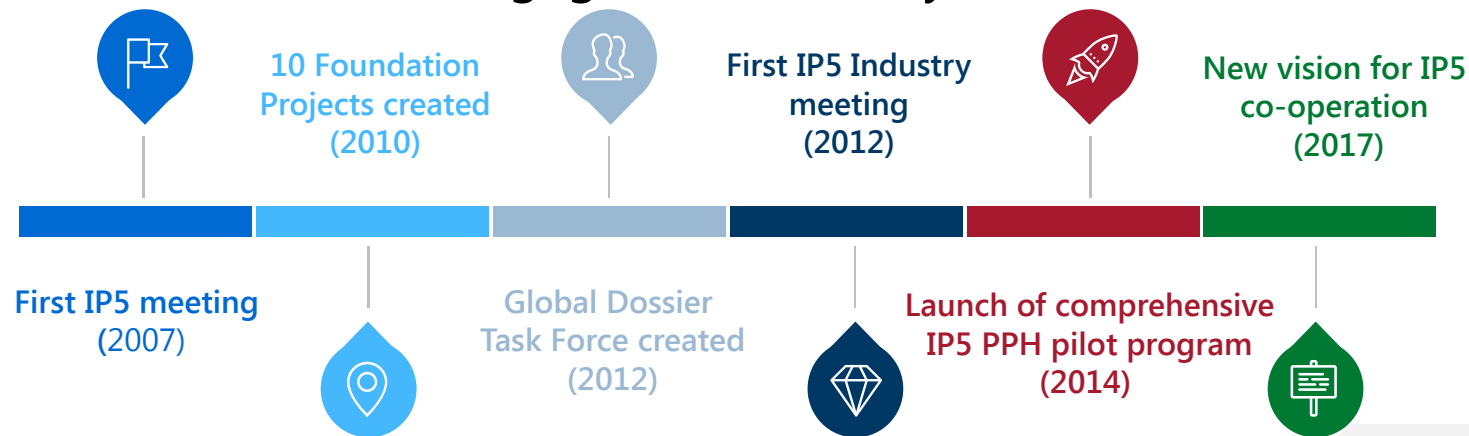
- **Summary of the discussion:**
  - IP5 Offices could collaborate with applicants utilizing training, partnerships, and guidelines
  - The relationship between offices and applicants can be more interactive, i.e. interviews
  - Quality can be enhanced by more office-to-office coordination and work-sharing

# 2018 strategic topic – quality

- IP5 efforts:
  - IP5 offices continue to share information and updates on quality practices
  - IP5 continue to explore enhancements to work-sharing
    - International Conference on Patent Examination Cooperation hosted by KIPO and USPTO
      - Explored the benefits of work-sharing on quality and timeliness
    - Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) Pilot Program – anticipated to improve the quality of the initial search and patentability analysis
    - Collaborative Search Pilot Program (CSP) – anticipated to improve the quality of the initial search and patentability analysis
    - IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Statistics – anticipated to achieve a better understanding of the process and outcomes of IP5 PPH applications to achieve quality and consistency among the offices
    - Exploring mechanisms for work-sharing in the unpublished phase – anticipated to improve the quality of the initial search and patentability analysis

# 2018 strategic topic – evolution of the IP5

- Focused on:
  - What does the future IP5 look like?
  - How do we best engage with Industry? With our filers?





# 2018 strategic topic – evolution of the IP5

- Summary of the discussion:
  - Emerging technologies could be considered by offices to advance searches, application quality, examination, and other services
  - IP5 should strive to streamline common procedures and administrative requirements, utilize system convergence in collaborative processes, and globalize IP5 work/outputs

# 2018 strategic topic – evolution of the IP5

- IP5 efforts:
  - IP5 offices participated in an IP5 expert roundtable on artificial intelligence (AI) hosted by the EPO
  - IP5 offices engaged in an international dialog on patentable subject matter related to diagnostics and computer implemented inventions
  - IP5 is exploring the development of an IP5 AI taskforce to strategically address policy and technical challenges related to NET/AI
  - IP5 is considering new topics for the next stage of patent harmonization at IP5
  - IP5 has streamlined processes and procedures within the IP5 structure to ensure responsiveness to emerging challenges and stakeholder requests



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