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.