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IP5 Heads and Industry meeting



Lead office(s): EPO

Project name: Alerting – Global Dossier

Date: 06-2022

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Project descriptionThe Alerting project

The Alerting project aims at providing timely notification to users on file wrapper changes of IP5 family members of an application.

The preferred mechanism by industry is an e-mail alert system covering IP5 patent family Global Dossier changes based on subscription.

Achievements of the last period

During the last reporting period the EPO has developed a global IP5 Alerting system that can be easily extended to more Offices providing their file wrapper data through a Web Service under the Global Dossier standard.

Milestones (from project brief)	Actual date	Status
Proposal endorsed	Jan. 2017	
RSS Alerting EPO-CNIPA	May 2017	
E-mail Alerting EPO-CNIPA	June 2018	
Global IP5 E-Mail Alerting delivered	June 2022	

Points of attention

The service can now enter its production phase.

Based on user feedbacks some small improvements could be brought to the system like offering a selective Alert that would only report the major changes in a file.

Next steps

It is proposed to close this IP5 EPO led project in view of this delivery as agreed during the last WG2 meeting.

IP5 Global Alerting: Subscribing to Global Alerts

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Lead office(s): EPO/KIPO

Project name: IP5 NET/AI roadmap

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	Project description The IP5 NET/AI Roadmap is intended to see joint endeavours to harness NET/AI capa grant processes and provide transparence predictability of patent prosecution for their u The IP5 NET/AI Roadmap identifies four key • Statistics • Classification • IT aspects/utilisation of NET/AI • Legal	bilities in support o cy in their patent p users.	f their patent practices and	co-operation opportunities		
	Milestones	Actual/expected date	Status	Points of attention		
	IP5 Heads of Office endorse IP5 NET/AI roadmap	June 2021		 IP5 Industry input: machine translation (MT), comparative studies and guidelines relating to standards of AI-related inventions, set of category 		
	WGs discuss possible areas of work	Q2 2021 onwards		definitions for AI related inventions, AI assisted classification, forecasting and		
	Coordination with IP5 Industry	Q1 2022		monitoring		
	WGs develop concrete joint projects	Q1-Q2 2022		Next steps		
S	Status: 🚺 On track 🔀 Off track 🗸 Complete			 Seek IP5 Heads' approval of "Collection of existing materials on the examination practices of the IP5 Offices on AI-related inventions" project brief Further fine-tuning of draft project briefs in IP5 WGs Encourage WGs to consider further co-operation opportunities and develop project briefs accordingly 		

Lead office(s): EPO

Project name: IP5 Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) Pilot

Date: 05.2022

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Project description

- Coordinate the evaluation phase in a transparent and open manner including by reporting on the quality and operational results as well as by surveying the participants and user groups
- Assess the potential efficiency gains for the offices and conduct a complete benefits/dis-benefits analysis in order to make recommendations to the IP5 Heads as to the future of the concept. The report should include a recommendation on the fee structure

Achievements of the last period

- 2-year operational phase successfully achieved on 1 July 2020 with 100 files received at ISA/US, ISA/KR, ISA/EP (maximum quota reached), 75 at ISA/JP and 93 files at ISA/CN.
- Agreement reached on an extension of the evaluation phase until end June 2023 at the 10th IP5 CS&E Pilot Group, endorsed by Deputy Heads
- Survey of pilot participants carried out by the International Bureau on behalf of the IP5 Offices

Actual/expected ĦĦ Vilestones (from project brief) Status date Start of preparatory phase June 2016 Completed End of preparatory phase / Start of July 2018 Completed operational phase End of operational phase / Start of July 2020 Completed evaluation phase End of evaluation phase / Presentation of June 2023 Ongoing report to the IP5 Heads of Offices

Status: On track X Off track Complete

Points of attention

A particular challenging point (under JPO lead) concerns the question of the financial scheme for the implementation of the CS&E in the PCT.

Another important point regards the fact that the CS&E would demand IT implementation as manual workarounds proved very resource – consuming.

Next steps

- Currently assessing pilot survey results conducted by WIPO in 2021
- October 2022: IP5 Pilot Group meeting to discuss final report, including financial scheme, IT requirements, communication of pilot results
- June 2023: presentation of final report to the IP5 Heads

Lead office(s): USPTO/KIPO

Project name: PHEP – Global assignment

Date: 05.2022

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Project description

The global assignment project aims to reduce user's burden in recording assignments at individual IP Offices that have different formats and requirements and to increase transparency of IP ownership.

The IP5 Offices will pursue these goals through a phased approach in which the requirements at each Office will be assessed and compared. Based on that assessment and input from Industry, the following will be investigated and considered:

- Development of common forms
- Harmonization of Office requirements, and
- A global assignment repository

Status: On track X Off track Complete

Milestones	Actual/expected date	Status
IP5 Heads of Office endorse PHEP Global assignment project	June 2021	
Comparison chart of Office requirements	June 2022	
Report on industry requirements relative to those of Offices, including areas of convergence and challenges	Q3 2022	
Feasibility assessment for next phase	Q3-Q4 2022	

Achievements of the last period

- · Chart for comparison of Office requirements developed
- Office requirements have been collected
- Comparison chart being compiled
- IP5 WG2 briefed February 2022
- Industry Consultation via ICG Meeting March 2022

Points of attention

A feasibility assessment will be conducted at the end of each phase to determine if the project can/should progress and the scope and timeline for the next phase.

Next steps

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- Share completed comparison chart with Offices
- Finalize scope and content of report

Lead office(s): JPO

Project name: PHEP - Allowable Features in Drawings

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Project description

The project aims to bring greater uniformity of allowable features in drawings, and furthermore, to reduce users' costs and efforts arising from the differences in formal requirements across the respective IP5 regions.

The requirements considered by the IP5 Offices include:

- Paper size and margins
- Image format
- Color / grayscale
- Line drawings
- Size of characters and symbols
- Availability of photos

	Milestones (from project brief)	Actual/expected date	Status		
	IP5 Heads of Office endorse the project	June 2021			
	IP5 Offices share and assess current Office requirements and operations in terms of drawing	Q3 2021			
	IP5 Offices identify common allowable features in drawings	Q4 2021			
	IP5 Offices establish and publish IP5 guidelines, guidance or brochure of the common allowable features in drawings	Q1-Q2 2022			
	IP5 Offices assess the feasibility for harmonisation	Q3 2022 onwards			
Status: 🔽 On track 🚺 Off track 🗸 Complete					

Achievements of the last period

- IP5 Offices shared and assessed current Office requirements and operations in terms of drawing
- IP5 Offices identified the "IP5-Safe Format", which outlines common allowable features in drawings
- IP5 Offices established an IP5 brochure showing the common allowable features in drawings (not yet published)

Points of attention

Harmonising some of the allowable features in drawings across IP5 may require renovations of the legal and IT system of some offices, which would generally take time and money.

Next steps

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- IP5 Offices will publish a brochure describing an "IP5-Safe Format" upon approval by the IP5 Heads of Office to complete Phase 1 of this project
- IP5 Offices will initiate Phase 2 of this project by considering the feasibility of harmonisation regarding items for which an "IP5-Safe Format" was not found, and for items requested by IP5 Industry

Completion of the publication file with support from the EPO

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Allowable features in drawings

Allowable features in drawings

The IP5 Offices have been working closely together to reduce user's burden resulting from the varying formal requirements for dra different IP5 Offices. In the realisation of the project "Allowable Features in Drawings", the IP5 Offices have identified common allo common denominator ("IP5 Safe Format").

This JPO-led initiative aims at bringing greater uniformity of allowable features in drawings and, furthermore, at reducing users' co differences in formal requirements across the respective IP5 regions. The data below is the result of a first contribution by the IP5 Format of allowable features in drawings among the IP5 Offices.

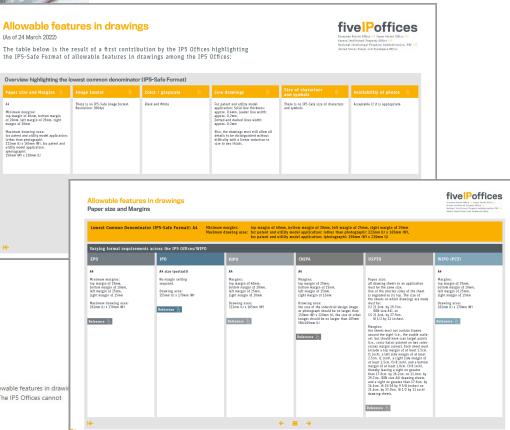
The different requirements that were considered by the IP5 Offices include:

- Paper size and margins
- Image format
- Color / grayscale
- Line drawings
- Size of characters and symbols
- · Availability of photos

Allowable features in drawings - overview table (PDF, 591KB)

[Disclaimer:]

While the data in the table aims at highlighting the lowest common denominator ("IP5 Safe Format") of the formal requirements for allowable features in drawing among the IP5 Offices at the time of the data collection, its content may not be considered or construed as legally binding in any way. The IP5 Offices cannot guarantee the completeness, accuracy, or fitness for specific purposes of the data presented





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Common Citation Document Search patent citations across the members of a patent family in the IP5 <u>Common Citation</u> <u>Document</u> (CCD) database. Key IP5 Statistical Indicators 2021 25 May 2022

The IP5 Offices have published their preliminary statistical indicators for 2021, showing overall trends at the IP5 level.

Go to 2021 key IP5 statistical indicators

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