

# **Update on recent achievements**

IP5 Heads and Industry meeting



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### Project descriptionThe Alerting project

Project name: Alerting – Global Dossier

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.

U-U	Milestones (from project brief)	Actual date	Status
	Proposal endorsed	Jan. 2017	V
	RSS Alerting EPO-CNIPA	May 2017	<b>▽</b>
	E-mail Alerting EPO-CNIPA	June 2018	<b>✓</b>
	Global IP5 E-Mail Alerting delivered	June 2022	$\checkmark$

#### 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**

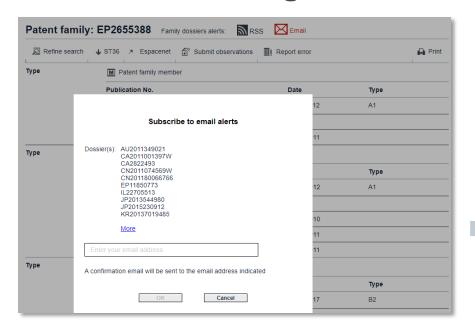
It is proposed to close this IP5 EPO led project in view of this delivery as agreed during the last WG2 meeting.







# IP5 Global Alerting: Subscribing to Global Alerts





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## **Project description**

Project name: IP5 NET/Al roadmap

The IP5 NET/Al Roadmap is intended to serve as a blueprint for IP5 Offices' joint endeavours to harness NET/AI capabilities in support of their patent grant processes and provide transparency in their patent practices and predictability of patent prosecution for their users.

The IP5 NET/AI Roadmap identifies four key areas of co-operation:

- Statistics
- Classification
- IT aspects/utilisation of NET/AI
- Legal



#### Achievements of the last period

- All IP5 WG experts reviewed the IP5 NET/Al roadmap and started discussing co-operation opportunities
- Project briefs in development:
- Development of new classification schemes for NET/AI related technologies (WG1)
- Al assisted CPC classification (WG2)
- Collection of existing materials on the examination practices of the IP5 Offices on Al-related inventions (PHEP)
- o Comparative Study on Examination Practice on Al-involved Methods Related to Diagnosis (WG3)
- Offices presented an update report at the Industry Consultation Group (ICG) meeting, PMG discussed IP5 Industry involvement
- IP5 agreed to continuously coordinate with Industry AI Task Force via ICG



Milestones	Actual/expected date	Status
IP5 Heads of Office endorse IP5 NET/AI roadmap	June 2021	$\checkmark$
WGs discuss possible areas of work	Q2 2021 onwards	
Coordination with IP5 Industry	Q1 2022	$\checkmark$
WGs develop concrete joint projects	Q1-Q2 2022	



IP5 Industry input: machine translation (MT), comparative studies and guidelines relating to standards of Al-related inventions, set of category definitions for AI related inventions, AI assisted classification, forecasting and monitoring



#### **Next steps**

- Seek IP5 Heads' approval of "Collection of existing materials on the examination practices of the IP5 Offices on Al-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











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



#### roject 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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



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



#### 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











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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

Project name: PHEP - Global assignment

- Harmonization of Office requirements, and
- A global assignment repository



### 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



Milestones	Actual/expected date	Status
IP5 Heads of Office endorse PHEP Global assignment project	June 2021	V
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	



#### 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

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







Status: On track Off track Complete



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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



#### 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)

Milestones (from project brief)	Actual/expected date	Status
IP5 Heads of Office endorse the p	project June 2021	$\checkmark$
IP5 Offices share and assess cur Office requirements and operation terms of drawing		V
IP5 Offices identify common allow features in drawings	Vable Q4 2021	$\checkmark$
IP5 Offices establish and publish guidelines, guidance or brochure common allowable features in dra	of the Q1-Q2 2022	
IP5 Offices assess the feasibility harmonisation	Q3 2022 onwards	

### 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.

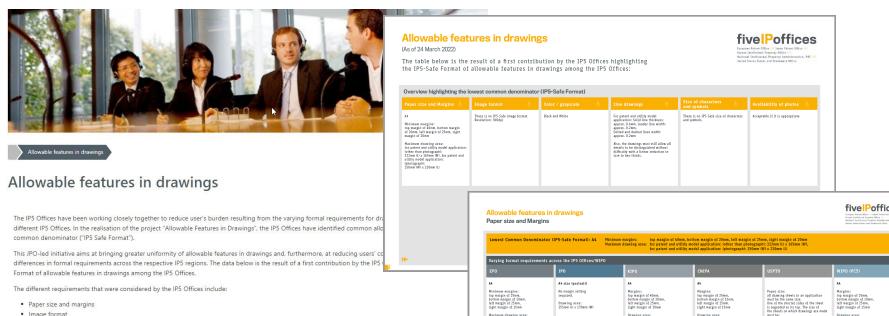
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- IP5 Offices will publish a brochure describing an "IP5-Safe Format" upon approval by the IP5 Heads of Office to complete Phase 1 of this project
- IP5 Offices will initiate Phase 2 of this project by considering the feasibility of harmonisation regarding 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

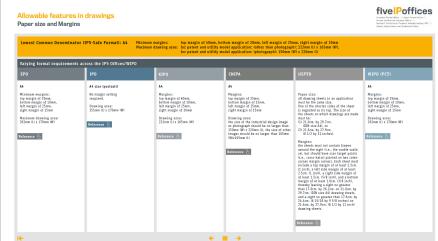


- Color / grayscale
- Line drawings
- · Size of characters and symbols
- · Availability of photos

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

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#### Global Dossier

Access to file wrappers of IP5 patent family members in a single location.

Read more about the Global Dossier initiative

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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