



OBJECTIVES

Setting of common practices

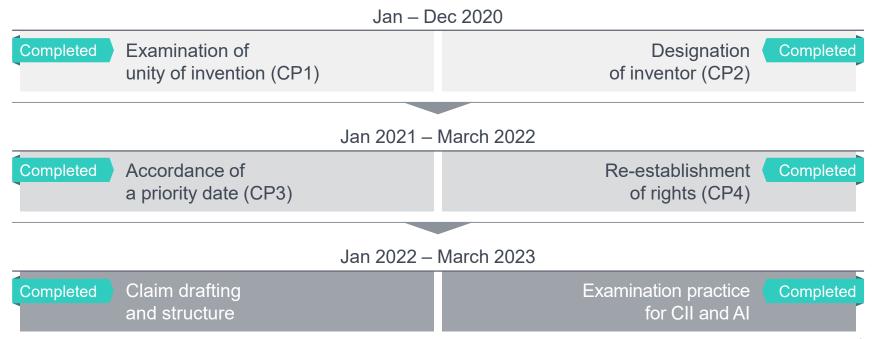
Setting of common practices in identified areas where it could be expected that a more uniform approach would provide the most beneficial results for users and patent offices.

Common practices will be inspired either by the practice of national offices or the EPO and will be developed commonly through a mutual approximation of pre-existing divergent positions.

Reducing diverging practices before NPOs & EPO

Reducing or possibly overcoming diverging practices before national patent offices and the EPO, which complicate the existing European patent system. Common practices lead in particular to cost savings, facilitates the access to patent protection and the mutual re-use of work and improve cost-effectiveness

FIRST CYCLE COMPLETED



SECOND CYCLE 2023-2026



CURRENT WORK IN WORKING GROUPS 7 AND 8

Jan 2023	Feb 2023	April 2023	May 2023	July 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Feb 2024	March 2024
Working groups set up	sent to all		of WG7 and WG8: Substantive discussion	3rd meeting of WG7 and WG8: Discussion of proposed draft common practice	0	31 October: 4th Virtual platform event 28 October SACEPO WP/R	Possible 5th meetings	Patent Law Committee (CPL)	Presentation of draft common practices to CPL and subsequent adoption by Administrative Council (subject to positive opinion of CPL)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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