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Data Governance and Cross-Border Data Sharing in IP Systems

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Why Data Governance Matters

- ❖ Cross-border IP data sharing is core to modern IP services
- ❖ Reliable IP data underpins innovation, enforcement actions, dispute resolution and evidence-based policy making
- ❖ Strong governance ensures data is managed transparently and consistently, which builds trust and credibility across borders
- ❖ Effective governance enables international compliance, trade and regional and global cooperation
- ❖ Robust data management improves access and reduces administrative burdens for better services



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Managing IP Data Across Jurisdictions

- ❖ Multiple jurisdictions require clear governance frameworks
- ❖ National ownership, regional custodianship - ensuring quality, security and accessibility
- ❖ Governance depends on classification and purpose
- ❖ Balance sovereignty with regional cooperation
- ❖ Interoperability and collaboration - Standardization enables seamless data exchange, fostering regional and global collaboration in IP systems



Cross-Border Data Sharing Challenges

- ❖ Legal & regulatory differences
- ❖ Technical integration challenges
- ❖ Operational capacity constraints



Data Ownership & Stewardship

- ❖ National IP Offices own and control IP data
- ❖ Regional bodies act as trusted custodians integrating data across countries while ensuring quality and security
- ❖ Clear stewardship ensures quality, security, and access
- ❖ Clear governance frameworks define roles, maintain data integrity, and ensure compliance with standards
- ❖ Regional custodianship enables harmonization, shared services, and enhances the strategic value of IP data



Sovereignty, Trust & Security

- ❖ Respect for national laws and data sovereignty
- ❖ Compliance and transparency
- ❖ Cybersecurity measures protect sensitive data and ensure data integrity
- ❖ Accountability



Interoperability & Strategic Value

- ❖ Interoperability and harmonized data standards ensure seamless data exchange across multiple jurisdictions for collaboration
- ❖ Integrated systems improve service delivery
- ❖ Standardization supports adherence to international norms, enhancing IP system credibility
- ❖ Data governance drives digital transformation enabling member states to engage globally and boost competitiveness



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The case of ARIPO – Regional IP Data Custodian

- ❖ Member States retain ownership and sovereignty
- ❖ Harmonized frameworks enable shared services, regional IP registers, and evidence-based decision-making across member states
- ❖ Prioritizing transparency, accountability, and compliance fosters trust and sustainable regional development
- ❖ ICT polices in place and approved by Member States
- ❖ Cyber and Data Protection Act
- ❖ WIPO standards



Conclusion





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