

*Questionnaire on the Term “Quality of Patents” and Cooperation between Patent Offices in Search and Examination*

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Q1. Various aspects may be relevant to the concept of “quality of patents”. It may relate to, for example, quality of patent procedures and management in the office, quality of search and examination, quality of granted patents or quality of a patent system. In addition, the expression “quality of patents” may be understood differently depending on the perspectives of various stakeholders, for example, the perspectives of a patent office, an applicant etc.

How does your office understand the term “quality of patents”?

The term “quality of patents” is not prescribed by legislative acts of Ukraine.

“Quality patent” may be read as a patent granted for an invention corresponding to the requirements provided by the legislation, in particular:

- it is a new and unobvious one;
- an application discloses an invention sufficiently, completely and clearly in such a way that an average skilled person could reduplicate it.

Q2. What types of cooperation with other patent offices does your office have with respect search and examination?

Our Office does not participate in cooperation programs in the area of search and examination with other patent offices.

Q3. When performing prior art search, patent examiners prepare search strategies and queries (for example, indications of databases and publications, classification codes,

search terms and key words used) to find relevant prior art.

Does your office share (for example, via an official website), or exchange, such search strategies and queries with other offices?

Our Office does not share and does not exchange search strategies and queries with other offices.

Q4. In order to facilitate the cooperation, what kinds of platforms and tools to share information on search and examination are available in your office? Such platforms and tools include, for example, WIPO CASE, databases allowing other offices to retrieve information and external databases used to retrieve information.

- (i) Platforms and tools provided by your office
- (ii) Platforms and tools used by your office

Not applicable.

Q5. What are the impacts of such cooperation in the area of search and examination to your office? If your office has different types of cooperation and each type of cooperation has different impacts, please indicate them separately.

Not applicable.

Q6. What kinds of capacity building are required for different types of cooperation between patent offices in search and examination? Please indicate any specific capacity building needs to conduct such cooperation successfully.

In this context, the capacity building is understood to refer to various activities and trainings that support development of knowledge and skills of office employees for effective cooperation between offices in search and examination.

Seminars, workshops, on-line trainings, in particular on possibility and methods of consideration of search results of other offices.

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