

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"?

**A1. Quality of patent - a patent provided by high-quality examination. A low probability of possible dispute of the patent on the patentability criteria.**

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

Those types of cooperation may include, for example, access to documents/databases of other offices, use of search and examination work products, expertise and resources available in other offices, collaborative search and examination, outsourcing search and examination etc.

**A2. Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS) of the Russian Federation represented the access to paid databases in the framework of cooperation. The Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) has represented access to paid databases in exchange for patent information of Agency downloads in the database of the EAPO.**

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 collaborating offices?

**A3. No, our Agency does not share/exchange, such search 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 toots provided by your office – N/A

(ii) Platforms and tools used by your office – **N/A**

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.

**A5. Cooperation with FIPS and EAPO has allowed to raise an information provision of examination process.**

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.

**A6. Necessary the experience exchange for using free and commercial patent databases and databases of scientific and technical literature.**

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