

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES¹

Addendum

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It concerns the technical cooperation activities carried out between August 2008 and August 2009 by the European Communities and individual member States in favour of developing and least-developed country Members, with the objective to facilitate the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.

¹ On 1 December 2009, the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community (done at Lisbon, 13 December 2007) entered into force. On 29 November 2009, the WTO received a Verbal Note (WT/L/779) from the Council of the European Union and the Commission of the European Communities stating that, by virtue of the Treaty of Lisbon, as of 1 December 2009, the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community.

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A. EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

EU-China Project on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR2)

The EU-China Project on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR2) is a co-operation project between the European Commission and the Government of People's Republic of China. With EUR 10.85 million from the EU and EUR 5.425 million from China, IPR2 was launched on 26 November 2007. Building on the success of IPR1 from 1999-2001, which promoted international standards of IPR protection in Chinese legislation, IPR2 targets the reliability, efficiency and accessibility of the IP protection system, towards establishing a sustainable environment for effective IPR enforcement in China. This is done by supporting a comprehensive framework of technical assistance and co-operation with the Chinese authorities and institutions promoting the environment of IP protection in China, over 4 years.

In practice, IPR2 organises seminars, symposia, workshops, studies, training programmes, study tours and information management activities across the following core components:

1. Legal Framework

Improve the Chinese legal framework of IPR laws and regulations on all aspects of Criminal law, Patent law, Trademark law, Copyright law, Geographical Indications, Civil and Administrative procedures.

2. Capacity Building

Build the technical capacity of human resources in all institutions involved in IPR in China.

3. Access to Information

Provide better access to information for users and officials.

4. Enforcement

Develop legal procedures to promote and support China's efforts to build up efficient internal, inter-agency, inter-regional and inter-jurisdictional systems and civil, criminal and administrative procedures for IPR enforcement.

5. Support to Right Holders

Reinforce support to right holders in China and Europe to make best use of the Chinese IP systems.

6. Trademarks & Designs

This additional horizontal component leverages the core competence and channels the expertise of the European Office of Harmonization of the Internal Market (OHIM).

The following activities have been implemented between September 2008 and September 2009:

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
China	Study Tour on revision of the Copyright Law 14-25 May 2009, Austria, Switzerland and Spain	IPR2	IPR2 supported a delegation of officials from the Legislative Affairs Commission (LAC) of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) on a study tour to Austria, Switzerland and Spain, to meet with European academics, officials and practitioners, as part of China's revision of the Copyright Law, discuss the expected impact of the new law and provide recommendations to the drafting team.

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China	EU-China Workshop on Internet-related Legislation on Copyrights 20-21 November 2008, Beijing	IPR2	IPR2 supported a workshop, together with the National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC) from 20-21 November in Beijing, to exchange views on future legislation on copyrights on the internet. The Copyright Law is a key element of the Chinese IP system and plays a prominent role in the newly published guidelines of the National IP Strategy of China. Presentations by European and Chinese experts included file sharing regulations and the liability of internet service and content providers (ISP/ICPs).
	Study Tour on the revision of the Chinese Patent Law 23 October – 1 November 2008, Spain and Germany	IPR2	As part of its support to China's revision of the Patent Law, IPR2 supported a delegation of officials from the Legislative Affairs Commission (LAC) of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) on a study tour to Berlin, Düsseldorf, Munich and Madrid from 23 October to 1 November 2008.
	Workshop on the revision of the Chinese Patent Law 24-25 September 2008, Harbin	IPR2	The Chinese Patent Law is currently undergoing its third revision. The revision aims to improve and strengthen patent protection in China in line with the goal of constructing an "innovative country" as outlined in the National IPR Strategy, as well as bring it fully in line with WTO requirements. IPR2 supported a workshop together with the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) in its last stages of the crucial legislative drafting work. The workshop involved European experts who assisted the review of the draft Patent Law, discussing its expected impact, addressing questions and making suggestions to the drafting team.
	Seminar and workshop on the Legal Protection of Well-known Trademarks 7-8 September 2008, Shanghai	IPR2	The EU-China IPR2 Project supported the Supreme People's Court together with the East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) in hosting a seminar and workshop in Shanghai on the respective legal systems for determining well-known trademarks in China and Europe. More than 100 participants, including judges, academics and members of industry came together for constructive discussions on the legal framework, scope of protection and mechanisms for protection; in particular China's dual system and the determination of well-known trademarks.
	EU-China Training Programme on IP Management 18-27 May 2009, Xi'an, Jiangyin, Beijing	IPR2	IPR2 supported the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) in implementing a second series of training sessions on IP management, to promote exchanges on best practices of IP management and to enhance the capacity of Chinese and European authorities in managing IP.

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China	EU-China Training on patent enforcement 23-27 March 2009, Shanghai, Fuzhou	IPR2	IPR2 supported training for 120 local enforcement officials, in co-operation with the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) and the Shanghai Intellectual Property Administration in Shanghai and the Fujian Intellectual Property Office in Fuzhou. Practicing patent lawyers and judges talked about the legal framework for enforcement of invention/utility model patents and design patents in relation to real-world patent infringement cases and a comparative analysis of the respective systems in China and Europe.
	Symposium on "Opportunity and Challenge of Intellectual Property in New Economy Era" 17 December 2008, Beijing	IPR2	A Symposium on the "Opportunity and Challenge of Intellectual Property in the New Economy Era" took place at Peking University on 17 December 2008, partly supported by IPR2. At the same time, the Symposium launched Peking University's Institute for International Intellectual Property. The occasion was referred to by several of the eminent international and Chinese academics and practitioners present as an "historic event" which will be seen as significant to the progress of the Chinese economy and which has a key role in contributing to the vision of an IP system led by law.
	Study Tour on the Interface between IPR and Standards 4-11 December 2008, UK, Belgium, Germany	IPR2	IPR2 supported a study tour by senior officials from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) to London, Brussels and Munich to engage the relevant authorities, standardisation bodies, industry and academia in a comprehensive dialogue on the technical issues that exist between IP rights and standards, as part of working together towards fostering equilibrium between standards and IPRs.
	Training Programme on IP Management 14-20 November 2008, Dongguan and Changzhou	IPR2	IPR2 supported the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) in implementing a series of training sessions on IP management, to promote exchanges on best practices of IP management and to enhance the capacity of Chinese and European authorities in managing IP.
	Training Programme on IP Management (ICT) 10-14 November 2008, Shanghai and Changzhou	IPR2	IPR2 supported the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) in implementing a series of training sessions on IP management, to promote exchanges on best practices of IP management, in particular with respect to ICT-related issues and to enhance the capacity of Chinese and European authorities in managing IP.

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China	New legal platform for intellectual property in China 9 July 2009, Beijing	IPR2	Senior Officials from the Ministry of Commerce, the Delegation of the European Commission to China together with senior academics from Peking University inaugurated the China IP Law Search, a new platform of laws and regulations related to the protection and enforcement of intellectual property in China. More than 80 representatives of government, industry, law firms, academics, students and the press gathered at Peking University to learn how China IP law Search could contribute to their daily work. www.ipr2.org/ipsearch .
	Support to EU-China IP Dialogue 2009 16-17 April 2009, Brussels	IPR2	The 5th EU-China IPR Dialogue took place in Brussels over two days and co-chaired by Ms Ewa Synowiec, Director, DG Trade in the European Commission and Ms. Li Ling, Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law of the Ministry of Commerce of P.R. China. The Dialogue continues the EU and China's relationship on IP-related issues giving both sides the opportunity to exchange their views on developments with Europe and China's respective IPR policy, update on progress made and consider the way forward on key action areas such as trademark law, music content censorship, and licensing agreements and standards in the ICT sector.
	EU-China high-level forum on co-operation for strengthening IPR protection and enforcement: results presented to European industry 6 March 2009, Brussels	IPR2	High-level officials from China and the EU met in Brussels to update stakeholders in Europe on EU-China co-operation towards strengthening intellectual property rights (IPR) protection and enforcement. The forum was opened by Martin Tlapa, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Commerce of the Czech Republic, Peter Balas, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's DG Trade, and Assistant Minister Chong Quan from the Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM). The Assistant Minister, together with leading officials from China's patent, copyright and customs enforcement authorities provided an overview of China's National IP Strategy. A review of the EU-China IPR2 Project's first year of implementation and new activities foreseen in the coming year was given, as part of hearing how EU-China policy is achieving results in practice.
	EU-China training course on criminal IPR enforcement and application of criminal IP law 25-29 July 2009, Wuhan	IPR2	IPR2, together with the Ministry of Public Security (MPS), organised training for local criminal enforcement and public security officials on experiences and best practices of criminal IPR enforcement. The training aimed to provide comprehensive information and best practices on criminal IP enforcement and the transfer of cases, provide a platform for experience sharing between Chinese and European IP prosecutors and increase understanding of the most relevant issues for adjudication and handling of criminal IP cases in the officials' daily work.

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China	EU-China workshop on the regulation of on-line business 11-12 June 2009, Quanzhou	IPR2	IPR2 supported the State Administration for Industry & Commerce (SAIC) in organising a workshop for local officials on the monitoring of internet business behaviour, including enforcement of IP rights to reinforce capacity in adjudicating and handling internet-related cases.
	EU-China training seminar on the protection of IPR and transfer of cases 13-17 April 2009, Changzhou	IPR2	IPR2, together with the Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP) held a training session for local prosecutors on criminal IPR enforcement and transparency and consistency in transferring criminal cases by administrative enforcement agencies. It aimed to promote the understanding, implementation and use of national and international best practices in evaluating the 'infringing mass' and treating cases accordingly.
	Seminar on the Judicial Protection of Copyrights on the Internet 27-29 April 2009, Shanghai	IPR2	IPR2 co-operated with the Supreme People's Court (SPC) to implement a seminar on the judicial protection of copyrights on the internet, by way of informing the Chinese judiciary of European procedures for protecting copyrights on-line, enhancing understanding of European and international practices of IPR protection, and increasing the capacity for adjudicating and handling such cases.
	EU-China workshop on the Protection of Business Secrets 25-26 June 2009, Shanghai	IPR2	In co-operation with the State Administration for Industry & Commerce (SAIC), IPR2 organised a workshop on the protection of business secrets for local Administration of Industry and Commerce enforcement officers, to highlight the key issues and the practical implications of the existing legal systems in China and Europe as well as to share best practice on how to tackle infringing behaviours.
	EU-China training on copyright protection on the Internet 15-19 June 2009, Harbin and Yinchuan	IPR2	IPR2 and the National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC) furthered co-operation with two training sessions on on-line copyright protection and enforcement on the internet, providing a platform for Chinese and European copyright enforcement bodies to share intelligence and best practices in their fight against on-line piracy.
	EU-China workshop on unfair competition and passing-off 11-12 March 2009, Hangzhou	IPR2	Some 100 officials from the Administration for Industry and Commerce from the Yangtze River Delta Region participated in a two-day workshop in Hangzhou to better understand the issue of unfair competition and passing-off practices and how to better combat them. With the support of IPR2 in collaboration with the State Administration of Industry of Commerce (SAIC) together with the local Zhejiang Administration for Industry and Commerce, the workshop realised an interactive exchange of questions and opinions on actual cases in China and Europe.

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China	Protecting IP at Trade Fairs, Information and Mediation Support 3-8 March 2009, CeBIT Hanover, Germany	IPR2	In co-operation with the Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM), IPR2 supported an information and mediation support facility on-site for the duration of the CeBIT 2009 trade fair to assist in disputes over patents, trademark and industrial design infringements between exhibiting Chinese and European companies. The on-site service was inaugurated jointly by Mr Chong Quan, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Commerce, as part of a high-level visit by leading Chinese IP enforcement officials, together with the European Commission's Ms Ewa Synowiec, Director, DG Trade.
	EU-China Training Programme on Copyright Protection on the Internet 24-27 November 2008, Beijing and Guangzhou	IPR2	IPR2 supported a series of training sessions in Beijing and Guangzhou, in co-operation with the National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC), on copyright protection and practical enforcement in the on-line environment. Both sessions were led by Chinese and European experts, supporting interactive presentations and case studies and helping to increase awareness of anti-piracy policies and best practices.
	Study Tour to Europe on IP Protection at Trade Fairs 15-23 November 2008, Germany, France, Italy	IPR2	IPR2 supported a study tour to France, Germany and Italy to assess first hand the methods and practices of IP protection and enforcement employed at several of the largest European trade fairs. The delegation included officials from the Ministry of Commerce, both central and provincial departments, the Supreme People's Court, the State Intellectual Property Office. In each of the three countries, the delegation met with Judges, Procurators, Police and Custom authorities, and also with trade fair organisers and industry associations. The legal and criminal procedure in force were presented and analysed, also pointing out procedural differences between the European countries and China.
	New IP Protection Roadmap – How to register and Protect a Community Trademark 12 August 2009, Beijing	IPR2	A new issue in the IPR2 series 'Roadmaps for Intellectual Property Protection' is now available – How to Register and Protect a Community Trademark in Europe. A Community Trademark (CTM) is a supranational, unitary, exclusive intellectual property right valid and enforceable in the EU's 27 Member States, and therefore a market of almost 500 million consumers. CTMs are governed by the Community Trademark Regulation and administered exclusively by the Office for the Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM). While the CTM system does not replace the national trademark systems and OHIM does not replace the single industrial property offices of the EU-Member States, the existence of a supranational system gives trademark owners the possibility to choose, based on their business needs, an additional protection route once they have decided to enter a specific market.

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China	EU-China Training on IP management 27 May 2009, Chengdu	IPR2	IPR2 supported a one-day training for local officials and industry in the Chengdu High-Tech Incubation Park, together with the EU Project Incubation Centre. Local IP authorities and some 80 participants representing local industry and law firms attended the training to learn more about how an IP strategy can help a company to do business where it wants and achieve and maintain the competitive advantage it seeks.
	International seminar on IP protection of software 18-19 June, Beijing and Dalian	IPR2	IPR2 supported the implementation of two seminars aimed at enhancing mutual understanding of intellectual property protection in the software and service outsourcing industry. Co-organised by the China Association of Trade in Services (CATIS), under the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), both events aimed to build understanding on the challenges and means of improving international competitiveness of enterprises & overall development of this industry.
	New IP Protection Roadmap – How to register and Protect a Community Design 25 June 2009, Beijing	IPR2	A new issue in the IPR2 series 'Roadmaps for Intellectual Property Protection' is available – How to Register and Protect a Community Design in Europe. A Community design is a right for the external appearance of a product or part of it, resulting from the features of the product itself and/or its ornamentation valid for all 27 Member States of the European Union and directly enforceable in all of these countries. This issue covers the term and scope of protection in Europe, the requirements for protection, the registration process and the key means (civil, administrative and criminal means) of enforcing a Community design. The Roadmap series aims to provide information on the IP systems in China and Europe and to give guidance to both European and Chinese companies in protecting their IP. All issues are available to download free-of-charge at www.ipr2.org/roadmap .
	New IP Protection Roadmap – Copyright Protection in China 23 April 2009, Beijing	IPR2	A new issue in the IPR2 series 'Roadmaps for Intellectual Property Protection' is available – Copyright Protection in China. As in Europe, copyright arises in China as soon as an original work is created. The Copyright Law protects copyrights by way of administrative actions, civil actions and criminal actions. Various administrative authorities are empowered to take enforcement actions either independently or through joint efforts. This issue looks at what types of works are protected, establishing your copyright, the benefits of voluntary recordal, what constitutes infringement and pursuing judicial and administrative enforcement. The Roadmaps aim to provide information on the IP systems in China and Europe and to give guidance to both European and Chinese companies in protecting their IP.

EC – WIPO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS PROJECT FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

This programme is an EC initiative implemented by WIPO. The project budget is €1,220,000 of which €1,100,000 is the EC contribution. The implementation of the project started in July 2008 and is expected to end in July 2011.

The purpose of the IPR project is to strengthen national capacity to develop, modernize, administer and use the intellectual property system to meet national developmental objectives taking into account the relevant international standards including those in the area of IP under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement).

EC TradeCom FACILITY

The TradeCom Facility, also referred to as the TradeCom Facility, is an ACP Group Programme financed by the European Development Fund. It is divided in three main, complementary, components, each with its specific beneficiaries and results: (1) Formulation of trade policies; (2) Trade negotiations and (3) Implementation of trade policies and international trade agreements.

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Uganda	<p>Technical assistance to the Uganda Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry in the Area of IPR</p> <p>Kampala, December 2008 - July 2009</p>	IIAS	<p>The specific objective of the project is to bring Uganda's IP regulatory framework in line with the TRIPS Agreement as well as other applicable multilateral and regional/bilateral IP Agreements. The main activities carried out included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing literature of policy and legislative work on IP carried out in Uganda and/or countries with similar characteristics. • Review of existing laws and regulations on IP in Uganda. • Conduct consultations with all stakeholders in Uganda (two national workshops organised for small groups of stakeholders including parliamentarians). • Draft/revise/review legislation and regulation, as appropriate, in the area of IP. • Present results during a national seminar for all stakeholders in Uganda. <p>For more information, please consult the final report: http://www.tradecom-acpeu.org/Portals/49/IIAS_Final_Report.pdf</p>
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat	<p>Pacific Regional Action Plan for Traditional Knowledge (TK) Development Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Vanuatu, 2008-2010</p>		<p>The objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the rights of traditional resource owners in their traditional knowledge and expressions of culture • Model Law on TK and Expressions of Culture • Protect the rights of traditional resource owners in their TK and biological/genetic resources through the implementation of the Model Law on Traditional Biological Resources, Innovations and Practices and assist countries in its implementation, administration and enforcement once endorsed. • Assist countries develop, implement, administer and enforce Access and Benefit Sharing Arrangements for the utilization of TK resources. • Assist countries develop databases for TK. • Assist countries develop cultural industries.

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Zambia	Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry in Intellectual Property Zambia, Dec. 2008- June 2009		<p>The objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring Zambia's IP legislation and regulation in conformity with the WTO's TRIPS Agreement and applicable regional and international IP Treaties and Agreements; • To propose the legal framework and draft legislation for the protection of relatively new forms of intellectual property that are not covered by the current legislation including traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions (folklore) and genetic resources; and • To build institutional capacity for IP implementing agencies and enhance Zambia's ability to harness IP for socio-economic development.
Mauritius	Technical assistance to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Cooperation to update IP legislation and build the capacity of officials for the enforcement of IPRs in Mauritius		<p>The overall objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update IP legislation in conformity with international obligations; • Improve capacity of officials involved in the enforcement of IPRs in Mauritius; <p>The specific objectives of the project are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify constraints and impediments hampering the implementation of IPRs and identify measures to address them; • Propose amendments to existing legislation to ensure compliance with international obligations, and propose new legislation for geographical indications, traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions (folklore) and animal and plant and genetic resources; • Build institutional capacity for and strengthen coordination of officials involved in the enforcement of IPRs in Mauritius; • Disseminate the benefits, rights and obligations of IP through print media to the general public, in particular the private sector and persons involved in the production of cultural goods and services.

B. MEMBER STATES

AUSTRIA

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Jordan, Viet Nam, Trinidad & Tobago	ICSEI 2008 Second half of 2008	Austrian Patent Office, in co-operation with WIPO (Development Cooperation)	International cooperation on Search and Examination of Inventions (ICSEI). State-of-the-art search and examination reports concerning patent applications - free of charge.
China	Meeting with a Chinese delegation Vienna, 4 July 2008	Austrian Patent Office	Information and discussion concerning topics of Intellectual Property Rights; protection of copyright. Audience: IP-experts from Shanghai Intellectual Property Rights Service Centre, China
Chinese Taipei	Meeting with a Delegation from Chinese Taipei Vienna, 4 September 2008	Austrian Patent Office	Information and discussion concerning topics of Intellectual Property Rights on the basis of a detailed questionnaire. Audience: patent examiners from the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO).
China	Meeting with a Chinese delegation Vienna, 13 November 2008	Austrian Patent Office	Information and discussion concerning topics of Intellectual Property Rights; law enforcement in case of unlawful interference, measures in case of product counterfeiting. Audience: IP-experts from the Beijing Intellectual Property Office, the Xanawu Intellectual Property Office and the Peoples Court of Fangshan und Changping District.
GCC (Countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council): Saudi Arabia, Bahrain	Training course for patent experts Vienna, 17-28 November, 2008	Austrian Patent Office	Training course concerning the principles of patent law, international developments in this area, search strategies and databases relating to patents. Audience: patent examiners of the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.
China	Meeting with a Chinese delegation Vienna, 28 November 2008	Austrian Patent Office	Information and discussion concerning topics of Intellectual Property Rights; patent law systems; patent law in connection with economic policy Audience: IP- Experts from Liao Ning Intellectual Property Office, Government Development and Research Centre of Liao Ning Province, Liao Ning Policy Institute, Department of Finance of Liao Ning Province, Bureau of Science and Technology of Tie Ling, Liao Ning, Dalian Intellectual Property Office, China

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Ukraine	Meeting with an Ukrainian delegation Vienna, 12 December 2008	Austrian Patent Office	<p>Information and discussion concerning questions of trademark and industrial design protection; survey on relevant national court decisions, inter alia in conjunction with major sporting events.</p> <p>Audience: IP-experts from the State Department of Intellectual Property under the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the State Enterprise "Ukrainian Industrial Property Institute".</p>
Chile, Jordan, Viet Nam	ICSEI 2009 First half of 2009	Austrian Patent Office, in co-operation with WIPO (Development Cooperation)	<p>International cooperation on Search and Examination of Inventions (ICSEI). State-of-the-art search and examination reports concerning patent applications - free of charge.</p>
GCC (Countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council): Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait	Training course for patent experts Vienna, 15-26 June 2009	Austrian Patent Office	<p>Training course concerning the principles of patent law, international developments in this area, search strategies and databases relating to patents.</p> <p>Audience: patent examiners of the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.</p>
China, Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukraine	Training course on patent documentation and information, protection of trademarks and designs, international IP treaties Vienna, 16-26 June 2009	Austrian Patent Office in cooperation with WIPO ("WIPO-Austria-Course")	<p>Introduction in search strategies and electronic databases relating to patents; trademark and design law, international developments in these areas.</p> <p>Audience: patent examiners and legal officers from National Industrial Property Offices.</p>

BULGARIA

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Jordan (7 searches) Kenya (1 search) Syria (2 searches) Cuba (1 search) Uganda (1 search) ARIPO (2 searches)	Free search Exchange of documents July 2008 – August 2009	Bulgarian Patent Office	Development cooperation with WIPO: performing free state of the art searches and examination reports.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Kenya Kyrgyz Republic Nigeria, Republic of Moldova Trinidad and Tobago	Interregional Seminar on Industrial Property -Practice training course on Industrial Property Prague, 13-27 June 2009	WIPO Worldwide Academy and Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Inter-regional training programme for IP officials organized by WIPO Worldwide Academy and Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic. The participating members of Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Nigeria, Republic of Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago received an intensive practical course in the Czech Industrial Property Office, during two weeks, in Prague. The course covered training in all areas of industrial property protection including enforcement of IP rights.

FINLAND

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Argentina, Cuba, Chile, Jordan, Syria, Uruguay	State-of-the-art search reports June 2008 – August 2009	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland provided state-of-the-art search reports free of charge for Argentina, Cuba, Chile, Jordan, Syria and Uruguay within the framework of development cooperation with WIPO.
Eurasian Patent Office (Member countries : Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Russia)	Study visit Helsinki, 10-11 November 2008	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	Three experts from the Eurasian Patent Office visited the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland. The presentations covered especially the Finnish experience on the office automation.
China	Study visit Helsinki, January 2009	Several Finnish organisations, including the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	A 4-day seminar on marketing of technology and inventions was organised by several Finnish organisations. Experts of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland gave lectures on IPR-issues in Finland Audience: The 13-member training group from the Shandong Science & Technology Cadre School.
Ghana	Training on IP issues Accra, 9-11 June 2009	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	In the framework of the Cooperation Agreement between the Registrar-General's department of Ghana and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, three experts from the Finnish office visited Ghana and gave lectures on patent, trademark and design classification systems. Audience: Office staff

FRANCE

I. National Industrial Property Institute (INPI)

Beneficiary country(ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Algeria, Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Rep., Haiti, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Tunisia, Viet Nam	Organization of a seminar on industrial property in cooperation with WIPO 22 June-3 July 2008	INPI/WIPO*	Intensive training on patent, trademark and industrial design law at the INPI.
Azerbaijan, Belarus, Botswana, Burkina Faso, DR Congo, Cuba, Egypt, Fiji, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mali, Mongolia, Namibia, Nigeria, Rep. of Moldova, Thailand, Uganda, Viet Nam	Organization of a seminar on industrial property in cooperation with WIPO 22 June-3 July 2009	INPI/WIPO	Intensive training on patent, trademark, and industrial design law by the CEIPI* in Strasbourg.
Brazil	University-level training 17 September 2008- 2 February 2009	INPI	University-level training (patent course) at the CEIPI in Strasbourg for 2 members of the Brazilian Office.
	Pre-diagnosis study visit 6 July 2009	INPI	Pre-diagnosis practical training for 2 senior personnel from the Brazilian Office.
	16 April 2009	INPI	Fifth Franco-Brazilian meeting on intellectual property.
Brazil, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Mexico	University-level training 1 February-30 June 2009	INPI	University-level training (trademark course) at the CEIPI in Strasbourg for 2 members of the Brazilian Office, 2 members of the Mexican Office, 1 OAPI official and 2 members of liaison structures in Gabon and Côte d'Ivoire.
China	Study visit 5 December 2008	INPI	Visit by 25 Chinese administration officials for an overview of the INPI.
	Study visit 7 December 2008	INPI	Study visit by 7 members of the SIPO (Chinese Patent Office) on the role and functioning of a regional delegation.
	University-level training 17 September 2008- 2 February 2009	INPI	University-level training (patent course) at the CEIPI in Strasbourg for 2 SIPO members.

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China	Meetings 24 November 2008 4 March 2009 29 June 2009	EPO*	IPR2 Project meeting on China, with representatives from Chinese administrations (notably SIPO). Held in Brussels.
	Databases 28 April 2009	INPI	Visit by SIPO officials for a presentation of French databases.
	Protection of IPRs* 11 January 2009	Economic Mission of Beijing	Visit to China by a delegation from LVMH, on the protection of IPRs.
	Seminar on IPRs 9 May 2009	WIPO/INPI	Participation in the subregional seminar on the application of IPRs in Shanghai.
Korea	Study visit 10 November 2008	INPI	Visit by 2 members of the KIPO (Korean Office) for training on semiconductor topographies.
Egypt	Study visit 22 October 2008	INPI	Study visit by a delegation from the Egyptian Ministry of the Interior on anti-counterfeiting measures in France.
France, Bulgaria, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Tunisia	Conference Signing of a joint declaration in Cannes 26 October 2008	INPI (CNAC*)	Opening conference of the sixty-first Tax Free World exhibition ("Challenge the Future") on the fight against counterfeiting. Signing of the Cannes Declaration Against Counterfeiting.
Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, Turkey	Symposium in cooperation with EPO 17 September 2008	INPI/EPO*/ENM*	Fourteenth symposium for European patent litigation judges in Member States parties to the Convention on the European Patent.
Morocco	National day of local produce 9 January 2009	INPI/OMPIC*/Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture	Participation in the national day of local produce.
	Pre-diagnosis 30 March 2009	INPI	Pre-diagnosis practical training for senior personnel from the OMPIC.
Mexico	Seminar (Fifteenth anniversary of IMPI) 15 December 2008	INPI/IMPI	International seminar to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the Mexican Office (IMPI), entitled "An update on what is new in the area of industrial property".
	University-level training 17 September 2008- 2 February 2009	INPI	University-level training (patent course) at the CEIPI in Strasbourg for 2 members of the Mexican Office.
OAPI	Study visit 23 June-3 July 2008	INPI	Presentation of the functioning and role of INPI reception services to the head of reception at the OAPI.
	Study visit 29 June 2009	INPI	Study visit by 3 OAPI lawyers for training on distinctive signs.

Beneficiary country(ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Russia	Study visit: Protection of IPRs 29 April 2009	INPI/CEFIC*/Rospatent*	Visit by a delegation from Rospatent on IPRs and discussions in the CEFIC.
	Seminar on IPR enforcement 8-9 June 2009	WIPO/INPI	Subregional seminar on the enforcement of IPRs, held in Saint Petersburg.
Senegal	Subregional seminar Dakar, 4 November 2008	INPI/WIPO	Subregional seminar on IP, its importance in the competitiveness of SMEs and the exploitation of results from research for French-speaking African countries.
Singapore	Cooperation agreement 25 September 2008	INPI/IPOS*	Signing of a technical cooperation agreement with the Office of Singapore.
Tunisia	Accompanying mission 9 June 2008	INPI	Training for INNORPI* members in supporting and carrying out pre-diagnoses in Tunisian companies.
	Accompanying mission 14 December 2008	INPI	Training for INNORPI members in supporting and carrying out pre-diagnoses in Tunisian companies.
	Seminar on GIs 23 March 2009	WIPO/INPI	Subregional WIPO/INPI seminar on geographical indications.
	Pre-diagnosis 30 March 2009	INPI	Pre-diagnosis practical training for senior personnel from the INNORPI.
Turkey	Study visit on anti-counterfeiting 25 June 2008	INPI (CNAC)	Presentation of the role of the CNAC to Turkish police officers.
Viet Nam	Seminar on IPRs 22 and 24 June 2009	ADETEF*/INPI	Participation in the subregional seminar on IPR protection, held in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.
	Study visit on GIs 26 September 2008	INPI	Visit by a Vietnamese delegation to study geographical indications, with a focus on "Nuoc Nam".
	Study visit 6 July 2009	INPI/ADETEF	Visit by members of the Vietnamese Office for a presentation of industrial property in France (IPRs, innovation).
	Study visit 18 May 2009	INPI/NOIP*	Study visit to the INPI by 6 officials. Topic: innovation and the implementation of IPRs.

List of Acronyms

ADETEF: Agency for International Technical Cooperation of the Ministries of the Economy and the Budget (France)
 CEFIC: Franco-Russian Economic, Financial, Industrial and Trade Council
 CEIPI: Centre for International Industrial Property Studies
 CNAC: National Anti-Counterfeiting Committee (France)
 CTMO: Chinese Trademark Office
 EC: European Commission

ECAP: EC-ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Cooperation Programme
ENM: National School for the Judiciary (France, Bordeaux)
EPO: European Patent Office
FPEU: French Presidency of the European Union
IMPI: Mexican Industrial Property Institute
INNORPI: National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property
INPI: National Industrial Property Institute (France)
IPOS: Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
IPRs: Intellectual Property Rights
KIPO: Korean Industrial Property Office
MEIE: Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Employment (France)
NOIP: National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)
OAPI: African Intellectual Property Organization
OEPM: Spanish Patents and Trademarks Office
OHIM: European Office of Harmonization of the Internal Market (Spain, Alicante)
OMPIC: Moroccan Industrial and Commercial Property Office
PCT: Patent Cooperation Treaty
Rospatent: Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks
SIPO: State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, Patent Office
WIPO: World Intellectual Property Organization

II. Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (MAAP)

Technical cooperation activities in the area of geographical indications (GIS) in 2009

Beneficiary country(ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Multi-country	2007-2008 then extended to 2009-2010: "Support for the strengthening of food quality policies", FAO project, including: - June 2009: Asia regional seminar in cooperation with EU (PRCC*) and AFD* - September 2009: Latin America regional follow-up workshop in Costa Rica	MAAP/FAO* Cooperation with: CIRAD*/INAO*/AGRIDEA* (Switzerland)/SINER-GI*/WIPO*/Ministries and national institutions FAO/Costa Rica FAO/EU*/Thailand	Repeated 2-year programme with one expert and funding of €100 + 190k provided by France. Building on and sharing experiences in the introduction of official quality labels. Numerous case studies. Guide on good practice methods in finalization stage at the end of 2009. Internet site http://www.foodquality-origin.org/ Technical cooperation projects in Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan and Lebanon, Latin America regional project (Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina; Peru and Bolivia to be confirmed).
Multi-country	May 2009: International training on GIs and rural development in Switzerland (Geneva)	Organization: UMR Innovation (SupAgro* - CIRAD - INRA)/AGRIDEA (Switzerland). Financing: AFD and MAAP (France), WIPO, IPI* (Switzerland)	Two-week theoretical (lectures, group work) and practical (field trips to appellation-of-origin areas) training course in English for national staff responsible for GIs, from the Ministry of Agriculture, or in charge of GI projects, attended by 11 trainees from 9 countries: Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia, Jordan, Laos, Malaysia, Serbia, Tunisia and Ukraine. Training course repeated annually since 2007 (training a total of 45 trainees from 32 countries).
Moldova	March 2009: Seminar on geographical indications in Chisinau	French Embassy/MAAP/INAO/EU	Information and training seminar on geographical indications.

List of Acronyms

- AFD: French Development Agency
 AGRIDEA: Association for the Development of Agriculture and Rural Areas (Switzerland)
 CIRAD: Centre for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development (France)
 EU: European Union
 FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 INAO: National Institute of Origin and Quality (France)
 INPI: National Industrial Property Institute (France)

INRA: National Institute for Agronomic Research (France)
IP: Intellectual property
IPI: Intellectual Property Institute (several countries)
MAAP: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (France)
OriGIn: Organisation for an International Geographical Indications Network
PRCC: Trade capacity-building programme (France)
SINER-GI: Strengthening international research on geographical indications (European- and Swiss-funded project)
SupAgro: International Centre for Higher Education in Agricultural Sciences
UMR: Joint Research Unit (French universities)
WIPO: World Intellectual Property Organization

**III. Cooperation Activities of the Ministry of the Economy, Finance And Industry
General Directorate Of Customs And Indirect Duties (DGDDI)**

Beneficiary country(ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Burkina Faso	Ongoing training course on counterfeiting END* Rouen, 1 week, June 2009	Self-funded/SCAC*	Visit by 2 trainees
China	Seminar on counterfeiting 12-22 June 2009	ADETEF*	Mission by 2 experts
Côte d'Ivoire	Ongoing training course on counterfeiting END Rouen, 1 week, June 2009	Self-funded/SCAC	Visit by 1 trainee
Egypt	Anti-counterfeiting training 1 week, November 2008	SCTIP*	Mission by 2 experts (1 customs expert and 1 police expert)
Hong Kong, China	Delegation visit on counterfeiting 19-23 January 2009	Self-funded	Visit by 2 persons
Kenya	WCO-organized seminar on counterfeiting 20-24 April 2009	WCO*	Mission by 1 expert
Lebanon	Ongoing training course on counterfeiting END Rouen, 1 week, July 2008	Self-funded/SCAC	Visit by 1 trainee
	Ongoing training course on counterfeiting END Rouen, 1 week, June 2009	Self-funded/SCAC	Visit by 2 trainees
Morocco	WCO-organized seminar on counterfeiting 1-5 June 2009	WCO	Mission by 1 expert
Palestine Authority	Counterfeiting training 1 week, June 2009	ADETEF	Mission by 2 experts
DR Congo	Ongoing training course on counterfeiting END Rouen, 1 week, July 2008	Self-funded/SCAC	Visit by 3 trainees
Senegal	Ongoing training course on counterfeiting END Rouen, 1 week, June 2009	Self-funded/SCAC	Visit by 2 trainees

Beneficiary country(ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Turkey	Delegation visit (Orly) on counterfeiting 1 day, July 2008	Self-funded	Visit by 3 persons
Viet Nam	Seminar on counterfeiting 22 March- 3 April 2009	ADETEF	Mission by 1 expert
	Seminar on counterfeiting 21-26 June 2009	ADETEF	Mission by 1 expert
	Delegation visit on counterfeiting 6-10 June 2009	ADETEF	Visit by 7 persons

List of Acronyms

ADETEF: French Agency for International Technical Cooperation of the Ministries of the Economy and the Budget
END: National Customs School
SCAC: Cooperation and Cultural Action Service (French Embassy)
SCTIP: International Police Technical Cooperation Service
WCO: World Customs Organization

GERMANY

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam	E-Learning Course Flexibilities of the TRIPS Agreement for Participants from South East Asia. <u>Introductory workshop</u> 24 - 26 June 2009, Hanoi <u>Online course</u> July - November 2009 <u>Follow-up workshop</u> December 2009	InWEnt	The capacity building course "Flexibilities of the TRIPS Agreement" is geared towards subject matter experts and decision makers from ministries, governmental institutions, NGOs and local pharmaceutical industry. The programme equips participants with the necessary tools and knowledge to successfully utilise (and advocate) the flexibilities presented by the WTO TRIPS Agreement towards pharmaceutical production and other means to promote access to medicines in their countries or regions. This course builds on other related activities by UNCTAD and InWEnt. The course is subsequently implemented for participants from four regions: East Africa, South East Asia, West Africa, and Southern Africa.
Brazil	Study visit Munich, 9 – 18 September 2008	DPMA INPI Brazil	Training within the scope of the cooperation project. Focus: international registration of trade marks. Participants: 6 INPI trade mark examiners.
	Study visit Munich, 9 – 13 March 2009	DPMA INPI Brazil	Study visit of 3 INPI patent examiners to the DPMA within the scope of the cooperation project. Topic: activity in technological information.
	Study visit Munich, 30 March– 3 April 2009	DPMA INPI Brazil	Study visit of 2 INPI patent examiners to the DPMA within the scope of the cooperation project. Topic: activity on quality management.
	Workshop in the field of patents Munich, 20 – 30 April 2009	DPMA INPI Brazil	Within the scope of the cooperation project, 6 INPI patent examiners working in the areas of pharmacology, chemistry and biotechnology received training at the DPMA.
	Workshop in the field of patents. Munich, 4 – 15 May 2009	DPMA INPI Brazil	Within the scope of the cooperation project, 6 INPI patent examiners working in the areas of telecommunications, nanotechnology and computer-implemented inventions, mechanical technology, metallurgy and agriculture received training at the DPMA.
	Visit at the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's position and function within the German and European legal system Munich, 17 September 2009	Federal Patent Court Germany	Delegation of 6 Trade Mark examiners of the National Institute of Industrial Property in Brazil (INPI) spent half a day at the court during a Seminar organised by the German Patent and Trademark Office.

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
Brazil	Visit at the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's position and function within the German and European legal system Munich, 14 May 2009	Federal Patent Court Germany	Delegation of 6 examiners of the National Institute of Industrial Property in Brazil (INPI) spent half a day at the court during a Seminar organised by the German Patent and Trademark Office.
Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	E-Learning Course Flexibilities of the TRIPS Agreement for Participants from the East African Region <u>Introductory workshop:</u> 12 - 14 November 2008, Dar es Salaam <u>Online course:</u> 24 November 2008 - 30 April 2009 <u>Follow-up workshop</u> May 2009	InWEnt	The capacity building course "Flexibilities of the TRIPS Agreement" is geared towards subject matter experts and decision makers from ministries, governmental institutions, NGOs and local pharmaceutical industry. The programme equips participants with the necessary tools and knowledge to successfully utilise (and advocate) the flexibilities presented by the WTO TRIPS Agreement towards pharmaceutical production and other means to promote access to medicines in their countries or regions. This course builds on other related activities by UNCTAD and InWEnt. The course is subsequently implemented for participants from four regions: East Africa, South East Asia, West Africa, and Southern Africa.
China	German-Chinese symposium Munich, 29 September 2008	DPMA SIPO	In various lectures and workshops, questions on industrial property protection were discussed; questions focused particularly on the topics: patent systems/ economy and the classical PCT/ new forms of cooperation. Participants: senior management of SIPO and DPMA, representatives from industry and science.
	Study visit Munich, 30 October 2008	DPMA IPR2 project	Within the scope of the EU-China IPR2 project, an extensive questionnaire on patent law was discussed at the DPMA with a 5-member delegation of the Legislative Affairs Commission (LAC) of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the P.R. China.
	Study visit Munich, 17 November 2008	DPMA	Delegation of the Beijing Intellectual Property Office (6 persons). Lectures about tasks and organisation of the DPMA and the patent examination procedure.
	Study visit Munich, 21 November 2008	DPMA	Delegation of the State Intellectual Property Office (25 persons). Lectures about tasks and organisation of the DPMA and the steps of the patent application procedure.

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
China	Study visit Munich, 1 December 2008	DPMA	Delegation of the Chongqing Administration Bureau for Industry and Commerce (6 persons). Lectures about tasks and organisation of the DPMA and the patent examination procedure.
	Study visit Munich, 3 December 2008	DPMA	Delegation of the Ministry of Commerce Office (10 persons). Lectures about tasks and organisation of the DPMA and the patent examination procedure.
	Workshop in the field of patents Beijing, 8 - 16 December 2008	DPMA SIPO	Within the scope of the Partnership Agreement, 2 patent examiners of the DPMA ran a workshop at SIPO on training and quality management.
	Study visit Munich, 19 March 2009	DPMA	Delegation of the Kunming Science and Technology Bureau (4 persons). Lectures about tasks and organisation of the DPMA and protection measure for intellectual property.
	Study visit Munich, 15 May 2009	DPMA	Delegation of the patent examination committee of the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of the P. R. China (6 persons). Lectures about tasks and organisation of the DPMA, the patent grant procedure as well as legal remedies and opposition proceedings before the DPMA.
	Exchange of examiners Munich, 24 - 30 May 2009	DPMA SIPO	4 SIPO patent examiners working in the field of chemical technology visited the DPMA.
	Study visit Munich, 1 July 2009	DPMA	6-member delegation headed by Mr. An Jian, member of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the P.R. China, deputy director of the Committee's Legislative Affairs Commission (LAC). Lecture about tasks and organisation of the DPMA; discussion on issues of trade mark law, particularly, the collision of the trade mark registration and earlier rights and the entitlement to give notice of opposition to trade mark registrations.
	Study visit Munich, 28 August 2009	DPMA	Chinese patent attorney from Beijing. Discussion on the patent examination procedure of the DPMA.
	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 24 November 2008	Federal Patent Court Germany	Delegation spent half a day at the court: IP Training Programme for the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) organised by the Munich Intellectual Property Law Centre.
Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 30 October 2008	Federal Patent Court Germany	Delegation of the Chinese Legislative Affairs Commission spent half a day at the court during a study tour organised by the European Patent Office (EU-China IPR2 Project).	

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China	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 16 December 2008	Federal Patent Court Germany	Delegation of Guangdong Provincial Intellectual Property Bureau spent half a day at the court during a seminar organised by the Carl Duisberg Centre.
	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 11 - 15 May 2009	Federal Patent Court Germany	IP-Seminar for a Delegation of the Patent Re-examination Board of the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of the People's Republic of China.
	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 2 July 2009	Federal Patent Court Germany	Delegation of the Chinese Legislative Affairs Commission spent half a day at the court during a study tour organised by the GTZ.
	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 27 July 2009	Federal Patent Court Germany	Delegation of professors and students of Fudan University Shanghai spent half a day at the court during a study tour organised by the University of Konstanz.
Chinese Taipei	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 28 August 2008	Federal Patent Court Germany	Two Examiners of the Patent Office spent half a day at the court as observers.
	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 11 September 2008	Federal Patent Court Germany	Director General of the Patent Office, Ms Wang, and her delegation spent half a day at the court as observers.
	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 12 November 2008	Federal Patent Court Germany	One Examiner of the Patent Office spent half a day at the court as observer.
EAC, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi	Strengthening of the EAC secretariat through support in WTO-TRIPS implementation/ harmonisation and through promotion of the pharmaceutical sector 2009-2012	GTZ	Goal of the project is to improve the development and coordination of measures for the use of TRIPS flexibilities and the promotion of the pharmaceutical production through the EAC secretariat under participation of the private sector. This will be implemented on supranational as well as national level.

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Egypt, Albania, Brazil, China, Democratic Republic Congo, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, North Korea, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Peru, Philippines, Serbia, Thailand, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Belarus, South Africa	Free search Exchange of literature	DPMA	Development cooperation with WIPO: Carrying out of free searches on the state of the art for developing countries. International exchange of literature.
Ethiopia, Belize, Jordan, Serbia, Syria, Ukraine	WIPO-EPO-DPMA Interregional seminar on industrial property Munich, 22 - 26 June 2009	DPMA, WIPO, EPO	Within the scope of a programme organised by the WIPO Worldwide Academy, 6 patent examiners from the countries listed in the left-hand column were thoroughly briefed on the patent examination procedure in Germany by DPMA experts and received information on the structure, organisation and information services of the DPMA. In an on-the-job training programme, they processed patent applications together with DPMA experts.
India	On-site-training Chennai, Kolkata, New Delhi; 20 – 31 October 2008	DPMA EPO CGPDTM	Within the scope of the cooperation project, 3 DPMA patent examiners working in the fields of electronics, computer-implemented inventions and chemistry ran intensive training programmes (in cooperation with 3 EPO patent examiners), comprising lectures and case studies, for Indian patent examiners at 3 locations of IP India on the topics: novelty, inventive step, clarity, unity, first office actions, etc. Participants : 60 patent examiners of IP India.
	Informative talk Munich, 15 June 2009	DPMA DAAD	Informative talk with four Indian university presidents and the DPMA-President, Ms. Rudloff-Schäffer, (arranged by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)).
Jordan	Conference on -Counterfeiting and product piracy – a threat to health and economy/remedies in Germany and Jordan Amman, 18./19. May 2009	IRZ (German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation)	Three German Experts presented German experiences in combating counterfeiting and product piracy and had an exchange of views about practical aspects with experts from Jordan. Audience: judges, prosecutors, police officers and other officials of different competent authorities (around 50 people).
Thailand	Visit to the Federal Patent Court and lecture on the court's functions Munich, 26 March 2009	Federal Patent Court Germany	Delegation of Fiscal Policy Research Institute Foundation, Ministry of Finance, spent half a day at the court as observers.

HUNGARY

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
Viet Nam	Study visit Budapest, 7 August 2008	Hungarian Patent Office	The HPO received seven experts from the Ministry of Science and Technology of Viet Nam. The aim of the study visit was to get an insight into the management of R&D, the situation of IP protection and technology transfer in Hungary.
China	Study visit Budapest, 10 December 2008	Hungarian Patent Office with the assistance of Europax Tour	Upon request of the Chinese party the HPO received six Chinese IP experts of Guangdong Province. The experts of the HPO presented the Hungarian legislation on patents and the administration of patent applications. The two parties set up contact for future exchanges of information and cooperation.
	Study visit Budapest, 7 July 2009	Hungarian Patent Office with the assistance of Europax Tour	Upon request of the Chinese party, the HPO received a six-member delegation of the Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. The Hungarian experts shared their views on the following: management of conflicts between the registration of trademarks and pre-existing rights, legitimacy of an objection to a trademark registration, nullity and expiry of registered trademarks.
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Seminar on Enforcement of IPR Skopje, 12 September 2008	Macedonian State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) with the assistance of TAIEX of the European Commission	Three experts of the Hungarian Patent Office were invited by the organisers to make presentations on the system for coordination of the institutions involved in enforcement of the IPRs. Presentations were made on the competencies of the institutions in IPR protection in the internal market, on the experience of the transposition of the Enforcement Directive and its implementation, and on the cooperation between governmental institutions and non-governmental organisations in the combat against counterfeiting and piracy.
	Expert meeting on copyright issues Skopje, 29 September- 03 October 2008	Macedonian State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) with the assistance of TAIEX of the European Commission	A copyright expert of the Hungarian Patent Office was requested by the organisers to take part in drafting the new Macedonian copyright law.

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Moldova	Workshop on the geographical indicators protection system in the Republic of Moldova Chisinau, 25-26 March 2009	State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova with the assistance of TAIEX of the European Commission	Upon request of the TAIEX unit of the European Commission, an expert of the HPO gave a presentation on GI protection.
Jordan	Study visit Budapest, 27-30 April 2009	Hungarian Patent Office (HPO) with the assistance of TAIEX of the European Commission	Upon request of the TAIEX unit of the European Commission, the HPO received three trademark experts from the Industrial Property Directorate of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Jordan. The aim of the study visit was to present for the Jordanian experts the EU's best practices, which can serve as benchmark for the enhancement of the industrial property system of Jordan.
Republic of Serbia	Workshop on intellectual property rights Beograd, 3-5 June 2009	Serbian Chamber of Commerce with the assistance of TAIEX of the European Commission	Upon request of the TAIEX unit of the European Commission an expert of the HPO made a presentation on the international registration of designs.
Republic of Croatia	Strengthening the enforcement of intellectual property rights Zagreb, 5-9 July 2009	State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia (SIPO) in the framework of Twinning Project HR06/BOT/01	In the framework of Twinning Project HR06/BOT/01, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office requested the HPO to take part in an expert meeting in the Croatian IP office. The experts of the HPO exchanged experience on the ACSEPTO software used efficiently in the HPO for years.

ITALY

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey	Internazionalizzazione e comunicazione del sistema produttivo nell'area del Mediterraneo Perugia, October 2007 - June 2008 <u>III EDITION</u> Perugia, February-October 2009 <u>IV EDITION</u>	SIMEST (Italian development finance institution promoting the activities of businesses abroad) Perugian University for foreigners	Master course aimed to enable graduates to support the internationalization process in their countries. Audience: 19 students from Beneficiary countries Audience: 22 students from Beneficiary countries
Tunisia	Training on venture capital December 2008	SIMEST (Ministry of foreign affairs of Italy)	Technical assistance activities aimed at developing the skills needed to set up a venture capital fund benefiting Tunisian companies and transfer of best practices regarding project evaluation. Audience: Tunisian enterprises

PORTUGAL

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
Mozambique	Co-operation meeting Maputo, 19 and 20 January 2009	Industrial Property Office (INPI PT)	Presentation of the Portuguese Minister of Justice's proposal for the creation of a Lusophone Trademark system for CPLP countries. Audience: Representatives of Industrial Property Offices of MZ (IPI) and PT (INPI).
	Co-operation meeting Maputo, 20 and 25 February 2009	Portuguese Ministry of Justice and the Industrial Property Office (INPI PT)	Further bilateral approach on the creation of the Lusophone Trademark System aiming at promoting the multilateral technical meeting (CPLP countries), to be held in Lisbon. Audience: Representatives of MZ and PT Governments and representatives of the relative Industrial Property Offices.
Brazil	Ibero-American Summit Preparatory Meeting Rio de Janeiro, 2- 4 March 2009	Portugal, Spain and Sixteen Industrial Property Central Services of Latin American countries.	Preparation of the XI Ibero-American Summit to be held, in Portugal, in November 2010, under the theme "Innovation and knowledge". Audience: Representatives of the Industrial Property Central Services of AR, BR, CO, CR, CU, CL, EC, HN, SV, ES, GT, MX, NY, PY, PE, PT, DO,UY.
Cape Verde	Co-operation meeting Praia, 11- 15 March 2009	Portuguese Government and the Industrial Property Office (INPI PT)	Presentation of the Portuguese Minister of Justice's proposal for the creation of a Lusophone Trademark System for CPLP countries. Audience: Representatives of CV and PT Governments and representatives of the respective Industrial Property Offices.
Angola	Co-operation meeting Luanda, 17- 18 March 2009	Industrial Property Office (INPI PT)	Presentation of the Portuguese Minister of Justice's proposal for the creation of a Lusophone Trademark System for CPLP countries. Audience: Representatives of Industrial Property Central Services of AO and PT (INPI).
Portuguese Speaking Countries Community (CPLP) - Angola, Brazil, Cap Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique; Portugal; São Tomé & Príncipe and East Timor	Technical Joint co-operation meeting Lisbon, 16 and 17 April 2009	The Industrial Property Central Services of the Portuguese Speaking Countries (except East Timor)	Meeting for further co-operation between Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), aiming at implementing a joint project consisting in the creation of a common trademark system, to be called "Marca Lusófona" (Lusophone Trademark). Audience: Representatives of Industrial Property Offices/Central Services of the Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP).

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
Mozambique	Co-operation meeting Maputo, 30 April to 5 May 2009	Industrial Property Office (INPI PT)	Technical meeting on IT matters and presentation on the importance of using IP for development on the occasion of the Commemoration of the X anniversary of the Industrial Property Office of Mozambique (IPI). Audience: Representatives of Industrial Property Central Services of AO and PT (INPI).
Brazil	Technical co-operation meeting Lisbon, 19 June 2009	Industrial Property Office (INPI PT)	Observation of the INPI PT IT System and its main characteristics as an important tool to support the Customs and Police Authorities in the anti- counterfeiting activities in Brazil. Audience: BR Government Representatives and INPI-PT.
Uruguay	Technical co-operation meeting Lisbon, 24 June 2009	Industrial Property Office (INPI PT)	Presentation of administrative modernisation projects in the scope of Industrial Property matters, under the Government Programme for the administrative and legal simplification – SIMPLEX. Audience: Representatives of UY and PT Governments and Representatives of Industrial Property Offices.
Angola Brazil	Inter-regional training programme Lisbon: 15 - 24 June 2009	Industrial Property Office (INPI PT) & World International Property Organization (WIPO)	Inter-regional training programme for IP officials from the Portuguese Speaking African Countries (PALOP) in cooperation with the WIPO Academy, held in Geneva in June 2008. Afterwards the participant members of Angola and Brazil, received an intensive practice course in Portugal, organized by INPI PT which included training in the areas of patents, trademarks and information/documentation, during two weeks, in Lisbon. Audience: Representatives of the Industrial Property Offices of AO and BR.
Brazil	Technical cooperation in the scope of IT Rio de Janeiro, 27- 31 July 2009	Industrial Property Office (INPI PT)	Support to the implementation in the IP Office of Brasil of the trademark search system developed by INPI PT aiming at the creation of a common database of the Portuguese speaking countries (CPLP) trademarks. This common database will be an important tool for the future Lusophone Trademark System. Audience: Representatives of the BR and PT Industrial Property Offices.

SPAIN

Beneficiary country(ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
Countries of Latin America Cuba Mexico Dominican Republic Uruguay	CIBIT programme (Latin American training programme on technological information searches). May 2009-May 2010 June 2009-November 2009 June 2009-November 2009 June 2009-May 2010	OEPM	The purpose of this programme is to further the use of Spanish in international search processes and improve the training of examiners in international searches for PCT international applications. It involves the incorporation of Latin American patent examiners for a period of between six months and two years in the OEPM Patent Department in order to carry out patent searches on databases in Spanish.
National Institute of Industrial Property of Portugal	Technical Cooperation in Patents, Trademarks and Iberian Patents. Lisbon, 9-10 October	INPI/OEPM	Technical/IT assistance with regard to patents, trademarks and Iberian patents.
Latin American countries	Online course on trademark management and evaluation. 22 September-16 November 2008	CEDDET/OEPM	Course on trademarks based on the "virtual classroom" methodology with internet support and aimed at Latin America.
	Seventh Regional IP Seminar for Judges and Prosecutors. Cartegena de Indias, 24-28 November 2008	WIPO/OEPM/EPO	Course for Latin American judges and prosecutors in the industrial property area.
	Training seminar on patent search and examination Madrid, 15-19 December 2008	WIPO/EPO/OEPM	Course on patents with a patent examination representative for each Latin American country.
	Regional meeting on the challenge of industrial property for Latin American chambers of commerce. Held in Lima	WIPO/OEPM	Meeting between representatives of different chambers of commerce to discuss and share experiences on the best use of industrial property.

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Latin American countries	Project on documentation mechanisms and access to judicial and administrative decisions on IP in Latin America.	WIPO/OEPM	The project aims to provide national offices with a database of judicial decisions that have established doctrine.
	Regional seminar on use of the PCT. Held in Montevideo	WIPO/OEPM	Seminar to encourage the use of the PCT procedure in patent applications.
	Drafting and publication of a practical guide on establishing and managing technology transfer units for Latin American universities. Lima, 25-27 February 2009	WIPO/OEPM	Project to familiarize universities with industrial property.
	Regional meeting of heads of IP offices of Latin America. 2-4 March 2009	WIPO/EPO/OEPM	Meeting to bring the views of Spain and Latin American countries closer as regards the importance of IP in innovation and development policies.
	Subregional meeting of trademark experts from the countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic. 16-18 March 2009	WIPO/OEPM	Meeting to harmonize the processing of trademark applications.
	Fifth LATIPAT refresher course. Argentina, 8-14 June	WIPO/OEPM/EPO	Creation of a database with Spanish and Latin American patent documentation.
China	Study visit by a Chinese delegation. Madrid, 22 May 2009	Subdirectorato-General for Intellectual Property (Ministry of Culture of Spain) National Intellectual Property Office of China (NCAC)	Debate on general aspects of intellectual property law, and in particular aspects concerning new Internet technologies and new business models, and on issues relating to the fight against piracy.
Brazil	Study visit by a Brazilian delegation. Madrid, 28 May 2009	Subdirectorato-General for Intellectual Property (Ministry of Culture of Spain) Intellectual Property Office in Brazil	Debate on issues relating to the organization, structure and resources of the Subdirectorato-General for Intellectual Property in Spain for managing public policies in this sphere. Dialogue on draft legislation in process.

SWEDEN

International Training Programmes (ITP)

The Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (Sida) offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, advanced International Training Programmes (ITPs) of strategic importance to the social and economic development of cooperating countries. These programmes aim at enhancing managerial and technical skills and cover subjects of strategic importance to economic development. The ITPs contribute to capacity development in cooperating countries by offering key persons training programmes within sectors that are given priority to in Swedish development co-operation and are in demand in the co-operating countries. In addition, the ITPs constitute a meeting place for various countries where the individual countries can benefit from the exchange of experiences and skills of other participating countries in different phases of development".

The importance of intellectual property rights has increased considerably in recent years. Recognizing this fact, Sida has taken the initiative to organize four international training courses in the area of intellectual property rights. The programmes are implemented in three or four phases. The first is a preparatory phase, the second contains of a three-week training in Sweden, the third phase takes place in the participants' home country where they should implement the project selected. The fourth phase consists of 3-5 days follow-up meeting of all participants. The total costs for the four courses are US\$5.5 million.

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Developing countries	Copyright and Related Rights in the Global Economy Implementing period: Phase I: August 2008	Swedish Patent and Registration Office in cooperation with WIPO	International training course to provide information about the main national and international elements of the law on copyright and related rights as well as a presentation of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the World Trade Organization and their functions.
Least-Developed countries	Intellectual Property for Least-Developed Countries Implementing period: Phase I: Nov 2008 Phase II: May 2009	Swedish Patent and Registration Office in cooperation with WIPO	International training course to provide information and knowledge about the main national and international elements of the law on intellectual property rights and information on the World Intellectual Property Organization and the World Trade Organization.
Developing countries	Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights – Pathways for development Implementing period: Phase II: October 2008	Swedish Biodiversity Centre, Stockholm Environment Institute, Svalöf Weibull AB	International Training Course to assist participants to understand the background and the implications of the recent developments related to IPR and exchange of genetic resources.
	Industrial Property Rights in the Global Economy Implementing period: Sept. 2008 – April 2009	Swedish Patent and Registration Office in cooperation with WIPO	The objective of the course is to enhance the participants' understanding of industrial property rights with emphasis on their contribution for economic growth, trade and development.

UNITED KINGDOM

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Baltic States	IP Conference for Prosecutors and Enforcers. April 2009	Joint with USPTO	As part of an on-going commitment to developing countries and those looking to accede to the EU, the IPO jointly hosted this conference in raising awareness to the Baltic States (including Finland, Russia and Latvia). The conference detailed resources, solutions and strategies to help combat the production, distribution and sale of counterfeit product especially in the digital environment.
Slovakia	IP Conference for Prosecutors and Enforcers. 11-13 November 2008	Joint with USPTO	As above.
Balkan States	IP Conference for Prosecutors and Enforcers. 8-11 June 2009	Joint with USPTO	As part of an on-going commitment to developing countries and those looking to accede to the EU, the IPO jointly hosted this conference in raising awareness to the Balkan States (including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia). The conference detailed resources, solutions and strategies to help combat the production, distribution and sale of counterfeit product.
African countries	Seed Fund	UK IPO with Light Years	UK IPO working with Light Years to provide funding for seeding in African countries. Donation of £10,000.
All developing countries	Workstream on "Next Steps on IPRs and Climate Technologies" – Part of "Trade, Finance and Climate Change: Building a Positive Agenda for Developing Countries" project. May 2008 - April 2010	Chatham House	To explore market and technology-specific IPR conditions that may exacerbate barriers against the diffusion of key technologies. £105,690.
African countries	Development of a New African Trade and Intellectual Property Capture Programme. Oct 2008-Dec2009	Natural Resources Institute and Light Years IP	To provide stimulus to stakeholders (small-holders and exporters) in developing countries to overcome negative perceptions of intellectual property. £164,000

Beneficiary country (ies)	Title and date of the event	Organizing agency	Description
African Countries	Intangible Value in African Exports. Oct 08-Sept 09	Light Years IP	Research on eight industries in Africa which have emerged through prior investigation as products with IP potential. The studies will assess the feasibility of investing in IP-based business strategies to increase export income and improve the security of that income. £136,000
All developing countries	Strategic Agreement Aug '07 to Jul 10	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)	£1.35m on IP over 3 years: I. Generating pro-development outcomes in international IP deliberations and negotiations. II. Promoting IP policy implementation in a way that balances public and private rights. III. Promoting policy coherence in trade related domestic policies. IV. Maximising incentives for innovation, creativity and technology transfer.
China	UK-China Internet Forum, Beijing 22-23 July 2009	Organised by UK Dept for Business Innovation & Skills (BIS) & Chinese State Council Information Office	Aims: - share knowledge of current issues & discuss solutions to problems - spread best practice - promote light touch regulation - achieve closer co-operation on global IPR policy
	IPR2 Project. April 2009	UK IPO & The European TM Office (OHIM)	UK IPO provided a TM expert to travel to China and discuss the UK changes to TM legislation under Section 5 of the UK 1994 Act and subsequent move away from objections under Relative Grounds. China is reviewing its law in this area and wanted feedback on our experiences.
Brazil	IT training – Project planning and management of EPTOS March 2009	UK IPO	The UK IPO sent an IT expert to the INPI in Rio de Janerio to assist them with their EPTOS project. The objective was to assist INPI in planning their implementation of Phoenix and e-filing on the EPTOS platform. A number of presentations and demonstrations were given, outlining the UK IPO's implementation of e-filing and Phoenix. The expert also discussed INPI's draft project plans and suggested necessary changes. Documentation of UK experiences was provided to assist INPI in their proposed changes.

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India	January 2009	UKIPO	<p>The UK sent three senior IPO staff to India to continue discussions on agreeing a Joint Plan of Action on Bilateral Cooperation. Whilst in India they delivered presentations in four Indian cities to a range of Indian IPO staff, lawyers, academics, researchers and industrialists.</p> <p>The talks covered: UK law and practice on: patents, trademarks & designs; Operation of UK Intellectual Property Office; UK experience on Outreach to Universities and Businesses; UK experience of Enforcement of IP."</p>
Kenya	Conference on Biodiversity. 20 - 21 March 2009	US Government / Kenyan Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife	<p>The UK IPO sent a senior officer to Kenya in March 2009 to attend this conference and speak to attendees. The UK IPO was a co-sponsor, along with the US Department of Commerce.</p> <p>The conference had a strong Biodiversity Theme, but discussion also touched upon many closely-related issues, such as economic growth, dealing with climate change, diffusion of technology, domestic innovation, development of green technologies, IPR protection, and use of IPR for economic development.</p>

C. EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)

A. INTRODUCTION

The EPO delivered technical assistance to developing countries in view of assuring the proper functioning of the national patent systems in the beneficiary countries.

Co-operation activities were designed and agreed following the requests of the beneficiary patent offices. They were in line with the TRIPS requirements, taking into account the recommendations of WIPO's Development Agenda.

The EPO continued to support patent offices in developing countries to become self sustained institutions, through feasibility studies and study visits of governmental officials to other patent offices. Furthermore, the EPO supported the initiatives in creating regional patent structures that will improve the patent system and help the national patent offices to cope with the search and examination challenges.

In this line, EPOQUE.Net was further expanded as a way to provide a professional patent search tool to patent offices around the world.

Gathering and dissemination of patent information including legal status data through universal accessible means like the internet was also intensively pursued as the best service a national patent office can provide to inventors and society.

Capacity building activities were organised through the European Patent Academy, complemented by study visits to Europe as well as specific workshops and seminars in developing countries. These covered training for patent examiners as well as training for managers of IP offices in PCT procedures, patent information and other services related to the exploitation of IP. Activities in this field included assistance to establish qualifying examination systems for patent attorneys in developing countries and specific training for this collective, for example, in claims drafting.

Activities were planned in view of assuring sustainability and continuation after the finalisation of the EPO's support. For example, automation projects were based on technology transfers so that the recipient country can run and maintain the automation tools delivered without the support of the EPO. Similarly, for the capacity building activities where a "train the trainers" approach was favoured.

Co-ordination among providers of technical assistance was further pursued in order to optimise the resources devoted to it. When possible, the activities were carried out jointly or in co-ordination with WIPO, EPO member States' Patent Offices and other European and international IP institutions.

B. EU NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNTRIES

The co-operation activities of the EPO with these countries take place in the frame of the European Neighbouring Policy of the European Union. The overall objective is to support the countries to implement the recommendations of the national action plans drafted by the European Commission, regarding, in particular, the legal harmonisation of the patent law and the development of capacities in the national IP institutions. A particular effort is made, whenever possible, to involve the national offices of the EPO's member states in these activities, in order to facilitate the direct exchange of best practices between the beneficiary and the Western European institutions.

C. EU-FUNDED PROJECTS

Besides the bilateral co-operation programmes, the EPO implemented also IP co-operation programmes funded by the European Commission.

(a) EU-China IPR 2 project

The IPR2 Project is a technical assistance co-operation project financed and implemented in partnership between the European Commission (EC) and the Ministry of Commerce of the Peoples Republic of China (MOFCOM).

Launched on 26 November 2007 by the then EU Trade Commissioner Mr. Peter Mandelson, the overall objective of the project is to support China's smooth integration into the world trade system and to contribute to its transition into a market economy. The main purpose is improving the effectiveness of IPR enforcement in China, with technical assistance to Chinese legislative, judicial, administrative and enforcement agencies and institutions. The objective comes as the consequence of the objectives set for the IPR 1 project that aimed at improving the legal framework for IPR protection in China in support to China's accession to the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The accession to WTO has boosted China's weight on the international markets, and has improved the conditions for foreign companies to operate in China. China's greater involvement in international trade has increased demands by European companies to respect the rule of law and increase the overall level of IP protection within China.

The above-mentioned requirements have driven the implementation of the IPR2 project in two main directions. The first intervention area aims at adapting the Intellectual Property (IP) environment to the steady changes imposed by new technologies, new international trade requirements and the adoption of new rights in the Chinese context. The objective of the "smooth integration into the world trade system and to contribute to its transition into a market economy" goes through the support to the legislative process, whereby the European perspective is brought into the process. The second intervention area, which is also the main purpose of the project, focuses on the implementation of the IP laws. Therefore, "improving the effectiveness of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) enforcement in China" goes through technical assistance and capacity building towards the "Chinese legislative, judicial, administrative and enforcement agencies and institutions."

The implementation of IPR2 is permitted by the steady flow of expertise from Europe to China.

From 01 August 2008, until 31 July 2009, 30 activities have been realised. The activities are specified and detailed in the table below.

EPO Cooperation Activities carried out between August 2008 and July 2009

Beneficiary Countries	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
China Bilateral Programme	EPO expert mission on appeal procedure and practice Beijing, 22-26 Sept 2008	EPO	Training of SIPO staff and patent attorneys in China, on EPO practice and procedures for appeal and exchange of experience in appeals.
	Informative seminars on the European patent system Chong Qing, 16 Sept 2008 Guangzhou, 17 Sept 2008	EPO	The aim of these seminars was to inform the Chinese industry and IP professionals on the European patent system.
	Expert mission on DNA Sequence Data Beijing, 13-15 October 2008	EPO	This mission was aiming at the harmonisation of DNA sequence management and the improvement of the databases.
	Search and examination of patent applications The Hague, 03-07 Nov 2008	EPO	Training of SIPO examiners in prior-art searches in EPOQUE.
	Joint organised international seminar on automatic machine translation Beijing, 04 November 2008	EPO, SIPO	Exchange of information and experiences from other countries and organisations, in developing automated translation tools according to the latest technologies and methodologies.
	Expert Mission on EPOQUE update and support/EPOQUE migration The Hague, 05-07 Nov 2008	EPO	Mission of three SIPO experts to ensure that the resulting EPOQUE migration plan was accomplished. Additionally discussions were held between both Offices on licensing SIPO for the use of software versions of the EPOQUE new search engine.
	Automation/EPOQUE Co-ordination Meeting The Hague, 12-14 Nov 2008	EPO, SIPO	The aim of the meeting was the coordination of EPOQUE issues and the establishment of a forum for the exchange of information at IS project management level. In addition the future of IT development related to automation issues was discussed.
	Study visit on training skills, methodology and organisation of training courses Munich, 24-28 Nov 2008	EPO	In-depth exchange of experience in training of new examiners including skills, strategies, methodology and organisation of training for new examiners.

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China Bilateral Programme	Study visit of SIPO DGs of Examination Departments on administration The Hague, 24-28 Nov 2008	EPO	The study visit consisted in an in-depth exchange of experience in managing and operating examination departments between DGs of both Offices with the aim of harmonising patent administration procedures.
	International seminar on traditional medicine Chengdu, 16-17 December 2008	EPO	This follow-up event aimed at exploring the feasibility of a common project with ASEAN IP Offices for the establishment of a regional database on Traditional Medicine and Traditional Knowledge, for the use of patent examiners in IP Offices of the countries participating in the project.
	Search and examination practice in the field of biotechnology Munich, 09-13 March 2009	EPO	Seminar to familiarise trainees with the particularities of patenting in the field of biotechnology and the patenting practice at the EPO.
	Search and examination of patent applications with focus on mechanics, physics and electricity Berlin, 27-30 April 2009	EPO	Seminar to familiarise trainees with the particularities of patenting in the field of mechanics, physics and electricity and the patenting practice at the EPO.
	Expert Mission for task force on common classification Beijing, 01-05 June 2009	EPO	The main objectives of the mission in co-operation with SIPO's Documentation and Examination Departments were to seek the application of a common classification scheme in both Offices in particular with the aim of facilitating the implementation of the proposed Common Hybrid Classification Scheme as well as enhancing the classification and pre-classification processes at the two offices.
	Joint seminar for New Examiners Beijing, 29 June-3 July 2009	EPO, SIPO	The seminar provided basic training in search and examination for SIPO's new examiners.
	Informative seminars on the European Patent System Beijing, 27 July 2009 Chanqing, 30 July 2009 Urumqi, 3 August 2009	EPO	The seminars provided the Chinese industry, IP professionals and public with updated information on the European patent system. The seminars aimed at promoting patenting in Europe.

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India	<p>Joint EPO-DPMA training at IP India Chennai, New Delhi, Kolkata, 20-30 October 2008</p>	EPO, DPMA	<p>EPO joined forces with the German Patent and Trademark Office (DPMA) in organising an ambitious training programme at three different sites in India (Chennai, New Delhi and Kolkata). Three EPO examiners and three DPMA examiners conducted a customised five-day training course on: electricity, mechanics and computer implemented inventions (two experts from the DPMA joined by one EPO examiner from the Joint Cluster "Electricity and Semiconductor Technology"), biotechnology (one EPO expert from the Joint Cluster "Biotechnology") and pharmacy and chemistry (one EPO expert from the Joint Cluster "Pure and Applied Organic Chemistry" teamed with one expert from the DPMA). The three DPMA examiners stayed on for an additional week for practical on-the-job-training in the areas mentioned above.</p> <p>Designed by the European Patent Academy, the training programme consisted of a mix of general topics, such as an overview of the European and German Patent Systems, novelty and inventive step assessment, search strategy, clarity, sufficiency of disclosure, lack of unity, and was accompanied by exercises focusing on the respective technical area.</p>
	<p>EPO expert mission on quality management & control New Delhi, December 2008</p>	EPO	<p>EPO undertook an expert mission on Quality Management & Control to IP India to assist the office in establishing a quality management system that meets the requirements of a PCT Chapter 21.</p>
	<p>EPO access to TKDL database January 2009</p>	EPO, CSIR	<p>The Government of India, through its Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and the EPO signed an agreement over access to a Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL). The agreement gives EPO examiners online access to information related to Indian traditional knowledge in all phases of the European patent grant procedure.</p>
	<p>EPOQUE.Net test access IP India, New Delhi, March 2009</p>	EPO	<p>The EPO granted test access to EPOQUE.Net (five workstations) to IP India in New Delhi. The system was installed in March 2009 and the training was provided in April.</p>

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Brazil	Signature of the extension contract relating the granting of access to the EPOQUE Net Service of the EPO to the Brazilian INPI Munich, 26 Jun 2009, Rio de Janeiro, 3 Aug 2009	EPO	The Brazilian Instituto Nacional da Propiedade Industrial (INPI) was the first country to sign a contract relating to the granting of this service in June 2005, by which it acquired full access to EPOQUE for 145 examiners. In view of the success of the implementation of EPOQUE in Brazil, INPI decided to increase the access up to 360 licences. The new extension contract allows INPI to continue with the EPOQUE service until 3 August 2012.
	Implementation in INPI of integrated biotechnological services	EPO	INPI Brazil started on 1 February 2009 a test phase related to the automatic search of sequences within an access secure environment EBI/EPO. The test phase will finalise in December 2009. Exchange of information / open source and technical implementation.
	Seminar "How to train EPOQUE Net Search (train the trainers)" The Hague, 22-23 Sept 2008	EPO	Participation of 2 INPI officers in the EPO Academy Seminar "How to train EPOQUE Net Search (train the trainers)".
	XI Intellectual Property and Technology Commercialization Meeting Rio de Janeiro, 20-22 Oct 2008	REDETEC/ INPI Brazil /WIPO/EPO	Training of the EPO on "Computer implemented inventions and Software patentability in Europe"
	Seminar on Computer implemented inventions - Examination Practices Rio de Janeiro, 20-24 Oct 2008	EPO / INPI Brazil	Four day computer related training addressing following subjects: open source patents, clarity and sufficient disclosure. Overview of the patent granting procedure at the INPI concerning computer related inventions. Comparing INPI directives with EPO practice.
	Seminar on PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Practices Rio de Janeiro 3-7 Nov 2008	WIPO /EPO/ INPI Brazil	Around 40 examiners were trained during this seminar carried out by EPO and WIPO experts. The seminar concentrated on general information about the PCT procedure, novelty, inventive step, search strategy, patentability requirements, examples and Non-unity.
	International Seminar on Traditional Medicine Chengdu (China), 16-17 Dec 2008	SIPO/EPO	Participation of 2 INPI representatives in the International Seminar on Traditional Medicine Databases.
	Seminar "Oppositions and Appeals Procedures at the EPO" Munich, 22-25 Jun 2009	EPO	Participation of 2 officers of the Brazilian Instituto Nacional da Propiedade Industrial in the EPO Academy Seminar "Oppositions and Appeals procedures at the EPO".

Beneficiary Countries	Title and date of the event	Implementing agency	Description
Russia	Russian Conference "problematic issues in IP" (ROSPATENT), 8-9 October 2008, Moscow	ROSPATENT	Participation of EPO legal expert with regard to recent changes in Russia's IP legislation.
	Training EPTOS Lite, The Hague ROSPATENT, 20-22 October 2008	EPO	Technical training IT on specific aspects moving Esp@cenet to EPTOS site platform.
	Study Visit in Vienna (Russian Delegation) 9-12 December 2008 Patent Information on Innovation	EPO	14 Representatives from various sites in Russia were exchanging ideas, sharing experience and supporting each other in group activities in Vienna as well as relating to their specific work responsibilities in Russia. The participants were given information and material on: The esp@cenet assistant in Russian, information on licensing etc...
	Examiner Training on Excluded Subject matter, Rospatent 3-4 June 2009	EPO/ ROSPATENT	EPO Director, Joint Cluster Computers, to lecture some 50 Russian examiners on assessing: 1.non patentability, 2. insufficient disclosure 3. lack of industrial applicability 4. pure scientific hypothesis.
	Seminar Chapter IV of Russian Civil Code, 16 July 2009	EPO/ ROSPATENT/ Bundespatentgericht	Seminar presenting main changes in Russian IP legislation following the introduction of Chapter IV of the Civil Code.
Mexico	Seminar "How to train EPOQUE Net Search (train the trainers)" The Hague, 22-23 Sept 2008	EPO	Participation of 3 officers of the Mexican Patent Office (IMPI) in the EPO Academy Seminar "How to train EPOQUE Net Search (train the trainers)".
	Patent Information Conference Stockholm, 27-30 Oct 2008	EPO	Participation of two IMPI managers in the Patent Information Conference to learn about the latest patent innovations in Europe.
	International Seminar on cutting-edges issues of Industrial Property, XV Anniversary IMPI Mexico City, 17 Dec 2008	IMPI / EPO	The EPO participated in this International Seminar with a conference on Infrastructure of the IP Global System.
	II International Conference on Intellectual Property Monterrey, 25-27 Mar 2009	IMPI / EPO	Two EPO experts participated in this Conference organised by the Mexican Institute of Intellectual Property (IMPI) in co-operation with the Mexican Supreme Court of Justice, the Colegio de Magistrados de Circuito y Jueces de Distrito and the Instituto Nacional de Derecho de Autor (INDAUTOR). The objective of this conference is to promote on an international level the exchange of experiences and knowledge on IP issues.

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ASEAN Countries <u>REGIONAL</u>	Workshop on EPOQUE.Net For the Asia-Pacific Region 18 to 19 August 2008	EPO IP Australia	A seminar organised by EPO and IP Australia to demonstrate the use of EPOQUE.Net, the powerful search tool used by EPO examiners and provided to third countries. The seminar also comprised IP Australia's experiences and analysis of testing and financing EPOQUE.Net.
	South East Asian Drafting (SEAD) Training Course 2008 (Part 2) 22 to 26 September 2008	EPO, FICPI	The course is aimed at teaching the art of patent drafting and at increasing the quality of patent applications originating from the ASEAN region. The course consists of a series of tutorials and workshops presented over five days, drafting exercises, and a review and marking process. SEAD has been organised for the 10th time, greatly benefiting aspiring patent attorneys from the Asia-Pacific.
	Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Conference (HIPOC) 2008 23 to 25 November 2008	EPO, MyIPO	HIPOC 2008 addressed international developments and assessed challenges faced by IP Offices across the globe. The main topics concerned regional patent co-operation and capacity building. ASEAN offices decided to consider a regional technical capacity building project designed to enhance the search & examination capacities of national offices.
	South East Asian Drafting (SEAD) Training Course 2009 (Part 1) 18 to 22 May 2009	EPO, FICPI	First part of the 11th SEAD course (see description above). This year will be the final course in ASEAN, after which SEAD will move to Hong Kong.
	ASEAN Regional Patent Cooperation (RPC) Project 26 May 2009	EPO AWGIPC	EPO was requested to provide terms of reference (ToR) for the first activity of the regional patent co-operation project launched at HIPOC 2008 (see activity description above).
ASEAN Countries <u>NATIONAL</u> Malaysia	Interpreting PCT Search Reports & Written Opinions 27 to 31 July 2009	EPO MyIPO	EPO provided a five-day training at the Malaysian IP office on how to interpret PCT search reports and written opinions. This training was necessary to improve the ability of MyIPO examiners to effectively utilize foreign work in the national examination procedure.
Philippines	Seminar on the Strategic Management of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) by SMES 20-21 November 2008	EPO IP Philippines	EPO expert delivered lectures at a roving seminar in Cebu and Davao. The objective of the roving seminars, organised by IP Philippines, was to increase awareness among SMEs of the benefits that they can derive from effectively using and managing their IPs and to guide them how to do it.
	RAMP Implementation Evaluation Missions 29 January to 31 March 2009	EPO IP Philippines	The objective of the latest RAMP Implementation Evaluation Mission was to assist the IPO Philippines in advancing the modernization of the office as it completes the third year of its transition to its new Self-Sustaining Agency (SSA) business model, by identifying issues and assessing likely impact of these on successful completion of transition to full self-sustainability as originally contemplated.

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Philippines	Patent Drafting Workshop and Patent Agents Qualifying Examination (PAQE) 14-18 July and 30 July 2008	EPO IP Philippines	The objective of the activity is to set up a patent attorney profession in the Philippines. Assistance in the conduct of the appropriate seminar-workshop relevant to the patent attorney examination. Assistance in the conduct of the qualifying examination (supervision). Marking of the examination papers.
	"East meets West" forum 23 to 24 April 2009	EPO IP Philippines	The annual "East meets West" forum provides an ideal platform for patent information users from around the world to discuss their most pressing Asian patent information needs. A senior official from the Documentation and Transfer Bureau of the Director of IP Philippines gave a presentation on the Philippines' patent system and patent information policy.
	Interregional Seminar on Industrial Property, Switzerland and Germany 10 to 26 June 2009	EPO, WIPO IP Philippines	Following the WIPO Interregional Intermediate Seminar on Industrial Property, participants attended a one-week training at the EPO to become familiar with the European patent procedure. In the third week, training continued at the DPMA where participants learned about the German patent law and procedure. The participants participated in practical hands-on sessions with tutors from the DPMA.
ASEAN Countries <u>NATIONAL</u> Singapore	Expert Assistance to the Singapore Patent Agents Qualifying Examination 2009 Moderate question and answers, July – August 2008 Conduct of the QE in October 2008. Marking and moderation from November 2008 to February 2009.	EPO, IPOS	To support the patent agents profession in Singapore. IPOS requested EPO to support Singapore's Patent Agents Qualifying Examination by dispatching two experts to the Examination Committee.
	Trading Ideas Symposium 2009 3- to 31 July 2009	EPO, IPOS	EPO participated at the second Trading Ideas symposium, which was organised in conjunction with the APEC IP Expert's Group Meeting in Singapore on 30-31 July 2009. EPO Vice President, Mr van der Eijk, gave a presentation with the title "On the way to more effective patent examination proceedings in Europe".

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Thailand	EPOQUE.Net Training 8-12 September 2008	EPO, DIP	EPO provided introductory to a group of up to ten patent examiners from the Thai IP office. The learning goal was to familiarise DIP staff with the basic functionalities and search features of EPOQUE.Net.
	Advanced EPOQUE.Net Training in the Hague 8-12 June 2009	EPO, DIP	Two DIP staff attended an advanced EPOQUE.Net training in The Hague. The seminar gave a systematic overview of EPOQUE.Net query language, basic commands and reviewed relevant search concepts. By performing advanced searches, the trainees improved their skills to identify useful search strategies in different technical fields and how these techniques can be applied at their daily work.
Latin America	V Training week on LATIPAT Buenos Aires, 9-12 Jun 2009	WIPO/EPO/ SPTO	LATIPAT is a co-operation project (led by the EPO, WIPO and SPTO) aimed at supporting the 19 Industrial Property Offices of Latin America in the electronic publication of patent documentation and is meant to create a public single entry point for the publication and consultation of patent documentation from Latin America using the esp@cenet technology. In order to achieve this objective, training sessions are organised regularly for the LATIPAT co-ordinators, in order to improve the quality of the data and facilitate the data exchange.
	Migration of LATIPAT to EPTOS environment	WIPO/EPO/ SPTO	Migration of ESPACENET to the EPTOS environment in order to improve the service and to adapt data to EPO standards.
	LATIPAT Co-ordination meeting Madrid, 10 Nov 2008	WIPO/EPO/ SPTO	Co-ordination and planning meeting on the LATIPAT Project.
	VII Seminar on Intellectual Property for Latin American Judges and Public Prosecutors Cartagena de Indias, 24-28 Nov 2008	WIPO/EPO/ SPTO / AECID	This training aims at providing Latin American countries with a regular tool for capacity building for the judges and public prosecutors responsible for deciding cases of IP litigation in their respective countries. The 19 judges and public prosecutors (one of each Latin American country) trained in the framework of this activity are expected to be in the position to later train their own colleagues in Latin America following the concept of "train the trainers".
	Regional Seminar on Patent Application Drafting Santo Domingo, 17-21 Nov 2008	WIPO/EPO/ ONAPI	An EPO expert led the regional workshop on the field of mechanics and carried out different search and patent application drafting workshops with the following presentations: requirements of patentability, prior art search to check patentability potential, guidelines for drafting a patent application, kinds of claims.
	Interregional Seminar on Patent and Examination for Latin American Examiners Geneva 11-12 December 2008, Madrid 15-19 December 2008	WIPO/EPO/ SPTO	This seminar aims at providing Latin American Industrial Property Offices with a regular tool for capacity building and upgrading for their technical staff responsible for patent search and examination tasks. The objective of the course is to provide updated information in the fields of patent search and examination procedures, techniques and tools. 19 examiners (one of each Latin American country) participated in this seminar.

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Latin America	Meeting of Latin American Heads of Industrial Property Rio de Janeiro, 2-4 Mar 2009	WIPO/EPO/ SPTO	The objective of this meeting was to agree on a proposal of statement on Industrial Property to be adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the XIX Ibero American Summit in Portugal and discuss regional strategies designed to promote technical IP Projects in Latin America and better coordinate co-operation betw. donors.
EAPO and CIS Countries	Training on Soprano June 2008, EAPO	EPO	IT-Technical training on office management IT tool SOPRANO and its adaptation for local use.
	EAPO Delegation, Mission to Finland, 10-11 November 2008	EPO/Finland /EAPO	The aim of the visit was to study the experience of usage Common Software and soprano systems both by IT specialists and examiners and technical staff of the Finnish office.
	Seminar Academy, EPOQUE NET Search (Introduction Level 1) 16-20 March 2009	EPO	EAPO official participated in a Academy Seminar in The Hague and was trained to search and retrieve patent information using EPOQUE Net search system.
Sub-Saharan Africa	OAPI: Workshop On Patent Information (Libreville, Gabon) and (Dakar, Senegal) 22-29 October 2008	EPO/OAPI	30 participants in each country attended the workshop on patent information, Esp@cenet EPO, Esp@cenet INPI, Esp@cenet Assistant, Patentscope etc..
	OAPI: International Conference on IP and Development Dakar, Senegal, 4- 6 November 2008	OAPI	The EPO attended the Conference on IP and development. The objective of this conference was to share information among all OAPI countries on the role of IP in economic development.
	OAPI: CEIPI courses in Strasbourg, academic year 2008-2009	EPO/CEIPI	The EPO funded a staff from OAPI to attend the patent attorney training courses in CEIPI, Strasbourg from 17 September 2008 to 30 January 2009.
	EPO-ARIPO IP roundtable for SMEs Lusaka (Zambia), 10-11 November 2008 and Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) 13-14 November 2008	EPO/ARIPO	2 day seminar to raise patent awareness in specific target groups: research and developments institutes, patent attorneys, SME's. Objective to introduce IP and patent to African SME's who might never have been exposed to IP before.
Albania	European Patent Academy Seminar OS08-2008 "Administration of European patent applications at national offices" Ljubljana, 29-30 September 2008	EPO	3 participants from the Albanian Patent and Trade Mark Office participated to the seminar for national patent offices providing practical and legal knowledge of the filing procedure of European patent applications to the staff of the national office involved in the administrative procedures and formalities applying to the filing of European patent applications at a national office.

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Albania	European Patent Academy Seminar OW04-2009 "IP and innovation management in practice - Strategic use of IP" - 2 participants from Albania Munich, 18-20 May 2009	EPO	2 staff member of the Albanian Patent and Trade Mark Office participated to the European Academy seminar
	Participation of 2 Albanian experts to the Electronic Publication Days Vienna, 25 - 26 May 2009	EPO	2 staff member of the Albanian Patent and Trade Mark Office participated in the Electronic Publication Days in Vienna in order to get acquainted on the latest developments in this field and look into possible implementations in Albania.
IPA 2007 National Programme for Serbia (EU funded)	Support to the Education and Information Centre of the IP office of Serbia February 2009 - January 2012	EPO	Institutional creation of the Education and Information Centre of the IP office of Serbia: appointment of staff, definition of communication strategy for the Centre and modernisation of premises. In this framework, the EPOQUE.Net system was installed. The Serbian users received a training on EPOQUE.net usage (beginners level).
IPA 2007 Regional Programme for Western Balkans and Turkey (EU funded)	Albania: Expert supporting to prepare the National IP Enforcement Strategy May-July 2009	EPO	Expert support was provided to IP Institutions in Albania to prepare and propose to the government the National IPR Enforcement Strategy.
	Montenegro: Expert mission to Podgorica Podgorica, 18-20 May 2009	EPO	An EPO mandated expert prepared an analysis of the necessary activities to be foreseen in the mid-term capacity building plan for MIPO
	Serbia: Expert legal review of the Collective management rights March- April 2009	EPO	An EPO mandated expert reviewed the draft chapter on collective management of rights in the Copyright Act of Serbia, and provided comments as well as policy options.
	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Translation of classifications and laws into Macedonian language May 2009-July 2009	EPO	Translation of Lisbon Agreement, the Vienna Classification
Montenegro	Assistance to Montenegro on the Patent Law November 2007- July 2009	EPO	Technical legal advice on the Patent Law to the Montenegrin Government in the framework of the association and extension agreement signed with the EPO.

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San Marino	Seminar on Administration of European patent applications at national offices San Marino, 4-5 June 2009	EPO	Seminar for the patent office of San Marino providing practical and legal knowledge of the filing procedure of European patent applications to the staff of the national office involved in the administrative procedures and formalities applying to the filing of European patent applications at a national office.
Serbia	European Patent Academy Seminar OW04-2009 "IP and innovation management in practice - Strategic use of IP" - 2 participants from Albania Munich, 18-20 May 2009	EPO	2 staff members of the IPO participated to the European Academy seminar
	Participation of 2 Serbian experts to the Electronic Publication Days Vienna, 25-26 May 2009	EPO	2 staff member of the IPO participated in the Electronic Publication Days in Vienna in order to get acquainted on the latest developments in this field and look into possible implementations in Serbia.
	European Patent Academy Seminar N20-2008 "Search and examination of European patent applications" The Hague, 03-07 Nov 2008	EPO	One expert from the Serbian Intellectual Property Office took part in a European Patent Academy seminar on search and examination of European patent applications.
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (activities indicated only up to 31 December 2008, afterwards became EPO Member State)	Translation and publication into Macedonian of the EPO guide "How to get European Patent" September 2008 - January 2009	EPO	
	European Patent Academy Seminar OS08-2008 "Administration of European patent applications at national offices" Ljubljana, 29-30 September 2008	EPO	1 participant from the State Office of Industrial Property participated to the seminar for national patent offices providing practical and legal knowledge of the filing procedure of European patent applications to the staff of the national office involved in the administrative procedures and formalities applying to the filing of European patent applications at a national office.
	Seminar on the European Patent System Skopje, 15-16 September 2008	EPO	Seminar on the European patent procedure (life of a European patent) with a focus on legal aspects (EPC 2000).
	Seminar: Administration of European Patent applications at National Offices Skopje, 14-15 October 2008	EPO	Seminar for the State Office of Industrial Property, providing practical and legal knowledge of the filing procedure of European patent applications to the staff of the national office involved in the administrative procedures and formalities applying to the filing of European patent applications at a national office.

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The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Workshop on Patent Claims drafting Skopje, 10-11 November 2008	EPO	2 European patent attorneys held a seminar on patent claims drafting in Skopje aiming at providing the necessary background to start improving the quality of the claims.
EU Neighbourhood Countries	Ukraine: EPOQUE Net Service full production Kiyv, September 2008	EPO	After a one-year trial period of the EPOQUE.Net service, Ukraine decided to go into full usage of the EPOQUE.Net service.
	Morocco: EPOQUE Net Service Test installation Casablanca, 19 September 2008	EPO	The EPOQUE.Net system was installed at Moroccan office of industrial and commercial property for a one-year trial period; the Moroccan users received a training on EPOQUE.net usage (beginners level).
	Joint EC-EPO workshop on industrial property rights in the European Neighbourhood Munich, 28-29 October 2008	EC-EPO	Meeting organised by the EC and the EPO: delegations from the 16 European neighbouring countries gathered in Munich to discuss priorities in technical assistance needs. The meeting aimed at ensuring among the institutions in charge of industrial property in this region a common understanding of the importance of the harmonisation of IPRs with European standards and to establish the EC-EPO partnership as one key factor of the harmonisation process of IPRs in the European neighbourhood.
	Moldova and Ukraine: Meeting with European representatives in Brussels Brussels, 20 February 2009	EPO	Delegations from the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine met with European business representatives in Brussels to inform them on the latest development of their national patent systems (procedure and enforcement) and to get acquainted on remaining challenges for European investors in their countries.
	Assessment mission to the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia Yerevan, 2-3 April 2009	EPO	Joint mission of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania and of the EPO to study the opportunity for co-operation.
	Ukraine: study visit to Croatia on European harmonisation in the field of IP Zagreb, 7 April 2009	EPO	A high level delegation from Ukraine paid a visit to the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of the Republic of Croatia to learn about the patent office's experience during the European integration process.
	Workshop on patent data publication Damascus, 27-29 April 2009	EPO	Training was provided to experts from Jordan, Lebanon, Occupied Palestinian Territory and Syria on data formatting in view of the publication of the national patent data.
	Participation of 2 Belarusian experts to the Electronic Publication Days Vienna, 25 - 26 May 2009	EPO	2 staff member of the Belarusian IP office participated in the Electronic Publication Days in Vienna.

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EU Neighbourhood Countries	Regular support to the development of an integrated patent database in Belarus Since 26 May 2009	EPO	The IP office of Belarus launched a project aiming at creating an in-house search systems based on MIMOSA. Regular technical advise is provided by EPO publication department based in Vienna.
	European Patent Academy Seminar OS10-2009 EPOQUE.Net (standard level 2) - 2 participants from Egypt 2 participants from Morocco The Hague, 8-12 June 2009	EPO	Participation of EPOQUE.Net advanced users from Egypt and Morocco to the standard European Academy EPOQUE.Net training level 2.
	European patent policy and practice: Focus on computer implemented inventions Jerusalem, 10 June 2009	EPO	This seminar took place in Israel and aimed at providing detailed information on the European patent system in the technical field of computers.
	Ukraine: study visit to Germany on existing IP training in Europe Munich, 10 June 2009	EPO	Expert from the Ukrainian State Institute of Intellectual Property (IP training centre) met with EPO experts to learn about the existing training offer in Western Europe as well as the European Qualifying Examination for European patent attorneys.
	Expert mission to the Armenian IP agency Yerevan, 15-16 June 2009	EPO	The expert advised the Agency on e-filing system and compatibility with the existing infrastructure.
	European Patent Academy Seminar nr. °PI04-2009 Patent Information (Advanced) 1 participant from Tunisia Vienna, 15-18 June 2009	EPO	One expert from the Tunisian National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property took part in a European Patent Academy seminar on patent information for advanced users: 4-day intense build up on basic patent information knowledge including a day with the emphasis on searching in chemical/pharmaceutical fields under the guidance of a patent examiner.
	EPO-DPMA seminar 3 participants from Jordan Munich, 15-29 June 2009	EPO-TAIEX	This seminar aims at providing an in depth understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the European patent granting procedure and related search and examination practice • the patent granting procedure at a national patent office • the workflow at both a regional and a national patent granting office
	On-the-job training in substantive examination in the fields chemistry and biotechnology at the Danish Patent and Trademark Office 2 participants from Moldova Copenhagen, 22-26 June 2009	EPO-DKPTO	2 examiners from the State Agency on intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova received a one week on-the-job training at the Danish Patent and Trademark Office in substantive examination: search strategies, communication with applicants etc. Training provided by experts from the Danish Patent and Trademark Office.

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China EU-China IPR 2 Project	Workshop on Patent Claims drafting Tunis, 30 June - 1 July 2009	EPO	A European patent attorney held a seminar on patent claims drafting for Tunisian examiners and patent attorneys. This seminar aimed at providing the necessary background to start improving the quality of the claims.
	Workshop on Patent information and national, international and regional patent systems Damascus 16-19 July 2009	EPO	This workshop was co-organised with the Directorate for Industrial Property on the occasion of the Al Basseir Fair organised in Syria and aimed at raising awareness on existing opportunities and tools available to potential inventors.
	Expert mission to Jordan and Syria: Review of internal procedures for patent granting Amman and Damascus, 19-21 July 2009	EPO	The expert studied the patent procedures in Jordan and Syria in order to identify development opportunities in the framework of harmonisation with IP international standards.
	Legal protection of Well-known Trademarks Seminar Harbin, Beijing 07 - 08 Sept 2008	EPO	The conference offered an overview of the existing mechanisms and practicing in China and the EU on protection of well-known trademarks.
	Revision of Patent Law Study Tour Madrid, Berlin, Düsseldorf, Munich, 23 Oct 2008 - 01 Nov 2008	EPO	The study tour enabled closer co-operation and ties established between Chinese and European IP-related authorities, and was able to provide comprehensive responses and better understandings of the European IP systems to LAC in its final stage of revising the Chinese Patent Law.
	IPR Management Training Shanghai, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Changzhou, 10 - 20 Nov 2008	EPO	These training programmes were implemented to promote exchanges on best practices of IP management, including sharing European best practices in managing IP. It also aimed at enhancing the capacity of Chinese and European authorities in managing IP. For the vast number of Chinese enterprises, it is a challenge to access comprehensive information on IP management.
	Protection of IP during trade fairs Visit to Europe Paris, Hanover, Berlin, Milano, 15 - 23 Nov 2008	EPO	The activity was implemented to enhance and develop the knowledge of Chinese enforcement authorities in improving the effectiveness of enforcement of IPRs at trade fairs in China and abroad. The protection of IP at trade fairs continues to be an important area of intervention for MOFCOM, and has been well supported by IPR2 to date.
	Internet related legislation Workshop Beijing, 20 - 21 Nov 2008	EPO	This workshop constituted a unique platform for European and Chinese experts to exchange in-depth views and seek clarification ideas on the challenges posed to creative industries and right holders.

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China EU-China IPR 2 Project China	Copyright Enforcement on Internet Training Beijing, Guangzhou 24 - 27 Nov 2008	EPO	As the number of internet connections increase, more users are gaining direct access to copyrighted works, pirated in a large proportion. The series of trainings sessions aimed at sharing experiences and best practices between European and Chinese enforcement agents involved in the protection of copyrights in on-line environment. Training sessions were led by Chinese and European experts, supporting interactive presentations and case studies and helping to increase awareness of anti-piracy policies and best practices.
	Interface between IP and Standards Study Tour Belgium, Germany, United Kingdom, 04 - 11 Dec 2008	EPO	Introduction of senior officials from Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) to the different perspectives of industry, standards authorities and policy makers, building knowledge on the importance of standardization and its relationship when protecting IP. Increased awareness of practical (and successful) experience and latest trends of standardization in Europe's ICT sector.
	Protection of IP during trade fairs Seminar Hanover, Brussels 25 Feb - 06 March 2009	EPO	In the course of the trade fair days, the China IPR Desk at CeBIT addressed a total of 48 cases. Early feedback suggests that the information and mediation service was well received by the target groups/stakeholders, in particular the enforcement authorities (prosecutors and police), right holders and potential infringers: The mediation service became the first stop for exhibitors when IP issues were raised during the fair days. The service was effective in helping to raise awareness among Chinese companies on what constitutes IP infringements and what avenues are available to them; as well as easing the difficulties presented by language barriers.
	Comparative Study on Trademark Registration Alicante, 02 - 06 March 2009	EPO, OHIM	Comprehensive exchange of information and experience that allowed the Chinese and European officials to "look and feel" how the other office conducts its trademark operations, including the functioning of efficient IT systems.
	Introduction of the Chinese IP system in Europe Seminar Belgium, 05 - 06 March 2009	EPO	The event brought European industry in contact with MOFCOM vice minister and high level representatives from SIPO, NCAC and GACC to present China's national IP strategy. The event represented the first time leading Chinese IP officials addressed European industry directly.
	Comparative Study on Design Patent Beijing, 09 - 13 March 2009	EPO, OHIM	Successful first step in the preparation of a comparative study that will serve as a benchmarking tool.
	EU-China Workshop in Unfair Competition and passing off Hangzhou, 11 - 12 March 2009	EPO	The workshop supported an interactive exchange of questions and opinions on actual cases in China and Europe. The first day addressed the legal framework and remedying passing-off trademarks and other commercial designations. The second day looked at the legal framework and remedying false and misleading behaviours.

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China EU-China IPR 2 Project China	EU-China Training Workshop on Patent Enforcement Shanghai, Fuzhou, 23 - 27 March 2009	EPO	These workshops supported training for 120 local enforcement officials, with Chinese and European experts (practicing patent lawyers and judges) providing an overview of the status of protection, best practices and trends of development regarding patent enforcement in China and Europe, including civil and criminal enforcement, customs protection and protection at trade fairs.
	Feasibility Study of GI Negotiations China, April 2009	EPO	The purpose of the Feasibility Study is to provide an overview of the legal framework and practical experience of protection of geographical indications in the European Union and China.
	Support to the Revision of IP Laws Study Beijing, April 2009	EPO	A study on China's notarisation and legalisation requirements forms part of IPR2's support to civil and administrative measures and procedures against infringements. It intended to highlight the key issues related to the mandatory notarisation/legalisation requirements in China IP enforcement and prepare a concise background study on the same.
	Support to Procuratorates on Criminal Enforcement of IPR Training Changzhou, 13 - 17 April 2009	EPO	The training focused on criminal IPR enforcement as well transparency and consistency in transferring criminal cases by administrative enforcement agencies; and to promote the understanding, implementation and use of national and international best practices in evaluating the 'infringing mass' and treat cases accordingly by applying the appropriate sanctions.
	Support to the Revision of the Trade Mark Law Chongqing, Beijing, 18 - 19 April 2009	EPO	With this symposium, the IPR2 in co-operation with SAIC supported the "International Forum on the implementation of China's National IP Strategy", in the context of its ongoing revision of the Trademark Law.
	Quality of GI products Workshop Beijing, 20 - 24 April 2009	EPO	The topics discussed during the workshop spanned from the requirements and procedures for foreign GI applications in China to the assessment on GI systems in the EU and China, in particular with regard to the fact of existence of three parallel systems of GIs protection in China administered by the Ministry of Commerce (Chinese Trademark Office), the AQSIQ and the Ministry of Agriculture. The experts spent a considerable amount of time also discussing the potential benefits brought by an EU-China GI Agreement for each economy. The main result of the workshop was the finalisation of the comprehensive feasibility study as joint publication between European and Chinese experts , to be submitted to the political negotiators of the mutual recognition of GIs between China and the EU.
	Judicial Protection of IPRs Symposium Shanghai, 28 - 29 April 2009	EPO	The event aimed at informing the Chinese judiciary of procedures for protecting copyrights on-line in Europe and China, enhancing understanding of local, European and international practices of IPR protection, and increasing the capacity for adjudicating and handling such cases.

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China EU-China IPR 2 Project	Support to the Revision of Copyright Law Study Tour Vienna, Zurich, Berne, Geneva, Barcelona, Madrid, 14 - 25 May 2009	EPO	The results of the study tour have been: Improved understanding of the existing legal framework, mechanisms and best practices in the EU regarding copyright protection. Interactive exchange between European experts and Chinese drafting team on relevant issues related the revision of the Chinese copyright law. Provided basis for further discussion and clarification of copyright protection in both regions.
	IP Management Training Xian, Jiangyin, Beijing, 18 - 27 May 2009	EPO	Raised awareness on European and Chinese IP systems and how to use them for managing and enforcing IPRs. Chinese decision makers and leaders better informed on the use, function and legality of IPRs. Involved about 300 participants over three sessions.
	Monitoring Internet Business Seminar Quanzhou, 11 - 12 June 2009	EPO	IPR2 supported the State Administration for Industry & Commerce (SAIC) in organising a workshop on the monitoring of internet business behaviour, focusing in particular on IP rights, in order to reinforce ability in adjudicating and handling internet-related cases.
	Copyright Management and Enforcement Seminar Haerbin, Yinchuan, 15 - 19 June 2009	EPO	The seminars aimed at raising awareness of future trends and countermeasures to these challenges, and to assist the relevant enforcing authorities in improving practical enforcement at the local level, in particular by reinforcing the capacity of copyright administrations to handle cases.
	Information on EU IP Systems and Legislation Seminar Beijing, Dalian, 18 - 19 June 2009	EPO	The events in Dalian and Beijing aimed to build understanding on the challenges and means of improving the international competitiveness of enterprises and the overall development of the software and service outsourcing industry. During the seminars, the European experts focused on software copyright protection, outlining the laws and regulations in force in the EU. Moreover, they presented in practice how European and Chinese enterprises can co-operate in software development, avoiding the risk of infringing third party rights in Europe.
	Business secret issues Workshop Shanghai, 25 - 26 June 2009	EPO	The workshop offered a comprehensive overview on the protection of business secrets in Europe and supported an interactive exchange of questions and opinions between the experts and the officials on actual cases in China and Europe, covering the definition of trade secrets, methods of protection of know-how as well as legal remedies and helped to improve understanding of existing regulations, mechanisms and practices in the EU. The workshop also enhanced the capacity of understanding the most relevant issues for adjudicating and handling unfair competition cases.

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China EU-China IPR 2 Project	Comparative Study on Trademark Registration Study Beijing, 06 July 2009	EPO, OHIM	Under the framework of IPR2, OHIM, and SAIC met in Beijing to discuss the findings of a comparative study on trademark registration as well as a comparative study on design registration. The results were: enhanced dialogue between the EU and China on trademark registration. Discussion of comparative study reports. Outline of future cooperation activities under IPR2 has been developed.
	Comparative Study on Design Registration Study Beijing, 07 July 2009		
	Information Management Launch of IP Digest Beijing, 09 July 2009	EPO	Development and launch of a user-friendly tool; some 5000 visits in first two months. Providing for the first time a comprehensive, bilingual and free-of-charge collection of legal references relevant to IP in China. Close co-operation from the start of the initiative with CIECC/MOFCOM, bridging the Chinese authorities and data providers towards assuring its long-term continuity. Promotion and permanent link on www.ipr.gov.cn .
	Intelligence and Operational Tasking Training Wuhan, 28 - 29 July 2009	EPO	Provide comprehensive information and best practices on criminal IP enforcement and transfer of cases. Provide platform for experience sharing between Chinese and European IP prosecutors. To enhance the capacity of understanding of the most relevant issues for the adjudication and handling of criminal IP cases.