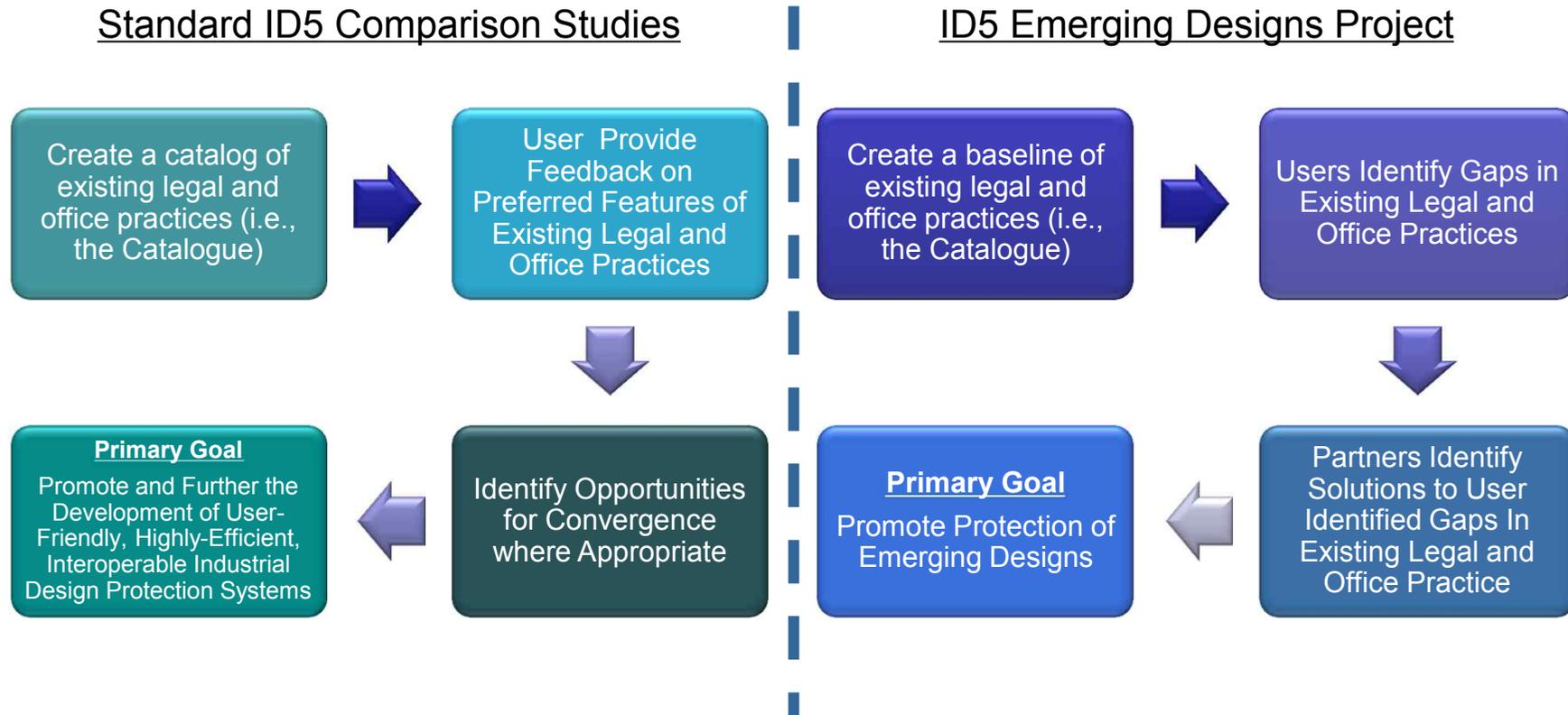


Study of practices on protection of new technological designs

Lead USPTO/EUIPO



Project definition



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Aim of project: To promote protection of emerging designs by comparing existing provisions and different practices among the ID5 Offices related to the protection of new and emerging industrial designs and identifying gaps in existing protection and office practices.

The delivery of the project consists of four distinct steps:

- (1) Create a catalogue of the existing scope of legal frameworks and office practices used to protect identified emerging designs.
- (2) Consider improvements and developments to the existing legal framework and office practices identified in the catalogue that are beneficial to users and/or offices.
- (3) Collaborate on future projects designed to bridge identified gaps in existing legal framework and office practices.
- (4) Monitor development of new types of emerging designs for potential consideration by the Partners in the future as appropriate.

In scope

- Develop a list of categories of new and emerging industrial designs.
- Develop and finalize a format and structure of a Catalogue comparing (i) legal, regulatory and administrative provisions and (ii) technical capacities of the ID5 Offices related to the protection of the new and emerging industrial designs.
- Create and finalize the Catalogue using contributions by Partners on respective emerging design practices.
- Upon consensus by all Partners, share the results of the Catalogue with Users in a form agreed to by Partners and collect user feedback.
- Consider user feedback and all Partners, and if a desire to proceed with future work exists, consider improvements and advancements in the legal framework and office practices including possible areas of convergence of practices where appropriate.
- Endeavor to collaborate on future work designed to develop and eventually implement any improvements or advancements relating to emerging designs, if desire to proceed exists.

Timeline

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February 2017	The Lead Offices submit a proposal for a list of new and emerging industrial designs to be covered by the Study
31 March 2017	The Partners submit observations on the proposed list
31 May 2017	Based upon observations from Partner Offices on the proposed list, the Lead Offices submits the compiled draft list of new and emerging industrial designs for inclusion in initial Catalogue and a proposed format and structure of the Catalogue to Partners
By Midterm meeting (or 1 September 2017 if no Midterm)	The Partners will submit observations on the compiled draft list of new and emerging industrial designs and format and the structure of the Catalogue.
15 October 2017	The Lead Offices prepare a final list of new and emerging industrial designs and format and the structure of the Catalogue to be distributed to the Partners before the 2017 ID5 Annual Meeting for consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting.
2017 ID5 Annual Meeting	The final list of new and emerging industrial designs and format and the structure of the Study is submitted for approval by the Partners at the 2017 annual meeting of the ID5. Deliverable: Agreement on list of new and emerging industrial designs and the format and structure of Catalogue.
31 May 2018	The Partners prepare their contributions to the Catalogue and submit them to the Lead Office before 31 May 2018. Deliverable: Contributions by Design Partners
30 July 2018	The Lead Offices compile the contributions from the Partners and creates a first draft of the Catalogue which is submitted to the Partners before 30 July 2018. Deliverable: First draft by Lead Offices
30 September 2018	Partners submit observations regarding the first draft at or before the 2018 Annual Meeting. Deliverable: Input of Partners
2018 ID5 Annual Meeting	The final draft of the Catalogue is submitted for approval by the Partners on or before the 2018 annual meeting of the ID5. Deliverable: Approval of final draft at 2018 annual meeting of ID5 or sooner upon agreement by the Partners.