

Annex 3

Proposals submitted following the November 2009 meeting¹

Field 1b – New Harmonization Projects

Project	Proposed by:
Common search tools, including multiple language options (e.g. TMView)	Bulgaria; Denmark; Spain; UK, AIM, BusinessEurope, ECTA, INTA, Marques
Complete seniority database to be established and maintained in all National Offices, accessible free-of-charge	Portugal; Slovenia; AIM, BusinessEurope, ECTA, INTA, Marques
Quality Management System for EU Trade Mark & Design Offices (including common performance indicators and user satisfaction surveys)	Hungary; Spain; UK; AIM, ECTA
Simplification of trade marks and designs processes	Czech Republic
Pan-EU harmonization of classification within the appropriate international framework	Czech Republic; AIM, BusinessEurope, ECTA, INTA, Marques
Common Statistical and Forecasting Methodologies	Spain
Generation of common database of Designations of Origin and Geographical Indications	Spain
Goods & Services Similarity Tool	Germany
Examiners' Support Tool for investigating the meaning of words applied for as trade marks and older trade marks bringing about a likelihood of confusion, to shorten search and examination times, increasing the quality and consistency of decisions.	Germany

¹ Proposals have not yet been validated against the Programme's goals and principles

Field 2 – Software Package

Project	Proposed by:
Improving online e-services to enhance end-user experience	Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; France; Lithuania; Poland; Portugal; Spain; Sweden; UK; AIM, BusinessEurope, ECTA, INTA, Marques
Development of a common IT systems	Denmark; Estonia; France; Lithuania; Poland; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; UK; AIM, BusinessEurope, ECTA, INTA, Marques
Local HW / SW investments	Poland
Common Design Database	Spain

Field 3 – Information Services

Project	Proposed by:
Training and information sharing, including E-Learning modules for National Office examiners and other actors confronted with the prosecution and enforcement of trade marks rights	Czech Republic; Denmark; France; Hungary; Lithuania; Malta; Poland; Portugal; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; AIM, BusinessEurope, ECTA, INTA, Marques
End-user training and information in the area of the registration process	Poland; Portugal; Slovak Republic; Spain
Establish and educate a special group of CTM&RCD experts who would help National Offices, OHIM and EU industry to become the most advanced and competitive environment	Bulgaria; Hungary; Romania; Slovenia
Training for National Office examiners, and users, to teach about aspects of trade mark law and jurisdiction of the ECJ, with the interpretation of it by National Offices and national courts, grouping together coherent interpretations, and possibly helping to harmonize practice in such areas.	Germany

Field 4 – Enforcement Activities

Project	Proposed by:
Development of central databases providing assistance to customs authorities in the field of combat against counterfeiting by enforcing trade mark and design rights	Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Malta; Portugal; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Spain; UK; AIM, BusinessEurope, ECTA
Facilitating the parties involved in the fight against counterfeiting	Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Denmark; Hungary; Portugal; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Sweden; UK
Packaged information and training from SMEs to Law Enforcement entities	Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Denmark; France; Lithuania; Poland; Portugal; Slovenia
Study visits and seminars for the staff of National Offices	Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Portugal; Slovenia; Sweden
Awareness Campaigns of the EU population	Bulgaria; Slovenia; also Spain/Italy/Portugal/France/Hungary proposal concerning enforcement activities (aimed mainly at consumers)
Development of tools for Right Holders to identify counterfeiting on the Internet	France
National Offices' training for enforcement authorities in the field of anti-counterfeiting	Spain/Italy/Portugal/France/Hungary proposal concerning enforcement activities
Information sharing: each National Office to be a contact point for authorities and users, giving information regarding national enforcement legislation and proceedings. Extendible to information/ alerts about goods and services currently/potentially infringing trade marks and design rights.	Spain/Italy/Portugal/France/Hungary proposal concerning enforcement activities
Develop and implement IT tools to help users, especially SMEs, identify counterfeit goods and services.	Spain/Italy/Portugal/France/Hungary proposal concerning enforcement activities
Prepare database(s) of statistics on piracy – collect and organise infringement data on place, distribution channel, value of confiscations, etc.	Spain/Italy/Portugal/France/Hungary proposal concerning enforcement activities
Develop measures to intensify cooperation of National Offices with other national institutions entrusted with enforcing IP rights and/or informing about such IP matters, to assist and support SMEs in relation to IP protection and information systems (especially with enforcement and fighting piracy), as well as broadly to provide information on protection	Germany

procedures and possibilities of management of IP rights, as well as on enforcement possibilities.	
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