



ANNEX 2: Provisional Cooperation Fund Project portfolio

Note:

Clear account of existing projects under any EU schemes has been taken to avoid overlaps and benefit from synergies with such projects.

Field 1.1 existing initiatives

Search Image functionality in TMView	
Programme ID:	CF1.1.1
Expected start:	Oct/Nov 10
Timeline	2010 – 2012
Principles	Facilitating access to TM information in a harmonised manner
Description	<p>TMView is a free online trade mark search tool in production since 13 April 2010. It provides a search engine to find trade mark data of the participating trade mark offices.</p> <p>This project aims to develop a new functionality in TMView (to result in TMView 2.0) to enable searches on figurative elements of trademarks. Additional search functionalities and improvements may be added, based on the experiences from both users and participating offices.</p> <p>Currently the searches for figurative elements are carried out done on the basis of the International Classification established by the Vienna Agreement, to which codes have been added for Community trade marks.</p>

Integration of new offices in TMView	
Programme ID:	CF1.1.2
Expected start:	Underway
Timeline	2010 – 2011
Principles	Facilitating access to TM information in a harmonised manner
Description	Currently 6 national trade mark offices take part in the TMView project: BX, CZ, DK, IT, PT, UK + OHIM & WIPO (this initial list

	<p>was established following the OHIM AB/BC meeting of 6 November 2007, when the project formerly known as Euroregister was launched). Others are in the pipeline for integration.</p> <p>This project aims to support and optimise the participation of the remaining offices, in order to complete the roll out of TMView and maximise the benefits to users.</p>
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Completion of common database on classification of goods and services	
Programme ID:	CF1.1.3
Expected start:	Underway
Timeline	2010 - 2011
Principles	Harmonisation of TM classification
Description	<p>Euroclass is a common search facility on classification of goods and services, implemented in 2006. 13 offices (including OHIM) have put their classification online with the aid of the Euroclass tool.</p> <p>This project aims to integrate other participating offices into the ongoing search tool, and work towards the establishment of a common classification list in order to improve effectiveness for both applicants and offices.</p>

Creation and harmonisation of seniority databases	
Programme ID:	CF1.1.4
Expected start:	Underway
Timeline	2010 – 2012
Principles	Harmonisation of information on seniority; strengthening implementation of seniority effects at national level
Description	<p>If applicants or proprietors of a Community trade mark already hold a prior identical national or international trade mark for identical goods and services, they may claim the seniority of that mark, preserving their prior rights.</p> <p>The effective implementation of seniority claims depends on reliable data in the national registries. Users have complained that the absence of this reliable data poses problems.</p> <p>The project aims to develop <i>either</i> a harmonised seniority database in each national office <i>or</i> a centralised solution, in order to enhance the effectiveness of users' rights to make seniority claims and support implementation of this part of the CTM Regulation.</p>

Field 1.2 New Harmonisation Initiatives

Harmonised Quality Standard for TMs and designs	
Programme ID:	CF1.2.5
Expected start:	4 Q 2010
Timeline	2010 – 2012
Principles	Best practice sharing and harmonisation of performance standards
Description	This project aims to assist national offices by establishing common performance standards in areas such as accessibility of service, timeliness, and quality of decision in order to enhance their performance, achieving further harmonisation and comparability.

Harmonised Forecasting Methodology on TMs and designs	
Programme ID:	CF1.2.6
Expected start:	2 Q 2011
Timeline	2011 – 2013
Principles	Best practice sharing and innovation in knowledge-based management tools
Description	The project aims to define a harmonised forecasting methodology for trade mark and design filing trends and volumes in order to assist national offices in their capacity planning and decision making processes.

Harmonised User Satisfaction Survey on TM and designs	
Programme ID:	CF1.2.7
Expected start:	1 Q 2011
Timeline	2011 - 2012
Principles	Best practice sharing and harmonisation of user satisfaction management tools
Description	<p>This project aims to develop a harmonised user satisfaction survey in order to identify areas for improvement and enable offices to set appropriate priorities based on an enhanced understanding of overall satisfaction.</p> <p>If successful, the project may be extended to include initial implementation and analysis of results in a pilot phase.</p>

Designview - Common Design Information Tool	
Programme ID:	CF1.2.8
Expected start:	1 Q 2010
Timeline	2011 – 2012
Principles	Facilitating access to design information in a harmonised manner
Description	<p>This project aims to develop a common design search system based on information pooled from different sources in order to enhance end user experience and provide national offices with a useful additional examination/invalidation tool.</p>

Common Tool on Similarity of Goods and Services

Programme ID:	CF1.2.9
Expected start:	Underway
Timeline	2010 – 2013
Principles	Facilitating access to predictable information on assessment of similarity practices in a harmonised manner
Description	This project aims to create a searchable database of decisions from different trade mark offices, in order to simplify decision making processes, reduce research efforts and enable users to benefit from greater consistency in decisions. In the long run, the aim is to share a harmonised method for assessment similarity of G&S, predictable for both users and decision-makers.

Common Examiner Support Tool

Programme ID:	CF1.2.10
Expected start:	2 Q 2011
Timeline	2011 – 2013
Principles	Best practice sharing and harmonisation of examination tools
Description	This project aims to develop a standardised automated search tool for examiners in order to improve the quality and consistency of decisions and reduce examination timescales.

Common Portal for Applications

Programme ID:	CF1.2.11
Expected start:	2 Q 2011
Timeline	2011 – 2013
Principles	Facilitating access to harmonised tools
Description	This project aims to create a common portal for all applications already existing or planned under the CF (e.g. e-filing, TMView, Euroclass), in order to facilitate user and national office access and maximise benefits.

Harmonised Quality Management System on TM and designs	
Programme ID:	CF1.2.12
Expected start:	3 Q 2011
Timeline	2011 – 2014
Principles	Best practice sharing and harmonisation of quality management practices
Description	This project aims to define and implement a harmonised quality management system (such as ISO 9001:2008 or EFQM Excellence) in order to improve efficiency and user experience.

Field 2 New Software packages

TM-XML standard extension and Architecture definition	
Programme ID:	CF2.13
Expected start:	2Q 2010
Timeline	2010 – 2011
Principles	Interoperability
Description	<p>Field 2 aims to create a common software package enabling national offices to offer a range of additional services to users, in order to improve efficiency and enhance end user experience.</p> <p>This project aims to extend the TM.XML standard and develop a common architecture for future IT platforms, in order to enable better communication between national office systems, offering efficiency gains and providing a springboard for further IT development.</p>

e-filing for TM and designs	
Programme ID:	CF2.14
Expected start:	2Q 2011
Timeline	2011 – 2014
Principles	Interoperability: modernising and streamlining tools and processes
Description	<p>Field 2 aims to create a common software package enabling national offices to offer a range of additional services to users, in order to improve efficiency and enhance end user experience.</p> <p>This project will focus on functionalities closely related to the filing of applications.</p>

e-opposition for TM	
Programme ID:	CF2.15
Expected start:	2Q 2011
Timeline	2011 – 2014
Principles	Interoperability: modernising and streamlining tools and processes
Description	Field 2 aims to create a common software package enabling national offices to offer a range of additional services to users, in order to improve efficiency and enhance end user experience. This project will focus on functionalities closely related to the filing and handling of oppositions.

e-cancellation for TM and designs	
Programme ID:	CF2.16
Expected start:	2Q 2011
Timeline	2011 – 2014
Principles	Interoperability: modernising and streamlining tools and processes
Description	Field 2 aims to create a common software package enabling national offices to offer a range of additional services to users, in order to improve efficiency and enhance end user experience. This project will focus on functionalities closely related to the filing and handling of cancellations.

e-registration for TM and designs	
Programme ID:	CF2.17
Expected start:	2Q 2011
Timeline	2011 – 2014
Principles	Interoperability: modernising and streamlining tools and processes
Description	Field 2 aims to create a common software package enabling national offices to offer a range of additional services to users, in order to improve efficiency and enhance end user experience. This project will focus on functionalities closely related to the filing and handling of recordals and renewals.

e-payment for TM and designs	
Programme ID:	CF2.18
Expected start:	2Q 2011
Timeline	2011 - 2014
Principles	Interoperability: modernising and streamlining tools and processes
Description	Field 2 aims to create a common software package enabling national offices to offer a range of additional services to users, in order to improve efficiency and enhance end user experience. This project will focus on functionalities closely related to fee payment and account management.

Back Office for TM and designs	
Programme ID:	CF2.19
Expected start:	2Q 2011
Timeline	2011 - 2014
Principles	Interoperability: modernising and streamlining tools and processes
Description	Field 2 aims to create a common software package enabling national offices to offer a range of additional services to users, in order to improve efficiency and enhance end user experience. This project will focus on functionalities closely related to the area of case handling systems with a view to streamline trade mark and design processes.

Field 3- Information services

Common e-learning Tool on CTM and RCD	
Programme ID:	CF3.20
Expected start:	3Q 2011
Timeline	2012 – 2013
Principles	Best practice sharing on knowledge and information services
Description	This project aims to develop an e-learning tool on CTM and RCD in order to raise awareness and enable initial online training of users and other stakeholders

Common Call Centre Tool between OHIM and NOs on CTM and RCD information	
Programme ID:	CF3.21
Expected start:	4Q 2010
Timeline	2011 – 2012
Principles	Best practice sharing on knowledge and information services
Description	This project aims to put at the disposal of participating offices common tools to better manage the workload arising from CTM and RCD enquiries, enabling accurate and rapid sharing of information and workload between OHIM and NOs, in order to achieve operational efficiency gains and improve end user experience.

Field 4- Activities to facilitate the enforcement of trade mark and design rights

Multi-modular (TM, Design and Owners data) Database supporting Customs Actions	
Programme ID:	CF4.22
Expected start:	4Q 2011
Timeline	2012 – 2014
Principles	Facilitating harmonised access to information on TM, design and right-holders to support the initiation and handling of enforcement activities
Description	This project aims to develop a tool which will allow IP enforcement authorities to obtain information on registered trade mark and design rights, right holders' contact information and other information in order to allow detection of counterfeit goods. It is expected that this project will benefit significantly from work undertaken in projects carried out above, and it is therefore scheduled to begin after these are well underway. Consideration will be given to the needs of customs enforcement authorities and policy decision-makers.

Harmonised Counterfeiting Data Collection Standard	
Programme ID:	CF4.23
Expected start:	4Q 2011
Timeline	2012 – 2014
Principles	Facilitating access to TM, design and right-holders information in a harmonised manner, relevant for enforcement policy decision-makers.
Description	This project aims to develop a methodology for the collection and evaluation of data on piracy and counterfeiting, in order to enable enforcement authorities, right-holders and national offices to better combat counterfeiting. Work ongoing in relevant bodies such as the EU Observatory will be taken account of during implementation.