

# CPC Implementation at Portuguese National Offices and delivery of the CPC data

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# Agenda

- Classification/Search under the CPC
- Quality Assurance process under the CPC
- CPC Training
- CPC Implementation
- CPC data exchange

# Classification/Search under the CPC system at Portuguese National Offices

- What is the classification process at your office under the CPC system?
  - All front files are classified
  - National patent and utility model applications are classified with CPC and IPC
  - The CPC symbols are allocated and send to the INPADOC database but they are not published in our Bulletin
- Does your office use CPC for searching the document(s)?
  - CPC is mandatory for search

# Quality Assurance Process under the CPC system

## Portuguese National Offices

- Does your office have a Quality Assurance process for checking the CPC classification on your documents? If so, please describe.

INPI develops periodic internal audits to its services. These internal audits are made by INPI's internal auditors.

Is checked:

- **Classification**
- All formal examination procedures
- Search strategy
- ST14
- Contents of Written Opinions
- Decision

# CPC Training

- What type of CPC related training has your office developed?
  - Internal training to the newcomers (general and specific technical fields)
  - External training for the Portuguese IP Academy (general training)

# CPC Training

- Does your office need additional CPC related training (general and/or specific technical fields) for classifying/searching documents ? Does your office contact USPTO or EPO for additional CPC related training?

In the framework of P07 program, INPI in collaboration with EPO, has benefited from specific technical training:

- OT04-2017 Water Treatment and Photovoltaic
- OT04-2015 Computer Implemented Invention and Construction Technology
- OT09-2018 Discussion platform on patenting procedures in AI and Blockchain

The Portuguese examiners attended CPC E-courses and CPC classroom training at the EPO.

# CPC Implementation

- What challenges did your office experience while implementing the CPC?
  - We had to allocate resources to change the Internal IT system
- CPC schemes and definitions are updated and published at least four times per year.
  - INPI is updating the CPC scheme in our system as often as possible (almost after every version).

# CPC Implementation

- Does your office plan to do CPC reclassification of the back file documents?
  - No
- CPC schemes are published in the English language as the only official language.
  - INPI does not intend to translated the CPC scheme



# CPC Data Exchange

- How does your office exchange CPC data to and from the USPTO or the EPO?  
For the front file(s)?
  - INPI is sending all his front files to the EPO data base, every month
- What types of issues does your office have while exchanging the CPC data?  
Please provide explanation.
  - INPI started to allocated CPC symbols in 2015
  - We had some problems exchanging all data with EPO, for a certain period of time. But now every thing is working well.
  - Starting 2017 the CPC symbols allocated by the INPI appears in Espacenet