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# Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)

I. CPC at the EPO

II. EPO's CPC User Day



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# I. CPC at the EPO

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# CPC is of strategic importance for the EPO

- Partnership with the USPTO
- USPTO moves to an IPC compliant classification system:
  - a major step in harmonizing classification and search practices
  - same basis for future revisions
  - promotes work sharing, with examiners "talking the same language"
  - an effective tool in addressing backlogs
- Access to fast increasing Asian documentation if eventually used by Asian Patent Offices

# What does the EPO need to do to have CPC?

- Scheme housekeeping
  - ECLA
  - Indexing Codes (ICO)
  - Controlled Keywords
- Documenting classification and search practice (CPC Definitions) in cooperation with the USPTO
- Change in-house revision practice to joint collaborative revisions
- Offer training and feedback
- Invest in IT resources

## II. EPO's CPC User Day

Vienna, 23 March 2012

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# EPO's CPC User Day Participants

BASF Group	PDG / IMPACT
CAS	Questel
Commlab GmbH	Reckitt Benckiser Legal Department - IP Group
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	REDL Life Science Patent Attorneys
Japan Patent Office	Shell International BV
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# EPO's CPC User Day - Agenda

- Introduction and background
- CPC scheme
- CPC revisions
- Scheme properties & services
- CPC Definitions
- CPC Database
- CPC in Espacenet
- CPC in Raw Data Products
- CPC Training
- CPC Outreach Activities
- Implementation Timeline
- Discussion

# Streaming of EPO's CPC User Day

- Available by end of July at:

<http://www.cpcinfo.org>

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