

State of play of the CPC Implementation at Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI)

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Classification/Search under the
CPC system at OBI.

- We use the CPC classification system for searching patent documents as well as for classifying national patent applications.
- All national applications for Patents, Patents of Addition and Utility Models are classified in the CPC system.
- No pre-classification process.
- In the case of Patents and Patents of Addition CPC classification symbols are allocated by the examiner on completion of the search report.

Quality Assurance Process under the CPC system at OBI

- There is no Quality assurance Process for the time being.

CPC Training

- For all the examiners CPC field specific training was part of their basic training as examiners.
- Each year they attend field specific training seminars/workshops organized by the European Patent Academy.
- A number of them have recently expressed interest for training in the fields of:
 - CII
 - Medical Devices
 - Business Methods
 - Green Energy
 - Vehicle Automation
 - Artificial Intelligence

CPC Implementation

- We are a former ECNO Office who in 2013 have migrated to the CPC classification system.
- As a small office the greatest challenge we face is the Reclassification work needed after each CPC Revision.
- The CPC scheme is updated in our IT systems twice a year with the 2nd and 4th CPC version.
- A list of non-valid CPC symbols in the entire backfile (2006-2018) is generated automatically.
- The reclassification process is completed in a month period.

CPC Data Exchange

- Front-file data are regularly delivered to the EPO on a monthly basis.
- Data are uploaded in XML, St.36 Format through FTP server.
- Starting from January 2014 CPC symbols for Utility Models are regularly delivered to the EPO as well.
- As far as the Backfile is concerned, we uploaded the entire backfile 2006-2018 classified according to CPC v. 2018.08, in November 2018.
 - First attempt made early October 2018 failed due to incorrect XML format.
 - Second attempt made later in October failed due to erroneous sequence numbers
 - Third attempt made on November the 8th was successful as acknowledged by the FrontOffice.

Thank you....