



Topic 8+: **Discussions**

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Infrastructure for work-sharing

- Family information (table)
 - PCT national phase entries (many)
 - Published already as WO by WIPO
 - Obligation to share PCT national phase entries with WIPO (e.g. through ePCT)
 - National applications (few)
 - Usually published only after grant? Modify publication policies?
 - Sharing of bibliographic data of published applications with Patentscope, Espacenet enables family building by these databases

- Status information
 - No public (patent) registers yet to research this
 - Status may also be derived from dossiers
 - For example, if digital dossiers are shared via CASE (non public service)

Publication policies

- PCT NPEs: already published by WIPO
 - Only grants need to be published; potentially only claims granted
- National applications: only you can publish them

- Publication
 - Gazette only (bibliographic data & claim(s))
 - Full specification (description, drawings, claims)

- Patent system: **knowledge sharing <> protection**
 - knowledge sharing requires: publication of **description and drawings** (done for PCT)
 - Alerting business of (potential) protection in force requires: **claims & status**

- 18 month publications (unexamined applications) enable
 - Early knowledge sharing (whether eventually granted or not)
 - Early alerting of potential protection
 - Third party observations

Suggested actions

- **Share PCT NPE data with WIPO**

- Deploy ePCT

- Use ePCT for all other PCT related exchange

- Consider future publication policies

- Full specifications

- Ideally using WIPO Publish in combination with IPAS

- Elect kind codes for 18 month publ., grant publication, corrections

- Consider online register

- Using WIPO Publish?

- Public electronic dossier or status only?

- Sharing dossier via CASE (cloud IPAS)

Thank you

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