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PCT-SAFE (Secure Applications Filed Electronically)

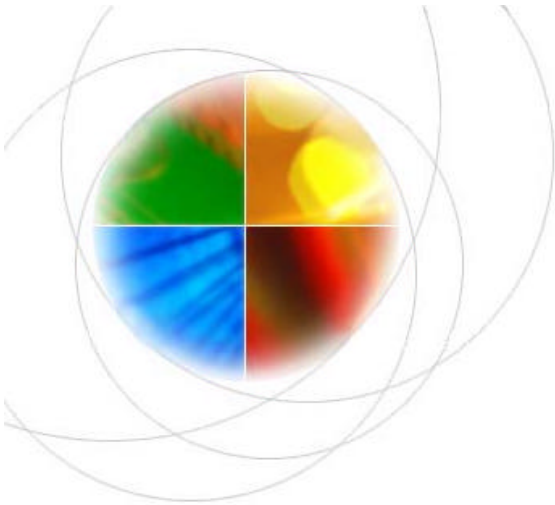
Status Report

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Presentation Overview

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Overview: Objectives

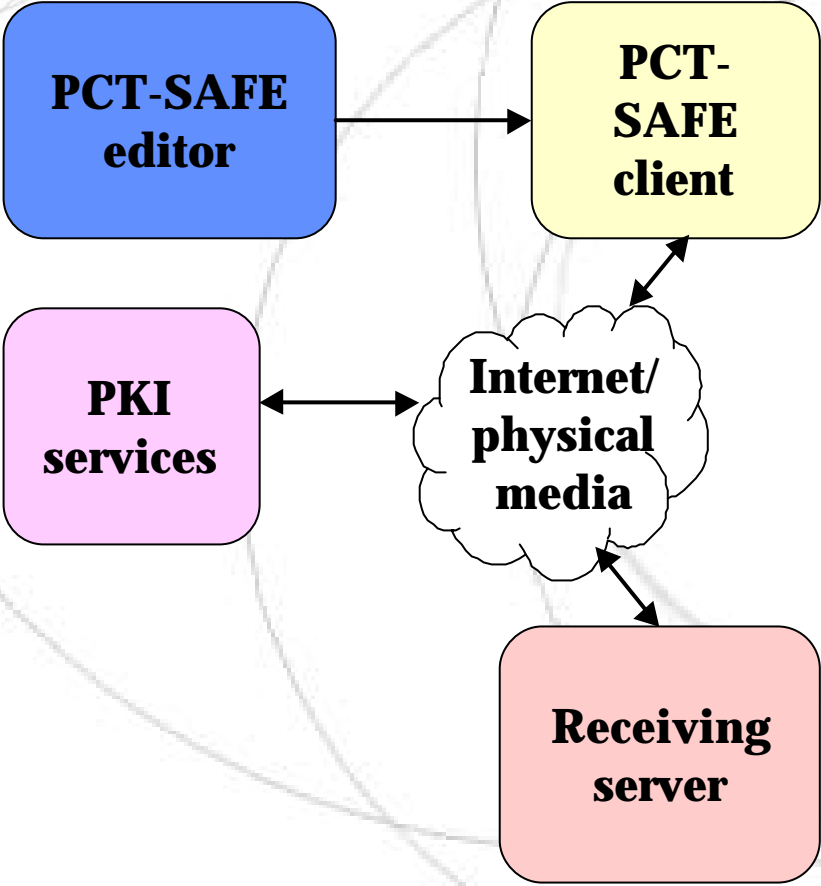
- **To adopt a standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications.**
- **To develop a system for the electronic filing of international applications based on the present software PCT-EASY (Electronic Application SYstem).**

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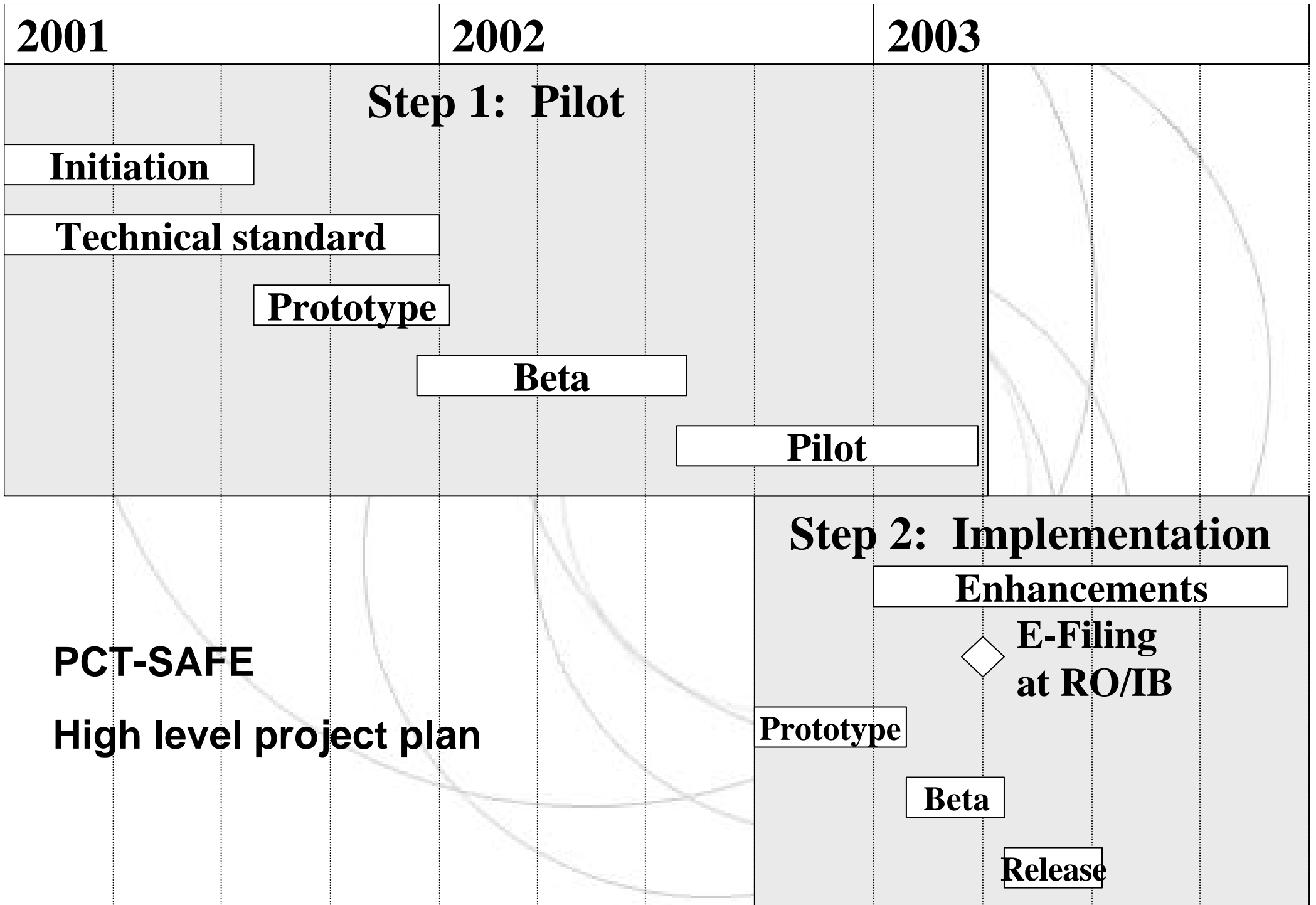
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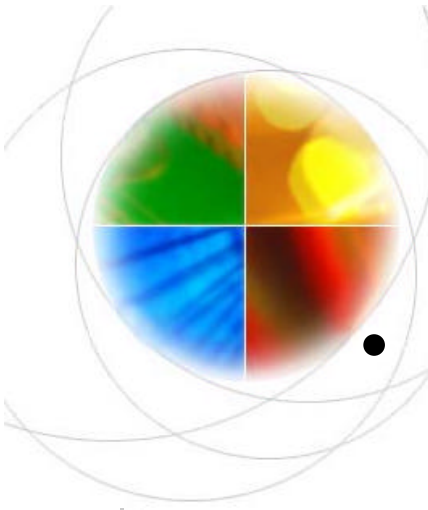


Overview: Components



- Editor for application body
- E-filing client (based on PCT-EASY)
- PKI services
- Receiving server (including a back-end system print/store)





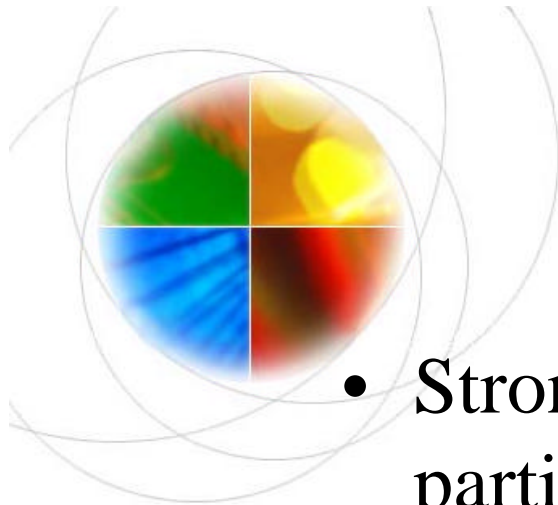
Overview: background

- Sep 2001: Establishment of the project (budget, project team, methodology & procedures, high level plan)
- Dec 2001: PCT legal framework finalized
- Dec 2001: technical standards finalized
- Feb 2002: Alpha client produced
- May 2002: Beta client & server
- Nov 2002: First filing under Pilot, paper & electronic



Status: Pilot

- 1st filing Nov 2002, operational Feb 2003
- RO/IB only
- Parallel paper and electronic submission
- Legal copy will be paper copy
- Limited participation: 42 applicants
- Goals
 - stabilize software
 - incorporate quality feedback from applicants
 - 3 training sessions & roundtables delivered, Geneva, Washington & Tokyo



Implications for Member States

- Strong cooperation with Member States particularly EPO (epoline)
 - PCT plug in
 - Reuse of server / client
- Participate in development and change of technical standard (Annex F)
- WIPO's aim is to provide applicants & offices with harmonized, interoperable software



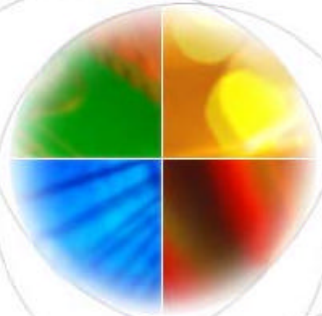
Implications for Member States (2)

- Freely available software
 - ? Open source
 - receiving server
 - PCT-SAFE client (applicants)
 - PCT-SAFE editor (applicants)
 - Low level Certificate Authority (Offices & Applicants)
 - Issue high level certificates over WIPONET



PCT-SAFE future

- PCT plug in operational in epline and PCT-SAFE
- Enterprise software for applicants
- RO server software
- Shared libraries of software (open source...)
- More transactions/ documents



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