

Master the Prior Art



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Agenda



- Objectives
- Expected benefits
- Processes and developments

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Objectives



- Develop a new generation of classification tools:
 - integration in the new search platform
 - manual and Al-based classification

CPC collaboration with the USPTO

Benefits



- Reduce the plethora of classification applications
- Improve quality of classification
- Improve bilateral data exchange and harmonization of classification

Classification activities

- Preclassification
- Classification
- Reclassification
- CPC collaboration with USPTO

Preclassification

- Routing of incoming patent applications to the right group of examiners:
 - Al-based internal tool
 - full internal control for more flexibility

Classification

- Integration of classification functionalities in the new search platform:
 - manual and Al-assisted classification
 - at document level
 - at passage level

Reclassification

- Reclassification of documents after revision of parts of the CPC scheme
 - better monitoring of the work and of the share of work between examiner / contractor / Al
 - partial automatic reclassification

CPC collaboration with USPTO

- Improved CPC revision process
- Harmonisation of classification practices
- New collaboration platform CE (Collaborative Environment)