

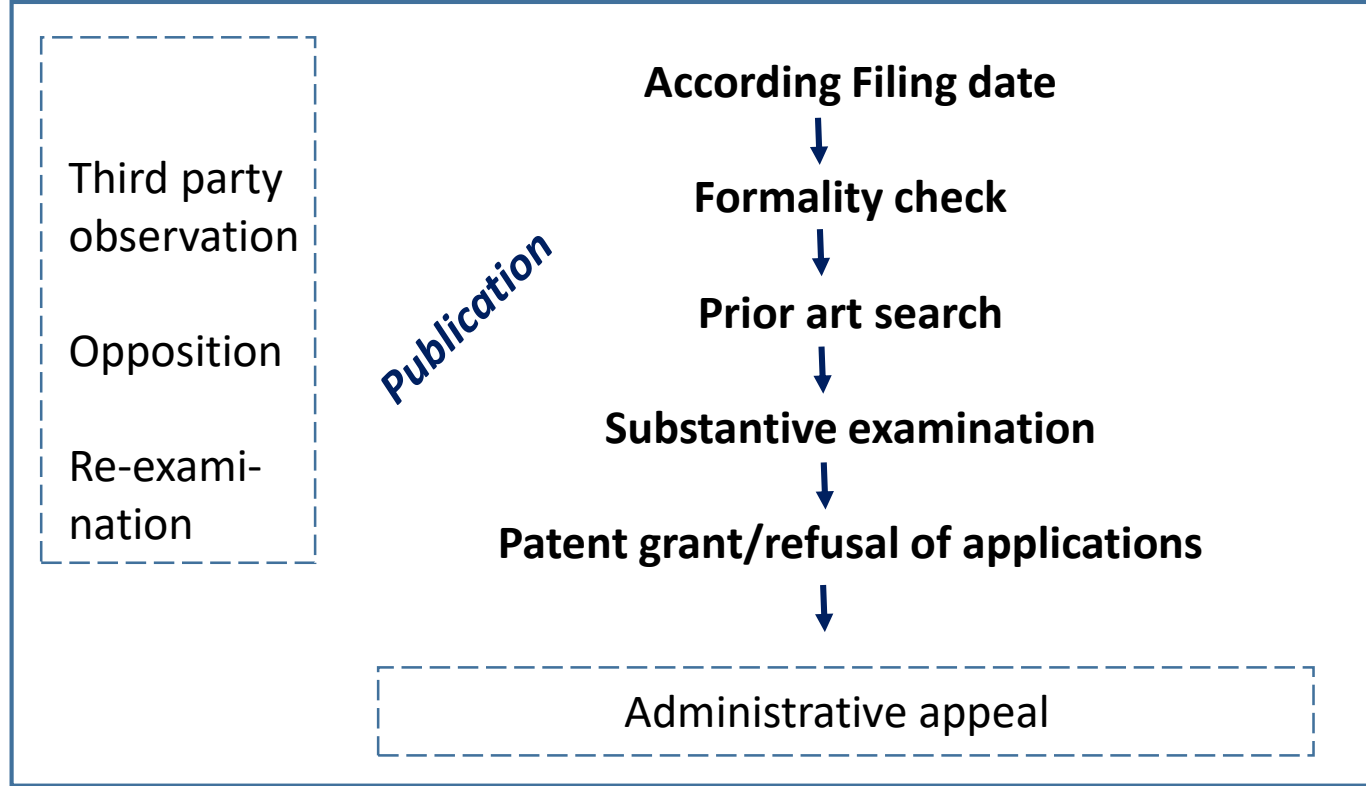


Study on Approaches to the Quality of Patent Grant Process

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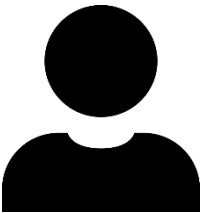
Presentation by the Secretariat

Patent Office



- File a patent application
- Corrections/Amendments
- Making observations
- Communication relating to opposition/re-examination
- Submit administrative appeal

Applicant



- Notifications (formality, search report, examination report, intent of refusal)
- Final decision on patent grant/refusal

- Notification relating to opposition/re-examination and administrative appeal

- Submit third party observation
- Submit opposition/re-examination
- Submit administrative appeal



- Notification relating to opposition/re-examination and administrative appeal



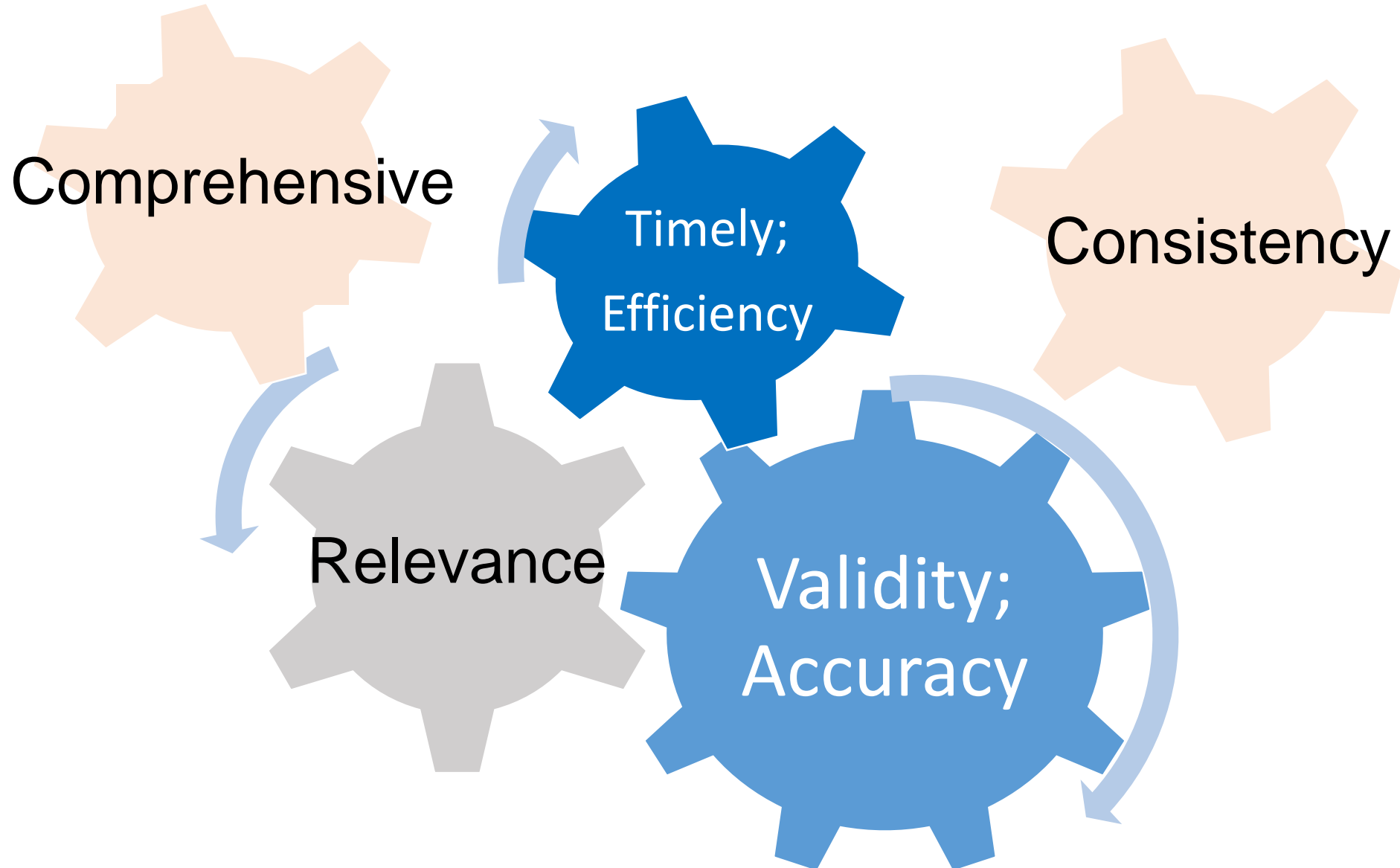
Third Party

Quality of the patent grant process

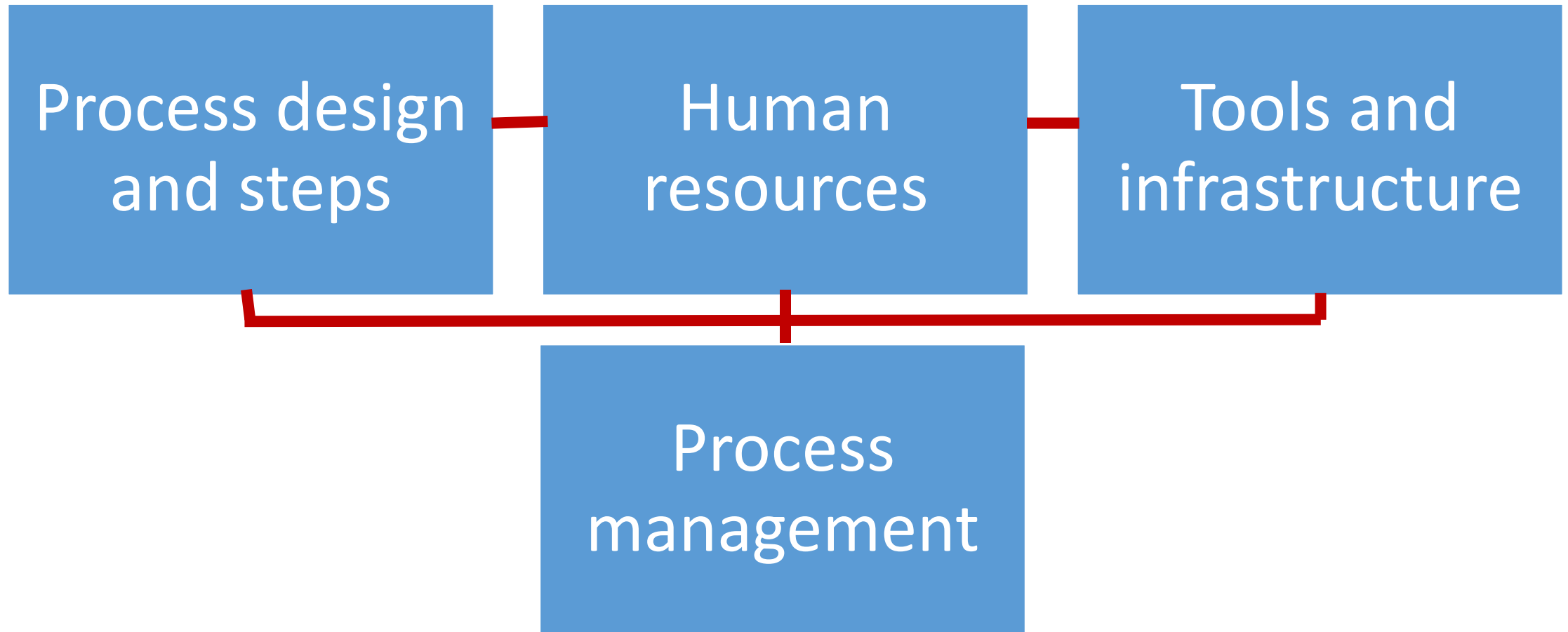


- Underpinning common features despite the differences in the national patent grant processes
 - ↑ - Common raison d'être of the patent system
 - Common social function of patent offices

Keywords featuring the quality of the patent grant process



Optimization of process components



Examples of the approaches to the quality process by some offices