SACEPO Working Party on e-Patent-Process

Provisional agenda (SACEPO WP/ePP 1/23)

8th meeting
28 February 2023
Online via MS Teams
Commencing at 09.00 hrs CET
followed by a session for US members commencing at 16.00 hrs CET

Subject: Provisional agenda
Drawn up by: European Patent Office
Addressees: Members of the SACEPO Working Party on e-Patent-Process
Provisional agenda

1. **Welcome and adoption of the agenda**  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 1/23

2. **Status report on the Unitary Patent – IT implementation**  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 2/23

3. **Smart card phase-out**  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 3/23

4. **New online user engagement programme**  
   - Progress with MyEPO Portfolio pilot phase 2  
   - Next steps in 2023  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 4/23

5. ** Decommissioning of fax**  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 5/23

6. **Legal changes to support digital transformation in the Patent Grant Process: abolition of the ten-day rule**  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 6/23

7. **Central Fee Payment – update**  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 7/23

8. **Latest developments in patent data, information and knowledge**  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 8/23

9. **IT co-operation projects**  
   SACEPO WP/ePP 9/23

10. **Any other business, wrap-up and closure of meeting**

After each agenda item, there will be time for questions and suggestions from members as well as for dialogue with EPO representatives and, where appropriate, reports on actions taken.

End of meeting: approximately 13.00 hrs CET

Session with US participants

Starting at 16.00 hrs CET, a session will be held for members of the SACEPO Working Party on e-Patent-Process who are located in the United States. During this briefer session – which should finish around 17.30 hrs CET – members will be updated on the most important topics which were presented and discussed earlier in the day. There will also be time for questions and suggestions from participants and for dialogue with EPO representatives.