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Summary of responses

Comments on the EPC Guidelines

- General Part: 7
- Part A: 5
- Part B: 5
- Part C: 7
- Part D: 4
- Part E: 4
- Part F: 5
- Part G: 12
- Part H: 29

Comments on the PCT-EPO Guidelines

- General Part: 1
- Part A: 5
- Part C: 2
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Profile of respondents to user consultation
- European patent attorneys: 88%
- User group representatives: 6%
- Representatives Of associations of patent professionals: 2%
- Users from industry: 2%
- Other: 2%

Opinions of EPO and SACEPO WPG on the comments
- User comment not supported: 36
- Guidelines to be adapted: 29
- Guidelines to be adapted later: 19
- Already in the Guidelines: 14
- Diverging opinion: 4
- Adaptation not possible under the EPC: 3