Discussion round 5

Legal event codes and the WIPO standard on legal status data: quo vadis?

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Starting point: new WIPO ST.27 standard

- Standard enables customers to **identify** and generally **understand legal event data** even without knowing the language of the competent patent office

- Based on generic patent prosecution model including
  - various stages
  - potential transitions
Outcome of the discussion in breakout groups

ST. 27: a good starting point and an opportunity for

- consistency of the implementation
- streamlining legal status events at national level
Role of the national offices:

- possible to keep current code system
- add layers of information to the original code
- deliver the status event codes
From a user perspective:

- different users, different needs
- demand for a clear decision on the state
  - active
  - non active
  - (likely) terminated
  - unspecified
Quo Vadis?

- EPO works on status event codes for EP events
- Participating offices expected to deliver soon
- INPADOC plans to make the information available
Thank you for your attention