New Espacenet – a preview

Outline

- Espacenet
  - the past
  - the present
  - the future
The dawn of web-based patent searching

A few years later
A major redesign

Espacenet today
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Espacenet new – the project

Project split into two major phases:

**Phase I**
- Harmonising the national Interfaces into a centralised Espacenet
- Adding full-text collections

**Phase II**
- Improving Espacenet user experience (new features)
Harmonising the national interfaces

63 countries have an Espacenet national interface
Full-text collections DE, EN, FR

National and regional full-text collections
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Full-text search in:

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How we got to where we are now

Phase I

- Harmonising the national Interfaces into a centralised Espacenet
- Adding full-text collections

Phase II

- Improving Espacenet user experience (new features)
Phase II – Improving the Espacenet user experience

Meetings with national offices

User consultations
179 participants / 28 sessions

User surveys
1,619 completed survey within one week

User consultations

Participants
- IP offices (including examiners)
- Industry
- Patent searchers/information specialists
- Key stakeholder groups (SACEPO/PDI)
- Consultants
- Technology Transfer Officers
- Academia
- Patent attorneys
- Students
- From all-over Europe, USA, Canada, India
### User Survey

**New Espacenet online survey – March 2017**

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*User Survey*

**Topics mentioned as potential improvements**

- Search options
- Translation
- Country coverage
- Security
- Download / export
- Make PDF’s searchable
- Legal status information
- Data limit
- Link to NPO’s
- Filter
- App
- Colour
- Make PDF’s searchable

European Patent Office
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New Espacenet preview

PREVIEW
What to expect in 2018

- Two releases: exact launch dates to be confirmed
- Outreach activities
  - introductory video(s)
  - interactive/integrated on-screen help
  - training (train-the-trainers), webinars
  - "asynchronous" learning (e-learning)
  - promotion campaign

New Espacenet – Timeline

What to expect in 2018

Development & testing

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Current Espacenet

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