
The Israel Patent Office (ILPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, stating their cooperation in the framework of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot and PPH using the Patent Cooperation Treaty's work products (PCT-PPH). The pilot programs will begin on January 6, 2015.

The PPH and PCT-PPH pilot program will leverage fast-track patent examination procedures in order to enable innovators from Israel and Europe to obtain patents more quickly and efficiently, based on national search and examination results and PCT ISA/IPEA work products.

"I am very pleased to sign this agreement with the EPO. The PPH program cooperation between both Offices is expected to further strengthen the economic and technological relations between Israel and Europe. The program provides a unique opportunity for Israeli innovators to promote and ensure their IP rights in the European market, bring their products to market quicker, which benefits both Israel's and European's economies," said ILPO director Mr. Kling.

"The signing of the PPH program arrangement also reflects the growing interest of European technology companies in the Israeli market, and provides a shorter and more efficient procedure of obtaining a patent in Israel," he added.

“I am pleased to sign this agreement with the patent office of Israel, another major market for technological innovation” said EPO President Benoît Battistelli. “Thanks to this and similar pilot programs we are launching with Canada, Mexico, Singapore, and the existing one among the five largest IP offices in the world, European
companies can benefit from simplified access to patent protection in these dynamic regions. At the same time, the agreements open up an efficient route to high-quality patent protection in Europe for innovators from these countries,” he added.

Under the program, patent applicants whose claims have been found to be patentable by either the ILPO or the EPO may request for accelerated processing of their corresponding applications that are pending before the other office. The offices also agreed to refer to and share already existing work results as much as possible in such cases. This is expected to speed up the process and reduce costs for applicants.

The Offices may terminate the PPH and PCT-PPH agreement if the volume of participation exceeds a manageable level, or for any other reason. Notice of any such changes to the program will be published.

For a complete description of the PPH programs, see the following link:

http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/patent/Madrichim/Pages/PPH.aspx

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Patent Prosecution Highway

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Ministry of Patents (ILPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO)

The Ministry of Patents (ILPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) have signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation within the framework of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) - PCT-PPH, which will be implemented from January 5, 2015, and will last for three years.

The goal of the PPH and PCT-PPH programs is to expand the range of options for accelerating the examination of patent applications and allowing Israeli and European entrepreneurs to receive patents more quickly and efficiently, based on search and examination results conducted in the international search and examination office (ISA/IPEA).

"I am very glad to sign this agreement with the European Patent Office. The cooperation between the two offices is expected to add and strengthen the economic and technological ties between Israel and Europe. The program presents an opportunity for Israeli entrepreneurs to advance and protect their intellectual property rights in the European market, and bring their products to the market more quickly, which is beneficial to the Israeli economy," said the head of the Israeli Patent Office, Mr. Kling.

"The signature of the PPH agreement also reflects the increased interest of European technology companies in the Israeli market, and enables the shortening and efficiency of the process of obtaining a patent in Israel," he added.

"I am happy to sign this agreement with the Israeli Patent Office, a central market for technological innovation," said the head of the European Patent Office, Noa Tissi. "Thanks to these agreements and similar agreements we are implementing with Canada, Mexico, Singapore, and the existing agreement between the five largest intellectual property offices in the world, European companies can enjoy simple access to patent protection in these dynamic areas. At the same time, these agreements open an efficient and high-quality protection channel for inventors from these countries, " he added.

Under the agreement, the applicant seeking a patent in Israel or the European Patent Office shall be granted a positive examination report, and the party may seek advancement of the examination procedure for applications that are consistent with the examination report. The two offices have agreed to exchange the results of existing work and cooperate to the extent possible, which is expected to accelerate the process and reduce costs for the applicants.
משרדי הפטנטים רשאים להפסיק הפניות בתכניות PCT-PPH ו- PPH במידה ועומדת המאבק על מך קבוע או ממל סיבת אחר, במדיה וינכון פניות בתכניות תפריטים וודעה ל渎ע העיבוד.

למידת נסף על התכניות ה - PPH במשרדי הפטנטים בישראל ראו:
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