

## Chapter III – Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

### 1. General

The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) enables an applicant whose claims have been determined to be patentable/allowable to have a corresponding application which has been filed with a PPH partner office processed in an accelerated manner while at the same time allowing the offices involved to exploit available work results.

Currently, the EPO's PPH partner offices are: JPO (Japan), KIPO (South Korea), CNIPA (China), USPTO (USA), ILPO (Israel), CIPO (Canada), IMPI (Mexico), IPOS (Singapore), IPA (Australia), SIC (Colombia), ROSPATENT (Russian Federation), MyIPO (Malaysia), IPOPHL (Philippines), EAPO (Eurasia) and INPI (Brazil).

Under the PPH pilot programme a PPH request can be based on:

- (i) the latest PCT work product (WO-ISA or IPRP/IPER) established by one of the PPH partner offices as ISA or IPEA (PPH based on PCT work products); or
- (ii) any national work product (office action indicating patentable/allowable claims) established during the processing of a national application or of a PCT application that has entered the national phase before one of the PPH partner offices (PPH based on national work products).

### 2. PPH based on a WO-ISA established by the EPO as ISA

Where the EPO is the ISA and the international application contains claims that are determined to be patentable/allowable by the EPO as ISA, the applicant may under the PPH pilot programme request accelerated examination at the EPO's PPH partner offices when the application has entered the national phase before these offices. The procedures and requirements for filing a request with the EPO's PPH partner offices are available from their respective websites.

[OJ EPO 2016, A44](#)  
[OJ EPO 2016, A75](#)  
[OJ EPO 2016, A106](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A5](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A47](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A67](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A77](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A96](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A107](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A108](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A109](#)  
[OJ EPO 2017, A110](#)  
[OJ EPO 2019, A58](#)

Irrespective of the PPH pilot programme, any applicant may request accelerated examination under the PACE programme in the procedure before the EPO as designated Office at any time. See [GL/EPO E-VIII, 4.2](#).

[OJ EPO 2015, A93](#)