



**GOAL 1.1
MATCHING TOOLS AND
PRACTICES WITH USERS' NEEDS**

PROJECT MANAGER

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TIMELINE

July 2020 to June 2025

INVESTMENT

EUR 7 371 487

STAFF INVOLVED

Full-time Equivalents (FTEs)

MOST IMPACTED CAPITAL¹

Relational

MOST IMPACTED STAKEHOLDER

Institutions

¹ As part of an integrated thinking approach, in 2016 the Office adopted the five capitals value creation model (human, organisational, relational, economic & environmental).

**ECP8 COLLABORATIVE
SERVICES**

Structured around a project-based approach, **European Cooperation** has a portfolio of projects consisting of both **European Cooperation Projects (ECPs)** set out during the previous strategic plan, and a series new projects to be adopted and implemented. Each ECP contains at least one project, which is supported by a working group made up of EU national and regional IP office experts, users, and, where relevant, experts from international organisations.

Within this context, under **ECP8** the Office and IPOs will cooperate in **sharing information and exchanging technical expertise and assistance to ensure interoperability between procedures and systems throughout the Network; and enhancing consistency, efficiency and effectiveness.** Under this project, Network members will foster peer-to-peer cooperation, supported by a platform where the 'community' generates networked services and knowledge.

EXPECTED BENEFITS

- Creation of a Network of IP experts and examiners among MS IPOs
- Clear understanding of EUIPO and IPO practices
- Greater transparency within the EUIPN
- Greater cooperation with stakeholders across the EU
- Greater communication flow and knowledge sharing among stakeholders
- Effective maintenance of common tools to ensure continuity
- Higher quality and consistency