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CONVERGENCE OF PRACTICE
WORKING GROUP 4 – RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHTS
SUMMARY OF THE 1ST VIRTUAL MEETING
24 MARCH 2021 14:00 – 15:00

The meeting was conducted via MS Teams with the following participants:

Albania (AL), Belgium (BE), Croatia (HR), Czech Republic (CZ), Finland (FI), France (FR), Germany (DE), Hungary (HU), Iceland (IS), Italy (IT), Lithuania (LT), Latvia (LV), Netherlands (NL), Norway (NO), Poland (PL), San Marino (SM), Serbia (RS), Spain (ES), Sweden (SE), Turkey (TR), United Kingdom (UK), as well as BusinessEurope and epi.

The meeting was chaired by Teodora Kandeveva (EPO) according to the following agenda:

1. Organisation of the meeting
2. Introduction
3. Summary of the responses to the questionnaire
4. Next steps

1. Organisation of the meeting

The Chair opened the virtual meeting by thanking participants for their participation. After confirming that all participants were able to follow the discussion and that no technical problems had occurred, she continued with the follow-up points of the meeting.

2. Introduction

The Chair reminded participants about the objective and working method followed under the Convergence of Practice programme, as adopted by the Committee on Patent Law (CA/PL 14/19). The mandate of the Working Group is to examine the existing practices, analyse the disparities, and to determine and recommend common practices regarding re-establishment of rights. The implementation of any such common practice is on a voluntary basis.

3. Summary of the responses to the questionnaire

Responses to the questionnaire distributed within the working group were received from 22 out of the 24 participants, providing a very good basis for further discussions.

The Chair presented the summary of the responses to the questionnaire. Participants were thereafter invited to provide further comments/clarifications to the written summary of replies. Those clarifications have been integrated by the Chair in a revised summary of replies, which is to be circulated ahead of the 2nd meeting on 27 April 2021.

4. Next steps

The Chair indicated that, in the next meeting of the Working Group, first suggestions for areas for convergence will be presented and discussed, together with any other topics, which could be brought forward by participants.
