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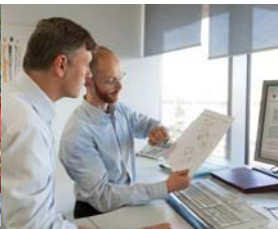
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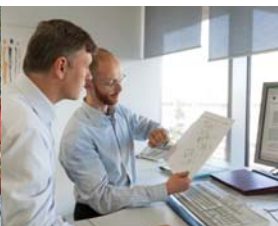John Bambridge   PD Automation Support   30 January 2019

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Overview of Current status
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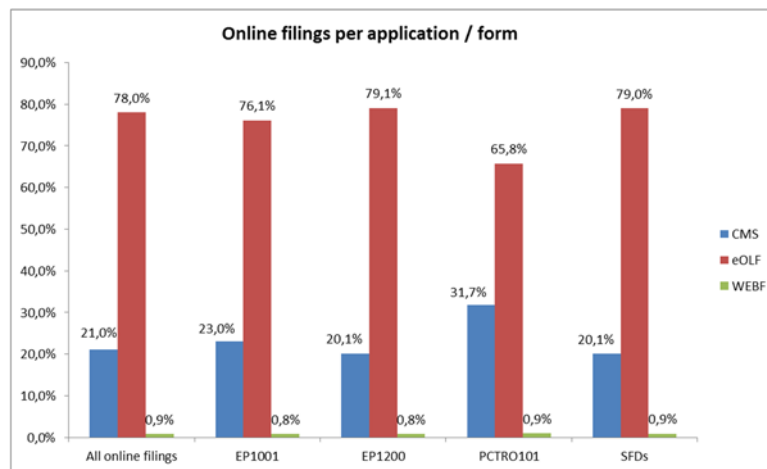# Update on Online Filing at the EPO

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By the end of 2018, **less than 2%** of new applications were filed on paper (by post / fax) at the EPO

Electronic filing can be carried by classic Online Filing, CMS (new Online Filing) and Web-Form Filing

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Incoming communications

- Online Filing
- New Online Filing (CMS)
- Web-Form Filing

Last updates: November 2018

- Minor maintenance
- WIPO-DAS functionality (EP procedure)
- PCT-SAFE October update

Next updates: April 2019

- WIPO-DAS functionality (PCT procedure)
- Possibility to indicate a Deposit Account for refunds in the PCT procedure
- Consolidation of administrative fees
- Increase of filing fee for new applications filed on paper

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Feedback on eDREX

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Feedback on eDrex

− Focus on Text Mode
− Corrective version 2.2. rolled-out
− Improvement project initiated aiming at improving further text mode

− Expectation of improved output quality

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Update on Fee handling
and Credit Card payments

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Fee payments

- Online Fee Payment
- Multipay Tool

Last updates: November 2018

- Very minor maintenance

Next updates: April 2019

- Improvement of validation mechanisms (reduction of erroneously or unduly paid fees)
- Consolidation of administrative fees

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Update on MyFiles and Mailbox

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Outgoing communications

- Mailbox

No updates in 2018

Next updates: April 2019

Increase of the number of communications that can be received in a
company mailbox (322 EP/EPCT and 161 PCT forms are expected to
be added to the current list of available communications)

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