

IQPC concrete measures for implementation

1. Complete searches

- First search prior art for ALL claims (acc. to Art. 92, R. 61 EPC), then draft commented search report raising further patentability issues (R. 62). NOT raise patentability issues first, delete critical features and search prior art only for the remaining features.
- Make search criteria and strategy transparent (like USPTO).
- Make minimal amount of hours to be allocated to search transparent.

2. Complete examination

- First office action should cover all decision and patentability issues (like DPMA), no step-by-step approach.
- Make transparent how much time members of examining division may spend for three pairs of eye examination. Dto. in opposition.
- Make sure that 3 pair of eyes principle of examining division is working properly again.

3. User feedback

Introduction on an easy-to-use, anonymous user feedback system for each office action (NPS or smiley approach).

4. Training

- Continuous and trackable external training of examiners in latest state of the art e.g., by research institutes, universities, or industries.
- Trackable training of examiners e.g., every 5 year on importance of patents in industry.

5. Make **incentive system** for examiners transparent.