



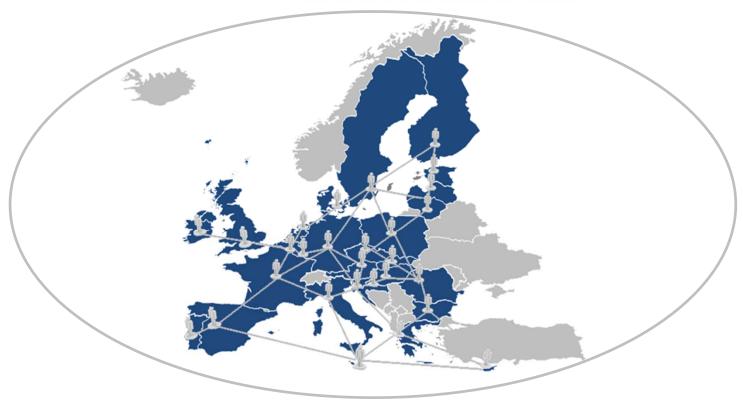
# Bridging the national and EU Trade Mark systems



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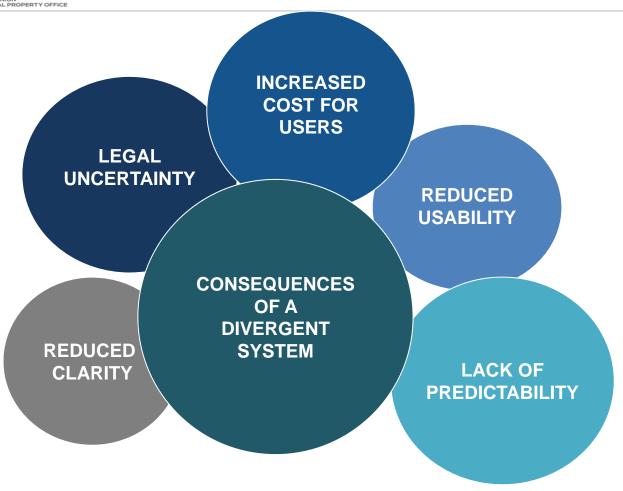


### THE EUROPEAN TRADE MARK SYSTEM: TWO TIER SINCE 1994

- National level
- European level
- Co-existence
- Harmonisation of Laws
- Divergent practices
- Divergent User Experience











Modernisation of IP Offices (Cooperation Fund/ECPs)

- Common Tools

- Convergence of Practices

- Common Guidelines





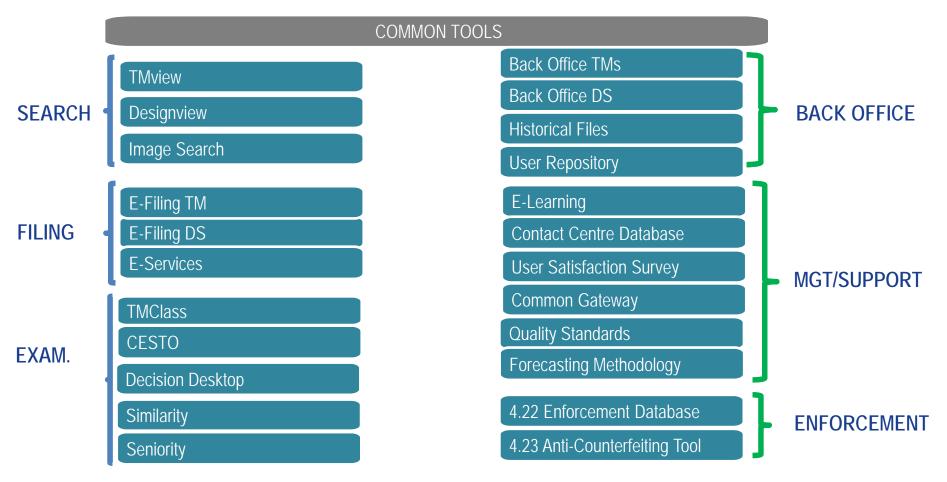








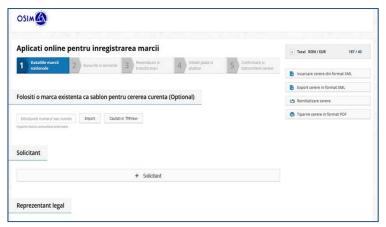






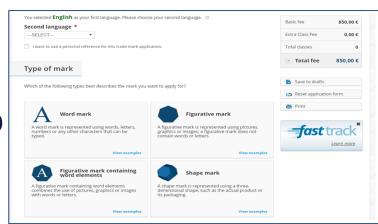






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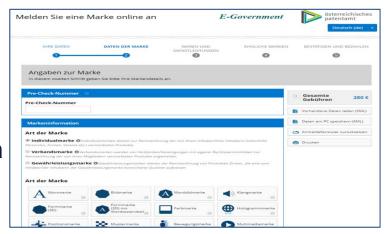
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## Portugal

#### **Austria**





## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

| Code | Indicator Name   | Unit | Target<br>2018 | 2018<br>Q4 |
|------|--|------|----------------|------------|
| 3.1  | National Offices satisfaction with ECP Tools (Back Office) | %    | 73%            | 78%        |

| Code | Indicator Name                              | Unit | Target<br>2018 | 2018<br>Q4 |
|------|---|------|----------------|------------|
| 3.3  | eFiling in the network done using ECP tools | %    | 73%            | 80.1%      |



#### **CONVERGENCE OF PRACTICES**

CP1 Harmonisation of Classification – General Indications

CP2 Convergence of Class Headings

CP3 AG – Figurative marks containing non-distinctive words

CP4 Scope of protection of Black & White Marks

CP5 RG - LoC (Impact of non-distinctive/weak components)

CP6 Graphical representation of designs

**CP7 Harmonisation of Product Indications** 

CP8 Use of a TM in a form differing from the one registered

CP9 Distinctiveness of shape marks containing other elements when the shape itself is non-distinctive

CP10 Criteria for assessing disclosure of DS on the internet

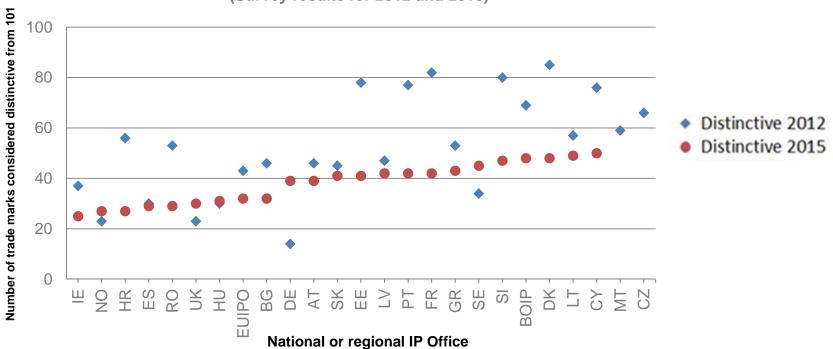
CP11 New types of marks

CP12 Evidence in appeal proceedings

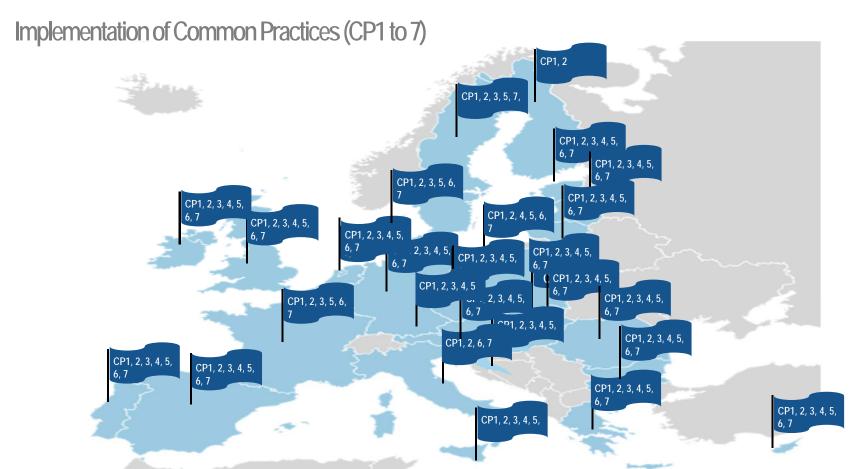


## BENEFITS: CP3 Distinctiveness – Figurative Marks containing descriptive/non-distinctive words

## CP3 Distinctiveness by national or regional IP Office (Survey results for 2012 and 2015)









#### **LEGAL REFORM**

- EUTMR and TMD
- Modernise and streamline TM Systems in Europe
- Mirroring effect between EUTMR and TMD
- Legal Framework for Cooperation





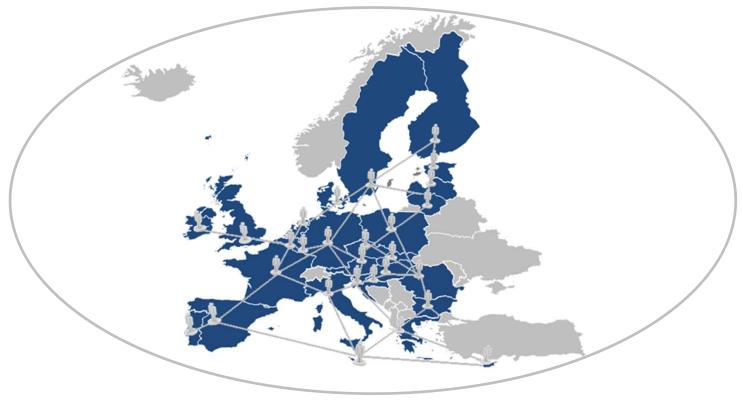
#### TRANSPOSITION OF THE TM DIRECTIVE

- Technical support to EU IP Offices:
  - Reference texts
  - > Transposition network
- Common Communication on the representation of new types of trade marks:
  - Accepted types of marks
  - > Definitions and means of representation
  - ➤ Acceptable electronic file formats
- CP11 New types of marks











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