

What is the “IP pre-diagnosis”?

The European Patent Office (EPO) launched this project offering services for innovative European SME's that have little or no experience of IP, particularly of patents, and who operate preferably in the technological field.

The scope of pre-diagnosis is to give information with regards to:

- rights to innovations and managing them, (such as patents, trademarks, designs, trade secrets, licenses, licensing agreements, and contracts), and
- to underline the value of an IP policy to the company, and together with its company director, to estimate what benefits the IP could bring, taking into consideration the future prospects of the company.

This is a customized service, and it includes a pre-diagnosis report which is a tool to be re-used according to the company's needs, even just in safeguarding the development of its activity or in conserving or improving its position amongst its partners or competitors.

The “IP pre-diagnosis” is carried out in three stages:

1st stage: An Interview of around an hour with the Company Director:

2nd stage: A meeting of around an hour with the Company Director giving the office's report and discussing the outcome;

3rd stage: A meeting one year later, of less than an hour, to see the general outcome from this project.

The expected gains for the company are:

- a genuine diagnosis of the current state of the company regarding its needs in relation to industrial property;
- a prospective view based on an understanding of the development prospects of the company and an understanding of the competitive advantages which can be gained by industrial property;
- recommendations and possibilities for action;
- the clear identification of available skills and an openness of mind required to get a clear picture of all the players and IP costs involved.

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