



The European Patent System : challenges and responses

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Policy - Strategy

- A **policy** to protect intellectual property is a **vital need** for Europe.
- A **strategy** to implement the IP policy and reach the goal of the **Lisbon agenda**.



European patent system

I. Patent grant system

II. Judicial system

...supporting the IP strategy



Patent grant system

3 pillars :

- I. National patent
- II. European patent
- III. Community patent

2 requirements :

- Accessibility
- Quality



Patent grant system

I. National Patent

- Local / national market
- Filter
- Local awareness

II. European patent system

- Regional : EU (less) or EU (plus)
- Certain industries

III. Community patent

- EU Market
- Promote transfer of technology



Judicial system

EPLA based

- Urgency is to deal with existing and future EU patents
- Learning tool for Community Patent



Community patent system



IP Policy

➤ **IP is made for economy first**

and in addition

➤ **IP is a tool for external policy**

