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Building on previous joint awareness events, a virtual seminar on the Registered Community Design (RCD) system was organised on 3 December 2020 by the Japan Patent Attorneys' Association (JPAA) with the participation of panellists from the EUIPO.

The seminar covered RCD proceedings from filing to registration, design invalidity proceedings, and case-law on the concept of individual character. It also covered other issues related to design protection, such as the notion of technical function, and designs of interconnections or spare parts.

In addition, the EUIPO explained the Common Practice for Assessing Disclosure of Designs on the Internet and showed demos of DesignView and DesignClass, initiatives developed by the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN).

As part of the EUIPO's Strategic Plan 2025, this workshop falls within Strategic Driver 1, Goal 1.1, Initiative 3, working towards the development of 'enhanced engagement with global partners for the extension of common tools and practices'.