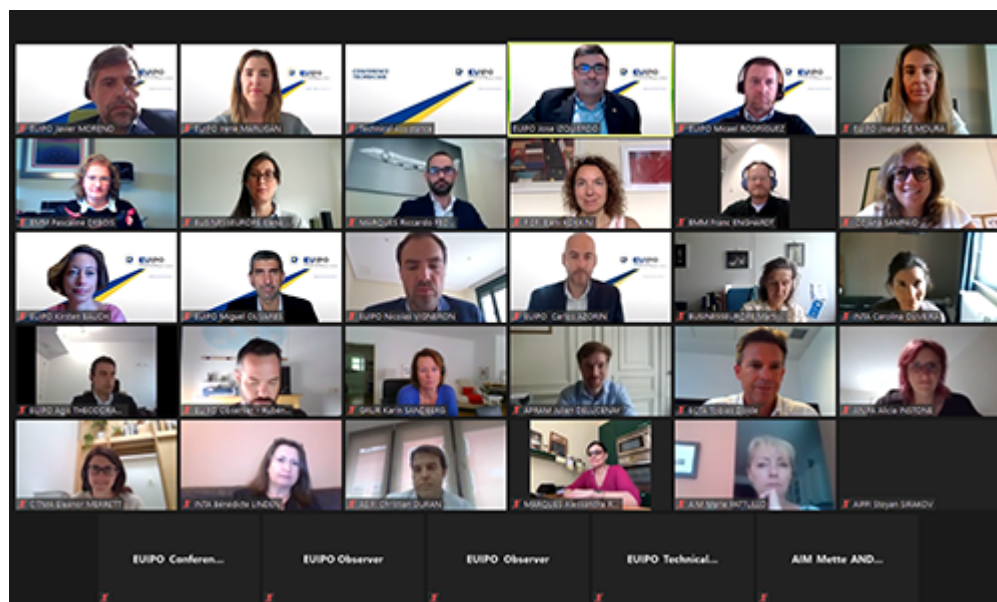


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On 8 June 2020, the EUIPO hosted the third online session of the 28th User Group meeting.

This third online session aimed at providing user associations with an outline of the activities in the portfolio of the **European Cooperation Projects (ECP1-8)** under the new [Strategic Plan](#) of the Office, SP2025. The presentations included an overview of the **EUIPO SME Programme** in which the ECP6 is embedded. The Office also presented the next steps to be taken during the second half of 2020 and 2021, and invited the user associations to show their interest in participating in the upcoming ECP working groups.

The [first online session](#) of the 28th User Group meeting was held on 29 April and was dedicated to the consultation with user representatives on the evaluation of the results of the European Cooperation Projects under SP2020. A [second online session](#), which took place on 15 May, focused on matters relating to the revision cycle and consultation process of the Office's Guidelines, as well as on procedural malpractices concerning attempts to circumvent the requirement of mandatory representation before the EUIPO. The third online session closes the cycle of the 28th edition of this forum.

The Office is committed to do its utmost to continue maintaining direct channels of communications and discussions with user associations. The next cycle will commence with the 29th edition of the User Group meeting in autumn 2020.

The purpose of the [EUIPO User Group](#) meeting is to bring together user

associations to exchange views on common subjects of interest, discuss questions on procedures, practices and tools, as well as to make sure that the EUIPO activities remain user-focused.