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The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria (BPO) has successfully implemented a set of improvements to their e-filing system.

Design e-filing is now integrated with the <u>Harmonised Database of Product Indications (DesignClass)</u>. The BPO is the second EU national and regional IP office to implement DesignClass in its e-filing system.

Further enhancements include a new interface for selecting goods and services in trade mark e-filing, as well as other usability improvements.

The latest improvements, accessible via the <u>BPO portal</u>, were incorporated along with the technology upgrade and new e-services that were launched in September 2018.

As a pilot office, the BPO will continue to implement more improvements to their front-office system within the framework of the <u>European Cooperation projects</u>, in particular the 'ECP2 Major Improvements to the Front Office' project.

In total, the EUIPO and its stakeholders are collaborating on five major European Cooperation Projects, with the aim of benefiting users across the EU by providing modern, state-of-the-art tools and services for EU IP offices.