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The Commerce Department and Intellectual Property Office of Malta ([CD-IPRD](#)) is now part of the Common Harmonised Database on Product Indications (HDBPI) in DesignClass.

The integration was carried out with the support of the EUIPO's European Cooperation Projects and in close collaboration with the CD-IPRD. As a result, the complete set of Maltese translations is now available to all users through the [DesignClass](#) tool using the Locarno Classification, which consists of 32 classes (headings) and 219 subclasses (subheadings).

DesignClass allows users to easily navigate the harmonised database of product indications to **search for a specific translated term in 27 languages** and find the class they are in before applying for design protection.

The HDBPI is constantly updated so it evolves with the market and user needs. The integration of the Maltese Intellectual Property Office into the "Harmonisation community" is another step forward for this cooperation project.

The EUIPO and its stakeholders are currently collaborating on five major [European Cooperation](#) Projects. The projects aim to **benefit users across the EU** by providing modern, state-of-the-art tools and services for intellectual property offices.