



Lunch 2 - Briefing: Recent developments at the EPO

AIPPI is very pleased to once again welcome EPO President Benoît Battistelli at its Congress to provide lunch session attendees with the latest updates on the EPO.

The EPO, with 38 member states and reaching a population of 650 million, is certainly a highly influential actor on the global patent stage. Recognized for its high-quality and business-friendly services, the EPO continues to achieve rising productivity. In 2017, the reform of the Boards of appeal is being implemented and the EPO is preparing for the possible arrival of the unitary patent. Celebrating ten years of IP5 co-operation, the EPO hosted the IP5 Heads meetings in Valetta, Malta in June 2017.