

Dear Madam, Sir,

Pursuant to the request in C.9199 for any additional information in order to maintain the information collected through the activities of the SCP up to date, please find below the following inputs from the State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia:

(ii) national and regional laws on opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms, available at: http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/revocation_mechanisms/

Under the section **Submission of Information by Third Parties:**

„Observation by a third party

Pursuant to the article 63 of the Patent Act (Official Gazette, No. 16/20), upon publication of a patent application, a third party may file observation to the Office on the patentability of the invention which is the subject-matter of the application. That person shall not be considered a party in the proceedings before the Office. Observation on the patentability shall be in writing and accordingly reasoned, and the Office may take them into consideration when examining requirements for the grant of a patent and deliver them to the patent applicant or the patent holder for observations.“

(iii) international worksharing and collaborative activities for search and examination of patent applications, available at: <http://www.wipo.int/patents/en/topics/worksharing/>

Under the section **Cooperation on the Use of Search and Examination Capacity/ Bilateral Cooperation:**

“The SIPO of the Republic of Croatia signed search cooperation working agreement with the EPO in 2021, whereby, if requested by the applicant, the EPO performs prior art search providing search report and written opinion.”

Concerning the other topics, we have previously submitted all the available information.

Kind regards,

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