



CARIFORUM Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation

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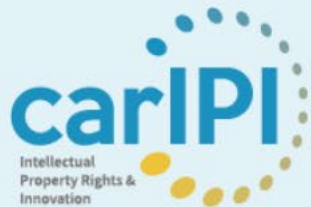


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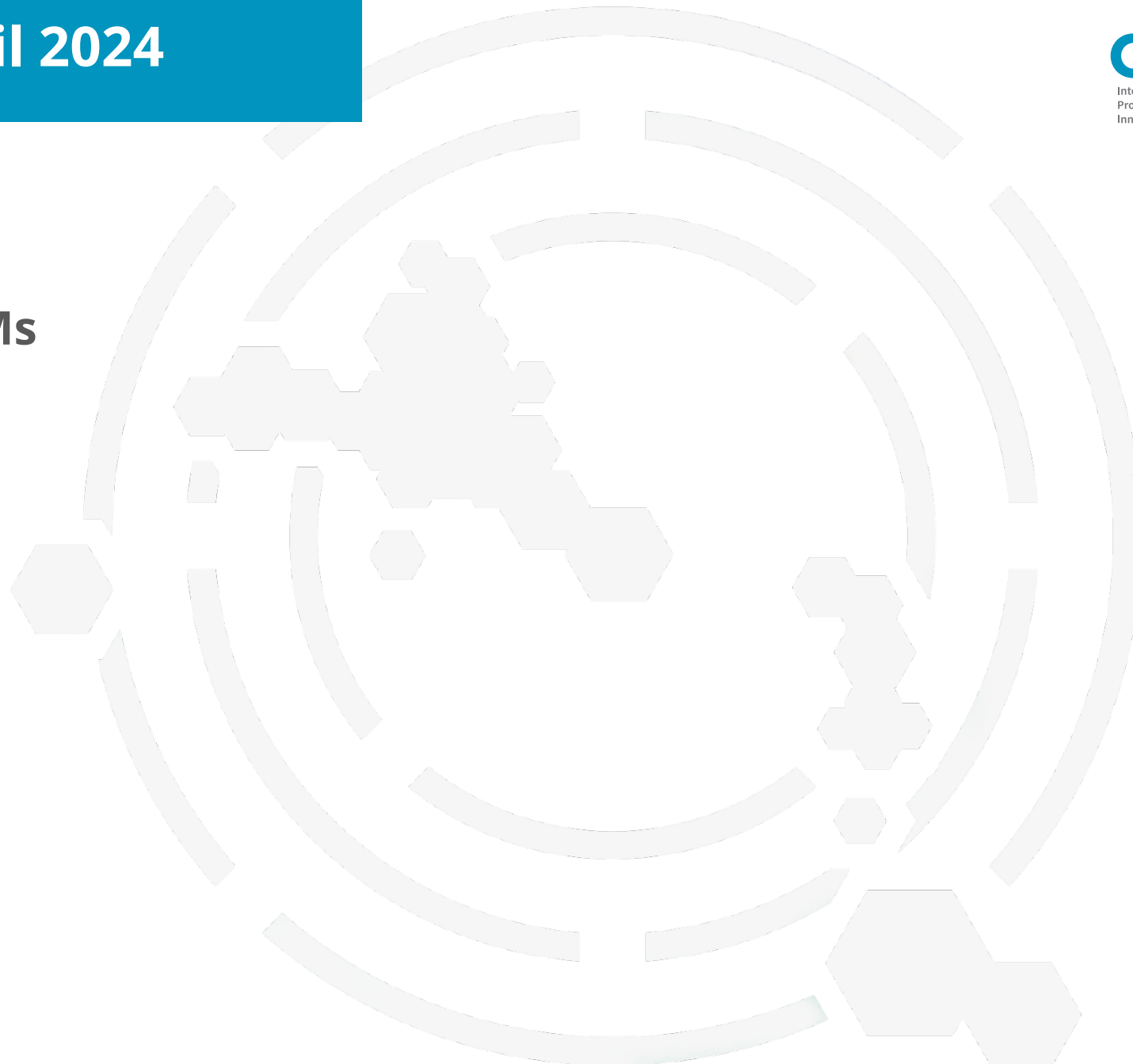
KEY DATES

- 1958 – Treaty of Rome – Common market
- 1964 – 1st mention of the EU Trade Mark concept (in a draft of a "Convention on European Trademark Law")
- 1988 – 1ST EU directive harmonising national trade mark law (repealed 2008 and 2015)
- 1993 - Council Regulation (EC) No 40/94 on the Community trade mark
- 1994 – Creation of OHIM (EUIPO)
- 1996 – the 1st European Union trade mark (EUTM) is registered
- 2003 - the 1st Registered Community Design (RCD) is registered
- 2023 – *the 1st Unitary Patent (UP) (European Patent Office – in Munich)*

Statistics until 2024

More than:

- 2.400.000 – EUTMs
- 1.600.000 – RCDs
- 23.300 – UPs



Registering TMs in EU

Four-tier system:

National IP Offices



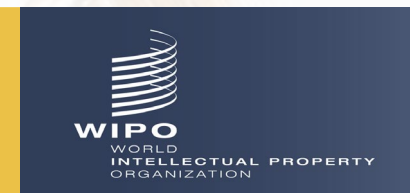
**Benelux Office for Intellectual Property
(BOIP)**



European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)



World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)



EUIPO – who we are?

The European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) is the European Union (EU) agency responsible for:

- **managing the EU trade marks (EUTMs)**
- **the registered Community design (RCDs)**
- **the Geographical Indications (GIs) for craft and industrial products (as of 01.12.2025)**
- **the European and international cooperation in the field of intellectual property (IP)**
- **the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights**

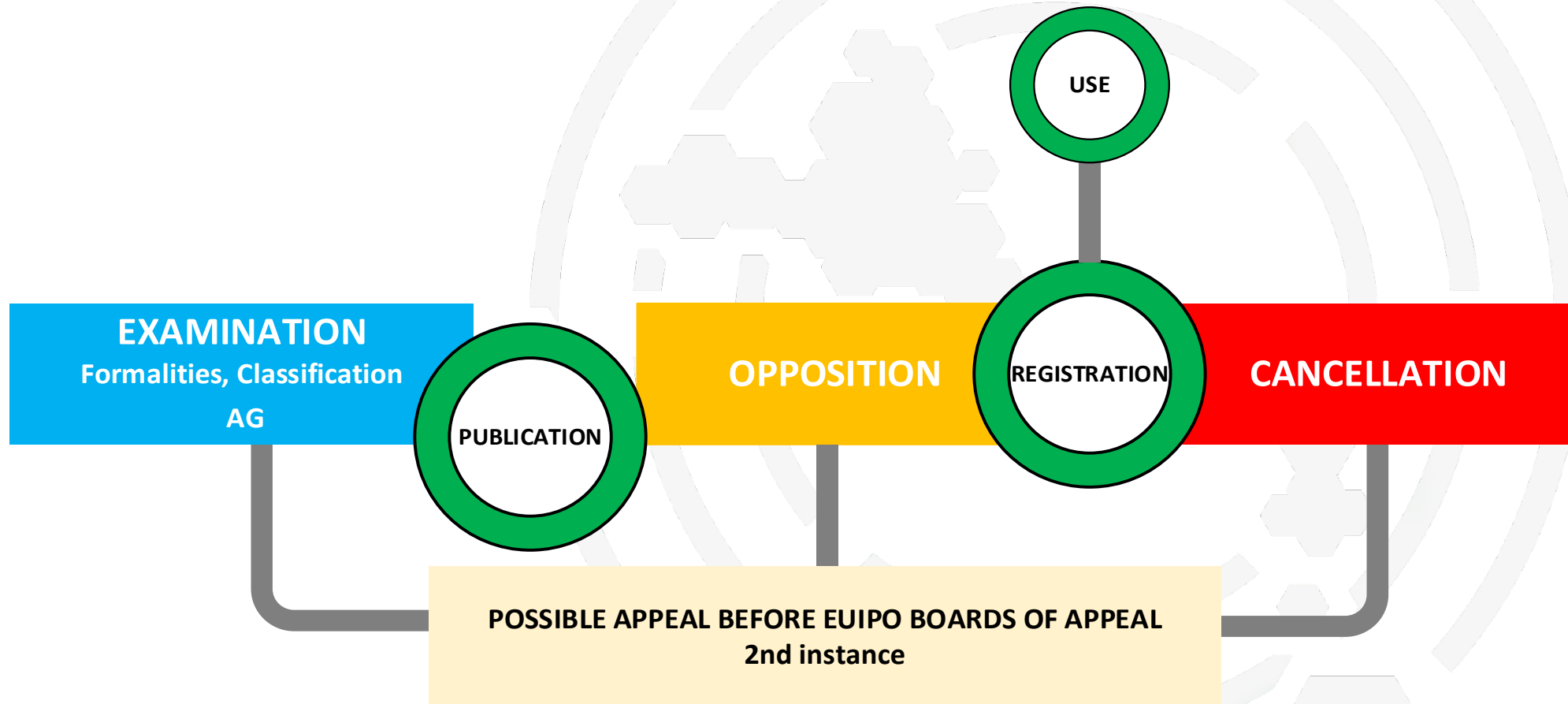
EUTM

The EU trade mark has a **unitary character** and **equal effect throughout the 27 EU countries**:

- *one application*
- *one filing language (any of the 23 languages of the EU)*
- *one file to manage*
- *one fee*



EUTM - LIFECYCLE



EUROPEAN COOPERATION

- Examples of interaction channels in place:
 - *Liaison meetings*
 - *Databases and tools (TMview, TMclass, DESIGNclass and DesignView)*
 - *Convergence programs for finding common grounds in areas where IP offices have diverging practices*

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Examples of interaction channels in place:
 - *Bilateral and multilateral cooperation (TM5 and ID5)*
 - *Close collaboration with WIPO*
 - *Databases and tools (TMview, TMclass, DESIGNclass and DesignView)*
 - *IP Attachés Network*

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