



International Chamber of Commerce

The world business organization

Department of Policy and Business Practices

Intellectual property related activities in chambers of commerce

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1. General comments

No

2. Communication Tools

What kind of communication tools do you offer? Please elaborate.

a) On-line e.g. website

www.voka.be

b) Hard copy publications (e.g. guides, newsletters)

Ideeën zijn waardevol. I-depot.

Merken beschermen in de Benelux.

Tekeningen of modellen beschermen in de Benelux.

c) Others

No

3. Training

Do you offer any training programs? Please elaborate.

a) Seminars/ workshops

Currently we are considering the possibility for organizing seminars concerning IP. Topics to be covered in these seminars are: the importance of IP in business, how to protect your ideas and findings, licensing your IP portfolio etc.

b) On-line tutorials

No

c) Others

No

4. Consultancy/ Advisory Services

Do you offer any IP-consultancy services? This could include a helpline, legal/ financial/ commercial/consulting services etc.. Are Intellectual property aspects included in general commercial/business advice provided by your chamber?

The possibility exists to have our innovation counselor/advisor do a patent information search in a free of charge IP database like Espacenet.

We have access to the IRC-network where companies, SMEs and large companies alike, can either offer their IP for licensing to others or look to obtain IP licenses.

We offer first line advisory services concerning IP questions to our member companies. For more in depth information we refer them to specialists in our network.

5. Information gathering/ awareness raising

Do you conduct surveys or gather information in any other way? Do you carry out any awareness raising activities? Please elaborate.

No

6. SME case studies

Do you publish case studies of SMEs who have actively used IP in their businesses? Can you provide us with any such case studies?

No

7. Facilitation of IP business opportunities

Do you provide any services to help businesses trade in IP eg IP business matchmaking, marketplaces etc?

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8. Policy advocacy

Do you engage in policy advocacy in the IP field? Please provide details.

9. Encouragement of innovation and IP asset development

Do you have any initiatives to encourage innovation or the development of IP assets e.g. awards, competitions, technology showcases etc?

We employ a fulltime innovation counselor/advisor to encourage innovation, inform about IP and assist in obtaining subsidies.

10. Others

No

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We consent to the above information being posted on the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) website.

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