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The biannual European Cooperation technical visits are taking place between 1-19 February 2021, in a virtual format.

Technical visits are a key component of the collaborative work carried out between the EUIPO and the national and regional EU IP offices, which, in turn, benefit users and help build a stronger IP system in the EU.

During the meetings, the EUIPO and 29 national and regional EU IP offices will discuss the European Cooperation Projects' progress and next steps and the roadmap for future initiatives in support of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

An update on the status of the various initiatives in support of SMEs (e.g. the SME FUND) will also be on the agenda.

The meetings are an important driver for the development and sustainability of the <u>European Cooperation Projects</u> within the SP2025.

The next round of technical visits will take place in September 2021.