

Virtual meeting with Director-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)

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On 13 January, the Executive Director of the EUIPO, Christian Archambeau, and Director-General for DG RTD, Jean-Eric Paquet, held their first bilateral meeting via video-link.

The virtual meeting was also attended by the Director for the European Innovation Council (EIC) Task Force, Jean-David Malo, and the Director of Prosperity, Peter Dröll, as well as the EUIPO's Deputy Executive Director, Andrea Di Carlo, the Head of Cabinet, Ursula Schildt, the Director of the Customer Department, Inge Buffolo, and the Director of International Cooperation and Legal Affairs Department, João Negrão.

A general introduction on the EUIPO's scope of activities and on the SP2025 was provided, highlighting the contribution of strong IP protection as a common value in different EU policy areas to create growth and jobs. Discussions focused on possible joint initiatives to support innovative SMEs and, more in general, the EU innovation ecosystem.

The participants agreed to follow up on potential cooperation activities in regular bilateral meetings.