



New Zealand and Colombia join the Global Patent Prosecution Highway

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New Zealand Intellectual Property Office (IPONZ) and the Colombian Superintendency of Industry and Commerce (SIC) join [the Global Patent Prosecution Highway \(GPPH\) pilot program](#) on 6 July 2017, so the number of member offices is now 24. The project allows shorter examination process for the patent application and rise the quality of examination.

The Estonian Patent Office joined the program on 6 July 2015.

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