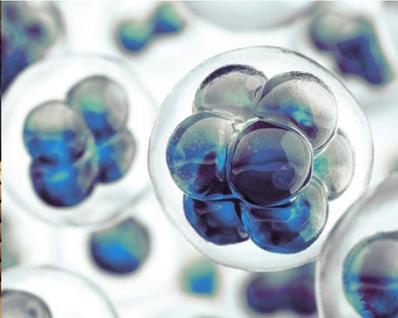




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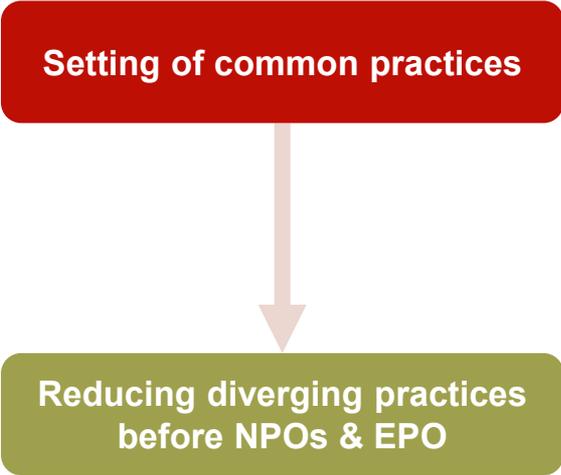
Introduction to the convergence of practice programme

Virtual platform event on convergence of practice



Objective

Setting of common practices



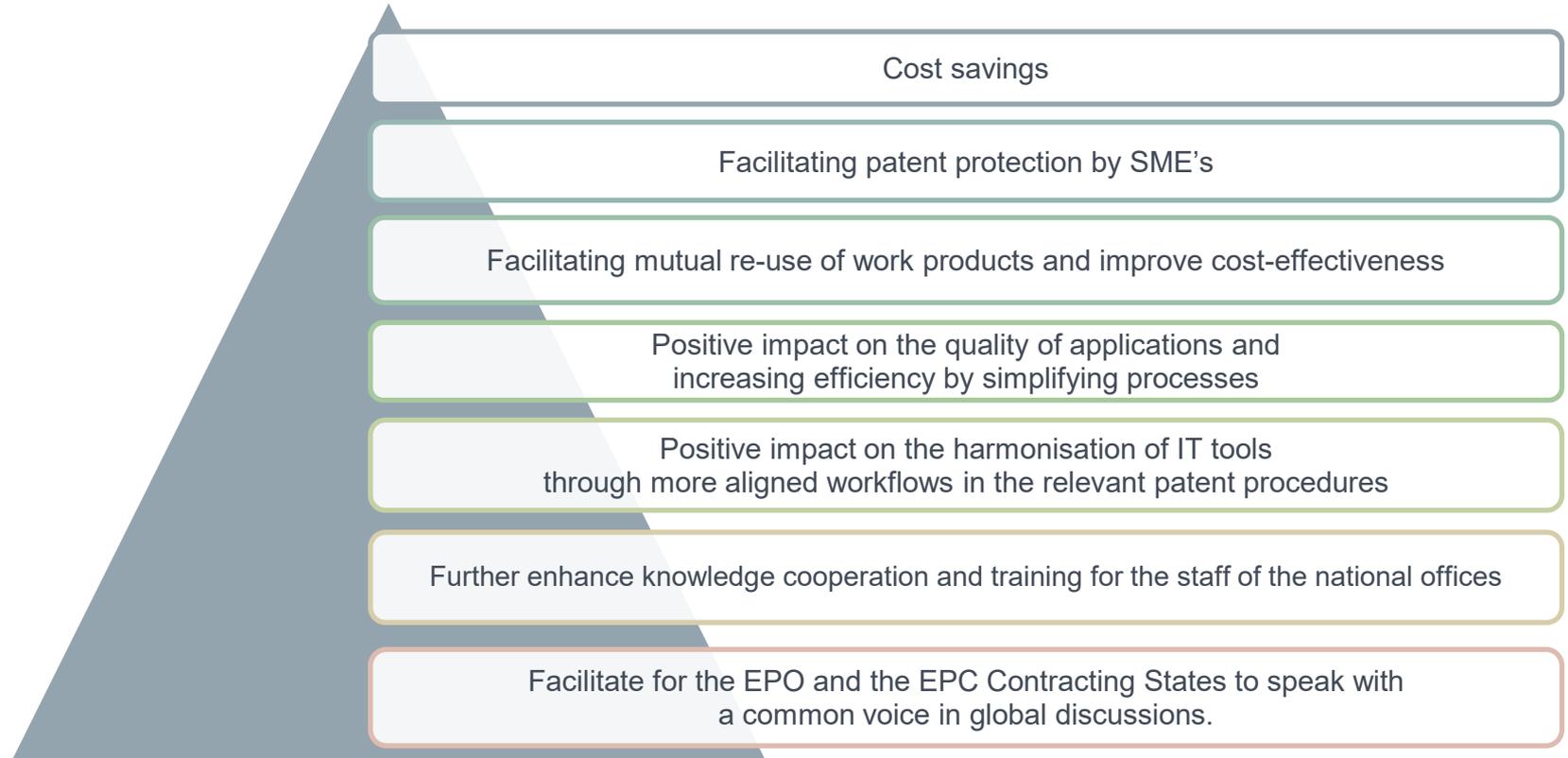
Setting of common practices in identified areas where it could be expected that a more uniform approach would provide the most beneficial results for users and patent offices.

Common practices will be inspired either by the practice of national offices or the EPO and will be developed commonly through a mutual approximation of pre-existing divergent positions.

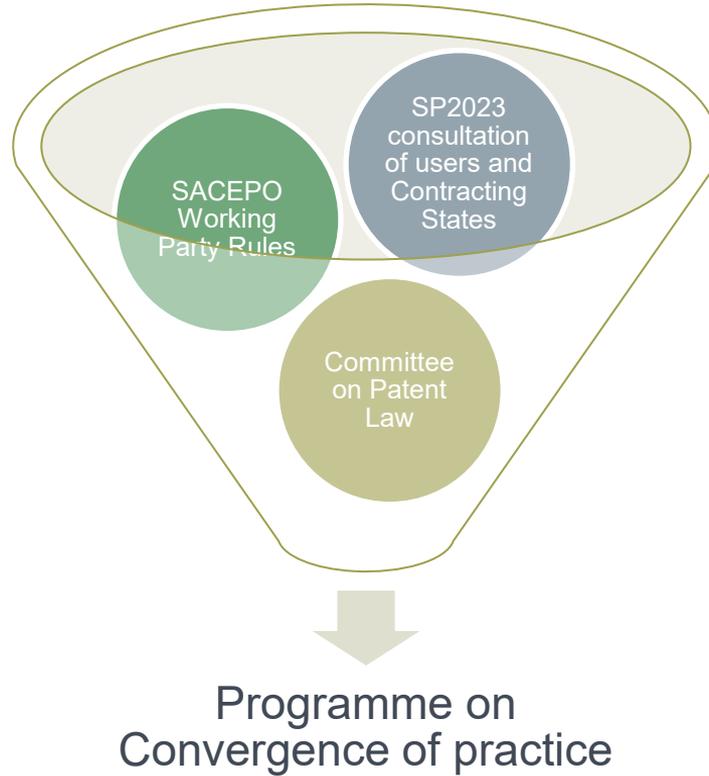
**Reducing diverging practices
before NPOs & EPO**

Reducing or possibly overcoming diverging practices before national patent offices and the EPO, which complicate the existing European patent system.

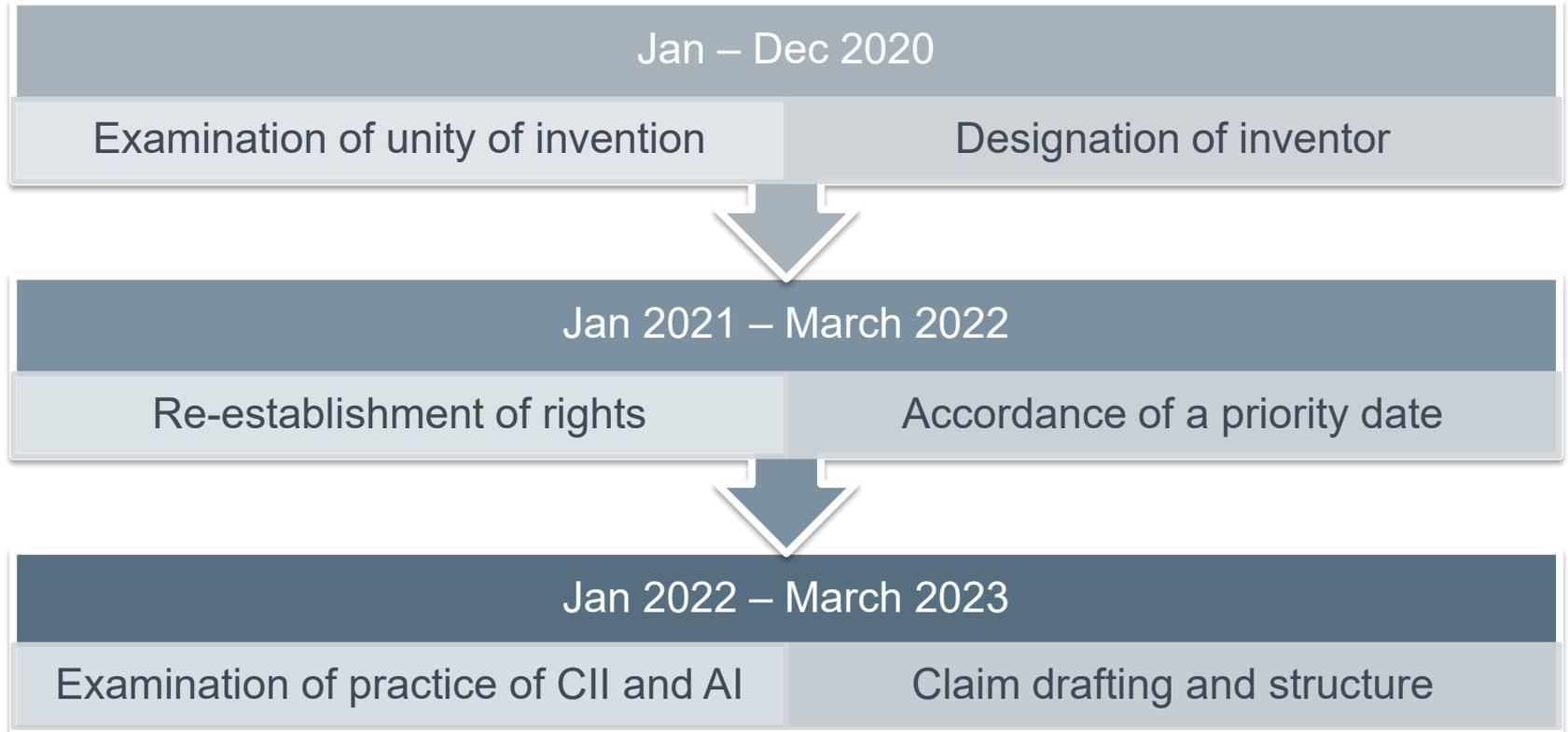
Benefits for users, national offices, and the EPO



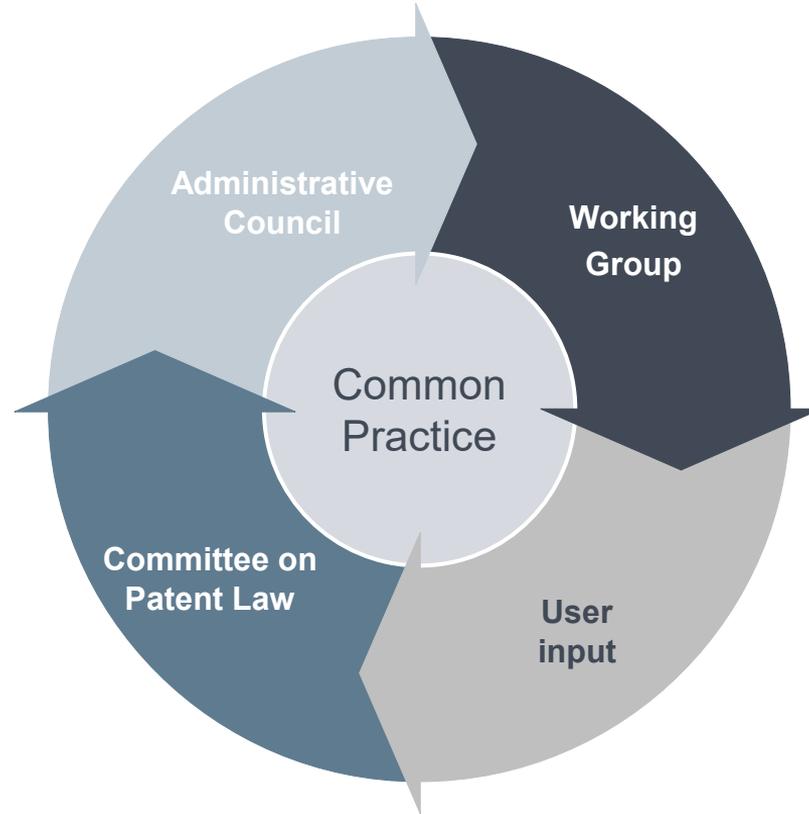
Consultation process



Overview and timeline



Working method





Thank you for your attention!

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