

KEYNOTE

PUSH FOR INNOVATION

Montenegro's journey into the PATLIB network

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PATLIB Center
in Montenegro

MONTENEGRO'S STARTING POINT

From a gap to a gateway

The challenge was not simply to provide more IP information.
It was to make IP usable.



2022

Montenegro joins the European Patent Organisation



STP MNE & TTO

Building the bridge from knowledge to market



1 Dec 2025

Montenegro's first PATLIB Centre opens

IP4Innovation



1 DECEMBER 2025

One day. Three moments.

Montenegro's first PATLIB Centre opens

A new chapter in EPO–
Montenegro patent cooperation
begins.

Opening of IP4Innovation, official remarks, and
the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Institutional trust + practical guidance = the foundation for sustainable impact and long-term value.

PATLIB + TTO

One innovation journey — from idea to protection, technology transfer and impact.



Innovators rarely come with “an IP problem”.

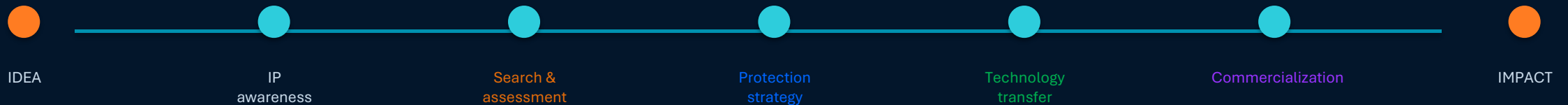
They come with an idea, a research result, a technology, a startup — or simply the question: “What should I do next?”

Embedded in TTO

IP support connected with transfer and commercialisation

Route to impact

PATLIB as an entry point into the wider innovation journey



THE FIRST MONTHS

From opening to action

Awareness turned into
practical support.



BUILD CAPACITY

SkillsUP IP education
DLR staff exchange
WIPO patent drafting

SUPPORT INNOVATORS

IP Voucher support line
Individual advisory
support

CONNECT

Ministry of Economic
Development
EPO & European IP
ecosystem

BUILD PRACTICAL TOOLS

Patent guide
Trademark guide
Copyright guide

The Centre moved quickly from visibility to service delivery.

From activities to real cases



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STP MNE innovative companies
supported through cooperation with
Cornell University

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STP company supported on its journey
towards a patent application

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IP VOUCHERS - Individual needs
assessment and expert orientation

150+

Working days invested in PATLIB-related
activities

Credibility is built case by case.

Making IP practical

A bilingual guide series for Montenegro: MNE / ENG

01

PATENTS

Manual for the Protection
of Inventions in Montenegro

Content + design completed

02

TRADEMARKS

Content prepared

Design in development

03

COPYRIGHT

Content prepared

Design in development

“The first barrier to IP is often not the law itself — it is not knowing where to begin.”



All guides

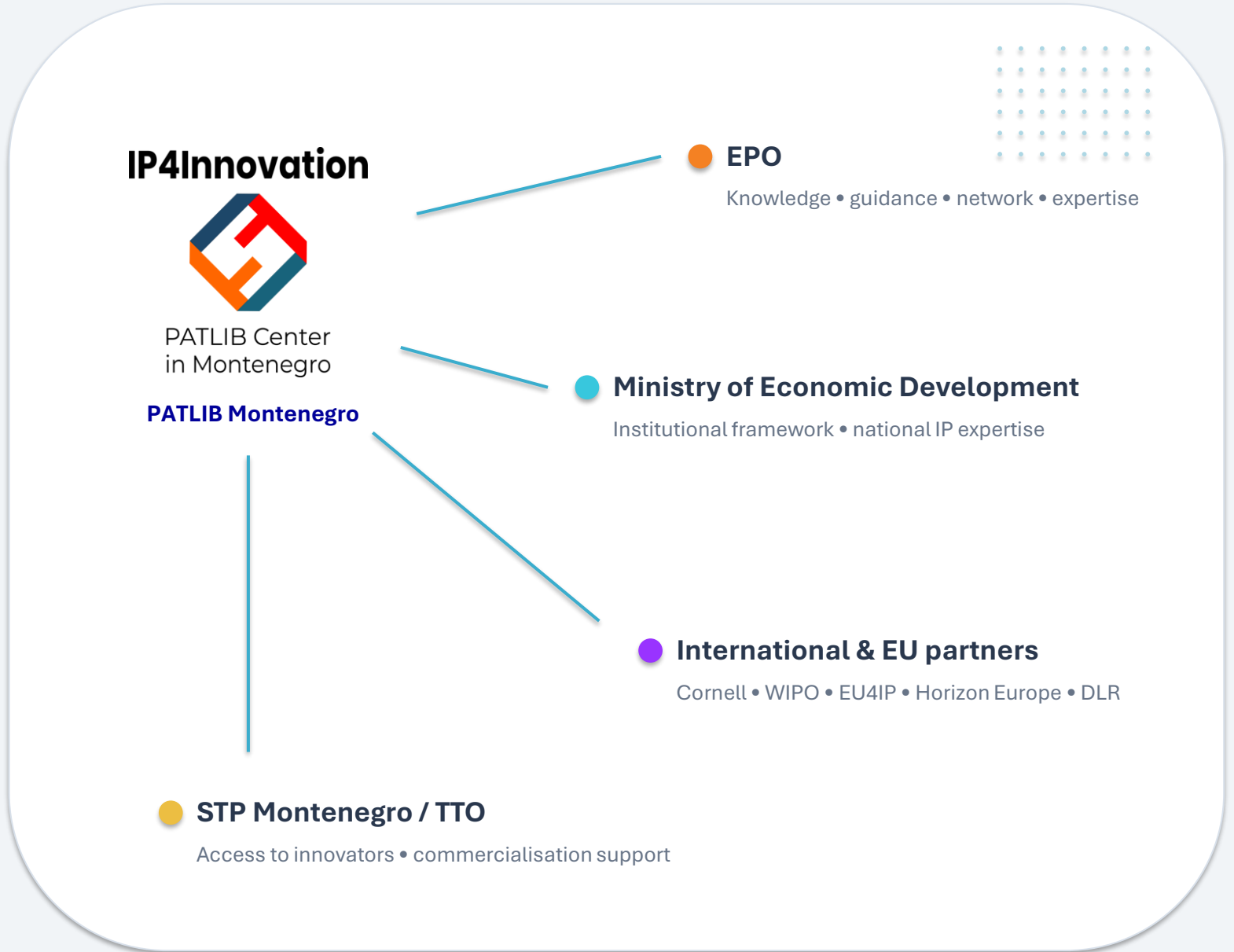
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Development

NETWORK EFFECT

Partnerships are a multiplier

A small team does not need to work alone.



FIRST LESSONS

What have we learned?

The main lessons from our first year are practical and replicable.

01

**Start with the innovator,
not the institution.**

02

**Connect IP with
technology transfer
and commercialisation.**

03

**Use partnerships to
multiply capacity.**

04

**Build trust
case by case.**

PATLIB Centre creates value when advice is practical, connected and easy to access.

The next chapter

The aim is to move from awareness and individual questions toward strategy and impact.



A small ecosystem can move fast.

When knowledge, institutions and innovators
are connected.

Thank you

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