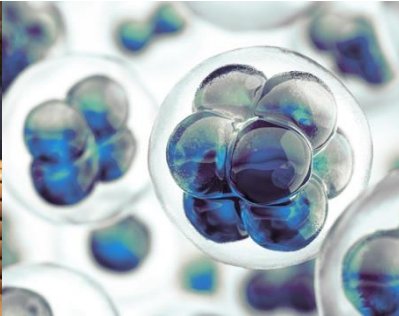




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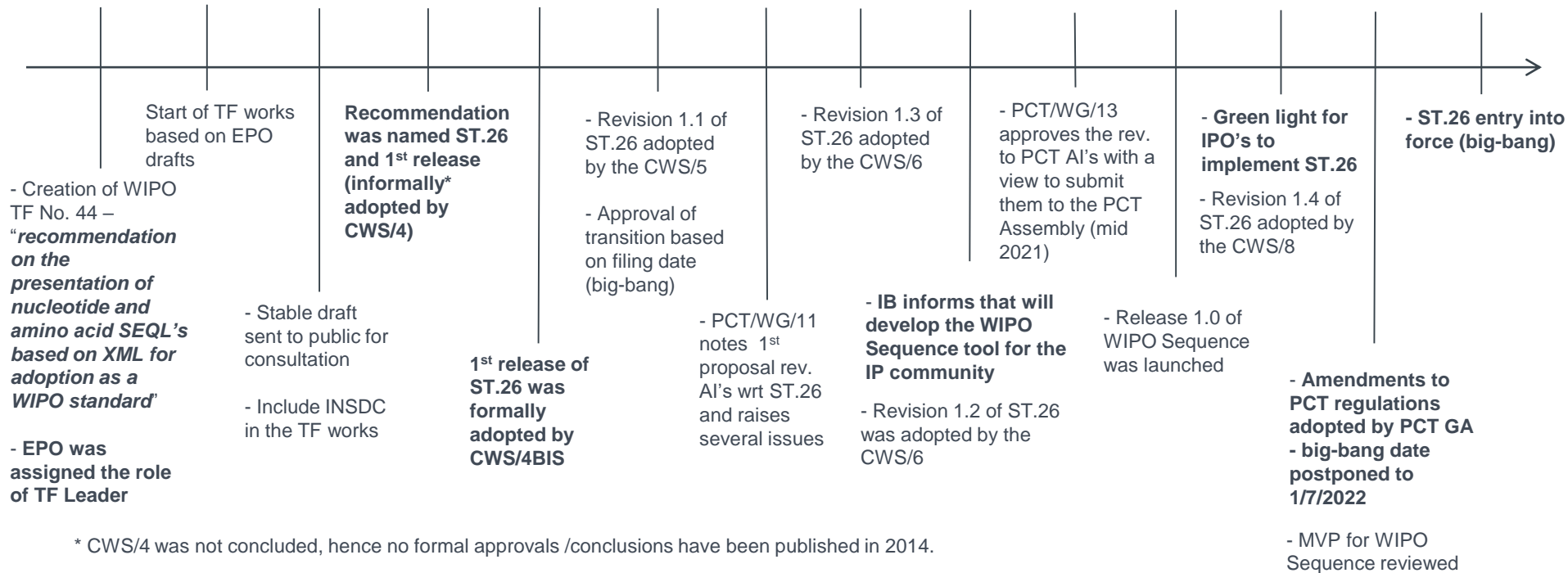
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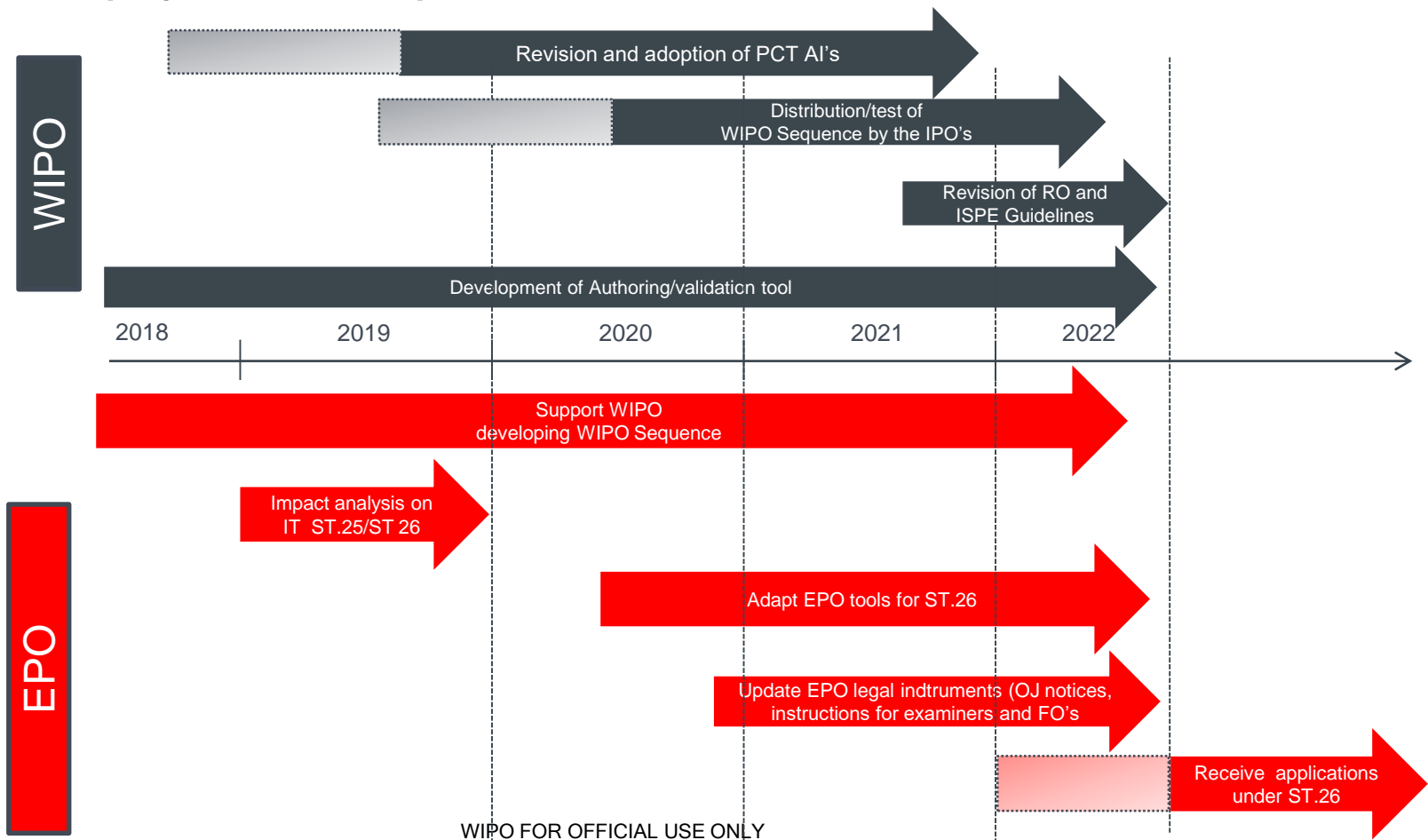


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EPO project for the adaptation of the Workflows to Standard ST.26



The challenges for Applicants and IPO

- New standard, more complex rules
- New tools for applicants and for EPO staff
- Conversion of SEQL from ST.25 to ST.26 for applications claiming priority and divisional applications with a previous/parent application filed before 01.07.2022
- Working with ST.25 and ST.26 in parallel for several years

EPC changes

- OJ released in December 2021

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/12/a97/2021-a97.pdf>

- ST26 applies to all applications filed on/after 1.7.22
- This includes divisional/priority claiming applications
- If non-compliant filed on filing date, EPO will invite to file a ST.26-compliant SEQL
- Applications filed before 1.7.22 are subject only to ST25
- XML and TXT as originally filed is made available on the EP register

Modifications of the PCT Regulations and AI's

Amendements of the PCT legal framework

PCT Rules 5, 12, 13ter, 19.4 et 49

Sections 204, 207, 298, 313, 332, 333, 335 (new), 405, 513, 610, 707 of the PCT Administrative Instructions

New Annex C : instructions relating to the presentation of sequence listing in PCT applications

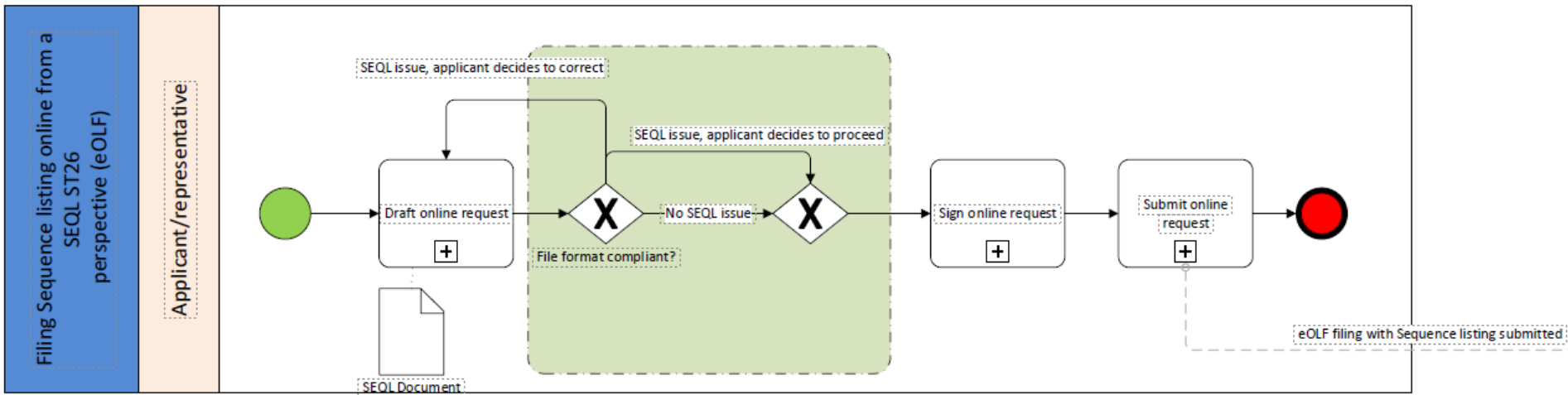
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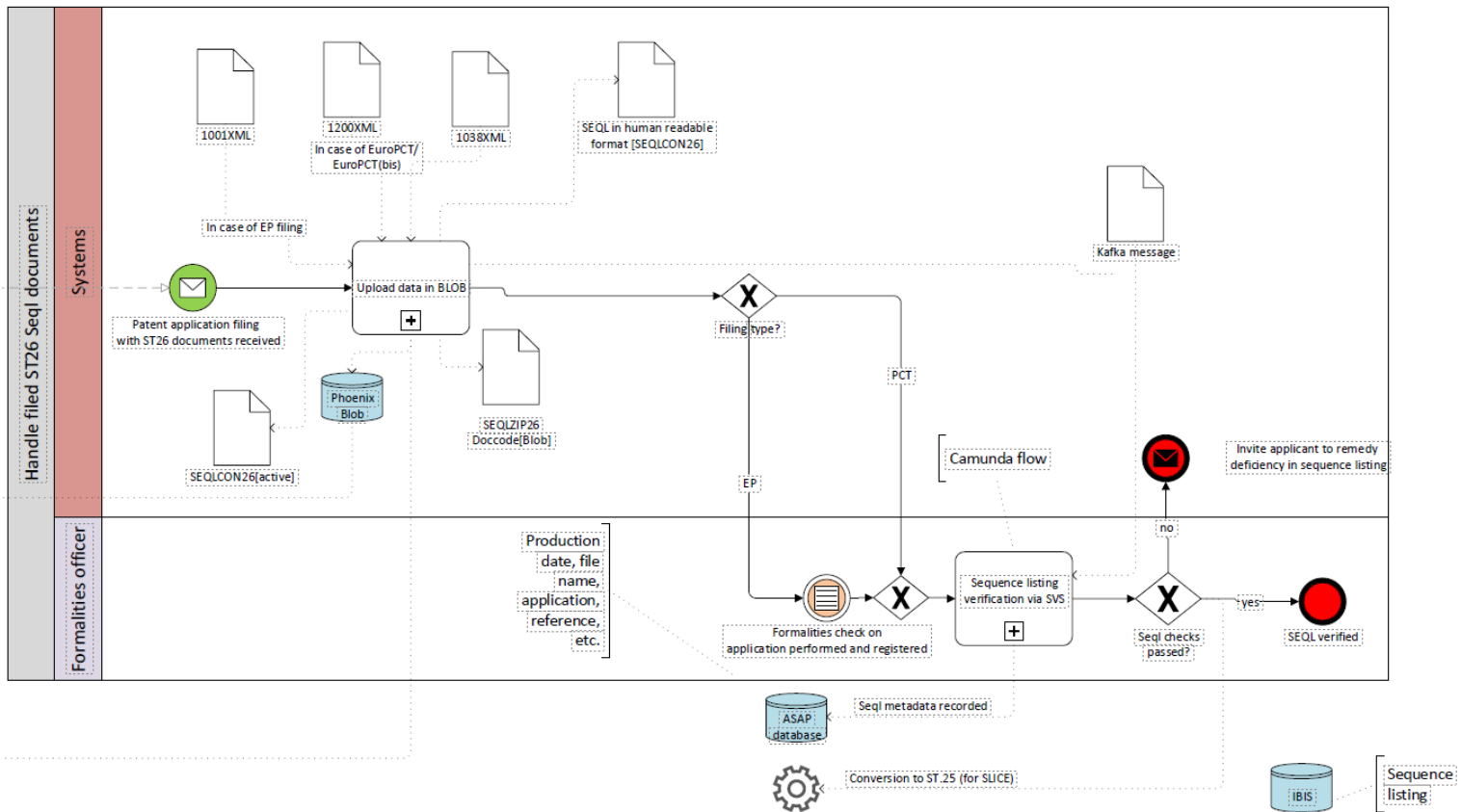
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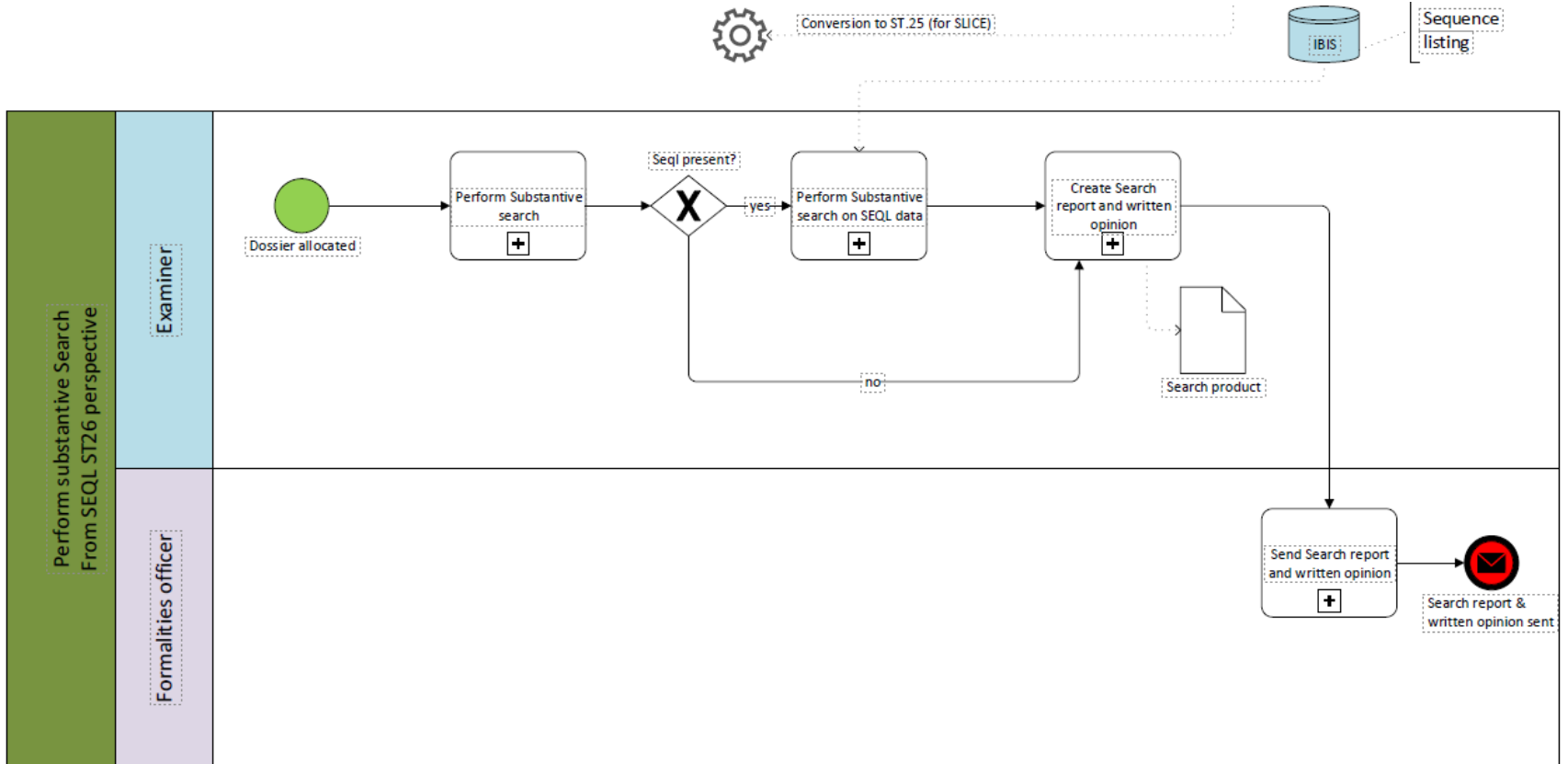
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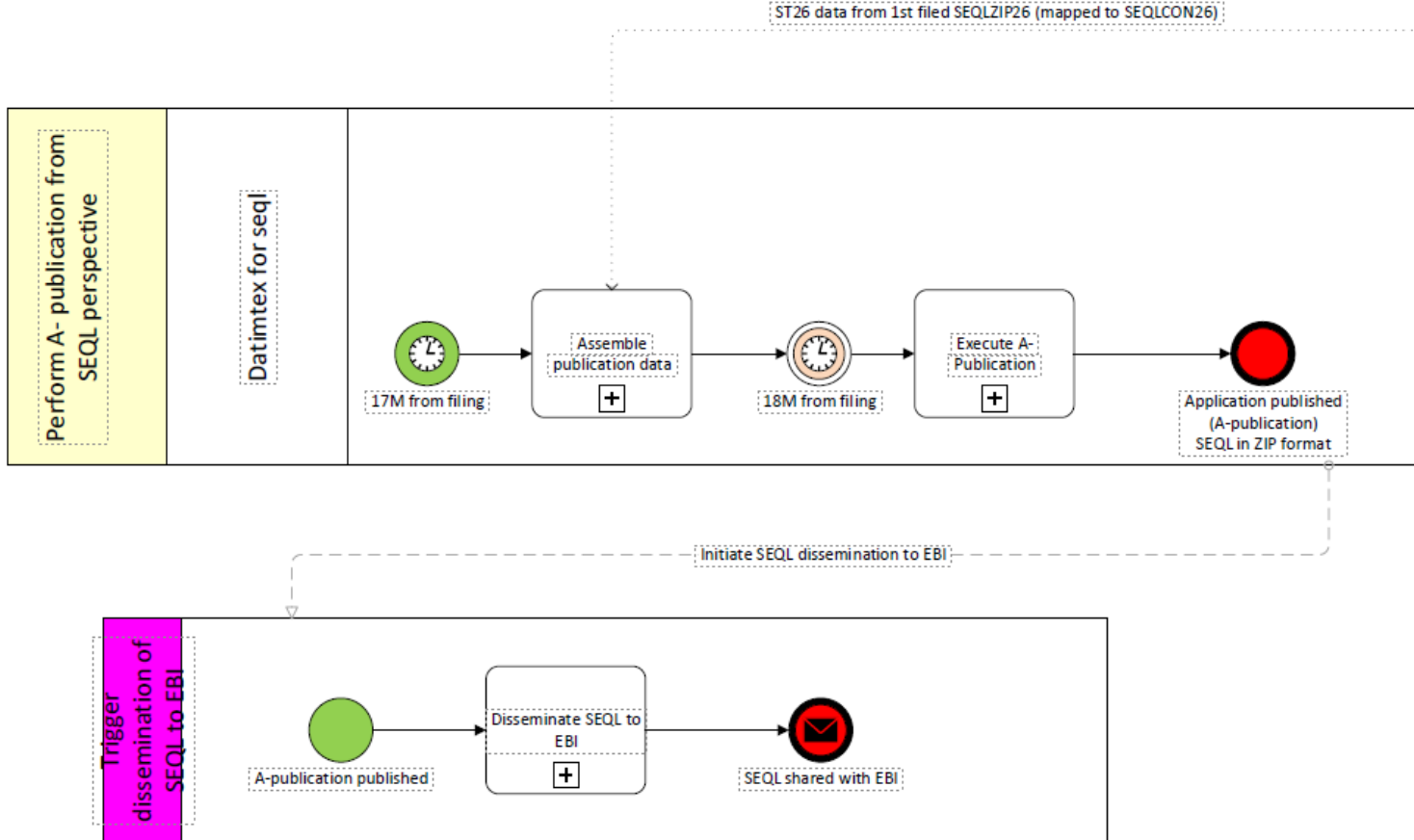
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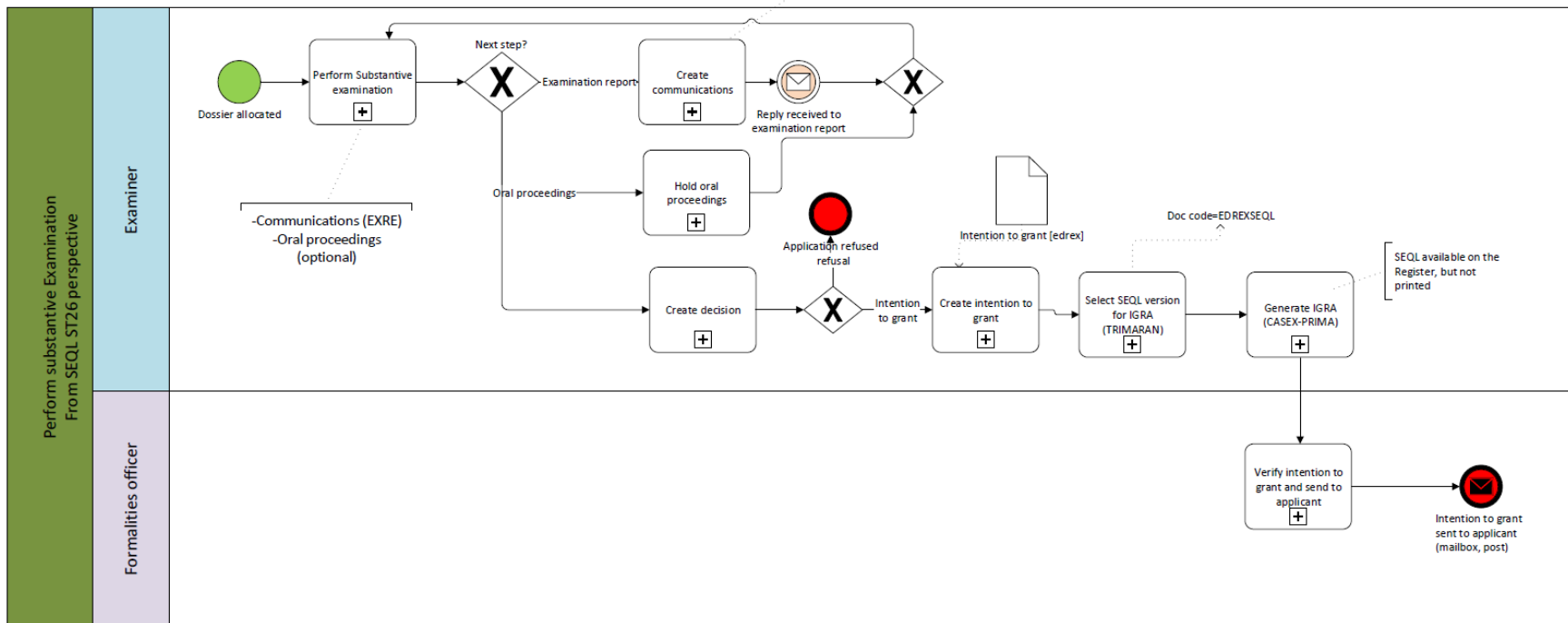


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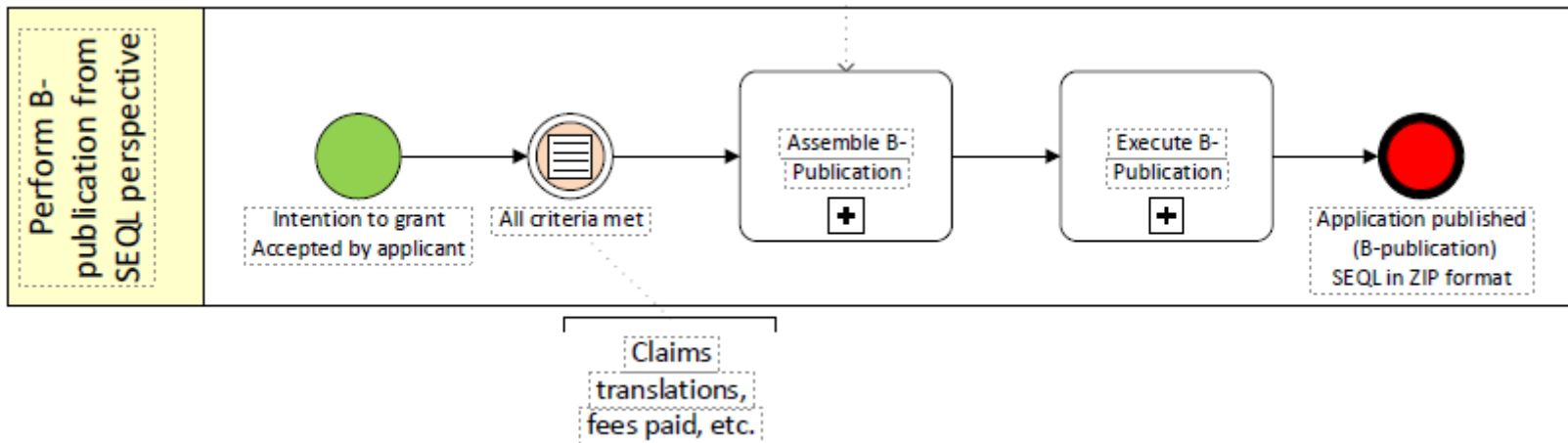


SEQL's Workflow – Substantive Examination

Note: Formalities officer is involved in sending out communications and submissions



SEQL's Workflow – B Publication



Thank you for your attention

Questions?