

Study visit to the European Patent Office

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This study visit gives participants a hands-on experience of the EPO and an insight into the work of EPO staff. It will provide participants with an understanding of the evolution of the EPO from a 7-Member States patent granting authority to the 39-Member States international organisation that we know today. Participants will also find out more about how team leaders at the Office manage technical innovation, multiculturalism, and a workforce that is spread through four cities. Furthermore, they will gain insight into the day-to-day life of an EPO examiner working in the Digital communications field, while a Young Professional working in the sustainability field will share her experience working in the Chief Sustainability Office. The event offers participants an excellent opportunity to discover the complex reality of the EPO, ask questions and interact with our speakers.

Self-paced preparation

Prior to the live online session, participants are invited to **study the preparatory material provided** in the European Patent Academy's e-learning centre:

- [The EPO annual review 2022](#) (video)
- [The European patent system from filing to grant](#) (online course)
- [From application to patent: patentability requirements at the EPO](#) (online course)
- [Work of a patent examiner – a closer look](#) (video)
- [Patents in progress](#) (podcasts)
- [Patent Index 2022](#) (video)

Live online session

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Moderator: Giuseppe Bongiovanni, European Patent Academy, EPO

14.00 Welcoming address

Giuseppe Bongiovanni, Young Professional

Zoom Session – Presentations

Sharing insights in the world of the EPO

14.15 The EPO from a regional to a continental organisation

Rainer Osterwalder, Director

14.35 Dealing with technical innovation, law, multiculturalism, geographically spread workforce – a manager's perspective

Francesco Zaccà, Principal Director

14.55 Q&A

15.10 Life of an examiner: trends in Digital Communications

Georgia Tseliou, Examiner

15.30 Starting a career at the EPO

Aida Loggiodice, Young Professional

15.50 Q&A

16.00 Conclusion