Beginner course: Patenting Innovation (for RTTP Candidates)

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Description

Patents are a powerful asset in the toolbox of a technology transfer professional. This two-day interactive course covers how innovative ideas are protected within the patenting system.

It has been accredited by the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals (ATTP) and carries 11 continuing education (CE) points for the Registered Technology Transfer Professional (RTTP) professional qualification (subject to an attendance of at least 90% of the course).

Technical requirements

The sessions will be held on Zoom.

Tuesday, 24 Feb. 2026

Moderator: **Tom Withnell**
European Patent Academy, EPO

Speakers: **Raquel Xalabarder**
Director Patent Academy, EPO
Arthur Freitas
Examiner, EPO
Enrico Luzzatto
Senior Advisor, EPO
Tom Withnell
European Patent Academy, EPO

09.20 **Zoom link activated**

09.30 **Moderator welcome**
Tom Withnell

09.35 **Welcome address**
Raquel Xalabarder

09.40 **The patent system, basics of patentability and IP**
Arthur Freitas, Enrico Luzzatto

12.10 *Lunch break*

13.00 **TTO Expert session**
Tom Withnell

14.00 **IP in the real world – What IP to use and when**
Enrico Luzzatto, Tom Withnell

15.30 **Mini-wrap up**
Tom Withnell

15.30 *End of session*

Wednesday, 25 Feb. 2026

Moderator: **Tom Withnell**
European Patent Academy, EPO

Speakers: **Johannes Schaaf**
Patent Analytics, EPO
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EPO
Arthur Freitas
Examiner, EPO
Enrico Luzzatto
Senior Advisor, EPO

09.20 **Zoom link activated**

09.30 **Moderator welcome**
Tom Withnell

09.35 **Patent knowledge and classification**
Johannes Schaaf

10.35 **Searching for patents using Espacenet (pt 1)**
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12.05 *Lunch break*

13.00 **Searching for patents using Espacenet (pt 2)**
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14.00 **IP Case Studies**
Arthur Freitas, Enrico Luzzatto

16.00 *End of zoom session*

16.00 **Networking event**
Tom Withnell

16.30 *End of session*