



Beginner course: Patenting Innovation (for RTTP Candidates)

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Format: online course

Reference NV08-2026

Entry level

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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 session will be held on Zoom.

Thursday, 24 September 2026

Moderator: Tom Withnell, European Patent Academy, EPO

Speakers: Raquel Xalabarder, Director Patent Academy, EPO
Edward Cooke, Examiner, EPO
Tom Withnell, European Patent Academy, EPO
Arthur Freitas, Examiner, EPO
Johannes Schaaf, Patent Analytics, EPO

09.00 hrs CEST	Zoom link activated
09.05 hrs (5 mins)	Moderator welcome Tom Withnell
09.10 hrs (5 mins)	Welcome address Raquel Xalabarder
09.15 hrs (15 mins)	Intro session All participants
09.30 hrs (60 mins)	The patent system Edward Cooke
10.30 hrs (10 mins)	Break
10.40 hrs (90 mins)	IP in the real world – What IP to use and when Edward Cooke, Tom Withnell
12.10 hrs (45 mins)	Lunch break
13.00 hrs (90 mins)	Basics of patentability and IP Arthur Freitas
14.30 hrs (10 mins)	Break
14.40 hrs (60 mins)	Patent knowledge and classification Johannes Schaaf
15.40 hrs (5 mins)	Mini-wrap up Tom Withnell
15.45 hrs	<i>End of session</i>

Friday, 25 September 2026

Moderator: Tom Withnell, European Patent Academy, EPO

Speakers: tbc, EPO

Arthur Freitas, Examiner, EPO

Edward Cooke, Senior Adviser, EPO

09.20 hrs CEST	Zoom link activated
09.30 hrs	Moderator welcome Tom Withnell
09.30 hrs (150 mins)	Searching for patents using Espacenet tbc
12.00 (60 mins)	Lunch break
13.00 (60 mins)	TTO Expert session Tom Withnell
14.00 hrs (10 mins)	Break
14.10 hrs (120 mins)	IP Case Studies Arthur Freitas, Enrico Luzzatto
16.10 hrs	<i>End of zoom session</i>
16.10 hrs (30 mins)	Online networking event Tom Withnell
16.40 hrs	<i>End of session</i>