

Beginner course: Patenting Innovation (for RTTP Candidates)

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Format - **Online course**

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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,
12 November

Moderator:
Tom Withnell, European Patent Academy, EPO

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

- 09.00** **Zoom link activated**
- 09.05** **Moderator welcome**
Tom Withnell
- 09.10** **Welcome address**
Raquel Xalabarder
- 09.15** **Intro session**
All participants

- 09.30** **The patent system**
Edward Cooke
- 10.30** *Break*
- 10.40** **IP in the real world – What IP to use and when**
Edward Cooke, Tom Withnell
- 12.10** *Lunch break*
- 13.00** **Invention and patent application requirements**
Sébastien Bareyt
- 14.30** *Break*
- 14.40** **Patent knowledge and classification**
Johannes Schaaf
- 15.40** **Mini-wrap up**
Tom Withnell
- 15.45** **End of session**

Friday,
13 November

Moderator:
Tom Withnell, European Patent Academy, EPO

Speakers:
James Wrinch, Patent information tools, EPO
Edward Cooke, Examiner, EPO
Sébastien Bareyt, European Patent Academy, EPO

13.00 **TTO Expert session**
Tom Withnell

14.00 *Break*

14.10 **IP Case Studies**
Edward Cooke, Sébastien Bareyt

16.10 **End of zoom session**

16.10 **Online networking event**
Tom Withnell

16.40 **End of session**

09.20 **Zoom link activated**

09.30 **Moderator welcome**
Tom Withnell

09.30 **Searching for patents using Espacenet**
James Wrinch

12.00 *Lunch break*