

# Introduction to the European patent system and the Unitary patent system

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## Description

This seminar will provide a comprehensive overview of the European patent system and the Unitary patent system.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask any procedural questions directly to the EPO presenters. The seminar will address all the procedural steps before the EPO, from filing an application to post-grant procedures, as well as the interface between the national patent authorities.

The participants will also receive insight into the role of the EPO in the international patent system (PCT) and the Unitary patent system.

## Technical requirements

The sessions will be held on Zoom.

All times given in the programme are CET.

Tuesday,  
12 March

	Moderator: <i>Alice Becker, EPO</i>
09.20	<b>Zoom link activated</b>
09.30	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Moderator</i>
09.35	<b>Presentation of the European Patent system</b> <i>Véronique Cornudet, formalities officer, EPO</i>
09.55	<b>Filing a European patent application</b> <i>Véronique Cornudet</i>
10.15	<b>How to conduct a search, the role of the classification</b> <i>Christian Schmelz, senior expert, EPO</i>
10.35	<b>The substantive examination procedure of a European patent application</b> <i>Florentina Calafus, formalities officer, and Hervé Chabus, senior expert, EPO</i>

11.00	<i>Break</i>
	<b>Post grant procedures</b>
11.15	<b>National validation</b> <i>Florentina Calafus</i>
11.30	<b>Opposition</b> <i>Hervé Chabus</i>
11.45	<b>Oral proceedings in opposition via video conference</b> <i>Hervé Chabus</i>
11.55	<b>Limitation and revocation</b> <i>Véronique Cornudet</i>
12.05	<b>An introduction to the appeal procedure</b> <i>Christian Schmelz</i>
12.15	<i>End of seminar</i>

Tuesday,  
19 March

	Moderator: <i>Alice Becker, EPO</i>		<b>10.30</b>	<b>File Inspection: Espacenet and Global Dossier</b> <i>Christian Schmelz</i>
<b>09.20</b>	<b>Zoom link activated</b>		<b>10.50</b>	<i>Break</i>
<b>09.30</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Moderator</i>		<b>11.05</b>	<b>The EPO as a PCT authority</b> <i>Florentina Calafus</i>
<b>09.35</b>	<b>Summary of Day 1 and questions</b> <i>EPO speakers</i>		<b>11.20</b>	<b>The Unitary patent system and the Unified patent court</b> <i>Yolande Abily, Legal Administrative Officer, Unitary Patent Division, and Stefan Luginbuehl, Head of Department, Patent Law Policy and Harmonisation, EPO</i>
<b>09.50</b>	<b>Means of redress</b> <i>Florentina Calafus and Véronique Cornudet</i>			<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>10.10</b>	<b>Online tools: online filing, central fee payment, credit card payment</b> <i>Véronique Cornudet</i>		<b>12.15</b>	<i>End of seminar</i>