

Tutored programme on computer-implemented inventions: artificial intelligence and programmes for computers

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Format - **Online seminar**

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Description

This tutored seminar addresses the specific challenges of patent examination in the field of computer-implemented inventions. It consists of three consecutive modules, each extending over two weeks:

- The two hurdles approach
- Focus on artificial intelligence: what does it imply for substantive examination?
- Main takeaways and wrap-up

About the modules

The first two modules run over two full weeks and are based on a subset of the training material accessible via the online course room. Participants are asked to study this training material ahead of the modules.

In the first online sessions of each module, EPO tutors will present the main elements from this material. At the end of these sessions a forum will open where exercises will be posted. Participants are encouraged to

use these forums for discussion amongst themselves and with the tutors.

In the second online sessions of each module, the tutors will go through the exercises and questions posted in the forum and wrap up the learning phase of the module.

The last module summarises the main takeaways and acts as a course wrap-up. It consists of a single session in which participants can ask questions and get deeper knowledge of specific subject-matter areas.

At the end of the third module, participants will be asked to take a test, which they can resit as often as they want. Participants will then receive a completion certificate indicating the best mark obtained.

Programme

Course room opens and self-study week starts:

Module 1 **The two hurdles approach**
*EPO tutors: Frédéric Dedek and
Bernhard Reinbold, patent examiners*

Session 1 (2 hours)
2 October
10-12.00 hrs

Session 2 (2 hours)
9 October
14-16.00 hrs

Module 2 **Focus on artificial intelligence:
what does it imply for substantive
examination?**
*EPO tutors: Sylvain Boltz and
Bernhard Reinbold, patent examiners*

Session 1 (2 hours)
15 October
14-16.00 hrs

Session 2 (2 hours)
23 October
10-12.00 hrs

Module 3 **Main takeaways, wrap-up**
*EPO tutors: Frédéric Dedek and
Sylvain Boltz, patent examiners*

6 November
14-16.00 hrs