

# The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for beginners

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## Description

This tutored course is intended for examiners from national patent offices implementing the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool and who have basic knowledge of it.

Recordings introducing the tool's functionalities, along with examples of searches, are provided to participants in advance of the virtual sessions, during which they are then discussed with EPO tutors. An online forum will enable participants to interact with each other and the tutors.

The course will focus on powerful new search options, changes to workflow which allow for more efficient searching, the advanced user interface and a new functionality that allows users to save intellectual input directly as documents.

The online course starts on 10 February 2026 and ends on 03 March 2026.

## Technical requirements

The online sessions will be held on Zoom. All times given in the programme are CET.

## Duration

5 hours of online sessions, 16 hours of self-study.

# Tuesday, 10 February 2026

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| <b>09.20</b> | <b>Zoom link activated</b>  |
| <b>09.30</b> | <b>Introduction to the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool – user interface, basic markers, views, buckets and settings</b><br><i>Sébastien Bareyt, patent examiner, EPO</i> |
| <b>11.30</b> | <b>Examples and questions from the forum, Q&amp;A</b>   |
| <b>12.00</b> | End of session  |

# Tuesday, 17 February 2026

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| <b>09.20</b> | <b>Zoom link activated</b>   |
| <b>09.30</b> | <b>Going into the details of the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool – basic operators, complex markers, classes, widgets, document viewing</b><br><i>Xavier Dauw, patent examiner, EPO</i> |
| <b>11.30</b> | <b>Examples and questions from the forum, Q&amp;A</b>  |
| <b>12.00</b> | End of session   |

# Tuesday, 24 February 2026

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| <b>09.20</b> | <b>Zoom link activated</b>  |
| <b>09.30</b> | <b>A closer look at the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for chemistry applications, advanced operators and NPL searches in this field</b><br><i>Sébastien Bareyt, patent examiner, EPO</i> |
| <b>11.30</b> | <b>Examples and questions from the forum, Q&amp;A</b>   |
| <b>12.00</b> | End of session  |

**Tuesday,  
03 March 2026**

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| <b>09.20</b> | <b>Zoom link activated</b>   |
| <b>09.30</b> | <b>A first look at some expert features of the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool – advanced operators, find similar, NPL searches and concept manager</b><br><i>Xavier Dauw, patent examiner, EPO</i> |
| <b>11.30</b> | <b>Examples and questions from the forum, Q&amp;A</b>  |
| <b>12.00</b> | End of session   |