

The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for experienced users

Programme | 29 April 2026 – 07 July 2026

Format - **Online course**

Course reference - **OV31-2026**

Level - **Intermediate level**

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Description

This tutored course is intended for examiners from national patent offices who are already familiar with the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool.

Recordings on its functionalities are made available and brief examples are provided before virtual classes and discussed during the online sessions with EPO tutors. A forum is available for further interaction between participants and with tutors.

The course focuses on powerful new search options, including an enhanced search workflow which allows for more efficient searching, the improved user interface and a new functionality allowing users to save intellectual input directly to documents.

Technical requirements

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

Duration

12 hours of online sessions and 8 hours of self-study.

Tuesday, 05 May 2026

10:20 *Zoom link activated*

10:30 **Complex classic search**

Focus on basic strategy, markers, keywords, classes, statistics

12.00 *End of session*

EPO tutors: Jens Horstmannshoff

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

10:20 *Zoom link activated*

10:30 **Advanced search strategies**

Focus on full-text vs abstract searching, concepts, query builder and reuse of elements from previous searches

12.00 *End of session*

EPO tutors: Marcin Król

Tuesday, 19 May 2026

10:20 *Zoom link activated*

10:30 **Advanced operators and widgets**

Focus on anti-proximity, ranges, special characters and combi widget

12.00 *End of session*

EPO tutors: Jean Charles Andlauer

Thursday, 11 June 2026

10:20 *Zoom link activated*

10:30 **Sessions, session templates, result sets, drawers, settings**

We will discuss sessions, session templates, results sets, drawers and settings.
The classroom will also deal with navigation between different search results
and sets in different sessions.

12.00 *End of session*

EPO tutors: Diego de la Cruz Valera

Monday,
15 June 2026

10:20	Zoom link activated
10:30	The AbS Viewer
12.00	End of session

EPO tutors: Xavier Dauw

Tuesday,
23 June 2026

10:20	Zoom link activated
10:30	Non-Boolean, ranking background, buckets off, play with markers vs highlights, weight operator, find similar We will discuss non-boolean searches, purely using the AbS score and ranking, find similar as well as providing some background on scores and ranking
12.00	End of session

EPO tutors: Pavol Hanus

Tuesday, 30 June 2026

10:20 *Zoom link activated*

10:30 **Chemistry**

Focus particularly on search strategies in the chemistry field. However, many of the features that are discussed, such as ranges and certain advanced search features, are useful for all AbS users

12.00 *End of session*

EPO tutors: Sébastien Bareyt

Tuesday, 07 July 2026

10:20 *Zoom link activated*

10:30 **NPL and WPI**

Different databases and data sources are discussed, as well as special search strategies.

12.00 *End of session*

EPO tutors: Marco Mele