

Search I: Structuring a search and defining a search strategy

06 and 19 March 2026

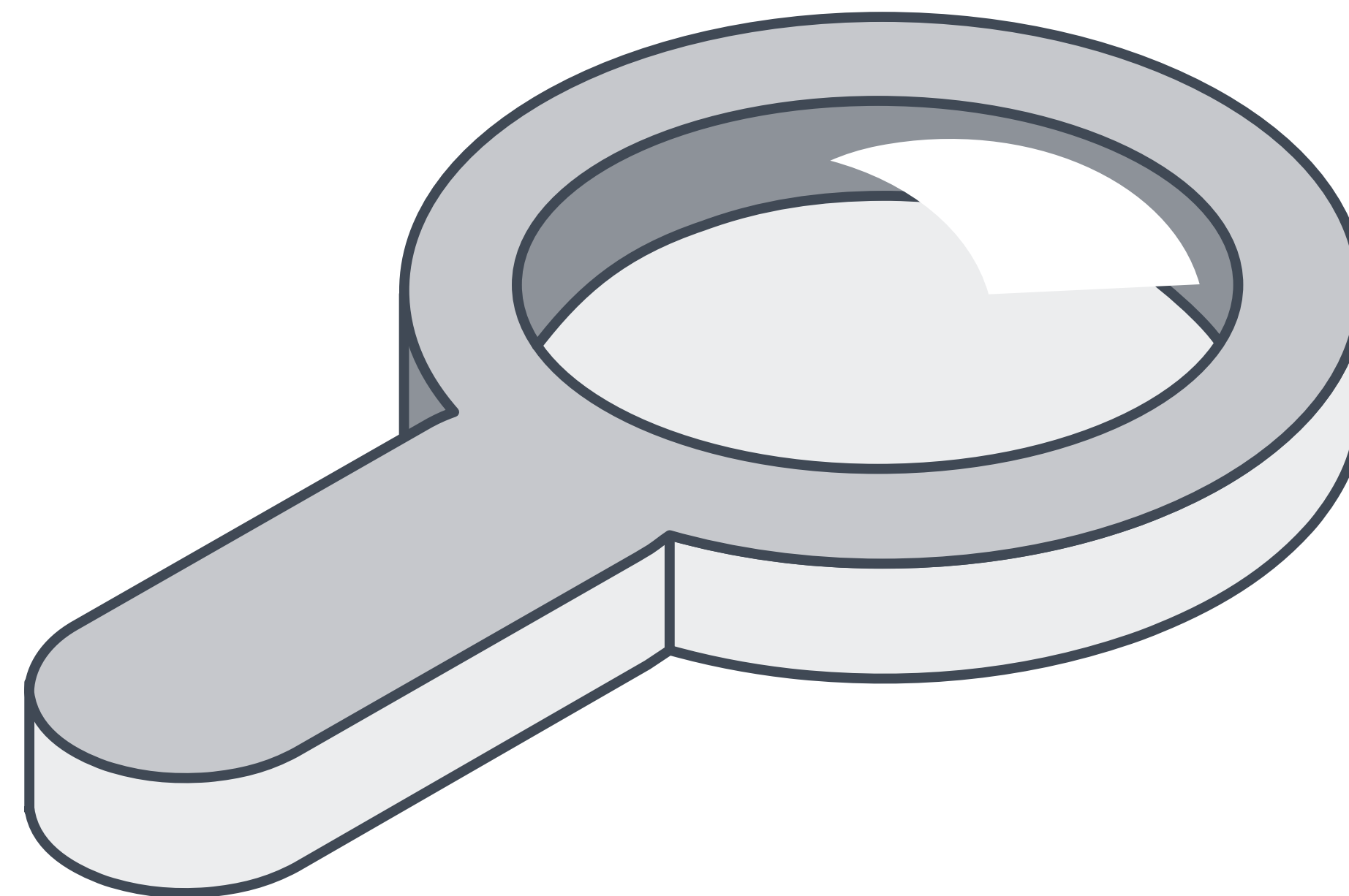
Format - **Online workshop**

Seminar reference - **OW01-2026**

Level - **Intermediate**

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Description

This workshop on search allows to leverage the several learning resources on structuring search and defining a search strategy. It will be very much practice-oriented:

Session 1: After a summary of the theoretical knowledge behind a structured search, a group exercise will be proposed and discussed, to illustrate the various aspects of the proposed methodology. As a part of the first session, the participants will be invited to prepare a case study for the second session.

Session 2: Participants will be invited to share their experience with the group. The tutors will also answer the questions posted in the forum between the two online sessions.

The workshop is not focused on a specific search tool.

Before attending the workshop, the participants will be invited to carefully study the training material that is published on the EPO website.

Participants are invited to take the complete suite of three workshops on search.
See also [OW02-2026](#) and [OW03-2026](#).

Technical requirements

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

Duration

6 hours of online sessions, 6 hours of self-study

**Wednesday,
06 March
2026**

*EPO tutors:
Sergej Polisski and Kai Hartnack*

09:20 *Zoom link activated*

09:30 **Theoretical session:**
Introduction to search strategy

10:30 *Break*

10:45 **Theoretical session:**
Building a search table

11.15 **Presentation of case studies**

12.00 *End of session*

**Wednesday,
19 March
2026**

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09:20 *Zoom link activated*

09:30 **Solutions on the case studies**
step-by-step approach

10:30 *Break*

10:45 **Q&A Session**

12.00 **Conclusion of workshop**