

# Expert workshop: Advanced topics in the chemical field

Programme | 13, 20 and 27 June 2024

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Format - **Online workshop**

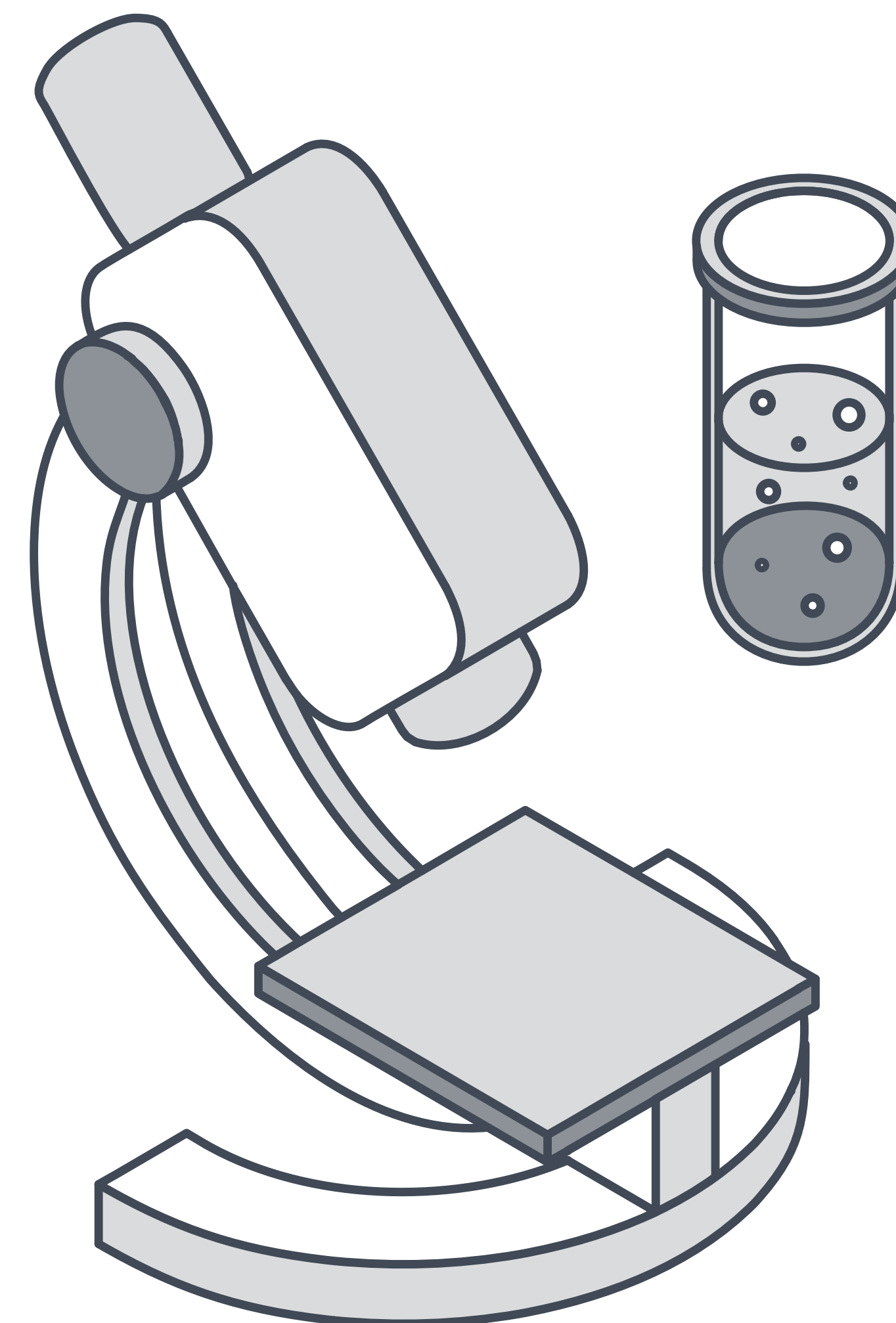
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## Description

Expert workshops are a unique platform for experts from the national patent offices of member states to interact with their peers at the EPO. Participants discuss selected cases in a technical field and compare the practices of the different national patent offices with those of the EPO. If applicable, the main decisions of the boards of appeal and the most relevant national case law are discussed from the point of view of patent examiners.

This workshop addresses topics relevant to the patentability of inventions in the chemical field at an advanced level. There will be three sessions covering the following topics:

- Session 1: particularities of assessing novelty and inventive step in chemistry: polymorphs, isotopically modified compounds and antibodies; medical use claims, second medical use claims; guidelines and relevant Boards of Appeal decisions
- Session 2: recap of the first session; presentation and discussion of study cases; aspects of clarity and sufficiency of disclosure in chemistry

- Session 3: recap of second session; presentation and discussion of study cases; patentability aspects of Markush formulae

The workshop is specific to the chemical field, but no expert knowledge is required.

Participation is open to patent examiners only.

Registered participants are invited to read the following courses ahead of the first online session:

### **Learning path for patent examiners:**

For the first session:

[Assessment of novelty](#), [Assessment of inventive step](#)

For the second session:

[Assessment of clarity](#), [Assessing sufficiency of disclosure](#)

For the second and third sessions:

[Assessment of novelty II](#)

### **Technical requirements**

The sessions will be held on Zoom.

## Thursday, 13 June

	Speakers: <i>Delphine Renard, patent examiner, EPO, and Tim Lange, patent examiner, EPO</i>		
<b>09.50</b>	<b>Zoom link activated</b>	<b>11.10</b>	<b>Key legal provisions of medical use claims</b>
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Welcome, goal setting and presentation of the speakers</b> <i>Moderator</i>	<b>11.30</b>	<b>Medical use versus cosmetic use</b>
<b>10.20</b>	<b>Novelty of polymorphs and isotopically modified compounds; inventive step assessment</b>	<b>11.50</b>	<b>Second medical use claims</b>
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>		<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>10.40</b>	<b>Novelty of antibodies; inventive step</b>	<b>12.15</b>	<b>End of session</b>
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>		
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Break</b>		

## Thursday, 20 June

Speakers:  
*Delphine Renard, patent examiner, EPO, and  
Tim Lange, patent examiner, EPO*

**09.50 Zoom link activated**

**10.00 Welcome**

**10.05 Recap of the first session**

**Q&A and possible questions from the forum**

**10.30 Presentation and discussion of study cases**

**10.50 Clarity aspects:**  
Technical term definitions, unusual  
parameters and reach-through claims

**Q&A**

**11.15 Break**

**11.25 Sufficiency of disclosure aspects:**  
Level of disclosure required for life-science  
applications, post-published evidence

**Q&A**

**12.00 End of session**

## Thursday, 27 June

Speakers:  
*Delphine Renard, patent examiner, EPO, and  
Tim Lange, patent examiner, EPO*

- 09.50** **Zoom link activated**
- 10.00** **Welcome**
- 10.05** **Main takeaways from the second session**  
**Q&A and possible questions from the forum**
- 10.30** **Presentation and discussion of study cases**
- 10.50** **Patentability aspects of Markush formulae**  
**Q&A**
- 11.15** **Break**

- 11.25** **Q&A with open questions, wrap-up,  
feedback session**
- 12.00** **End of session**