

Search III: drafting a search report and written opinion

Programme | 12 November – 9 December

Format - **Online workshop**

Course reference - **OW03-2026**

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Description

A series of three workshops cover the steps in any search phase, from structuring and defining a strategy to implementing the complete search, including classification, keyword and concept searches, as well as ending and refining the search and drafting a search report and written opinion. Each workshop consists of two sessions, with exercises and case studies to illustrate and be discussed in the group. Participants are invited to follow the complete series of three workshops on search. The workshops are not focused on a particular search tool.

See also [OW01-2026](#) and [OW02-2026](#)

Technical requirements

The online sessions will be held on Zoom; a camera and microphone are also recommended. All times given in the programme are CET.

Duration

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

Thursday,
19 November
2026

- 09:50

Zoom link activated
- 10:00

Theoretical session:
Reminder on search strategy
and complete search
Theoretical aspects of search report
and written opinion
- 11:15

Break

- 11:30

Presentation of a case study
- 12.30

End of session

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Wednesday,
02 December
2026

- 09:50 Zoom link activated
- 10:00 Solutions on the case study – step-by-step approach
- 11:15 Break

- 11:30 Q&A Session /Forum questions
- 12.30 Conclusion of workshop

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