

# Behind the scenes: search and examination

Programme | 10 – 21 June 2024

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Format - **online course**

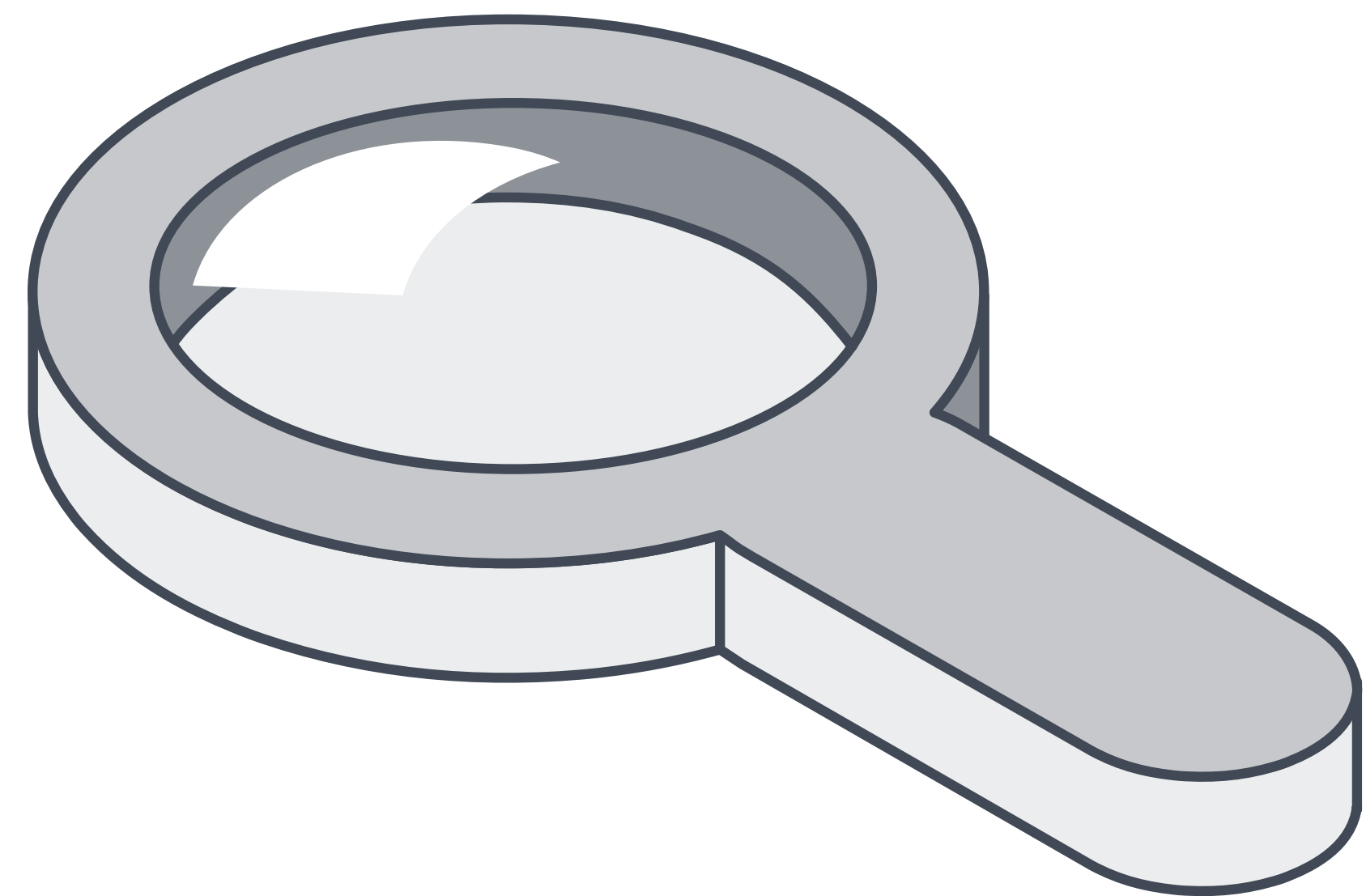
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## Description

This tutored course addresses the topics of "search and examination". It gives you the opportunity to exchange interactively with EPO examiners, who will present examples illustrating the practical application of legal texts by EPO staff in their daily work. Based on exercises, participants will gain experience of the work done by examiners such as drafting a written opinion and evaluating amendments.

The EPO tutors will discuss the exercises (assignments) in the second live session. An online forum will enable participants to interact with each other and the tutors.

The online course starts on 10 June and ends on 21 June 2024.

### **Technical requirements**

The online sessions will be held on Zoom.

### **Duration**

Three hours of online sessions plus five hours of self-study.

### **EPO team**

Moderator: *Bettina Berger, co-ordinator, European Patent Academy, EPO*

Tutors: *Franz Friedrich, patent examiner, Health, EPO*  
*Martijn Lantsheer, patent examiner, Infrastructure & mechanics, EPO*

**Monday,  
10 June**

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| <b>09.50</b> | <b>Zoom link activated</b>   |
| <b>10.00</b> | <b>Welcome</b>   |
| <b>10.05</b> | <b>Kick-off: principles of the course and introduction to tutors</b><br><i>Franz Friedrich, EPO</i><br><i>Martijn Lantsheer, EPO</i> |
| <b>10.20</b> | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| <b>10.30</b> | <b>End of session</b>  |

**Thursday,  
20 June**

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| <b>09.50</b> | <b>Zoom link activated</b>   |
| <b>10.00</b> | <b>Welcome</b>   |
| <b>10.05</b> | <b>Search phase</b><br>Discussion of the assignment<br><i>Franz Friedrich, EPO</i><br><i>Martijn Lantsheer, EPO</i>      |
| <b>11.00</b> | <b>Examination phase</b><br>Discussion of the assignment<br><i>Franz Friedrich, EPO</i><br><i>Martijn Lantsheer, EPO</i> |
| <b>12.00</b> | <b>Examples and questions from the forum and Q&amp;A</b>   |
| <b>12.30</b> | <b>End of session</b>  |