

# Taking of evidence

Programme | 7 – 25 October 2024

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Format - **online course**

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## Description

The taking of evidence, such as the hearing of witnesses or inspection of an object, can be fundamental for proceedings before the EPO. EPO lawyers, EPO examiners and patent attorneys will guide participants through the steps needed to take evidence properly, including practical examples and a mock witness hearing in oral proceedings.

An online forum will enable participants to interact with each other and the tutors.

The online course starts on 7 October and ends on 25 October 2024.

### Technical requirements

The online sessions will be held on Zoom.

### Duration

Five hours of online sessions plus ten hours of self-study.

### Experts

Karen Engelen, patent examiner, Coatings, EPO  
Britta Kley, lawyer, Patent Law and Processes, EPO  
Valentina Morra, patent examiner, Metallurgy, EPO  
Sebastian Strych, professional representative, epi  
Katarzyna Walert, lawyer, Patent Law and Processes, EPO

## Monday, 7 October

**12.00**    **Opening of the online course.**  
Participants are requested to work on the self-study material provided in the course in preparation of the online sessions.

**11.45**    **Examples and questions from the forum, Q&A**

**12.00**    **End of session**

## Thursday, 17 October

**9.50**    **Zoom link activated**

**10.00**    **Welcome**

**10.05**    **Discussion of exercises**

- hearing witnesses
- evaluation of evidence and assessing its probative value
- taking of evidence by sample inspections

*Karen Engelen, EPO*

*Britta Kley, EPO*

*Valentina Morra, EPO*

*Sebastian Strych, patent attorney, epi*

# Thursday, 24 October

- 9.50**     **Zoom link activated**
- 10.00**     **Welcome**
- 10.05**     **Mock oral proceedings involving a hearing  
of witnesses**  
*Karen Engelen, EPO*  
*Britta Kley, EPO*  
*Valentina Morra, EPO*  
*Marko Schauwecker, EPO*  
*Katarzyna Walert, EPO*  
*Sebastian Strych, patent attorney, epi*
- 12.45**     **Examples and questions from the forum,  
Q&A**
- 13.00**     **End of session**