



# Training catalogue 2025

European Patent Academy



# Foreword

At the European Patent Office (EPO) we are committed to fostering innovation, competitiveness, and economic growth by providing efficient and high-quality patent services. Education plays a fundamental role in lifting the level of knowledge amongst patent professionals and users, as well as improving access to the system for underrepresented groups.

For over twenty years, the European Patent Academy has been delivering IP education on patents, and patent-related matters, to audiences across the EPO's member states and beyond. Through its products, the European Patent Academy seeks to cater to the training needs of the many thousands of patent professionals around the globe and to attract new audiences, helping them to upskill their patent knowledge.

This central mission of the Academy forms the basis of the 2025 catalogue, which is also guided by the sustainability goal enshrined in the EPO's Strategic Plan 2028. The catalogue is a testament to the EPO's commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and directly addresses SDG 4 on providing inclusive, quality, and lifelong learning for all. In its wider impact the delivered training contributes to other key SDGs on health, the environment, energy, water, industry, innovation, and economic growth.

The structure of the catalogue seeks to best represent the patent and innovation cycle and is divided into four areas: patent granting, patent information, technology transfer and patent litigation. The comprehensive offering features a wide range of online tutored activities, open courses for self-paced learning, as well as enhanced e-learning methodologies.

Based on feedback from our member states, new training in 2025 focuses on the Unitary Patent package, the challenges posed by quantum computing and artificial intelligence, the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool and the use of EPO patent data, services, and analysis tools. It also includes dedicated training for European patent attorneys and paralegals to support their continuous professional education, and support candidates in their preparation for the new EQE and EPAC. Training in litigation aimed at judges and lawyers further promotes the harmonisation of court practices in Europe and of UPC litigation and case law.

To ensure wider impact, the catalogue includes technology transfer, professional accreditation, and train-the-trainer opportunities to support national patent offices (NPOs) and PATLIB centres. There are also dedicated courses that seek to support underrepresented groups such as SMEs, startups, and universities in managing their IP assets.

As part of our wider efforts to engage with students and the next generation of inventors, the Modular Intellectual Property Education Framework (MIPEF) will continue to expand, offering new courses and covering more universities in co-operation with the Pan-European

Seal Programme (EPO-EUIPO). The Knowledge Transfer to Africa (KT2A) initiative will also grow further, offering more training, twinning, and mentoring activities. New training products will be developed in the course of 2025 to support member states in raising awareness of innovation and intellectual property among children and young people.

Finally, I would like to underline the importance of co-operation in the delivery of this catalogue and its training offer. Guided by SDG17, collaboration with NPOs and stakeholders, including judges, lawyers, universities, and businesses, has been essential for its development. In a similar way, the trainings detailed within its pages would not be possible without the valuable contributions made by our EPO patent examiners and experts.

In that spirit, my thanks go to all those who continue to contribute to our training programmes. Your valuable input plays a vital role in providing high quality IP education to users worldwide. Together we can empower our inventors with patent knowledge, better equip them to bring technology to market and, by doing so, help build a more sustainable future.



**António Campinos**  
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of the EPO

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# Training areas and activities

The European Patent Academy aims to provide quality education in a sustainable and efficient manner.

European Patent Academy training is structured in four areas: patent granting, patent information, technology transfer and patent litigation. These areas correspond to the life of a patent from the invention and the process of granting a patent, to its subsequent enforcement and exploitation in the market.

Training activities in each area can be freely followed by anyone. The only exceptions are, most notably, the training activities for national patent offices, for PATLIB centres, and specific activities aimed at judges.

The training presented in this catalogue provides a comprehensive training offer, relying on the expertise of EPO examiners and experts, as well as on partnerships with several professional associations and other public institutions. To accommodate the needs of diverse and global audiences and provide the best learning experience, the Academy continuously diversifies its training formats ensuring that more learning resources are available and constantly updated in the e-learning centre.

The EPO provides several types of educational activities scheduled to take place throughout the year: conferences, courses, lectures, seminars and workshops. These facilitate different levels of tutoring

and interaction between participants and training partners. The type of activity chosen for each training is based on the learning objectives, the audience, the duration and the nature of the learning contents, as well as on the level of expertise of the participants.

Additionally, a variety of open courses and resources are available 24/7 in the Academy e-learning centre. Several learning paths are available online to offer guided learning to specific audiences. Click [here](#) to learn more.

For a full overview of Academy's training offer, visit our e-learning centre at [e-courses.epo.org/](https://e-courses.epo.org/)

## Legend Audiences

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-  NPOs (EX, FO)
  -  Attorneys (paralegals)
  -  PATLIB
  -  Universities (Researchers, students ...)
  -  TTO, Business
  -  Judges, lawyers
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With its training, the European Patent Office contributes to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), for achieving a better and more sustainable future. Particularly, SDG 4 aimed at ensuring inclusive, equitable education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. Specific training activities in the Academy's catalogue also contribute to other SDGs such as health (SDG 3), the environment (SDG 12), energy (SDG 7), water (SDG 6), industry and innovation (SDG 9), as well as economic growth (SDG 8). To achieve these goals, the Academy collaborates and partners with several professional and public organisms, strengthening institutions and contributing to further development worldwide (SDGs 16 and 17).



# PATENT GRANTING

The patent granting training area offers learning activities on substantive, legal and procedural aspects of the patent granting process at the EPO; from the filing of the application to the granting of a patent, including opposition and appeal, and covering patenting issues specific to certain technical fields.

















This area addresses the training needs of two main audiences: national patent office (NPO) personnel

(patent examiners and formalities officers), and patent attorneys and paralegals.

Training for national patent offices is available only to national examiners and NPO staff. However, some of the sessions in the patenting seminar series are available to national examiners and patent attorneys. Training aimed at patent attorneys is mostly available to the public and for general enrolment.



# Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Conference	iLearn together	Q2-Q3
	Course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for beginners	Q1
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	Seminar	Update on recent decisions of the Boards of Appeal	Q2
	Seminar	Becoming an ANSERA-based SEARCH tool trainer	Q3
	Seminar	Amendments	Q3-Q4
 	Seminar	Advanced topics on AI	Q3-Q4

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
■	Workshop	Search I: structuring a search and defining a search strategy	Q1
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■	Workshop	Computer-implemented inventions: computer programs	Q2
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■	Workshop	Design an ANSERA-based SEARCH training programme	Q1, Q4
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# National Patent Offices





# Conferences



## iLearn together

Advanced level

Reference OC01-2025

Conference I Online I Q2-Q3, 6 hr(s)

The iLearn together days are a venue for NPOs and EPO professionals to share best practices and knowledge on topical subjects directly related to their work. The series is open to both EPO and non-EPO patent examiners, formalities officers and personnel.

Participants can choose to attend all or selected sessions, depending on the subjects addressed and their areas of interest. Each session is typically about one hour, and the whole conference lasts a full day.

[Further information](#)



# Patenting seminars

The patenting seminars comprise short technical online courses about one specific aspect of substantive examination or search. Each includes up to three complementary seminars, and comprises two online sessions: a theoretical session followed by a practical one. The two sessions are usually about one week apart, during which participants and experts can interact via a dedicated forum.

Registration is open for the complete series or for individual seminars.

The first session of each seminar is open to patent examiners and patent attorneys, while the second is reserved for patent examiners only.

## Novelty in the fields of chemistry, pharmacy and biotechnology

Advanced level

Reference OS01-2025

Seminar I Online I Q1-Q2, 24 hr(s)

The patenting seminars on novelty focus on the advanced challenges of assessing the novelty of an invention in the following fields:

- February: the first seminar of this series looks at particular chemical compounds, such as polymorphic and isotopic forms, Markush claims and sub-selections.
- March: the second seminar will focus on the pharmaceutical field: clinical studies and novelty, second medical use, dosage regimen and new clinical situation.
- April: the third seminar will focus on novelty challenges that arise in the context of biotechnological inventions: novelty of antibodies, experimental evidence, novelty of biological material, sufficiency of disclosure.

[Further information](#)

## Patenting semiconductor technologies

Advanced level

Reference OS02-2025

Seminar I Online I Q3-Q4, 24 hr(s)

The patenting seminars on patenting semiconductor technologies consist of three seminars:

- September: the first seminar is on patenting topics of general interest: classification (CPC), assessing inventive step, key decisions of the Boards of Appeal.
- October: the second seminar will focus on design aspects: assembling, packaging, power management and technologies supporting intense memory operations.
- November: the third seminar will discuss patent applications related to the material underlying the semiconductors technologies: graphene and related two-dimensional (2-D) materials, integration of 2-D materials with silicon technology and compound semiconductors made of chemicals.

[Further information](#)



## Seminar series on Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)

Intermediate level

Reference OS20-2025

Reference OS21-2025

Reference OS22-2025

Reference OS23-2025

Reference OS24-2025

Reference OS25-2025

Seminar I Online I Q2, 28 hr(s)

The Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) seminar series is intended for patent examiners with some experience of using the CPC scheme who wish to improve their skills in specific selected fields. The six fields covered by the seminar series will be announced closer to the date, and two online sessions are planned for each seminar.

[Further information](#)

## Other seminars and workshops

Seminars and workshops on a variety of topics are offered to enhance the level of practical knowledge and expertise. These are delivered under the supervision of EPO tutors. In addition to the live sessions organised as part of these activities, participants must study the training material provided and do the tests and assignments identified for each activity.

## Clarity and sufficiency of disclosure

Intermediate level

Reference OS03-2025

Seminar I Online I Q2, 22 hr(s)

This seminar covers clarity and sufficiency of disclosure, with an emphasis on practical examples and exercises. It comprises three units:

- Unit 1: clarity
- Unit 2: sufficiency of disclosure
- Unit 3: advanced examples

Two online sessions are scheduled for each unit. Additionally, participants must study the training material on a self-paced basis and take a quiz at the end of each unit.

[Further information](#)



## Update on recent decisions of the Boards of Appeal

Intermediate level

Reference OS10-2025  
Seminar I Online I Q2, 4 hr(s)

This seminar offers a unique opportunity for participants to engage with members of the EPO Boards of Appeal on selected case-law highlights.

[Further information](#)

## Amendments

Intermediate level

Reference OS07-2025  
Seminar I Online I Q3-Q4, 24 hr(s)

This seminar aims to confront participants with practical exercises on amendments. It comprises three units:

- Unit 1: the right to amend, the content of an application as filed, admissibility of amendments, compliance of amendments with other EPC requirements and extending the scope of protection
- Unit 2: the various types of amendments: adding, replacing or removing features, generalisation and amending the description
- Unit 3: particular aspects of amendments: ranges, amendments derived from drawings and the Article 123(2)/123(3) EPC trap

For each unit, participants must study the training material available in the classroom. A brief summary of the main theoretical aspects will be given during the first online session of each module and be illustrated with examples. The second online session will be dedicated to discussing examples and specific cases.

[Further information](#)

## Mastering exclusions from and exceptions to patentability

Advanced level

Reference OW02-2025  
Workshop I Online I Q2, 9 hr(s)

Participants will be confronted with various situations where the non-patentability of a claim needs a detailed assessment. After a general review of the legal provisions of the EPC, participants will be split into groups to review particular cases that are specific to technical fields, in particular:

- how to assess the technical effect of a feature for a computer-implemented invention (first hurdle). Examples will be discussed from various technical sub-fields (business methods, POI/GUI, mathematics, game rules)
- non-patentable biotechnological inventions and methods of treatment of the human body

An insight into rights for IP other than patents will also be given (traditional knowledge, the UPOV Convention). The workshop consists of two online sessions and active study of learning materials.

[Further information](#)



# Computer-implemented inventions (CIIs) and artificial intelligence (AI)

The term computer-implemented inventions (CII) covers claims which involve computers, computer networks or other programmable apparatus where at least one feature is realised by means of a program. Technologies related to quantum computing and artificial intelligence/machine learning, allowing computer programs to perform tasks and solve problems at high speed, are also included in this section.

## Computer-implemented inventions (CIIs)

Entry level

Reference OV01-2025

Course I Online I Q2, 32 hr(s)

This course addresses the following topics:

- assessing the patentability of CIIs
- the technical effect of a claim feature
- the method for assessing inventive step of CIIs
- business methods: patentability and inventive step

Participants will have access to self-learning modules and resources. Every two weeks, online two-hour tutored sessions are scheduled to answer questions that participants may have and to illustrate the main concepts studied with examples. Four online sessions (morning/afternoon) are organised, one for each of the topics listed above.

Following the self-learning phase and before each online session, participants must take a quiz to assess their learning progress.

[Further information](#)





## Computer-implemented inventions (CIIs): computer programs

Advanced level

Reference OW04-2025

Workshop I Online I Q2, 12 hr(s)

This workshop will focus on the assessment of inventive step for inventions claimed in computer programs. The workshop consists of two online sessions. Prior to these, participants must study the training material available on the EPO website and take a quiz.

[Further information](#)

## Advanced topics on AI

Advanced level

Reference OS05-2025

Seminar I Online I Q3-Q4, 12 hr(s)

This seminar comprises two online sessions on AI of three hours each, devoted to examining:

- The general challenges of AI-related patent applications and legal updates
- Practices and procedures related to assessing AI-related patent applications

In addition to the two online sessions, participants and experts can interact via a dedicated forum. The first online session is open to patent examiners and patent attorneys, while the second is reserved for patent examiners only.

[Further information](#)

## AI applied to medical science and technology

Intermediate level

Reference OW06-2025

Workshop I Online I Q4, 12 hr(s)

This workshop addresses the challenges of patenting AI-implemented inventions in the field of medical science and medical technologies:

- classification mix
- patentability
- inventive step

The workshop consists of two online sessions prior to which participants must study the training material available on the EPO website and take a quiz.

[Further information](#)



# ANSERA-based SEARCH tool

The Academy provides the training programme on the ANSERA based SEARCH tool with a course for beginners, followed by two courses for advanced users as well as train-the-trainers activities for national patent offices wishing to develop their own **training capacities**.

## The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for beginners

Entry level

Reference OV30-2025  
Course I Online I Q1, 21 hr(s)

This course is intended for examiners from national patent offices implementing the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool and who have basic knowledge of it.

Recordings introducing the tool's functionalities and example searches are provided to participants in advance and discussed during online sessions with EPO tutors. In addition, an online forum enables participants to interact with each other and the tutors. The course focuses on powerful new search options, changes to workflows which allow for more efficient searching, the advanced user interface and a new functionality that allows users to save intellectual input directly as documents.

[Further information](#)

## The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for experienced users

Advanced level

Reference OV31-2025  
Course I Online I Q2, 20 hr(s)

This tutored course is intended for examiners from national patent offices who are already familiar with the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool.

Before the online sessions, recordings on its functionalities are made available and brief examples are provided. These are then discussed during the online sessions with EPO tutors. A forum is offered for further interaction among participants and with the tutors.

The course focuses on powerful new search options, the workflow change which allows for more efficient searching, the advanced user interface and a new functionality that allows users to save intellectual input directly to documents.

[Further information](#)



## Mastering the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool in specific technical fields

Advanced level

Reference OV33-2025

Course I Online I Q4, 20 hr(s)

This tutored course is intended for examiners from national patent offices who are already familiar with the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool. It looks at the particularities of the tool when performing searches in specific technical fields, for example computer-implemented inventions and chemistry (with a focus on pharmacy). The exact fields will be announced closer to the date. A forum will be offered for further interaction among participants and with the tutors.

[Further information](#)

## Becoming an ANSERA-based SEARCH tool trainer

Advanced level

Reference OS34-2025

Seminar I Online I Q3, 14 hr(s)

Participants in this seminar will be trained to become trainers on the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool in their offices. The seminar will comprise three online sessions:

- one session focusing on the essential advanced features of the tool
- one session addressing search efficiency and methodology
- one session on exercising the soft skills of a trainer

Participation in the seminar is subject to a successful acceptance test. Candidates should have attended at least the entry level course on the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool.

[Further information](#)

## Design an ANSERA-based SEARCH training programme

Advanced level

Reference OW16-2025

Reference OW17-2025

Workshop I On-site (tbc) I Q1, Q4, 12 hr(s) each

This on-site training course comprises a plenary session and three to four parallel sessions, over two days. In the plenary the focus will be on the essential advanced features of the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool, updates, search efficiency and methodology, and the EPO practice of running continuous training, including cases and exercises.

In the workshops participants will work on designing and developing their own training concepts, adjusted to the needs of their offices (more generic or specialised), together with an implementation plan. This workshop is intended for training specialists of national patent offices intending to implement in-house training on the tool.

[Further information](#)



# Workshops on search

The search phase is the cornerstone of the patent granting process: from structuring and defining a strategy, to implementing it, and drafting a search report and a written opinion. A series of three workshops covers the steps in any search phase.

## Search I: structuring a search and defining a search strategy

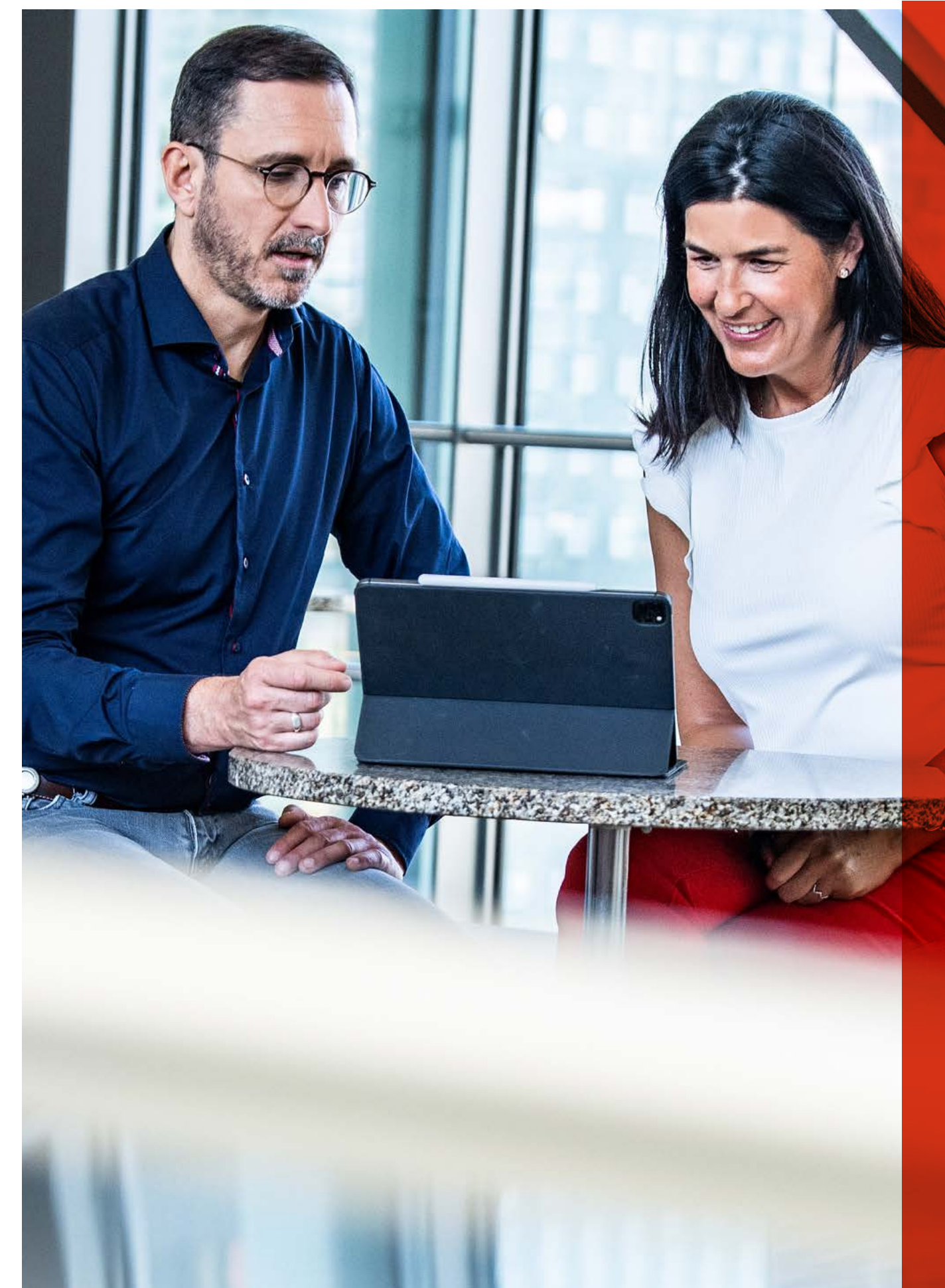
Intermediate level

Reference OW01-2025

Workshop I Online I Q1, 12 hr(s)

This workshop consists of self-paced study of learning materials and two practice-oriented online sessions on how to define and structure a search strategy. In the first session group exercises are proposed and discussed. After the first session participants process one of their own searches, step by step, and subsequently share their learning experience in the second session. Tutors supervise the learning process and answer any questions posted in a forum between the two online sessions.

[Further information](#)





## Search II: implementing a complete search

Intermediate level

Reference OW03-2025

Workshop I Online I Q3, 12 hr(s)

This workshop consists of self-paced study of learning materials and two practice-oriented online sessions on how to implement a complete search. In the first session group exercises will be proposed and discussed to illustrate complete implementation of a pre-defined search strategy: classification search, keyword search, concepts search, and ending and refining the search. After the first session participants will process one of their own searches using this methodology step by step and subsequently share their experience in the second session. Tutors will supervise the learning process and answer questions posted in a forum between the two online sessions.

[Further information](#)

## Search III: drafting a search report and a written opinion; re-using EPO work products

Intermediate level

Reference OW05-2025

Workshop I Online I Q4, 12 hr(s)

The last workshop on search focuses on how to draft a search report and a written opinion. It too will consist of self-paced study of learning materials and two practice-oriented online sessions. In the first session group exercises will be proposed and discussed to illustrate the drafting of a search report and a first written opinion. After the first session participants will process one of their own searches using this methodology step by step and subsequently share their experience in the second session. Group exercises will also be proposed in the second session to retrieve corresponding EPO work products in public EPO databases. Tutors will supervise the learning process and answer any questions posted in a forum between the two online sessions.

[Further information](#)

# Exchange platforms on patenting procedures

Exchange platforms are reserved for the national patent offices (NPOs) of member states. They aim to facilitate exchange of information and dissemination of knowledge on the latest developments in patenting practices and procedures.

The exchanges focus on a specific technical field agreed in consultation between the Academy and the NPOs concerned. Previous platforms have covered topics of interest to NPOs as AI and metaverse inventions, Markush claims, wind turbines and CII, and drilling technology and CII. Platforms are organised as online workshops lasting six to eight hours and their format is generally as follows:

- Day 1: exchange between NPO examiners and their peers at the EPO on patenting practices in a specific technical field.
- Day 2: a public event aimed at raising user awareness of European and national patent practices and procedures in the specific technical field.



# Patent Attorneys





# Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
■	Conference	Search & Examination Matters 2025	Q1
■	Conference	Opposition Matters 2025	Q3
■	Course	Training for the EQE Paper F	Q3-Q4
■	Course	Training for EPAC candidates	Q1-Q3
■	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in the medical field	Q1
■	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in additive manufacturing	Q1
■	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in quantum computing (super computers)	Q2
■	Lecture series	PCT at the EPO (3 lectures: French, German and English)	Q2
■	Lecture series	Guidelines2day (6 lectures)	Q1-Q3
■	Lecture	Novelty in the fields of chemistry, pharmacy and biotechnology	Q1-Q2
■	Lecture	UP in practice with users	Q2
■	Lecture	Registers at the EPO	Q1
■	Lecture	PCT for paralegals and patent agents	Q2



Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
■	Seminar series	Practice at the EPO: search and examination	Q2
■	Seminar series	Practice at the EPO: opposition and appeal	Q3-Q4
■	Workshop	Taking of evidence	Q1
■	Workshop	Oral proceedings in opposition at the EPO	Q2
■	Workshop	Patenting computer-implemented inventions	Q4



## Search and Examination Matters 2025

Intermediate level

Reference PC01-2025

Conference I Online I Q1, 12 hr(s)

The Search and Examination Matters conference will emphasise quality in the patent granting process with a focus on practical tools, procedures and actions that ensure quality at every stage from search to examination. Participants will gain insights into how the EPO maintains high standards through quality at source, advanced tools and expert examiner practices.

The conference will showcase the critical aspects of quality in the patent process and how the EPO upholds its commitment to excellence in the patent granting process.

This conference is organised in co-operation with the epi.

[Further information](#)

## Opposition Matters 2025

Advanced level

Reference PC02-2025

Conference I Online I Q3, 15 hr(s)

Opposition Matters is the EPO's key event for professional users to keep abreast of the latest and most relevant developments in opposition proceedings.

With EPO examiners and lawyers presenting alongside senior European patent attorneys, participants will hear about the best practices they have derived from years of opposition experience. Panel discussions and presentations given by various presenters will give participants direct insight into the work involved in opposition proceedings from several viewpoints.

This conference is organised in co-operation with the epi.

[Further information](#)

## PCT at the EPO

Intermediate level

[Reference PL81-2025 \(French\)](#)

[Reference PL82-2025 \(German\)](#)

[Reference PL83-2025 \(English\)](#)

**Lecture I Online I Q2, 2 hr(s)**

This lecture provides the latest updates on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) procedure at the EPO as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated Office. An EPO team of PCT experts will provide information relevant to PCT users, including the latest PCT developments.

The lecture in French is organised in co-operation with the CNCPI. The lectures in German and English are organised in co-operation with the epi.

[Further information](#)



## UP in practice with users

Intermediate level

Reference PL97-2025

Lecture I Online I Q2, 2 hr(s)

Two years have passed since the launch of the Unitary Patent (UP) system and the EPO is offering a refresher on the procedure for obtaining UP protection and other related UP services available to the user community. This lecture will include practical information as well as insights on practice at the EPO UP Division.

[Further information](#)

## Registers at the EPO

Intermediate level

Reference PL98-2025

Lecture I Online I Q1, 1.5 hr(s)

The EP Register is continually being improved and simplified as part of the range of services offered by the EPO to professional representatives and applicants. This lecture will provide an overview of the register's functions, highlight recent updates, and offer practical information and insights into practices at the Legal Division.

[Further information](#)

## PCT for paralegals and patent agents

Intermediate level

Reference PL86-2025

Lecture I Online I Q2, 1.5 hr(s)

This lecture aims to update paralegals and patent agents with a role in administering the PCT procedure on the latest developments.

[Further information](#)



# Tackling the Future lecture series

This lecture series is addressed to patent professionals seeking to gain deeper insight into the challenges faced when patenting cross-field inventions, combining technologies from several different technological fields. Selected technological fields are chosen to illustrate this new development.

## Cross-field inventions in the medical field

Intermediate level

Reference PL70-2025

Lecture I Online I Q1, 1.5 hr(s)

[Further information](#)





## Cross-field inventions in additive manufacturing

Intermediate level

Reference PL71-2025

Lecture I Online I Q1, 1.5 hr(s)

[Further information](#)

## Cross-field inventions in quantum computing (super computers)

Intermediate level

Reference PL72-2025

Lecture I Online I Q2, 1.5 hr(s)

[Further information](#)

## Lecture series: Guidelines2day

Intermediate level

Reference PL91-2025

Reference PL92-2025

Reference PL93-2025

Reference PL94-2025

Reference PL95-2025

Reference PL96-2025

Lecture I Online I Q2-Q3, 1 hr each

This series consists of several lectures providing an overview of updates to the Guidelines for Examination and other relevant developments in patent-granting procedures. The speakers are lawyers and administrators from the EPO's Patent Law Directorate.

The lectures deal with the most important changes to the Guidelines, e.g. legal changes to support digital transformation, the Unitary Patent, changes related to fees, the representatives' area in MyEPO and case law on changes in the Guidelines, etc.

[Further information](#)



# Practice at the EPO seminar series

This series provides insight into the various procedures before the EPO and their application in daily practice. The seminars aim to illustrate how examiners tackle challenging searches and how a division reaches a consensus on proposing a patent grant or refusing a patent application. The events will also enhance participants' comprehension of how decisions are made in opposition and appeal proceedings by examiners and Boards of Appeal members.

## Practice at the EPO seminar series: search and examination

Intermediate level

Reference PS10-2025

Seminar I Online I Q2, 8 hr(s)

The first seminar addresses the topics of search and examination and provides an opportunity for an interactive dialogue with EPO examiners, who will present examples to illustrate the practical application of legal texts by EPO staff in their daily work. Participants will have the opportunity to experience what the work of an examiner really involves.

The seminar will end with live sessions and a discussion forum.

[Further information](#)

## Practice at the EPO seminar series: opposition and appeal

Advanced level

Reference PS11-2025

Seminar I Online I Q3-Q4, 10 hr(s)

The second seminar will address the topics of opposition and appeal and provide an opportunity to interact with experienced EPO examiners in opposition, as well as with members of the Boards of Appeal.

The seminar will end with live sessions and a discussion forum.

[Further information](#)

## Oral proceedings in opposition at the EPO

Advanced level

Reference PW30-2025

Workshop I Online I Q2, 30 hr(s)

This workshop is for professional representatives seeking to learn how to present a case in the most effective way in front of an opposition division. A trainer with a background in acting, experienced patent attorneys and senior examiners with many years of experience in oral proceedings will guide participants through a range of hearings. Mock oral proceedings designed to let attendees experience different events in real time in a variety of roles (opposition division, proprietor or opponent), along with preparatory documentation provided in advance, will allow participants to put the presentation skills they have acquired into practice.

Basic experience in oral proceedings is recommended. This is an advanced workshop and is not suitable for trainees.

This workshop is organised in collaboration with the epi.

[Further information](#)

## Taking of evidence

Advanced level

Reference PW20-2025

Workshop I Online I Q1, 17 hr(s)

Taking of evidence, such as hearing witnesses or inspecting 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.

[Further information](#)

## Patenting computer-implemented inventions (CII)

Intermediate level

Reference PW40-2025

Workshop I Online I Q4, 17 hr(s)

This workshop offers an opportunity to explore the relationship between CII and business methods, game rules, mathematics (including AI) and the presentation of information/graphical user interfaces. It includes learning modules, exercises and interaction with tutors, who will guide participants from essential concepts and principles underlying patents to specific topics related to patenting CII and the associated difficulties. The workshop is for those already familiar with the concepts underlying patenting CII who would like to refresh their familiarity with the essentials and deepen their knowledge of the field by exploring particular topics.







[Further information](#)



# Other seminars for patent attorneys:

The following seminars designed for examiners at national patent offices are also available to patent attorneys:

Each of these seminars consists of two online sessions. The first is open to patent examiners and patent attorneys; the second is reserved for patent examiners only. For more information, see the section on national patent offices.

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Patenting seminars	Novelty in the fields of chemistry, pharmacy, and biotechnology (OS01-2025) 24 hr(s)	Q1-Q2
 	Patenting seminars	Patenting semiconductor technologies (OS02-2025) 24 hr(s)	Q3-Q4
 	Seminar	Advanced topics on AI (OS11-2025) 12 hr(s)	Q3-Q4

# Courses

Two tutored courses provide support in preparing for EPO qualification and certification: the European qualifying examination (EQE) to represent applicants in EPO proceedings and the European patent administration certification (EPAC) for paralegals, patent administrators and formalities officers. The Life of a Patent course is also organised by the epi, with the support of EPO, and is open to the public.

## Training for the EQE Paper F

Intermediate level

Reference PV01-2025

Course I Online I Q3-Q4, 180 hr(s)

This is a six-month, online course for EQE Paper F that offers a blended e-learning experience, including introductory videos, in-depth articles, mock questions based on the real examination and in-depth case studies. There are several hundred pages of training materials altogether, plus quizzes and online sessions on the topics covered by the foundation paper.

Course participants will have access to epi tutors from around Europe, who will be available via a discussion forum to answer exam-related queries. Interaction with tutors also takes place during regular online sessions. These are recorded and uploaded to the course virtual space, so participants can watch them at any time.

[Further information](#)

## Training for EPAC candidates

Intermediate level

Reference PV03-2025

Course I Online I Q1-Q3, 64 hr(s)

The syllabus of the European patent administration certification (EPAC) comprises five modules, in addition to a module on UP/UPC which runs alongside the other five. Support for candidates is provided in the form of a course over five months. Each module includes a self-learning phase of approximately two weeks, a first online session where EPO tutors summarise the main takeaways and a second online session approximately one week later to answer any remaining questions. Self-assessment tests are available at the end of each module.

The course is in English, but participants can interact with the tutors in French and German.

[Further information](#)



# Activities organised by the epi with the support of EPO

Each year, the epi organises training activities for its members and IP professionals in general. Just as the epi contributes to EPO events, so the EPO also contributes to epi activities by providing experts and e-learning methodology.

For details of these EPO-supported activities, visit the [epi website](#).

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Seminar	PS12-2025	Case Law of the Boards of Appeal of the EPO	Advanced	8 hr(s)	Q4
Seminar	PS20-2025	Procedural aspects of appeal proceedings	Intermediate	5 hr(s)	Q1
Course	PV02-2025	Life of a patent	Entry	25 hr(s)	Q2



# PATENT INFORMATION

Training around patent information is devoted to the use of EPO online products, services and data for research and business purposes. The training in this area is relevant for a wide range of audiences, from national patent offices and PATLIB centres, to patent attorneys, economic agents, IP managers and policymakers,

and will support them in making the best use of the patent system. Patent information can also be used as a strategic source of business information based on technical developments able to provide unique market insights.



# Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Lecture	Searching in Espacenet	Q1
	Lecture	The European and the Unitary Patent Register: where to find what?	Q1
	Lecture	Patent Families and beyond: how to uncover all interrelated patents and applications	Q2
	Lecture	INPADOC Lecture series: The Unitary Patent Protection legal events in INPADOC: detailed event codes descriptions, statistics and latest additions. Latest news from INPADOC	Q2
	Lecture	INPADOC Lecture series: Legal event codes from Asia in INPADOC – newest changes and additions	Q2
	Lecture	INPADOC Lecture series: Show, don't tell: What can the visualisation of INPADOC legal event codes and categories teach us?	Q4
	Lecture	INPADOC Lecture series: INPADOC worldwide legal event data: What are legal events and how can users benefit from this source of information?	Q2
	Lecture	INPADOC Lecture series: How to make best use of the INPADOC tables on data coverage and event codes published on the EPO Website?	Q4
	Open course	Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP)	Q1
	Open course	Introduction to Patent Information	Q2
	Open course	Legal Interactive Platform	Q2
	Open course	Patent information retrieval: Essentials (using Espacenet)	Q4

## The European and the Unitary Patent Registers: where to find what

### Entry level

#### Reference KL01-2025

#### Lecture I Online I Q1, 1 hr(s)

This lecture explores the different European patent (EP) and Unitary Patent (UP) Register sections and take a close look at the data displayed, with a particular emphasis on Unitary Patent data.

#### Further information

[European Patent Register | epo.org](https://www.epo.org)

[Unitary Patent information in patent knowledge | epo.org](https://www.epo.org)

## Searching in Espacenet

#### Reference KL09 -2025

#### Lecture I Online I Q1, 1 hr(s)

Get started with Espacenet – learn basic functions, including how to build a query and download the results. The EPO provides access to the largest single source of technical information in the world: our databases contain millions of patent documents. This allows you to see what already exists, find out about technical aspects of your competitors' work or spot trends in technology. These lectures will teach you how to understand patent documentation, as well as how to effectively search in Espacenet. You will also learn how to find and understand legal status and event information in the Register and Espacenet.

#### Further information

## Patent families and beyond: how to uncover all interrelated patents and applications

### Intermediate level

#### Reference KL06-2025

#### Lecture I Online I Q2, 1 hr(s)

An adequate patent search to uncover all interrelated patents and applications is paramount to improving the chances of obtaining a patent.

The lecture introduces the general concept of patent families and the way they are used at the EPO for Espacenet and other products or services. Examples and case studies illustrate how they are created and how they can be interpreted by patent information users.

Beyond patent families are other closely interrelated patents and patent applications. This lecture presents simple but effective techniques which anyone can apply, using inventor names to retrieve related applications and scientific articles at the pre-search stage based on techniques commonly used at the EPO.

#### Further information



# INPADOC lecture series

## Unitary Patent protection legal events in INPADOC: detailed event code descriptions, statistics and latest additions

### Entry level

#### Reference KL02-2025

#### Lecture I Online I Q2, 1 hr(s)

The legal event codes related to the Unitary Patent system were created when the system started in 2023. In a joint project with the Unitary Patent Division, the code description has been revised and more comprehensive explanations have been added. This lecture presents the project and updates users on the latest changes and statistics related to Unitary Patent protection in INPADOC. The latest news from the INPADOC worldwide legal event data are also presented.

#### [Further information](#)

## Legal event codes from Asia in INPADOC – newest changes and additions

### Entry level

#### Reference KL03-2025

#### Lecture I Online I Q2, 1 hr(s)

More than 60% of all patent applications are filed in Asia, so it is becoming more and more important not just to see what has been filed, but also to keep track of the current legal situation. This lecture explains what the INPADOC legal event database has to offer and keeps you updated with the continuous changes in patent law in Asian patent jurisdictions.

#### [Further information](#)

## Show, don't tell: what can the visualisation of INPADOC legal event codes and categories teach us?

Intermediate level

Reference KL07-2025

Lecture I Online I Q4, 1 hr(s)

INPADOC legal event codes come and go; they are introduced, reflect a certain procedural event, and sometimes disappear again. INPADOC categories, by contrast, are a stable set of 26 classifications.

In this lecture, case studies are used to examine what data visualisation can show us, and how it can improve our knowledge of the availability of legal event data.

[Further information](#)

## INPADOC worldwide legal event data: what are legal events and how can users benefit from this source of information?

Entry level

Reference KL08-2025

Lecture I Online I Q2, 1 hr(s)

INPADOC data include legal events from the patent gazettes and registers of various national patent organisations.

What is a legal event? Where can you find legal events and what do they look like in the EPO's tools and services?

This lecture helps beginners understand the nature of legal events and their impact for business.

[Further information](#)

## How to make best use of the INPADOC tables on data coverage and event codes published on the EPO website

Entry level

Reference KL04-2025

Lecture I Online I Q4, 1 hr(s)

This lecture takes a close look at the INPADOC coverage table and the information it contains. In the second part, case studies are presented to show how legal event data is available in Espacenet and how to interpret legal events.

[Further information](#)



# Open courses

Open courses are available 24/7 for self-study on the European Patent Academy e-learning centre.

## Introduction to patent information

Entry level

Reference KX01-2025

Open Course I Online I Q2, 8 hr(s)

This course will help users gain an understanding of the technical and legal roles of patent documents and their structure and demonstrate the similarities and differences between patent documents and technical documents.

For further information once available please check <https://e-courses.epo.org/>



## Patent information retrieval: essentials (using Espacenet)

Entry level

Reference KX03-2025

Open Course I Online I Q4, 24 hr(s)

Patent information retrieval with Espacenet: prior art searches; sources of information; patent families; patent classification and tagging schemes; types of patent searches; search concepts; search strategies; efficiency and completeness of a patent search.

For further information once available please check  
<https://e-courses.epo.org/>

## Legal Interactive Platform

Entry level

Reference KX04-2025

Open Course I Online I Q2, 8 hr(s)

The new EPO Legal Assistant is powered by generative NLP. It simplifies patent law complexities and offers everything from personalized guidance on streamlined document preparation to ways to explore legal resources effortlessly.

For further information once available please check  
<https://e-courses.epo.org/>

## The Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP)

Advanced level

Reference KX05-2025

Open Course I Online I Q1, 30 hr(s)

A course to learn how to effectively use the Technology Intelligence Platform, the EPO's next-generation data analysis tool. It will help users become familiar with the platform and learn how to easily retrieve patent data using dedicated libraries developed by the EPO. It also teaches an understanding of how to derive patent insights from patent data.

[Further information](#)





# TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Technology Transfer activities are open to the public and aimed at a variety of audiences: universities, research centres, businesses (particularly SMEs), IP and technology transfer managers and investors. Specific training is also provided for PATLIB network staff.

Mastering technology transfer and IP valorisation is crucial in today's innovation-driven economy. These skills enable

innovators to effectively bridge the gap between groundbreaking research and marketable products, unlocking the full potential of intellectual property. By understanding how to navigate the complexities of technology transfer and maximise the value of IP assets, entrepreneurs can gain a significant competitive edge, attract investors, and transform cutting-edge ideas into successful business ventures.

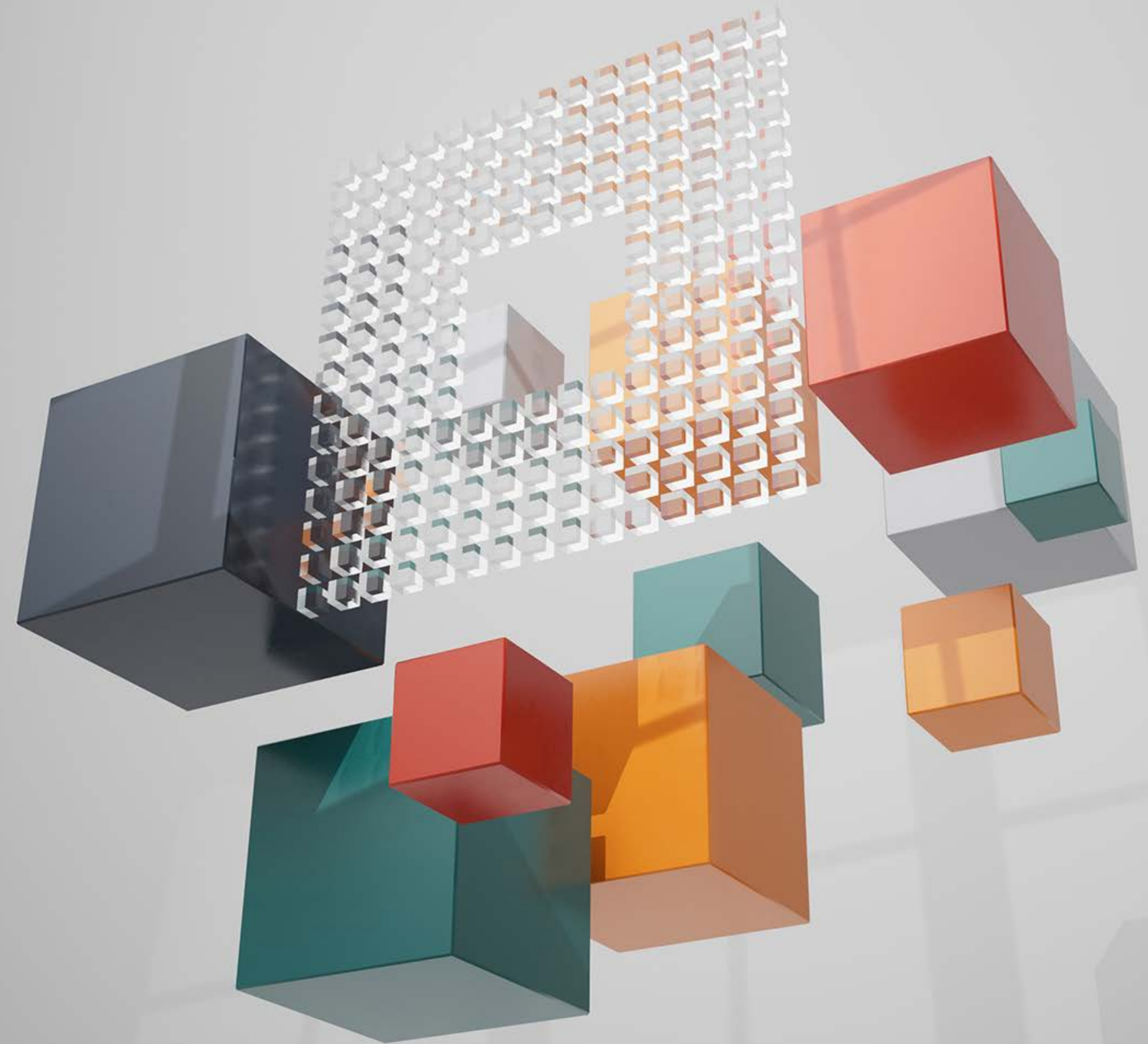


# PATLIB network

PATLIB patent information centres provide local access to patent information and related topics. They are familiar with the local industrial, economic and business landscape and provide valuable services to entrepreneurs, SMEs, private inventors and students. PATLIB centres are located in NPOs, chambers of commerce, universities and research institutions and in city libraries.













This section of the catalogue lists the training activities organised by the European Patent Academy for PATLIB centre staff. PATLIB centres are also welcome to enrol in the various courses available on patent information training, and technology transfer, including the section on business support aimed at IP managers, business and investors at large.

In addition to training, the European Patent Academy is committed to supporting the PATLIB network through tailor-made service packages. These enable the centres to provide high-quality services to their user community, further develop their service portfolios and provide a better service to their local stakeholders.





# Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Conference	PATLIB Annual Conference	Q2
 	Course	Patenting Innovation (RTTP recognised)	Q1, Q3
	Workshop	Train-the-trainer: Espacenet	Q2, Q4
	Lecture	EPO's TIP platform: a wealth of information at a mouse click	Q4
	Seminar	PATLIB Shaping the Future – Input, updates & perspectives	Q1-Q4
	Seminar	PATLIB Introductory sessions	Q1, Q4
 	Workshop	Train-the-trainer: Technology Transfer	Q4
	Learning path	Foundation training for PATLIB centres	Q1-Q4
	Learning path	IP valorisation and Business: Advanced training for PATLIB centres	Q1-Q4

## PATLIB annual conference

### Entry level

Reference NC01-2025

Conference | Hybrid | Q2, 16 hr(s)

The annual PATLIB conference is organised for PATLIB centres across the EPO member states. The conference brings together the staff from more than 300 centres in the PATLIB network to discuss pertinent issues and share experiences with other players in the innovation ecosystem.

[Further information](#)

## PATLIB introductory session

### Entry level

Reference NS02-2025

Reference NS03-2025

Seminar | Online | Q1, Q4, 7 hr(s)

This introductory session provides a harmonised approach to help new PATLIB centres and staff members of existing PATLIB centres gain access to coherent information and knowledge. The training is delivered live and online, with access to a package of recordings about the various services and deliverables.

[Further information](#)

## Shaping the future – input, updates and perspectives

### Entry level

Reference NS01-2025

Seminar | Online | Q1-Q4, 15 hr(s)

Under the motto “from the network for the network”, these sessions enable PATLIB centres to discuss, learn and share knowledge and experience. Centres can present their best practices, and guest speakers from other innovation networks and institutions can present their activities and initiatives. This seminar series will consist of five 90-minute seminars organised throughout 2025. Participation is open only to PATLIB centre staff.

[Further information](#)



## Patenting Innovation (RTTP-recognised)

### Entry level

Reference NV06-2025

Reference NV07-2025

Course I Online I Q1, Q3, 11 hr(s) each

Patents are a powerful asset in the toolbox of any technology transfer professional.

This course covers how to protect innovative ideas with patents and how to manage and license these patents. Topics include the patent system and other related IP rights, patent knowledge and tools, and how IP is used in business environments. The course is developed in collaboration with the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals and merits 11 continuing education (CE) points for the Registered Technology Transfer Professional (RTTP) qualification.

Further information

## Train-the-trainer: technology transfer

### Intermediate level

Reference NW03-2025

Workshop I Online I Q4, 12 hr(s)

In this workshop, participants work on designing a training activity on technology transfer adapted to the needs of their audiences. The workshop is open to staff of PATLIB centres, and national patent offices only.

Participants must have completed the course on “Patenting innovation”.

Further information

## Train-the-trainer: Espacenet

### Advanced level

Reference NW01-2025

Reference NW02-2025

Workshop I Online I Q2, Q4, 30 hr(s) each

This workshop runs over five weeks and has been developed especially for the PATLIB network. It focuses more on the methodology used in problem-solving rather than on the tool itself. In 2025, the course will be offered in Q2 and Q4.

Further information

## The EPO's Technology Intelligence Platform: a wealth of information at a mouse click

### Entry level

### Reference NL01-2025

### Lecture I Online I Q4, 2 hr(s)

This lecture introduces the Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP), the EPO's next-generation data analysis tool. Attendees will become familiar with the platform, learn how to easily retrieve patent data using dedicated libraries developed by the EPO and gain a solid understanding of how to gain insights from patent data.

### Further information

## Learning path: Foundation training for PATLIB centres

The material for this path has been organised into six areas. Online courses, e-learning modules and recorded online sessions cover: an introduction to the European patent system, patentability requirements, search and classification, patent information products and tools, and IP rights and their benefits. Participants can study the materials at their own pace and according to their own schedules, needs and knowledge.

### Further information

## Learning path: IP valorisation in businesses – advanced training for PATLIB centres

This learning path provides PATLIB staff with access to a collection of resources to enable them to better support business decision makers and IP asset managers with key aspects of corporate IP strategy as part of overall business strategy. Topics covered in this path include successful technology transfer, licensing, commercialisation, IP valuation and the use of EPO tools for IP-driven business decisions.

For further information once available please check <https://e-courses.epo.org/>



# Business support

Training offer on business support is open to the public. It specifically aims to enhance capacity for technology transfer and IP valorisation for a variety of audiences, from SMEs and businesses to IP managers and agents. PATLIB centre staff and managers in university and research centres may also be interested.



# Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
■ ■	Course	Patenting Innovation (RTTP recognised)	Q1, Q3
■ ■	Course	IP for business: IP for SMEs and startups	Q2
■ ■	Course	IP for business: IP and digital technologies	Q3
■ ■	Course	IP for business: IP and sustainability	Q4
■ ■ ■	Lecture	EPO-EUIPO webinar: intellectual property in sport industries	Q1
■ ■	Seminar	EPO search tools to improve business decisions	Q1, Q3
■ ■	Seminar	Business use of patent information	Q4
■ ■	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: growth financing	Q1
■ ■	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: digital innovations	Q2
■ ■	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: open innovation	Q3
■ ■	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: IP strategy and management	Q4
■ ■	Seminar Series	From lab to market - How to make best use of the Unitary Patent	Q3
■ ■	Seminar	EIC-EPO Importance of IP for building a technology business	Q2



Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
■ ■	Seminar	EIC-EPO Licensing-based business models	Q4
■ ■	Seminar	EIT-EPO training on intellectual property rights	Q2
■ ■	Lecture	Making the most of Espacenet technology platforms	Q3
■ ■	Workshop	IP assessment: how to improve informed decision-making	Q2
■ ■	Workshop	IP strategy	Q2, Q3

## Technology driven businesses

The EPO supports entrepreneurs, decision makers and investors in technology driven enterprises.

Throughout the year, numerous online activities are organised to support strategic decision making, based on case studies and best practice in IP management. Some examples are available at [epo.org/business-forum](https://epo.org/business-forum).

Using real-life cases, business experts present and discuss success stories and the challenges they have had to overcome. They delve into the role and importance of IP assets, with a special emphasis

on licensing, building to sell, growth financing and open innovation. Each case study provides practical key takeaways, especially for business decision makers, on how to advance their business with IP assets as key value drivers.

These activities are developed in collaboration with the LESI and the High-growth Technology Business (HTB) initiative.

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Seminar	BS11-2025	Digital innovations ↗	Intermediate	4 hr(s)	Q2
Seminar	BS12-2025	Growth financing ↗	Intermediate	4 hr(s)	Q1
Seminar	BS14-2025	Open innovation ↗	Intermediate	4 hr(s)	Q3
Seminar	BS13-2025	IP strategy and management ↗	Intermediate	4 hr(s)	Q4

## From lab to market – how to make best use of the Unitary Patent

Intermediate level

Reference BS03-2025

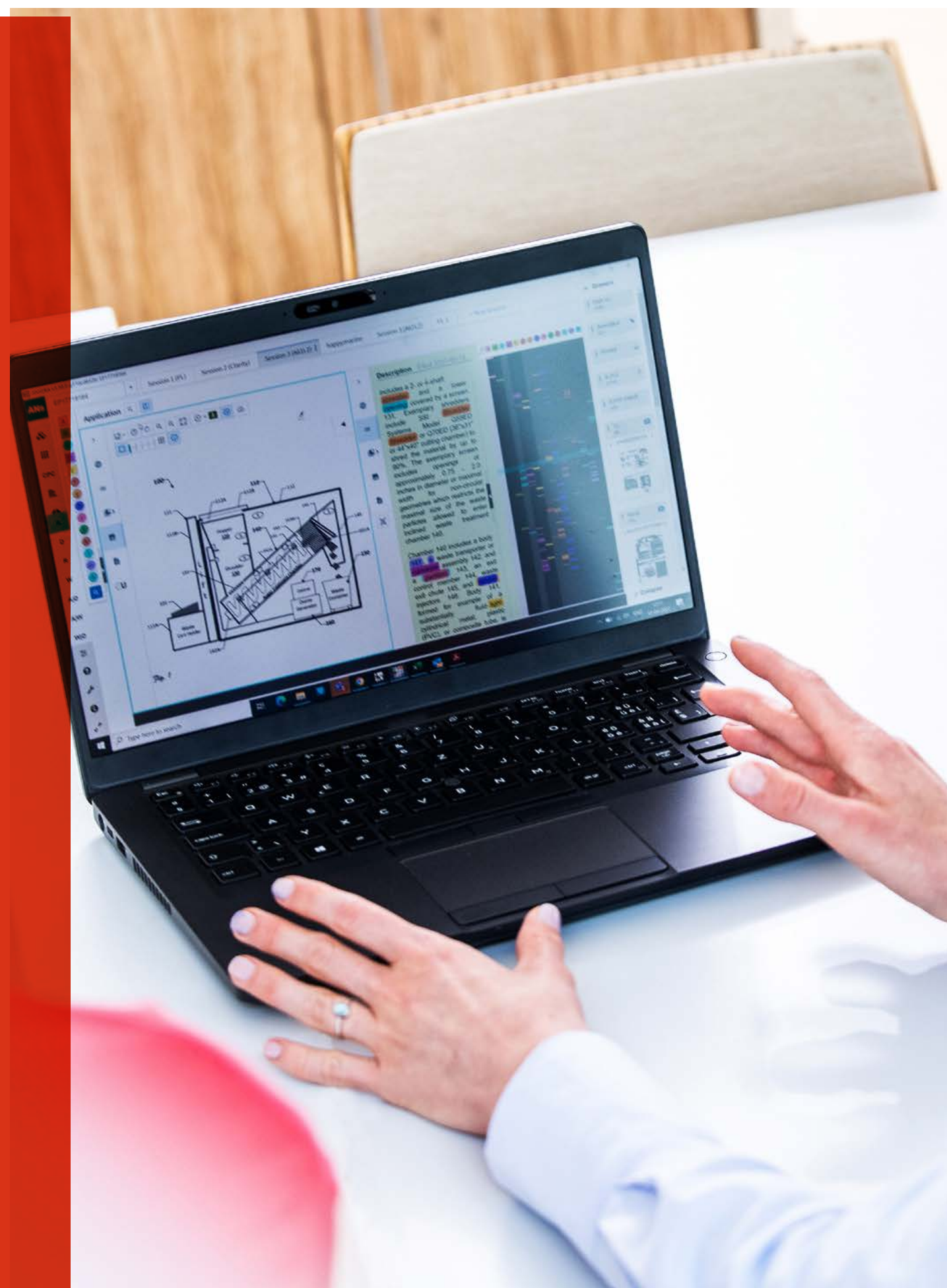
Seminar I Online I Q3, 3 hr(s)

This seminar focuses on the advantages offered by the Unitary Patent system. Exploring how businesses can harness these benefits to protect and monetise their intellectual property paves the way for subsequent seminars featuring selected case studies from different industries. The seminar may be also of special interest for PATLIB centres.

This activity is organised in collaboration with the European IP Helpdesk.

[Further information](#)





## EPO search tools to improve business decisions

Entry level

Reference BS01-2025

Reference BS07-2025

**Seminar I Online I Q1, Q3, 4 hr(s) each**

This seminar will show business decision makers and IP managers what can be done with the EPO's free search tools and the additional features offered by more advanced tools. It consists of a live online session and self-paced modules.

Content:

- using Espacenet to filter and analyse search results
- using PATSTAT for more advanced statistics

Further information

## Business use of patent information

Intermediate level

Reference BS02-2025

**Seminar I Online I Q4, 7 hr(s)**

Patent analytics enable businesses to monitor the competitive environment. This seminar shows why patent information matters and how to leverage search tools, comparing patent intelligence with traditional patent searches. Case studies illustrate how deep-tech businesses can benefit from patent intelligence. The seminar consists of three hours of online lectures and four hours of self-paced study.

Further information

## IP assessment: how to improve informed decision-making

Intermediate level

Reference BW01-2025

Workshop I Online I Q2, 20 hr(s)

This workshop focuses on the IP-related challenges and issues that arise when systematically assessing technologies and patents. It is aimed at intellectual capital managers, R&D project leaders, entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs, SMEs, startups, spin-offs and technology transfer businesses. The workshop includes self-study and homework, as well as three online sessions, which include evaluation of a real case study.

[Further information](#)

## IP strategy

Intermediate level

Reference BW07-2025

Reference BW08-2025

Workshop I Online I Q2, Q3, 5 hr(s) each

A workshop aimed at business decision makers who are aware of the importance of IP strategy. It brings leaders together to share experiences and best practices and to show how to integrate these into a successful business model.

[Further information](#)

## Making the most of Espacenet technology platforms

Entry level

Reference KL20-2025

Lecture I Online I Q3, 1 hr(s)

The main purpose of Espacenet technology platforms is to provide insight into issues relating to patents and innovation focused on specific technology areas. This lecture will provide an overview of the concept and structure of the technology platforms, and it will show how they can be leveraged to foster evidence-based analysis and decision making for business purposes.

[Further information](#)



## EIC-EPO: the importance of IP for building a technology business

Intermediate level

Reference BS16-2025

Seminar I Online I Q2, 10 hr(s)

This training activity aims to provide attendees with the knowledge and skills to handle IP-related matters in the early stages of business development and support them in effective decision-making. It showcases the importance of IP for building a technology business. Targeted mainly at beneficiaries of EIC funding, the course is also open to a wider audience.

With interactive sessions, practical case studies and access to up-to-date resources, the program empowers participants to navigate the complex IP landscape for business growth. The seminar combines eight hours of online lectures with two hours of self-paced study. The seminar is organised in co-operation with the European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European IP Helpdesk.

[Further information](#)

## EIC-EPO: Licensing-based business models

Advanced level

Reference BS15-2025

Seminar I Online I Q4, 2 hr(s)

This seminar offers a unique opportunity to explore the practical applications of licensing early-stage technologies. In the first part, participants will gain insights from business experts in the biotech, energy, food and digital sectors, who will present their real-life licensing experiences. In the second part, a dynamic panel discussion will foster exchanges between licensing experts and participants, encouraging interaction and facilitating a collaborative environment.

This event is organised in co-operation with the European Innovation Council (EIC).

[Further information](#)



## EIT-EPO: training on intellectual property rights

Intermediate level

Reference BS09-2025  
Seminar | Online | Q2, 10 hr(s)

This training activity aims to support the Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC) of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and their associated SMEs, startups and spin offs in IP-related areas, raise awareness among participants, and strengthen their IP capacity.

The training will equip participants with the skills needed to leverage IP benefits in the global market by providing specialised guidance, promoting responsible IP management and fostering a culture of innovation. It covers areas such as the benefits of protecting inventions, the patent application process, business and IP strategy, IP valorisation and technology transfer.

The programme empowers participants to navigate the complex IP landscape and drive business growth by providing interactive sessions, practical case studies and access to up-to-date resources.

## EPO-EUIPO webinar: intellectual property in sport industries

Entry level

Reference BL01-2025  
Lecture | Online | Q1, 2 hr(s)

Creativity and innovation in sports drive the development of new equipment enhancing athletes' performance and safety. Brand management and marketing strategies generate business opportunities, enabling funding of modern sporting events and venues. Innovative sports equipment and facilities elevate the overall spectator experience, making sports more engaging and accessible to a broader audience.

In this joint EPO-EUIPO lecture, experts from both offices discuss how IP rights are used to protect different aspects of sporting devices and businesses.

[Further information](#)

## IP for business

Entry level

[Reference BV01-2025](#)  
[Reference BV02-2025](#)  
[Reference BV03-2025](#)  
Course | Online | Q2, Q3, Q4, 30 hr(s) each

These courses are aimed at IP and business professionals (lawyers, attorneys, marketing professionals, project managers and business directors) and offer basic instruction on the role of intellectual property in business management. The content has been developed in collaboration with the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) of the University of Strasbourg, to be used as part of its official educational programmes.

- IP for SMEs and startups
- IP in digital technologies
- IP in corporate sustainability

[Further information](#)



# Universities and research centres

This section contains specific activities addressed to university students, faculty members, university management and research centres. It also offers training activities for the general public aimed at raising awareness of IP and supporting education on IP, innovation and technology.





# Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Course	Create - protect – innovate (MIPEF): bringing ideas to market (Part I)	Q2, Q4
	Course	Create - protect – innovate (MIPEF): bringing ideas to market (Part II)	Q2, Q4
	Course	Create – protect – innovate (MIPEF): IP management	Q4
	Seminar	IP strategies for universities	Q4
	Lecture Series	Inspiring inventors talks	Q1, Q4
	Lecture Series	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: quantum technology	Q1
	Lecture Series	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: artificial intelligence in MedTech	Q1
	Lecture Series	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: green technologies	Q2
	Lecture Series	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: digital communication	Q3
	Lecture Series	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: biotechnology	Q4
	Course	IP Basics for Innovators (IPBI)	Q1 – Q4



# PES and MIPEF

**The Pan-European Seal Young Professionals Programme (PES), jointly run with the EUIPO, and the Modular Intellectual Property Education Framework (MIPEF) are two initiatives structuring EPO's co-operation with universities, with the aim of supporting the development of IP education and boosting the career prospects of young graduates.**

## Pan-European Seal Young Professionals Programme (PES)

The Pan-European Seal Young Professionals Programme offers young graduates an opportunity to learn, develop their skills and increase future employability. The EPO is passionate about its staff, committed to social responsibility and continuous learning, and offers a supportive multicultural environment in which to embark on the first steps of a graduate professional career. More than 100 opportunities are available annually to top graduates from the university partners. The MIPEF education framework is promoted as a priority to these partner universities.

[Further information](#)

## Modular Intellectual Property Education Framework (MIPEF)

The EPO launched the Modular Intellectual Property Education Framework (MIPEF) in 2023 to meet increasing demand from universities to support the development of modern IP education in science and engineering university programmes. The MIPEF consists of two courses designed to be integrated into university curricula. Participating universities may choose to grant three European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits.

[Further information](#)



## Create – protect – innovate (MIPEF): bringing ideas to market (Part I)

Entry level

Reference UV01-2025

Reference UV03-2025

Course I Online I Q2, Q4 75 hr(s)

This course is aimed at master's and PhD students who want to know more about intellectual property rights, innovation and technology, particularly when it comes to patent protection and commercialising patents. The course consists of a carefully selected set of case studies, live sessions, self-paced modules and quizzes, a tutored forum and a final marked assignment by IP experts.

The course comprises the following modules:

- Module I: Introduction to IP
- Module II: Patent essentials
- Module III: Introduction to patent information
- Module IV: Patent information in practice
- Module V: Developing an IP strategy

Further information



## Create – protect – innovate (MIPEF): bringing ideas to market (Part II)

Advanced level

Reference UV02-2025

Reference UV04-2025

Course I Online I Q2, Q4 75 hr(s)

This course is aimed at master's and PhD students who want to know more about intellectual property rights, innovation and technology, particularly when it comes to patent protection and commercialising patents. The course consists of a carefully selected set of case studies, live sessions, self-paced modules and quizzes, a tutored forum and a final marked assignment by IP experts.

- Module I: Grant of patents
- Module II: Enforcement of patents
- Module III: Scouting and assessment of technology
- Module IV: IP commercialisation
- Module V: Use of IPRs

Further information

## Create – protect – innovate (MIPEF): IP management

Advanced level

Reference UV06-2025

Course I Online I Q4, 75 hr(s)

This course is aimed at MBA and business-related master's students who want to know more about intellectual property rights, particularly when it comes to patent protection and commercialising inventions. The course consists of a carefully selected set of case studies, live sessions, self-paced modules and quizzes, a tutored forum and a final marked assignment by IP experts.

- Module I: Introduction to IP
- Module II: Patent essentials
- Module III: Developing an IP strategy
- Module IV: Scouting and assessment of technology
- Module V: IP commercialisation
- Module VI: Use of IPRs

Further information

## Intellectual property basics for Innovators (IPBI)

Entry level

Reference UX10-2025

Open Course I Online I 24/7, 60 hr(s)

This course is open to universities participating in the Knowledge Transfer to Africa (KT2A) initiative and provides fundamental information on intellectual property rights, patent protection and the commercialisation of inventions.

It comprises six modules explaining the theory behind the concepts and providing exercises and case studies to consolidate knowledge.

A range of additional resources can be accessed at the end of each module.

Further information

## IP strategies for universities

### Entry level

Reference US01-2025

Seminar | Online | Q4, 12 hr(s)

Universities create and disseminate knowledge; they are both producers and users of content protected by a variety of IP regimes, from research publications and results to specific patents and other IP assets. They need clear strategies for managing their IP assets to see how they can best provide value to the economy, society and the university itself. This goes beyond setting rules for commercialising patents and creating spin-offs, to identifying academic policies to deal with IP outcomes created by researchers and students, and drafting specific contractual clauses and agreements. The seminar does not intend to provide a one-size-fits-all solution, but rather to help university managers identify the key issues when setting a strategic framework to manage their IP. The seminar is aimed mainly at university, academic and research managers.

[Further information](#)

## Inspiring Inventors Talk series

### Entry level

Reference UL07-2025

Reference UL08-2025

Lecture | Online | Q1, Q4, 1 hr(s) each

The Inspiring Inventors talk series features distinguished inventors who were nominated as finalists for the European Inventor Award, and their inventions. The series provides a unique opportunity to interact with the inventors and learn how to successfully bring an invention to market and contribute to innovation. An EPO expert will interview the inventor, and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

[Further information](#)





## Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries

This lecture series is organised in co-operation with the European IP Helpdesk and addresses the IP-related aspects of EU-funded projects in five areas. It introduces the main aspects of IP management, notably ownership, protection and exploitation. The series comprises a total of five lectures. Each lecture explores the interface between patents and a particular technical field. While the main target are EU funding beneficiaries of any kind, the lectures may be of interest to a variety of audiences from researchers to technology transfer officers and are open to anybody. Each lecture begins with a short introduction on the relevance of patent-related questions for EU funding beneficiaries and concludes with a Q&A. The lectures are complemented with optional learning materials for self-paced study.

Participants can attend individual lectures or the whole series.

[Further information](#)

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Lecture	UL01-2025	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: quantum technology ↗	Entry	6.5 hr(s)	Q1
Lecture	UL02-2025	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: artificial intelligence in MedTech ↗	Entry	6.5 hr(s)	Q1
Lecture	UL03-2025	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: green technologies ↗	Entry	6.5 hr(s)	Q2
Lecture	UL04-2025	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: digital communication ↗	Entry	6.5 hr(s)	Q3
Lecture	UL05-2025	Patent protection for EU funding beneficiaries: biotechnology ↗	Entry	6.5 hr(s)	Q4



# Children and youth

The EPO has run several initiatives in recent years aimed at children and young people, including developing learning resources and tools for teachers. The goal is to encourage awareness of the value of innovation and entrepreneurship, and to raise interest among young people in studying STEM subjects.

In 2025, the European Patent Academy will continue designing and implementing new learning resources for children and young people and making them available online. These will include teaching toolkits that gather resources and best practices and can be used by schools and teachers as they see fit.

Learning modules and resources are designed for young people aged between 7 and 18, adjusted to their level of cognitive development and maturity based on several age segments. Learning resources include written modules, tests and exercises, podcasts and audiovisual recordings, computer games and apps on a variety of topics showing the impact of IP and innovation in history, economics, society, culture, health, gender equality, diversity and inclusion, physical well-being, sports, etc. Formats and topics vary depending on the age segment.

Toolkits for teachers to support these learning resources will also be developed.







# PATENT LITIGATION

The work of the European Patent Academy focuses on promoting legal expertise on patents throughout Europe. To this end the Academy has developed several courses at different levels to enable judges to progressively build their knowledge of patent law. These courses range from capacity-building exercises to expert-level exchanges.













The goal here is to promote a harmonised approach to patent law in member states by developing sound knowledge of patent

litigation. Training is offered on different types of post-grant litigation and enforcement proceedings.

The training offer is aimed mainly at the judiciary, in particular judges sitting in courts competent to hear patent cases. Some training activities also target patent litigators, lawyers and patent attorneys wishing to increase their knowledge of enforcement and post-grant issues.



# Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Conference	Litigation Matters 2025	Q4
  	Conference	Boards of Appeal Case Law Conference	Q4
	Conference	European Judges' Forum	Q4
	Course	Patentability and revocation proceedings	Q1
	Course	Patent infringement and infringement proceedings	Q3
 	Lecture series	Patent litigation in Europe	Q1-Q4
 	Workshop	UPC mock trial	Q4
	Workshop	Patentability issues for judges and the Boards of Appeal	Q3
	Internships	Judicial internships at the Boards of Appeal	Q2



## Litigation Matters 2025

Intermediate level

Reference JC05-2025

Conference I Online I Q4, 5 hr(s)

The Litigation Matters conference is devoted to the latest practices in patent litigation in Europe, with particular attention paid to UPC litigation. The conference is held over two consecutive days and is of interest to judges and litigators.

The conference is organised by the EPO in co-operation with the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW) and the European Patent Litigators Association (EPLIT).

[Further information](#)

## Boards of Appeal Case Law Conference

Intermediate level

Reference JC01-2025

Conference I Online I Q4, 8 hr(s)

This annual conference provides an opportunity for patent practitioners to gain insight into the case law and practice of the EPO Boards of Appeal. It offers a forum for participants to engage with members of the Boards on important topics relating to Boards of Appeal decisions.

The conference is aimed at experienced patent practitioners (patent attorneys, attorneys-at-law, in-house counsel), judges and national patent office staff.

[Further information](#)

## European Judges' Forum

Advanced level

Reference JC09-2025

Conference I On-site (tbc) I Q4, 12 hr(s)

The annual European Judges' Forum is organised in co-operation with the IP Judges' Association (IPJA) and the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW). The conference is a high-level platform for the most experienced judges and litigators in Europe to discuss issues arising in patent litigation. The conference includes a mock trial exercise.

This conference is by invitation only.

[Further information](#)

## Patentability and revocation proceedings

### Entry level

Reference JV01-2025

Course I Online I Q1, 30 hr(s)

This course serves as an introduction to patentability and revocation proceedings for judges who have limited experience of hearing patent cases but work in courts which are competent to deal with them. The training is developed by judges and for them. The course covers all the fundamental issues, such as the state of the art, claim construction, novelty, inventive step, sufficiency of disclosure, amendment of claims, opposition and appeal procedures. The self-study material is complemented by weekly interactive and hands-on group sessions where participants can meet their colleagues from around Europe and discuss specific topics with judicial patent experts.

[Further information](#)

## Patent infringement and infringement proceedings

### Entry level

Reference JV02-2025

Course I Online I Q3, 30 hr(s)

This course provides judges with a comprehensive overview and understanding of issues arising in patent infringement cases and proceedings.

After a review of the fundamentals, the course focuses on specific topics such as the construction of patent specifications, the concepts of equivalence and file wrapper, types of infringement and defences, particularities related to second medical use, standard-essential patents (SEPs), supplementary protection certificates (SPCs), measures available for the enforcement of patents, the jurisdictional framework in Europe and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms (ADR).

The self-study material is accessible via an online course room allowing for flexibility and time management. The self-study material is complemented by weekly interactive and hands-on group sessions where participants can meet their colleagues from around Europe and discuss specific topics.

[Further information](#)

## Patentability issues for judges and the Boards of Appeal

### Advanced level

Reference JW05-2025

Workshop I Online (tbc) I Q3, 6 hr(s)

This expert workshop brings together an equal number of expert patent judges and members of the EPO Boards of Appeal to discuss and exchange views on issues relating to patentability. It covers a limited number of questions, leaving ample time to scrutinise them.

This workshop is by invitation only.

[Further information](#)



## Patent litigation in Europe – lecture series

Advanced level

[Reference JL01-2025](#)

[Reference JL02-2025](#)

[Reference JL03-2025](#)

[Reference JL04-2025](#)

[Reference JL05-2025](#)

[Reference JL06-2025](#)

**Lecture I Online I Q1-Q4, 1.5 hr(s) each**

This advanced lecture series is dedicated to examining current topics in patent litigation in Europe, including UPC litigation and the emergence of new European patent jurisprudence. The series feeds the content of and leads up to the annual Litigation Matters conference. Participants can attend each session separately or the entire series. It is organised by the EPO in co-operation with the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW) and the European Patent Litigators Association (EPLIT).

[Further information](#)

## UPC mock trial

Advanced level

[Reference JW01-2025](#)

[Reference JW02-2025](#)

**Workshop I Online I Q2 and Q4, 8 hr(s)**

These workshops are organised in the form of mock UPC trials. The simulation is based on a fictional case and follows the UPC Rules of Procedure, offering participants the chance to learn about patent litigation by observing the application of procedural rules in practice. Available online, the mock trials are aimed at litigators and judges from around Europe. The trials are organised by the EPO in co-operation with the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW) and the European Patent Litigators Association (EPLIT).

[Further information](#)

## Judicial internships at the Boards of Appeal

Intermediate level

[Reference JI02-2025](#)

**Internship I Q2, 100 hr(s)**

A small number of internships are available for judges at the Boards of Appeal, subject to a selection process. The European Patent Academy collaborates with the training involved. The objectives include promoting a harmonised understanding of the EPC and appeal proceedings at the EPO Boards of Appeal and the relationship between national and EPO proceedings.

Prior to the internship, judicial interns must complete the online course on patentability and revocation proceedings.

[Further information](#)



# FURTHER OPEN COURSES AND RESOURCES

Further open courses and learning resources, such as tutorials and recordings from previous training activities, are available 24/7 in the European Patent Academy e-learning centre. Open courses include final tests to assess learning outcomes.

A variety of publications on specific topics are also available.

Unless indicated otherwise, these resources are available to the public for general enrolment free of charge.

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# Selected open courses

## overview

A variety of open courses for self-paced study are available to the public 24/7 in the Academy e-learning centre.

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Duration
	Course	Introduction to the European patent system	8h
	Course	The European patent system from filing to grant	7h
	Course	How to apply for a patent	4h
	Course	Patentability requirements at the EPO	15h
	Course	The Unitary Patent	10h
	Course	From idea to patent	6h
	Course	IP management: evaluation and protection	5h
	Course	IP management: value extraction and commercialisation	3h
	Course	IP strategy	3h
	Course	Patent classification	5h
	Course	Using CPC in classification	16h
	Course	Searching prior art based on patent applications	15h
	Course	Search reports and written opinions	6h

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Duration
     	Course	Search strategies	2h
     	Course	Practising for EQE paper F	2h
     	Course	Guide to EQE papers	20h



## Introduction to the European patent system

Entry level

Enrolment

Course I Online I 8 hr(s)

This open course offers a basic introduction to the most important legal and procedural aspects of patents and the European patent system.

[Further information](#)

## The European patent system from filing to grant

Entry level

Enrolment

Course I Online I 7 hr(s)

This course provides an overview of the grant procedure at the EPO with insights into related formalities, structure and role of the Boards of Appeal and options to accelerate the procedure. It explains how EPO examiners decide whether to grant a patent or refuse an application on the basis of the European Patent Convention (EPC) requirements.

[Further information](#)

## How to apply for a patent

Entry level

Free access

Course I Online I 4 hr(s)

Applying for a patent can be a complex undertaking, with many different aspects to consider. The two modules are based on the Guide for Applicants and give an insight into the procedure to be followed when filing European and Euro-PCT applications. The module on oral proceedings shows what happens in these proceedings in relation to the examination procedure before the EPO.

[Further information](#)



## Patentability requirements at the EPO

Entry level

Enrolment

Course I Online I 15 hr(s)

This course explains the criteria for patentability, relating to both the invention and the patent application according to the EPC.

[Further information](#)

## The Unitary Patent

Entry level

Free access

Course I Online I 10 hr(s)

In addition to basic information about the Unitary Patent, its economic impact and how it fits into the existing European patent framework, this course consists of several lectures on how to obtain UP protection at the EPO, along with practical information and insights into the practice of the Unitary Patent Division. It also presents the Unified Patent Court, and the two EU regulations that provide for Unitary Patent protection in the EU and explains the procedure for obtaining it. The course further contains various tutorials on the Unitary Patent, the European Patent Register and Espacenet.

[Further information](#)



## From idea to patent

Entry level

Enrolment

Course | Online | 6 hr(s)

This course provides an overview of the benefits of the intellectual property system, and patents in particular, from two perspectives: as a valuable source of information when it comes to researching whether an idea or a product has already been patented, and as a means of protecting inventions.

[Further information](#)

## IP management: evaluation and protection

Entry level

Enrolment

Course | Online | 5 hr(s)

IP needs to be protected, but protection costs money, so it must be assessed within the overall context of innovation potential and enforceability. This course presents methodologies for making decisions on which technologies to develop and which IP assets to create.

[Further information](#)

## IP management: value extraction and commercialisation

Entry level

Enrolment

Course | Online | 3 hr(s)

This course explores ways in which value can be extracted from IP via different models, ranging from securing markets to actively harvesting royalties. It covers the basic IP value-extraction mechanisms and how they can be implemented through licensing and enforcement.

[Further information](#)

## IP strategy

Entry level

Enrolment

Course | Online | 3 hr(s)

IP managers in high-growth technology businesses, typically small and medium-sized enterprises, need to be able to communicate with their company's business, R&D and legal colleagues. These IP strategy modules introduce participants to essential management principles and explain how to apply them to the strategic management of IP assets. The focus is on value-based strategies for IP creation, and IP value extraction as an integral part of an innovation strategy.

[Further information](#)

## Patent classification

Entry level

Free access

Course | Online | 5 hr(s)

This course is an introduction to Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC). Designed for the needs of the general user, it contains an overview of the CPC's structure and naming conventions, along with information about the transition periods from existing systems and the main differences when searching with the CPC.

[Further information](#)

## Using CPC in classification

Entry level

Free access

Course | Online | 16 hr(s)

This course offers an overview of the CPC classification system, from the basics to the CPC definition documents.

[Further information](#)



## Searching prior art based on patent applications

Entry level

Enrolment

Course I Online I 15 hr(s)

This course offers a practical guide to systematic patent search, from analysing the patent application to carrying out a sufficiently complete and efficient search and deciding when to stop searching.

[Further information](#)

## Search reports and written opinions

Entry level

Enrolment

Course I Online I 7 hr(s)

This course is about understanding and interpreting the information contained in search reports and written opinions. The emphasis is on practical examples and exercises.

[Further information](#)



## Search strategies

Entry level

Enrolment

Course | Online | 2 hr(s)

This course shows how to devise an effective search strategy, how to evaluate the prior art found and how to know when to stop searching.

[Further information](#)

## Practising for EQE paper F

Entry level

Enrolment

Course | Online | 2 hr(s)

A mock paper F prepared by the Examination Board for the European qualifying examination (EQE) is available for free self-enrolment to support candidates for the upcoming examination. Participants can enrol and test their knowledge multiple times.

[Further information](#)

## Guide to EQE papers

Entry level

Enrolment

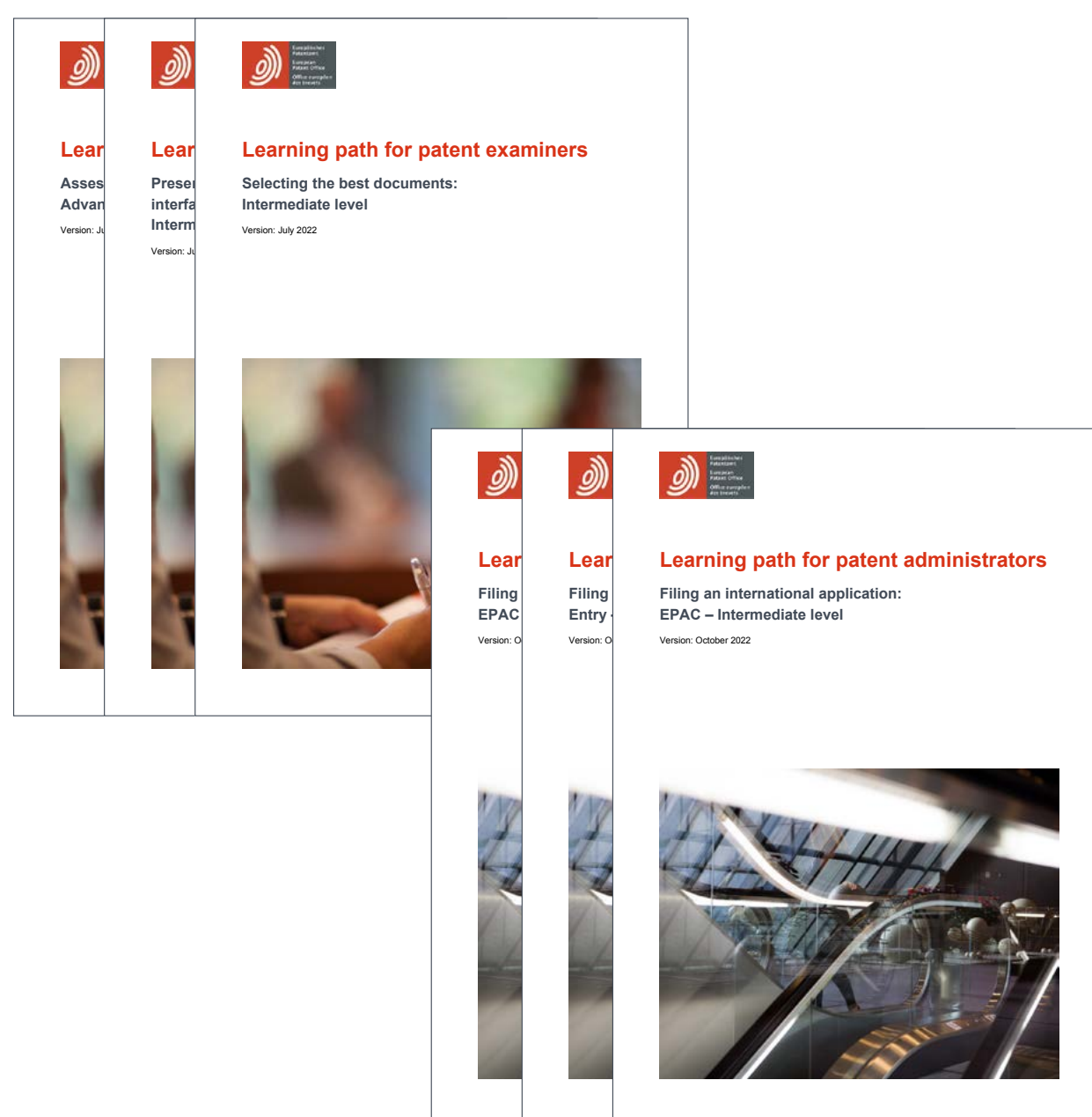
Course | Online | 20 hr(s)

This course covers the examination papers of the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) and aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of how the examination papers are structured, the type of content they include, and what is expected from candidates. In preparation for the examination, the course follows the problem-solving approach needed to achieve correct solutions. The course will be updated throughout the year to reflect changes and updates to the EQE 2026, ensuring the content is aligned with the examination requirements.

[Further information](#)



# Further learning products



## Collection of resources for patent examiners

This series of 48 booklets downloadable from the EPO website is intended for patent examiners at national patent offices who are taking part in training organised by the EPO. It is also freely available to the public for independent learning. Topics covered include novelty, inventive step, clarity, unity of invention, sufficiency of disclosure, amendments and search. Also addressed are patenting issues specific to certain technical fields: patentability exceptions and exclusions in biotechnology; assessment of novelty, inventive step, clarity, sufficiency of disclosure and unity of invention for chemical inventions; the patentability of computer-implemented inventions, business methods, game rules, mathematics and its applications, presentations of information, graphical user interfaces and programs for computers; and claim formulation for computer-implemented inventions. Each publication focuses on one topic at entry, intermediate or advanced level. The explanations and examples are based on the EPC, the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO and selected decisions of the EPO's Boards of Appeal. References are made to the PCT and its Regulations whenever appropriate.

[Further information](#)

## Collection of resources for patent administrators

This series of 22 booklets downloadable from the EPO website is intended for patent administrators who are taking part in training and certification organised by the EPO. It is also freely available to the public for independent learning. Topics covered include general aspects of the patent system, the European patent system and patent granting procedure, the international patent system (PCT) and the PCT procedure, European and international publications, filing a European patent application and filing an international application, formalities during European and international search, formalities during European examination and international preliminary examination, formalities during the appeal procedure after refusal (EPC), the opposition procedure (EPC), national validation (EPC) as well as entering national/regional phases and entry into the European phase (formal requirements and examination). Each chapter focuses on one topic at entry, intermediate or advanced level.

[Further information](#)

## Learning path: getting to know patents

What exactly is a patent? What requirements need to be met, and how do EPO examiners assess patent applications received? What can be expected after a patent has been granted? The answers to all of these questions are provided in this learning path, which consists of three courses and 33 hours of study time.

[Further information](#)

## Learning path: finding your way through searches

Patent documents are a rich source of technical and legal information openly available to anyone who is interested. But with so many documents and so much information out there, it is easy to lose track. How do you access the patent information needed in a timely manner, and how do you ensure that no relevant information has been missed? Is there a classification system where all this information is stored?

The answers to these and many more related questions can be found in this learning path, which consists of five courses and 46 hours of study time.

[Further information](#)

## EPO tutorials: the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool

A collection of learning resources intended for examiners of national patent offices using the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool

[Further information](#)





## EPO tutorials: patent information tools

These tutorials help students find a way around patent information products and services the EPO makes available to the public: the patent information tour, Espacenet, the European Patent Register, an introduction to the Global Patent Index (GPI).

[Further information](#)

## EPO tutorials: tools for applying

These provide step-by-step guidance on using the EPO central fee payment (CFP) and online filing 2.0 tools. The CFP tool tutorial is in English, French and German and explains where to find the tool and what is needed to use it. The online filing 2.0 tutorial teaches the basics of the tool and contains practical tips and instructions.

[Further information](#)

# Recorded lectures

## Guidelines2Day: recorded lectures

This series of recorded lectures gives an overview of the main changes in the EPO Guidelines and the impact on formalities and examiner procedures.

[Further information](#)

## PCT: recorded lectures

This collection of recorded seminars and lectures provides updates on the services provided by the EPO, the latest developments in the PCT system and many practical and specific aspects of the PCT procedure. It is aimed at patent attorneys and IP professionals with experience of filing PCT applications with the EPO.

[Further information](#)



## CPC field-specific training: recorded lectures

This video collection consists of various recorded lectures in which expert examiners present their CPC technical fields. The presentations contain examples from most CPC classification sections.

[Further information](#)

## Legal issues: recorded lectures

A collection of recorded lectures on a variety of legal issues such as priority, non-unity, divisional applications, oral proceedings and opposition.

[Further information](#)

## Advanced lecture series

Title	Level
Fibre-reinforced plastics recycling and alternative plastics ↗	Advanced
Medical technology (MedTech) ↗	Advanced
Smart agriculture ↗	Advanced
Vaccines and immunotherapeutics (immunology) ↗	Advanced
Food technology ↗	Advanced
Green technologies ↗	Advanced

## Tackling the future: cross-field inventions

Recorded lectures from the Tackling the Future lecture series

[Further information](#)

## Inspiring Inventors Talks

This series provides a unique opportunity to interact with former European Inventor Award finalists, learn from their inspiring experiences and look at what goes into successfully bringing an invention to market.

[Further information](#)

## EPO-EUIPO lectures on new technologies and the IP system

Revisit online lectures from the European Patent Academy and the EUIPO focusing on different topics from across several IP regimes. Titles include: Resisting the harsh winds: how to use IP in green tech; Playing with IP rights: toys in the spotlight; IP and sustainable economy: Unlocking the potential of IP rights in driving green fashion; Packaging as a product: an IPR perspective; IP rights in the food industry; and Video games and IP: how to play the game.

[Further information](#)



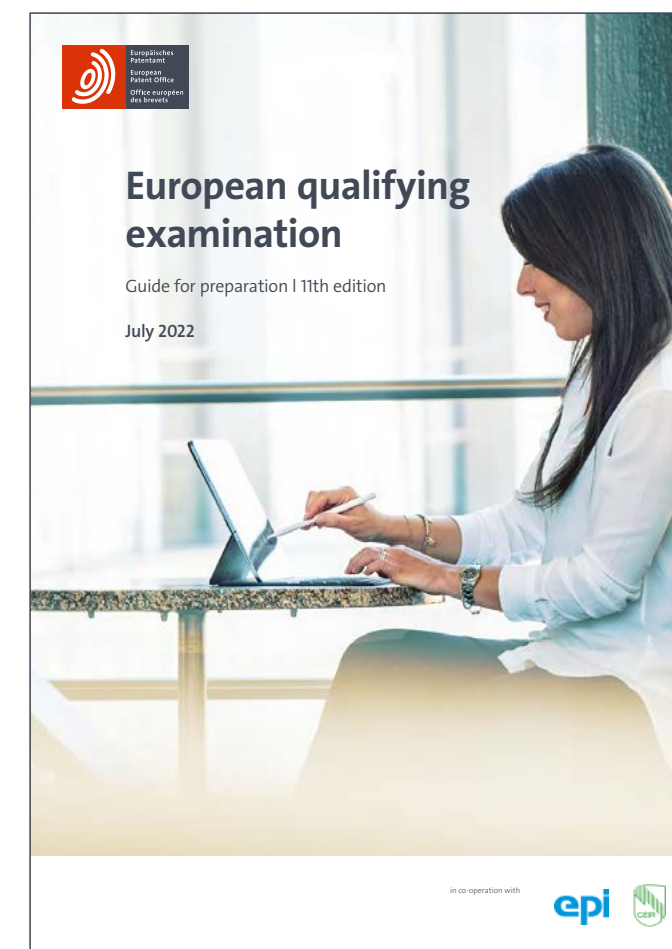


# Publications

## European qualifying examination – guide for preparation

This guide is a collection of explanations, information and advice that gives candidates for the European qualifying examination (EQE) a head start in organising their exam preparation time. It will allow them to channel their efforts to maximise their chances of passing. The guide has been drawn from official information sources and the experiences of previous candidates and their tutors and supervisors. Please note that this guide does not replace official publications on EQE regulations.

[Find out more about the guide for preparing for the EQE.](#)

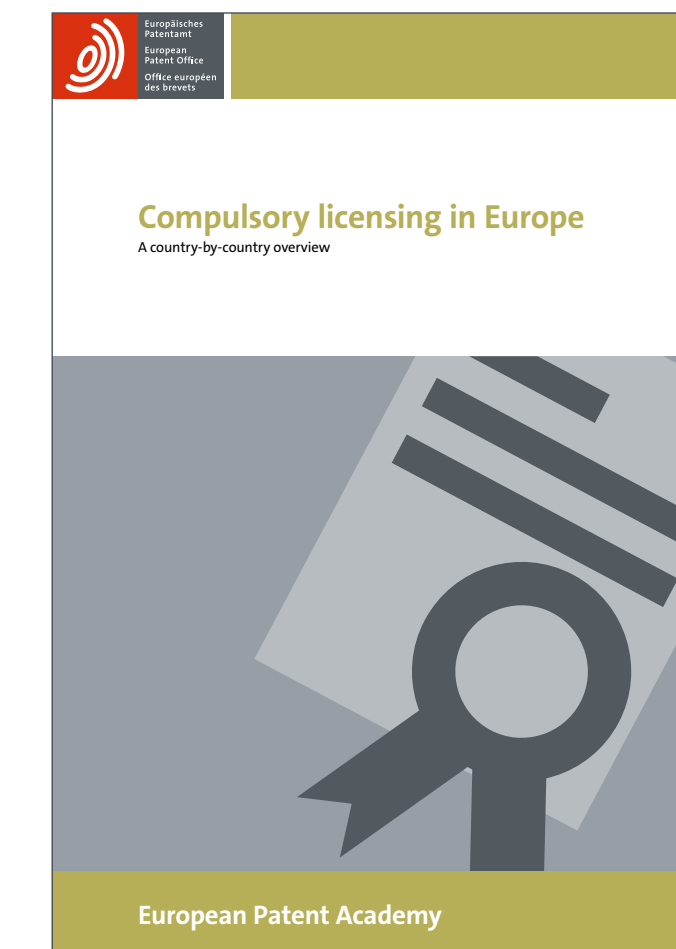


## Compulsory licensing in Europe

Publication and online map access

In some cases, national authorities may license companies or individuals other than the patent owner to use patent rights without the consent of the patent owner. This publication provides a country-by-country guide to how compulsory licensing is regulated at national level across EPC Contracting States.

[Find out more about compulsory licensing in Europe.](#)



## Jurisdiction of European courts in patent disputes

This guide provides an overview (with various scenarios) of the jurisdiction of European courts in patent infringement and revocation disputes. Cross-border patent infringement and revocation disputes in Europe are regulated by the rules of jurisdiction provided for in different legislative instruments, i.e. the Brussels I Regulation (recast), the Lugano Convention, and international and national law. The guide also covers questions pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Unified Patent Court.

[Find out more about the jurisdiction of European courts in patent disputes.](#)



## Patent litigation in Europe

Publication and online map access

The fifth edition of this publication contains an overview of the national patent litigation systems across the European Patent Organisation's member states. It provides at-a-glance descriptions of the different national revocation, nullity and infringement procedures currently in place, as well as information about the competent courts dealing with these at first instance and appeal. It also contains information on the Unified Patent Court.

[Find out more about patent litigation in Europe.](#)



## IP Teaching Kit

The IP Teaching Kit (IPTK) is a follow-up to the successful Patent Teaching Kit launched in 2010 by the European Patent Academy. It offers an extensive set of professional materials for teaching IP and is free of charge.

[Find out more about the IPTK.](#)





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