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Beginner course: Patenting Innovation (for RTTP Candidates)

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Format - **Online course**

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Level - **Entry level**

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Description

Patents are a powerful asset in the toolbox of a technology transfer professional. This two-day interactive course covers how innovative ideas are protected within the patenting system. It has been accredited by the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals (ATTP) and carries 11 continuing education (CE) points for the Registered Technology Transfer Professional (RTTP) professional qualification (subject to an attendance of at least 90% of the course).

Technical requirements

The sessions will be held on Zoom.

Thursday, 24 September

Moderator:
Tom Withnell, *European Patent Academy, EPO*

Speakers:
Raquel Xalabarder, *Director Patent Academy, EPO*
Edward Cooke, *Examiner, EPO*
Tom Withnell, *European Patent Academy, EPO*
Sébastian Bareyt, *European Patent Academy, EPO*
Johannes Schaaf, *Patent Analytics, EPO*

09.00	**Zoom link activated**
09.05	**Moderator welcome** *Tom Withnell*
09.10	**Welcome address** *Raquel Xalabarder*
09.15	**Intro session** *All participants*
09.30	**The patent system** *Edward Cooke*
10.30	*Break*
10.40	**IP in the real world – What IP to use and when** *Edward Cooke, Tom Withnell*
12.10	*Lunch break*
13.00	**Basics of patentability and IP** *Sébastian Bareyt*
14.30	*Break*
14.40	**Patent knowledge and classification** *Johannes Schaaf*
15.40	**Mini-wrap up** *Tom Withnell*
15.45	**End of session**

Friday, 25 September

Moderator:
Tom Withnell, *European Patent Academy, EPO*

Speakers:
James Wrinch, *Patent information tools, EPO*
Edward Cooke, *Examiner, EPO*
Sébastian Bareyt, *European Patent Academy, EPO*

09.20	**Zoom link activated**
09.30	**Moderator welcome** *Tom Withnell*
09.30	**Searching for patents using Espacenet** *James Wrinch*
12.00	*Lunch break*
13.00	**TTO Expert session** *Tom Withnell*
14.00	*Break*
14.10	**IP Case Studies** *Edward Cooke, Sébastian Bareyt*
16.10	**End of zoom session**
16.10	**Online networking event** *Tom Withnell*
16.40	**End of session**