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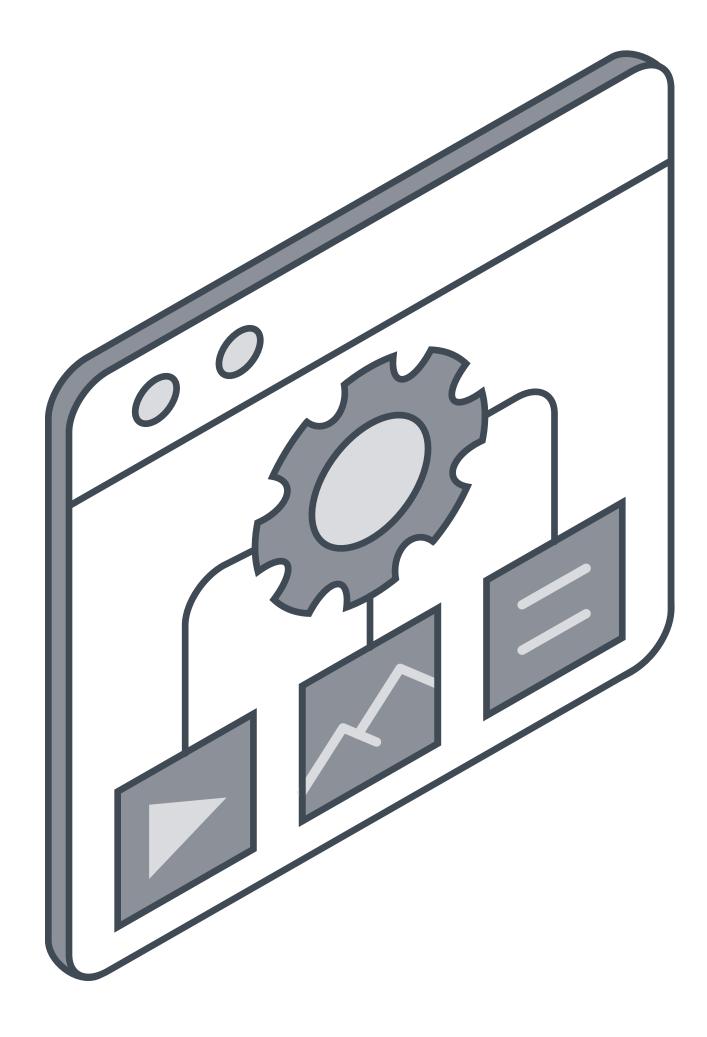
Expert workshop: Divisional applications Programme | 4 and 7 June 2024

Format - Online workshop

Seminar reference - OW01-2024

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Description

Expert workshops are a unique platform for experts from the national patent offices of member states to interact with their peers at the EPO. Participants discuss selected cases in a technical field and compare the practices at the different national patent offices and at the EPO. If applicable, the main decisions of the boards of appeal and the most relevant national case law are discussed from the point of view of patent examiners.

This workshop addresses how divisional applications are processed at the EPO:

- Session 1: definition and legal background, formal aspects; relevant excerpts of the Guidelines and relevant Boards of Appeal decisions.
- Session 2: essential elements presented in the first session: presentation and discussion of typical cases.

The workshop is not specific to a technical field.

Participation is open to patent examiners only.

Registered participants are invited to read the following course ahead of the first online session: Learning path for patent examiners, Unity of invention

Technical requirements:

The online sessions will be held on Zoom.









Tuesday, 4 June

Speakers: Nicolai Mooren, patent Jean-Michel Wulveryck,

- 13.50 **Zoom link activated**
- Welcome, goal setting 14.05 the speakers Moderator
- What "divisional" means in practice: 14.20 a typical case

Q&A

The reasons for filing a divisional application 14.40

Q&A

- The legal provisions 15.00
- 15.20 Break

	15.30	Sequence of divisional applications
t examiner, EPO, , patent examiner, EPO		Q&A
g and presentation of	15.50	Other aspects of divisional applications: Double patenting, search strategies for divisional applications, formal aspects
	16.15	End of session



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Friday, 7 June

Speakers: Nicolai Mooren, patent examiner, EPO, Jean-Michel Wulveryck, patent examiner, EPO

- **Zoom link activated** 09.50
- Welcome 10.00
- Main takeaways of the first session 10.05
 - Q&A and possible questions from the forum
- 10.30 A deeper look at unity of invention

Q&A

- **Presentation and discussion of examples** 10.50
- 11.15 Break
- Continuation 11.25
- End of session 12.00

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