

# Expert workshop: Divisional applications

Programme | 4 and 7 June 2024

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Format - **Online workshop**

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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: <i>Nicolai Mooren, patent examiner, EPO, Jean-Michel Wulveryck, patent examiner, EPO</i>	<b>15.30</b>	<b>Sequence of divisional applications</b>
<b>13.50</b>	<b>Zoom link activated</b>		<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>14.05</b>	<b>Welcome, goal setting and presentation of the speakers</b> <i>Moderator</i>	<b>15.50</b>	<b>Other aspects of divisional applications:</b> Double patenting, search strategies for divisional applications, formal aspects
<b>14.20</b>	<b>What “divisional” means in practice: a typical case</b>  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>16.15</b>	<b>End of session</b>
<b>14.40</b>	<b>The reasons for filing a divisional application</b>  <b>Q&amp;A</b>		
<b>15.00</b>	<b>The legal provisions</b>		
<b>15.20</b>	<b>Break</b>		

**Friday,  
7 June**

Speakers:

*Nicolai Mooren, patent examiner, EPO,*

*Jean-Michel Wulveryck, patent examiner, EPO*

- 09.50 Zoom link activated**
- 10.00 Welcome**
- 10.05 Main takeaways of the first session**  
**Q&A and possible questions from the forum**
- 10.30 A deeper look at unity of invention**  
**Q&A**
- 10.50 Presentation and discussion of examples**
- 11.15 Break**
- 11.25 Continuation**
- 12.00 End of session**