

SACEPO Working Party on Rules

Provisional agenda (SACEPO WPR 1/26 rev.)

35th meeting

12 March 2026

Online via MS Teams and on-site in Munich Isar 128

Commencing at 9.30 hrs

Subject: Provisional agenda

Drawn up by: European Patent Office

Addressees: Members of the SACEPO Working Party on Rules

Provisional agenda

1. **Opening of meeting and adoption of the agenda** SACEPO WPR 1/26
2. **Update on the third basket of legal changes supporting simplification and digitalisation** SACEPO WPR 2/26
3. **Overview of G 1/24 and the corresponding case law** SACEPO WPR 3/26
4. **Paperless patent granting process 2027** SACEPO WPR 4/26
5. **DOCX as filing format** SACEPO WPR 5/26
6. **Fee-related matters** SACEPO WPR 6/26
7. **Status report on the convergence of practice programme** SACEPO WPR 7/26
8. **Enhancing digital accessibility in opposition oral proceedings by videoconference** SACEPO WPR 8/26
9. **Any other business**

After each agenda item there will be time for questions and suggestions from members as well as for discussion with EPO representatives and, where applicable, reports on actions taken.

The meeting is expected to end at around 14.00 hrs.