

SACEPO Working Party on Rules

Provisional agenda (SACEPO WPR 8/24)

32nd meeting
24 October 2024
Online via MS Teams
Commencing at 09.30 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 8/24
2. **Update on implementing the 2nd basket of legal changes** SACEPO WPR 9/24
 - Reforming authorisation requirements – associations and general authorisations
 - Filing with the EPO in DOCX format and in colour
 - Updating the legal framework for electronic filing and file inspection
3. **Using AI to create submissions in the patent grant process** SACEPO WPR 10/24
4. **Rule 83 EPC – submission of patent literature no longer required** SACEPO WPR 11/24
5. **Introducing gender-neutral language into the EPC legal framework** SACEPO WPR 12/24
6. **Convergence of practice** SACEPO WPR 13/24
7. **The new WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge [TBC]** SACEPO WPR 14/24
8. **Any other business**
 - Update on referrals to the Enlarged Board of Appeal, especially on claim interpretation
 - Information about EU sanctions against Russia
9. **Wrap-up and closure of the meeting**

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

The meeting is expected to end at around 14.45 hrs.