

Training catalogue 2026

European Patent Academy

Foreword

At the European Patent Office, we believe that knowledge is the foundation of innovation and progress. Education in intellectual property empowers individuals, institutions, and societies to transform ideas into real-world impact. It builds the skills that enable inventors, entrepreneurs, and decision-makers to shape a more sustainable and equitable future.

Over the past years, the European Patent Academy has become a true benchmark for excellence in IP education. Through its ever-growing learning offer, it has reached a broader and more diverse community — from patent professionals and students to judges, startups, and policymakers. The results are tangible: the Academy's activities are now integrated into nearly ninety university programmes; participation in EPO learning has increased sixfold; gender parity has been achieved; and our certification schemes continue to attract new generations of qualified professionals.

The 2026 Academy Catalogue reflects the EPO's continued commitment to fostering innovation through knowledge. It translates our Strategic Plan 2028 into action by supporting cooperation, digital transformation, people development, and quality. The Catalogue not only brings together over 150 training activities covering the entire life cycle of an invention — from research to market and beyond — it also reinforces the Office's engagement with its partners, especially within the European Patent Network and our growing global community.

This year's edition also builds strong bridges between education and strategic priorities. The learning modules and projects foster our policy, research, D&I and cooperation endeavours, and our shared mission to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Through initiatives like the Modular Intellectual Property Education Framework (MIPEF), the Pan-European Seal, and

the Knowledge Transfer to Africa programme, the EPO continues to open doors to opportunity, inclusion, and lifelong learning.

These achievements are the result of dedicated cooperation —with national patent offices, academia, and countless experts who contribute their time and knowledge. To all of them, I would like to extend my sincere thanks. Your collective effort makes our learning offer not only richer but also more relevant to the challenges of our time.

By investing in education, we invest in Europe's innovation capacity and in the people who make it possible. Together, through the Academy's work, we are strengthening the foundations of a patent system that serves society, fosters sustainability, and inspires the next generation of innovators.



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President of the
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Training areas and activities

The European Patent Academy work plan provides a comprehensive training and educational programme on patents and IP-related fields for a variety of audiences, from national patent offices (NPOs) and patent professionals, to entrepreneurs, researchers, university graduates and the general public.

Building on the principles of co-operation, modularity, digitalisation and certification, and guided by the sustainability goal under the EPO's Strategic Plan 2028, the European Patent Academy training contributes to fostering innovation, economic opportunities and social advancement. The Academy training catalogue is also an example of the EPO's commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 to provide inclusive, quality and lifelong learning for all.

The European Patent Academy training is structured in four areas: patent granting, patent information and tools, technology transfer and dissemination, and patent litigation. These areas follow the cycle of patents and inventions: from the patent granting systems and process, to their subsequent enforcement and exploitation in the market and their strategic role in incentivising further innovation and technological development.

The Academy offers five types of training activities: conferences, courses, lectures, seminars and workshops. These allow different degrees of tutoring and interaction between participants and training partners. The type of activity chosen for each training is based on the learning goals, the audience, the duration and the nature of the contents, as well as on the participant levels of expertise.

Training activities are open to anyone, with the exception of those exclusively available for national patent offices and PATLIB centres and of a few selected activities for judges.

Additionally, several learning paths are available online to provide guided learning to specific audiences.

Guided by the goal of sustainability and inclusivity, the Academy is further expanding the selection of open courses available online (24/7) for self-paced study. These courses combine learning modules and final tests to assess learning outcomes. Additional learning resources, such as tutorials and recordings from previous training activities, as well as publications on specific topics, are available 24/7 in the European Patent Academy e-learning centre. Unless indicated otherwise, these resources are free of charge and available to the public .

To cater for the needs of diverse and global audiences and provide the best learning experience possible, the Academy continuously diversifies its training formats, expanding and constantly updating the learning resources available in the e-learning centre while simultaneously improving its e-learning technology and methodology. In addition, certificates are granted for attendance or successful completion of each activity.

The comprehensive training offer provided in this catalogue relies on the expertise of EPO examiners and experts, as well as on partnerships with several professional associations and other public institutions.

For a full overview of the Academy’s self-paced training offer, visit our e-learning centre at e-courses.epo.org.

Legend Audiences

	NPOs (EX, FO)
	Patent attorneys and administrators
	PATLIB
	Universities and research centres
	TTO, Business
	Judges, lawyers and litigators
	Children and youth

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PATENT GRANTING

The patent granting training area offers learning activities on substantive, legal and procedural aspects of the patent granting process at the EPO, from the filing of the application to the granting of a patent, including opposition and appeal, and covering patenting issues specific to certain technical fields.

This area addresses the training needs of two main audiences: national patent office (NPO) examiners and formalities officers, as well as patent attorneys, administrators and paralegals.

Training for NPOs is available only to national offices. However, some of the sessions in the patenting seminar series are also available to patent attorneys. Training aimed at patent attorneys is mostly available to the public and is open for general enrolment.

National Patent Offices



Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for beginners	Q1
	Course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for experienced users	Q2
	Course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for beginners	Q3
	Lecture	Procedural standards and the principle of good faith	Q3
	Open course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool	Q1-Q4
 	Open course	Patent classification	Q1-Q4
 	Open course	Using CPC in classification	Q1-Q4
	Open course	Practical and strategic aspects of the CPC	Q1-Q4
	Seminar	Update on recent decisions of the Boards of Appeal	Q2
 	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of chemistry	Q2
 	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of pharmacy	Q2
 	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of biotechnology	Q2
	Seminar series	Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)	Q2
	Workshop	Search I: structuring a search and defining a search strategy	Q1

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Workshop	Inventive step: technical features and technical problems	Q1
	Workshop	Design workshop on ANSERA-based SEARCH	Q2
	Workshop	Sufficiency of disclosure in CII and AI-related inventions	Q2
	Workshop	Becoming an ANSERA-based SEARCH tool trainer	Q3
	Workshop	Sufficiency of disclosure in biotech and medical fields	Q3
	Workshop	Examination: the art of communicating	Q3
	Workshop	Search II: implementing a complete search	Q3
	Workshop	Search III: drafting a search report and a written opinion; re-using EPO work products	Q4
	Workshop	Mastering the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool: advanced features	Q4
	Workshop	Exchange workshops on patenting procedures	Q1-Q4

Search

The search phase is the cornerstone of the patent granting process. Several training activities are offered on this topic.

Search workshop series

A series of three workshops cover the steps in any search phase, from structuring and defining a strategy to implementing the complete search, including classification, keyword and concept searches, as well as ending and refining the search and drafting a search report and written opinion, and re-using EPO work products.

Each workshop consists of two sessions, with exercises and case studies to illustrate and be discussed in the group. Participants are invited to follow the complete series of three workshops on search. The workshops are not focused on a particular search tool.

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Workshop	OW01-2026	Search I: structuring a search and defining a search strategy	Intermediate	12 hr(s)	Q1
Workshop	OW02-2026	Search II: implementing a complete search	Intermediate	12 hr(s)	Q3
Workshop	OW03-2026	Search III: drafting a search report and written opinion; re-using EPO work products	Intermediate	12 hr(s)	Q4

ANSERA-based SEARCH tool

The Academy provides the training programme on the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool with a course for beginners and one for experienced users, followed by a workshop for advanced users, as well as train-the-trainer activities for national patent offices wishing to develop their own training capacities.



The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for beginners

Entry level

Reference OV30-2026

Reference OV32-2026

Course I Q1, Q3 I 21 hr(s)

This course is intended for examiners from national patent offices having no or only very basic knowledge of the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool.

Recordings introducing the tool's functionalities, as well as example searches, are provided to participants in advance of the virtual classes and discussed during online sessions with EPO tutors. In addition, an online forum enables participants to further interact with each other and with tutors.

The course focuses on powerful new search options, changes to workflow which allow for more efficient searching, the advanced user interface and a new functionality allowing users to save intellectual input directly as documents.

The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for experienced users

Intermediate level

Reference OV31-2026

Course I Q2 I 20 hr(s)

This tutored course is intended for examiners from national patent offices who are already familiar with the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool.

Recordings on its functionalities are made available and brief examples are provided before virtual classes and discussed during the online sessions with EPO tutors. A forum is available for further interaction between participants and with tutors.

The course focuses on powerful new search options, including an enhanced search workflow which allows for more efficient searching, the improved user interface and a new functionality allowing users to save intellectual input directly to documents.

Mastering the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool: advanced features

Advanced level

Reference OW35-2026

Workshop I Q4 I 20 hr(s)

This workshop is intended for examiners from national patent offices who are experienced ANSERA-based SEARCH tool users. The training looks at the particularities of performing searches using the tool's advanced features. The features covered will be announced closer to the date. A forum is available for further interaction among participants and with tutors.

Becoming an ANSERA-based SEARCH tool trainer

Intermediate level

Reference OW34-2026

Workshop I Q3 I 14 hr(s)

Participants in this workshop are trained to become trainers on the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool in their offices. The workshop comprises three online sessions: the first focuses on the tool's essential advanced features; the second addresses coaching techniques to enhance search efficiency and methodology using AbS functionalities; the third focuses on the skills required to convey effective training. Candidates should have completed at least the entry and intermediate-level courses on the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool.

Design workshop on ANSERA-based SEARCH

Advanced level

Reference OW16-2026

Workshop I On-site I Q2 I 12 hr(s)

The training of trainers (ToT) on-site workshop comprises plenary sessions and three parallel sessions.

The first part of the training focuses on the use cases and specificities of a particular advanced AbS functionality. This takes the form of presentations by EPO AbS trainers. Parallel workshops allow users to implement their learning on the tool, either with a mock-up case or on their own files.

The second part of the workshop focuses on how to train and coach this functionality to examiners.

Participants will then be able to further disseminate this knowledge and skills in their respective offices. The workshop is reserved for AbS experts and trainers.

The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool

Entry level

Reference OX01-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 6 hr(s)

This open course is intended for examiners of national industrial property offices. Tutorials on its functionalities are made available, as well as a recorded online session about searching non-patent literature. The course focuses on powerful new search options, the change in workflow which allows for more efficient searching, the advanced user interface and the new functionality allowing users to save intellectual input directly to documents. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

The course may also serve as a comprehensive modular resource to support learners throughout their entire training journey, before, during and after other courses and workshops on the AbS tool. It functions as a reference hub that is continuously updated, and also as the central meeting point for the AbS tool expert community.

Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)

For anyone seeking to gain deeper insight into the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC), a combination of training activities and learning materials offer a flexible learning experience. Content is tailored to both entry-level and intermediate learners, ranging from a broad overview of the CPC system to more in-depth exploration of selected technical fields. A variety of formats, including open courses, recorded lectures, and seminar series, enables learners to choose the approach that best fits their needs.

Seminar series on the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)

Intermediate level

[Reference OS20-2026](#)

[Reference OS21-2026](#)

[Reference OS22-2026](#)

[Reference OS23-2026](#)

[Reference OS24-2026](#)

[Reference OS25-2026](#)

[Reference OS26-2026](#)

[Reference OS27-2026](#)

[Reference OS28-2026](#)

[Seminar I Q2 I 8 hr\(s\)](#)

The Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) field-specific seminar series is intended for patent examiners with some classifying experience using the CPC scheme who wish to improve their skills in selected fields. The fields covered will be announced closer to the date. In total, each seminar involves eight hours of work, including two online sessions.

Patent classification

Entry level

[Reference PX09-2026](#)

[Open course I Q1-Q4 I 5 hr\(s\)](#)

This open course is an introduction to the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC). Designed for the needs of the general user, it contains an overview of the CPC's structure and naming conventions, along with information about the transition periods from existing systems and the main differences when searching with the CPC. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Using CPC in classification

Intermediate level

Reference PX10-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 16 hr(s)

This open course offers an overview of the CPC classification system, from the basics to the CPC definition documents. The course is designed for various target groups, from people with little or no expertise in classification or document retrieval to professionals looking for specific information. Each level contains one or more self-contained e-learning modules. Depending on prior knowledge, participants can either choose to do the entire course or simply pick the level which best meets their needs. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Practical and strategic aspects of the CPC

Advanced level

Reference PX15-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 7hrs

This open course on CPC gives you a short overview of the CPC and how it differs from the IPC. It also looks at some practical aspects and useful strategies.
The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

CPC field-specific training: recorded lectures

This video collection consists of various recorded lectures in which expert examiners present their CPC technical fields. The presentations contain examples from most CPC classification sections.

Further information

Examination

Patenting seminars on inventive step

The patenting seminars comprise short technical online seminars about specific aspects of substantive examination or search in different technical fields. This year, the series covers the requirement of inventive step in three different technical fields: chemistry, pharmacy and biotechnology. Each seminar comprises two online sessions: a theoretical session followed by a practical one. The two sessions are usually about one week apart, during which participants and experts can interact via a dedicated forum.

The first session of each seminar is open to patent examiners and patent attorneys, while the second is reserved for patent examiners only.

Registration is open for the complete series or for individual seminars.



Inventive step in the fields of chemistry

Advanced level

Reference OS01-2026

Seminar I Q2 I 8 hr(s)

The seminar focuses on advanced challenges encountered when assessing the inventiveness of an invention in the fields of chemistry, particular chemical compounds and the concept of purity.

Inventive step in the fields of pharmacy

Advanced level

Reference OS02-2026

Seminar I Q2 I 8 hr(s)

The seminar focuses on advanced challenges encountered when assessing the inventiveness of an invention in the fields of pharmacy: clinical studies, second medical use, dosage regimen and new clinical situation.

Inventive step in the fields of biotechnology

Advanced level

Reference OS03-2026

Seminar I Q2 I 8 hr(s)

The seminar focuses on advanced challenges encountered when assessing the inventiveness of an invention in the fields of biotechnology: antibodies, experimental evidence and biological material.

Patenting workshop on inventive step

Inventive step: technical features and technical problems

Intermediate level

Reference OW06-2026

Workshop I Q1 I 18 hr(s)

The aim of this workshop is to allow participants to further understand the concepts of technical feature and technical problem in the assessment of inventive step.

Through examples and exercises in accessible technical fields, participants will be able to understand the differences between technical and non-technical features as well as be able to properly identify the underlying technical problem the invention is solving. The workshop includes two live sessions. The first one focuses on the theoretical aspects as well as present the mock case study. Participants work on the case study between the two live sessions and submit their work to the tutors. The second session enables participants to exchange views on the subject.



Sufficiency of disclosure

Sufficiency of disclosure in CII and AI-related inventions

Advanced level

Reference OW04-2026

Workshop I Q2 I 18 hr(s)

This workshop focuses on the assessment of sufficiency of disclosure for inventions claiming computer programs or AI-related inventions. Prior to the workshop, participants are invited to carefully study the training material available on the EPO website and take a quiz.

Participants are also expected to complete a case study between the two live sessions.

Participants are welcome to bring their own working examples for discussion in the group.

Sufficiency of disclosure in the biotech and medical fields

Advanced level

Reference OW05-2026

Workshop I Q3 I 18 hr(s)

This workshop focuses on the assessment of sufficiency of disclosure for inventions in the biotechnology and medical fields. Prior to the workshop, participants are invited to carefully study the training material available on the EPO website and take a quiz. Participants are also expected to complete a case study between the two live sessions.

Participants are welcome to bring their own working examples for discussion in the group.

Examination procedure

Procedural standards and the principle of good faith

Intermediate level

Reference OL03-2026

Lecture I Q3 I 2 hr(s)

This lecture offers an opportunity for participants to learn about foundational principles of procedure in the EPO. EPO legal experts present the important formal and informal legal elements in the European patent procedure enabling the key principle of legal certainty in the processing of patent application.

The lecture is aimed mainly at lawyers and administrators at national patent offices.

Examination: the art of communicating

Intermediate level

Reference OW07-2026

Workshop I Q3 I 18 hr(s)

The aim of this workshop is to allow participants to develop their communication skills in the context of the examination procedure. Participants explore the different styles and tools of communication, both written and oral. A series of examples and exercises guides participants in identifying the best tools and strategies to handle various difficult situations in the examination procedure.

Appeal

Update for NPOs on recent decisions of the Boards of Appeal

Intermediate level

Reference OS04-2026

Seminar I Q2 I 3 hr(s)

This seminar offers a unique opportunity for participants to engage with members of the EPO Boards of Appeal and each other on important topics relating to Boards of Appeal decisions. The seminar focuses on recent selected case law highlights.





Exchange workshops on patenting procedures

Exchange workshops are reserved for the national patent offices (NPOs) of member states. They aim to facilitate exchange of information and dissemination of knowledge on the latest developments in patenting practices and procedures.

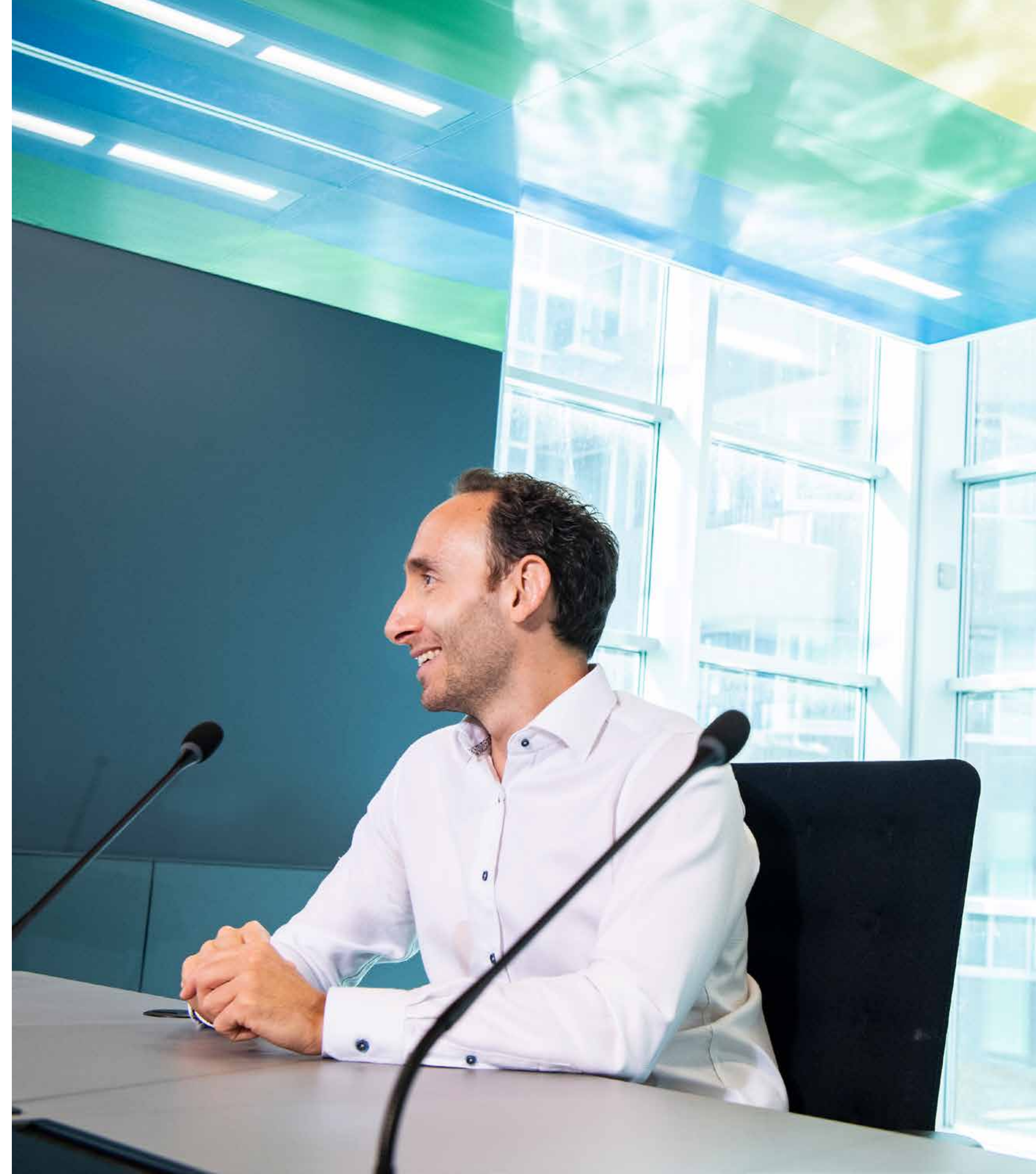
The exchanges focus on a specific technical field agreed in consultation between the Academy and the NPOs concerned. Previous platforms have covered topics of interest to NPOs, such as AI and metaverse-related inventions, Markush claims, wind turbines and CII, and drilling technology and CII. Platforms are organised as online workshops lasting six to eight hours and their format is set according to the needs of the national office. It may include a restricted exchange between national examiners and EPO examiners on patenting practices in a specific technical field, and a second session open to the public.

Collection of resources for patent examiners

This series of 48 booklets downloadable from the EPO website is intended for patent examiners at national patent offices who are taking part in training organised by the EPO. It is also freely available to the public for independent learning. Topics covered include novelty, inventive step, clarity, unity of invention, sufficiency of disclosure, amendments and search. Also addressed are patenting issues specific to certain technical fields: patentability exceptions and exclusions in biotechnology; assessment of novelty, inventive step, clarity, sufficiency of disclosure and unity of invention for chemical inventions; the patentability of computer-implemented inventions, business methods, game rules, mathematics and its applications, presentations of information, graphical user interfaces and programs for computers; and claim formulation for computer-implemented inventions. Each publication focuses on one topic at entry, intermediate or advanced level. The explanations and examples are based on the EPC, the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO and selected decisions of the EPO's Boards of Appeal. References are made to the PCT and its Regulations whenever appropriate.

[Further information](#)

Patent attorneys and administrators



Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Conference	Search & Examination Matters 2026	Q1
	Conference	Opposition Matters 2026	Q3
  	Conference	Boards of Appeal Case Law Conference	Q4
	Conference	EQE tutors meeting	Q4
	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: General aspects of patent law, EPC and PCT	Q1-Q2
	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: EPO procedures in filing, search and examination	Q1-Q2
	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: EPO procedures in post-grant, appeals, validation and UPC	Q2
	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: PCT procedure and entry into national/regional phase after PCT	Q2
	Course	Life of a patent	Q2
	Course	Training for the EQE Paper F	Q3-Q4
	Course	EQE daily legal questions	Q3-Q4
 	Lecture	PCT for paralegals and patent agents	Q2
	Lecture	UP in practice – an overview with users	Q3

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Lecture	Inclusive innovation: advancing diversity in patenting practices	Q3
	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in sustainable materials (bio-inspired engineering)	Q1
	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in cybersecurity	Q1
	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in super computers	Q2
	Lecture series	PCT at the EPO (3 lectures: French, German and English)	Q2 -Q3
	Lecture series	Guidelines2day (6 lectures)	Q2-Q3
 	Open course	Patenting inventions related to artificial intelligence: practical cases	Q1
 	Open course	Patentability of computer-implemented inventions	Q1
 	Open course	Searching prior art based on patent applications	Q1-Q4
 	Open course	Search reports and written opinions	Q1-Q4
 	Open course	Search strategies	Q1-Q4
   	Open course	Introduction to the European patent system	Q1-Q4
 	Open course	The patent process at the EPO	Q1-Q4

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Open course	How to apply for a patent	Q1-Q4
	Open course	Patentability requirements at the EPO	Q1-Q4
	Open course	The patent document	Q2
	Open course	Practicing for EQE Paper F	Q1-Q4
	Seminar	Update on the latest decisions of the EPO Boards of Appeal	Q1
	Seminar	Procedural aspects of appeal proceedings	Q2
	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of chemistry	Q2
	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of pharmacy	Q2
	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of biotechnology	Q2
	Workshop	Oral proceedings in opposition at the EPO	Q2
	Workshop	Patenting computer-implemented inventions	Q4

Search and Examination

Search and Examination Matters 2026

Intermediate level

Reference PC01-2026

Conference I Q1 I 9 hr(s)

The Search and Examination Matters conference focuses on the interaction between examiners and patent attorneys during the patent grant procedure, providing practical insights into the day-to-day work performed, along with the rationale which underlies them.

The conference consists of presentations, workshops and panel discussions, which facilitate detailed peer-to-peer (EPO/epi) discussions on IP pertaining to search and examination, along with their position and value in the IP landscape.

UP in practice – an overview for users

Intermediate level

Reference PL97-2026

Lecture I Q3 I 2 hr(s)

Two years have passed since the launch of the Unitary Patent (UP) and the EPO is now offering a refresher for users on the procedure to obtain unitary protection and other related services. In particular, this lecture provides in-depth information on the submission of requests for unitary effect, requests for compensation of translation costs, requests for re-establishment of rights and requests for the registration of transfers of rights or licences. The lecture also provides insights into the practice of the EPO's Unitary Patent Division.

Guidelines2day

This series of recorded lectures gives an overview of the main changes to the EPO Guidelines and the impact on formalities and examiner procedures.

[Further information](#)

Guidelines2day lecture series

Intermediate level

[Reference PL91-2026](#)

[Reference PL92-2026](#)

[Reference PL93-2026](#)

[Reference PL94-2026](#)

[Reference PL95-2026](#)

[Reference PL96-2026](#)

Lecture I Q2-Q3 I 1.5 hr(s)

The Guidelines2day lecture series gives an overview of updates to the Guidelines for Examination and any other relevant developments in patent granting procedures. The speakers are lawyers and administrators from the EPO’s Patent Law Directorate. The six lectures deal in detail with the most important changes to the Guidelines.

Inclusive innovation: advancing diversity in patenting practices

Entry level

[Reference PL05-2026](#)

Lecture I Q3 I 2 hr(s)

This lecture explores the intersection of diversity, inclusion and patenting. It examines barriers faced by underrepresented groups in the patent system, including bias-aware practices, and analyses inclusive strategies in IP policy and practice.

Tackling the future lecture series

This lecture series is for patent professionals seeking to gain deeper insight into the challenges faced when patenting cross-field inventions that combine technologies from several different fields.

The 2026 series covers sustainable materials, cybersecurity and super computers.

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Lecture	PL70-2026	Cross-field inventions in sustainable materials (bio-inspired engineering)	Intermediate	1.5 hr(s)	Q1
Lecture	PL71-2026	Cross-field inventions in cybersecurity	Intermediate	1.5 hr(s)	Q1
Lecture	PL72-2026	Cross-field inventions in supercomputers	Intermediate	1.5 hr(s)	Q2

Tackling the future: cross-field inventions

Recorded lectures from the Tackling the Future lecture series

[Further information](#)

Patenting computer-implemented inventions

Intermediate level

Reference PW40-2026

Workshop I Q4 I 17 hr(s)

A one-month complete workshop on computer-implemented inventions (CII), with detailed learning modules about essential concepts, definitions and exclusions to patentability. The workshop offers the opportunity to explore the relationship between CII and business methods, game rules, mathematics (including artificial intelligence) and the presentation of information/graphical user interfaces. It includes self-paced reading, exercises and interaction with tutors, who guide participants from the principles underlying patenting CII to knowledge on how to patent specific topics related to CII and the difficulties involved. The workshop is for people already familiar with the concepts underlying patenting CII who would like to refresh their knowledge of the essentials and deepen their familiarity by exploring particular topics.

Patenting inventions related to artificial intelligence: practical cases

Intermediate level

Reference PX12-2026

Open course I Expected Q1 I 8 hr(s)

This open course offers a practical exploration of inventions in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) through a series of structured case studies. Each case is presented following the established examination framework for computer-implemented inventions (CII), enabling participants to easily compare and analyse different scenarios based on this consistent criterion. The module provides an interactive learning experience for those looking to deepen their understanding of how AI-related inventions are assessed in practice under the patent system.

Patentability of computer-implemented inventions

Intermediate level

Reference PX13-2026

Open course I Expected Q1 I 8 hr(s)

This open course introduces the fundamentals of patentability for computer-implemented inventions (CII). It begins with the basic requirements for patentable inventions and then explores specific subject matter, including mathematical methods, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. Designed for learners seeking a solid foundation in this area, the course equips participants with the essential knowledge needed to understand how patent law applies to computer-implemented innovations.

Searching prior art based on patent applications

Entry level

Reference PX05-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 15 hr(s)

This course offers a practical step-by-step guide to conducting systematic patent searches. Participants learn how to analyse a patent application to extract the key information needed for an effective search. The course covers how to develop and apply a tailored search strategy, including selecting and working with various search tools and databases. Participants will also gain skills in evaluating search results, refining their search approach as necessary, and when the search is sufficiently complete and efficient. The course is comprehensive and ensures participants can effectively use patent application searches to identify prior art. It is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Search reports and written opinions

Entry level

Reference PX06-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 6 hr(s)

This open course focuses on understanding and effectively using the information contained in search reports and written opinions issued by the EPO. Participants will gain an understanding of the requirements for inventions and applications that allows them to better interpret these documents. After completing a search, the applicant receives a search report, a written opinion and a corresponding EPO cover sheet: these detail the procedural, formal and substantive aspects of the application. The course explains the components of an extended search report, including when only a partial or incomplete search is possible. Participants also learn about the options available to applicants after these reports have been issued. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.



Search strategies

Entry level

Reference PX07-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 2 hr(s)

This open course provides a structured approach to developing and applying effective patent search strategies. Participants will gain an overview of the role and importance of search strategies in the context of prior art searching. The course guides participants through the key phases of the process, from harvesting relevant information and defining a tailored search strategy to evaluating the prior art found. It also provides practical guidance on how to assess when a search is sufficiently complete and when to stop searching. After this course, participants will be better able to plan and execute efficient searches. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Introduction to the European patent system

Entry level

Reference PX01-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 8 hr(s)

This open course provides a basic overview of the elements of a patent and the workings of the European patent system. Participants examine the key aspects of patents as an intellectual property right, the roles of various stakeholders, procedural options, and the patentability requirements at the EPO relative to inventions and applications. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

The patent process at the EPO

Entry level

Reference PX02-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 7 hr(s)

This open course offers an overview of the procedural aspects of the European patent system. Participants will gain insight into the different stages of the grant procedure at the EPO, including formalities, search, and examination. Particular emphasis is placed on opposition, as well as limitation and revocation procedures before the EPO. Recent changes to these procedures are also covered, ensuring participants remain up to date with current EPO practice. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

How to apply for a patent

Entry level

Reference PX03-2026
Open course I Q1-Q4 I 4 hr(s)

Applying for a patent can be a complex undertaking, with many aspects to consider. This open course offers a practical introduction to filing European and Euro-PCT applications, based on the Guide for applicants. It provides a step-by-step overview of the requirements and formalities involved, and includes tips and common pitfalls. The course also includes an in-depth look at oral proceedings before the EPO, helping participants understand what to expect and how to prepare. Participants learn how to apply for a European patent. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Patentability requirements at the EPO

Entry level

Reference PX04-2026
Open course I Q1-Q4 I 15 hr(s)

The patent system is complex and involves numerous legal and procedural aspects. This course introduces participants to the legal foundations of the European patent system, and covers topics ranging from the requirements for patentable inventions to those for valid applications. Participants explore key European Patent Convention (EPC) concepts, including novelty, inventive step and patentable subject-matter. The course also addresses the formal requirements for applications, such as unity, clarity and sufficiency of disclosure. This introductory course offers key legal insights into the European patent system. It is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

The patent document

Entry level

Reference PX11-2026
Open course I Expected Q2 I 4 hr(s)

This open course provides a comprehensive introduction to both the substantive and formal requirements of a patent document. It offers a detailed look at how inventions are disclosed through the description and drawings, and examines the structure and function of claims, including independent and dependent claims and related legal concepts. Designed for those looking to understand the basics of patent drafting and interpretation, the course equips participants with the knowledge needed to read and understand patent documents and communicate effectively with patent professionals. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.



Patenting seminars available for patent attorneys

The following seminars designed for examiners at national patent offices are also available to patent attorneys. Each include two online sessions. The first one is open to patent examiners and patent attorneys; the second is reserved for patent examiners only. For more information, see the section on national patent offices.

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Seminar	OS01-2026	Inventive step in the fields of chemistry	Advanced	8 hr(s)	Q2
Seminar	OS02-2026	Inventive step in the fields of pharmacy	Advanced	8 hr(s)	Q2
Seminar	OS03-2026	Inventive step in the fields of biotechnology	Advanced	8 hr(s)	Q2

Opposition

Opposition Matters 2026

Advanced level

Reference PC02-2026

Conference I Q3 I 15 hr(s)

Opposition Matters is the EPO's flagship event for professional users to keep abreast of the latest developments in opposition proceedings. EPO opposition experts and experienced lawyers present alongside senior European patent attorneys. Participants will interactively learn about the best practices these experts have developed over years of on-the-job opposition experience. The panel discussions and presentations aim to give a direct insight into the work involved in opposition proceedings from differing viewpoints. The conference enables participants to navigate opposition proceedings professionally and pragmatically to bring them to a successful conclusion.

Oral proceedings in opposition at the EPO

Advanced level

Reference PW30-2026

Workshop I Q2 I 30 hr(s)

This workshop is for professional representatives seeking to learn how to present a case in the most effective way in front of an opposition division, with the guidance of an experienced trainer in opposition proceedings. Along with experienced patent attorneys and senior examiners they guide participants through the potential pitfalls in a range of hearings. There is extensive learning on the job with simulated, mock oral proceedings designed to let attendees experience different events in real time, but in a safe environment. They can play a variety of roles (opposition division, proprietor or opponent), and need to study preparatory documentation provided in advance in order to conduct structured oral proceedings. Basic experience in oral proceedings is recommended.

Appeal

Boards of Appeal Case Law Conference

Advanced level

Reference PC07-2026

Conference I Q4 I 12 hr(s)

The annual Boards of Appeal Case Law Conference provides a unique opportunity for patent practitioners to gain insight into the case law and practice of the Boards. It provides a forum for participants to engage with members of the Boards on important topics relating to Boards of Appeal decisions.

The conference is aimed at experienced patent practitioners (patent attorneys, attorneys-at-law, in-house counsel), judges and national patent office staff.



Learning path: getting to know patents

What exactly is a patent? What requirements need to be met, and how do EPO examiners assess patent applications received? What can be expected after a patent has been granted? The answers to all of these questions are provided in this learning path, which consists of three courses and 33 hours of study time.

[Further information](#)

Learning path: finding your way through searches

Patent documents are a rich source of technical and legal information openly available to anyone who is interested. But with so many documents and so much information out there, it is easy to lose track. How do you access the patent information needed in a timely manner, and how do you ensure that no relevant information has been missed? Is there a classification system where all this information is stored?

The answers to these and many more related questions can be found in this learning path, which consists of five courses and 46 hours of study time.

[Further information](#)

Mock witness hearing: taking of evidence

Taking of evidence, such as hearing witnesses or inspecting an object, can be fundamental for proceedings before the EPO. This recording provides a mock witness hearing in oral proceedings.

[Further information](#)

Advanced lecture series

- [Advanced lecture series – Fibre-reinforced plastics recycling and alternative plastics](#)
- [Advanced lecture series – Medical technology \(MedTech\)](#)
- [Advanced lecture series – Smart agriculture](#)
- [Advanced lecture series – Vaccines and immunotherapeutics \(immunology\)](#)
- [Advanced lecture series on food technology](#)
- [Advanced lecture series on green technologies](#)

Best of Search Matters

[Further information](#)

Examination Matters lectures

[Further information](#)

PCT

PCT at the EPO

Intermediate level

[Reference PL01-2026 \(German\)](#)

[Reference PL02-2026 \(English\)](#)

[Reference PL03-2026 \(French\)](#)

Lecture I Q2-Q3 I 2 hr(s)

This online lecture updates and complements the series of lectures from previous years on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) procedure with the EPO as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated Office. An EPO team of PCT experts provide information relevant to PCT users, including the latest PCT developments.

The lectures given in German and English are organised in co-operation with the epi. The lecture in French is organised in co-operation with the CNCPI.

PCT for paralegals and patent agents

Intermediate level

[Reference PL04-2026](#)

Lecture I Q2 I 2 hr(s)

This online lecture explains the benefits of using the EPO not just as an International Searching Authority, but also for Chapter II. This often results in faster processing in the European regional phase.

The lecture is for paralegals and patent agents with a role in administering the PCT procedure.



PCT recorded lectures

This collection of recorded seminars and lectures provides updates on the services provided by the EPO, the latest developments in the PCT system and many practical and specific aspects of the PCT procedure. It is aimed at patent attorneys and IP professionals with experience of filing PCT applications with the EPO.

[Further information](#)

EQE training and learning resources

The European Patent Academy offers a comprehensive suite of resources to support candidates preparing for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE), the official examination required to become a European patent attorney. These include structured online courses like the six-month training for Paper F, self-study materials such as the Guide for preparation and Guide to EQE papers, and engaging tools like the Paper F brain-teasers and mock exams. Podcasts and daily questions further enrich preparation, while the annual EQE tutors meeting fosters collaboration and insights among trainers. Together, these resources help candidates build the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to succeed in the evolving EQE format.



Training for EQE Paper F

Entry level

Reference PV01-2026

Course I Q3-Q4 I 180 hr(s)

This is a six-month online course for the EQE foundation paper F that offers a blended e-learning experience, including introductory videos, in-depth articles, questions based on the real examination and in-depth case studies, as well as quizzes and live sessions. Participants have access to experienced epi tutors from around Europe, who are available via a discussion forum to answer exam-related queries. Interaction with tutors takes place during regular virtual classes. The classes are recorded and uploaded to the course virtual space, so participants can watch them at any time.

Practising for EQE Paper F

Entry level

Reference PX08-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 4 hr(s)

This course hosts the mock paper F prepared by the Examination Board of the European Qualifying Examination. The course provides participants with an idea of the types of examination that form Paper F as of 2025.

EQE daily legal questions

Advanced level

Reference PV07-2026

Course I Q3-Q4 I 30 hr(s)

Thorough preparation is essential for success in the EQE, calling for consistent practice and sound legal reasoning. To support this, the Academy offers candidates a structured opportunity to strengthen their legal and argumentation skills through daily questions on EQE topics. A dedicated forum is available to submit answers and discuss and collaborate under the guidance of European patent attorneys.

EQE tutors meeting

Advanced level

Reference PC04-2026

Conference I Q4 I 8 hr(s)

The annual workshop of EQE tutors and members of the EQE committees aims to support the network of tutors in their work, helping candidates prepare for a successful EQE experience. It drives direct exchange of important information about the most recent examinations. Tutors benefit from contact with the people in charge of preparing and marking the examination papers.

This event is open to tutors active in preparing candidates for the European qualifying examination next year.

This activity is organised in co-operation with the epi.

Paper F brain-teasers

Paper F brain-teasers are a series of email-based questions and answers focusing on European (EPC and PCT) patent law and practice. Each question is brief and takes only 5 to 10 minutes to answer. Participants receive an email with a question every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, along with the answer – with legal basis – to the previous question.

[Further information](#)

Support for EQE Candidates

This course room is specifically designed to support EQE candidates with various resources, including mock examinations for papers F and M1, a podcast series on the new EQE and an exam preparation tutorial.

[Further information](#)

EQE Guide for preparation

The Guide for preparation is a comprehensive resource supporting candidates throughout their EQE journey. Covering all key stages from registration and enrolment to exam preparation, what to expect during the examination, and post-exam steps, it provides an in-depth roadmap aligned with the updated EQE structure. Now fully revised to reflect the new modular format, it is an essential starting point for candidates aiming for well-rounded preparation.

Find out more about the guide for preparing for the EQE at

[Further information](#)

Talk innovation: EQE

Talk innovation: patent professional edition is a four-part podcast series on the EQE. The series offers insight into the new flexible, modular and progressive format, guiding listeners through key elements such as Paper F, procedural requirements and preparation tips. Featuring EPO staff, external experts and recent candidates, it provides practical advice and context to support successful exam readiness.

[Further information](#)

EPAC: Training for the European patent administration certification

The four EPAC training courses are specifically designed to prepare paralegals, patent administrators and formalities officers for the European patent administration certification (EPAC). This structured programme reflects the EPAC's new modular format, allowing candidates to focus on distinct areas of patent administration and earn separate diplomas that collectively lead to full certification.

Each of the four courses can be taken individually and independently, enabling professionals to tailor their learning journey to their needs and schedules.

Course format:

Every course begins with a self-learning phase of approximately two weeks, allowing participants to explore the training material independently.

Each course runs for one month and includes two to three online sessions led by EPO tutors, who summarise the key takeaways and provide expert guidance. At the end of each course, participants can complete a self-assessment to measure their understanding and progress.

Throughout the courses, and to foster an open and collaborative learning environment, participants can ask questions in the forum and engage in written discussions with tutors.

To support the learning journey, recordings of all sessions are made available for revision and review.

The courses are delivered in English, but participants may interact with tutors in French or German. This helps to cultivate a multilingual and inclusive learning experience.



General aspects of patent law, EPC and PCT

Intermediate level

Reference PV03-2026

Course I Q1-Q2 I 16 hr(s)

This course provides the fundamentals of patent law, with a focus on the European Patent Convention (EPC) and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). Participants learn key patentability criteria and explore how international systems are used to obtain and manage patent rights across multiple jurisdictions. The main topics covered are:

- general aspects of the patent system
- the European patent system
- the European patent granting procedure
- the PCT system and procedure

EPO procedures in filing, search and examination

Intermediate level

Reference PV04-2026

Course I Q1-Q2 I 24 hr(s)

This course provides a clear and practical journey through the European patent process, from the initial filing of applications to the final stages of examination. Participants will gain essential insights into how to prepare and submit European patent applications, understand the search process conducted by the EPO and navigate the examination phase with confidence and strategy. The main topics covered are:

- filing European applications
- European searches
- European publication
- European examination.

EPO procedures in post-grant, appeals, validation and UPC

Intermediate level

Reference PV05-2026

Course I Q2 I 16 hr(s)

This course offers an in-depth exploration of international patent procedures, with a special focus on European practices. From post-grant processes and appeals to validation and the Unitary Patent, participants will gain a clear, strategic understanding of how to navigate the EPO landscape with confidence. The main topics covered are:

- national validation of European patents
- Unitary Patent procedure
- opposition procedure
- appeal procedure



PCT procedure and entry into national/regional phase after PCT

Intermediate level

Reference PV06-2026

Course I Q2 I 24 hr(s)

This course offers a comprehensive global overview of the PCT system, showing how inventors can streamline the process of securing international patent protection through a single, unified application. The main topics covered are:

- filing an international application
- international search
- international publication
- international preliminary examination
- entering national/regional phases
- entry into the European phase

Collection of resources for patent administrators

This series of 22 booklets downloadable from the EPO website is intended for patent administrators who are taking part in training and certification organised by the EPO. It is also freely available to the public for independent learning. Topics covered include general aspects of the patent system, the European patent system and patent granting procedure, the international patent system (PCT) and the PCT procedure, European and international publications, filing a European patent application and filing an international application, formalities during European and international search, formalities during European examination and international preliminary examination, formalities during the appeal procedure after refusal (EPC), the opposition procedure (EPC), national validation (EPC) as well as entering national/regional phases and entry into the European phase (formal requirements and examination). Each chapter focuses on one topic at entry, intermediate or advanced level.

[Further information](#)

Activities organised by the epi with the support of the EPO

Each year the epi organises training activities for its members and IP professionals in general. Just as the epi contributes to EPO events so the EPO also contributes to epi activities by providing experts and e-learning methodology.

For details of these EPO-supported activities, visit the [epi website](#)

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Course	PV02-2026	Life of a patent	Entry	25 hr(s)	Q2
Seminar	PS02-2026	Update on the latest decisions of the EPO Boards of Appeal	Advanced	8 hr(s)	Q1
Seminar	PS01-2026	Procedural aspects of appeal proceedings	Advanced	2 hr(s)	Q2

PATENT INFORMATION AND TOOLS

Training on the use of EPO tools and services for research and business purposes is relevant for everyone from national patent offices and PATLIB centres to patent attorneys, economic agents, IP managers and policymakers to support them in making the best

use of the patent system. Patent data and information can also be used as a strategic source of business information based on technical developments to provide unique market insights.

Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
   	Lecture	PATSTAT for beginners	Q1
   	Lecture	Technology platforms: quantum technologies	Q1
   	Lecture	Deep Tech Finder	Q1
   	Lecture	Legal event codes from Asia in INPADOC	Q2
   	Lecture	Leveraging Espacenet technology platforms	Q3
   	Lecture	Technology platforms: circularity in battery technologies	Q3
   	Lecture	Structure and entries in the European Patent Register	Q4
   	Lecture	Technology platforms: AI and medicine	Q4
   	Open course	Patent information tour	Q1-Q4
   	Open course	The Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP)	Q1-Q4
   	Open course	Espacenet unlocked for beginners	Q2
   	Open course	INPADOC worldwide legal event data	Q3

Structure and entries in the European Patent Register

Entry level

Reference KL01-2026

Lecture I Q4 I 1 hr(s)

This lecture explores the structure of both the European patent (EP) and Unitary Patent (UP) Registers, and takes a close look at the different entries displayed, including file inspection.

Legal event codes from Asia in INPADOC

Entry level

Reference KL03-2026

Lecture I Q2 I 1 hr(s)

With over 60% of all patent applications now originating from Asia, it is increasingly important not only to monitor filings but also to stay informed about the evolving legal status of these applications.

This lecture provides an in-depth overview of the INPADOC legal event database and demonstrates how it can be used to track ongoing developments in patent law across key Asian jurisdictions.

PATSTAT for beginners

Entry level

Reference KL04-2026

Lecture I Q1 I 1 hr(s)

The EPO's PATSTAT has established itself as a key reference in the field of patent intelligence and statistics. This lecture focuses on performing advanced statistical analyses using bibliographic and legal event patent data.

Leveraging Espacenet technology platforms

Entry level

Reference KL20-2026

Lecture I Q3 I 1 hr(s)

The main purpose of Espacenet technology platforms is to provide insight into issues relating to patents and innovation, focusing on specific technology areas. This lecture provides an overview of the concept and structure of the technology platforms.

Technology platforms: quantum technologies

Entry level

Reference KL07-2026

Lecture I Q1 I 1 hr(s)

This lecture introduces the new Espacenet technology platform on quantum technologies, an initiative of the EPO Observatory. Participants will discover how to use the platform's deep technology filters to find patent documents in this domain.

Technology platforms: circularity in battery technologies

Entry level

Reference KL08-2026

Lecture I Q3 I 1 hr(s)

This lecture introduces the upcoming Espacenet technology platform on circularity in battery technologies, an initiative of the EPO Observatory. Participants will discover how to use the platform's deep technology filters to find patent documents in this domain.

Technology platforms: AI and medicine

Entry level

Reference KL09-2026

Lecture I Q4 I 1 hr(s)

This lecture introduces the Espacenet technology platform on AI in medicine, an initiative of the EPO Observatory. Participants will discover how to use the platform's deep technology filters to find patent documents in this domain.

Deep Tech Finder

Entry level

Reference KL10-2026

Lecture I Q1 I 1 hr(s)

The lecture presents and demonstrates the different features of the Deep Tech Finder in various scenarios, from finding startups and universities to applying filters, locating investors and saving lists of startups and universities. After the lecture, participants are expected to be able to use the tool independently and get maximum benefit all its features.



Patent information tour

Entry level

Reference KX01-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 40 hr(s)

The Patent information tour, available in English, French and German, is an open self-paced course for beginners, offering a practical introduction to patents and patent information. Through quizzes and interactive content, participants learn how to search and interpret patent data, understand legal status and classifications, and explore key tools like Espacenet, the European Patent Register, PATSTAT and TIP. By the end of the course, participants will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to use patent information effectively in research, innovation and business. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

INPADOC worldwide legal event data

Entry level

Reference KX02-2026

Open course I Expected Q3 I 8 hr(s)

Legal event data provides insights into key developments throughout the lifecycle of a patent application. This open self-paced course offers an introduction to INPADOC legal event data, covering information collected from over 50 international patent authorities. Participants will gain an understanding of both backfile and frontfile data available through the INPADOC database. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Espacenet unlocked for beginners

Entry level

Reference KX03-2026

Open course I Expected Q2 I 10 hr(s)

This open course provides a comprehensive introduction to the fundamental features of Espacenet. Participants learn how to use both search modes effectively, explore interface options that enhance text readability, understand the role of patent classifications in search strategies and gain insight into the EPO's AI-powered CPC Text Categoriser. The course equips participants with the skills needed to conduct efficient patent searches, including those related to European patents with unitary effect. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

The Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP)

Advanced level

Reference KX05-2026

Open course | Q1-Q4 | 5 hr(s)

This open course is designed to help you effectively navigate the Technology Intelligence Platform—the EPO’s next-generation patent data analysis tool. Participants will become familiar with the platform’s features, learn how to efficiently retrieve patent data using EPO-developed libraries, and gain a solid foundation for generating meaningful insights from patent data. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

EPO tutorials: patent information tools

These tutorials help students find a way around patent information products and services the EPO makes available to the public: the patent information tour, Espacenet, the European Patent Register and an introduction to the Global Patent Index (GPI).

[Further information](#)

EPO tutorials: tools for applying

These provide step-by-step guidance on using the EPO central fee payment (CFP) and online filing 2.0 tools. The CFP tool tutorial is in English, French and German and explains where to find the tool and what is needed to use it. The online filing 2.0 tutorial teaches the basics of the tool and contains practical tips and instructions.

[Further information](#)

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND DISSEMINATION

Technology Transfer activities are open to the public and aimed at a variety of audiences: universities, research centres, businesses (particularly SMEs), IP and technology transfer managers and investors. Specific training is also provided for PATLIB network staff.

Mastering technology transfer and IP valorisation is crucial in today's innovation-driven economy. These skills enable

innovators to effectively bridge the gap between groundbreaking research and marketable products, unlocking the full potential of intellectual property. By understanding how to navigate the complexities of technology transfer and maximise the value of IP assets, entrepreneurs can gain a significant competitive edge, attract investors, and transform cutting-edge ideas into successful business ventures.

Academia



Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Course	MIPEF: Entry	Q2, Q4
	Course	MIPEF: Advanced	Q2, Q4
	Course	MIPEF: IP management	Q2, Q4
	Course	From curiosity to innovation	Q2
	Course	Innovation through history	Q2
	Course	Innovation for a better world	Q4
	Course	Tech meets culture	Q4
 	Lecture Series	IP as a driver for innovation (4 lectures)	Q1-Q2
 	Lecture Series	Inspiring inventors talks	Q1, Q4
 	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and medical technology - focus on oncology	Q1
 	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and biotechnology - focus on water treatment technologies	Q2
 	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and green technologies - focus on offshore energy	Q3
 	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and health technology - focus on robotics	Q4
 	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and quantum technologies - focus on quantum computing	Q4
	Seminar	IP strategies for universities	Q3

Universities and research centres

This section gathers specific activities aimed at university students, faculty members, university management and research centres. It also offers training activities for the general public aimed at raising awareness about IP and supporting education on IP, innovation and technology.

The Pan-European Seal Young Professionals Programme (PES)

The PES Programme offers young graduates an opportunity to learn, develop their skills and increase their employability. The EPO is passionate about its staff, committed to social responsibility and continuous learning, and offers a supportive multicultural environment in which to embark on the first steps of a graduate professional career. More than 100 opportunities are available annually to top graduates from university partners. The MIPEF education framework is promoted as a priority to these partners.

[Further information](#)





The Modular Intellectual Property Education Framework (MIPEF)

The EPO launched the Modular Intellectual Property Education Framework (MIPEF) in 2023 to meet increasing demand from universities to support the development of modern IP education in science and engineering university programmes. The MIPEF courses are designed to be integrated into university curricula. Participating universities may choose to grant three European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits* for each course.

[Further information](#)

MIPEF: Entry

Entry level

Reference UV01-2026
Reference UV03-2026
Course I Q2, Q4 I 75 hr(s)

Within MIPEF, this course is aimed at master’s and PhD students who want to know more about intellectual property rights, particularly when it comes to patent protection and commercialising inventions. The course consists of a carefully selected set of case studies, live sessions, self-paced modules and quizzes, a tutored forum and a final assignment marked by IP experts.

The course comprises the following modules:

- Module I: Introduction to IP
- Module II: Patent essentials
- Module III: Introduction to patent information
- Module IV: Patent information in practice
- Module V: Developing an IP strategy

MIPEF: Advanced

Advanced level

Reference UV02-2026
Reference UV04-2026
Course I Q2, Q4 I 75 hr(s)

Within MIPEF, this course is aimed at master’s and PhD students who want to know more about intellectual property rights, particularly when it comes to patent protection and commercialising inventions. The course consists of a carefully selected set of case studies, live sessions, self-paced modules and quizzes, a tutored forum and a final assignment marked by IP experts.

- Module I: Grant of patents
- Module II: Enforcement of patents
- Module III: Scouting and assessment of technology
- Module IV: IP commercialisation
- Module V: Use of IPRs

MIPEF: IP management

Advanced level

Reference UV05-2026
Reference UV06-2026
Course I Q2, Q4 I 75 hr(s)

This course is aimed at MBA and business-related master’s students who want to know more about intellectual property rights, particularly when it comes to patent protection and commercialising inventions. The course consists of a carefully selected set of case studies, live sessions, self-paced modules and quizzes, a tutored forum and a final assignment marked by IP experts.

Research centres

IP strategies for universities

Entry level

Reference US01-2026

Seminar I Q3 I 12 hr(s)

Universities create and disseminate knowledge. They are both producers and users of content protected by a variety of IP regimes, from research publications and results to specific patents and other IP assets. They need clear strategies for managing their IP assets to see how they can best provide value to the economy, society and the university itself. This goes beyond setting rules for commercialising patents and creating spin-offs and involves identifying academic policies to deal with IP outcomes created by researchers and students, and drafting specific contractual clauses and agreements. The seminar does not intend to provide a one-size-fits-all solution, but rather to help university managers identify the key issues when setting a strategic framework to manage their IP. The seminar is aimed mainly at university, academic and research managers.



Protect your IP

This lecture series, organised in collaboration with the European IP Helpdesk, explores key aspects of intellectual property (IP) across five thematic areas. Each lecture focuses on one of these areas, looking at the major trends and the most relevant patentability aspects. This series of five lectures is aimed at researchers, technology transfer professionals and other stakeholders. To support learning, optional self-paced training materials are provided before and after each session. Participants can choose to attend individual lectures or to follow the entire series.

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Lecture	UL01-2026	Protect your IP: Patents and medical technology - focus on oncology	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q1
Lecture	UL02-2026	Protect your IP: Patents and biotechnology - focus on water treatment technologies	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q2
Lecture	UL03-2026	Protect your IP: Patents and green technologies - focus on offshore energy	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q3
Lecture	UL04-2026	Protect your IP: Patents and health technology - focus on robotics	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q4
Lecture	UL05-2026	Protect your IP: Patents and quantum technologies - focus on quantum computing	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q4

IP as a driver for innovation

This series of four lectures, organised in co-operation with the EIT Higher Education Initiative, addresses key IP aspects relevant to innovation and research.

The series begins with Foundations of intellectual property, providing a comprehensive overview of intellectual property and its critical role in innovation and protection. This is followed by a second lecture Mastering patent fundamentals, where participants dive deeper into the structure and components of patents.

The third lecture, Unlocking patent data for innovation, explores how patent information can be used strategically, for example, to prevent research duplication and identify innovation trends. Finally, the series concludes with a fourth lecture, Building effective IP strategies, highlighting the importance of developing a robust IP strategy, particularly within higher education institutions.

These lectures are open to all and may benefit researchers, innovators and technology transfer professionals. Each session begins with a contextual introduction and ends with a Q&A.

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Lecture	UL06-2026	IP as a driver for innovation	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q1 - Q2
Lecture	UL07-2026	IP as a driver for innovation	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q1 - Q2
Lecture	UL08-2026	IP as a driver for innovation	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q1 - Q2
Lecture	UL09-2026	IP as a driver for innovation	Entry	1.5 hr(s)	Q1 - Q2



Inspiring inventors talks

Entry level

Reference UL10-2026

Reference UL11-2026

Lecture I Q1, Q4 I 1 hr(s)

This series of talks features distinguished inventors who were nominated as finalists for the European Inventor Award or the Young Inventors Prize, and their inventions. The series provides a unique opportunity to interact with the inventors and learn how to successfully bring an invention to market and contribute to innovation. An EPO expert interviews inventors and participants have the opportunity to ask questions.



Inspiring inventors talks

Revisit all the previous talks in this series. Learn from their inspiring experiences and look at what goes into successfully bringing an invention to market.

Further information

EPO-EUIPO lectures on new technologies and the IP system

Revisit online lectures from the European Patent Academy and the EUIPO focusing on different topics from across several IP regimes. Titles include: Resisting the harsh winds: how to use IP in green tech; Playing with IP rights: toys in the spotlight; IP and sustainable economy: Unlocking the potential of IP rights in driving green fashion; Packaging as a product: an IPR perspective; IP rights in the food industry; and Video games and IP: how to play the game.

Further information

IP Teaching Kit

The IP Teaching Kit (IPTK) is a follow-up to the successful Patent Teaching Kit launched in 2010 by the European Patent Academy. It offers an extensive set of professional materials for teaching IP and is free of charge.

Further information



Children and youth

As part of this initiative, the “Inventions for Impact” learning programme offers a variety of courses designed for young people between the ages of 9 and 17, adjusted to their level of cognitive development and maturity. It looks at how IP and innovation impact history, economics, society, culture, health, gender equality, diversity and inclusion, physical well-being, sports, etc. Course formats and topics vary according to the target age segment. Each course integrates a variety of learning resources, from text and audiovisual elements to learning exercises and cards to help students interact.

Courses and teacher toolkits are available online, to be used by schools and teachers as needed.

The first four courses of the “Inventions for Impact” programme are described here.

From curiosity to innovation

Entry level

Reference YX01-2026

Open course | Expected Q2 | 8 hr(s)

Aimed at children aged 9-10, this course focuses on the basics of innovation, historical examples and relating inventions to human needs.

Innovation through history

Entry level

Reference YX02-2026

Open course I Expected Q2 I 8 hr(s)

Aimed at children aged 10-11, this course focuses on the milestones of innovation and the societal impact of innovations.

Innovation for a better world

Entry level

Reference YX03-2026

Open course I Expected Q4 I 8 hr(s)

Aimed at children aged 11-12 year, this course focuses on innovations for sustainability, women inventors and improving world exchanges.

Tech meets culture

Entry level

Reference YX04-2026

Open course I Expected Q4 I 8 hr(s)

Aimed at children aged 12-13, this course focuses on how technological innovation contributes to cultural development, cross-cultural collaboration and creativity.

Business support

The training offer in this section is open to the public and specifically designed to enhance knowledge on technology transfer and IP valorisation for a variety of audiences, from SMEs and businesses to IP managers and agents, as well as to research institutions, spin-offs and startups. It may also be of some interest to PATLIB centres and universities. The topics covered range from strategic use of IP and patent information for business purposes and technology transfer and commercialisation of IP assets to IP management in specific fields and basic IP knowledge for business use.



Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
  	Course	Patenting Innovation (RTTP recognised)	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4
  	Course	Post-grant procedures for Technology Transfer Officers (RTTP recognised)	Q4
	Course	Succeeding at technology commercialisation and negotiation (STCN)	Q4
 	Open course	IP management: evaluation and protection	Q1-Q4
 	Open course	IP management: value extraction and commercialisation	Q1-Q4
  	Open course	From idea to patent	Q1-Q4
 	Seminar	EPO search tools to improve business decisions	Q1, Q3
 	Seminar	IP assessment: how to improve informed decision-making	Q1
	Seminar	Intellectual property rights for deep tech businesses	Q2
 	Seminar	Business use of patent information	Q3-Q4
	Seminar	Licensing-based business models	Q4

Audiences		Type	Activity title	Quarter
		Seminar Series	From Lab to Market – innovation case studies (3 seminars)	Q1-Q4
		Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: IP impact from startup to exit	Q1
		Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: Growth financing with IP	Q2
		Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: Digital innovations	Q3
		Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: IP strategy evolution	Q4
		Workshop	IP assessment: a practical workshop for innovators and entrepreneurs	Q1
		Workshop	IP strategy	Q1

Strategic use of IP and patent information

IP strategy

Intermediate level

Reference BW07-2026

Workshop I Q1 I 18 hr(s)

A workshop aimed at business decision makers who are aware of the importance of IP strategy. It brings together business decision makers to share experiences and best practices and how to integrate them into a successful business model.

EPO search tools to improve business decisions

Entry level

Reference BS01-2026

Reference BS03-2026

Seminar I Q1, Q3 I 4 hr(s)

This seminar shows business decision makers what can be done with the EPO's free search tools and the additional features offered by more advanced tools.

Content:

- Using Espacenet to filter and analyse search results
- Using PATSTAT for more advanced statistics

Business use of patent information

Intermediate level

Reference BS02-2026

Seminar I Q3-Q4 I 7 hr(s)

Patent analytics enable businesses to monitor the competitive environment. This seminar shows why patent information matters and how to engage search tools, as well as comparing patent intelligence with traditional patent searches. Case studies illustrate how deep tech businesses can benefit from patent intelligence. The seminar consists of three hours of online lecture and four hours of self-paced study.

IP assessment: how to improve informed decision-making

Intermediate level

Reference BS20-2026

Seminar I Q1 I 3 hr(s)

This seminar focuses on the IP-related challenges and issues that arise when systematically assessing technologies and patents. It is aimed at intellectual capital managers, R&D project leaders, entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs, SMEs, startups, spin-offs and technology transfer businesses. Participants are also invited to attend a related workshop, which includes the evaluation of real case studies. The training is organised in co-operation with the European Innovation Council (EIC).

IP assessment: a practical workshop for innovators and entrepreneurs

Intermediate level

Reference BW20-2026

Workshop I Q1 I 17 hr(s)

Following on from seminar BS20-2026, this workshop focuses on the evaluation of real case studies. It is aimed at intellectual capital managers, R&D project leaders, entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs, SMEs, startups, spin-offs and technology transfer businesses. Participants are expected to have followed the related seminar on IP assessment, and active participation is required. The workshop includes self-study and homework.

This event is organised in co-operation with the European Innovation Council (EIC).

Technology transfer and commercialisation

Intellectual property rights for deep tech businesses

Intermediate level

Reference BS16-2026
Seminar I Q2 I 8 hr(s)

This training activity aims to provide the target audience with the knowledge and skills to handle IP-related matters in the early stages of business development and support them in effective decision-making. It showcases the importance of IP for building a technology business. Beneficiaries of EIC funding are the target audience, but the event is open to a wider public.

With interactive sessions, practical case studies, and access to up-to-date resources, the programme empowers participants to navigate the complex IP landscape for business growth. The seminar combines six hours of online lectures and two hours of self-paced study.

The seminar is organised in co-operation with the European Innovation Council (EIC) and supported by the European IP Helpdesk.

Licensing-based business models

Advanced level

Reference BS15-2026
Seminar I Q4 I 2 hr(s)

This seminar offers a unique opportunity to explore the practical applications of licensing early-stage technologies. In the first part, licensing and business experts share insights regarding the different business models enabled by licensing and types of licensing agreements, and provide practical tips for licensing negotiations. In the second part, real life case studies followed by a dynamic panel discussion foster exchanges between licensing experts and participants, encouraging interaction and facilitating a collaborative environment.

This event is organised in co-operation with the European Innovation Council (EIC).

Succeeding at technology commercialisation and negotiation (STCN)

Intermediate level

Reference BV09-2026
Course I Q4 I 22 hr(s)

The course is designed for intellectual capital and business development managers, entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs with great ideas who are looking to perform at the highest level. It is also intended for their advisors. Whether you work at an SME, a startup, a spin-out, an emerging enterprise, an MNC, a technology transfer business or a research organisation, this course provides insights on how to best commercialise and negotiate technology and IP assets.

Patenting innovation (RTTP-recognised)

Entry level

Reference NV06-2026
Reference NV07-2026
Reference NV08-2026
Reference NV09-2026
Course I Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 I 11 hr(s)

Patents are a powerful asset in the toolbox of a technology transfer professional. This course has been developed in collaboration with the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals and offers 11 Continuing Education (CE) points for the Registered Technology Transfer Professional (RTTP) professional qualification. It covers how innovative ideas are protected within the patenting system.

Post-grant procedures for Technology Transfer Officers (RTTP-recognised)

Intermediate level

Reference NV10-2026
Course I Q4 I 7 hr(s)

Patents are a powerful asset in the toolbox of a technology transfer professional. This course has been developed in collaboration with the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals and offers seven Continuing Education (CE) points for the Registered Technology Transfer Professional (RTTP) professional qualification. It covers how granted patents are enforced and defended.

Sectorial innovation and case studies

From lab to market

Seminars organised in collaboration with the European IP Helpdesk, where industry experts dissect a selected case study in different technology fields. Participants gain practical insights,

explore challenges and learn from successful companies that have navigated the IP landscape.

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Seminar	BS04-2026	From lab to market – innovation case studies: automotive	Intermediate	3 hr(s)	Q1-Q4
Seminar	BS05-2026	From lab to market – innovation case studies: bioscience	Intermediate	3 hr(s)	Q1-Q4
Seminar	BS06-2026	From lab to market – innovation case studies: agritech	Intermediate	3 hr(s)	Q1-Q4

Technology-driven businesses

The EPO supports entrepreneurs, decision makers and investors in technology-driven businesses.

Throughout the year, numerous online activities are organised to support strategic decision making, based on case studies and best practice in IP management. Examples are available at epo.org/business-forum.

IP is a key value driver at any stage of a technology-driven business, no matter if you are a startup, a growth business, or ready to exit. In this fifth anniversary edition of the HTB forum series our expert panel will contribute and discuss lessons learned from a variety of business decision makers with a global perspective. A special focus is placed on the business perspective of IP impact across all stages of the life cycle of a technology company, with clear take-away messages for participants.

Using real life cases, business experts present and discuss real life cases and the challenges they have had to overcome, delving into the role and importance of intellectual assets. Each case study provides practical key takeaways, especially for business decision-makers, on how to advance their business with intellectual assets as key value drivers.

These activities are developed in collaboration with the Licencing Executives Society International (LESI).

Type	Reference	Course	Level	Duration	Quarter
Seminar	BS10-2026	IP impact from startup to exit	Intermediate	3 hr(s)	Q1
Seminar	BS11-2026	Growth financing with IP	Intermediate	4 hr(s)	Q2
Seminar	BS12-2026	Digital innovations	Intermediate	4 hr(s)	Q3
Seminar	BS13-2026	IP strategy evolution	Intermediate	4 hr(s)	Q4



Foundational IP knowledge

These courses provide an introduction to managing IP assets, from assessing the need and ability to obtain and enforce IP rights, to the various licensing and commercialisation opportunities available.

IP management: evaluation and protection

Intermediate level

Reference BX04-2026

Open Course I Q1-Q4 I 9 hr(s)

IP needs to be protected, but protection costs money, so it must be assessed within the overall context of innovation potential and enforceability. This open course presents methodologies for making decisions on which technologies to develop and which IP assets to create. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

IP management: value extraction and commercialisation

Intermediate level

Reference BX05-2026
Open Course I Q1-Q4 I 9 hr(s)

This open course explores ways in which value can be extracted from IP via different models, ranging from securing markets to actively harvesting royalties. It covers the basic IP value extraction mechanisms and how they can be implemented through licensing and enforcement. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

From idea to patent

Intermediate level

Reference UX01-2026
Open Course I Q1-Q4 I 6 hr(s)

This open course provides an overview of the benefits of the intellectual property system and patents in particular from two perspectives: as a valuable source of information when it comes to researching whether an idea or a product has already been patented, and as a means of protecting inventions. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

EPO innovation case studies

Further information

Inventors' handbook

Further information

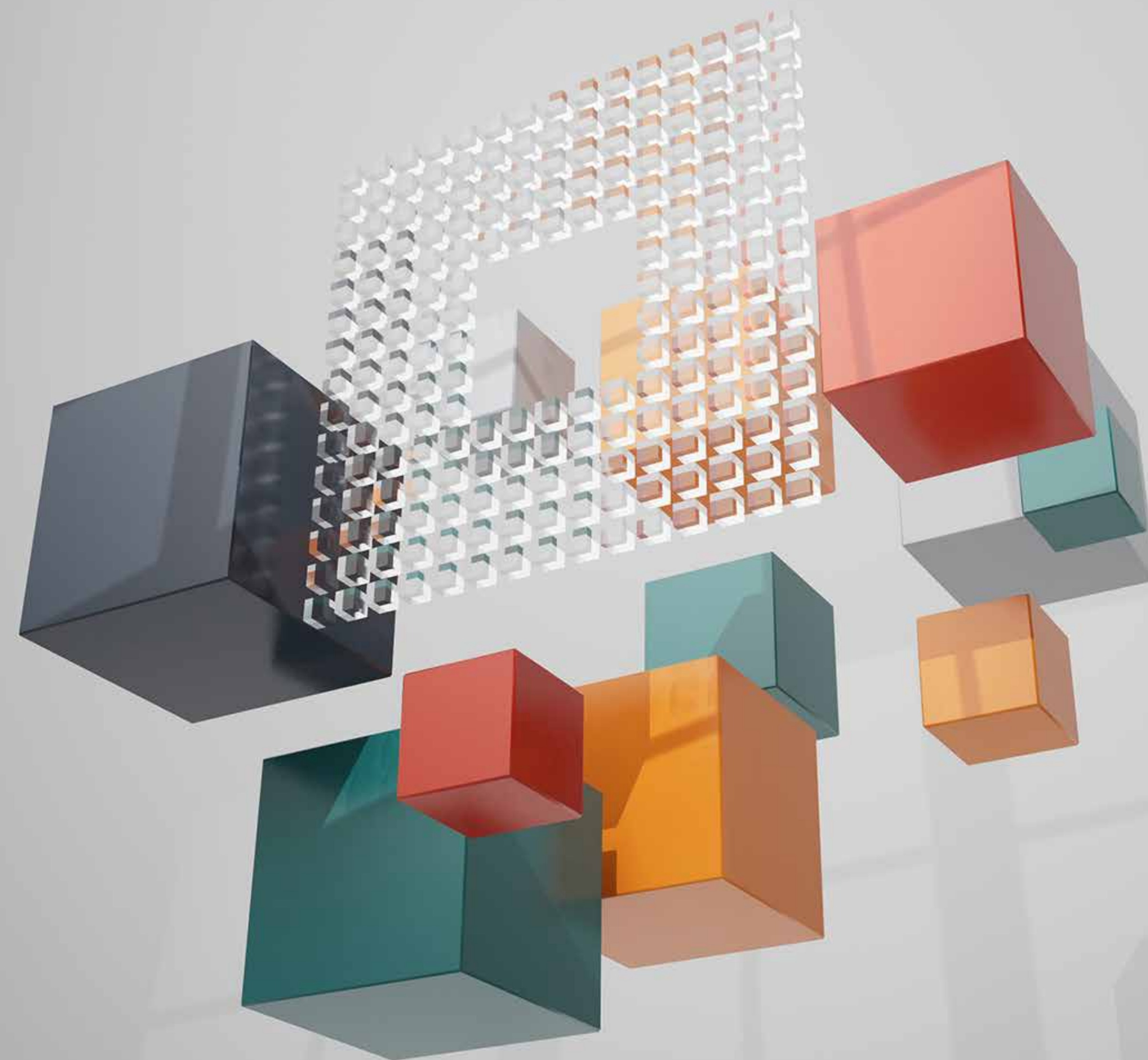
Training related publications for SMEs

Further information

PATLIB

PATLIB centres provide local access to patent information and related topics. They are familiar with the local industrial, economic and business landscape and provide valuable services to entrepreneurs, SMEs, private inventors and students. PATLIB centres are located in NPOs, chambers of commerce, universities and research institutions and in city libraries.

The EPO is committed to supporting the PATLIB network through specific training and tailor-made service packages to enhance the services they provide. In addition to the specific training exclusively available for PATLIB centres, they also have access to the various courses available throughout the catalogue.



Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Conference	PATLIB 2026 Conference	Q2
	Learning path	PATLIB learning path: Patents and IP	Q1-Q4
	Learning path	PATLIB learning path: IP valorisation	Q4
	Seminar	PATLIB Shaping the Future	Q1-Q4
	Workshop	Train-the-trainer: Espacenet	Q1, Q4
	Workshop	Train-the-trainer: IP-driven technology transfer	Q4

PATLIB 2026 Conference

Entry level

Reference NC01-2026

Conference I Hybrid I Q2 I 16 hr(s)

The annual PATLIB conference is organised for PATLIB centres across EPO member states. The conference brings together staff from more than 300 centres across the PATLIB network in a hybrid format to discuss pertinent issues relating to the centres and to share experiences with other players in the innovation ecosystem.

Shaping the future

Entry level

Reference NS01-2026

Seminar I Q1-Q4 I 1 hr

Under the motto “from the network for the network”, these sessions enable PATLIB centres to discuss, be informed and share knowledge and experience. PATLIB centres can present their best practices to the rest of the network and guest speakers from other innovation networks and institutions can present their activities and initiatives.

In 2026, five STF seminars will be organised: in January, April, June, August and November.

Train-the-trainer: Espacenet

Advanced level

Reference NW01-2026

Reference NW02-2026

Workshop I Q1, Q4 I 30 hr(s)

This online workshop runs over five weeks and has been developed especially for the PATLIB network. It focuses on the methodology used in problem-solving, rather than on the tool itself. In 2026, the course is offered in Q1 and in Q4.

Train-the-trainer: IP-driven technology transfer

Intermediate level

Reference NW03-2026

Workshop I Q4 I 12 hr(s)

In this workshop, participants work on designing a training activity on IP-driven technology transfer adapted to the needs of their audiences. The workshop is open to staff of PATLIB centres, as well as of national patent offices. Participants must have completed the Patenting innovation course.

PATLIB Learning path: Patents and IP

Entry/Intermediate level

Q1-Q4

This learning path comprises six online courses to provide foundation training for PATLIB centres, from an introduction to the European patent system to patentability requirements, search and classification, patent information products and tools, and IP rights and their benefits. The learning path is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Further information

PATLIB Learning path: IP valorisation

Advanced level

Expected Q4

This learning path provides PATLIB staff with a structured access to a collection of resources to enable them to better support business decision makers and IP asset managers as part of the overall business strategy. Topics covered in this path include successful technology transfer, licensing, commercialisation, IP valuation and the use of EPO tools for IP-driven business decisions. The learning path is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Further information

PATENT LITIGATION

The work of the European Patent Academy focuses on promoting legal expertise on patents throughout Europe. To this end the Academy has developed several training activities at different levels targeting judges, lawyers and litigators. These activities range from capacity-building exercises to expert-level exchanges, including reading material and pre-recorded visuals in the form of mock trial videos.

The goal of this training area is to promote a harmonised approach to patent law in member states by developing sound knowledge of patent litigation. Training is offered on different types of post-grant litigation and enforcement proceedings.

The training offer is aimed mainly at judges sitting in courts competent to hear patent cases. Some training activities also target patent litigators, lawyers and patent attorneys wishing to increase their knowledge of enforcement and post-grant issues.

Training overview

Audiences	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Conference	Litigation Matters 2026	Q4
	Conference	European Judges' Forum	Q4
	Course	Patentability and revocation proceedings	Q1
	Course	Patent infringement and infringement proceedings	Q4
	Internships	Judicial internships at the Boards of Appeal	Q2
 	Lecture series	Patent Litigation in Europe	Q1-Q4
 	Open course	The Unitary Patent	Q1-Q4
 	Open course	Proceedings before the Boards of Appeal	Q2
 	Open course	Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)	Q2
 	Open course	Mediation and arbitration of patent disputes	Q4
	Seminar	Patent litigation seminar: standard-essential patents (SEP) disputes	Q4
	Workshop	Expert workshop on patentability issues for national judges and the Boards of Appeal	Q3

Litigation Matters 2026

Intermediate level

Reference JC01-2026

Conference I Q4 I 5 hr(s)

The Litigation Matters conference completes the annual cycle of EPO Matters Conferences, reflecting life of a patent. It is devoted to the latest practices in patent litigation in Europe, with particular attention devoted to UPC litigation. The conference is held over two consecutive days and is of interest to judges and litigators.

The conference is organised by the EPO in co-operation with the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW) and European Patent Litigators Association (EPLIT).

European Judges' Forum

Advanced level

Reference JC08-2026

Conference I On-site I Q4 I 16 hr(s)

The annual European Judges' Forum is organised in co-operation with the IP Judges' Association (IPJA) and the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW). The conference is a high-level platform for the most experienced judges and litigators in Europe to discuss issues arising in patent litigation. This training includes a mock trial exercise.

This conference is by invitation only.

Expert workshop on patentability issues for national judges and the Boards of Appeal

Advanced level

Reference JW06-2026

Workshop I On-site I Q3 I 6 hr(s)

This expert workshop brings together an equal number of expert patent judges and members of the EPO Boards of Appeal to discuss and exchange views on issues relating to patentability. It covers a limited number of questions, leaving ample time to scrutinise them. This workshop is by invitation only.

Judicial internships at the Boards of Appeal

Intermediate level

Reference JI03-2026

Internship I Q2 I 90 hr(s)

These internships for judges are jointly organised by the Boards of Appeal and the European Patent Academy. Internships' objectives include promoting a harmonised understanding of the EPC, appeal proceedings at the EPO Boards of Appeal and the European patent litigation landscape.

Internships last two weeks and take place at the EPO and Boards of Appeal premises in Munich. Prior to their internships, judicial interns must complete the online course on patentability and revocation proceedings.

Lecture series: patent litigation in Europe

Intermediate level

Reference JL01-2026

Reference JL02-2026

Reference JL03-2026

Reference JL04-2026

Reference JL05-2026

Reference JL06-2026

Reference JL07-2026

Lecture I Q1-Q4 I 1.5 hr(s)

This lecture series is dedicated to examining current topics in patent litigation in Europe, including UPC litigation and mediation and arbitration to solve patent disputes. The series leads up to the annual Litigation Matters conference. Participants can attend each session separately or the entire series. It is organised by the EPO in co-operation with the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW) and the European Patent Litigators Association (EPLIT).

Patent litigation seminar: standard-essential patents (SEP) disputes

Intermediate level

Reference JS01-2026

Seminar I Q4 I 2.5 hr(s)

This seminar is dedicated to litigation issues pertaining to standard-essential patents (SEP) with a focus on cross-border disputes. The training promotes harmonised understanding and knowledge exchange among members of the judiciary. Participation is reserved to judges. The learning is organised through advanced reading, presentation and discussions at the live session.

Patentability and revocation proceedings

Entry level

Reference JV02-2026

Course I Q1 I 23 hr(s)

This course serves as an introduction to patentability and revocation proceedings for qualified judges who have limited experience of hearing patent cases but work in courts which are competent to deal with them.

The course covers all the fundamental issues, such as the state of the art, claim construction, novelty, inventive step, sufficiency of disclosure, amendment of claims, opposition and appeal procedures. The self-study material is complemented by weekly interactive and hands-on group sessions where participants can meet their colleagues from around Europe and discuss specific topics with judicial patent experts.

Patent infringement and infringement proceedings

Entry level

Reference JV06-2026

Course I Q4 I 15 hr(s)

Combining self-study with online live sessions, this course provides judges with a comprehensive overview and understanding of issues arising in patent infringement cases and proceedings. After reviewing the fundamentals, the course focuses on specific topics such as the construction of patent specifications, the concepts of equivalence and file wrapper, types of infringement and defences, measures available for the enforcement of patents and the jurisdictional framework in Europe. The final session takes the form of mock proceedings dealing with a case that brings together everything learned in the course.

The self-study material is accessible via a private online course room allowing for flexibility and time management. This is complemented by weekly interactive and hands-on online group sessions where participants can meet their colleagues from around Europe and discuss specific topics with judicial patent experts.

The Unitary Patent

Intermediate level

Reference JX01-2026

Open course I Q1-Q4 I 5 hr(s)

This open course provides a foundational understanding of the Unitary Patent (UP) and the UP system, from the general concept to the requirements and procedures for obtaining unitary effect. It also covers related topics, including the compensation scheme for translation costs, renewal fees, publication and file inspection, licensing options, procedural aspects and available legal remedies. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Proceedings before the Boards of Appeal

Intermediate level

Reference JX02-2026

Open course I Expected Q2 I 10 hr(s)

This open course provides an overview of proceedings before the BoA. Attendees can complete it in their own time while undertaking other commitments. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Mediation and arbitration of patent disputes

Entry level

Reference JX03-2026

Open course I Expected Q4 I 4.5 hr(s)

This open course provides a comprehensive overview of the potential and operation of mediation and arbitration for resolving patent disputes. In addition to covering transversal questions of patent-specific mediation and arbitration, it also deals with PMAC-specific rules. The course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes quizzes and self-assessment tools.

Participants will gain an understanding of the procedures and rules applicable to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms provided under the UPC framework.

Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)

Entry level

Reference JX04-2026

Open course I Expected Q2 I 4 hr(s)

This open course provides a comprehensive overview of the legal framework, explains how to search for and understand data on SPCs in EPO's databases. It offers a concise overview of the legal requirements, procedures and of SPCs' relevance for innovation in the pharmaceutical and life-science sectors.

The open course is available 24/7 for self-paced study and includes self-assessment tools to support independent learning. Participants can complete the course at their own pace while managing other professional commitments.

Library of patent mock trials

Mock trials are pedagogical resources created to demonstrate various aspects of patent litigation for use by third parties for training purposes. By simulating a legal proceeding, mock trials are instrumental learning tools covering the process, key legal concepts and overall conduct of a trial. In addition to case summaries, the mock trials contain video recordings and written pleadings by plaintiff and defendant. The materials could be of interest for judges, litigators and training organisers. The situations presented in the cases are fictional, inspired nonetheless to some extent by real cases.

[Further information](#)

The Unitary Patent: recordings & resources

This collection provides a comprehensive overview of the Unitary Patent system and its key components. It includes recorded sessions and supporting materials on the Unitary Patent Package, its practical use, the Unified Patent Court, and the integration of the Unitary Patent into EPO data tools. The collection also features content from past events, such as IT workshops related to the implementation of the new Unitary Patent system.

[Further information](#)

Legal issues: recorded lectures

If you want to be up to date with the most recent changes in patent law, several modules explain new rules and amendments to rules that have entered into force.

[Further information](#)

Jurisdiction of European courts in patent disputes

This guide provides an overview (with various scenarios) of the jurisdiction of European courts in patent infringement and revocation disputes. Cross-border patent infringement and revocation disputes in Europe are regulated by the rules of jurisdiction provided for in different legislative instruments, i.e. the Brussels I Regulation (recast), the Lugano Convention, and international and national law. The guide also covers questions pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Unified Patent Court.

[Further information](#)

Patent litigation in Europe

Publication and online map access

The fifth edition of this publication contains an overview of the national patent litigation systems across the European Patent Organisation's member states. It provides at-a-glance descriptions of the different national revocation, nullity and infringement procedures currently in place, as well as information about the competent courts dealing with these at first instance and appeal. It also contains information on the Unified Patent Court.

[Further information](#)

Compulsory licensing in Europe

Publication and online map access

In some cases, national authorities may license companies or individuals other than the patent owner to use patent rights without the consent of the patent owner. This publication provides a country-by-country guide to how compulsory licensing is regulated at national level across EPC Contracting States.

[Further information](#)

OVERVIEW BY AUDIENCE



Here is a selection of the European Patent Academy's 2026 training activities grouped by main target audience.

Many activities are designed for multiple target audiences, so they may appear in more than one category. The overview is intended as

a navigational aid and to highlight the diversity of the Academy's offering and its reach across different professions and sectors.

For full details on content, registration and access, see the corresponding entry in the indicated catalogue section.

National patent offices (examiners, formality officers)

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Patent attorneys	Conference	Search & Examination Matters 2026	Q1
   	PATLIB	Conference	PATLIB 2026 Conference	Q2
  	Patent attorneys	Conference	Boards of Appeal Case Law Conference	Q4
	National patent offices	Course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for beginners	Q1
 	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: General aspects of patent law, EPC and PCT	Q1-Q2
 	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: EPO procedures in filing, search and examination	Q1-Q2
 	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: EPO procedures in post-grant, appeals, validation and UPC	Q2
 	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: PCT procedure and entry into national/regional phase after PCT	Q2
	National patent offices	Course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for experienced users	Q2
	National patent offices	Course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool for beginners	Q3
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	PATSTAT for beginners	Q1
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: quantum technologies	Q1

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Deep Tech Finder	Q1
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Legal event codes from Asia in INPADOC	Q2
	National patent offices	Lecture	Procedural standards and the principle of good faith	Q3
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Leveraging Espacenet technology platforms	Q3
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: circularity in battery technologies	Q3
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Structure and entries in the European Patent Register	Q4
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: AI and medicine	Q4
	National patent offices	Open course	The ANSERA-based SEARCH tool	Q1-Q4
	National patent offices	Open course	Patent classification	Q1-Q4
	National patent offices	Open course	Using CPC in classification	Q1-Q4
	National patent offices	Open course	Practical and strategic aspects of the CPC	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Open course	Searching prior art based on patent applications	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Open course	Search reports and written opinions	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Open course	Search strategies	Q1-Q4

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Patent attorneys	Open course	Introduction to the European patent system	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Open course	The patent process at the EPO	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Open course	How to apply for a patent	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Open course	Patentability requirements at the EPO	Q1-Q4
	Patent information and tools	Open course	The Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP)	Q1-Q4
	Patent information and tools	Open course	Patent information tour	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Open course	Patenting inventions related to artificial intelligence: practical cases	Q1
	Patent attorneys	Open course	Patentability of computer-implemented inventions	Q1
	Patent attorneys	Open course	The patent document	Q2
	Patent information and tools	Open course	Espacenet unlocked for beginners	Q2
	Patent information and tools	Open course	INPADOC worldwide legal event data	Q3
	National patent offices	Seminar	Update on recent decisions of the Boards of Appeal	Q2
	National patent offices	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of chemistry	Q2
	National patent offices	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of pharmacy	Q2

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	National patent offices	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of biotechnology	Q2
	National patent offices	Seminar series	Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)	Q2
	National patent offices	Workshop	Search I: structuring a search and defining a search strategy	Q1
	National patent offices	Workshop	Inventive step: technical features and technical problems	Q1
	National patent offices	Workshop	Design workshop on ANSERA-based SEARCH	Q2
	National patent offices	Workshop	Sufficiency of disclosure in CII and AI-related inventions	Q2
	National patent offices	Workshop	Becoming an ANSERA-based SEARCH tool trainer	Q3
	National patent offices	Workshop	Sufficiency of disclosure in biotech and medical fields	Q3
	National patent offices	Workshop	Examination: the art of communicating	Q3
	National patent offices	Workshop	Search II: implementing a complete search	Q3
	National patent offices	Workshop	Search III: drafting a search report and a written opinion; re-using EPO work products	Q4
	National patent offices	Workshop	Mastering the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool: advanced features	Q4
	PATLIB	Workshop	Train-the-trainer: IP-driven technology transfer	Q4
	National patent offices	Workshop	Exchange workshops on patenting procedures	Q1-Q4

Patent attorneys and administrators

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Patent attorneys	Conference	Search & Examination Matters 2026	Q1
	Patent attorneys	Conference	Opposition Matters 2026	Q3
  	Patent attorneys	Conference	Boards of Appeal Case Law Conference	Q4
	Patent attorneys	Conference	EQE tutors meeting	Q4
 	Patent litigation	Conference	Litigation Matters 2026	Q4
	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: General aspects of patent law, EPC and PCT	Q1-Q2
	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: EPO procedures in filing, search and examination	Q1-Q2
	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: EPO procedures in post-grant, appeals, validation and UPC	Q2
	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for EPAC candidates: PCT procedure and entry into national/regional phase after PCT	Q2
	Patent attorneys	Course	Life of a patent	Q2
	Patent attorneys	Course	Training for the EQE Paper F	Q3-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Course	EQE daily legal questions	Q3-Q4

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Patent attorneys	Lecture	PCT for paralegals and patent agents	Q2
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	PATSTAT for beginners	Q1
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: quantum technologies	Q1
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Deep Tech Finder	Q1
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Legal event codes from Asia in INPADOC	Q2
	Patent attorneys	Lecture	UP in practice – an overview with users	Q3
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Leveraging Espacenet technology platforms	Q3
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: circularity in battery technologies	Q3
	Patent attorneys	Lecture	Inclusive innovation: advancing diversity in patenting practices	Q3
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Structure and entries in the European Patent Register	Q4
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: AI and medicine	Q4
	Patent litigation	Lecture series	Patent Litigation in Europe	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in sustainable materials (bio-inspired engineering)	Q1
	Patent attorneys	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in cybersecurity	Q1

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Patent attorneys	Lecture series	Tackling the future: cross-field inventions in super computers	Q2
	Patent attorneys	Lecture series	PCT at the EPO (3 lectures: French, German and English)	Q2 -Q3
	Patent attorneys	Lecture series	Guidelines2day (6 lectures)	Q2-Q3
 	Patent attorneys	Open course	Patenting inventions related to artificial intelligence: practical cases	Q1
 	Patent attorneys	Open course	Patentability of computer-implemented inventions	Q1
 	Patent attorneys	Open course	Searching prior art based on patent applications	Q1-Q4
 	Patent attorneys	Open course	Search reports and written opinions	Q1-Q4
 	Patent attorneys	Open course	Search strategies	Q1-Q4
   	Patent attorneys	Open course	Introduction to the European patent system	Q1-Q4
 	Patent attorneys	Open course	The patent process at the EPO	Q1-Q4
   	Patent attorneys	Open course	How to apply for a patent	Q1-Q4
 	Patent attorneys	Open course	Patentability requirements at the EPO	Q1-Q4
 	National patent offices	Open course	Patent classification	Q1-Q4
 	National patent offices	Open course	Using CPC in classification	Q1-Q4

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
   	Patent information and tools	Open course	Patent information tour	Q1-Q4
   	Patent information and tools	Open course	The Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP)	Q1-Q4
	Patent attorneys	Open course	Practicing for EQE Paper F	Q1-Q4
 	Patent litigation	Open course	The Unitary Patent	Q1-Q4
 	Patent litigation	Open course	Proceedings before the Boards of Appeal	Q2
 	Patent attorneys	Open course	The patent document	Q2
   	Patent information and tools	Open course	Espacenet unlocked for beginners	Q2
   	Patent information and tools	Open course	INPADOC worldwide legal event data	Q3
 	Patent litigation	Open course	Mediation and arbitration of patent disputes	Q4
	Patent attorneys	Seminar	Update on the latest decisions of the EPO Boards of Appeal	Q1
	Patent attorneys	Seminar	Procedural aspects of appeal proceedings	Q2
 	National patent offices	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of chemistry	Q2
 	National patent offices	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of pharmacy	Q2
 	National patent offices	Seminar series	Inventive step in the fields of biotechnology	Q2

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Patent attorneys	Workshop	Oral proceedings in opposition at the EPO	Q2
	Patent attorneys	Workshop	Patenting computer-implemented inventions	Q4

PATLIB

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
   	PATLIB	Conference	PATLIB 2026 Conference	Q2
  	Business support	Course	Patenting Innovation (RTTP recognised)	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4
  	Business support	Course	Post-grant procedures for Technology Transfer Officers (RTTP recognised)	Q4
	PATLIB	Learning path	PATLIB learning path: Patents and IP	Q1-Q4
	PATLIB	Learning path	PATLIB learning path: IP valorisation	Q4
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	PATSTAT for beginners	Q1
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: quantum technologies	Q1
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Deep Tech Finder	Q1
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Legal event codes from Asia in INPADOC	Q2
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Leveraging Espacenet technology platforms	Q3
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: circularity in battery technologies	Q3

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Structure and entries in the European Patent Register	Q4
	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: AI and medicine	Q4
	Patent information and tools	Open course	Patent information tour	Q1-Q4
	Patent information and tools	Open course	The Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP)	Q1-Q4
	Business support	Open course	IP management: evaluation and protection	Q1-Q4
	Business support	Open course	IP management: value extraction and commercialisation	Q1-Q4
	Business support	Open course	From idea to patent	Q1-Q4
	Patent information and tools	Open course	Espacenet unlocked for beginners	Q2
	Patent information and tools	Open course	INPADOC worldwide legal event data	Q3
	PATLIB	Seminar	PATLIB Shaping the Future	Q1-Q4
	Business support	Seminar	EPO search tools to improve business decisions	Q1, Q3
	Business support	Seminar	IP assessment: how to improve informed decision-making	Q1
	Business support	Seminar	Business use of patent information	Q3-Q4
	Business support	Seminar Series	From Lab to Market – innovation case studies (3 seminars)	Q1-Q4

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Business support	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: IP impact from startup to exit	Q1
 	Business support	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: Growth financing with IP	Q2
 	Business support	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: Digital innovations	Q3
 	Business support	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: IP strategy evolution	Q4
	PATLIB	Workshop	Train-the-trainer: Espacenet	Q1, Q4
 	PATLIB	Workshop	Train-the-trainer: IP-driven technology transfer	Q4
 	Business support	Workshop	IP assessment: a practical workshop for innovators and entrepreneurs	Q1
 	Business support	Workshop	IP strategy	Q1

Universities and research centres

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
   	PATLIB	Conference	PATLIB 2026 Conference	Q2
	Universities	Course	MIPEF: Entry	Q2, Q4
	Universities	Course	MIPEF: Advanced	Q2, Q4
	Universities	Course	MIPEF: IP management	Q2, Q4
  	Business support	Course	Patenting Innovation (RTTP recognised)	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4
  	Business support	Course	Post-grant procedures for Technology Transfer Officers (RTTP recognised)	Q4
 	Universities	Lecture Series	IP as a driver for innovation (4 lectures)	Q1-Q2
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Inspiring inventors talks	Q1, Q4
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and medical technology - focus on oncology	Q1
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and biotechnology - focus on water treatment technologies	Q2
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and green technologies - focus on offshore energy	Q3

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and health technology - focus on robotics	Q4
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and quantum technologies - focus on quantum computing	Q4
 	Business support	Open course	From idea to patent	Q1-Q4
   	Patent attorneys	Open course	Introduction to the European patent system	Q1-Q4
   	Patent attorneys	Open course	How to apply for a patent	Q1-Q4
	Universities	Seminar	IP strategies for universities	Q3

Children and youth

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Children and youth	Course	From curiosity to innovation	Q2
	Children and youth	Course	Innovation through history	Q2
	Children and youth	Course	Innovation for a better world	Q4
	Children and youth	Course	Tech meets culture	Q4

Technology transfer offices, business

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
   	PATLIB	Conference	PATLIB 2026 Conference	Q2
  	Business support	Course	Patenting Innovation (RTTP recognised)	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4
  	Business support	Course	Post-grant procedures for Technology Transfer Officers (RTTP recognised)	Q4
	Business support	Course	Succeeding at technology commercialisation and negotiation (STCN)	Q4
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	PATSTAT for beginners	Q1
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: quantum technologies	Q1
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Deep Tech Finder	Q1
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Legal event codes from Asia in INPADOC	Q2
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Leveraging Espacenet technology platforms	Q3
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: circularity in battery technologies	Q3
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Structure and entries in the European Patent Register	Q4
   	Patent information and tools	Lecture	Technology platforms: AI and medicine	Q4

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Universities	Lecture Series	IP as a driver for innovation (4 lectures)	Q1-Q2
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Inspiring inventors talks	Q1, Q4
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and medical technology - focus on oncology	Q1
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and biotechnology - focus on water treatment technologies	Q2
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and green technologies - focus on offshore energy	Q3
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and health technology - focus on robotics	Q4
 	Universities	Lecture Series	Protect your IP: Patents and quantum technologies - focus on quantum computing	Q4
 	Business support	Open course	IP management: evaluation and protection	Q1-Q4
 	Business support	Open course	IP management: value extraction and commercialisation	Q1-Q4
  	Business support	Open course	From idea to patent	Q1-Q4
   	Patent attorneys	Open course	Introduction to the European patent system	Q1-Q4
   	Patent attorneys	Open course	How to apply for a patent	Q1-Q4
   	Patent information and tools	Open course	The Technology Intelligence Platform (TIP)	Q1-Q4
   	Patent information and tools	Open course	Patent information tour	Q1-Q4

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
	Patent information and tools	Open course	Espacenet unlocked for beginners	Q2
	Patent information and tools	Open course	INPADOC worldwide legal event data	Q3
	Business support	Seminar	EPO search tools to improve business decisions	Q1, Q3
	Business support	Seminar	IP assessment: how to improve informed decision-making	Q1
	Business support	Seminar	Intellectual property rights for deep tech businesses	Q2
	Business support	Seminar	Business use of patent information	Q3-Q4
	Business support	Seminar	Licensing-based business models	Q4
	Business support	Seminar Series	From Lab to Market – innovation case studies (3 seminars)	Q1-Q4
	Business support	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: IP impact from startup to exit	Q1
	Business support	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: Growth financing with IP	Q2
	Business support	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: Digital innovations	Q3
	Business support	Seminar Series	Technology-driven businesses: IP strategy evolution	Q4
	Business support	Workshop	IP assessment: a practical workshop for innovators and entrepreneurs	Q1
	Business support	Workshop	IP strategy	Q1

Judges, lawyers, litigators

Audiences	Catalogue section	Type	Activity title	Quarter
 	Patent litigation	Conference	Litigation Matters 2026	Q4
	Patent litigation	Conference	European Judges' Forum	Q4
  	Patent attorneys	Conference	Boards of Appeal Case Law Conference	Q4
	Patent litigation	Course	Patentability and revocation proceedings	Q1
	Patent litigation	Course	Patent infringement and infringement proceedings	Q4
	Patent litigation	Internships	Judicial internships at the Boards of Appeal	Q2
 	Patent litigation	Lecture series	Patent Litigation in Europe	Q1-Q4
 	Patent litigation	Open course	The Unitary Patent	Q1-Q4
 	Patent litigation	Open course	Proceedings before the Boards of Appeal	Q2
 	Patent litigation	Open course	Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)	Q2
 	Patent litigation	Open course	Mediation and arbitration of patent disputes	Q4
	Patent litigation	Seminar	Patent litigation seminar: standard-essential patents (SEP) disputes	Q4
	Patent litigation	Workshop	Expert workshop on patentability issues for national judges and the Boards of Appeal	Q3

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