

Launch of EIPIN Innovation Society ITN/EJD Marie Skłodowska Curie project: 15 fully-funded PhD positions

The European IP Institutes Network ([EIPIN](#)), a consortium of leading research and training centres in intellectual property, has been awarded a prestigious Horizon 2020 grant, under the Marie Skłodowska Curie Action ITN-EJD. On 1 March 2017, the project [EIPIN Innovation Society](#) will be officially launched. We are recruiting 15 PhD candidates wishing to conduct doctoral research on the role of intellectual property in the adaptive complexities of innovation. The selected and successful candidates will be conferred a joint or double doctoral degree from two of the five participating universities. The application procedure is open until 29 March 2017, 23.59 CET.

EIPIN Innovation Society is a comprehensive project at the forefront of multidisciplinary research, examining the role of intellectual property (IP) as a complex adaptive system in innovation. The ambition is to enhance Europe's capacity to foster innovation-based sustainable economic growth globally. The primary research objective of the programme is to provide political leaders and stakeholders reliable conclusions and recommendations in the form of doctoral IP research on how to deal with the adaptive complexities of innovation cycles that secure economic benefits and uphold justice in the innovation society.

Fifteen Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) are trained to present their research findings on a number of topics of great societal interest, and to guide inventors and entrepreneurs through the lifecycle of IP-intensive assets that takes human creativity into the marketplace. The research and training programme provides for an unprecedented environment for ESRs that aims at educating a new generation of professionals and academic researchers who are properly equipped to face these challenges of fostering innovation-based growth. It consists of a research and a training part, which are closely connected and mutually inform each other.

The involvement of industry associations representing numerous undertakings provides great access to non-academic actors. The ESR positions are open to candidates from all domains of sciences, providing a solid foundation for cross-cutting research in the area of innovation policies, while overcoming a traditional separation of disciplines.

The EIPIN Innovation programme, coordinated by Maastricht University, is a **Marie Skłodowska Curie Innovative Training Network project**, funded by the European Union. This project sets up a European Joint Doctorate programme which will lead to the conferral of joint and double doctoral degrees from two of the five participating universities. These Universities are:

- Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London
- Magister Lvcentivus, University of Alicante
- Intellectual Property Law and Knowledge Management (IPKM), Maastricht University
- Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), University of Strasbourg
- Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC), University of Augsburg

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