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TRAINING PREPARING FOR THE EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC) 2023

ONLINE COURSES

Training format:

6 morning sessions on 3, 5, 10 & 12 July, 23 and 25 August 2023

AND

one full-day session on 29 September 2023 (*date tbc according to date of the EPO EPAC mock exam*)

Provisional training schedule

*N.B: Each training session will consist of presentations, exercises and the discussion of possible solutions covering the topics of the EPAC syllabus.
In the course, corresponding subjects in the EPC and PCT will be taught in a grouped way.*

First week

Two half-day sessions on Monday 3 July 2023, 8:30 - 12:00 and Wednesday 5 July 2023, 8:30 – 12:00 **CEST**

For the sessions of the first week, the focus of the training will be on the following topics:

- the background of the patent system, the aim of patents, the criteria for patentability, patenting systems and the hierarchy therein, the priority concept, the PCT system and the International Bureau, the EPC system and the EPO,
 - filing a PCT application and filing a (direct) European application including the requirements of obtaining a filing date and the formal requirements
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Second week

Two half-day sessions on Monday 10 July 2023, 8:30 - 12:00 and Wednesday 12 July 2023, 8:30 – 12:00 **CEST**

For the sessions of the second week, the focus of the training will be on the following topics:

- search and publication and filing divisional applications,
 - entry in the national and regional phase after PCT and, especially, entry into the European phase.
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Third week

Two half-day sessions on Wednesday 23 August 2023, 8:30 - 12:00 and Friday 25 August 2023, 8:30 – 12:00 **CEST**

For the sessions of the third week, the focus of the training will be on the following topics:

- international preliminary examination and examination in the EPO,
 - post-grant procedures (oppositions, limitations and revocations), national validation and appeal procedures.
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Closing session

One full-day session on Friday 29 September 2023, 8:30 – 12:00 and 13:30 – 17:00 **CEST**

- Final question & answer session before the EPAC examination wherein also the EPO mock examination will be discussed

N.B. : according to the date of the EPO mock exam which is not known yet, the CEIPI reserves the possibility of postponing this last session to a date in October prior to the real EPAC exam on 12/10, in order to make the training as efficient as possible for the participants.

Study material

During the training, participants should at least have access to the following supports:

- the EPC, the PCT, the Guidelines, the Applicant's Guide, the Euro-PCT guide, the National Law Relating to the EPC, an up-to-date version of the RFEES and a calendar