



**TRAINING PREPARING FOR THE  
EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC) 2024**

**ONLINE COURSES**

**Training format:**

6 morning sessions on 29 May, 5, 12 and 19 June, 4 and 11 September 2024

**AND**

one full-day session on 25 September 2024 (*date tbc according to date of the technical tests organized by the EPO*)

# Provisional training schedule

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*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.*

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## **Four half-day sessions on Wednesday 29 May, 5 June, 12 June and 19 June 2024, 8:30 - 12:00, 8:30 - 12:00 CEST**

For these sessions, 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
  - 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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## **Two half-day sessions on Wednesday 4 and 11 September 2024, 8:30 - 12:00 CEST**

For these sessions, 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 Wednesday 25 September 2024, 8:30 - 12:00 and 13:30 - 17:00 CEST**

- Final question & answer session before the EPAC examination

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

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## **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