TRAINING PREPARING FOR THE
EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC) 2025

ONLINE COURSES

Training format:

6 morning sessions on 15 May, 28 May, 12 June, 3 July, 4 and 11 September 2025

AND

one full-day session on 25 September 2025

Draft 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.

Four half-day sessions on Thursday 15 May and Wednesday 28 May, Thursday 12 June and Thursday 3 July 2025, 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.

Two half-day sessions on Thursday 4 and Thursday 11 September 2025, 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, UPC and appeal procedures.

Closing session
One full-day session on Thursday 25 September 2025, 8:30 – 12:00 and 13:30 – 17:00 CEST

➤ Final question & answer session before the EPAC examination and discussion of past examination papers

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