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Basic Training Course In European Patent Law

Manchester 2026 (co-organized with Basel)

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Most of the sessions will be held online via Zoom and mostly take place on Thursdays from 15:00 to 18:00 Paris time (14:00 to 17:00 UK time), (it could have exceptions). Please see the programme below. Some sessions are on an hybrid format and will be held in Manchester, at Wilson Gunn's offices (Centurion House, Deansgate). Subject to alteration, which will be announced.

The course language is English.

The basic training provides future practitioners in the patent field with systematic and complete tuition on **the legal basis** as well as on **practice** in the area of European patent law. For many years now, **CEIPI** and **epi** have been jointly organizing a basic training in European patent law, principally aimed at future certified European Patent Attorneys.

The basic training is designed both to facilitate preparation for the European Qualifying Examination and to **accompany the practice of the profession**: future practitioners should commence the course as soon as possible after joining a patent firm or the patent department of a company. The list of topics allows to be admitted to most courses after the first year.

Usually, about 350 participants follow this course every year offered simultaneously in the following cities: Aachen, Antwerp, Basel, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, Cologne, Copenhagen, Darmstadt, Dublin, Düsseldorf, Hanover, The Hague, Helsinki, Istanbul, Kraków, Lausanne, Lisbon, Ljubljana, London, Ludwigshafen, Lyon, Madrid, Manchester, Milan, Munich, Paris, Prague, Riga, Rome, Stockholm, Stuttgart, Ulm, Warsaw, Vienna, Vilnius, Zurich.

PROGRAMME

The list of topics to be covered encompasses the whole European patent law and qualifying examination syllabus and indicates the reference material to be used.

PLEASE SEE BELOW

Schedule for CEIPI Basic TUTORIALS 2026

Manchester & Basel

Location: Online via Zoom;
if hybrid also in Manchester, at Wilson Gunn's offices (Centurion House, Deansgate)

Starting time: **15:00h-18:00h Swiss time;**
14:00h-17:00h UK time

Date	No	Code	Topic	OJ-review	Tutor	Location
15.1	1	A1-4	General Introduction to IP Law	(Dec)	MJ	Hybrid
29.1	2	B1-3	Introduction EPC / Interpretation of the EPC	(Jan)	NM	Online
12.2	3	B4	Institutional provisions		PRT	Online
26.2	4	B5	Languages & Translations		PP	Online
12.3 (EQE Paper A 5.3; EQE Paper C 12.3*)	5	B6	Representation before the EPO	(Feb)	PP	Online
9.4	6	C1	Patentable & non-patentable inventions; Industrial Application		SM/TM	Hybrid
23.4	7	C2-3	State of the Art / Novelty		SM/TM	Hybrid
7.5	8	C3	Novelty	(Apr)	SM/TM	Hybrid
21.5	9	C4	Exceptions to Patentability; Medical Uses	(Mar)	SM/TM	Hybrid
4.6	10	C5 I	Inventive Step – Part I		PP	Online
18.6	11	C5 II	Inventive Step – Part II	(May)	PP	Online
2.7	12	C6 I	Unity; Disclosure; Claims – Part I	(Jun)	NM	Online
16.7	13	C6 II	Unity; Disclosure; Claims – Part II		NM	Online
3.9	14	C7 I	Priority; Paris Convention; EPC; PCT – Part I	(Jul/Aug)	OJ	Online
17.9	15	C7 II	Priority; Paris Convention; EPC; PCT – Part II		OJ	Online
1.10 (UK exams 12-22 Oct)	16	D1-3	Right to the European Patent	(Sep)	FM	Online
29.10	17	E1-4	Rights conferred by the European Patent / Protection conferred by the application; Infringement and Sanctions; Scope of Claims	(Oct)	JR	Hybrid
12.11 (Possibly moving to 5 th or 19 th)	18	G	Information from the EPO		TD	Online
26.11	19	F	The European Patent & Application as Object of Property	(Nov)	OJ	Online
			Feedback			

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**in particular, if any participant is sitting paper C, please let us know and we can look to reschedule part B6*

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