

Basic Training Course In European Patent Law

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The course will start on January 29th 2026, and be organized online **on Thursdays from 17:00 to 20:00 (Paris time)** according to the detailed schedule next page via Zoom.

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.

The **online basic training course in European patent law** which is organized on two consecutive years (with about 60 hours per year), is intended for **participants not having the possibility to attend an on-site course near their living or working place**.

CEIPI online course Promotion Derk VISSER				2026
Basic training in European Patent Law				Thursday 17:00 – 20:00
First year - Substantive law				57 hours
Chapter	Subject	Tutor	Date	
A	General Introduction			
A.1	Introduction to Intellectual Property law			
A.2	The patent and other rights to protect inventions	Thierry Debled	29/01/2026	
A.3	The history of patent law			
A.4	The international patent conventions			
B	Introduction to European Patent Law			
B.1	Introduction to the EPC			
B.2	Introduction to the PCT	Thierry Debled	12/02/2026	
B.3	Interpretation of provisions of the EPC and PCT			
B.4	Institutional provisions	David Ewing	26/02/2026	
B.5	Languages and translations	Luis Ferreira	12/03/2026	
B.6	Representation before the EPO and under the PCT	Huib Maas	26/03/2026	
C	Patentability			
C.1	Patentable and non-patentable inventions, industrial application	Jörn Wolf	16/04/2026	
C.2	State of the art	Thomas L. Lederer	23/04/2026	
C.3	State of the art (continued) and novelty	Thomas L. Lederer	07/05/2026	
C.4	Exceptions to patentability, medical use	Svenja Sethmann	04/06/2026	
C.5	Inventive step (first part)	Derk Visser	18/06/2026	
C.5	Inventive step (second part)	Derk Visser	25/06/2026	
C. 6	Unity, disclosure, claims	Cathy Kourgas	03/09/2026	
		Cathy Kourgas	17/09/2026	
		Oliver Jeker	01/10/2026	
C. 7	Priority, Paris Convention, EPC	Oliver Jeker	15/10/2026	
D	Right to the European Patent			
D.1	Designation of the inventor			
D.2	Right to file, entitlement of the patent	Kaisa Suominen	05/11/2026	
D.3	Entitlement disputes			
E	Rights conferred by the European Patent and by the Application			
E.1	Rights conferred by the European Patent			
E.2	Protection conferred by the application			
E.3	Interpretation of the patent (application)	Emma Montevocchi	12/11/2026	
E.4	Infringement and sanctions			
F	The European Patent and Application as Object of Property			
F	Transfer and constitution of rights, assignment and licences	Dana Boncea/Katerina Hartvichova	03/12/2026	
G	Information from the European Patent Office			
G.1	Information to the public			
G.2	Register of European Patents	TRD	10/12 or 17/12/2026	
G.3	Periodical publications			
G.4	Exchange of information between authorities			