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Basic Training Course In European Patent Law 2025-2026 Helsinki

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Tutors teaching on the 2025-2026 Helsinki course:

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The course will start October 3rd 2025 and will be held on Fridays, mainly at Hanken (Room A303), Arkadiankatu 22, in Helsinki ; as full-day sessions (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM), approximatively every second week. The course will end in November/December 2026.

Please find the programme below. (The rest of the programme (dates) starting January 2026, will be provided later).

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.

Date	Tutor	Subject	Subject
3.10.2025	Kaisa Suominen	(A1, A2, A3, A4) B1, B2, B3, B4	Introduction, history, interpretation of EPC and PCT
10.10.2025	Satu Lehesranta	B5, B6	Languages, representation
31.10.2025	Kaisa Suominen	C2, C3	Novelty
14.11.2025	Kathy Wasström, Jari Nieminen	C1, C4	Patentability, industrial applicability
28.11.2025	Tuomo Timonen	C5	Inventive step
12.12.2025	Jukka Kantanen	C6	Unity, disclosure, claims
9.1.2025	Francis Leyder	Case studies	Claim drafting, novelty, inventive step
	Pekka Heino	C7	Priority
	Matti Brax	E1, E2, E3, E4	Rights conferred by EP, interpretation, infringement
	Kirsi Virkki	F, G1, G2, G3, G4	Transfer, assignment, information from EPO
	Pekka Heino	D1, D2, D3, H1, H2	Right to patent, introduction to procedure
	Jari Hovinen	H3	EP application, filing
	Krister Karlsson	H4, H5, H6	Search, publication, examination
	Samu Lamberg	H7, H8	Amendments, decision to grant
	Sirpa Kuisma	H9	Opposition
	Christopher Devine	H11, H13	Common provisions, remedies
	Jarkko Tiilikainen	H10, I, J1 J2, J3	Appeal, revocation, conversion
	Kaisa Suominen	H12, H14	Periods, fees
	TBD	L1-L4	PCT international phase
	Jari Nieminen	L4, L5	Euro-PCT
	Jari Nieminen	K1, K2, K3	Special agreements, unitary patent, US