

APPENDIX TO THE AGREEMENT

Title of the training

Basic training course in European Patent 2025/2026

(outsourced training, currently offered in 40 European cities and online)

Public

- Future patent practitioners (industry or private practice)
- Candidates working in technology transfer or innovation management offices either at universities or at regional or national institutions, seeking to communicate efficiently with patent practitioners

Prerequisites

Participation in this non-degree course does not require any specific prerequisites in view of the audience for which it is intended.

However, to fully benefit from this training, it is recommended that participants hold a technical university degree and have recently started training with a professional representative or in a patent department.

Applications from candidates with a different profile might be accepted on decision of the local coordinator.

Entrance requirements (diplomas)

This is a non-degree training course. Admission upon validation of the application file.

Objectives

- Offer future patent attorneys comprehensive systematic training in the legal foundations and provide them with the practical application of European patent law
- Support them in the pursuit of their profession

Program

Content :

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. The following topics are dealt with:

- **Substantive law:** general introduction, introduction to European patent law, patentability, right to a European patent, rights conferred by the European patent and application, the European patent and application as objects of property, information from the EPO
- **Procedural law:** procedure, revocation and national rights, Community Patent Convention and other agreements, Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Duration : 123 hours. The training usually takes two years. However, some courses are offered as « intensive » one-year courses. The training starts either in the autumn or at the beginning of the year, depending on the schedule of each course.

Schedule (for information purposes):

The training usually takes the form of three-hour sessions once a fortnight. However, the local coordinators who are in charge of the course organization in each city, might, in cooperation with the CEIPI, set up different course schedules.

Tutors :

The tutors for these courses are either professional representatives (from private practice and industry) or staff of the departments of first instance of the EPO and of the Boards of Appeal. All have extensive knowledge and practical experience in the procedures before the EPO, be it in examination and opposition, or in appeal before the Boards of Appeal.

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Teaching methods

- Presentations and group discussions, Q&A sessions
- Case studies prepared and presented by the participants
- Exercises
- Private study
- Several courses offer complementary activities (visit to the Federal Court in Karlsruhe, participation in oral proceedings at the EPO, mock trials, courses on particular topics such as claim drafting, etc.)

Technical and pedagogical frame (in case the course is organized online)

- Access to the online session will take place via the connection to a distance-learning platform. The ID and password for the connection will be made available to the participant in advance.
- The participant must have appropriate technical equipment to participate in the online session, in particular a laptop or similar device and high speed WIFI.
- Online courses may be recorded and made available to participants at a later date.

Training material

- Presentations and handouts prepared by tutors and/or participants and other supports
- D-book with exercises

Validation

The training aims at the adaptation and development of skills. Participants can receive an attendance certificate.

Location

The training is currently offered in 40 European cities and online (further details available on the CEIPI website).

Fee

1 700 € per year of studies / 3 400 € for the intensive one-year courses

A reduced fee is applicable in case of early enrolments (terms and conditions available on the CEIPI website).

Contact for information, enrolment and technical support*

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*Ms Brunck is the CEIPI referent for the administrative support of the participants during the training. She will ensure the follow-up of the sessions and can be contacted in case of questions. In case of hybrid sessions, participants can also refer to her for issues related to the connection of participants and tutors. However, the CEIPI does not assume any legal responsibility in the event of a malfunction of the platform used during hybrid sessions or a lack of speed/network quality among participants and tutors.