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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**.

| Chapter | Subject | Tutor | Date |
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| 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 | Neil Montgomery | 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 | Huub 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 | 21/05/2026 |
| 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 Kourgias | 03/09/2026 |
| | | Cathy Kourgias | 17/09/2026 |
| C.7 | Priority, Paris Convention, EPC | Oliver Jeker | 01/10/2026 |
| | | 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 | Emma Montevocchi | 12/11/2026 |
| E.3 | Interpretation of the patent (application) | | |
| E.4 | Infringement and sanctions | | |
| F | The European Patent and Application as Object of Property | | |
| F | Transfer and constitution of rights, assignment and licences | Oana Boncea/Katerina | 03/12/2026 |
| G | Information from the European Patent Office | | |
| G.1 | Information to the Public | | |
| G.2 | Register of European Patents | | |
| G.3 | Periodical publications | Thierry Debled | 10/12 or 17/12/2026 (TBD) |
| G.4 | Exchange of information between authorities | | |