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# Basic Training Course In European Patent Law 2026-2027 Helsinki

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The course will start in September 2026 and will be held on Fridays in Helsinki, mainly as full-day sessions (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM), approximatively every second week. The course will end in November/December 2027.

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.

<b>Subject</b>	
<b>(A1, A2, A3, A4) B1, B2, B3, B4</b>	Introduction, history, interpretation of EPC and PCT
<b>B5, B6</b>	Languages, representation
<b>C2, C3</b>	Novelty
<b>C1, C4</b>	Patentability, industrial applicability
<b>C5</b>	Inventive step
<b>C6</b>	Unity, disclosure, claims
<b>C7</b>	Priority
<b>Case studies</b>	Claim drafting, novelty, inventive step
<b>E1, E2, E3, E4</b>	Rights conferred by EP, interpretation, infringement
<b>F, G1, G2, G3, G4</b>	Transfer, assignment, information from EPO
<b>D1, D2, D3, H1, H2</b>	Right to patent, introduction to procedure
<b>H3</b>	EP application, filing
<b>H4, H5, H6</b>	Search, publication, examination
<b>H9</b>	Opposition
<b>H7, H8</b>	Amendments, decision to grant
<b>H11, H13</b>	Common provisions, remedies
<b>H10, I, J1 J2, J3</b>	Appeal, revocation, conversion
<b>H12, H14</b>	Periods, fees
<b>L1-L3</b>	PCT international phase
<b>L4, L5</b>	PCT national phase, Euro-PCT
<b>K1, K2, K3, K4</b>	Special agreements, unitary patent, US