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# Basic Training Course In European Patent Law

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The tutors of the CEIPI International section are mainly European Patent Attorneys (working for the industry or within patent firms recognized for their expertise in the field of Intellectual property) but can also be agents from the European Patent Office, the World Intellectual Property Organization or yet recognized experts in the field of Intellectual Property (Academics, magistrates or lawyers for example), from various nationalities and profiles. The diversity of their origins reflects the European and multidisciplinary character of the training.

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**The courses will be organized in Prague, starting fall 2021.  
More information about the location and dates to follow.**

***(Please note that a minimum of 6 participants is needed to open the course.)***

The Basic Training Course in European Patent Law in Prague is organized on two years (with about 60 hours per year), starting either in autumn 2021 or in early 2022.

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.

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.

## PROGRAM

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.

YEAR 1 – SUBSTANTIVE LAW	
	MODULES A1-A4, B1-B4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to Intellectual Property law, Patents and other rights to protect inventions, History of patent law, International patent conventions.</li> <li>- Introduction to the EPC, Interpretation of the EPC, Institutional provisions.</li> <li>- Languages and translations.</li> </ul>	
	MODULES C1-C4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Patentable and non-patentable inventions, Industrial application.</li> <li>- Exceptions to patentability, Medical uses, Biological processes and products.</li> <li>- State of the art, Prior rights. Novelty.</li> </ul>	
	MODULES C5-C6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inventive step.</li> <li>- Unity .</li> <li>- Disclosure, claims.</li> </ul>	
	MODULES C7, D1-D3, B5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Priority right, Claiming priority, Effect of priority date.</li> <li>- Right to file, Entitlement disputes, Designation of the inventor.</li> <li>- Representation before the EPO.</li> </ul>	
	MODULES E1-E4, F, G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rights conferred by the European Patent, Protection conferred by the application.</li> <li>- Interpretation of the patent (application), Infringement and sanctions.</li> <li>- The EP application as object of property, Transfer, Constitution of rights, Assignments and licences.</li> <li>- Information from the EPO, File inspection, Register, Periodical publications, Exchanges of information.</li> </ul>	
YEAR 2 – PROCEDURAL LAW	
	MODULES H1-H5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General introduction to procedure before EPO.</li> <li>- The European patent application. Filing the application, Accordance of date of filing, Formalities examination.</li> <li>- Search, Search opinion and search report.Publication.</li> </ul>	
	MODULES H6-H8, H14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designation of states, Request for examination, Substantive examination. Decision to grant or refuse.</li> <li>- Amedments and corrections.</li> <li>- Fees.</li> </ul>	
	MODULES H9-H11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opposition, Limitation, Revocation.</li> <li>- Appeal, Petition for review.</li> <li>- Common provisions governing procedure.</li> </ul>	
	MODULES H12-H13, I/J, K1-K3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Periods, Further processing, Re-establishment of rights.</li> <li>- Revocation, Conversion, Relations European and national patents, Territorial effect of application.</li> <li>- Unitary Patent Regulations, Special agreements.</li> <li>- Aspects of US patent law</li> </ul>	
	MODULES L1-L4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PCT</li> <li>- Euro-PCT</li> </ul>	