Study visit to the European Patent Office
Intermediate level, focus on latest developments in patenting in various technical fields

Date: 13 October 2021
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Level: Intermediate
Format: - self-paced preparation (including online courses, videos and podcasts)
         - a live online session with Q&A

European universities’ students in all fields will be provided with hands-on experience of the EPO and offered insight into the work of EPO experts from different technical fields to get a deeper understanding of the European patent system. This study visit will focus on the latest developments and specific aspects of patenting in three areas of technology: digital communication, smart agriculture and green technology. In addition, an overview will be given on the work of an examiner. During the live online session, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions to EPO patent examiners and other EPO experts.

Self-paced preparation for the study visit

Prior to the live online session, participants are invited to study the preparatory material provided in the European Patent Academy’s e-learning centre:

- The EPO Annual Review 2020 (video)
- The European patent system from filing to grant (online course)
- From application to patent: patentability requirements at the EPO (online course)
- Work of a patent examiner – a closer look (video)
- Patent in progress (podcasts)
- Patent index 2020 (podcasts)
- EPO’s art collection (video)

Live online session

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Moderator: Giovanna Oddo, programme area manager Academia, European Patent Academy, EPO

09.30  Welcome
       Xavier Seuba, Director, Patent Academy and EQE, EPO

09.40  Set the scene: patents in progress – navigating the patent landscape
       Georgia Tseliou, examiner, EPO
       Christian Soltmann, product manager, Patent knowledge, EPO

10.00  Next generation of digital communication
       Georgia Tseliou, examiner, EPO

10.30  Smart agriculture
       Ricardo Oltra García, examiner and team manager, EPO
11.00 Break

11.15 Green technology
Victor Veefkind, examiner, EPO tbc

11.45 Highlights of the breakout sessions

12.00 Work of a patent examiner: an interview
Georgia Tseliou, examiner, EPO
Ricardo Oltra Garcia, examiner and team manager, EPO
Victor Veefkind, examiner, EPO tbc

12.30 The interface of technology and art: the EPO collection
Kristine Schönert, cultural affairs officer, EPO

13.00 End