Study visit to the European Patent Office
The latest developments in patenting in various technical fields
Advanced level

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Format - self-paced preparation (including online courses, videos and podcasts)
        - live online session with Q&A

This study visit will give participants from European universities hands-on experience of the EPO and insight into the work of EPO experts from different technical fields, with a view to gaining a deeper understanding of the European patent system. It will focus on the latest developments in patenting, as well as specific aspects of patenting in three areas of technology: digital communication, smart agriculture, green technology and digital health. Participants will also find out more about the work of an EPO examiner and, in a live online session, will have the opportunity to put questions to examiners and other EPO experts.

Self-paced preparation

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)
- Patents in progress (podcasts)
- Patent Index 2020 (podcasts)
- The EPO’s art collection (video)

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

09.30 Welcome
Giovanna Oddo, programme area manager Academia, European Patent Academy, EPO

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

10.00 Digital communication: the next generation
Georgia Tseliou, examiner, EPO

10.20 Q&A

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

10.50 Q&A

11.00 Break

11.15 Green technologies
Victor Veefkind, examiner, EPO

11.35 Q&A

11.45 Digital health
Carlos Rivera Pons, examiner and team manager, EPO

12.05 Q&A

12.15 Work of a patent examiner: ask your questions to our experts
Georgia Tseliou, examiner, EPO
Ricardo Oltra García, examiner and team manager, EPO
Victor Veefkind, examiner, EPO
Carlos Rivera Pons, examiner, EPO

12.45 The interface of technology and art: the EPO collection
Kristine Schönert, Cultural affairs, EPO

13.15 End