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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.

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