

# IP Knowledge and IP research: Get back on track with the EUIPO Academy

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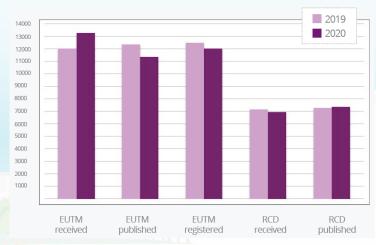
- Established in 1994
- Located in Alicante, Spain

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BENEF	ITS FOR USERS	BENEFITS FOR INSTITUTIONS	BENEFITS FOR SOCIETY			
	,	<ul> <li>✓ Strong EU IP system</li> <li>✓ Available tools &amp; knowledge</li> <li>✓ Informed policies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Strong economy providing good jobs</li> <li>✓ Opportunities for young people</li> <li>✓ Understanding of IP</li> </ul>			
<ul><li>&gt;770 Key Use of EUIPO busin</li><li>Users satisfact</li></ul>	ers in KUP: account for 50 %	<ul> <li>100 % of IPOs that intended to implement a practice have done so</li> <li>789 tools &amp; practices implemented</li> <li>80 % of National Offices satisfied with ECP tools</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>100 traineeship posts offered per year</li> <li>77 EU universities or programmes participate in PES</li> <li>EUIPO's impact in Alicante: € 406 M &amp; &gt;2 800 jobs generated in 2017</li> </ul>			



# **EUIPO** (European Union Intellectual Property Office)

Monthly statistical highlights August*	2019	2020
European Union Trade Mark applications received	12 006	13 241
European Union Trade Mark applications published	12 359	11 346
European Union Trade Mark registered (certificates issued)	12 465	12 008
Registered Community Designs received	7 138	6 935
Registered Community Designs published	7 253	7 342



### **USER SATISFACTION SURVEY 2019**

Overall satisfaction	Website	EUTM process	RCD process	Participation rate
2019: 88 %	2019: 82 %	2019: 90 %	2019: 93 %	2019: 10.8%
(2017: 89 %)	(2017: 84 %)	(2017: 92 %)	(2017: 92 %)	(2017: 10.5%)



# **EUIPO Academy**

Established in 2011

Raising awareness in IP knowledge with learning content

Nurturing EUIPO staff development and improving access to IP knowledge to staff of IP offices of the EU, academia and the public at large.



### **ACADEMY**

Training activities for external stakeholders by 07/07/2020:

Training activities delivered for staff by 07/07/2020:

**Academy Learning Portal:** 

As part of the EUIPO's commitment to organizational excellence and international cooperation, the Academy was set up to act as the EUIPO's staff-development flagship.

- Numbers of participants: 9335
- External stakeholder's satisfaction: 87.8%
- Training days per staff member: 1.79
- Internal training satisfaction: 86%
- Courses available for staff and/or external stakeholders: 883
- Active users in the last 12 months: 6283

## The Academy's training catalogue focuses on:

- general training in IP;
- specific courses addressing all aspects of TM and D registration;
- seminars for European judges concerning aspects of intellectual and industrial property;
- European network of IP students and teachers.



### **ONLINE OFFERS AND PROGRAMMES**







## The EUIPO Knowledge Hub









### **2020 IP EVENTS**















# **EUIPO Academy Learning Portal**



### What is the Learning Portal?



Available 24/7



Courses from 10 minutes to 4 hours



Self-paced



Courses in several languages



+130 IP courses certified



**Free** of charge



## Let's enjoy a quick promotional video!





# What can I do in the Learning Portal?

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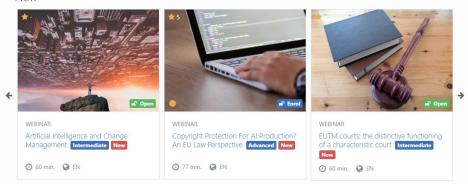




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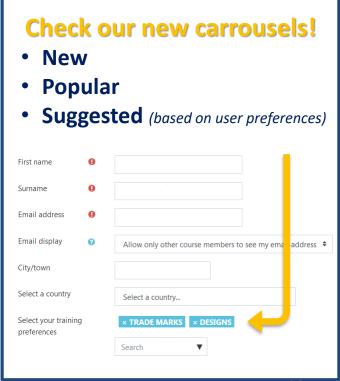
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### New



### Popular





### Academic calendar

→ September 2020	October 2020	November 2020 🕨

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Webinar: Ne	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Export calendar

# Training offer for EUIPO stakeholders By subscribing to this distribution list, you will be regularly informed on the upcoming training activities organised by the Academy and the latest arrivals to the Learning Portal. In order to be able to subscribe, you will need to have a user account in the Academy Learning Portal. STEPS to Subscribe: 1. Click on "Continue" 2. Log In if you already have an account or create a GENERA A. 3. Click on the "Errol me" button in this course. You will receive an email every month providing direct links to excoming events and new e-Learning materials.

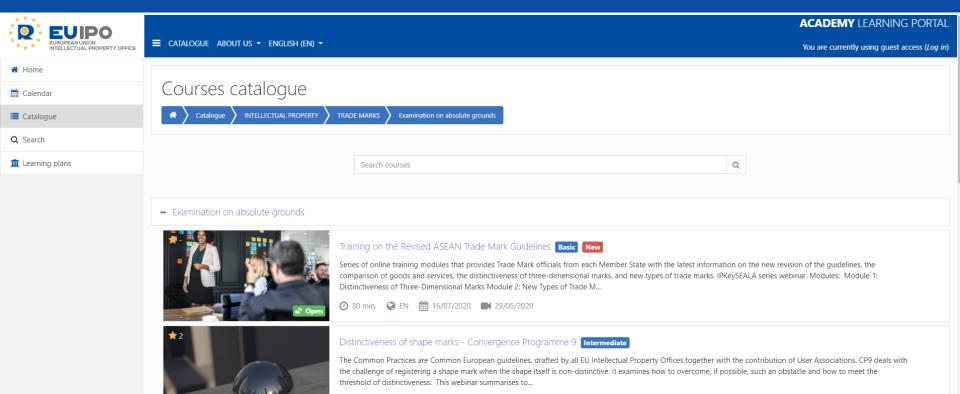
Looking for information on live webinars and events?

**Check the Calendar!** 

You don't want to miss any of them?

**Subscribe to our newsletter!** 

▼ Self enrolment (Student)

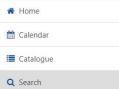


Absolute grounds for refusal - shape of goods (Article 7 EUTMR) Advanced

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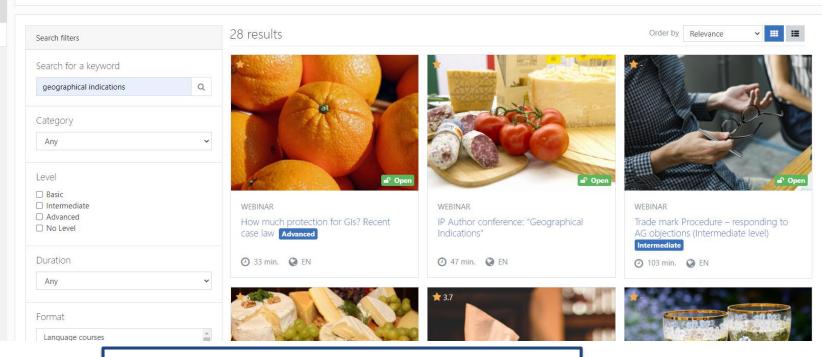
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in Learning plans

### Search courses



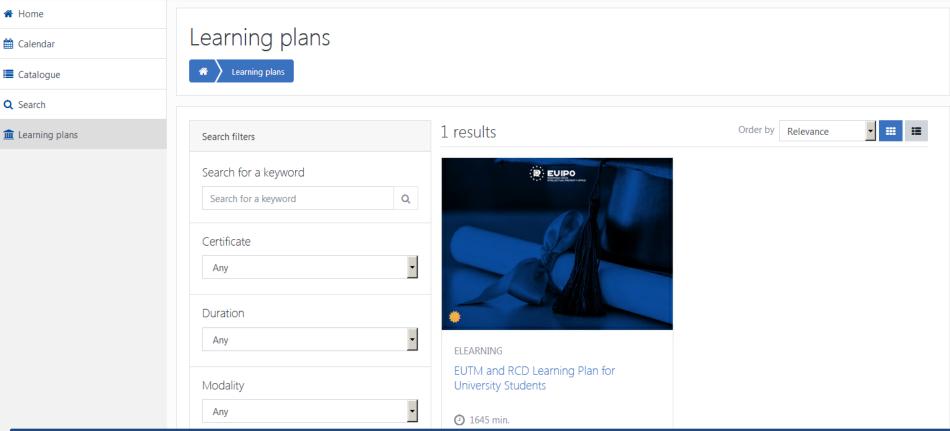


... or use our real-time search based on filters

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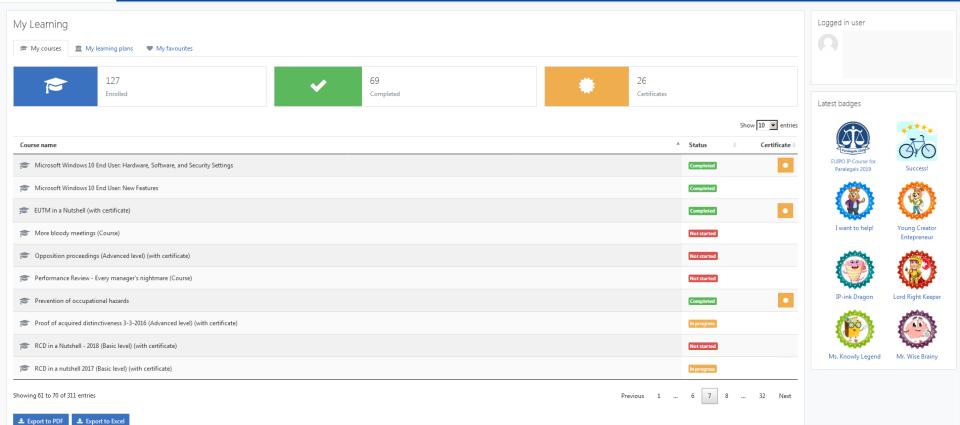


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Learning Plans include list of courses from different categories connected to each other

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The Dashboard with access to enrolled content, certificates and favourites



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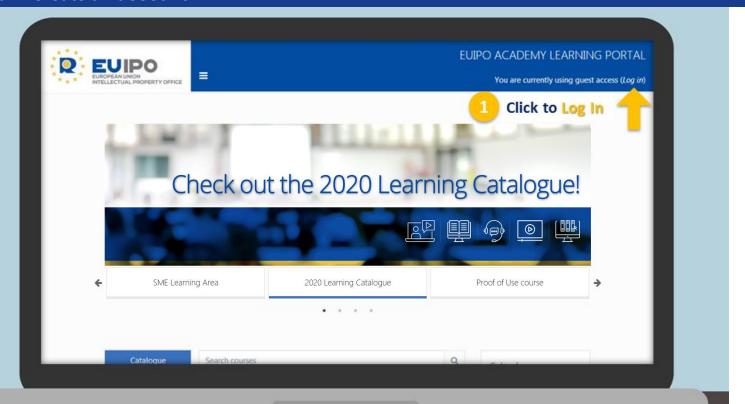
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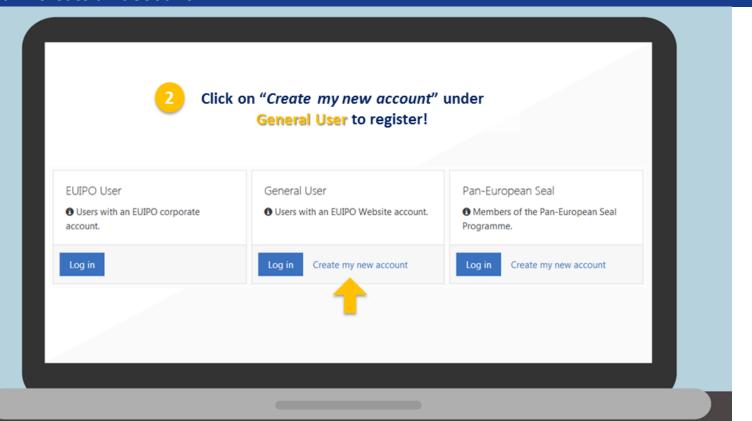


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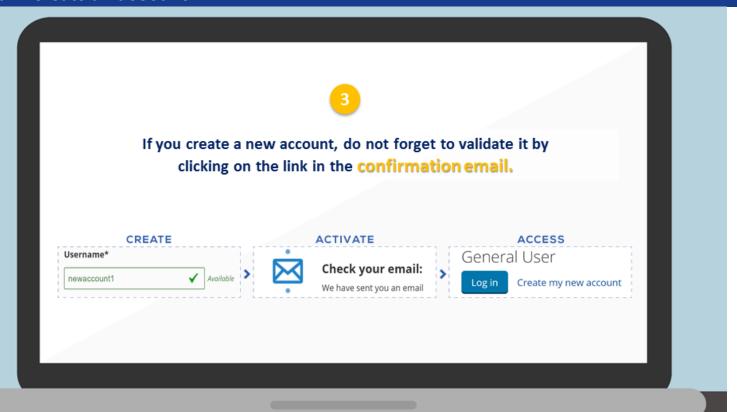


## How can I create an account?





## How can I create an account?





## YOU ONLY NEED TO:

Visit the <u>EUIPO</u> website



Create your free account

Sign up

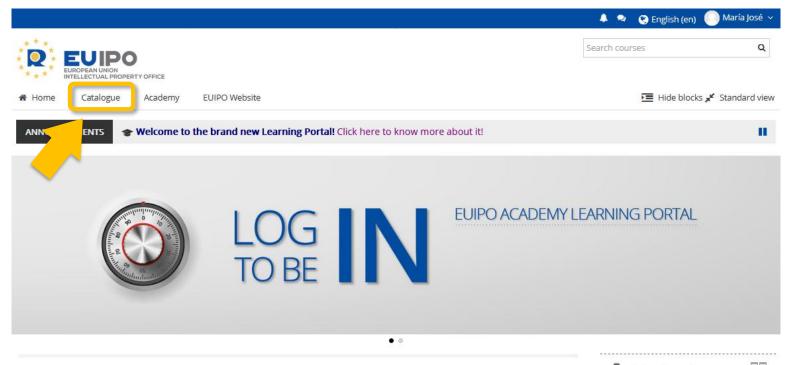
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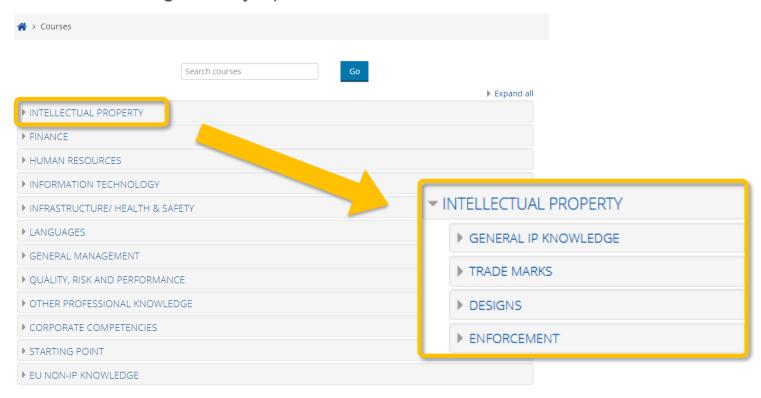
• Users can access the **catalogue**:



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Courses are categorised by topic:





<b>-</b> IN	NTE	LLECTUAL PROPERTY
	<b>▶</b> 6	GENERAL IP KNOWLEDGE
	₩ T	RADE MARKS
		▶ General Introduction
		▶ Pre-filing searches
		▶ Procedure and evidence before the Office
		▶ Filing an application
		▶ Formalities and classification
		▶ Post registration
		Examination on absolute grounds
		▶ Opposition
		▶ Cancellation
		▶ Boards of appeal
		Court of justice and General Court
		▶ Guidelines of the Office
		Case Law
		▶ New EU TRADE MARKS Regulation
	▶ □	DESIGNS
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Webinar: Colour combinations: getting back to WYSIWYG (13-03-2018) (Advanced level)	1
CP3 Implementation in the National IP Offices: Absolute GroundsFigurative Marks Containing Description (Words (Basic level) (with certificate)	ptive/Non-distinctiv
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Webinar: Article 6ter of the Paris Convention (20-02-2018) (Advanced level) (with certificate)	1
ECP4: Collaborative Network (Basic level) (with certificate)	<b>-</b> (
Webinar: Languages and Trade mark examination 12-09-2017 (Advanced level)	1
Webinar: Recent case law on PGIs (09-01-2018) (Advanced level)	1
Dealing with new representation requirements regarding non-traditional trade marks: registries in the 10-07-2017 (Intermediate level)	ne digital age
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Webinar: Plant variety and trade marks 18-07-2017 (Advanced level)	1
Webinar: Registering the names of athletes as trade marks 25-07-2017 (Advanced level)	2 (
Interaction between Protected Geographical Indications (PGIs), Individual, Collective and Certification from the SIPO of Croatia 14 06 2017 (Intermediate level)	n marks - Examples
	1 (



Users can self-enrol in a wide variety of courses:

### ▼ Self enrolment (Student)

Click on "Enrol me" button to be enrolled on the course automatically.





# **eLearning**



### Means of evidence overview



The most common means of evidence received are the following:







Opinion polls





Invoices



Marketing materials

### IP Teaching Kit - EN, DE, ES, FR & IT (Basic)

🐐 🔰 Cursos 🔰 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY 🤰 GENERAL IP KNOWLEDGE 🔰 IP Teaching Kit - EN, DE, ES, FR & IT (Basic)

#### Introduction

EUIPO and the EPO are pleased to publish the first part of their IP Teaching Kit online.

It has been developed for university teachers whose students have little or no knowledge of intellectual property, and aims to give a basic yet comprehensive introduction to different IP rights, and the concept of IP as a whole.

The European graduates of tomorrow will enter a labour market which is increasingly based on innovation and creativity. Our EUIPO/EPO IP Contribution study, published in September 2013, shows us that IPR-intensive industries (trade marks, designs, patents, copyright and geographical indications) provide 26% of employment in the EU.

Moreover, 88% of the EU's imports and 90% of the EU's exports are accounted for by IPR-intensive industries.

IP is a driving factor in the EU economy, and, thanks to the digital and technological revolutions of the past two decades, an increasingly important part of everyday life. Universities themselves deal with IP issues on a daily basis, in terms of research, technology transfer and management of their own IP portfolios.

This IP Teaching Kit contains an extensive set of freely accessible teaching materials, developed by IP professionals from the EPO and EUIPO, and through strong cooperation and mutual support between the management and staff of the two organisations. It is one of the most comprehensive IP teaching resources in the world, and is available through the EUIPO Academy Learning Portal.

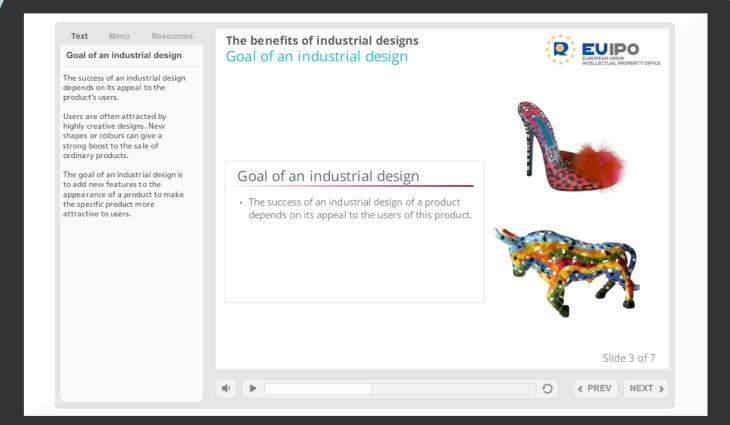




- Do you know about the existence of an IP teaching kit?
- ➤ If yes, is it helpful for your teaching tasks?
- What do you expect from an IP teaching kit?
  - Slides
  - Videos
  - Case studies
- Link to the <u>survey</u>

## 7 IP in education







## **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

### The Academy

certifies that:

has completed the following course in the Learning Portal:

RCD in a Nutshell - 2018 (Basic level) (with certificate)

Course duration: 3.5 hours



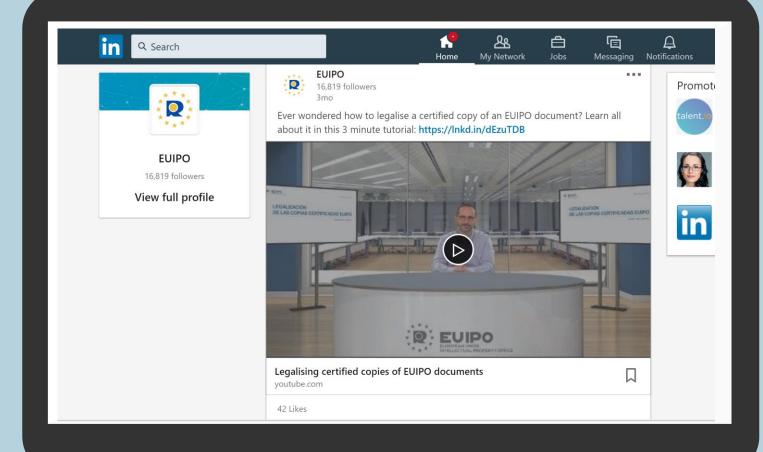
# Micro eLearning



# What is **Micro eLearning?**

- Easily digestible learning;
- Flexibility to users;
- Improve access and availability.







# **EUIPO Academy Tuesday Webinars**

- Subject matter experts are recorded in-house;
- Presented live to online audience;
- Available later after post-production on the ALP.



# **Tuesday webinars**





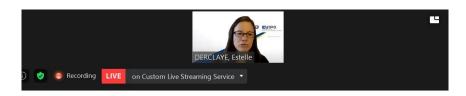


Behind the scenes



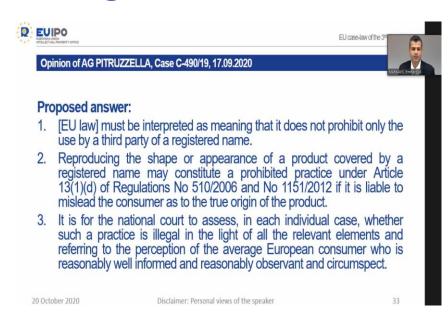


# **Tuesday webinars right now**



#### Ruling in a nutshell

- Court examines both questions together
- Copyright can protect a product's shape which is, at least in part, necessary to obtain a technical result, if it is original
- No copyright if shape solely dictated by function





# **TOP 10 WEBINARS IN 2020 (#participants)**

- 1. Joint EPO-EUIPO interactive webinar: Videogaming and IP: how to play the game;
- 2. New EUIPO Guidelines;
- 3. Webinar: Artificial intelligence;
- 4. Requests for further extension of time limits in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 5. Arguments of the parties: Most frequent arguments presented by the parties and how to deal with them;
- 6. GC and CJEU Decision of the trimester;
- 7. Likelihood of confusion: The 3-step test and recent trends in the case law of EU Courts;
- 8. Case law on Community designs;
- 9. Absolute grounds for refusal shape of goods (Article 7 EUTMR);
- 10. Decisions of the trimester of the GC and the CJEU (Q2).



#### Communication



WEBINAR: Although AI is reshaping the business environment and benefitting a growing number of companies, its implementation still falls short of expectations. In our next webinar we will discuss how the management model needs to change to successfully implement AI technologies. Sign up here:

https://lnkd.in/eknADyY

#euipowebinar #artificialintelligence

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#### 2.2- LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

- Tuesday Webinars – COVID-19

#### **Adaptation of the EUIPO Academy Tuesday webinars**

The EUIPO Academy Tuesday webinars are normally streamed from the EUIPO premises, either the TV Studio or any other meeting room considered for the purpose, to the broad audience without any restriction to the access.

This entails that the speakers, both EUIPO staff or external contributors are supposed to be at the EUIPO's premises for the delivery of their presentations.

In order to ensure the sustainability of the webinars delivery in circumstances when the access to the EUIPO is not possible, the speakers have been invited to present their corresponding webinars from their location at the time of the streaming (Zoom video conference tool is being used for the purpose).

The user experience for the audience is the same as usual because the main features remain unaltered:

- free access to the webinar and the corresponding support materials;
- possibility to pose questions to the speaker in real time;
- posterior availability of the webinar as an e-learning course on the Academy Learning Portal



#### A new kind of webinars



















## Fall plans?

# What are we going to do?



# What we need from you?

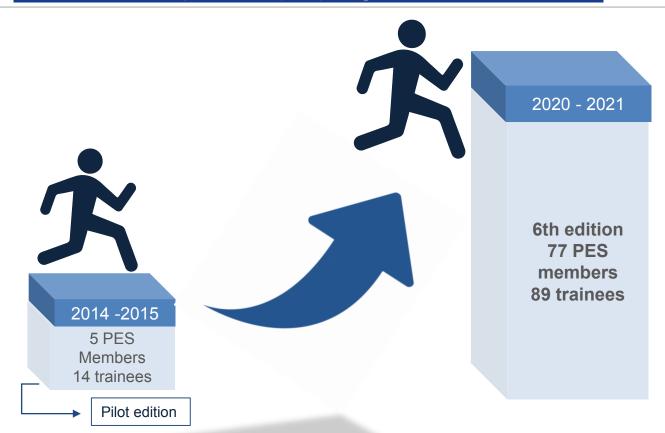




# Pan European SEAL Programme



## Pan-European Seal (PES) Programme: Evolution





## Pan-European Seal (PES) Programme: Countries Representation



26 EU Countries



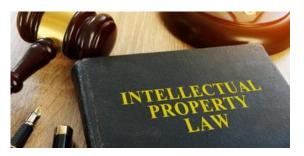
9 EPC Countries



Trainees from 36 Countries



## Pan-European Seal (PES) Programme: Traineeship Areas















#### Pan-European Seal (PES) Programme: Next Steps

#### Further career and training opportunities to former PES trainees



#### **PES Exchange Programme:**











#### **PES Talent Bank:**







## Pan-European Seal Talent Bank



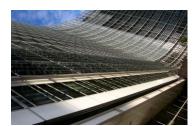
#### **On-line platform**

Providing traineeship and job opportunities offered by:





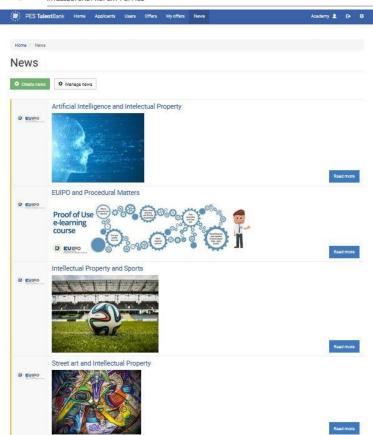




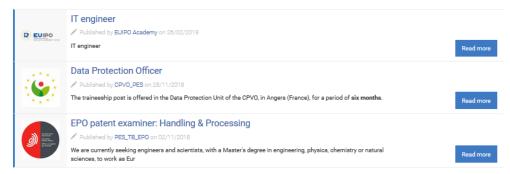




#### Pan-European Seal Talent Bank



#### Latest offers





# **Learning programmes** – Joint Doctorate in IP EIPIN-IS (Academic Initiatives)

# Learning Activities for external stakeholders: Joint Doctorate in IP: EIPIN-IS











- Maastricht University;
- · Queen Mary University London;
- University of Alicante (Magister Lvcentinvs);
- University of Augsburg/ Max Planck;
- University of Strasbourg (CEIPI).

- The first joint PhD on Intellectual Property in Europe
- PHD programme jointly coordinated by 5 Universities
- Grant received from the EU Commission
- 15 non-academic organisations take part in it, **including**the EUIPO

Pan-European Seal Programm



# **EUIPO Trade Mark and Design Education Programme**







➤ Hours of tuition: 150

> Tuition fees: EUR 1 500

Delivery: September 2020 to 10 June 2021

Language: English





#### **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

- > Admission criteria:
- Legal practitioners qualified in an EEA Member State, or
- professional representatives already entered on the EUIPO lists.
- > **EUIPO Certificate** to the successful candidates, however:
- It shall in no way entitle any participant to obtain the status of a professional representative through the exception foreseen in Article 120(4)(a) EUTMR,
- it is not a prerequisite to represent parties before the EUIPO or to undertake any other activity related to the Office.





#### PROGRAMME OF STUDIES

# **Programme of Studies - 9 Modules**

Introduction- EU legal sources

Procedural and evidentiary issues

Proceedings before the Office

## **EUTMs**

- Absolute Grounds
- Relative Grounds
- Collective and certification marks
- Revocation and invalidity

# **Community Designs**

- Applications
- Invalidity proceedings

Conciliation and mediation

Appeals

Proceedings before the CJEU

Selected IP issues





#### **METHODOLOGY**













## **BLENDED LEARNING**



e-learning materials and live streamed sessions



2x3-day face-to-face workshops at EUIPO, Alicante, Spain (currently done online)

## EXAMINATION



6 self-assessed quizzes during the year



Final examination written case and oral exam

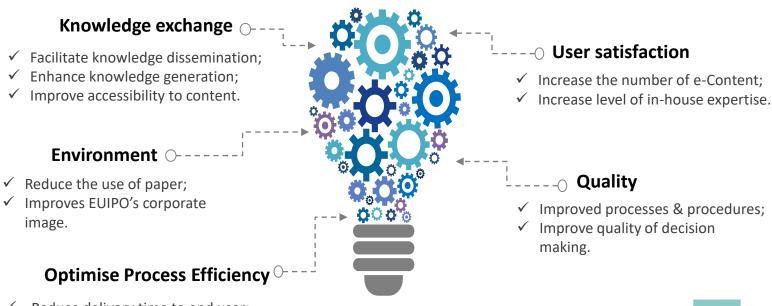


# **Knowledge Hub**



#### Knowledge Hub

#### Digitalisation - Knowledge hub - Objectives



- ✓ Reduce delivery time to end user;
- ✓ Simplify knowledge exploration.



## **Wubbo de Boer Inte®active Centre— Access for IP Investigators/Researches**

- Local Collection: 27,000;
- Total Collection in open ource: over 6,000,000;
- 4,500 IP books.











#### **FUTURE GOALS** – Learning for external stakeholders

#### Learning implementation strategy for external stakeholders

# NETWORKS and COLLABORATION

# THE EUIPO ACADEMY'S EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS' NEEDS

- A. EUTM and RCD knowledge
- B. General IP knowledge
- C. Non-IP knowledge (only for EU IPOs and PES University students)
- D. IP awareness for SMEs

#### THE EUIPO ACADEMY'S PRODUCTS

- Major IP events
- 2. Streamed events
- 3. Education programmes
- 4. E-learning courses
- . Visits
- 6. Reading material in the Knowledge Hub
- 7. SMEs e-learning area in the Academy Learning Portal

Intermediaries
(IPOs. UAs, ...)
and End users
(SMEs,
research
centres...)

#### **TOOLS**



#### **FUTURE GOALS** – Future projects

#### Two candidate strategic projects for the Strategic Plan 2025:

**1.EUIPO Virtual Campus:** 



2. Information Governance:





#### **FUTURE GOALS** – Additional projects

#### **Continuous Professional Development**

<u>Objective</u>: ensure that the learning offer of the EUIPO Academy is recognized fit for purpose to comply with the CPD national requirements.

#### **EUIPO Knolwedge Hub => extended e-library Portal**

<u>Objective</u>: extend cooperation with external stakeholders by creating a network of IP Libraries; opening up the EUIPO Knowledge Hub and making digital reading material available for consultation via the EUIPO Knowledge Hub.

#### **Trade Mark and Design Education Programme for Paralegals**

<u>Objective:</u> as requested by the User Associations and users, the programme responds to the need for specialised training on the TM and Design legal framework and the Office's practices, tools and databases.

The training package will be designed using a blended learning methodology: online content (available on the EUIPO Academy Learning Portal) and face to face events.



# **Many thanks**



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