

MODULAR IP EDUCATION FRAMEWORK (MIPeF)

EUROPEAN PATENT ACADEMY
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CONTEXT

 The European Patent Academy is the centre of competence for IP awareness and IP education at the EPO

 EPO supporting IP initiatives in Europe since 2005, through a consolidated collaboration with universities and TTOs

 Universities and higher education institutions are the ideal place to promote IP education

 A new IP learning offer complementary to university programmes



GOAL AND FORMAT OF THE COURSE



Ready-to-go university course on innovation and technology

“Create – Protect – Innovate: Bringing ideas to market”

suitable also for university customisation



Goal is to integrate the course in **regular university programs**



one course consisting of:

two parts: entry and advanced level

five modules each

four live sessions each

several tutored forums

one final exam marked by academic and non-academic IP experts

BENEFITS FOR UNIVERSITIES



Expand the curriculum with a free of charge IP course co-labelled with the EPO



Leverage the IP learning offer with little university resources



Ready-made, adjustable to calendar and customisable offer for Master and PhD students



Offers flexibility for use and can be hand-tailored to fit university curricula



BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS



High-quality IP learning offer supported by the leading international organisation on patents



Wide variety of course formats including tutored online sessions by IP experts



Case studies and inspiring stories featuring finalists and winners of the European Inventor Award



Obtain EPO certificate and earn 6 ECTS



FACILITATORS OF CO-OPERATION

Co-operation is most effective when there is ...



... a desire to integrate IP culture within the university business strategy



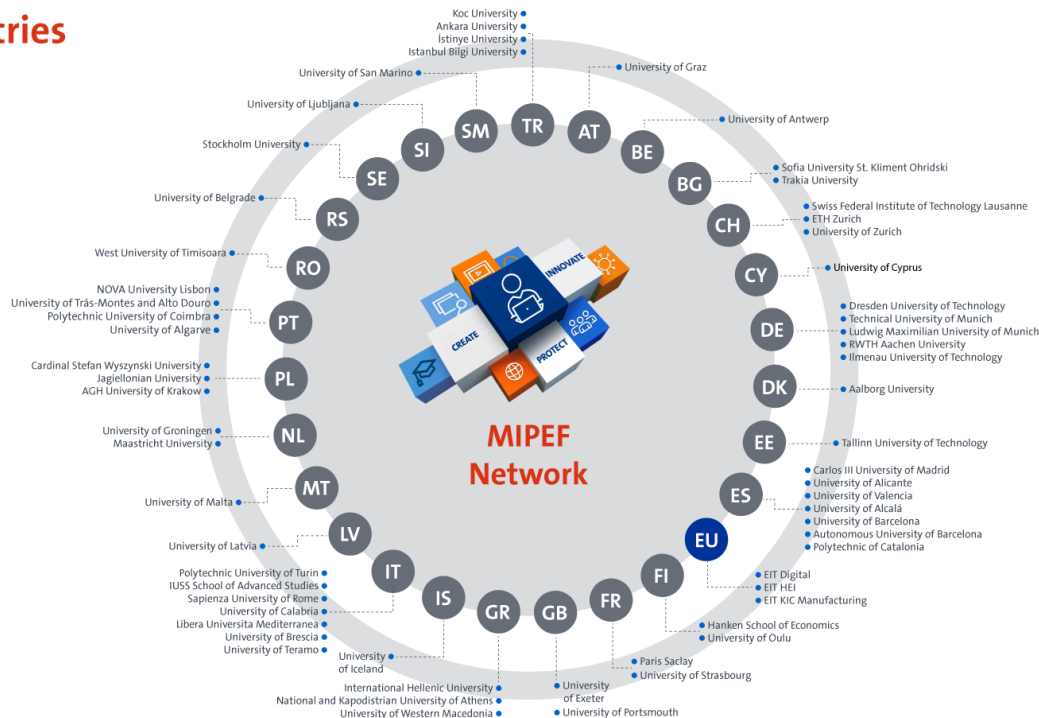
... a “focal point” within the university or TTO



... a willingness to identify university bodies, academic programmes or professors to introduce the IP learning offer



62 partner universities in 26 countries



CREATE – PROTECT – INNOVATE: BRINGING IDEAS TO MARKET

Part I: Entry level

Introduction to IP



An overview of IP rights, serving as a first encounter to the field.

MODULE I – 15 hrs

Patent Essentials



What is a patent and what are the requirements to get a patent?

MODULE II – 20 hrs

Introduction to patent information



Intro to patent information and its characteristics how to access patent information.

MODULE III – 10 hrs

Patent Information in practice



Introduction to Espacenet and European Patent Register; use cases and exercises.

MODULE IV – 15 hrs

Developing an IP Strategy



Tapping the economic benefits from your ideas.

MODULE V – 15 hrs

(3 ECTS credits, 75hrs and co-labelling with university partners)

CREATE – PROTECT – INNOVATE: BRINGING IDEAS TO MARKET

Part II: Advanced level

Grant of Patents



Special focus on the following requirements:

- The grant procedure
- Patentability requirements
- Amendments

MODULE I – 20 hrs

Enforcement of Patents



How patent rights can be reinforced in order to protect the patented invention and other routes of dispute solution.

MODULE II – 15 hrs

Scouting and Assessment of Technology



Explores the market and basics of technology transfer.

MODULE III – 10 hrs

IP Commercialisation



IP value extraction and licensing options.

MODULE IV – 20 hrs

Use of IPRs



Real-life case studies across a variety of technical fields.

MODULE V – 10 hrs

(3 ECTS credits, 75hrs and co-labelling with university partners)

OUR OFFER FOR IMPLEMENTATION: ENTRY LEVEL

- **Part I** including **five** modules to be offered in Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026



Four live sessions with IP experts and tutored forums

**Set
the scene**

**Patent
Essentials**

**Patent
Information**

**Developing an IP
strategy**



1.5 hour virtual classrooms, 16:00 – 17:30 hours

OUR OFFER FOR IMPLEMENTATION: ADVANCED LEVEL

- **Part II** including **five** modules to be offered in Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026



Four live sessions with IP experts and tutored forums

**Granting of
patents**

**Enforcement of
patents**

**Scouting/assessment
of technology**

**IP
commercialisation**



1.5 hour virtual classrooms, 16:00 – 17:30 hours

AUTUMN EDITION 2025

Course timeline

Part I

Activity	Date
Course registration starts	29 September
Course registration deadline	16 October
Course room opens	17 October
Masterclass 1	27 or 29 October
Masterclass 2	10 or 12 November
Masterclass 3	24 or 26 November
Masterclass 4	1 or 3 December
Final exam published	15 December
Final exam submission deadline	21 December
Grades published	12 January
Course room closes	31 January

Part II

Activity	Date
Course registration starts	29 September
Course registration deadline	16 October
Course room opens	17 October
Masterclass 1	30 October
Masterclass 2	13 November
Masterclass 3	27 November
Masterclass 4	4 December
Final exam published	15 December
Final exam submission deadline	21 December
Grades published	12 January
Course room closes	31 January

SPRING EDITION 2026

Course timeline

Part I

Activity	Date
Course registration starts	23 February
Course registration deadline	19 March
Course room opens	20 March
Masterclass 1	30 March or 1 April
Masterclass 2	13 or 15 April
Masterclass 3	20 or 22 April
Masterclass 4	4 or 6 May
Final exam published	18 May
Final exam submission deadline	24 May
Grades published	8 June
Course room closes	30 June

Part II

Activity	Date
Course registration starts	23 February
Course registration deadline	19 March
Course room opens	20 March
Masterclass 1	31 March or 2 April
Masterclass 2	14 or 16 April
Masterclass 3	21 or 23 April
Masterclass 4	5 or 7 May
Final exam published	18 May
Final exam submission deadline	24 May
Grades published	8 June
Course room closes	30 June

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