

## **EUIPO TRADE MARK AND DESIGN EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

### **4<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF THE ETMD EP FOR PRACTITIONERS AND 1<sup>st</sup> EDITION OF THE ETMD EP FOR PARALEGALS**

The EUIPO Trade Mark and Design Education Programme has been created to offer structured training to the community of intellectual property professionals, helping them to better support EU businesses and, in so doing, to strengthen the trade mark and design registration systems managed by the EUIPO.

The main goals of the ETMD EP are:

- to enhance IP professionals' knowledge of EU trade mark and design law and of the Office's practice and tools;
- to improve operational effectiveness by increasing the quality of applications and processes and by generating and sharing knowledge.

The EUIPO Trade Mark and Design Education Programmes is delivered as a blended learning course, combining-learning, live-streamed and recorded sessions with one or two three-day workshops sessions at the EUIPO in Alicante, Spain<sup>1</sup>.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> edition of the ETMD EP for Practitioners**

The EUIPO Trade Mark and Design Education Programme for Practitioners has been specially designed to accommodate the training needs of intellectual property practitioners dealing with the registration and prosecution of European Union trade marks and Community designs. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the ETMD EP for Practitioners offers **60 places**, which will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis.

Indicative calendar:

- Application period: 17/05 – 30/06/2021
- Start of the course: 06/09/2021
- First online workshop session: 25-27/10/2021
- Second workshop session: 2-4/03/2022
- Final examination: 16-17/05/2022

All applicants will be required to provide their EUIPO account username and representative ID number.

Applicants will be registered for the Education Programme at their request provided that they are one of the following:

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<sup>1</sup> Dates and modality of the workshops are subject to change for organisational reasons. Participants will be informed well in advance of any changes.

- a) a legal practitioner qualified in a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA) and having their place of business within the EEA, to the extent that they are entitled, within the EEA, to act as a representative in trade mark matters;
- b) a professional representative admitted and entered on the lists maintained by the EUIPO pursuant to Article 120(1)(b) EUTMR and Article 78(1)(b) CDR.

Applicants falling under category (a) who are not on the list of representatives maintained by the EUIPO because they have not yet had any dealings with the Office (and therefore do not have a representative ID number) will be requested to create a representative account as a legal practitioner with the EUIPO, and provide all the relevant information therefor. The applicant will then be able to include details of this account in his or her application form for the Education Programme.

Applicants will also be required to provide proof of payment of the tuition fees of EUR 1 500 in the application form. The form will provide the necessary payment instructions and bank details.

### **1<sup>st</sup> edition of the ETMD EP for Paralegals**

The EUIPO Trade Mark and Design Education Programme for Paralegals is a custom-made training course mainly intended for professionals working as intellectual property administrators, legal assistants, company employees who deal with legal matters or similar. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the ETMD EP for Paralegals offers **50 places**, which will be allocated on a “first come first served” basis.

Indicative calendar:

- Application period: 31/05 – 30/06/2021
- Start of the course: 20/09/2021
- Online workshop session 20-22/10/2021
- Module exams: 15/10/21; 26/11/21; 17/12/21; 28/01/22; 18/02/22
- End of the course: 28/02/2022

Although a certain knowledge and work experience in the field is highly recommended, there are no formal admission requirements.

Applicants will be required to provide proof of payment of the tuition fees of EUR 750 in the application form. The form will provide the necessary payment instructions and bank details.

More details about the EUIPO Trade Mark and Design Education Programme can be found on the following web page: <https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/etmdep>.