

Modular IP Education Framework (MIPEF)

# Create – Protect – Innovate: Bringing ideas to market (Entry level)

Programme | 23 March - 30 June 2026

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Format - Self-paced modules, quizzes, live sessions, tutored forums, final exam

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Level - Entry

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## Description

The course “Create – Protect – Innovate: Bringing ideas to market” developed by the European Patent Office is aimed at **master’s and PhD** students and will teach you how to protect inventions and bring them to market and provide you with valuable insights into the world of innovation. It consists of two parts (entry and advanced level), each containing five self-paced modules.

The course offers you unique opportunities to follow inventors’ **real-life stories**, understand why and how they **patent their inventions** and learn how intellectual property rights (IPRs) can be integrated into **business strategies**. Each module is based on a carefully selected set of case studies, many of which involve inventors who have been nominated for or won the European Patent Office’s European Inventor Award.

Students can independently complete the modules **at their own pace**. The modules consist of high-quality videos, podcasts and interactive educational elements. These explain the theory behind new concepts and provide exercises and case studies to help learners consolidate their knowledge. There is also a multiple-choice quiz at the end of each module. In addition, a **wide variety of resources** are included for further study. A **final exam**, marked by experts in intellectual property (IP), will serve to test your knowledge.

Through a unique platform, tutored forum and interactive live sessions, you will meet different IP experts. If you complete all relevant activities, you will be awarded an **EPO certificate**.

# Course timeline

Activity	Date
Course registration starts	23 February
Course registration deadline	18 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	25 May
Grades published	8 June
Course room closes	30 June

## Relevant information

Students will access the course through the e-learning centre of the European Patent Academy.

Students can opt for **one** of the two available dates for each of the live sessions.

The live sessions will take place between 16.00 and 17.30 hrs CET.

The end of the course is marked by the last day on which students can download the EPO certificate.