

Modules - industrial property

- 1A Patents, utility models & plant varieties (3 hours)
 - The way to protect inventions
- 1B Registered trade marks and designs (3 hours)
 - Protection for brands and logos; and for outward appearance
- 1C Using patents, trade marks & design in business (1½ hours) ☆
 - A short overview of all the registered rights and their application in a business context



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Modules - other intellectual property

- 2A Copyright & related rights (3 hours)
 - Overview of unregistered IP rights: copyright & related rights and database rights
- 2B "Soft" IP (3 hours)
 - Confidential information, know-how and trade secrets; "First Mover Advantage"; and business methods
- 2C Using copyright & "soft" IP in business (1½ hours) ☆
 - A short overview of all the unregistered and informal rights and their application in a business context

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Modules - patent information

- 3A Patent information for business decision-making (3 hours)
 - Commercial intelligence, patent mapping and management
- 3B Patent searching in *esp@cenet* (3 hours) ☆
 - Guide to using the EPO's free database: features, tricks & tips
- 3C Practical workshop in *esp@cenet* (3 hours) ☆
 - Hands-on practice for effective searching through over 70 million documents



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Modules - IP commercialisation

- 4A IP commercialisation (3 hours)
 - Bringing an innovation to market and profitability
- 4B Business planning around IP (3 hours)
 - Integrating an IP strategy into a business development plan
- 4C IP licensing (3 hours) ☆
 - What, when and how to licence; reaching agreement; royalties
- 4D IP valuation (1½ hours) & IP financing (1½ hours) ☆
 - Placing a value on an IP portfolio, and using it to get investment
- 4E Open Innovation (3 hours) ☆
 - Making the right IP development decisions and ownership agreements in collaborative research projects



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Modules - Enforcement; practical exercises

- 5A Enforcement of intellectual property rights (3 hours)
 - Civil & criminal sanctions, litigation & alternatives; strategies
- 5B Practical exercises and case studies
 - Putting IP strategies into a business context with problem-solving exercises to be explored in groups led by a moderator
- 5C Patent enforcement & ADR (1½ hours) ☆
 - A closer look exclusively at patent disputes; strategies & costs
- 5D Counterfeiting & piracy (1½ hours) ☆
 - How to work with the Police and Customs agencies to take action against the criminal producers of fake goods

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Modules - Focus on SMEs

- 6A IP issues for three very different sectors (3 hours)
 - The "creative industries" and their copyright strategies
 - The ICT and software sector; and the patentability of "computer-implemented inventions" compared with copyright protection
 - The biotechnology sector and the special sensitivities of patent protection in the face of ethical scrutiny
- 6B "Selling the message" (3 hours)
 - How to convince SMEs that intellectual property has a critical role to play in their business - to make them IP aware!

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