
AGENDA

Seminar for IP Offices, IP Judges, and IP Practitioners from Visegrad 4 and friends' countries

10 - 11 March 2026

Hybrid form

Venue

Vienna House by Wyndham Diplomat Prague
Evropska 15
16041 Praha

10 March 2026

8:00 – 8:30	Welcome coffee	
8:30 – 8:50	Opening statements by Mr. Josef KRATOCHVÍL President of the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic and Mr. Sven STÜRMANN, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal	
8:50 – 09:30	Highlights of the Boards of Appeal and Action Plan 2026-2030	
	<i>Speaker:</i>	
	<i>Mr. Sven STÜRMANN, President of the Boards of Appeal</i>	30 mins
	Discussion	10 mins
09:30 – 10:30	Recent case law on absolute grounds	
	<i>Board of Appeal perspective</i>	
	Speaker: (TBC)	30 mins
	<i>Czech Boards of Appeal perspective</i>	30 mins
	<i>Cannabis, 'Weed' and Trade Mark Registration</i>	
	<i>Speakers:</i>	
	<i>Ms. Kateřina DVOŘÁKOVÁ, Boards of Appeal, Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic</i>	
	<i>Mr. Petr BERÁNEK, Boards of Appeal, Boards of Appeal, Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic</i>	

10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:30	Continuation of recent case law on absolute grounds	
	<i>Austrian Patent Office perspective</i>	
	Speakers:	30 mins
	<i>Ms. Petra Asperger, Chairperson, Cancellation, Nullification and Revocation Department, Austrian Patent Office</i>	
	<i>Ms. Maria Daniela Mutz, Chairperson in the Cancellation, Nullification and Revocation Department, Austrian Patent Office</i>	
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion	
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:00	Continuation of recent case law on absolute grounds	
	<i>Slovak Appeal Department perspective</i>	
	Speakers:	30 mins
	<i>Ms. Zuzana ĎURIANČÍKOVÁ, Appeal Department, Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic</i>	
	<i>Mr. Miroslav STANČÍK, Appeal Department, Appeal Department, Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic</i>	
14:00 – 14:15	Discussion	
14:15 – 15:15	Recent case law on relative grounds	
	<i>Boards of Appeal perspective</i>	30 mins
	Speaker: (TBC)	
	<i>Romanian Boards perspective</i>	30 mins
	<i>Conflicts between trademarks and other signs used as business identifiers</i>	

Speaker:
*Ms Raluca Maria POPESCU, Legal Adviser, Member of the
Cancellations Board*

15:15 – 15:45

Discussion

15:45 – 16:15

Justification of non-use

Hungarian Intellectual Property Office perspective

Speakers:

*Ms Kitti Rakács
Ms Laura Csillag*

16:15 – 16:30

Discussion

16:30 – 16:50

Challenges of the EUIPO Mediation Centre for 2026

Speaker:

Ms. Karin KUHL, Director of the EUIPO Mediation Centre

16:50 – 17:00

Discussion

17:00

End of the 1st day

11 March 2026

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee	
9:00 – 10:00	Recent case law on designs	
	<i>Boards of Appeal perspective</i>	
	Speaker: (TBC)	30 mins
	<i>IP Office perspective</i>	30 mins
	Speaker: (TBC)	
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion	
10:30 – 11:00	Quality initiatives at the Boards of Appeal	
	Speaker:	
	<i>Ms. Janka BUDOVIČOVÁ, Project Manager, Boards of Appeal</i>	
11:00 – 11:10	Discussion	
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:00	Case law on AGRI, Craft and Industrial Geographical Indications (absolute and relative grounds)	
	<i>Boards of Appeal perspective</i>	
	Speaker: (TBC)	
12:00 – 12:15	Discussion	

12:15 – 13:45 **Interactive panel discussion on the protection of book, magazine and film titles and of photographic images as trade marks and designs**

Panellists: (each panellist will have 10 mins)

Mr. Sven STÜRMANN, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal

2 IP Offices' speakers (TBC)

2 Judges (TBC)

Discussion

40 mins

13:45 **End of the 2nd day**

13:45 – 14:30 **Lunch**