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## 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	<b>Welcome coffee</b>	
8:30 – 8:50	<b>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</b>	
8:50 – 09:30	<b>Highlights of the Boards of Appeal and Action Plan 2026-2030</b>  <i>Speaker:</i> <i>Mr. Sven STÜRMANN, President of the Boards of Appeal</i>	30 mins
	Discussion	10 mins
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Recent case law on absolute grounds</b>  <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>  Speakers:  <i>Ms. Kateřina DVORÁKOVÁ, 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>	

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<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Continuation of recent case law on absolute grounds</b>	
	<b><i>Austrian Patent Office perspective</i></b>	
	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>
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>12:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Continuation of recent case law on absolute grounds</b>	
	<b><i>Slovak Appeal Department perspective</i></b>	
	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>
<b>14:00 – 14:15</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>14:15 – 15:15</b>	<b>Recent case law on relative grounds</b>	
	<b><i>Boards of Appeal perspective</i></b>	30 mins
	Speaker: (TBC)	
	<b><i>Romanian Boards perspective</i></b>	30 mins
	<b><i>Conflicts between trademarks and other signs used as business identifiers</i></b>	

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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 1<sup>st</sup> day**

**11 March 2026**

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

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: <i>(each panellist will have 10 mins)</i>
	<i>Mr. Sven STÜRMANN, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal</i>
	2 IP Offices' speakers (TBC)
	2 Judges (TBC)
	Discussion 40 mins
13:45	<b>End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day</b>
13:45 – 14:30	Lunch