

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>	30 mins
	<i>Speaker:</i> <i>Mr. Andrej KRALIK, Member of the 4th Board of Appeal</i>	
	<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>	

*Mr. Petr BERÁNEK, Boards of Appeal, Boards of Appeal,
Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic*

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 11:30

Continuation of recent case law on absolute grounds

Austrian Patent Office perspective

Speakers: 30 mins

*Ms. Petra ASPERGER, Chairperson, Cancellation, Nullification
and Revocation Department, Austrian Patent Office*

*Ms. Maria Daniela MUTZ, Chairperson in the Cancellation,
Nullification and Revocation Department, Austrian Patent Office*

11:30 – 12:00

Discussion

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:00

Continuation of recent case law on absolute grounds

Slovak Appeal Department perspective

Speakers: 30 mins

*Ms. Zuzana ĎURIANČÍKOVÁ, Appeal Department, Industrial
Property Office of the Slovak Republic*

*Mr. Miroslav STANČÍK, Appeal Department, Appeal
Department, Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic*

14:00 – 14:15

Discussion

14:15 – 15:15

Recent case law on relative grounds

Boards of Appeal perspective 30 mins

Speaker:

Ms. Julie HAMEL, Legal Assistant, 4th Board of Appeal

Romanian Boards perspective 30 mins

Conflicts between trademarks and other signs used as business identifiers

Speaker:

Ms. Raluca Maria POPESCU, Legal Adviser, Member of the Cancellations Board

15:15 – 15:45 Discussion

15:45 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 16:30 Justification of non-use

Hungarian Intellectual Property Office perspective

Speakers:

Ms Kitti RAKÁCS, Legal Officer, Hungarian Intellectual Property Office

Ms Laura CSILLAG, Legal Adviser, Hungarian Intellectual Property Office

16:30 – 16:45 Discussion

16:45 – 17:05 Challenges of the EUIPO Mediation Centre for 2026

Speaker:

Ms. Karin KUHL, Director of the EUIPO Mediation Centre

17:05 – 17:15 Discussion

17:15 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: 30 mins <i>Mr. Gordon HUMPHREYS, Chairperson of the 1st and 3rd Boards of Appeal</i>
	<i>Patent Office of the Republic of Poland perspective</i> Speakers: 30 mins <i>Ms. Daria Marzysz, Head of the Opposition Division</i> <i>Ms. Aleksandra Heromińska, Member of the Adjudicating Board</i>
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: <i>Mr. Maurizio CRUPI, Legal Assistant, 1st Board of Appeal</i>

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

Ms. Maria Daniela MUTZ, Chairperson in the Cancellation, Nullification and Revocation Department, Austrian Patent Office

Mr. Jan FERFECKÝ, judge at the Municipal Court of Prague

Mr. Aleš KOUT, Copyright Department, Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic

Mr. Petr OSTROUCHOV, Law firm Vyskočil, Krošlák a partneři s.r.o.

Discussion

40 mins

13:45

End of the 2nd day

13:45 – 14:30

Lunch