

PATLIB CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2026

PATLIB Next level

- Programme builds on 4 axes: Skills (TT), Patent valuation & IP strategy, Network, NPOs
- Colour code explanation:

Plenary sessions (online)	Workshops (on-site only)	Social events
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DAY 1: Wednesday, 16 September 2026

9:00 – 09:25 Welcoming speech Welcome by moderator: Diego Eguidazu Alonso (EPO) Welcome address: António Campinos, President European Patent Office Ewa Skrzydło-Tefelska, President UPRP
09:25 – 09:40 Keynote speech From coffee waste to global value – The EcoBean journey from research to the market Marcin Kozirowski (Co-founder and CEO EcoBean)
09:40 – 10:20 Unlocking capital through IP: experiences from European start-ups Moderator: Raquel Xalabarder (EPO) Panel discussion ○ Bowman Heiden, University of Gröningen - CIP ○ Ilja Rudyk (EPO) ○ Adéla Dvořáková (EIC) ○ Thomas Bereuter (EPO)
10:20 – 10:40 coffee break
10:40 – 11:20 PATLIB and EPO tools for patent valuation and technology assessment (Deep Tech Finder, Data Desk, new IP Score project) Moderator: Rainer Kaysan (EPO) Round table ○ Andrzej Żurawowicz (Innovation and intellectual property strategic advisor) ○ Onur Emul (PATLIB Strassen) ○ Ilze Grava (PATLIB Riga) ○ Johannes Schaaf (EPO)
11:20 – 12:10 Celebration CodeFest 2026 Moderator: Diego Eguidazu Alonso
12:10 - 13:30 lunch break

13:30 – 14:10 Skills for Technology Transfer: PATLIBs and the future of the profession Moderator: Tom Withnell (EPO) Round table ○ Agnieszka Podrazik (PATLIB Kraków- AGH University) ○ Laura MacDonald (ASTP) ○ Pedro Almeida (PATLIB Caparica) ○ Ilja Rudyk (EPO)
14:10 – 15:00 PATLIB: a network with a global impact Moderator: Lisa McDonald-Maier (EPO) Panel discussion ○ Izlem Şahinkaya (PATLIB Istanbul) ○ Sandra Ennas (PATLIB Pula) ○ Eunice Adu Bohaen, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Ghana ○ Didier Moné (PATLIB Mons) ○ Alex Riechel (TISC -WIPO)
15:00 – 15:15 Closing hybrid day Christoph Ernst, European Patent Office

15:30 – 16:30 Workshops in parallel			
Cooperation between PATLIB centres and university knowledge transfer units (held in Polish language)	TIP & Patent Analytics	PATLIB Uplevel	PATLIB Strengthen
16:30 end day one			
18:00 – 19:15 Visit of the National Museum of Technology (optional)			
19:00 – 22.00 Social event with dinner			

DAY 2: Thursday, 17 September 2026 (on-site only)

09:00 – 09:05 Opening Welcome by moderator: Diego Eguidazu Alonso
09:05 - 09:20 PATLIB Next level: uplevel and strengthen Speaker: Xavier Seuba (EPO)
09:20 – 09:35 Push for Innovation: Montenegro's journey into the PATLIB network Speaker: Srna Sudar (PATLIB Podgorica)
09:35 - 10:15 NPOs and the power of the PATLIB network Moderator: TBC (EPO) Round table ○ Żaneta Zemła- Pacud (Vice President, Patent Office of the Republic of Poland) ○ Klemen Grošelj (Slovenian Intellectual Property Office) ○ Igor Bošnjaković (State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia) ○ Ryan Grech (Commerce Department Malta, MT (tbc) ○ Zeki Durak (President, Turkish Patent and Trademark Office)

10:15 –10:45 Coffee break			
10:45– 11:45 Workshops in parallel			
Building TechTransfer capacities	TIP & Patent Analytics	PATLIB Uplevel	Strengthen
11:45– 12:30 Empowering the network for the future: how to assess the impact of PATLIB centres? Moderator: Susanna Kernthaler ○ Rainer Kaysan (EPO) ○ Piotr Okarmus (PATLIB Rzeszów) ○ Paramjit Hans (PATLIB Birmingham) ○ Philippe Borne (PATLIB expert)			
12:30 –12:40 Closing Day 2 – Rainer Kaysan, European Patent Office			
12:40 – 14:00 Networking lunch			
14:00 End of Day 2			