

Patenting procedures relating to climate change mitigation technologies

Roundtable: Spanish industry, academia and patent attorneys - Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO) – European Patent Office (EPO)

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08.45 Registration

09.15 **Welcome speech**

Patricia García-Escudero, SPTO

Niels Stevnsborg, Senior content expert, European Patent Academy EPO

Moderator of the roundtable: Luis Sanz, SPTO

09.30 **Inventions in the field of climate change mitigation technologies: how to retrieve data and find prior art.** What is “climate change mitigation technology”?; Classification and accessibility of data; Filing figures and their evolution over time; Technological trends

Alessandro Colombo and Victor Veefkind, Patent examiners, EPO

José Antonio Peces, Patent examiner, SPTO

10.30 Break

11.00 **Prosecution of patent applications in the field of climate change mitigation technologies: how to meet the patentability requirements. Search and examination practice at the EPO and at the OEPM - résumé of the procedures (main steps)**

Alessandro Colombo and Victor Veefkind, Patent examiners, EPO

Luis Sanz, Head of Division Applied Mechanics, SPTO

11.45 **Patents and patent applications in the field of climate change mitigation technologies at the EPO: legal aspects.** Opposition procedures; Decisions of the EPO’s Boards of Appeal

Alessandro Colombo and Victor Veefkind, Patent examiners, EPO

12.15 **Experience of a Spanish company in the field of climate change mitigation technologies**

Karl-Georg Aspacher, Siemens Wind Power GmbH & Co. KG

12.35 **Experience of a Spanish research center in the field of climate change mitigation technologies (to be defined), Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas**

13.00 **Discussion with the floor on patenting activities in the field of climate change mitigation technologies.** Patenting practices and field-specific hurdles as perceived by the audience; Oppositions: recent trends as perceived by the audience; Communication between examiners and applicants, etc

Chair: Luis Sanz, SPTO

13.15 **Wrap-up by the moderator and Closing remarks**

Luis Sanz, SPTO

(to be defined), EPO

13.30 **End of the event**