

## **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

<b>8:00 – 8:30</b>	<b>Welcome coffee</b>	
<b>8:30 – 8:50</b>	<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>	
<b>8:50 – 09:30</b>	<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
<b>09:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>Recent case law on absolute grounds</b>	
	<b><i>Board of Appeal perspective</i></b>	30 mins
	<i>Speaker:</i> <i>Mr. Andrej KRALIK, Member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Appeal</i>	
	<b><i>Czech Boards of Appeal perspective</i></b>	30 mins
	<b><i>Cannabis, 'Weed' and Trade Mark Registration</i></b>	
	<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>	

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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: <i>Ms. Julie HAMEL, Legal Assistant, 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Appeal</i>  <b><i>Romanian Boards perspective</i></b> 30 mins

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***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 – 16:15**

**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*

**16:15 – 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>  <b><i>Boards of Appeal perspective</i></b>  Speaker: 30 mins <i>Mr. Gordon HUMPHREYS, Chairperson of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Boards of Appeal</i>
	<b><i>Patent Office of the Republic of Poland perspective</i></b>  Speakers: 30 mins <i>Ms. Daria Marzysz, Head of the Opposition Division</i> <i>Ms. Aleksandra Heromińska, Member of the Adjudicating Board</i>
<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>  <b><i>Boards of Appeal perspective</i></b>  Speaker: <i>Mr. Maurizio CRUPI, Legal Assistant, 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

2 IP Offices' speakers (TBC)

2 Judges (TBC)

Discussion

40 mins

**13:45**

**End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day**

**13:45 – 14:30**

**Lunch**