THE FUTURE OF THE PCT SYSTEM: TRENDS AND PROSPECTS

VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE
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10th Anniversary Conference of the Visegrad Patent Institute

30 October 2026
Online Event
Program

10:00-12:40 Part I. – Celebratory greetings

10:00-10:20 Welcome

Ms Johanna Stadler
Director, Visegrad Patent Institute

10:20-10:55 Greetings on behalf of the Governments of the Visegrad Countries

Ms Márta Görög
Minister of Justice, Hungary

Mr Karel Havlíček
Minister of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic (Tbc.)

Mr Andrzej Domański
Minister of Finance and Economy, Republic of Poland

Slovak Republic (Tbc.)

10:55-11:55 Addresses by the Presidents of the IP Offices of the Visegrad Countries

Mr Josef Kratochvíl
President, Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic

Mr Szabolcs Farkas
President, Hungarian Intellectual Property Office

Ms Ewa Skrzydło-Tefelska
President, Patent Office of the Republic of Poland

Mr Pavol Gregorčok
President, Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic

11:55-12:10 Opening address
Mr Daren Tang
Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

12:10-12:30 Keynote speech
Mr António Campinos
President, European Patent Office (EPO)

12:30-12:40 Congratulatory Remarks
Mr Yasuyuki Kasai
Commissioner, Japan Patent Office

12:40-14:00 BREAK

14:00-16:00 Part II.
Perspectives of key players on the PCT system

14:00-15:00 Perspective of the International Authorities (panel discussion)

Moderator: **Ms Aleksandra Mihailović**, Assistant Director, Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia

Participants:

Mr Christoph Ernst, Vice-President for Legal and International Affairs, EPO

Mr Michael Richardson, Director, PCT Business Development Division, WIPO

Mr Jani Päiväsaari, D.Sc. (tech), Director, Patents and Trademarks, Finnish Patent and Registration Office

Ms Megan McTavish, Program Manager – International (PCT), Canadian Intellectual Property Office

Mr Hannes Raumauf, Head, Patent Services and PCT, Austrian Patent Office

Ms Xi Chen, Level II Inspector of the Patent Examination Administration Department of China National Intellectual Property Administration

15:00-16:00 Perspective of the Users of the PCT System (panel discussion)

Moderator: **Mr Thierry Debled**, Adjunct Professor at CEIPI, European, Belgian, French and Luxembourg Patent Attorney, Gevers Patents

Participants:

Ms Kateřina Hartvichová, Vice President of *epi,* Czech and European Patent Attorney, HARBER IP

Ms Katarzyna Krupa-Lipińska, Polish Patent and Trademark Attorney, Apator SA

Mr Jurgen Duyver, European, Belgian, and Dutch Patent Attorney, Gevers Patents

Mr Ádám Svingor, Hungarian and European Patent Attorney, Danubia Patent and Law Office

Mr Bojan Šunderić, Attorney at Law, Šunderić Law, Serbia

16:00-16:10 CLOSING