

Training session on IP protection

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- Different ways to protect your software invention.
- Requirements for patent grant.
- Patentability of Software/AI in Europe. Legal basis. Requirements. Examples.
- Further examples.
- Specific features of the protection of Artificial Intelligence inventions.
- And in other regions (USA/Japan/China)?
- Final considerations and practical advice for inventors.
- Nature of copyright. Software as a work protected by copyright
- Difference between the author and the copyright holder.
- Commencement of rights and duration
- Recommendation regarding registration
- The Berne Convention and necessary documents

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- European Patent Attorney.
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From 2002 to 2007, he was a patent examiner at the European Patent Office in The Hague, Netherlands, in the telecommunications technical sector. In addition to his work searching for and examining patents, he participated in specialized courses and working groups on patents within the European context. Previously, he worked for several years at various companies in the telecommunications sector, including Telefónica and Vodafone.

Currently, he is the Director of the Telecommunications, Software, and AI Patent Area at H&A's patent department. In addition to the duties of managing this technical area, he also performs technical tasks related to patent applications (drafting patents, responding to official actions, etc.), representation before the European Patent Office (attending Oral Examination and Opposition Proceedings, etc.), and the preparation of infringement and patentability reports.

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