

## 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**  
*M<sup>a</sup> José de Concepción, Director Patent and Technological Information department, SPTO*  
*Niels Stevnsborg, Senior content expert, European Patent Academy EPO*
- Moderator of the roundtable: *Luis Sanz, Head of Division Applied Mechanics, 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 Gamesa Renewable Energy S.A.*
- 12.35 **Experience of a Spanish research center in the field of climate change mitigation tech.**  
*Prof. J. Carlos Abanades, Spanish Research Council. CSIC-INCAR*
- 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*  
*Niels Stevnsborg, EPO*
- 13.30 **End of the event**