AGENDA

3rd  MEETING BETWEEN EUIPO BOARDS OF APPEAL AND APPEAL BODIES OF MEMBER STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICES

**DATE: 25 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**VENUE: EUIPO**

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**Objective:**

The purpose of the 3rd Meeting between the EUIPO Boards of Appeal and the Appeal Bodies of Member State Intellectual Property Offices is to benchmark best practices in trade mark and design law and in procedural matters of appeal proceedings.

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| **Thursday 25 September 2025** |

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| **09:00 – 16:30** |

**Chair:** Mr.Sven STÜRMANN

*President of the Boards of Appeal*

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| **08:45** | | **Bus transfer from the hotel** | | | |
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| **9:00 – 9:30** | | **Welcome coffee** | | | |
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| **09:30 – 9:40** | | **Opening session** | | | |
|  | | *Welcome speech and opening remarks*  *Mr. Sven STÜRMANN, President of the Boards of Appeal* | | | |
| **9:40 – 10:15** | **Headlines from the Boards of Appeal** | | | | |
|  | | *Presentation 20 mins*  *Speaker: Mr. Sven STÜRMANN, President of the Boards of Appeal*  *Discussion 15 mins* | | | |
| **10:15 – 11:30** | | **Scope of Appeal – best practices**   * *How an Appeal Body exercises its power of review in appeal proceedings in different case scenarios.* * *Whether an Appeal Body carries out a new examination of all relevant matters of fact and of law, or only grounds invoked by a party in statement of grounds.* * *Whether an Appeal Body exercises any power within the competence of the 1st instance which was responsible for the decision appealed or remit the case to that department for further prosecution.* | | | |
|  | | | *3 presentations (each 15 mins):*  *BoA speaker:*  *National Appeal Body´s speaker:*  *National Appeal Body´s speaker:*  *Discussion 30 mins.* | | |
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| **11:30 – 12:00** | | | **Coffee break** | | |
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| **12.00 – 13:00** | | | **Recent case law on absolute and relative grounds** | | |
|  | | | ***EU perspective:***  *Presentation 20 mins.*  *BoA Speaker:*  ***National perspective:***  *Presentation 20 mins.*  *National Appeal Body´s speaker:*    *Discussion 20 mins.* | | |
| **13:00 – 13:10** | | | **Family photo** | | |
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| **13:10 – 14:30** | | | **Lunch at the OAMI restaurant** | | |
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| **14.30 – 16:00** | | | **Workshop: Impact of weak marks in inter partes cases** | | |
|  | | | *Presentation 10 mins.*    *BoA Speaker:*  *Workshop (60 min): Debate and exchanges on prepared questions*  *Presentation of conclusions from workshop discussion 15 mins.* | | |
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| **16:00 – 16:30** | | | **Streamlining mediations: A path to efficient dispute resolutions** | | |
|  | | | *Presentation 20 mins.*  *BoA Speaker:*  *Discussion 10 mins.* | | |
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| **16:30 – 16:35** | | | **Final remarks and next steps** | | |
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| **16:35** | | | **End of the meeting** | | |
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