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EPO consultation on EPC and PCT-EPO Guidelines

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The EPO has opened its [public user consultation](#) on the latest version of the EPC and PCT-EPO Guidelines, which will come into force on 1 March 2023. Users are invited to submit their comments in any of the EPO's three official languages via an online form by 4 April 2023.

The Guidelines for Examination in the European Patent Office and the Guidelines for Search and Examination at the European Patent Office as PCT Authority are revised every year to bring them into line with current legal and procedural developments. They are primarily aimed at EPO staff, but over the years they have become a much-consulted resource for illustrating the law and practice in proceedings before the EPO to external parties.



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Each spring, the EPO invites users to share their views on the latest EPC and PCT-EPO Guidelines in a public online consultation. The input from the [survey](#) will form part of the discussions during the 25th meeting of the SACEPO Working Party on Guidelines in May 2023.

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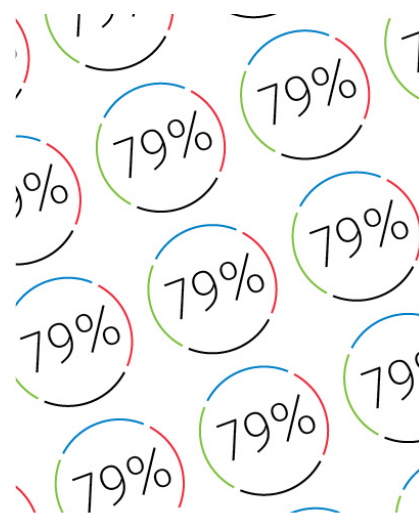
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