

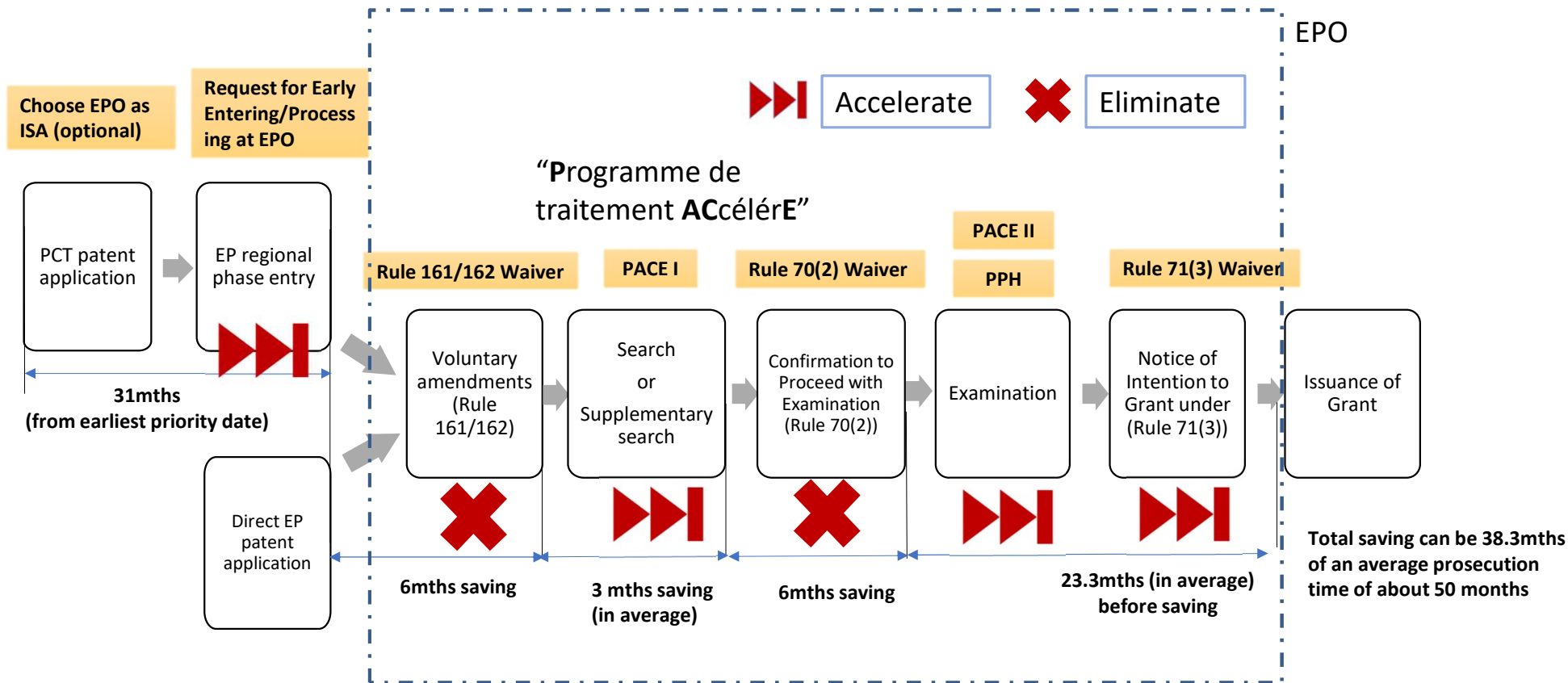
# Accelerating Patent Prosecution at the European Patent Office (EPO)

for those who want to get an EP patent quick

Lesson #1: Overview

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# Overview: Boost your EPO application by Accelerating and Eliminating Prosecution Steps



# Updates & Remarks 01/2022

- The Rule 161/162 waiver is only applicable for EP patent applications that enter the Regional Phase from PCT

Thank you for the clarification, Mr. Martin Köppl (EPO)!

- The R71(3) waiver has been abolished in 2020

„..., once applicants comply with all requirements for the grant of a patent, the EPO immediately initiates the preparations for publication of the patent specification and, as soon as these are completed, issues the decision to grant.” (OJ 06/2020)

Thank you for the clarification, Mr. Rainer Härtle!

- No PACE (I) request for European patent applications entering the Regional phase where the EPO did not act as (S)ISA

Not needed because “... the EPO strives to issue the extended/partial European search report within six months from the filing date or from expiry of the period under Rule 161(2).” (Guidelines E4.1.)

Thank you for the clarification, Mr. Rainer Härtle!

# Accelerating Patent Prosecution at the EPO

Please watch the full course with seven (7) lessons on my personal website

[www.IP-lawyer-tools.com](http://www.IP-lawyer-tools.com)

Lesson #2: PACE Requests Basics

Lesson #3: Turbo Charge your PACE Requests

Lesson #4: PPH in a nutshell

Lesson #5: Accelerate the final grant procedure

Lesson #6: PCT procedure for connoisseurs

Lesson #7: How to get all the toothpaste (time savings) out of the tube

Note: each lesson of this course ends with a warning to users of my course. Please watch it.

# Credits

Credits go to Director **Mr. Michel Goudelis** and **Mr. Marcus Rabe**, and **Mr. Marcus Kahl** - all of European Patent Office EPO - who gave me the idea and major inputs for creating this course back in 2017.

Thank you!

Martin Schweiger

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# Warning!

- This course „Accelerating Patent Prosecution at the EPO” is intended as an advanced training for Lawyers and Patent Attorneys
- This course is NOT intended for laymen and self-filers
- The EPO operation procedures are fail-safe and intended to prevent unintended loss of rights, even for unexperienced applicants and inventors
- By applying the teachings of this course, you deliberately cut away some safety nets. You may incur unwanted delays or even losses of rights if you do not know what you are doing.