



LESI International Management & Delegates Meeting (IMDM)

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2026 LES Society Fact Sheet

Thank you for providing us with an updated LES Society Fact Sheet. This information helps us share your annual activities with the LESI Board and the Membership Committee. We have also asked for some data on your members (while helpful, we appreciate that not all societies might have this data).

LES SOCIETY INFORMATION

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Term of Current Society Officers/ Date of Next Change of Officers:

(please notify LESI with a complete list of officers when the change takes place by emailing nne@lesi.org)

October 2028

Annual Membership Dues:

Euro 180,00 for ordinary membership
Euro 90,00 for junior (under 35) and senior membership
Euro 35,00 "una tantum" registration fee

Date and location of your next Annual Society meeting: 29 October 2026, Milan

MEMBERSHIP DATA AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2025

| Category | Total Number | % Change from last year |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| Total Number of Members: <i>(please also note the below categories)</i> | 523 | +3,8% |
| Young Members (< 40 years of age): | 110 | +21% |

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Notable Society Activities / Educational Events during the past year: *(please include the date, purpose and number of attendees)*

- **Licensing Academy by LES Italia (2025 Edition)**

Licensing of Data (Online, 13 March 2025)

Attendees: 90

Organized by LES Italia in collaboration with the LESI Innovation Trends Committee and the Patent & Technology Licensing Committee of LES South Africa, this webinar provided a comprehensive overview of the opportunities and challenges arising in the evolving data economy for both legal professionals and companies engaged in data licensing. It examined the impact of the EU regulatory framework—particularly the Data Act—highlighting its interaction with data protection, intellectual property, and trade secrets. The session also addressed key contractual aspects, including licensing strategies, the application of the FRAND principle, and emerging transparency obligations. A practical case study offered real-world insights, complemented by a broader comparison of European and international approaches.

Patent Pools with Multiple Patent Holders in Standardized Technology (Online, 2 April 2025)

Attendees: 45

Navigating the complexities of technology licensing—especially in rapidly evolving sectors such as wireless communications and IoT—requires innovative solutions. This webinar explored the role of patent pools in fostering a balanced and sustainable innovation ecosystem. A panel composed of patent owners, implementers, patent attorneys, and in-house counsel discussed both the advantages and the practical applications of patent pooling.

How to Regulate the Pathological Phase of a License Agreement (Online, 15 April 2025)

Attendees: 70

This webinar analyzed the main contractual clauses governing dispute management in license agreements. It addressed strategic considerations relating to applicable law and jurisdiction, with particular focus on international conventions and cross-border service of process. It also explored alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in licensing and their practical implications for in-house legal teams, particularly where licensing arrangements form part of broader contractual frameworks. Additional topics included settlement agreements—especially patent settlements—from an antitrust perspective, supported by WIPO statistics and relevant case law involving mediation and arbitration.

Licensing and Merchandising in the Sports and Sporting Events Sector (Online, 8 May 2025)

Attendees: 60

This webinar examined the interconnections between the sports industry and intellectual property, with particular emphasis on strategies for the protection and valorization of IP rights, also in view of the Milan–

Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics. Key issues relating to licensing, sponsorship, and ambush marketing were analyzed, highlighting their specific implications within the sector.

Clauses in Distribution Agreements for Online Promotion and Sales (Online, 4 June 2025)

Attendees: 60

Organized in collaboration with the Italian Association of Corporate Intellectual Property Professionals (AICIPI), this webinar examined the key legal and contractual clauses governing online promotion and sales within distribution agreements. It focused on practical constraints faced by companies, including restrictions on the use of trademarks and distinctive signs in digital marketing and social media, as well as limitations affecting online sales channels and platform use.

Termination of Trademark License Agreements: Key Clauses and Practical Issues (Online, 10 July 2025)

Attendees: 50

This webinar explored the legal and practical aspects of the termination phase of trademark license agreements. Industry experts discussed key contractual clauses, with contributions from licensing and marketing professionals offering a business-oriented perspective, alongside legal practitioners who examined the regulatory framework and shared relevant case studies.

How to Build Effective Licensing, R&D and Cooperation Agreements in Compliance with Competition Law (Online, 13 September 2025)

Attendees: 40

This webinar examined the relationship between intellectual property rights and competition law, addressing the perceived tension between exclusivity and open markets. It highlighted how both frameworks ultimately pursue common objectives, including innovation, consumer welfare, and efficient resource allocation. The session focused on licensing, R&D, and cooperation agreements, illustrating how they can enhance competition when compliant with EU antitrust rules. Particular attention was devoted to block exemption regulations, the avoidance of hardcore restrictions, and practical guidance on drafting compliant and effective contractual clauses.

Key Clauses in License Agreements and Other Contracts in the Pharmaceutical Sector (Online, 25 September 2025)

Attendees: 40

In the pharmaceutical sector, contract negotiation and drafting are essential to the valorization of research and the development of new medicines. This webinar provided an in-depth analysis of the key contractual provisions governing patent licenses, collaboration agreements, clinical trial contracts, and manufacturing and supply agreements in the life sciences sector.

Key Clauses in Plant Patent and Plant Variety Rights Licensing Agreements (Online, 25 November 2025)

Attendees: 20

Licensing intellectual property rights relating to living organisms, such as plants, presents unique and complex challenges, as such assets are capable of reproducing after commercialization. This session examined the advantages and limitations of contractual clauses designed to regulate these issues, offering perspectives from both IP professionals and plant breeders.

- **Licensing Academy by LES Italia (2026 Edition)**

Tech Transfer Agreements: Key Critical Clauses (Online, 25 February 2026)

Attendees: 120

This webinar explored, from a strategic perspective, the most critical aspects of licensing agreements concerning the transfer of intellectual property rights. Particular attention was given to the qualification of

agreements (assignment vs. license), field of use, types of licenses (exclusive, non-exclusive, sublicensing), grant-back provisions, allocation of improvements, non-challenge clauses, and coercive ancillary obligations.

The Process of Transferring Research Results from Universities to Spin-offs (Online, 5 March 2026)

Attendees: 50

This webinar analyzed the transfer of research results from universities to academic spin-offs and start-ups. After outlining the overall process—from academic research to entrepreneurial development—it focused on patent-related issues, contractual structures for technology transfer, and the specific provisions typically included in such agreements. The session concluded with a practical testimonial on investment decision-making by venture capital funds.

Proceedings Before the Board of Appeal of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office: Procedural and Substantive Aspects (Online, 24 March 2026)

Attendees: 436

Organized jointly by LES Italia and the Italian Board of Industrial Property Consultants, this webinar addressed procedural and substantive aspects of proceedings before the Board of Appeal of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office. It also examined the Board's practice and relevant case law in trademark matters, providing practical guidance for practitioners.

Other Online Events

Strong and Weak Trademarks: Quo Vadis? (Online, 25 March 2025)

Attendees: 345

Organized by LES Italia in collaboration with the Board of Industrial Property Consultants, this webinar provided an in-depth analysis of recent case law on strong and weak trademarks, with a particular focus on evidentiary issues and protection strategies.

Submission of New Documents in Industrial Expert Proceedings under Article 121(5) of the Italian Industrial Property Code (Online, 16 October 2025)

Attendees: 50

Organized by LES Italy Young Member Committee, the webinar examined the exception introduced by Article 121(5), which allows court-appointed experts to consider documents not previously filed in proceedings. While addressing practical needs linked to technical complexity, the provision raises important interpretative issues, including its interaction with evidentiary preclusions, the principle of adversarial proceedings, and the admissibility limits of new evidence.

Two Years After the Reform of Article 65 of the Italian Industrial Property Code (Online, 29 January 2026)

Attendees: 70

Organized by LES Italy Young Member Committee, the webinar explored the impact of the reform on technology transfer and venture capital in Italy. It featured perspectives from key stakeholders, including a trade association, an Italian university, and a venture capital fund.

In-Person Events

IP & Music: Feel the Beat – How Italy Celebrated IP Day (Milan, 22 May 2025)

Attendees: 90

On the occasion of World IP Day 2025, LES Italia and AIPPI hosted an event dedicated to the relationship

between intellectual property and music. Discussions addressed challenges and opportunities in the digital music landscape, including AI, social media, and evolving business models. The event concluded with the award ceremony honoring Maestro Enrico Ruggeri.

UPC Two Years Later: Case Law and Strategic Considerations (Paris, 26 May 2025)

Organized by LES France, LES Germany, and LES Italia, this event marked the second anniversary of the Unified Patent Court, offering insights into recent case law and strategic considerations from judges and industry experts.

A Transatlantic Dialogue on IP (Milan, 20 June 2025)

Attendees: 70

Held at Palazzo delle Stelline, this conference brought together European and US perspectives on key IP issues, including enforcement, greenwashing, patent litigation, ADR, and AI ethics.

Counterfeiting in Complex Products: New Challenges in the AI Era (Turin/Online, 1 July 2025)

Attendees: 50 (in person), 70 (online)

This conference examined patent counterfeiting in complex products and the impact of data and AI on industry, with a focus on intellectual property implications.

License Fees as a Measure of Loss of Profits: Fair or Equitable Royalty? (Milan, 18 September 2025)

Attendees: 55

This event explored the role of license fees in quantifying damages in infringement cases, with a focus on international frameworks and recent case law, including developments before the Unified Patent Court.

Protection of Know-How and Trade Secrets: A Cross-Border Perspective in the AI Context

(Milan/Online, 31 October 2025)

Attendees: 100 (in person), 40 (online)

This conference analyzed the evolving legal landscape of trade secrets in the AI era, comparing approaches across multiple jurisdictions and addressing emerging risks such as reverse engineering and model distillation, with the participation of representatives from LES Us, LES Japan, LES China, LES Korea, LES UK, and LES Germany.

Succeeding at Technology Commercialisation and Negotiation (STCN) (Milan, 18–19 November 2025)

Attendees: 60

Organized with LES International and supported by the European Patent Office and the European IP Helpdesk, this program featured expert-led sessions and an interactive masterclass on licensing and negotiation strategies.

Licensing Course (Rome, 4–5 December 2025)

Attendees: 45

The 10th edition of this course provided practical tools for strategic decision-making, contract negotiation, and the management of licensing relationships, combining theoretical insights with case studies and business testimonials.

Recent Case Law Trends in Industrial Property (Milan, 11 March 2026)

Attendees: 170

A long-standing LES Italia format, this conference featured discussions among judges, lawyers, and consultants on recent developments in trademarks, patents, designs, trade secrets, copyright, and industrial litigation.

The event brought together judges from the main Italian courts, including Milan, Turin, Venice, Rome, and Naples, offering a comprehensive overview of current case law trends across different jurisdictions.

Other initiatives from LES working groups:

- LES Italy - Position Paper EU TTBER Proposal
- LES Italy – Position Paper on the PMAC draft arbitration rules
- LES Italy - Position Paper on the PMAC mediation rules

Please List Your Professional Committees and primary contacts for each (e.g., Education, Life Sciences, Transportation, Branding):

We do not have professional committees

Does your society have (or plan to start) a Young Members Congress (YMC)? Would your Society be interested in becoming more involved in WILA? If so, please provide a contact for each.

Yes, our Society is actively engaged in initiatives dedicated to young professionals and our Executive Committee actively collaborates with the LES YMC Italy Group. We would be interested in strengthening our involvement in WILA as well, as we recognize the value of fostering diversity and inclusion within the IP and licensing community.

LES YMC Italy Chair – Giacomo Garbagnati

WILA Co-Chair – Emanuela Bianco

How can LESI or other LES Societies further support you?

Increased visibility of LES Italy’s internal events, with the aim of fostering greater international participation.

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