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Reviewing and Negotiating Technology Transfer and Licensing Agreements

16-17 June 2025
+ 6-7 November 2025

Providing key legal and commercial knowledge essential to secure a successful agreement. *INCLUDES a review of the New Block Exemption governing Research & Development Agreements and the New Block Exemption governing Vertical Agreements*



Format:
Live online



CPD:
12 hours for your records



Certificate of completion

Course overview

Whether you are from a large or small business, a research institution, university, government agency, pharmaceutical or biotechnology company, or an IT or software company, this programme offers a comprehensive overview of all the key matters to be considered – by the licensor/transferor and the licensee/transferee – when dealing with international technology transfer and licensing agreements.

We will consider recent changes to EU competition law, including a look at the new Block Exemptions on vertical agreements (Commission Regulations (EU) 2022/720) and research and development agreements (Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1066).

Technology transfer and licensing agreements are frequently used by commercial entities and public or quasi-public bodies for the development of new business prospects and for cross-border expansion. These agreements are essential tools to promote innovation, collaboration, and economic development by allowing the efficient transfer and commercialisation of valuable technologies and intellectual property.

Technology transfer and licensing agreements can be complex and require expertise to ensure the interests of both parties are adequately protected. It is crucial to carefully negotiate and draft these agreements to avoid potential disputes and ensure a successful technology transfer process.

This two-day seminar gives practical advice on the legal and commercial considerations which are essential for securing a successful agreement. It has been specially designed to cover all the crucial topics, the risk areas and pitfalls to be aware of and focusses on how to negotiate the best deal for your business. Particular attention will be given to the Block Exemptions and their impact on drafting.

The expert trainer uses practical exercises and case studies to help embed the learning and build essential operational know-how. There will be ample time to ask your specific questions and to get practical solutions to take back to your workplace.

This seminar is not jurisdiction specific and is therefore ideal for those working both in the UK and overseas.

Benefits of attending

By attending this course you will:

- **Understand** how to critically review the terms in international technology transfer and licensing agreements
- **Learn** how to assess the benefits and concerns of the contracting parties under an international technology transfer and licensing agreement
- **Gain** knowledge of EU law governing international technology transfer and licensing agreements
- **Review** the impact of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement
- **Draft** and negotiate key terms in an international technology transfer and licensing agreement more effectively
- **Effectively** negotiate royalty rates to the best commercial advantage
- **Appreciate** and be able to better advise on cross-jurisdictional concerns and key terms

Who should attend?

This course is for all those who need to gain knowledge and experience of cross-border technology transfer and licensing contracts, including:

- In-house counsel
- Commercial and contract managers
- Business development managers
- Trainee solicitors
- Attorneys
- Private practice lawyers
- R&D personnel
- Licensing executives wanting a refresher

By the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:

- Understand and draft international technology transfer and licensing agreements
- Draft and negotiate key terms more effectively
- Understand and advise on cross-jurisdictional concerns and key terms

Programme

Day 1

Competition law – introduction

- Goals of competition policy
- Role of the institutions and the Member States
- Individual remedies
- Standard of proof
- Article 101 TFEU (treatment of anti-competitive agreements, decisions and concerted practices)
- When does an agreement, decision or concerted practice exist?
- Effect on trade between Member States
- When is the object or effect anti-competitive
- Impact of *de minimis* on the application of Article 101(1)
- Article 101(3) TFEU (exemption)

PRACTICAL EXERCISE: A101

Competition law – technology-related block exemptions

- Vertical Restraints Block Exemptions (VRBER 2022)
 - Market thresholds, scope of application, hardcore and excluded provisions
- Technology Transfer Block Exemption Regulation (TTBER 2014)
 - Scope and restrictions
- Block exemption governing R&D (RDBER 2023)

PRACTICAL EXERCISE: VRBER and TTBER

Technology transfer agreements

- Set-up – licence and assignment
- Strategic and legal concerns of the prospective licensor
- Key concerns reviewed
 - Term
 - Assignment
 - IP
 - Liability, disclaimers and indemnities
- Benefits and disadvantages of licensing technology
- Sub-licensing considerations
- Legal safeguards during the pre-negotiation phase

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP: Review of a technology licence

- Review of the template agreement with particular reference to the key clauses, strategic considerations and drafting techniques
- Discuss issues relating to the negotiation and execution of a technology licence

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP: Review and negotiation of a technology licence

- Using a case scenario, participants will draft and negotiate a technology licence with reference to key commercial terms, *inter alia*:
 - Grant
 - Fees and royalties
 - Rights to improvements, new products and grant-back clauses
 - IP and confidentiality

Day 2

Dispute resolution mechanisms

- Overview
- Features of the key mechanisms
- Advantages and disadvantages associated with the key mechanisms
- Arbitration
- Why arbitrate?
- Disadvantages of arbitrating
- Ad hoc arbitration vs institutional arbitration
- Drafting concerns in relation to arbitration agreements
 - Seat of arbitration
 - Evidential rules of the arbitration
 - Preliminary relief
 - Confidentiality
- Arbitration agreements checklist and essential drafting tools

International contract disputes

- Jurisdiction: overview
- Jurisdiction: review of EU rules on jurisdiction
- Jurisdiction agreements and their status in EU law
- Choice of law rules
- Recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign judgments
- Review of the impact of the Withdrawal Agreement (Brexit deal/no deal)

PRACTICAL EXERCISE: Jurisdiction, choice of law and recognition and enforcement of foreign judgements

R&D agreements

- Key concerns reviewed
 - Ownership
 - Right to use
 - Confidentiality
 - Process planning

Ancillary agreements

- Confidentiality agreement
- Materials transfer agreement
- Memorandum of understanding
- Option agreement

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP: Review of a R&D agreement

Presenter



Michala Meiselles

Michala Meiselles is a solicitor in England and Wales specialising in international business law, cross-border transactions and compliance. She has been working as a lawyer since 1994 and qualified as a solicitor in 1999. Starting off her career at Berrymans Lace Mawer, she has since worked in private practice and as in-house legal counsel for local government.

Over a decade ago, Michala created her own dedicated consultancy firm, which she presently directs, providing business and legal solutions to multinationals, public sector entities and international organisations. In her work as a solicitor and international lawyer (operating in England, France, Canada and the US), she advises on compliance (inter alia anti-bribery and corruption, anti-money laundering and sanctions), trade finance, import and export, licensing, distribution, agency and foreign direct investment.

Michala is also a senior law lecturer at Derby Law School, where she teaches undergraduate and postgraduate law, and a visiting professor of law at Université Jean Moulin (France) and the Law School of University of Western Ontario (Western Law).

She is author of a book entitled 'International Commercial Agreements – An Edinburgh Law Guide' published by Edinburgh University Press (2013) and has published several articles. She is presently writing a book on international licences covering technology transfer agreements, competition law and cross-border dispute resolution for Oxford University Press.

Course dates

16-17 June 2025

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09:30-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+01)

Course code 14764

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EUR **1,959**

USD **2,239**

6-7 November 2025

Live online

09:30-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+00)

Course code 16635

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Reviews



All very positive. [Speaker] was extremely helpful. 5/5.

 **Clara Vázquez García**
Immunology Dept.
Max Delbrück Center
Feb 27 2025




Very good presentation. Explanations were clear and useful.

 **Sophie Normand**
In-House Lawyer
Lesaffre international
Jun 22 2023




Excellent and engaging speaker – very knowledgeable.

 **Ann Critchell-Ward**
Vice President Intellectual Property Operations
TomTom International BV
Nov 8 2017



I wanted to know more about drafting technology transfer agreements and my expectations were fully met. Michala was a very clear and knowledgeable speaker. Fantastic!

 **Jokotola Adebisi**
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Nov 8 2017

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