

Oral Proceedings before an EPO Examining Division by video conference

As known European Patent Office (EPO) uses hardware video conferencing systems.

Such hardware video conferencing systems in general have the problem to be outdated, very expensive and complex.

Due to the above problem, Oral Proceedings before an Examining Division are typically held in the place where the relevant department of the EPO Examining Division is located and are not held by video conferencing.

As known many software-based video conferencing systems are now present on the market.

The software-based video conferencing systems are in many cases free of charge and, in general, very simple. Due to that many professional offices are daily using software-based video conferencing systems.

In summary, the solution to the problem of going to an EPO Examining Division location exists but it seems that EPO is not willing to switch from the hardware video conferencing systems to the software-based video conferencing systems.

Personally I do not understand why EPO does not provide the capability to use at least one among many software-based video conferencing systems.

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