

## Acumen brings you first-hand insights from experts

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In order to bring the community together, Agoria organises its yearly event Acumen, in cooperation with Sirris, from 17 to 20 October. Through both online and offline sessions, Agoria experts and external speakers, will guide you across the most recent developments and game changer details in various sectors.

Agoria's yearly exclusive event Acumen is interesting both for those who want to get to know Agoria and Sirris better, and for members who have already been making intensive use of their services.

On the programme of this four-day event are dozens of sessions under five different themes: 'Compliance', 'Care for people', 'Contribute to a better society', 'Protecting the environment and the planet' and 'Create sustainable added value'. Most of the sessions will be online. Acumen will close on 20 October with live sessions organized on site in BluePoint Brussels, including a networking lunch and followed by a cocktail at the end of the day.

Our Sirris experts too will contribute. On 19 October Sirris and BIL will give a session on additive manufacturing for pressure equipment: '3D printing for pressure equipment. Dream or reality?': additive manufacturing (AM) enables product development with low weight, greater functionality and lower cost, depending on the application. We are now at a point where design codes are being rewritten to allow the use of AM, with materials that can be tested and certified. This is also a very

interesting development for components in pressure equipment. For the European standard for pressure equipment, EN-13445, a new clause is currently being drafted to allow additive manufacturing techniques.

In the domain of IP and AI the Sirris Patent Cell will bring 'Protecting your A.I. from copycats: a view from the inner side with patent attorneys and lawyers': innovations based on artificial intelligence are today overflowing, but what are the best means to protect such new technology solutions? How do classical intellectual property rights apply to such disruptive new products? What are the conditions to file patents on AI-related inventions in Europe? And what practical and efficient steps will help you secure the essence of your competitive advantage? Answers will be provided collectively by patent attorneys from NLO and specialist lawyers from Osborne Clarke.

Read more on Acumen, which takes place from 17 to 20 October, on the website of Agoria.

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