**LESI Innovation Trends Committee (created 2022-23)**

**COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**

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**CHARTER**

The Innovation Trends Committee is a horizontal and transversal organization within the structure of LESI Committees. It is responsible for monitoring the factors of change brought by innovation that significantly impact the current intellectual property framework, identifying any shortcomings, and proposing corresponding solutions.

**MISSION**

Innovation is everywhere, and the recent decades have shown that industry and services strongly rely on the latter for their development, if not for their survival. Innovation is also transversal: very seldomly does it impact only one market, sector, or function in the enterprise. Consequently, the pace at which IP and licensing practice must adapt to these changes is more and more critical.

The mission of the LESI Innovation Trends Committee is to detect all the potential innovation trends in areas where LESI is involved, assess long term needs concerning LESI activities, and propose to LESI new, adapted objectives for future activities and focus, in coordination with all existing Committees. In doing so, the Committee determines and updates in a regular basis its findings, and recommends to the LESI Board of Directors all necessary evolutions of LESI initiatives. The Committee proposes a yearly Innovation Award for companies demonstrating exceptional abilities in the overall innovation processes they manage.

**GOALS**

*The goals of the Innovation Trends Committee include the following:*

* Foster and encourage communication between existing LESI Committees, e.g., help align medium/long term roadmaps and help building communities around common, long term innovation trends
* Develop and maintain list of priority technology and processes domains in which LESI is/should be active; present streams include New Technologies (e.g. IoT, AI, Robotics, BlockChain…), SME’s and IP, Sustainable Development Goals, New Production of Innovation (e.g. Data, Software,), Innovation Collaboration, Energy, Environment and New Materials, Trade Secrets, Circular Economy and Recycling, Alternative food.
* Analyze Innovation Trends of and publish findings in Les Nouvelles, at least twice a year
* Organize transversal webinars on focused Innovation Trends, both to enhance communication on the letter and provide efficient platforms to debate on LESI priorities
* Organize and manage, together with the Awards Committee, the annual LESI Innovation Award