

## How to adapt current legislation to the changing virtual world?

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### Rapid changes in technology

Currently, we are experiencing major changes that come from the evolution of technology, such as the introduction of Artificial Intelligence, the Metaverse, Augmented Reality or Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies. Not only people must adapt to this new “reality”, but it also can be challenging in the legal field, since the current legislation on intellectual property – as in other fields – does not directly and explicitly contemplate new technologies. This is why the courts and administrations must make an effort to interpret current legislation in order to adapt it to these emerging challenges.

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## Guidance for AI-Assisted Inventions in the United States

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Criteria for determining the possibility of patenting inventions, in which Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been used to assist in the creation of the invention are gradually emerging and consolidating. In February 2024, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) published a guidance for Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Assisted Inventions, aimed at providing indications to both the applicants and the examiners on how to determine whether the human contribution to an innovation is significantly enough to obtain a patent when AI has also contributed thereto.

In fact, the USPTO does not completely exclude the patentability of those inventions which have been created with the assistance of AI tools, but rather establishes a series of criteria that must be met to be considered patentable.

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## Invalidity and revocation actions before the SPTO

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