



The Unitary Patent system – a game-changer for innovation in Europe

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Programme

Beginning of the conference: 9.00

Moderator: Mr James Nurton, Director, Lextel Partners Ltd, London UK

09.00	Arrival and welcome coffee
09.30	Presentation of the European patent system by Mr James Nurton
09.40	Opening addresses by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Pierre-Yves Dermagne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy - Mr Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for the Internal Market - Mr António Campinos, President of the European Patent Office - Dr Anna-Carin Svensson, Director-General for International Affairs at the Swedish Ministry of Justice
10.15	Contribution of patents to innovation in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Angelika Niebler, Member of the European Parliament - Mr Philippe Busquin, former European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation - Mr Mark Ferguson, Chairman of the European Innovation Council Board - Mr Yann Ménière, European Patent Office Chief Economist
10.45	Coffee break
11.00	Main features of Unitary Patent protection and the Unified Patent Court (video)

11.05	<p>Views from present and former representatives of EU institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Maive Rute, Deputy Director-General and Chief Standardisation Officer, DG GROW, European Commission - Mr Didier Seeuws, Director-General for General and Institutional Policy, Council of the EU - Ms Cecilia Wikström, former Member of the European Parliament and shadow rapporteur for the UPP regulations
11.30	<p>Views of academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel moderator: Mr Giovanni Casucci, Partner at EY Studio Legale Tributario IP Department, advisory board member of EPLAW, the European Patent Lawyers Association - Professor Bruno Van Pottelsberghe (Université libre de Bruxelles) - Professor Edouard Treppoz (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne university) - Professor Anselm Kamperman Sanders (Maastricht University)
12.00	<p>Views of business associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel moderator: Mr James Nurton - Mr Thierry Sueur, BusinessEurope - Ms Véronique Willems, Secretary General of SMEunited - Mr Ben Butters, Eurochambers
12.30	Lunch
14.00	Introduction to the afternoon session
14.05	<p>Advantages of the UPP/UPC reform, in particular for SMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote speech: Ms Margot Fröhlinger, Special Advisor to the President of the European Patent Office
14.30	<p>Views of innovative SMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel moderator: Mr Gabriel Grésillon, Reporter at Les Echos - Professor Nuno Correia, INEGI / Solaris Float - Mr Ruben Bonet, President and CEO, Fractus - Mr Arnaud Castaignet, Vice President, Public Relations & Government Affairs, Skeleton Technologies - Professor Karl Leo, European Inventor Award 2021 in the "Lifetime achievement" category
15.00	<p>Views of professional representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel moderator: Mr Joff Wild, Editor-at-large for IAM and WTR - Mr Klaus Haft, trial lawyer in intellectual property law, past-president and advisory board member of EPLAW, the European Patent Lawyers Association - Ms Ina Schreiber, Patent Attorney at Plasseraud IP - Mr Koen Bijvank, Advocaat and Patent Attorney at Brinkhof, Amsterdam
15.30	Coffee break
15.45	Presentation of the UPC – its judges, premises and electronic case management system (video)

16.00	<p>Views of judges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel moderator: Mr Kevin Mooney, co-founder, past-president and advisory board member of EPLAW, the European Patent Lawyers Association - Mr Klaus Grabinski, President of the Court of Appeal of the UPC - Ms Florence Butin, President of the Court of First Instance of the UPC - Ms Rian Kalden, Presiding judge of the second panel of the Court of Appeal of the UPC - Ms Emanuela Germano, Judge to the Court of Appeal of the UPC - Mr Stefan Johansson, Judge to the Court of First Instance of the UPC, Nordic-Baltic Regional Division
16.45	<p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Winfried Tilmann, Professor Emeritus at Heidelberg University, co-founder and advisory board member of EPLAW, the European Patent Lawyers Association
17-18.00	<p>Reception</p>