



## Unitary Patent & Unified Patent Court

epi roadshow

Tuesday, 7 NOVEMBER | 09:00 – 17:00 CET

### AGENDA

08:30 *Registration*

09:00 *Welcome*

09:10 **The Unitary Patent (UP)**

- A unitary patent?
- Legislation
- The basic concept
- How is the EPO involved?
- Financial Aspects
- The UP as an object of property
- The UP Register
- Prior national rights
- Actions against decisions of the EPO

10:40 *Break*

11:00 **The Unitary Patent (UP) (continued)**

12.40 *Lunch Break*

13:30 **The Unified Patent Court (UPC)**

1. General overview over UPC structure & organisation
  - Legal framework
  - Structure of UPC
  - Territorial scope
2. General overview over procedure before UPC
3. First experiences and decisions of the court

15:00 *Break*

15:20 **The Unified Patent Court (UPC)**

Role of Patent Attorneys at UPC; representation, privileges and Code of Conduct  
UPC Register; “opt-out” and “opt-in” procedures

16:00 **Strategic considerations for patent protection in Europe**

Unitary patent protection or classical EP bundle patent protection?  
Which patents to opt-out?

*Question and answer session*

17:00 *End of the seminar*

### VENUE

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## SPEAKERS/MODERATORS

### UP Speaker



#### Manolis Samuelides (GR)

- is a member of the European Patent Institute (epi) since 1999
- has been patent examiner at the EPO (1987-1992)
- was Vice President (1995 -1997) and CEO (2001-2005) at the Organization of Industrial Property in Greece
- is Member of the Greek delegation in the Administrative Council of the EPO of the Governing Bodies of WIPO (2001-2005)
- is lecturing on the Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court for Politecnico di Milano since 2017
- is currently Professor at the National Technical University of Athens
- is vice chair of the European Patent Practice Committee of **epi** and chairing the PCT sub-committee



### UPC Speaker

#### Peter Thomsen (CH)

- studied biotechnological sciences at the Technical University Braunschweig (Germany)
- is working in the Intellectual Property Function of the Novartis Group since 2001
- passed the EQE 2004 and acquired Diploma in European Patent Litigation by CEIPI (University Strasbourg)
- coordinated IP litigation for all businesses of the Novartis Group from 2006 to 2012
- is a Swiss Patent Attorney since 2011
- is member of various professional associations
- was member, Secretary and Chair of the **epi** Litigation Committee (since its inauguration in 2007)
- is currently delegate for **epi** as observer at the UPC Administrative Committee
- is **epi** President since May 2023

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#### Moderator

#### Vasiliki Kosti (GR)



- is a qualified European Patent Attorney since 2018
- has a long professional experience both in private and public sectors, having collaborated with industry, public organisations and academia
- works as a Patent Counsel for Molecular Partners AG in Zurich, Switzerland and Ascend Gene & Cell Therapies in Munich, Germany, as a Senior IP Counsel for the University of Patras and the Agricultural University, along with her own private practice in Greece
- worked in the IP Department of Evotec International GmbH in Hamburg, Germany and as a Technology Transfer Officer at the College of Medical & Dental Sciences, University of Birmingham, UK.
- has a relationship with the IP field since 2003 when she started working as a Patent Examiner and Patent Information Specialist at the Greek Patent Office, where she stayed for more than 13 years
- offered consulting services to spin-out companies, research organisations and universities, while she has also been a regular invited lecturer and speaker at conferences and training events with regard to IP matters, both in Greece and abroad
- is a full member of **epi**'s Committee on Biotechnological Inventions, and Professional Conduct Committee and a substitute member of the **epi** Professional Education Committee.