



## Unitary Patent & Unified Patent Court

epi roadshow

Thursday, 2 MARCH | 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
  - Current status and next steps
  - Sunrise period
2. General overview over procedure before UPC
3. Procedure against decisions of EPO

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*

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#### UP Speaker



#### **Francis Leyder (BE)**

- joined the European Patent Practice Committee of **epi** in 2005 and chaired it from 2008 to 2017
- has been elected to the presidency of **epi** in 2017 and is the current President. In this context, he has been closely following the developments concerning the Unitary Patent, representing **epi** as observer at the meetings of the Select Committee in charge of the implementation at the EPO.
- lectured also on the Unitary Patent for CEIPI until 2015 then for Politecnico di Milano since 2017



#### **Manolis Samuelidis (GR)**

- is a member of the European Patent Institute (**epi**) since 1999
- has been patent examiner at the EPO (1987-1992)
- Vice President (1995 -1997) and CEO (2001-2005) at the Organization of Industrial Property in Greece
- Member of the Greek delegation in the Administrative Council of the EPO of the Governing Bodies of WIPO (2001-2005)
- Currently Professor at the National Technical University of Athens



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#### **Bart van Wezenbeek (NL)**

- has a Master in biology and civil law
- practiced as attorney in a large pharmaceutical company, in a biotech start-up and in private practice
- Is Deputy justice in the appeal court in The Hague
- is Member of epi's Professional Education Committee since 2012



### Moderator

#### **Jérôme Collin (FR)**

- International Director of Regimbeau
- Has been practicing IP since 1997 after 7 years experience in R&D and in management consultancy
- FICPI Special Reporter on Substantive Patent Law Harmonization
- French Member of epi Professional Education Committee