



Unitary Patent & Unified Patent Court

epi roadshow

Thursday, 16 FEBRUARY 2023 | 09:00 – 17:00 CET

AGENDA

08:30 *Registration*

09:00 *Welcome*

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

- Historical overview
- Unitary Patent: the basics
- Procedures before the European Patent Office
- Fees and other financial aspects
- Information to the public
- Issues relating to the UPP system
- Actions at the UPC

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 Speakers



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.



Chris Mercer (GB)

- joined the European Patent Practice Committee of **epi** in 2005 and chaired it from 2017 to the present
- Former president and vice-president of **epi**
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Paul Clarkson (GB)

- studied Engineering at the University of Cambridge prior to moving to the Netherlands to work as an EPO Examiner;
- in 2001, left the EPO to join an international law firm handling IP prosecution and litigation;
- qualified as UK and European patent attorney in 2003;
- Partner with NLO since 2010
- followed the Nottingham law course and qualified as a UK patent attorney litigator
- Member of the epi Litigation Committee since 2012.
- from 2016 Paul has assisted epi on the UPC roadshow with presentations in London, Manchester and Barcelona.



Giuseppe Colucci (IT)

- Is an Italian and European Patent Attorney, qualified to become a representative before the upcoming UPC
- Is a chemist by education and has always been practicing in petrochemical industries
- Is member of the **epi's** Litigation Committee
- Is board member of the EPLIT (European Patent Litigators Association)