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Modules 4 and 6

- The Unitary Patent Regulations
- Introduction to the Unified Patent Court

Trier, 9-13 February 2026



Maastricht University

Faculty of Law

Speakers

The Rt Hon Lord Justice Arnold, Judge, Court of Appeal of England and Wales, London

Philippe Campolini, Partner, Patent and IP litigator, Stibbe, Brussels

Dick van Engelen, Extraordinary Professor of Intellectual Property Litigation and Transaction Practice, Advanced Master Intellectual Property Law and Knowledge Management, Maastricht University, Patent Litigator, Partner, Ventoux

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Key topics

- Link between the Unified Patent Court (UPC) and the European Patent Office
- Legal statute, structure, and competences of the Unified Patent Court
- Actions and remedies before the Unified Patent Court
- Unitary patent as an object of property
- Link between the Unified Patent Court and national legal orders

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English

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226D005

Organisers
ERA (Florence Hartmann-Vareilles) and Maastricht University (Prof. Anselm Kamperman Sanders)

This training session is part of the qualification course for the
**European Patent
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Monday, 09 February 2026

- 08:30 Arrival and registration of participants
08:45 **Welcome and introduction to the training modules**
Florence Hartmann-Vareilles and Anselm Kamperman Sanders

I. Litigation before the UPC

- 09:00 **Parties and representations before the UPC**
Jan Phillip Rektorschek
10:00 **Advocacy skills before the UPC**
Anselm Kamperman Sanders
10:45 Coffee break
11:15 **Phases of the UPC procedure and decisions of the UPC, experiences with the new CMS**
Jan Phillip Rektorschek
12:00 Lunch
13:30 **PREPARATION of cases**
 - **GROUP 1:** *Tick Card*
 - **GROUP 2:** *Slide to Unlock*14:30 Coffee break
14:45 **ORAL DEFENCE**
 - **GROUP 1:** *Tick Card*
 - **GROUP 2:** *Slide to Unlock*17:00 End of the first day
19:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 10 February 2026

II. Unified Patent Court: competences and judicial review

- 09:00 **Competences, infringement proceedings and UPC scope of protection**
Dick van Engelen
10:00 **Interface between EPO Appeal Proceedings and the UPC/national infringement courts**
Christopher Heath
11:00 Coffee break
11:30 **The key role of the judge rapporteur**
Dick van Engelen
12:15 Lunch
13:30 **PREPARATION of cases**
 - **GROUP 1:** *Slide to Unlock*
 - **GROUP 2:** *Tick Card*14:30 Coffee break
14:45 **ORAL DEFENCE**
 - **GROUP 1:** *Slide to Unlock*
 - **GROUP 2:** *Tick Card*17:00 End of the second day
18:00 Guided walking tour of Trier, departure ERA main entrance

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

III. The link between the Unified Patent Court, the EU, and national legal orders

- 09:00 **The transfer of priority rights**
Dick van Engelen
10:00 **The role of technical judges in proceedings before the UPC**
Elisabetta Papa
11:00 Break
11:30 **File wrapper estoppel and Gillette before the UPC**
Willem Hoyng

Objective

This session is the second of a series of face-to-face modules leading to the appropriate qualification for European patent attorneys to represent parties before the Unified Patent Court according to Article 48 AUPC.

This intensive face-to-face training event will include mock trials and case scenarios prepared during several workshops organised in smaller groups.

Attendees

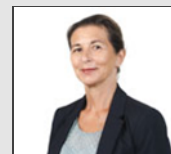
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Save the date

**Summer Course on European
Intellectual Property Law**
Trier, 29 June – 3 July 2026

**Summer Course on AI, Digital and
Information Technology Law in the EU**
Online, 7-11 September 2026

**Annual Conference on European
Copyright Law 2026**
Online, 25-27 November 2026

- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **PREPARATION** of cases
- **GROUP 1:** *Cups of Coffee*
 - **GROUP 2:** *Poly-Polymer*
- 14:30 Coffee break
- 14:45 **ORAL DEFENCE**
- **GROUP 1:** *Cups of Coffee*
 - **GROUP 2:** *Poly-Polymer*
- 17:00 End of the third day

Thursday, 12 February 2026

IV.	Unified Patent Court, structure of the Court, actions and remedies
09:00	Language regime <i>Philippe Campolini</i>
09:45	Actions and remedies before the UPC <i>Philippe Campolini</i>
10:30	Coffee break
V.	Unified Patent Court, broader and practical aspects from the judiciary
11:00	Exhaustion of intellectual property rights, including patent under EU law <i>Anselm Kamperman Sanders</i>
11:45	The UK judicial perspective on the UPC <i>Richard Arnold</i>
12:30	Lunch
13:30	PREPARATION of cases
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GROUP 1: <i>Poly-Polymer</i> • GROUP 2: <i>Cups of Coffee</i>
14:30	Coffee break
14:45	ORAL DEFENCE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GROUP 1: <i>Poly-Polymer</i> • GROUP 2: <i>Cups of Coffee</i>
17:00	End of the fourth day
18:30	Wine-tasting and guided tour at the Bischöflichen Weingüter wine cellar

Friday, 13 February 2026

VI.	Wrap up session and looking forward
09:00	Mock trial evaluation <i>Anselm Kamperman Sanders and Dick van Engelen</i>
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Looking ahead to the next face-to-face training <i>Anselm Kamperman Sanders and Dick van Engelen</i>
12:00	End of the training and light lunch

Programme may be subject to amendment.



Times indicated are CET
(Central European Time)

Social programme

After a day's intensive training, enjoy our varied social programme: the course dinner with



fellow participants from various countries, wine-tasting, and a tour of the historic city of Trier, the oldest city in Germany, known for its well-preserved Roman and medieval buildings.

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