



# EPLC

European Patent  
Litigation Certificate

## European Patent Litigation Certificate

Modules 7 and 8

- Introduction to the rules of procedure
- Practice and case management before the UPC
- Examination

Trier, 18 – 22 May 2026



Maastricht University

Faculty of Law

### Speakers and Jury

**Kemal Bengi**, Chair, Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.05 (electricity), European Patent Office (EPO), Haar

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**Florence Hartmann-Vareilles**, Head of Section European Business Law, Academy of European Law, Trier

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**András Kupecz**, Legally Qualified Judge, Unified Patent Court Central Division, Court of First Instance, Munich

### Key topics

- UPC rules of procedure
- Asking for provisional measures
- Producing evidence
- The role of legal and technical judges
- UPC strategic approach
- Enforcement of decisions and court costs
- Moots court and examination

Language  
English

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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  
Litigation Certificate**



# EPLC Modules 7 and 8

## Monday, 18 May 2026

- 09:30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:45 **Welcome and introduction**  
*Florence Hartmann-Vareilles and Anselm Kamperman Sanders*

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### I. UPC RULES OF PROCEDURE AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE UPC ON SEP

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- 10:00 **Introduction to the UPC rules of procedure: part 1**  
*Dick van Engelen*
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Jurisdictional competition in the market for technological standards**  
*Anselm Kamperman Sanders*
- 12:15 Lunch
- 13:15 **PREPARATION OF CASES - cases 1 & 2:**  
"Provisional Patent Protection" and "Caravan Repair"
- 14:15 **ORAL ARGUMENTS**
- 17:45 End of the first day
- 19:15 Guided vineyard walk followed by dinner and wine-tasting

## Tuesday, 19 May 2026

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### III. UPC STRATEGIC APPROACH AND ENFORCEMENT OF DECISIONS

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- 09:00 **Recent UPC rulings**  
*András Kupecz*
- 09:45 **Asking for provisional measures: preliminary injunctions, preservation of evidence and protective letters**  
*Pieter Callens*
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Producing evidence: witnesses, experts, means of evidence**  
*Pieter Callens*
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 **PREPARATION OF CASES - cases 3 and 4: "Have a Biscuit" and "Pleading Insanity"**
- 13:45 **ORAL ARGUMENTS**
- 18:00 End of the second day and free evening

## Objective

This session is the third 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 scenario prepared during several workshops organised in smaller groups.

Participants will be able to interact at any time with speakers and jury.

## Attendees?

European patent attorneys who are entitled to act as professional representatives before the EPO in accordance with Article 134 EPC.

## Find out more at:

[www.patentlitigationcertificate.eu](http://www.patentlitigationcertificate.eu)

## Social programme

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



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

## Wednesday, 20 May 2026

### IV. SUBSTANTIVE PATENT LAW OF RELEVANCE FOR THE UPC

- 09:00 **Keynote speech**  
*Robin Jacob*
- 10:00 **UPC – EPO BoA: a first comparison on the application of substantive patent law**  
*Kemal Bengi*
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 **Introduction to the UPC rules of procedure: part 2**  
*Dick van Engelen*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:45 **PREPARATION OF CASES - cases 5 & 6:**  
*“Orchid Blues” and “Toner Cartridge”*
- 14:45 **ORAL ARGUMENTS**
- 17:45 End of the third day and free evening

## Thursday, 21 May 2026

### V. UPC: ENFORCEMENT - PROVISIONAL MEASURES - EVIDENCE

- 08:30 **Enforcement of decisions, court costs and damages actions**  
*Kirian Claeys*
- 09:30 **PREPARATION OF CASE: case 7**  
*“Sit Back and Enjoy the Flight”*
- 10:30 **ORAL ARGUMENTS**
- 12:45 Lunch

### VI. PREPARATION FOR THE EXAMINATION

- 14:00 **Individual preparation for the examination**
- 17:00 End of the fourth day
- 19:00 Dinner

## Friday, 22 May 2026

### VII. ORAL EXAMINATION

- 09:00 **Oral examination**
- 13:00 Lunch

For programme updates: [www.era.int](http://www.era.int)  
Programme may be subject to amendment.

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### Save the date

#### The European Cybersecurity Framework

Online, 8-9 July 2026

#### Shifting borders: European Industrial Property Law and its Interfaces with Other Legal Regimes

Online, 5-6 November 2026

#### Annual Conference on European Copyright Law 2026

Online, 25-27 November 2026

### European Patent Litigation Certificate Course

**Course starts: 30 September-1<sup>st</sup> October 2026**

**Course ends: May 2027**

This course leads to the appropriate qualification for European patent attorneys to represent parties before the Unified Patent Court according to Article 48 AUPC.

Almost half of the course will be organised online. This will be reinforced by several short stays in Trier, during which participants will undergo intensive face-to-face interactive training.

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