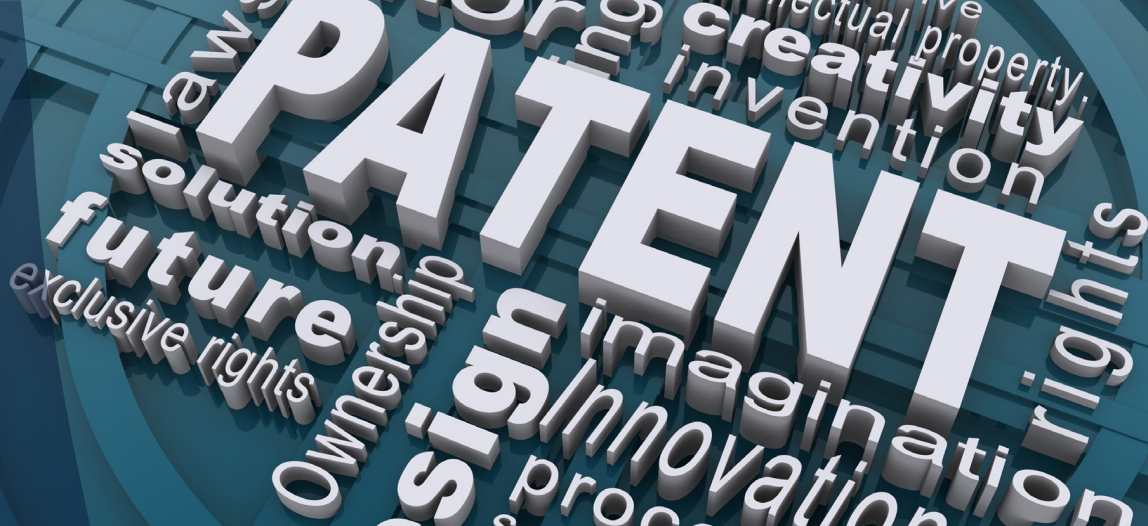




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European Patent Litigation Certificate

Module 1 – Part 1

- The Unitary Patent System
 - The Unified Patent Court in context
- Trier & Luxembourg, 25-26 September
2024

EPLC

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Key topics

- Introduction to the Unified Patent Court (UPC)
- Intellectual property in the context of the Unitary Patent System
- The link between the EPO and the UPC
- Role and function of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the context of the EU, and link with the UPC

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English

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224D57

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EPLC 2024-25 Module 1 – Part 1

Wednesday, 25 September 2024

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

08:45 **Welcome words and Introduction to the EPLC programme**
Florence Hartmann-Vareilles, Anselm Kamperman Sanders

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIFIED PATENT COURT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UNITARY PATENT SYSTEM

09:30 **Inaugural speech on the Unified Patent Court**
Sam Granata

10:15 Q&A and discussion

10:30 **Intellectual property and the Unitary Patent System**
Dick van Engelen and Anselm Kamperman Sanders

11:15 Q&A and discussion

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 **Introduction to Canvas platform as the main online tool for the course**
Dick van Engelen, Anselm Kamperman Sanders and Florence Hartmann-Vareilles

12:45 Q&A and discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:15 **European Patent Office and UPC: competences and choice of forum**
Kay Rupprecht

15:00 Q&A and discussion

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 **Role and function of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the context of the European Union, and link with the UPC**
Alexandre Geulette

16:30 Q&A and discussion

17:00 End of first day

19:15 Course dinner

Objective

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

This first intensive face-to-face training event will include a hearing at the Court of Justice of the European Union (Luxembourg).

Who should attend?

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

Accredited course

This EPLC course has been accredited by decision of the Administrative Committee of the UPC, Ref: D-AC/07/24042023_E/24. April 2023.

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Venue

Academy of European Law (ERA)
Metzer Allee 4
D-54295 Trier



Times indicated are CEST
(Central European Summer Time)

Thursday, 26 September 2024

**II. HEARING AT THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND
VISIT AT THE UNIFIED PATENT COURT**

- 07:00 Departure by coach from ERA to Luxembourg
- 07:45 Arrival and registration at the CJEU
- 08:15 General presentation of the CJEU and guided tour
- 12:00 Light lunch
- 14:00 Visit to the Court of Appeal of the UPC and meeting with a judge
Ingeborg Simonsson
- 15:15 End of Module 1 – Part 1 and return to ERA via Luxembourg airport

For programme updates: www.era.int
Programme may be subject to amendment.

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Social programme

Enjoy the conference dinner with fellow participants from different countries.



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Programme of the EPLC Course 2024-2025

This course leads to the appropriate qualification for European patent attorneys (who are entitled to act as professional representatives before the EPO in accordance with Article 134 EPC) to represent parties before the Unified Patent Court according to Article 48 AUPC.

The European Patent Litigation Certificate (EPLC) is designed specifically for European patent attorneys in light of the particular needs of the profession.

The course will be composed of both online and face-to-face training from September 2024 to May 2025. Almost half of the course will be organised online. Participants can work using their own devices at home or in their offices. This will be reinforced by several short stays in Trier, during which participants will undergo intensive face-to-face training comprising interactive and practical exercises.

After online and oral examinations, the participating patent attorneys will be granted the EPLC entitling them to represent parties before the UPC.

Terms & Conditions

Participation

According to Article 48 UPCA, to be able to represent a party before the Court, the patent attorney should first be entitled to act as a professional representative before the European Patent Office in accordance with Article 134 EPC. National patent attorneys with knowledge and experience in patent law and litigation may be accepted on the basis of a proven track record.

Travel & Accommodation

Participants will organise their own travel and accommodation.

Language

Participants should have a working knowledge of English.

Costs

Fee for the entire EPLC programme: € 3900

The price includes lunches and coffee breaks served during the face-to-face training sessions as well as examination fees and the certificate.

Calendar of face-to-face activities

Module 1:

Basics of EU Law (Part 1)

Trier, Luxembourg, 25-26 September 2024

Module 4:

The Unitary Patent: Regulations 1257/2012 and 1260/2012

and

Module 6:

Introduction to the Unified Patent Court

Trier, 10-14 February 2025

Module 7:

Introduction to the UPC rules of procedure

and

Module 8:

Practice and case management before the UPC

Trier, 12-16 May 2025

Written and oral examination

- Written examination through several submissions on canvas
- Oral examination Trier, 16 May 2025

Calendar of online activities

October 2024 - May 2025

2-hour monthly tutorials from 17:00 to
19:00 CET

Module 1:

Basics of EU Law Part 2

Module 2:

Private law

Module 3:

Patent law in the EU

Module 5:

Enforcement of rights