

Patents in Europe: What's Next?

A Science | Business Network roundtable

Time: 1400 to 1700

Location: EFTA Secretariat, Brussels

Rue Joseph II, 12-16

After years of debate, the way Europeans protect their inventions is about to change radically. A new Unitary Patent system is being set up, alongside a Unified Patent Court; the EU member-states are now in the process of ratifying it, and the European Patent Office is preparing the paperwork for it. In practice, what are the remaining obstacles? Will it cut the high cost of patenting in Europe? Will it open the door to "patent trolls", or herald a new era of invention in Europe? How are universities and companies across Europe preparing?

1400: Welcome, Richard L. Hudson, CEO and Editor, Science | Business

1405: Introducing the Unitary Patent – Jonathan Faull, Director-General, Internal Market and Services, European Commission

1425: The politics of a unitary patent – Members of the European Parliament Maria da Graça Carvalho and Amelia Andersdotter

1445: Implementing the unitary patent:

- Margot Fröhlinger, Principal Director Patent Law and Multilateral Affairs, European Patent Office
- Alexander Ramsay, Vice Chairman, Preparatory Committee, Unified Patent Court; Deputy Director, Division for Intellectual Property & Transport Law, Ministry of Justice, Sweden

1545: The impact of the unitary patent – on the economy, industry and academia

- Patrick Terroir, Deputy Director General, CDC Intellectual Property
- Ric Henschel, Partner, Foley & Lardner
- Tony Clayton, Chief Economist, UK Intellectual Property Office
- Colette Vogeles, Director of IP Policy, Microsoft EMEA

1700: Reception

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List of Participants

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