

Thursday, 27th of May 2021

9.00-17.00 (ECT) | ONLINE

UPC WORKSHOP

The [CRIDES](#) (Research center for business law and society) and the A.I.D.E. ([Association internationale de Droit Économique](#)) are organizing a one-day workshop on the **Unified Patent Court** on the 27th of May 2021. The purpose of the latter is to stimulate discussions concerning the UPC Agreement and to consider possible alternatives.

This workshop is part of the process the CRIDES research group has initiated, which led to [the adoption of a motion supported by more than 60 experts, practitioners and academics \(click to access\)](#).

PROGRAMME

9.00	Welcome address by the project team Vincent Cassiers, Luc Desautettes, Fernand de Visscher and Alain Strowel, UCLouvain
9.15	I. Historical background (mod.: <i>A. Strowel, Professor, UCLouvain and University Saint-Louis Brussels</i>)
	1) A global historical perspective (10/15 min) <i>A. Plomer, Professor, University of Bristol</i>
	2) Topical remarks (5 min max each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The UPC and patent systems within regional economic integration <i>G. Gagliani, Lecturer, Bocconi University</i>- The refusal of Poland to join the Agreement <i>R. Sikorski, Professor, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań</i>- The consequences of the Brexit <i>L. Manderieux, Professor, Bocconi University</i>- The complaints pending before the German constitutional Court <i>H. Goddar, Honorary Professor University of Bremen</i>- How to reintegrate Spain on board <i>M. Desantes, Professor University of Alicante</i>
	3) Discussion (30 min)
10.30	Break

10.45	II. Issues with the proposed system (mod.: <i>V. Cassiers, Professor, UCLouvain, A.I.D.E.</i>)
	<p>1) Economic issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A general overview of the economic issues (10/15 min) <i>D. Xenos, Lecturer, University of Suffolk</i> - The absence of credible economic analysis (5 min) <i>M. Snodin, Qualified UK and European patent attorney, Nottingham</i> <p>2) Legal issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A general reminder of the legal (and other) concerns (10/15 min) <i>F. de Visscher, Attorney Brussels bar, Visiting lecturer, UCLouvain</i> - Incorporating material patent law in the UPCA only - or in an EU law? (5 min) <i>N. Binctin, Professor, Université de Poitiers</i>
	3) Discussion (30 min)
12.00	Lunch Break

13.00	III. Institutional alternatives (mod.: <i>L. Desaunettes-Barbero, postdoctoral researcher, UCLouvain</i>)
	<p>1) Proposals of alternatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An improved EU trademark system? (20 min) <i>F. de Visscher, Attorney Brussels bar, Visiting lecturer, UCLouvain</i> <p>Respondent (10 min) <i>A. Kur, Professor, Affiliated Fellow, MPI for Innovation and Competition Munich</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Benelux-Plus-model? (20 min) <i>T. Jaeger, Professor, University of Vienna</i> <p>Respondent (10 min) <i>V. Cassiers, Professor, UCLouvain, A.I.D.E.</i></p>
	2) Discussion (30 min)
14.30	Break

14.45	IV. Substantive patent issues (mod.: <i>A. Stronvel, Professor, UCLouvain and University Saint-Louis Brussels</i>)
	<p><i>In this session, the discussion will be opened after each presentation</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Patents' scope: Research and Bolar exemptions (10 min pres. + 5 min disc.) <i>O. Mignolet, Attorney, Brussels bar</i> 2) Automatic injunctions, possible alternatives measures and bifurcation (2 X 10 min pres. + 5 min disc.) <i>A. Leonard, Early Career Fellow, University of Edinburgh</i> <i>M. Husovec, Assistant Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science</i> 3) License of rights, SEPs, royalties stacking, ... (10 min pres. + 5 min disc.) <i>H. Goddar, Honorary Professor, University of Bremen</i> 4) Compulsory licenses (substantive aspects) (10 min pres. + 5 min disc.) <i>A. Wernick, Affiliated researcher, University of Helsinki</i>
16.00	General discussion
16.50	Wrap-up & Next steps (i.a. organisation of the 28th of October 2021 conference)
17.00	End of the workshop

REGISTRATION

Participation is free but **online registration** is required before 27th May 2021

[click here to access the registration form](#)

The Workshop will be held on ZOOM

The web link and the practical information will be sent by email to the participants before the Workshop

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