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## Strategic Timing at the EPO and Courts

What are the differences in timing between parallel proceedings before the European Patent Office (EPO) and the courts, in particular the Unified Patent Court (UPC) and national courts? This panel will explore how these differences may influence procedural strategy, and what practical lessons can be drawn.

## Late-Filed Submissions

How late can submissions be filed before a patent office or a court – particularly the European Patent Office (EPO), the Unified Patent Court (UPC), and national courts or patent offices? This panel will examine the limits of late filing, including exceptions to the principle of front-loading in such proceedings.

## Heading towards the Round Table

The DPMAForum is the main conference room of the German Patent and Trademark Office, located in the city centre of Munich and easy to reach in various ways. It can be accessed via S-Bahn (Isartor station) from any of the **Munich main train stations** or from the **Franz Josef Strauß airport**.

## Program

### 09:15 Doors and Registration

### 09:45 Welcome words

**Reinier Wijnstra**, President of UNION-IP

**Eva Schewior**, President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office

### 10:00 Strategic Timing at the EPO and Courts

This panel will count with the views and experience of:

**Addick Land**, Judge at the Unified Patent Court

**Heli Pihlajamaa**, Principal Director, European Patent Office

**Kristina Cornish**, UK and European Patent Attorney,

Partner at Pinsent Masons and will be moderated by

**Ariane Lessmann**, Member of the Patents Commission of UNION-IP / German and European Patent Attorney at Alpspitz IP

### 11:15 Break

### 11:35 Second panel: Late-Filed Submissions

This panel will count with the views and experience of:

**Philipp Lanz**, Chair of a technical board (Mechanics),

Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office

**Ulrike Voß**, Judge at the Unified Patent Court, Munich Section of the Central Division [TBC]

**Bryce Mathewson**, UPC Representative and Patent litigator, Partner at Powell Gilbert

and will be moderated by

**Rui Gomes**, President of the Patents Commission of UNION-IP,

Portuguese and European Patent Attorney, UPC Representative,

at J. Pereira da Cruz

### 12:35 Round table discussion with all panellists

### 13:30 Closing words

**Véronique Pede**, President of the Litigation Commission UNION-IP

### Get together & walking lunch (included in the registration fee)

\*All times are in Central European Time

## How to register

Send in the completed registration form (see next page) on or before **27 February 2026** to

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either by editing the PDF (annotations), by printing & scanning, or by copying in a simple email the form data box numbers followed by the corresponding information. The information corresponding to bold item numbers (for example 01.) is required for completing your registration.

## Registration fee (coffee break and walking lunch included)

	In person	Online
Standard fee	€ 175	€ 120
Reduced fee*	€ 120	€ 80

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The fee includes a coffee break and a walking lunch.  
Accommodation is not provided.

## Online participation

The online participation will provide access to video and audio from the meeting room speakers. Interaction with the speakers is possible through chat function.

## Credits for permanent formation

This event has not been previously accredited by a credit organisation for consultants and attorneys. The attendees can however obtain a certificate of attendance upon request.

## Organisation

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