

June 1st 2023 D-Day for patents in Europe

The Unified Patent Court (UPC) opens its doors today June 1st.

Infringement and revocation actions of European patents may now be brought before one of the various local divisions or the central division of the UPC, and a single decision will be issued instead of several decisions by national courts.

Revocation actions of European patents involving pharmaceuticals, electronics and telecommunication, physics, fixed constructions, and textiles are brought before the central division based in Paris.

Simultaneously, a Unitary patent is created. This is the single patent of the European Union which has been awaited since 1977 when the European Patent Office (EPO) began to examine and grant "European patents" having in reality only the effects of national patents after grant.

Now, the EPO will be responsible for the grant of not only the usual European patents but also the Unitary patents covering already 17 EU countries and requiring only one translation and one annual fee.

At CASALONGA, one of the few European IP boutique firms with both lawyers and patent attorneys based in France and Germany, you will be represented before the UPC by a team combining the technical knowledge and experience in EPO opposition procedures of our European patent attorneys with the legal and court experience of our patent lawyers.

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... and to use our IT Tools freely accessible to all:

- the **"Interactive UPC Code"**, to easily navigate through all of the UPC texts, accessible in the three official languages of the texts ([English](#), [French](#) and [German](#)) upon registration on www.upc-casalonga.eu
- the **UPP application "fees comparator"**, to compare annuities before deciding to choose a Unitary patent, accessible directly via our [website](#) and available on [Google Play](#) and [Apple Store](#).



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