

## EUROPEAN UNION:

Imminent entry into force of the Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court

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The Unified Patent Court (UPC) had announced its intention for the new system bringing together the European Patent with unitary effect and the Unified Patent Court to enter into force on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, this date has been postponed to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Consequently, the start of the sunrise period has been postponed also for two months, and it is now scheduled to start on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, followed by the entry into force of the UPC Agreement on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Although not likely, additional delays might take place. In that case, we would keep you posted.

Meanwhile, at UNGRIA, we have developed a miniseries of three short videos to inform you about this new system and its two essential components (the unitary patent and the UPC), how they will affect you, and what steps and actions should be carried out from this very moment. Please, keep the new dates in mind for any references made to the initially scheduled ones.

The first video covers an introduction to the new system as well as the European Unitary Patent. The second one explains the Unified Patent Court. Lastly, the third one shows what can happen during the sunrise and transitional periods, and what steps should be taken in order to be ready from the onset.



#### VIDEO 1: THE NEW SYSTEM AND THE EUROPEAN PATENT WITH UNITARY EFFECT

An introduction to the new system and its participants, as well as an explanation of the European Unitary Patent: what it entails, how it works, and its pros and cons.



#### VIDEO 2: THE UNIFIED PATENT COURT

An explanation of the Unified Patent Court: its structure, functioning, jurisdiction, fees, as well as potential advantages and disadvantages.



#### VIDEO 3: SUNRISE AND TRANSITIONAL PERIODS AND GETTING READY FOR THE NEW SYSTEM

Possible scenarios during the sunrise and transitional periods, what opt-ins and opt-outs are and when/ how to carry them out.

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