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A VIEW ON EUROPEAN PATENT LITIGATION

18 MAY 2026, 11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

German Patent And Trademark Office (DPMA), Zweibrückenstraße 12, 80331 Munich

## PROGRAM

- 10:30 – 11:00 Registration and reception at DMPA
- 11:00 – 11:15 Welcome and opening remarks with Maria Skotte-Klein (vice-president DPMA)
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Panel: Industry perspectives – user perspective**  
Eelco Bergsma, (Director Assertion, Ericsson)  
Melis Ezgi Engin, (Intellectual Property Manager, Einhell Germany AG)  
Andreas Winter, (Patent Attorney, Siemens AG)  
Murielle Khairallah, (VP Intellectual property, Valeo)  
Thomas Dreiser, (Chief IP Litigation Counsel, Huawei)  
Moderation: Mattia Dalla Costa & Tilman Müller-Stoy
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 – 14:50 **Material patent law = inventive step, a comparative view**  
Michel Abello, (UPC - technically qualified judge )  
Martin Musiol, (Bundespatentgericht Germany)  
Elisabetta Papa, (UPC – technically qualified judge)  
Heli Pihlajamaa, (European Patent Office)  
Mark Schweizer, (Federal Patent Court Switzerland)  
Moderation: Frederic Portal & Gabriele Mohsler
- 14:50 – 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15 – 16:45 **Jurisdictional issues in global patent litigation**  
Mélanie Bessaud, (UPC, central division Munich – legally qualified judge)  
Sir Richard Meade (UK, High court – judge)  
Hubertus Schacht, (LG Munich I – judge)  
Pierluigi Perrotti, (UPC, local division Milan – legally qualified judge)  
Moderation: Klaus Haft & Tilman Müller-Stoy
- 16:50 – 17:50 **Fireside chat: EU enforcement directive**  
Lena Pauschenwein, (European Commission, DG Grow)  
Klaus Grabinski, (UPC court of appeal, president)  
Moderator: Willem Hoyng
- 17:50 – 18:00 Closing of the meeting

