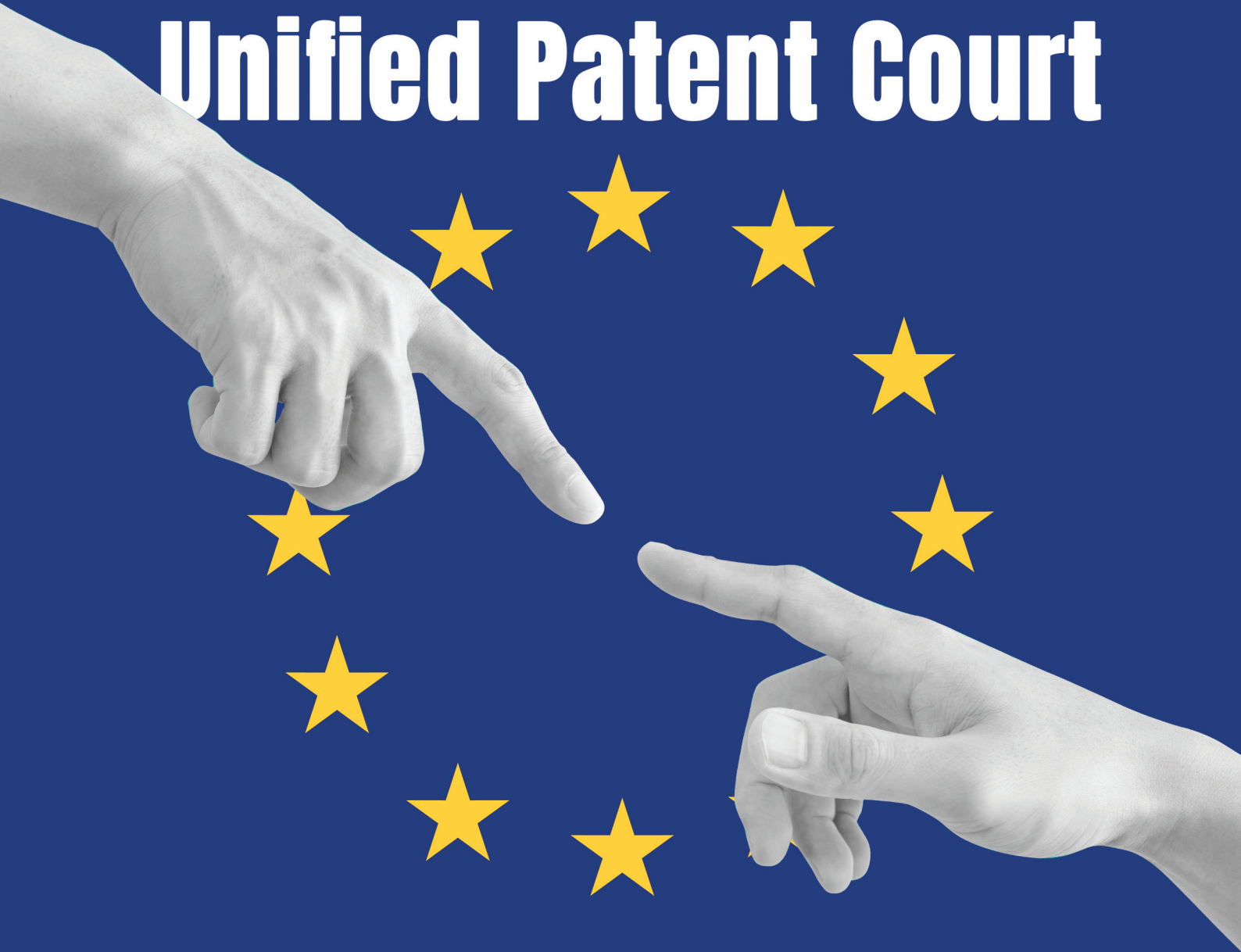


Unitary Patents & Unified Patent Court



Answers to the main FAQs



Your guide to the future of innovation in Europe Unitary Patents & the Unified Patent Court

The European patent landscape is set to change — radically and quickly.

This paper addresses the most critical questions regarding Unitary Patents and the UPC to allow you to make the best-informed decisions for your business.

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Prep work
Now



Sunrise period
March 1, 2023



**UP / UPC
goes live**
June 1, 2023



- Compare ownership data in your portfolio against the owner in the EPO / national registers
- Set up a clear strategy for the sunrise period and after



- Opt out in bulk
- Request early unitary effect
- Delay the grant of your EP application
- Monitor competitor opt-outs



- Benefit from an end-to-end digital service for individual opt-outs, EP validations, translations and annuities



Prep work

DATA OWNERSHIP

STRATEGIC CONSULTANCY

Be aware of the risks

Only the owner of a European patent (EP) or supplementary protection certificate (SPC), or their representative, **can validly file an opt-out request.**

- Have you made any ownership assignments that were not registered?
- Are you sure that the patent holders indicated in your portfolio match the data held by the European Patent Office (EPO) and national registers?

Not having a clear strategy in place to take advantage of the new system and all the options available carries risks:

- Potential loss of strategic assets through central revocation
- Unnecessary expenses
- Loss of competitiveness

Action to take

Perform an **internal and external audit of EPs and SPCs** to have a complete overview of your portfolio, including “who owns what.”

Consider your **strategy in light of the opt-out routes** to enable you to make the right decisions for the sunrise and transitional periods.

How Dennemeyer helps you?

Our Records department will check the owners of the patents listed on the European or national registers against your own data. If necessary, this can be followed by an update of the patent register(s) via a recordal project.

Our European patent attorneys will help you define a **suitable and balanced strategy** that takes all factors into account. We review the importance of the patent in question, the risk of central revocation, the financial means available and the potential costs when making our recommendations.

On top of this, our attorneys offer freedom-to-operate searches, analyses and opinions to minimize your risk exposure and assist you in selecting the best approach.



Sunrise period

Choose the sunrise options to suit your needs:

Opt out selected EPs in bulk (published or already granted)

- Our integration with the official UPC application programming interface (API) allows us to quickly and easily submit thousands of opt-out requests on your behalf.

Ensure the UPC will not have jurisdiction over your EPs even before the system is launched!

- Are you already a client of Denemeyer for patent renewals? Use our Portfolio Management App to select the EPs you want to opt out and request a cost estimate.

Renewals-client discount of 5% for bulk opt-outs during the sunrise period!

Request early unitary effect

Ensure the future unitary effect of your EP before the UPC starts.

Request a delay in issuing the publication of the mention of grant of a European patent (Rule 71(3) EPC)

Ensure that the unitary effect of your EP patent will be registered on day one of the UPC.

Patent monitoring

During this period, it is a good idea to pay close attention to what your competitors are doing. The fact that a competitor chooses to opt out some of their patents and not others reveals that the opted-out patents are of particular importance to them.

Check what your competitors are doing and get valuable information on their assets and strategies.

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