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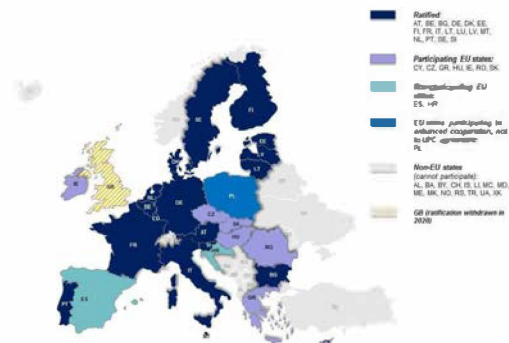
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The Unified Patent Court – finally live

- On June 1st, system started in 17 EU Member States
- 7 signatory states (incl. IRL) likely to join later

Art. 34 UPCA

One single action will provide for an enforceable decision across the UPC states where EP has effect



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Court Structure

Court of Appeal

3 Legally Qualified Judges (LQJ) , 2 Technically Qualified Judges (TQJ)

President: Judge Klaus Grabinski (former judge at German Supreme Court)

Court of First Instance

Local / Regional Divisions

Infringement | Counter-claim for revocation

GER (4 LDs), FR, NL, IT, BEL, FI, AUT, DEN, PT, SI, Nordic-Baltic RD



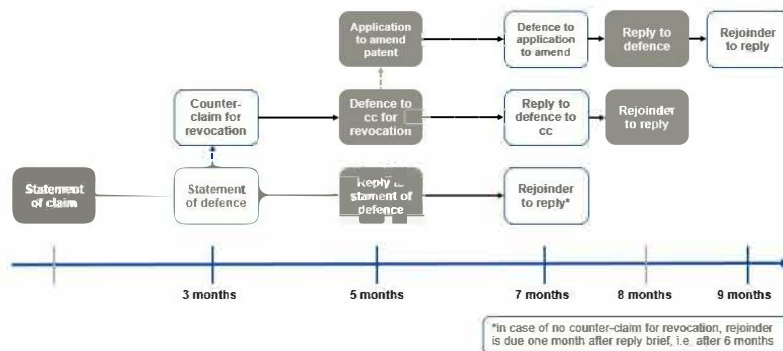
Central Division

Revocation action | DJ Non-Infringement
Cases transferred from LD (except.)

Paris, Munich, Milan



UPC – EU „rocket docket“



Deadlines extendable only upon *reasoned* request (RoP 9.3)
Late-filed submissions and facts may be disregarded (RoP 9.2)

Comparison of proceedings across primary jurisdictions

	UPC	GER	NL	US ITC	US District	UK	CN
Front loaded, written proc.	✓	✓	✓	No	No	No	✓
Short deadlines	✓	✓	✓	✓	No	No	✓
Discovery	No	No	No	✓ ✓	✓	No	No
oral argument	limited	limited	limited	✓	✓	✓	limited
Bi-furcation	limited	✓	No	No	No	No	✓
Permanent Injunctions	✓	✓	✓	✓	Very limited	✓	✓
Award of Damages	✓	limited	✓	No	high awards	moderate awards	Very limited
Costs recoverable	✓	limited	✓	No	No	✓	Very limited

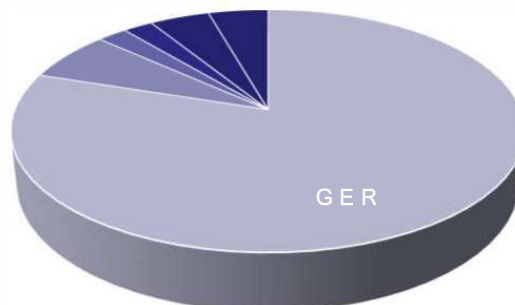
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Head start for German Local Divisions

■ Allocation of infringement cases to Local / Regional Divisions



■ GER LDs ■ IT LD ■ FR LD ■ NL LD ■ Nordic RD ■ FIN LD

[status October 2023 / stand-alone revocation actions not considered]

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