

# JOIN THE ELITE IN PATENT LAW THE EUROPEAN PATENT LITIGATION CERTIFICATE AWAITS!

INCLUDING  
**CMS**  
TRAINING

## Tuition

Tuition fees (excluding travel costs and excluding accommodation, obligatory lunch at abt. € 30,- per day at the Siena venue has to be paid directly to the Certosa di Pontignano) are € 3.900,- and are due before the beginning of the course.

Applications for the program beginning in October can be submitted immediately. The course takes place as a real European academic event at downtown Düsseldorf at the House of the University and in Tuscany near Siena in the conference center of the University of Siena, the Certosa di Pontignano. The exam module takes place at Düsseldorf University Campus (Juridicum). The tuition language is English, but during the mock trial also other languages i.e French and German are used esp. for prior art documents to keep the setting a realistic one.

During the mock trial, the company Net Service S.p.A., Bologna, which has also created the real CMS of the UPC, will provide the course with a training server to allow the most realistic scenario possible in the mock trial. Provided that the training server is functioning properly, which is beyond the control of the Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf, the mock trial will take place using this system and will give the participants a practical experience of the proceedings before the UPC!

Pre-registration subject to the fulfillment of administrative issues on the part of the University and the availability of a place (capacity currently abt. 30 participants):

Yes, I want to become a European Patent Litigator  
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## The European Patent Litigation Certificate - EPLC

The European Patent Litigation Certificate may be issued by the Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf acc. to the Decision of the Administrative Committee of the Unified Patent Court of April 27th 2023 acc. Art. 6 - 8 of the Rules on the European Patent Litigation Certificate and Other Appropriate Qualifications and entitles European Patent Attorneys to act as representatives before the Unified Patent Court (UPC) acc. Art. 48 (2) UPC Agreement, if the course is successfully completed.

### Interprofessional Program

- Open for Patent Attorneys as well as Attorneys at Law -

The course is designed for European Patent Attorneys as well as Attorneys-at-Law or jurists with relevant experience in patent law and is intended to encourage their inter-professional cooperation, especially in the context of the integrated mock trial.

## The Düsseldorf Law School of Heinrich Heine University

Since its foundation in 1992, the Faculty of Law at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf has been one of the leading educational and research institutions in Germany according to the Zeit/CHE ranking. The faculty, which focuses on business law, is closely networked with the numerous courts, companies, administrations and law firms and, with the Center for Intellectual Property (CIP), that has a particular focus on intellectual property, especially patent law.

## Center for Intellectual Property - CIP

The Center for Intellectual Property (CIP) conducts research and teaching in the field of intellectual property law and in particular patent law.

In this context, an LL.M. program focused on intellectual property has been offered since 2000, which is open to qualified Attorneys-at-Law and jurists as well as patent attorneys. The CIP also offers a series of lectures and discussions, the Workshop Talks, in which research topics of practical relevance are discussed.

Finally, the CIP's annual conference each spring - the Düsseldorf Patent Law Days - focuses on actual issues of patent law as a bridge between academia and practice. On the website [www.gewrs.de](http://www.gewrs.de) the visitor will also find the Düsseldorf decisions on patent law D-Prax. [www.gewrs.de/de](http://www.gewrs.de/de)

# EPLC

Proceedings before the Unified Patent Court  
Program

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Düsseldorf

## Module 1 - Düsseldorf, 26. - 27.01.24

Introduction  
The EU Patent Package and the Unified Patent Court,  
Representation before the Unified Patent Court

Introduction into European Law  
Fundamental Principles of EU Law, TEU, TFEU, European Charter  
of Human Rights, European Union Institutions, European  
Secondary Legislation (Regulations, Directives)

Introduction into Legal Methodology, A Patent Lawyers legal  
toolbox

Introduction into International Civil Procedure Law and related  
aspects  
New BRUSSEL I Regulation (EU Regulation 1215/2012 and  
542/2014), Lugano Convention, Rome II Regulation, Enforcement  
Directive, EPC Protocol on Recognition

MOCK TRIAL - Mock Trial Group partitioning  
Nomination of the group speakers and co-speakers, Hand out of  
the groups' instructions, Introduction into the case

## Module 2 - Siena, 15. - 16.03.24

The European Court of Justice  
Structure, Organisation, Operation and Jurisdiction of the  
European Court of Justice and of the Court of First Instance  
(General Court), Case law of the European Court of Justice in  
Patent Matters

Conflict of Laws: International Law in Patents, The relationship  
between different legal jurisdictions in the EU

MOCK TRIAL - 1st Conference of the Claimant Group

## Module 3 - Siena, 18. - 19.04.24

Interpretation of European Patents,

Subject Matter and Scope of Protection under Art. 69 EPC in  
Germany, France and Italy

Unitary Patent Protection and Unified Patent Court  
The so called Patent Package

The Instrument of Enhanced Cooperation according TEU and TFEU

MOCK TRIAL - 1st Conference of the Court Group (Discussion:  
Statement of Claim), 2nd Conference of the Defendant Group  
(Preparation: Statement of Defense)

## Module 4 - Siena, 30. - 31.05.24

The Roots of Civil Procedure Law in Europe  
Roman Civil Procedure Law as common roots of European Civil Procedure  
Laws, The Roots of Civil Procedure Law in Europe and their Expression in  
France, England and Germany - a short introduction and overview

Patent Litigation in Germany, France and Italy  
German, French and Italian procedure in patent litigation

Saisie Contrefaçon  
The French and German practice in comparison with the  
analogous provisions of the UPC Agreement

MOCK TRIAL - 2nd Conference of the Court Group (Discussion: Statement  
of Defense), 2nd Conference of the Claimant Group (Preparation: Reply)

## Module 5 - Düsseldorf, 28. - 29.06.24

Theory of Comparative Legal Analysis  
Methodology of Comparative Legal Analysis,  
Contract Law, Tort Law, Company Law

Practice of Comparative Legal Analysis  
Contractual Exploitation of IP-Rights, Overview on contractual  
exploitation: Transfer of Ownership vs. Licencing, The delineation  
between the lex protectionis (IP-law) and lex causae (contract law),  
Practical Differences between German, French and English  
contract law

MOCK TRIAL - 3rd Conference of the Court Group (Discussion:  
Reply), 3rd Conference of Defendant Group (Preparation: Rejoinder)

## Module 6 - Siena, 06. - 07.09.24

Introduction into the proceedings before the Unified Patent Court  
Rules of Procedure of the Unified Patent Court

Infringement Proceedings, Nullity Proceedings.  
Declaration for Non-Infringement in the proceedings before the Unified  
Patent Court, Appeal Proceedings

Oral Proceedings before the UPC  
A comparative approach to Unified Patent Court Hearings

Customs Enforcement of Patent Rights in Europe  
Regulation (EU) No. 608/2013

MOCK TRIAL - 4th Conference of the Court Group (Discussion: Rejoinder),  
3rd Conference of the Claimant Group, 4th Conference of the Defendant  
Group (Preparation of Interim Conference and Hearing as well as  
Preparation of the Position Paper for Mediation)

## Module 7 - Siena, 04. - 05.10.24

Introduction into legal working technique in civil proceedings  
governed by the principle of party presentation  
An introduction of lawyers working tools in civil proceedings  
esp. for patent attorneys

EU Antitrust Law and IP i.e. Patent Law  
An introduction into European antitrust law with a focus on  
block exemption regulations and FRAND related objections in  
patent litigation

Provisions of the Rules of Procedure relevant to Oral Hearings

MOCK TRIAL - Deliberation of the case in the Court Group and  
preparation of the interim conference and the main hearing,  
Procedural law issues (admissibility) Substantial law issues on  
patent validity. Substantial law issues on patent infringement

Mock Trial Interim Conference  
Interim Conference with Court Group acting together with the  
Judge Rapporteur Claimants Group and Defendants Group

## Seminar Module 8 - Siena, 31.10 & 01. - 02.11.24

Drawing of the examination paper topics  
Drawing of the examination paper topics for all participants except  
members of the Court Group; Court Group Members have to write the  
judgement of the mock trial

Mediation/Arbitration alternatives to litigate patents

MOCK MEDIATION

MOCK TRIAL - Preparation Mock Trial Main Hearing  
Pre Main Hearing Deliberation of the case with the Court Group

Mock Trial Main Hearing

Deliberation of the Mock Trial Court  
Afterwards: Announcement of the Decision

Mock Trial Evaluation

## Exam Module 9 - Düsseldorf 13.12.24

Oral Examination

Hand-Out of European Patent Litigation Certificates  
to the successful participants



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CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO

## A Jewel Set in the Chianti District



### The Convention Centre near Siena

Inside its buildings dating back to the Middle Ages, the Certosa di Pontignano comprises the University of Siena's Official Convention Centre, offering services and premises for training seminars and congress activities. In fact, it is famous for being one of the most important academic convention centres in Europe.

The Certosa offers catering facilities in its own restaurant, with obligatory lunch there during the days of the course (to be settled by the respective participant directly with Certosa at abt. 30,- per day) as well as a common evening event during the seminar module (Module 8) of the patent litigation course.

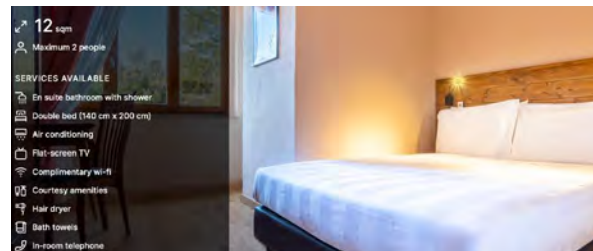
Siena, the medieval student city with its world-famous Campo and Cathedral, can be reached in about 15 minutes by taxi and a good half hour by bus from the Certosa.

The Certosa di Pontignano gives its guests the possibility of choosing from different types of accommodation. Near the Certosa's entrance there are quiet Comfort Rooms. Inside the Main Cloister, right next to the Restaurant, there are the comfortable Classic and Small Rooms.

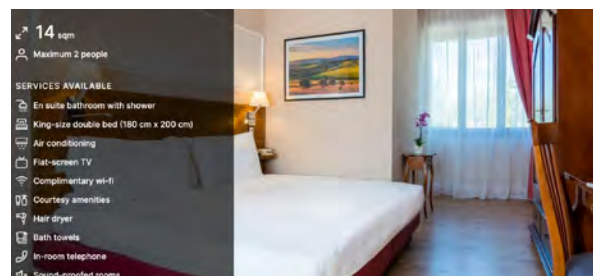
The Main Cloister also provides access to the proprietary Villa, which hosts the Superior Rooms and the Junior Suite, while the Great Cloister offers apartments.

Thus, with its atmosphere of medieval contemplation in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world and at the same time contemporary comfort and modern conference technology, the Certosa is an ideal venue for an academic event such as the EPLC course.

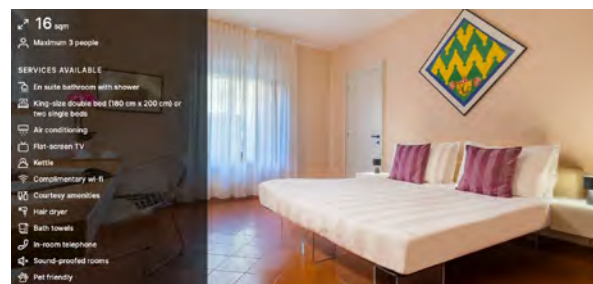
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### Airplane/ Train travelers

From Florence Airport, take the tram (direct at the airport entrance abt. every 10 minutes) or a taxi to Florence's main train station (Firenze Santa Maria Novella).

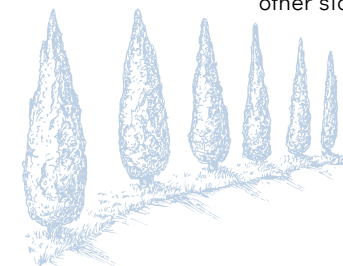
From there, there is a direct train connection to Siena main station. It takes about 1 1/2 hours.

From the station in Siena, take a taxi (10 - 15 min) or the bus number S34 to the stop "Pontignano" (abt. 1/2 hour).

From the bus stop, the Certosa di Pontignano is just on the other side of the street.

It's also possible to take a taxi or a shuttle transfer service from Florence Airport to the Certosa (abt. € 150). This takes abt. 1 hour. In this case it is recommendable to share a taxi or transfer shuttle with other participants. An alternative to Florence airport are also the Pisa and Bologna airports.

Arriving by car the Certosa has a large parking area on the other side of the street.



### By car

Arriving from the north (from Florence - Impruneta) take the highway Firenze - Siena (RA3) until you reach "Siena Nord" exit. Take the exit and follow the SR 222 in direction to Castellina. At the junction shortly before Colombina turn right onto SP102 in direction Vagliagli. Follow the SP102 for abt. 5 km until a junction with the indication "Pontignano 1" on the right. Turn right into that small street and follow it for abt. 1 km. You will find the Certosa there on your right and the parking area on the left.



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## Haus der Universität Düsseldorf



Haus der Universität Düsseldorf  
- University House -

The Haus der Universität at Schadowplatz 14 is a place of dialogue between science and society in the heart of Düsseldorf. Following extensive renovation, the building was given to Heinrich Heine University for use as an event centre by the van Meeteren Foundation. It has served as an academic conference venue and central forum since 2013 with the aim of anchoring university research/teaching and academic culture at the heart of the city.

Thus, with its downtown atmosphere in one of the the most densely populated regions in Europe (Metropolitan Rhine-Ruhr Region) with approximately 14 million inhabitants and one of the most important patent litigation locations in the world with also a local UPC division the University House with its modern conference technology is also a most advantageous place for the EPLC course.



The Haus der Universität (University House) does not offer its own guest rooms, but in the immediate neighborhood there are a large number of hotels of all categories, up to houses of the highest standards. We refer here to the respective offers on the Internet.

During the days of the event in Düsseldorf, also lunch is not included in the course fee, but left to the participants' own initiative, as there are a huge number of gastronomic options in the immediate vicinity of the University House to suit almost every taste and category. A sufficient break for their enjoyment will be available, of course.

### Airplane/ Train travelers

Leaving from the Düsseldorf Airport take the suburban train (S-Bahn) line S11, or the regional lines RE1 and RE5 to Düsseldorf main station. Take the subway (U-Bahn) from there.. The Haus der Universität (University House) is only three subway (U-Bahn) stops away from Düsseldorf main station. Subway lines: U70 (Krefeld), U74 (Meerbusch), U75 (Neuss), U76 (Krefeld), U77 (Am Seestern), U78 (Arena / Messe Nord), U79 (Duisburg) until Heinrich-Heine-Allee station.



### By car

The Haus der Universität is situated in the centre of Düsseldorf, in its pedestrian zone at Schadowplatz 14. Accessibility by car is a little bit difficult, but possible using parking garages that are nearby, but, of course in the city centre quite expensive:

Kö-Bogen  
(Königsallee 2)  
Mon. to Sat. from 6 a.m. – 1 a.m.  
Sun. from 10 a.m. – 1 a.m.  
Schadow-Arkaden  
(Martin-Luther-Platz 26)  
Mon. to Sat. from 6 a.m. – midnight