

Training Centre for European patent judges opened in Budapest

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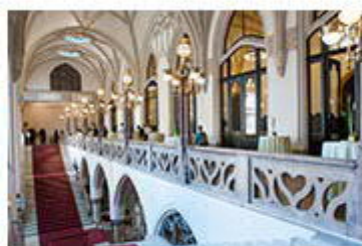


A dedicated Training Centre for the Unified Patent Court (UPC) was officially opened on the 13 March 2014 in Budapest. The new Training Centre will function as a coordinating office for the training of judges and candidate judges of the new court system.

The opening was followed by a two-day conference (13/14 March), where participants discussed the functions of the new Training Centre in relation to the European patent reform. The first welcome speech was held by Tibor Navracsics, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Administration and Justice of Hungary followed by a list of prominent speakers such as Benoît Battistelli, President of the European Patent Office (EPO), Antonio Campinos, President of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market and Paul van Beukering, Chairman of the UPC Preparatory Committee.

In his keynote speech, Paul van Beukering, Chairman of the UPC Preparatory Committee (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation of the Netherlands), said: "If we want the Unified Patent Court to be amongst the best patent courts in the world, we need the best judges we can get. They are the most important asset of the court. To achieve that, training is essential."

In his welcome address, Benoît Battistelli, President of the EPO said "The opening of the training centre for judges is another step forward in putting in place a unified patent litigation system for the benefit of inventors and industry in Europe."



More information about the opening of the training centre is available from the [Hungarian Intellectual Property Office website](#).