

## A single patent court covering 25 countries

### The preparatory committee

The Preparatory Committee is composed of all the Signatory States to the [Unified Patent Court Agreement \(16351/12\)](#) (see also Regulations [1257/2012](#) and [1260/2012](#)). All these states undertook to establish the new court and the Preparatory Committee's function is to oversee the various work streams. There are five major work streams which will constitute the work which needs to be completed. These are:

- Legal framework
- Financial aspects
- IT
- Facilities and
- Human resources & Training

The Preparatory Committee will exist until the Court is established. Currently this is expected to last two years and during this time it will have its own [Rules by which it is governed](#). Its work programme is set out in a [Roadmap](#). Its [external communication plan](#) outlines how it will update users and stakeholders, by what means and the type of documents that will appear on this website.

The Committee has endorsed the brochure titled '[An Enhanced European Patent System](#)' which provides a useful overview.

### Latest updates

- [Protocol to the UPC Agreement](#)
- [Draft proposal for rule European Patent Litigation and other appropriate](#)
- [11th meeting of the Preparatory Committee](#)
- [10th meeting of the Preparatory Committee - 10 July 2012](#)
- [What type of action can the national courts do during the transitional period under the UPCA?](#)

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