

# Does unitary patent provide better protection for European innovators?

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**This will be the hot topic during a panel discussion during the seminar 'UP & UPC | The impact on your business' on 29 September. The Sirris Patent Cell and PATLIB Center will be there too and join the discussion.**

What are the pros and the cons? What's the state of play for Belgium? Do start-ups and innovative entrepreneurs have anything to gain from the new European patent system? Or does it only favour the big players?

This is what the panel discussion will be about, with Elena Bertolotto, Senior Advisor Legal Affairs Department at Business Europe, Francois Gevers, European and Belgian Patent Attorney at Gevers, Benoit Olbrechts, Manager Technology Scouting & IP Services at Sirris.

The Q&A will be moderated by Flip Petillion, President of the ICC BELGIUM IP & IT committee. The Unified Patent Court (UPC) is an international court set up by participating EU member states to deal with the infringement and validity of both unitary patents and European patents, putting an end to costly parallel litigation and enhancing legal certainty.

During this hands-on seminar, you will learn more about what exactly UP and UPC will mean for your business, regardless of whether you are a large company or an SME.

Join us on 29 September in Brussels for this interesting seminar, organized by the Chamber of Commerce! You can find the programme and register (free of charge) [here](#).

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