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UNION-IP ROUND TABLE

It's all about timing

on **February 27, 2026**

at the **German Patent and Trademark Office [DPMAforum]**
Zweibrückenstrasse 12, 80331 Munich (DE)

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WHAT IS A UNION-IP ROUND TABLE?

This Round Table is organized by **UNION-IP**, offering the opportunity for practitioners to hear from authoritative speakers on topics of interest in the European and International IP field and, just as importantly, to interact with and influence them by feeding back their own practical experience.

The integral Question and Answer sessions and friendly discursive nature of the event lead to real exchange and development of views on both sides. Participants tend to find these practitioner-lead events a real and useful antidote to the more commercial seminars familiar to all.

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UNION-IP Round Table

Munich, February 27, 2026

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Strategic Timing and Late-Filed Submissions
at the EPO and Courts

DPMAForum, German Patent and Trademark Office
Zweibrückenstrasse 12, 80331 Munich

**Organized by the Patents and Litigation Commissions of
UNION-IP**

February 27, 2026

Strategic Timing at the EPO and Courts

What are the differences in timing between parallel proceedings before the European Patent Office (EPO) and the courts, in particular the Unified Patent Court (UPC) and national courts? This panel will explore how these differences may influence procedural strategy, and what practical lessons can be drawn.

Late-Filed Submissions

How late can submissions be filed before a patent office or a court – particularly the European Patent Office (EPO), the Unified Patent Court (UPC), and national courts or patent offices? This panel will examine the limits of late filing, including exceptions to the principle of front-loading in such proceedings.

Heading towards the Round Table

The DPMAForum is the main conference room of the German Patent and Trademark Office, located in the city centre of Munich and easy to reach in various ways. It can be accessed via S-Bahn (Isartor station) from any of the **Munich main train stations** or from the **Franz Josef Strauß airport**.

Program

09:15 **Doors and Registration**

09:45 **Welcome words**

Reinier Wijnstra, President of UNION-IP

Eva Schewior, President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office

10:00 **Strategic Timing at the EPO and Courts**

This panel will count with the views and experience of:

Addick Land, Judge at the Unified Patent Court

Heli Pihlajamaa, Principal Director, European Patent Office

Kristina Cornish, UK and European Patent Attorney,

Partner at Pinsent Masons and will be moderated by

Ariane Lessmann, Member of the Patents Commission of **UNION-IP** /

German and European Patent Attorney at Alpspitz IP

11:15 **Break**

11:35 **Second panel: Late-Filed Submissions**

This panel will count with the views and experience of:

Philipp Lanz, Chair of a technical board (Mechanics),

Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office

Detlev-Georg Schmidt Bilkenroth, Head of the Physical

Examination Division of the DPMA

Bryce Matthewson, UPC Representative and Patent litigator, Partner

at Powell Gilbert

and will be moderated by

Rui Gomes, President of the Patents Commission of **UNION-IP**,

Portuguese and European Patent Attorney, UPC Representative,

at J. Pereira da Cruz

12:35 **Round table discussion with all panellists**

13:30 **Closing words**

Véronique Pede, President of the Litigation Commission **UNION-IP**

Get together & walking lunch (included in the registration fee)

***All times are in Central European Time**

How to register

Send in the completed registration form (see next page) on or before **27 February 2026** to

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Online participation

The online participation will provide access to video and audio from the meeting room speakers. Interaction with the speakers is possible through chat function.

Credits for permanent formation

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Organisation

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