



Corso di Perfezionamento in Brevettistica

Learning Program

The course is structured in 30 *topics* of 4 hours each (120 hours total), organized in 10 *tasks*. The course involves frontal lectures and practical exercises (24 hours, including a final mock-trial).

The language of the course is Italian. The lectures of the foreign guests will be held in English.

TASK 1: GENERAL (16 hours)

1. Main international agreements and national laws (4 hours)
2. General principles of civil law, commercial law and international law (4 hours)
3. The European Court of Justice (4 hours)
4. The Enforcement Directive 2004/48/EC and relevant case law of the ECJ (4 hours)

TASK 2: OUTLINES of COMPARATIVE LAW (20 hours)

5. Patent infringement and revocation actions in Italy (4 hours)
6. Patent infringement and revocation actions in Germany (4 hours)
7. Patent infringement and revocation actions in the UK (4 hours)
8. Patent infringement and revocation actions in France (4 hours)
9. Patent infringement and revocation actions in the Netherlands (4 hours)

TASK 3: The UNITARY PATENT (8 hours)

10-11. Patent protection granted to the European Unitary Patent in accordance with EU regulations 1257/2012 and 1260/2012 EU (8 hours)

TASK 4: The UNIFIED PATENT COURT (UPC) (8 hours)

12-13. The Agreement on the Unified Patent Court and its Statute (8 hours)

TASK 5: PROCEDURES BEFORE the UPC - General (16 hours)

14. General outline (4 hours)
15. Types of action (4 hours)
16. The competence allocation (4 hours)
17. Exercises (4 hours)

TASK 6: PROCEDURES BEFORE the UPC - Judgement of First Instance (24 hours)

18. The first instance procedure (4 hours)
 19. The *interim* procedure (4 hours)
 20. The oral procedure (4 hours)
 21. General provisions (4 hours)
 22. The Court experts and the expert report (4 hours)
 23. Exercises (4 hours)
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TASK 7: PROCEDURES BEFORE the UPC - Precautionary Measures (8 hours)

24. Provisional and protective measures (4 hours)

25. Exercises (4 hours)

TASK 8: PROCEDURES BEFORE the UPC - The Appeals Judgment (8 hours)

26. The appeal procedure (4 hours)

27. Exercises (4 hours)

TASK 9: PROCEDURES BEFORE the UPC - Arbitration and Mediation (4 hours)

28. Settlement and the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (4 hours)

TASK 10: MOCK-TRIAL (8 hours)

29-30. Final exercises - Mock-trial
