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"On the threshold of unitary patent protection in Europe"

Brussels - 11.10.2011 - 15.00-17.30 - Room ASP 1G3

- 15.00 - 15.10** Opening by Klaus-Heiner Lehne - Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs
- 15.10 - 15.25** The role of the European Patent Office in the system of unitary patent protection: Benoît Battistelli, the President of EPO
- 15.25 - 15.40** The meaning of and challenges to the unitary patent protection: Stephen F. Jones, partner and head of the Patents Group at Baker&McKenzie LLP
- 15.40 - 16.10** What model for the jurisdictional system for patent disputes in Europe?:
- 15.40 - 15.55 Judge Dr. Thomas Kühnen, the Appeals Court of Düsseldorf
- 15.55 - 16.10 Pierre Véron - avocat au Barreau de Paris, professor of the Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Industrielle de l'Université Robert Schuman de Strasbourg
- 16.10 - 16.25** Economic perspectives on the unitary patent protection, with particular regard to SMEs access to European patents: Prof. Bruno Van Pottelsberghe, Dean, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, SBS-EM, ULB; and Bruegel
- 16.25 - 16.40** Unitary patent protection and the jurisdictional system for patent disputes in Europe - the view of European businesses: Thierry Sueur, Chairman of BUSINESSEUROPE's "Patents" Working Group
- 16.40 - 17.15** Q&A
- 17.15 - 17.30** Summing up by the rapporteurs for the patent package: Bernhard Rapkay, Raffaella Baldassarre and Klaus-Heiner Lehne.