

Young EPLAW Congress 2026

Program

Sunday 19 April 2026

19.00 – 23.00 Social event @ **The Merode** (place Poelaert 6, 1000 Brussels)

Monday 20 April 2026

9.00 – 16.30 Conference @ **The Hotel** (boulevard de Waterloo 8, 1000 Brussels)

Time	Agenda	Speakers
09:00	Registration, morning coffee	-/-
09:30	Welcome, opening remarks	Mark van Gardingen, President of EPLAW
09:45	Debriefing mock trial	Philippe Campolini, Secretary of EPLAW
10.00	Keynote speech: <i>Three Years UPC: From Start-Up to Growth Phase</i>	Samuel Granata, Judge of the Court of First Instance of the UPC, Brussels Local Division
10.30	<i>Interim licenses on the European stage</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Where it all started</u> • <u>Key developments</u> • <u>The issue of comity</u> • <u>Final panel discussion and Q&A</u> 	Lydia Birch <i>Taylor Wessing, UK – Chair</i> Patrick Newlands <i>Bristows, UK</i> Sebastian Vautz <i>CMS, DE</i> Ryan West <i>Osborne Clarke, UK</i> Clémence de Marassé-Enouf <i>Taylor Wessing, FR</i>
11:30	Coffee break	-/-
11:45	<i>Current Developments before the UPC: consolidation of the UPC's long-arm jurisdiction and recent guidance of the Court of Appeal on substantive issues</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Introductory remarks</u> • <u>Inventive step</u> • <u>Doctrine of equivalence</u> • <u>Long-arm jurisdiction</u> 	Lars Eggersdorfer <i>Boehmert & Boehmert, DE – Chair</i> Nora Sandvik <i>Wikborg Rein, NO</i> Silvia Muñoz <i>Gómez-Acebo & Pombo, ES</i> Martina Dani <i>BonelliErede, IT</i>

		<p>Daniel Borgogni <i>Trevisan & Cuonzo, IT</i></p> <p>Hannah Elam <i>Taylor Wessing, UK</i></p> <p>Giovanni Trabucco <i>Meril, IT</i></p>
12.45	Lunch	-/-
14.00	<p><i>Changes expected from the upcoming EU Pharma Package</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Key points of the EU Pharma Package</u> • <u>The Bolar exemption</u> • <u>Regulatory exclusivities</u> • <u>Summary and outlook</u> 	<p>Johanna Rahnasto <i>Roschier, FI – Chair</i></p> <p>Jan-Willem Prügel <i>Osborne Clarke, DE</i></p> <p>Maria Giulia De Rosa <i>BonelliErede, IT</i></p> <p>Andrea Valdo Mocchi <i>Lexsentia, IT</i></p> <p>Diego Ibáñez <i>Gómez-Acebo & Pombo, ES</i></p> <p>Louise Millot <i>Taylor Wessing, FR</i></p>
15.00	Coffee break	-/-
15.30	<p><i>PIs in the Pharmaceutical Space</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Requirements across national jurisdictions and the UPC</u> • <u>Prima facie assessment by the UPC</u> • <u>Imminent infringement at the UPC</u> • <u>Urgency at the UPC</u> • <u>Trends in national case law</u> • <u>Takeaways</u> 	<p>Sophie van Asten <i>Taylor Wessing, NL – Chair</i></p> <p>Laura Coucke <i>Taylor Wessing, BE</i></p> <p>Floris Patijn <i>Hogan Lovells, NL</i></p> <p>Nathan Nadeson <i>Freshfields, UK</i></p> <p>Elena Mannini <i>Trevisan & Cuonzo, IT</i></p> <p>Giulia Pasqualetto <i>BonelliErede, IT</i></p>
16.30	Closing	<p>Mark van Gardingen, President of EPLAW</p>

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