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## Conference on the training of UPC judges



### Role and expertise of the Academy of European Law (ERA)

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# Overview



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4. ERA expertise in the field of intellectual property law

# 1. The need for training in European Union law



# Judicial training in the EU



## EU: from Single Market to European Area of Justice

### Priorities for judicial training:

- Increasing the familiarity of legal practitioners with the Union's legal instruments
- Improving mutual knowledge of the judicial systems of the Member States
- Improving language training

## 2. ERA: History and structure



# The Academy of European Law:



- Provides training in EU law to judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, business and public administration
- A non-profit public foundation set up in 1992 at the initiative of the European Parliament whose patrons include almost all EU member states
- Co-initiator and member of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)
- Partner of practitioner bodies at European and national level (AEAJ, CCBE, CNUE)

# ERA patrons



- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- France
- Germany & German federal States
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- United Kingdom & Scotland



### **3. ERA training programme**



# ERA training programme



## Open events

- Open to every legal practitioner
- Different levels: basic (summer) courses, regular annual conferences, advanced seminars

## Co-financed events

- Funded by the EU

## Commissioned events

- Different partners
- Tailor-made training

## E-learning

- Online courses, podcasts (e-presentations), blended learning, web-streaming



# Speakers and authors at ERA are:



- Members or officials of EU and international institutions
- Legal practitioners from the private and public sectors
- Academic experts or researchers



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E-learning

## E-learning @ ERA

The Academy of European Law offers an ever-growing range of online training resources from introductory courses to in-depth video presentations by Europe's leading experts on European law.

Click on the links below to find out about the range of resources available and to try out a demo. To find out about multiple access or made-to-measure e-learning resources for your organisation, [click here](#).

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## Courses and tools



- Introductory level
- Three hours learning time
- Interactive quizzes
- Extensive background material

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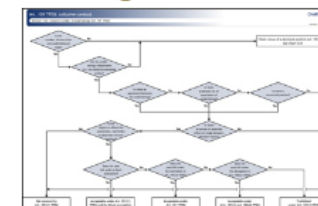
## Video podcasts



- Focus on latest developments
- Video recording of EU law expert
- Integrated documentation
- Flexible playback options

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## Coming soon



- Dynamic graphic presentations
- Use them when you need them
- Annual subscription

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## 4. ERA expertise in European intellectual property law



## ERA activities in IP law

- **Trade marks and designs:** Cooperation with OHIM since 1999
- Annual conference on **European copyright law** since 2008  
(2012: *Focus on ECJ case law*, 2013: *copyright faced with Internet technologies*, 2014: *Applying copyright concepts to the media*)
- **European patent law** since 2002  
(Trier/Warsaw/ Paris/Brussels)
- Annual **summer course in IP law** since 2009
- **How to litigate in IP cases** before the General Court (2012)
- **Geographical indications** in the EU: legal framework and protection strategies (2012)
- **IP issues at the cross-road with competition law; Pharmaceutical law** (2013 and 2014); **Domain names and trade marks** (2013); **Copyright and design law** (2010)

# ERA partners in intellectual property law: in-house trainings, decentralised workshops and conferences



## Long standing cooperation with the OHIM, Alicante



- **2007-2008: series of 14 in-house seminars for OHIM experts**
  - Programmes tailor-made to OHIM specific needs of training
  - Average 50 persons per session (trade marks and designs legal departments, members of the Boards of Appeal, examiners)
  - Interactive workshops with case studies and national examples
- **2010-2014:**
  - Series of 11 face to face seminars for OHIM experts and national IP offices
  - Introductory E-learning course on CTM (published on the OHIM e-learning platform): interactive e-learning tools, quiz, glossary
  - Series of Webinars opened to OHIM staff and selected national IP offices available as downloadable podcasts on the OHIM Website

# ERA partners in intellectual property law (cont'd)



## Cooperation with the EPO, Munich



- 2006: IP enforcement week
- EPO experts invited to speak regularly to ERA events

## Cooperation in the framework of EU presidencies

- 2006, Vienna: The implementation of directive 98/44 on the protection of biotechnological inventions



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patentamt

- 2011, Warsaw: The future Unified Patent Litigation system



# ERA partners in intellectual property law (cont'd)



## Internal training on request of EU institutions

**2007, Legal Service of the European Parliament :**

Industrial property and copyright in Europe

**2008: DG SANCO, European Commission:**

International and European aspects  
of intellectual property law



## Cooperation with other partners

**2013, HAV, Hamburg**

Decentralised workshop on recent EU developments in trade mark and design law



# ERA AND EJTN



## ERA as a co-founder and member of EJTN:

- Developing EU training programmes for judges and public prosecutors  
*e.g.: EJTN training curricula on IP law*
- Supporting judicial cooperation with candidate countries
- Opening ERA conferences for the participation of judges and public prosecutors  
*e.g: 20-21 March 2014, Trier: Geographical indications in the EU*

Thank you very much for your attention!

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