

Patents: EUROCHAMBRES welcomes step forward on Unified Litigation System

A significant step forward in the dossier of the Community Patent was taken yesterday.

The European Council requested from the European Court of Justice an opinion on whether the draft Agreement creating a Unified Patent Litigation System (UPLS) is compatible with the EC Treaty.

The UPLS would deal with all disputes concerning European patents and Community patents, and its decisions would apply throughout the EU and possibly in other European States as well.

“Although this looks like a procedural step only, it represents an important milestone, as it implies that Member States agree on the need for a European Union Patent Judiciary. Every little step counts in the building of the new European Patent system. Businesses now have high expectations that the incoming Swedish Presidency will conclude the Patent dossier – so crucial to enhance their innovation potential – by the end of 2009. This would certainly represent the most significant achievement in the European Year of Creativity and Innovation,” said Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES.

Further information: Mr Vincent Tilman, Tel. +32 2 282 08 67, tilman@eurochambres.eu
Press contact: Ms Guendalina Cominotti, Tel. +32 2 282 08 66, cominotti@eurochambres.eu
All our press releases can be downloaded from www.eurochambres.eu/content/default.asp?PageID=153