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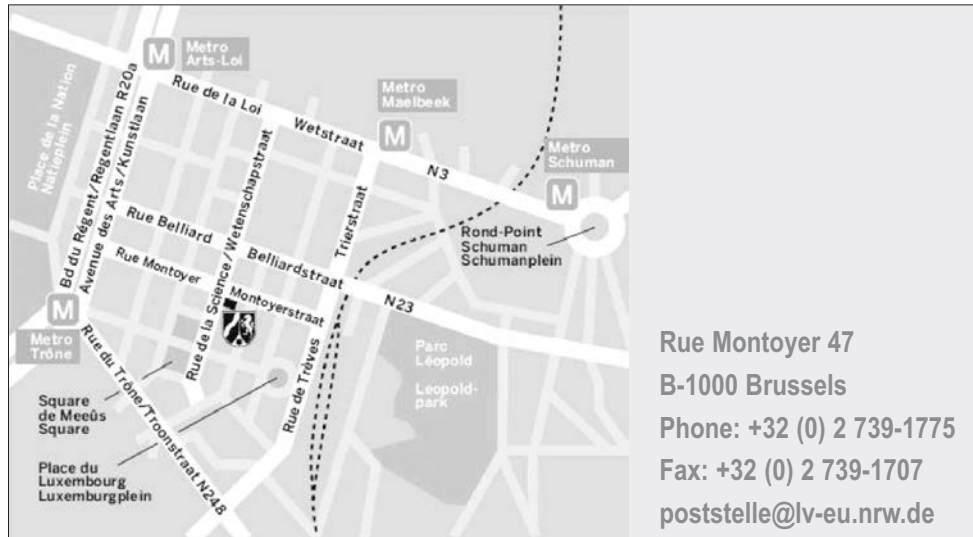
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Tuesday, 5 June 2018
12.00 – 20.00

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Artificial Intelligence is on the rise. This has legal implications not only for areas like safety and security, liability or contract law but also for intellectual property. The workshop aims at providing a concise overview of the emerging issues. Classical intellectual property is based on the concept of intellectual creation. However, with the increasing use of AI a sole creator (inventor, author, designer etc.) may no longer be discernable. AI may also lead to new problems in the area of competition law due to the emergence of new products and new markets. Last but not least, the protection of AI related inventions and creations has already created new challenges to the existing IP law. Is there a need for legislative action? Together with an overview of current EU initiatives the workshop will provide a useful summary of the state of play for political, legal and academic experts and give some perspective on future developments.

Programme

12.00 – 13.00 Joint lunch and registration

13.00 – 13.05 Welcoming remarks

Dr Gert Würtenberger, President, GRUR; Partner, Kanzlei Würtenberger Kunze

13.05 – 13.15 Introductory remarks

AI and IP – developments, challenges or paradigm shift?
Prof. Dr Herbert Zech, Professor of Life Sciences and Intellectual Property Law, University of Basel, Chair of the GRUR Special Committee on Data Rights

13.15 – 13.50 PERSPECTIVES FROM THE EU LEGISLATORS: THE EU PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION AND THE EU COMMISSION'S INITIATIVE – STATE OF PLAY AND NEXT STEPS

Insights from the European Parliament
Mady Delvaux-Stehres, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D)

The European initiative on AI
Björn Juretzki, Assistant to the Director-General, DG CONNECT, European Commission

13.50 – 15.30 WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT? THE TECHNOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY AND STRATEGY BEHIND AI & ROBOTICS

AI demystified. Translating AI into business advantage
Sharad Gandhi, author ("AI&U"), physicist, IT engineer, technology philosopher and a strategy consultant creating business value with digital technologies

AI – an industry perspective and some thoughts on up- and downstream questions related to copyright
Daniel Schönberger, Head of Legal Switzerland & Austria, Google

IPR issues related to AI – early reflections
Denis Dambois, Unit F.5 – 'Intellectual Property and Fight against Counterfeiting', DG GROW, European Commission

Patentability of AI related inventions from an EPO perspective
Dr Argyrios Bailas, Director ICT Operations, European Patent Office
Dr Doris Thums, Head of Department, Opposition & Substantive Patent Law, European Patent Office

15.30 – 16.00 Questions & answers, moderated by Prof. Dr Zech

Dr Argyrios Bailas, European Patent Office
Mady Delvaux-Stehres, EU Parliament
Denis Dambois, DG GROW
Sharad Gandhi, AI&U
Björn Juretzki, DG CONNECT – *tbc*
Daniel Schönberger, Google
Dr Doris Thums, European Patent Office

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.40 PERSPECTIVES FROM ACADEMIA

The concept of authorship and inventorship under pressure: does AI shift paradigms?
JProf. Dr Anne Lauber-Rönsberg, Juniorprofessorship in Civil Law, Intellectual Property, Media and Data Protection Law, Institute of Intellectual Property, Competition and Media Law (IGEWEM), Technische Universität Dresden

Dr Sven Hetmank, Senior Researcher, Intellectual Property, Media and Data Protection Law, Institute of Intellectual Property, Competition and Media Law (IGEWEM), Technische Universität Dresden

Competition and the power of AI – challenges, legal issues, need for (further) EU action?
Prof. Dr Daniel Zimmer, LL.M. (UCLA), Director of the Institute of Commercial and Economic Law and of the Center for Advanced Studies in Law and Economics (CASTLE) at the University of Bonn; Research Fellow, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)

17.40 – 18.40 Panel discussion: The legal future of AI & Robotics

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Chair: **Prof. Dr Herbert Zech**, GRUR

18.40 – 18.45 Closing remarks

Dr Gert Würtenberger, GRUR

18.45 – 20.00 Reception

Following the working sessions, all speakers and attendees of the workshop are warmly invited to join a drinks & dinner reception offered by GRUR.