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Workshops and conferences covering the entire field of Intellectual Property have become rare. The different fields of IP are very specialised and often an overall perspective is lacking. The GRUR meets Brussels Workshop 2019 closes this gap. Future challenges for IP and possible solutions are discussed under a comprehensive perspective, covering patent law, copyright law, design law, trademark law and enforcement.

The future will be on certain topical issues as well as on the future development in these different fields. Future challenges such as Artificial Intelligence, Big Data and the European Data Economy, the Internet of Things, and the flexibilisation of IP enforcement will be discussed.

In trademark and enforcement, certain specific issues, such as the differentiations between cease-and-desist orders and/or removal, shall be addressed. Also the current discussion on a possible or even necessary flexibilisation of patent law injunctions will be covered. The European patent system meets challenges such as the treatment of AI inventions and the Internet of Things. In design protection, the ongoing discussions about the spare parts clause, 3D-printing and other issues might require further EU action also taking into account competition law concerns. In copyright law, two main questions arise after the much discussed Digital Single Market Directive, which was enacted in April 2019. First, how to implement the Directive into Member States’ laws in a way which guarantees effective harmonisation and a fair balancing of the involved interests. Secondly, and even more interesting, which future challenges for copyright law have to be tackled next, where topics such as a reform of the system of exceptions to copyright, further rules on collective management of rights, future regulation of the data economy and many other issues come to mind.

All these and many other aspects will be covered in the workshop. A strong focus will be on the future challenges to IP law instead of merely sticking with the details of the current acquis.

Programme

10.00 – 10.30 Registration
10.30 – 10.45 Welcome
Dr Gert Württener, GRUR President; Lawyer, Munich
Hans H. Stein, Director, Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union, Brussels
10.45 – 11.00 Statement
An outlook on future IP policy
Amaryllis Verhoeven, Head of Unit F.3 – Intellectual Property and Fight Against Counterfeiting, DG GROW, European Commission
11.00 – 12.00 Keynotes
IP for Future – Where do we come from, where do we want to go?
Speakers:
• Prof. Dr Gerald Spindler, Chairholder, Chair of Civil Law, Commercial and Economic Law, Comparative Law, Multimedia and Telecommunication Law, Georg-August-University of Göttingen
• Prof. Matthias Leistner, LL.M., Chairholder, Chair of Private Law and Intellectual Property Law, with Information and IT Law (GRUR Chair), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU), Munich
12.00 – 13.00 Statements & panel discussion: 
Cease-and-desist and/or removal – What about enforcement in Germany and the EU?
Chair: Prof. Dr Gerald Spindler, Georg-August-University of Göttingen
13.00 – 14.00 Joint lunch
14.00 – 15.15 Statements & panel discussion
Patents
The European patent system – Status quo and next steps?
Chair: Dr Frank-Erich Hufnagel, LL.M., Lawyer, Düsseldorf
Speakers/Panelists:
• Prof. Dr Christian Heinke, LL.M., Chairholder, Chair of Civil Law and Intellectual Property Law, especially Patent and Trademark Law, Leibniz University of Hannover
• Prof. Dr Lea Tochtermann, Juniorprofessorship for Civil Law and European Patent Law, University of Mannheim
• Denis Dambois, Legal Expert, Unit F.3 – Intellectual Property and Fight Against Counterfeiting, DG GROW, European Commission
15.15 – 16.30 Statements & panel discussion
Designs
Evaluation of EU legislation on design protection: The spare parts clause, 3D-Printing, other issues – Do we need further EU action?
Chair: Prof. Dr Alexander Bulling, Patent Attorney, Stuttgart
Speakers/Panelists:
• Tobias Lorenz Eichenberg, Senior Expert, Unit F.3 – Intellectual Property and Fight Against Counterfeiting, DG GROW, EU Commission
• Prof. Dr Annette Kur, Affiliated Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich
• Prof. Dr Andreas Wiebe, LL.M., Chairholder, Chair for Civil Law, Intellectual Property Law, Media Law and Information and Communications Technology Law, Georg-August-University of Göttingen
• Christian Spindt, Lawyer, Hamburg
16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break
17.00 – 18.15 Statements & panel discussion
Copyright
The EU copyright system – Status quo and next steps?
Chair: Prof. Dr Matthias Leistner, LL.M., Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU), Munich
Speakers/Panelists:
• Marco Giorello, Head of Unit I.2 – Copyright, DG CONNECT, EU Commission, Brussels
• Adj Professor Dr Silke von Lewinski, President of ALAI Germany; Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich
• Prof. Dr Michael Grüninger, LL.M., Chairholder, Chair of Civil Law, Commercial and Technology Law, University of Bayreuth
18.15 – 18.30 Wrap up
Prof. Dr Matthias Leistner, LL.M., Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU), Munich
18.30 – 20.00 Evening reception with drinks & nibbles