

The German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR)

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Invitation

Invitation to the General Assembly on Friday, 17 October 2025, 14:30 hrs,

InterContinental Berlin, Room Pavillion, Budapester Str. 2, 10787 Berlin

Agenda:

1. President's welcome address
2. Annual report by the Secretary General
3. Annual financial report by the Treasurer and report by the auditors
4. Approval of the budget for 2026
5. Election of the auditors
6. Formal approval of the work of the General Council
7. Election of members of the General Council

The following members of the General Council have reached the end of their terms of office:

Prof. Dr. Jochen Bühling, Dr. Christoph Ernst, Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Fezer, Dr. Karsten Fischer, Stephan Freischem, Prof. Dr. Thomas Koch, Prof. Dr. Helmut Köhler, Prof. Dr. Anne Lauber-Rönsberg, Prof. Dr. Peter Meier-Beck, Prof. Dr. Ines Obergfell, Prof. Dr. Ansgar Ohly, Iris Plöger.

The Executive Committee proposes to re-elect the following members of the General Council, who have already accepted their re-election:

Prof. Dr. Jochen Bühling, Dr. Christoph Ernst, Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Fezer, Dr. Karsten Fischer, Stephan Freischem, Prof. Dr. Thomas Koch, Prof. Dr. Helmut Köhler, Prof. Dr. Anne Lauber-Rönsberg, Prof. Dr. Peter Meier-Beck, Prof. Dr. Ines Obergfell, Prof. Dr. Ansgar Ohly, Iris Plöger.

It shall withdraw at its own request before the end of its term of appointment:

Beat Weibel.

The Executive Committee proposes that the following persons be appointed as new members of the General Board:

Dr. Ralph Nack (Noerr Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB), Peter Berg (Infineon Technologies AG).

8. Amendment to the statutes (see enclosure)
9. Honorary memberships
10. Any other business

Cologne, 02 September 2025

Dr. Gert Würtenberger
President

Stephan Freischem
Secretary General

Notes:

Further supplementary or explanatory notes to the agenda may be submitted at a later date.

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Appendix

to item 8 of the agenda of the invitation to the General Assembly on Friday, 17 October 2025

here: Proposal for an amendment to the Statutes

The agenda for the meeting of the Executive Board on 15 September 2025 provides for the adoption of guidelines for the composition, structure and working practices of the GRUR special committees. These guidelines require the proposed amendment to § 16 of the statutes, as some of the provisions of the statutes are to be transferred to the guidelines in order to give the special committees more flexibility and autonomy.

At the suggestion of the working group responsible for drafting the technical committee guidelines, the Executive Committee proposes to the General Assembly that it amend the statutes in the version dated 17 September 2021 as follows at its meeting on Friday, 17 October 2025 (changes to the content are highlighted in colour):

§ 16 in its current version	§ 16 new:
<p>(1) The Executive Board shall establish central specialist committees to prepare the Association's statements on legal and legislative issues.</p> <p>The members of the specialist committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of three years.</p> <p>(2) The chairpersons of the specialist committees and their deputies shall be elected by the members of the respective specialist committees.</p> <p>(3) The specialist committees shall decide on the Association's statements on legal and legislative issues together with the President and the Secretary General. In the event of diverging opinions, the Executive Committee shall be involved in the decision.</p> <p>(4) The President and the Secretary General shall jointly represent the statements to the outside world.</p>	<p>(1) The General Board shall establish central specialist committees which shall prepare the Association's statements on legal and legislative issues <u>and help shape the Association's specialist activities in their respective areas of law.</u></p> <p>The members of the specialist committees shall be appointed by the General Board for a term of three years.</p> <p><u>The General Board issues guidelines for the composition, structure and working practice of the specialist committees in order to make the functioning of the specialist committees transparent and comprehensible to all members and to encourage them to participate in a qualified manner. The guidelines are not part of the statutes.</u></p> <p>(2) The chairpersons of the specialist committees and their deputies are elected by the members of the respective specialist committees.</p> <p>(2) The specialist committees shall decide on the association's statements on legal and legislative issues together with the President and the Secretary General. In the event of diverging opinions, the Executive Committee shall be involved in the decision.</p> <p>(3) The President and the Secretary General shall jointly represent the statements to the outside world.</p>

Reasons for the amendments:

The second half of the sentence inserted in § 16 (1) sentence 1 is intended to emphasise the central importance of the technical committees in fulfilling the statutory purposes (§ 2 (1) GRUR Statutes "Maintenance and development of intellectual property law") within the structure of the Association.

The appointment of members of the specialist committees provided for in § 16 (1) sentence 2 is transferred from the statute to the Guidelines, where it is placed under the responsibility of the specialist committees.

Section 16 (1) sentence 3: The newly inserted sentence contains the statutory authorisation to issue the guidelines as 'association rules outside the statutes' (Sauter/Schweyer/Waldner, Der eingetragene Verein, 21st edition, 2021, margin number 151). The statutes must outline the purpose, structure and scope of the guidelines (Sauter/Schweyer/Waldner, loc. cit. ibid.). This requirement is met by the triad of "functionality, transparency, comprehensibility" and the open call for cooperation.

Section 16 (2): The election of the management teams of the specialist committees is to be transferred to the guidelines so that this paragraph can be deleted.

Cologne, 2 September 2025