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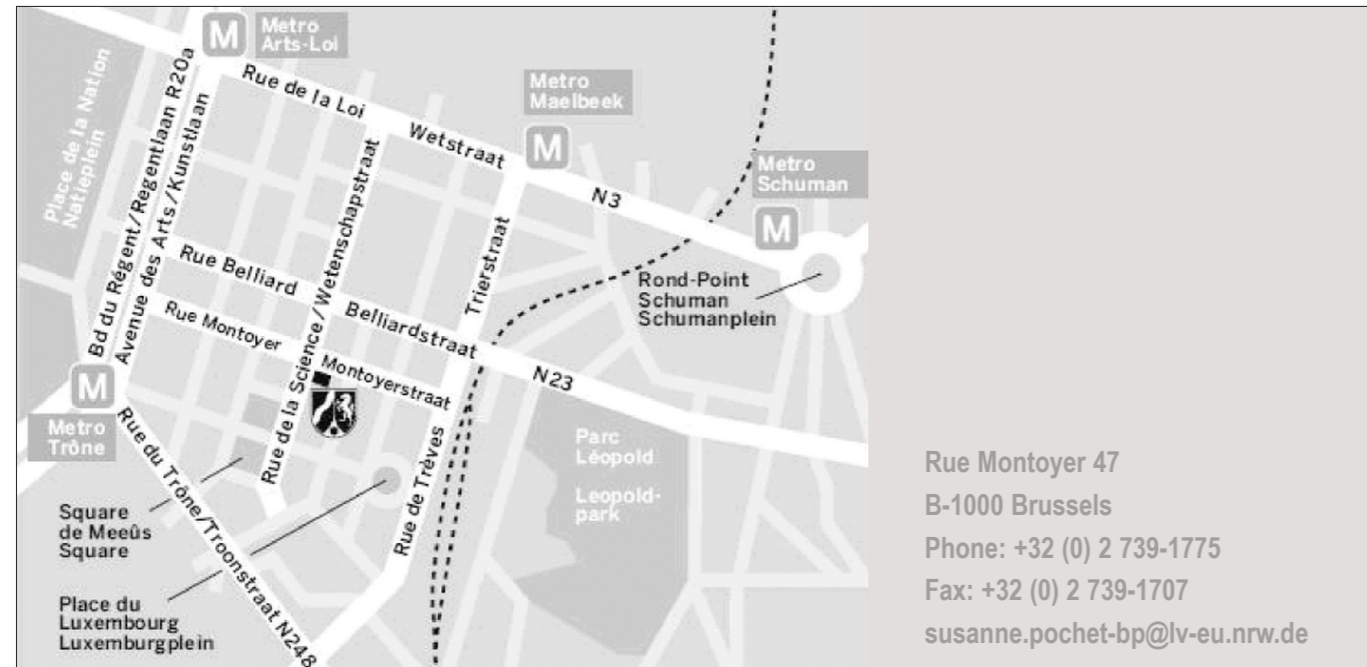
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Travel to the Representation of the State of North-Rhine Westphalia to the European Union



Travelling by train and metro – By train you usually travel to the station 'Bruxelles Midi/Brussel Zuid'. At the station, go to the metro (blue sign with a white M) and buy a ticket from the ticket machine. Take line 2 or 6 in the direction of 'Simonis (Elisabeth)' and travel 5 stops to 'Trône/Troon'. Get off there and walk in the direction of 'Montoyer'. Walk down the 'Rue Montoyer' for about 200 metres. On the right-hand side of the street, you will find the Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia at number 47.

Travelling by plane – You arrive at Brussels-Zaventem Airport. Here you have 3 options:

- Take a taxi - journey time approx. 30 minute;
- Take the train (at level - 1) to 'Bruxelles-Luxembourg' station. Journey time approx. 18 minutes and 3 stops. Departure approx. every 30 minutes (<https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/access-parking/train>). The ticket can be purchased at the ticket counter or from a ticket machine. Get off at 'Bruxelles-Luxembourg' station and walk in the direction of 'Place du Luxembourg' and then follow 'Rue de Treves' for about 200 metres until you turn left into 'Rue Montoyer'. Follow Rue Montoyer for another 200 metres. On the left-hand side of the street you will then find the Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia at number 47.
- Take bus 12 'Brussels City' (on level 0 (platform C) to the bus stop 'Luxembourg'. Departure approx. every 20 minutes from the hour. Journey time approx. 30 minutes. This applies to weekdays until 8.00 pm. After this time and on weekends and public holidays, please take bus 21 (www.stib-mivb.be). Tickets can be purchased at the GO ticket machines before boarding the bus or when boarding the bus. Get off at 'Place du Luxembourg' and follow 'Rue de Treves' for about 200 metres until you turn left into 'Rue Montoyer'. Follow 'Rue Montoyer' for another 200 metres. On the left-hand side of the street you will find the Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia at number 47.

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12th GRUR meets Brussels Workshop

New Genomic Techniques and Patents in Plant Innovation



Wednesday, 25 June 2025
10.30 to 19.30 h

Representation of the State of North-Rhine Westphalia to the EU
47 Rue Montoyer, B-1000 Brussels

PROGRAMME

- 10.30 – 11.00 **Registration & welcome**
- 11.00 – 11.05 **Opening remarks**
Dr Gert Würtenberger, President of GRUR, Chair of the GRUR Special Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties; Attorney-at-Law, Munich
- 11.05 – 13.00 PART I: INVENTORY – THE CURRENT TECHNOLOGICAL AND LEGAL STATUS QUO**
- 11.05 – 11.30 **NGT proposals by the EU Commission, European Parliament and Council – state of the trilogue**
Dr Michael Kock, Vice-Chair of the GRUR Special Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties; dr. kock consulting, Basel
- 11.30 – 11.50 **NGT plants – which patents are granted by the offices today?**
Dr Marko Schauwecker, LL.M. (Berkeley), Lawyer Patent Law & Processes, European Patent Office, Munich
- 11.50 – 12.05 **Questions & answers** moderated by Prof. Dr Axel Metzger, LL.M. (Harvard), Professor for Civil Law and Intellectual Property Law, especially Industrial Property Law, Humboldt University of Berlin
- 12.05 – 13.00 **Patent protection for NGT plants? Challenges and opportunities for SMEs and larger companies**
Claudia Hallebach, Head of Global Legal & Intellectual Property, KWS SAAT SE & Co. KGaA, Einbeck
Giacomo Bastianelli, Entrepreneur in Residence at VIB, CEO at Rainbow Crops, Ghent
Cloé Mathurin, Policy Officer, Seeds & GMOs Working Group, Expert Groups, European Coordination Via Campesina, Anderlecht
- Questions & answers** moderated by Prof. Dr Axel Metzger, LL.M. (Harvard)
- 13.00 – 14.00 **Joint lunch**
- 14.00 – 15.45 PART II: PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS AND PROTECTABILITY**
- 14.00 – 14.15 **Synergy effects between the patent system and the plant variety protection system – coherence of the future overall system**
Dr Gert Würtenberger, President of GRUR; Chair of the GRUR Special Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties
- 14.15 – 14.30 **Challenges posed by allowing and excluding NGT plant innovations from patentability**
Dr Sven Bostyn, LLB, Lic. Jur., LL.M law, PhD law, Associate Professor of Innovation Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
- 14.30 – 14.45 **Global perspectives and international law dimensions of NGT plant innovation in Europe**
Dr Jocelyn Bosse, Lecturer, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast
- 14.45 – 15.45 **Panel discussion**
The current proposals on protection requirements and patentability: reasonable and feasible?
Dr Gert Würtenberger
Dr Sven Bostyn, LLB, Lic. Jur., LL.M law, PhD law
Dr Jocelyn Bosse
Moderator: Andreas Popp, Chair of the GRUR Special Committee on Biotechnology; Senior Vice President, Global Intellectual Property – Biotechnology, Seed, Ludwigshafen am Rhein
- 15.45 – 16.15 **Coffee break**
- 16.15 – 17.35 PART III: SCOPE OF PROTECTION**
- 16.15 – 16.30 **Perspectives from the EU Parliament**
Martin Häusling, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens / European Free Alliance, Brussels / Strasbourg
- 16.30 – 16.45 **Limitations on the scope of protection and compulsory licenses**
Dr Daria Kim, Senior Research Fellow Intellectual Property and Competition Law, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich
- 16.45 – 17.00 **(Full) Breeder's exemption and other restrictions of patent claims**
Prof. Dr Axel Metzger, LL.M. (Harvard), Professor for Civil Law and Intellectual Property Law, especially Industrial Property Law, Humboldt University of Berlin
- 17.00 – 17.30 **Panel discussion**
The current proposals on scope of protection and limitations: room for compromise?
Moderator: Andreas Popp, Chair of the GRUR Special Committee on Biotechnology
- 17.30 – 17.35 **Wrap-up**
Dr Gert Würtenberger, President of GRUR
- 17.35 – 19.30 **Get-together with drinks & nibbles**

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