

FEMIFI POSITION PAPER

FEMIFI, the European Federation of Industrial Property Agents in Industry, representing 11 national associations totalling more than 3500 patent professionals working in the European industry

in consideration of the need for a cost-effective and predictable jurisdiction for European patents,

in consideration of the diversity of the present jurisdictional systems in the EPC Contracting States

and in consideration of the Working Documents on the EU Patent Jurisdiction (February 27 and March 19, 2008)

urges the Council of the European Union to provide for an efficient patent litigation system in Europe by establishing a centralised European Patent Court of first and second instance, including a limited number of regional chambers for the first instance,

with panels comprising both legally and technically qualified judges,

where the European Patent Attorney, being further qualified, for example by the CEIPI Certificate on Patent Litigation in Europe, may represent the parties in all proceedings,

where the language of the proceedings at first instance is determined according to the principles of convenience and fairness or as agreed by the parties and before the central division by the language of the patent and

whereby the language of the proceedings has no influence on the authentic text of the patent.

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