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# UNION-IP ROUND TABLE

## EU DESIGN REFORM

**Well needed change in design law ?**

Long awaited reform of the Community Design Regulation and Directive is in progress. Get firsthand insights from governmental stakeholders and design specialists.

This Round Table session aims to look at practical/technical implications and to debate on the legal consequences.

**Friday 10 November 2023**

**Koninklijke Industrieele Groote Club**

Dam 27, 1012 JS Amsterdam (NL)

Organized by the UNION-IP Designs Commission  
in association with the UNION-IP Netherlands national group

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In November 2022, the European Commission has proposed a revise of the Community Design Regulation and the Design Directive. The objectives thereof were to open up the spare parts aftermarket for competition; to improve the accessibility, efficiency and affordability of registered Community design protection; and to increase complementarity and interoperability between the Community and national design systems, in particular by aligning procedural rules.

This Round Table will cover many aspects of the upcoming reform of the Community Design Regulation and Directive. The Round Table will host speakers from both the governmental side (EUIPO and BOIP) and from the practitioner's side.

### ➔ Heading towards the Round Table

The Royal IGC is located in the city centre of Amsterdam and is easy to reach in various ways. **Schiphol airport** is nearby and near the Club several parking garages are located. The **Central Station** is a 10 minute walk and several trams stop near the door at **Dam Square**. The North-South Metro line 52 provides a fast connection between Station Zuid, Central Station and Station Noord. This metro will bring you to Station Rokin which is a few steps away from the Royal IGC in the direction of Dam Square. Taking a taxi is always a good alternative.



## ➔ Program

**09:30 Doors & Registration**

**10:00 Welcome words**

**Reinier Wijnstra**  , President of UNION-IP / WijnstraWise Patents (NL)

**10:05 SESSION I: legislation reform from an office perspective and prosecution practice**

Moderator:

**Thomas Remmerswaal**  , Dutch & European patent attorney, European design attorney, EP&C (NL)

**Changes from EU perspective**

**[TBA]**, EUIPO

**Changes from national perspective**

**Pieter Veeze**, BOIP, Principal Legal Officer

**Implications for international (WIPO) Hague design applications**

**Grégoire Bisson**, Director, International Designs Registry at World Intellectual Property Organization (CH)

**11:30 Break**

**12:00 SESSION II – impact on enforcement**

Moderator:

**Ádám György**  , Attorney at law, SBGK (HU)

**Views from EU practitioners**

**Philipe Kutschke**  , Partner, Bardehle Pagenberg (DE)

**Divergence with UK law**

**David Musker**, Professor, Queen Mary University of London (GB)

**Spare parts exception**

**Ádám György**  , Attorney at law, SBGK (HU)

**13:15 Round table discussion with all panellists**

**13:30 End of Round Table**

**Get together & walking lunch** (included in registration fee)



### ➔ How to register

Send in your completed registration form on or before **08 November 2023** to **[hans.mertens@epc.nl](mailto:hans.mertens@epc.nl)** either by PDF editing, by printing & scanning, or by copying in the email text the above item numbers followed by the corresponding information. The information corresponding to **bold** item numbers (for example "**02**. Patent Attorney") is required for completing your registration.

### ➔ Registration Fee

IN PERSON PARTICIPATION

**€ 140** No UNION-IP member

**€ 100** UNION-IP member

ONLINE PARTICIPATION

**€ 110** No UNION-IP member

**€ 70** UNION-IP member

The fee includes a coffee break and a walking lunch.

Accommodation is not provided.

### ➔ Online participation details

The online participation will provide a view on the beamer screen accompanied by the audio sound from the meeting room speakers. Interaction with the speakers possible through chat function.

### ➔ Credits for permanent education

This event has not been previously accredited by a credit organisation for consultants and attorneys. The attendees can however obtain a certificate of attendance (3h) upon request.

### ➔ Organisation

**UNION-IP** Designs Commission

c/o UNION-IP aisbl, Boulevard General Wahis 15, 1030 BRUSSELS [BE]



## ➔ What is UNION-IP ?

**UNION-IP** is an association of practitioners in the field of Intellectual Property, that is, of individuals whose principal professional occupation is concerned with Patents, Trademarks, Designs or Copyright and related fields, and who carry on their profession independently or as employees.

**UNION-IP** is a private international association that is not dependent on any national or international authority: it approves its own members, in accordance with its statutes, in total independence, and likewise decides on its own activities and its own budget.

**UNION-IP** aims to work on developments in Intellectual Property in Europe, especially by making submissions during the preparation of proposed laws and treaties, and to devote itself to the improvement of professional and personal understanding between European practitioners in the Intellectual Property field in different countries and different branches of the profession.

## ➔ What is a UNION-IP ROUND TABLE ?

This Round Table is organized by **UNION-IP**, offering the opportunity for practitioners to hear from authoritative speakers on topics of interest in the European and International IP field and, just as importantly, to interact with and influence them by feeding back their own practical experience.

The integral Question and Answer sessions and friendly discursive nature of the event lead to real exchange and development of views on both sides. Participants tend to find these practitioner-lead events a real and useful antidote to the more commercial seminars familiar to all.

If you are not yet a member of **UNION-IP** and would like to join this friendly, active and interesting organization please go to our website where you can join online. Membership also entitles you to reduced prices for this, and other, **UNION-IP** events.

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## ➔ REGISTRATION FORM

UNION-IP ROUND TABLE

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on **Friday, 10 November 2023**

at the **Koninklijke Industriële Groote Club**

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## ➔ Yes, register me for the Round Table

01.  Full Name
02.  Title
03.  E-Mail

## ➔ Yes, send me an invoice in the name of

04.  Firm/Company
05.  Street & no.
06.  City & Zip code
07.  Country
08.  VAT Number

## ➔ Registration Fee (coffee break and walking lunch included)

	In Person	On-line
Standard fee	09. <input type="checkbox"/> € 140	10. <input type="checkbox"/> € 110
Reduced fee*	11. <input type="checkbox"/> € 100	12. <input type="checkbox"/> € 70

\* for **UNION-IP** members only

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**UNION-IP** bank account: IBAN: **BE08 7360 4195 7113** BIC: **KREDBEBB**

with mention of "**UNION-IP RT 2023**" + **name of the participant**

13.  I wish to receive a certificate of attendance

## ➔ Data protection

By registering for the event the participant authorises UNION-IP to hold and process the provided personal information and to pass on said information to any third party where such would be required for the efficient administration of the event.

The participant additionally authorises UNION-IP to use the provided information (name, surname, title, company and e-mail):

14.  for receiving announcements on future UNION-IP events:
15.  to be shared with the other participants of the event. UNION-IP never rents or sells personal information to third parties.

ON OR BEFORE **08 NOVEMBER 2023** TO **HANS.MERTENS@EPC.NL**