



Denmark to ratify the Unified Patent Court agreement - Update

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A press release from the European Commission welcoming the vote can be [viewed here](#).

Before it comes into force, the Agreement on the UPC must be ratified by at least 13 countries, including the UK, France and Germany. To date, Austria, Belgium, France and Malta have ratified the Agreement, with Denmark now soon to follow.

We will keep you up to date with all of the latest developments.

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