

Date & Announcement	News
6th October 2022 <u>News</u>	Publication of an official “roadmap” showing a planned date for the UPC to open for business, with registration of UPC opt outs being possible from early 2023. This was subsequently delayed to give a UPC start date of 1st June 2023 , with UPC opt outs being possible from 1st March 2023 [See 5th Dec announcement below].
19th October 2022 <u>News</u>	Publication of judicial appointments to the UPC.
7th November 2022 <u>News</u>	Significant updates to UPC website. This is now a more helpful resource.
11th November 2022 <u>News</u>	Publication of updates on UPC CMS authentication.
14th November 2022 <u>News</u>	EPO chooses 1st January 2023 as the date from which it will start accepting requests for delayed grant and requests for unitary effect for recently allowed European patent applications. Applicants should check the EPO website for possible changes to this date.
5th December 2022 <u>News</u>	<p>UPC Administrative Committee announces 2 month delay to start of “Sunrise Period” and entry into force of UPC Agreement. This means UPC opt outs will be possible from 1st March 2023 instead of 1st January, and the UPC will accept infringement and revocation actions from 1st June 2023.</p> <p>Other than the required time for users to obtain smartcards for authenticated login to the UPC’s Case Management System, the UPC reports that other preparatory work is on track.</p>

Planned Dates For Future Events

1st January 2023	EPO plans to start accepting requests for delayed grant and requests for unitary effect for approved applications.
February 2023	Expected completion of German ratification of UPC Agreement – which will set actual start date of UPC.
1st March 2023	Planned start of option to apply to register opt outs from UPC.
1st June 2023	UPC opens for business... if all goes to plan.