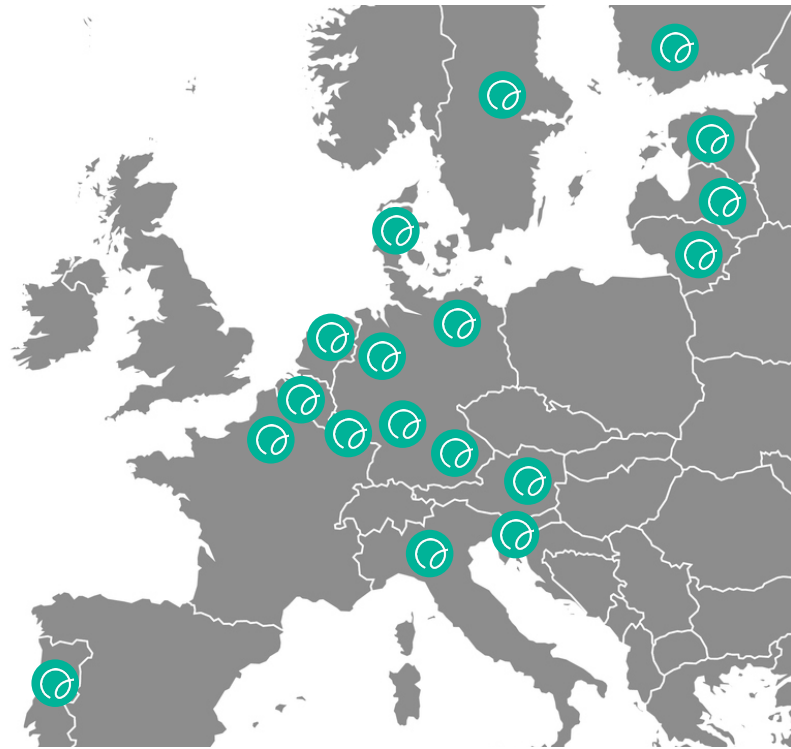


HLK UPC Litigation Model - The Best UPC Team for Best Outcome

HLK's UPC litigation model is different from the models used by most other European IP firms. Unlike others, rather than using a single litigation practice and being constrained by having a small group of litigators, who might not be best placed to handle your area of technology, we can draw upon a panel of high quality litigation experts across Europe in a co-counselling arrangement, and engage the most suitable litigators for your case.

HLK has established relationships with specialist litigators in all the countries in which the UPC divisions are based (14 countries, 21 courts), and therefore we will be able to select the best and most appropriate litigator from our panel for the circumstances of a particular case, based on the location of the court and the likely composition of the panel of judges. US based patentees will be familiar with this approach, as a similar model is often used in US litigation when instructing co-counsel in a different state.



We will be managing your case, working alongside you and the top litigators selected for your case and drawing on HLK's huge breadth of sector expertise. Our subject matter experts and UPC litigation qualified patent attorneys are experienced in a comprehensive range of technologies, and will work on the technical issues of infringement and validity that are necessary for the written statements of case at the UPC. We draw upon our extensive experience of successful EPO oppositions and appeals and litigation work before the UK Courts (where many of the procedural rules are similar to the Rules of Procedure of the UPC). We'll use our panel of European specialist litigators at and in the run up to trial to ensure that we present the case in the best possible light, taking into account

any local practice and case law that may be relevant to the particular division or panel of judges hearing the case.

This model allows us to provide you with an approach that is tailored to your case and to the forum in which you are litigating it, giving you the best possible chance of a positive outcome.