

Consultation UPC Rules of Procedure

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Over the past months several websites have been launched that try to track and trace any and all news and documents on the Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court ("UPC"). Today the faithful UPC watcher has a new forum to shop: www.unified-patent-court.org. This is not just any website, but the official online outlet of the Preparatory Committee of the UPC.

As the website notes, the Preparatory Committee's function is to oversee the various work streams in the establishment of the UPC. Five major work streams are distinguished and coordinated by specific project teams:

- Legal framework
- Financial aspects
- IT
- Facilities and
- Human resources & Training

A first roadmap for these areas has been published on the website.

Next to a Q&A on the UPC, a news section and a schedule of the Preparatory Committee's meetings, the website contains [information on the public consultation](#) of the (15th draft) Rules of Procedure. This consultation starts today and is open until 1 October 2013. Stakeholders and interested parties are invited to submit their written comments on the rules, all 382 of them.