



MILAN LOCAL DIVISION

RULES FOR THE CONDUCT AND ACCESS OF THE PUBLIC TO HEARINGS

To ensure that the hearing is conducted in a fair, orderly and efficient manner, the following rules are established pursuant to Rule 111 RoP.

1. CONDUCT OF HEARINGS

The hearings of the Unified Patent Court are open to the public.

However, for reasons of protection of confidentiality or trade secrets, some hearings may be held behind closed doors. The Presiding Judge or - in the case of an interim conference - the Judge Rapporteur may at any time order public attendees to leave the room.

2. PUBLIC NOTICE

Any oral hearing shall be announced on the Unified Patent Court's website, specifying - in particular - the names of the parties, the nature of the action, the date and time of the hearing. Unless otherwise indicated, which shall be duly announced, the hearing shall take place at the premises of the Milan Local Division of the Unified Patent Court, in Milan - via San Barnaba No. 50, 2nd floor (Courtroom A or Courtroom B).

3. PARTICIPATION OF THE PARTIES

A total of sixteen seats in the courtroom are reserved for the parties, their representatives and counsels, equally divided among the parties to the proceedings. The parties are invited to notify the Milan sub Registry - by e-mail at Contact_MILAN.LOC@unifiedpatentcourt.org - the number, names and roles of the participants who wish to attend, at least five days before the date of the hearing, or in another shorter term, according to the needs of the case. If a party deems it necessary for more people to attend than permitted, they shall request permission from the judge who set the hearing (Presiding Judge or Judge Rapporteur, as the

case may be) at least seven days in advance, or also in a shorter period, depending on the circumstances. In this case, attendance by video link should be preferred for supernumerary persons.

The parties are expressly advised that - at this moment - a wi-fi connection is not available within the premises of the Milan Local Division. Therefore, should they need to have a connection to the Internet, they will have to use personal tools suitable for this purpose.

4. AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE AND COURTROOM CAPACITY

In the courtroom there are normally 10 seats available for the public, 3 of which are reserved for journalists, which will be allocated on a first - come, first - served basis, in order of arrival. For this purpose, numbered seats will be distributed, starting one hour before the announced time, up to the limit set for the public and/or journalists. It is not possible to guarantee the allocation of seats before the day of the hearing.

Any press seats not allocated 10 minutes before the start of the hearing may be reallocated to the public.

To ensure the orderly conduct of Court activities, no one will be allowed to enter the courtroom after the start of the hearing, except in exceptional circumstances.

5. BROADCASTING THE HEARING IN A DEDICATED ROOM

If necessary, also on the basis of the expected turnout, a live broadcast of the hearing may be scheduled in a dedicated room at the Milan Local Division, in order to accommodate the largest number of participants from the public.

In this case, a notice will be published on the Unified Patent Court's website. When the hearing is broadcast live in a dedicated room at the Milan Local Division, 12 additional seats will be available, 4 of which will be reserved for journalists. The 4 seats reserved for journalists and the 8 seats reserved for the public will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For this purpose, starting one hour before the time set for the beginning of the hearing, numbered seats will be distributed up to the limit set for the public and/or journalists.

It is not possible to guarantee the allocation of places before the day of the hearing.

Any press seats not allocated 10 minutes before the start of the hearing may be reallocated to the public.

6. RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

The number of seats available to the public may be limited without prior notice, particularly

for public health reasons.

7. COURTROOM OPENING HOURS

To ensure orderly access to the courtroom, the public will be allowed to enter only 20 minutes before the scheduled time of the hearing.

8. AUDIO RECORDING OF THE HEARING

Hearings held by the Unified Patent Court are audio recorded, pursuant to Rules 106 and 115 RoP. The recording will be available to the parties and their representatives at the premises of the Milan Local Division after the hearing has taken place.

Under no circumstances participants in the hearing are permitted to make audio or visual recordings, either in the courtroom or in the other room open to the public, nor even during the videoconference when participation in the hearing is by "remote" means.

Photographs are not permitted, except before the commencement of the hearing and only with the permission - as the case may be - of the Presiding Judge or the Judge Rapporteur.

9. DECISIONS OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

The Presiding Judge of the Milan Local Division reserves the right to adopt any appropriate measures and decisions to ensure the orderly and efficient conduct of the hearings, giving notice of such further determinations through the website of the Unified Patent Court.

Milan, 13 May 2024.

The presiding judge of the Milan Local Division
(*dr. Pierluigi Perrotti*)