






P R O G R A M M E

Monday 23 June 2025

17:30		Registration & Welcome Drinks
18:30		Keynote Speech by Teresa Ribera , Executive Vice-President, European Commission (inv)
18:40		Dinner Session I – Pharmaceutical legislation & regulatory developments
		<p>Chair: Kristof Roox, Partner, Crowell & Moring LLP</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiemo Wölken, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group (inv) • Rainer Becker, Director, DG Santé, European Commission (inv) • Yannis Natsis, Director, European Social Insurance Platform (ESIP) (inv) • Karin Pramberger, Head of IP, Polpharma Group • George Moore, Assistant General Counsel, Europe IP, Ex-NA IP Litigation, Viatris (inv) <p>Questions & answers</p>
20:00		Networking Dinner

Tuesday 24 June 2025

08:30		Networking Coffee
09:00		Welcome by Sergio Napolitano , General Counsel & External Relations Director, Medicines for Europe
09:05		Keynote Speech by Rainer Becker , Director, DG Santé, European Commission (inv)



09:15



Session II – Patent Quality, Competition & Access: latest developments & what to expect next?

Chair:

Presentation of the *IGBA Report “Gaming the System”* by Sergio Napolitano, Medicines for Europe

Panellists:

- **Adam Jarubas**, MEP Chair of Committee on Public Health, European Parliament, EPP Group (tbi)
- **Rainer Becker**, Director, DG Santé, European Commission (inv)
- **Ulla Schwager**, Head of Unit, DG Competition, European Commission (inv)
- **Patent Office of Hungary** (tbi)
- **Anca Toma**, Executive Director, European Patients’ Forum (inv)
- **Julia Pike**, Global Head of IP, Sandoz

Questions & answers

10:30



Networking coffee break

11:00



Session III - 40-Minute roundtable discussions (x2)

Delegates may attend two of the discussion tables below for a period of 40 minutes per session:

1. **Developments in carve-outs for second medical use vs. carve-outs for new methods of administration**
Moderator: **Benjamin Niemeijer**, Partner, La Gro Geelkerken
Co-moderator:
2. **The case of Dimethyl Fumarate: where is it heading to?**
Moderator: **Kristof Roox**, Partner, Crowell & Moring
Co-moderator: **Karin Pramberger**, Head of IP, Polpharma Group
3. **Inspection orders and orders to preserve evidence in Belgium & under the UPC**
Moderator: **Philippe Campolini**, Partner, Stibbe
Co-moderator:
4. **The Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive – where do we stand?**
Moderator: **Thomas Volland**, Partner, Clifford Chance (inv)
Co-moderator:
5. **Preliminary injunctions in the UPC**
Moderator: **Matthew Royle**, Partner, Taylor Wessing
Co-moderator: Taylor Wessing
6. **Artificial Intelligence**
Moderator: **Benjamin May**, Partner, Jeantet (tbc)
Co-moderator: **Agnieszka Deeg-Tyburska**, General Counsel, Board Member, Polpharma



7. **The UPC: a stocktaking exercise**

Moderator:

Co-moderator:

8. **Competition policies and patent quality: the latest news in the EU & the US**

Moderator:

Co-moderator:

9. **National case studies: pricing & reimbursement patent linkage under a magnifying glass**

Moderator:

Co-moderator:

12:35



Networking buffet lunch

14:00



Session IV - The unitary system: UPC and the unitary SPC

Chair: **Anja Lunze**, Partner, Taylor Wessing

Panellists

- **Kamil Kiljanski**, Head of Unit, DG Grow, European Commission (inv)
- **Martijn de Lange**, Patent Examiner, Netherlands Patent Office
- **Corinna Sundermann**, Senior Vice President, IP Management, Fresenius Kabi
- **Samantha Bullen**, Director and Executive Counsel, Teva Pharmaceuticals
- **Cecile Teles**, Head of IP, Zentiva

Questions & answers

15:10



Session V - The SPC manufacturing waiver: good news on the horizon?

Chair: **Eleanor Root**, Partner, Bird & Bird (inv)

Panellists

- **Kamil Kiljanski**, Head of Unit, DG Grow, European Commission (inv)
- **Jiri Slavik**, Director IP, Adalvo
- **Beatriz Díaz de Escauriaza**, Head of IP Legal, Insud Pharma
- **Polyxeni Kyriopoulou**, Head of Legal, Elpen Pharmaceuticals

Questions & answers

16:20



Networking coffee



16:45



Keynote speech by **Ulla Schwager**, Head of Unit, DG Competition, European Commission (tbi)

16:55



Session VI - A general counsel exchange: new approaches for a changing world?

A focus on: preparedness, environment, cyber & data risks, artificial intelligence, reputation, quality & the pharma reform.

Chair: Catherine Drew, Partner, Pinsent Masons

Panellists

- **Ingrid Sollerer**, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, Sandoz
- **Barbara Majcen Bessong**, General Counsel EU Generics & Procurement, Teva
- **Christoph Dengler**, EVP Global Legal - General Counsel, Stada
- **Agnieszka Deeg-Tyburska**, General Counsel, Board Member, Polpharma
- **Mark Ferguson**, General Counsel Europe, Viatris (inv)
- **Ana Marti**, General Counsel & IP, Medichem (inv)

Questions & answers

18:05



Closing speech by **Stephan Eder**, President, Medicines for Europe (tbc)

18:15



End-of-conference drinks

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