

A comparative approach to global patent litigation What about Europe ?

1/ Europe has a problem with being united

2/ Unification started a long time ago

3/ Europe is still the place for forum shopping

4/ Europe currently dreams of unification

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Currently, Europe has

- A European Patent System, for granting European Patents and also handling oppositions between parties
- National patent offices for granting national patents and sometimes for handling oppositions between parties
- National civil courts in almost all European countries relying on different patent laws, even if officially harmonized, each with their rules of proceedings and case law
- The European Union trying to move forward with the UPC, but some countries of the EU are against (ES, PL) and some European countries do not belong to the EU, like CH, NO, TR...

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