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Is there really a solution to the European Union Patent problem?

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ABSTRACT

One of the hottest issues in patent law in Europe is the project to establish a Community Patent for the whole European Union. Although its introduction would lead to unquestionable benefits in terms of efficiency and legal certainty, the project has run into many political and legal obstacles since it started. In his presentation, Professor Troncoso will highlight the main problems arising from the latest proposal of the European Commission earlier this year and will suggest alternatives to solve these problems. In a context of increasing internationalization and harmonization in the field of patents, the lessons that can be learned from the European experience could be very useful not only for the European Union, but also for other regions of the world that may consider the introduction of regional or multinational patents in the future.

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