



The System That ‘Drastically Limits Expensive Translation’ Is Now in Effect

The long-expected [Unitary Patent](#) (UP) system in Europe came into effect on June 1st, 2023. Over a decade in the making, it is a significant development in the world of patents. It was created to streamline patent processing, and the European Commission [characterizes](#) it as a system that “ends complex validation requirements and drastically limits expensive translation requirements in participating countries.”

As Slatior has [covered](#) for the past eight years, patent translation has been a very profitable business. The UP will likely change that.



Also on June 1, 2023, the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court (UPCA), so far ratified by 17 countries, came into effect along with operations at the [Unified Patent Court](#) (UPC). The UPC includes English as an [official language](#) in all its 14 court divisions.