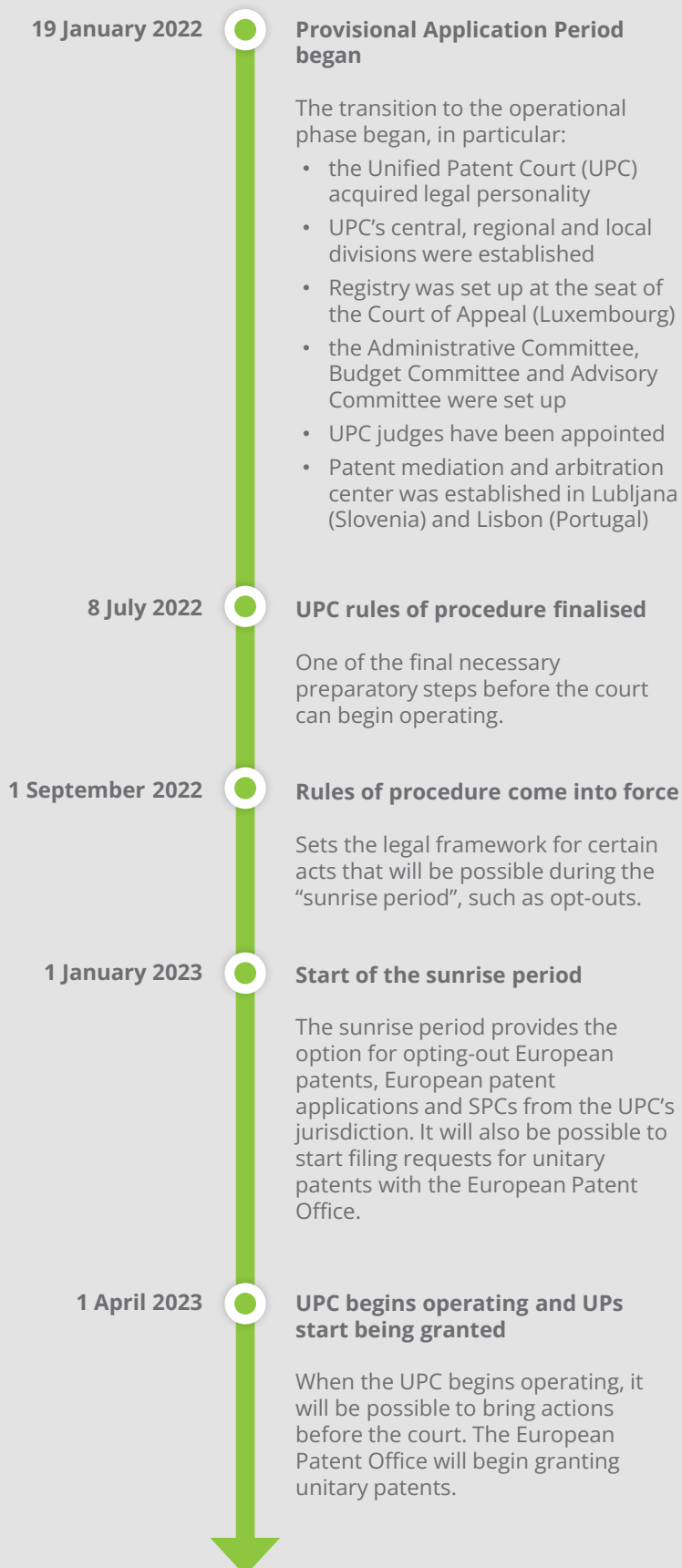


OFFICIAL TIMELINE



PATENT/SPC OWNERS' NEXT STEPS

PREPARATION FOR OPTING OUT EXISTING EUROPEAN PATENTS / SPCs

The UPC will have exclusive jurisdiction over existing European patents and SPCs, making a central revocation attack possible.

Owners of a European patent as well as holders of an SPC may opt-out from the exclusive competence of the UPC for at least 7 years and thus we recommend that you:

- determine your opt-out strategy
- carry out due diligence review of your patent / SPC portfolio to identify the patents / SPCs that will be opted-out
- correct issues related to chain of title
- identify co-owners of such patents / SPCs and obtain their consent to opt-out
- review your license agreements related to such patents / SPCs to ensure that (1) an appropriate process is in place for managing opt-out / opt-in and (2) litigation provisions are coherent with opt-out / opt-in strategy
- review litigation strategy with your current licensees given its impact on the right to opt-out / opt-in

DEFINE STRATEGY FOR PENDING APPLICATIONS

- Identify the patent applications that will be opted-out
- Draft joint ownership / license agreements to ensure that (1) an appropriate process is in place for managing opt-out / opt-in and unitary effect decisions and (2) litigation provisions are coherent with opt-out / opt-in strategy

OPTING -OUT

You may opt-out from jurisdiction of the UPC by notifying your opt-out with the Registry of the UPC once the sunrise period begins.

REQUEST FOR UNITARY EFFECT

If you are an applicant for a European patent at the final phase of the grant procedure, you may obtain a Unitary Patent by:

- filing an early request of unitary effect or
- delaying the grant procedure until after the UPC start date.