

2007 EPLA summary

In July 2007 EPLA and the Community Patent were at a delicate stage with different groups lobbying for different routes to be followed. Jacob LJ gave a paper at the conference held by the German Presidency of the EU and the Federal Patent Court in June 2007.

Also worth reading for anyone interested in EPLA is an article, published in EIPR, ref [2007] EIPR 209 by Robin Jacob and Anthony Arnull, "*European Patent Litigation: Out of the Impasse*". In part, this was written to counter the European Parliament's interim legal opinion that EPLA as drafted directly contradicts existing European law and treaties.

The replies to the posting of Jacob LJ's paper at IPKat are also interesting. They include a link to an informal summary of different views of EPLA expressed at Munich (see <http://eupat.ffii.org/07/06/bpatg25/>) and also discuss the meeting of EPLAW on 29 June hosted by Kevin Mooney (Simmons & Simmons).