



**LESI Committees:**  
**Progress Report**  
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**Committee Name** Patent and Technology Licensing Committee

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## Committee Activity Since the Last Report

- **Les Nouvelles Special Edition:** This edition covers many of the major legal issues which affect licensing terms. It is written in the form of responses to a questionnaire, drafted by Jennifer Pierce, who recruited authors from 19 major jurisdictions (originally 20). Those authors have now submitted responses and the material is being prepared for publication by David Drews. Some interesting themes emerged and the intention is to build on this. In June there will be a webinar in the Les Nouvelles Live series and we are liaising with the Education Committee as regards a further webinar later in the year.
- **Webinar on freedom to operate:** Nikos Minas is currently planning In partnership with 4IPCouncil a webinar on Freedom to Operate, which he expects will take place on 27 April 2023 . He has already engaged with potential speakers (Spyros Makris/Claudia Tapia of Erikson, Tom Gaunt of Lewis Silkin, K Subodh Kumar from TATA, and another speaker from the start-up or investment community).
- **IP Licensing Guidelines for SMEs:** Dérick Swart (LES South Africa) and Krystian Maciaszek (LES Poland) to define a set of guidelines for licensing. Dérick has already conducted a detailed survey and will collate into a report. Currently a group has been formed to discuss and decide on the deliverables. We expect a first draft of the report will be ready for circulation before the end of the year (2023).
- **Know-how Project:** The Committee formed a small group (K Subodh Kumar (LES India), Himanshu Mehta (LES India), Roberto Dini (LES Italy), Jake Marshall (LES Britain & Ireland), Jennifer Pierce,) to explore issues relating to know-how. Members have proposed a webinar on know-how licensing later in the year for which Subodh Kumar (Tata), Roberto Dini, Federico Pogliani (LES Italy and Pirelli) will speak and Jennifer Pierce will moderate.
- **Webinar on UPC and UP impact:** A small group has been formed (Nikos Minas, Roberto Dini, Spyros Makris) with the aim of organising a webinar at the end of the year to discuss the impact of the UPC and UP on business after 6 months of operations. The idea is to discuss the different strategies that companies have adopted in view of the UPC and UP introductions, impact on licensing deals, and other aspects.
- **Organisational activity:** There were zoom meetings of the Committee in January and March. In addition, there have also been meetings of various working groups.

**Jennifer Pierce and Nikos Minas, co-chairs**

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