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Product brochure

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Welcome to Irides...

Irides is a database of cross-border patent litigation know-how that provides an in-depth analysis of complex procedural and substantive patent law issues.

It is the only place to find up-to-date information and easy to understand explanations of patent law relevant to your sector in a single resource. With a broad geographical coverage that is still expanding, it is an essential information tool to provide you with practical guidance and strategic solutions to better manage your patent portfolio and/or litigation cases.

Simply sign up and choose how you want to customise the platform – general information across global jurisdictions on recent cases, rulings or changes in law, or specific knowledge tailored to your projects that can be managed on the platform. Either way, access is quick and easy.

Irides provides you with proprietary knowledge compiled and updated by Bristows' lawyers and trusted legal partners throughout the world to help boost your litigation strategies. All information is physically secure and stored on our servers, and, where appropriate, legally secure, through the operation of legal privilege. What's more, we'll send you a weekly email of legal updates for the jurisdictions you're interested in.

For an easier, better and more insightful view that helps your business flourish, choose Irides and see the intelligence that matters.

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Our offering

In a nutshell, the product has three main functions, but within those the options are extensive.

A powerful and extensive knowledge hub

An unrivalled encyclopaedia of national law and practice and litigation information across jurisdictions. It is compiled and updated by Bristows' lawyers and trusted legal partners across the world.

Document repository

Your litigation documents, organised as you want them, accessible anywhere, anytime, to view quickly or download for further use. All information is stored securely on Bristows' servers and, where appropriate, protected by legal privilege.
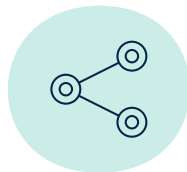
Project management

Oversee action items and task lists, including status updates, contact details and timelines, and manage competitor information and intelligence. There are user-friendly reporting functions, covering both highly granular details and the big picture, and available either on a recurring basis or ad hoc as necessary, including a weekly email of all legal updates for the jurisdictions you're interested in.

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What are the benefits?

Irides provides clear, up-to-date explanations of the law and how it applies in practice.

One place to access all the litigation information from the jurisdictions of interest	Simple and easy to sign up and log in while remaining secure	Saves time and effort	Helps boost litigation strategies by heightening preparedness
Provides a level of knowledge unmatched elsewhere	Customisable to specific project needs	Trusted information from credible sources	Weekly updates on global patent litigation

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A high-level overview

Irides contains an unrivalled and extensive, but focussed, encyclopaedia, which covers two main aspects of patent litigation:

- procedural aspects, from preliminary injunctions, through main actions, appeals and relief, to enforcement

- substantive patent law aspects, with a focus on the life sciences.

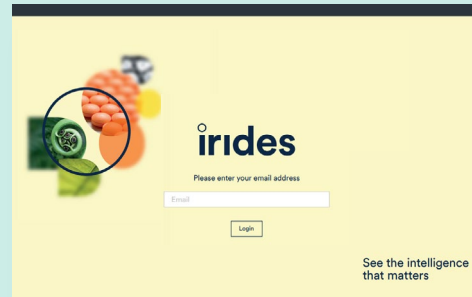**Below is a high-level summary of the content covered in Irides:**

- Main legislation and guidelines pertaining to patent litigation and an overview of how patent disputes are conducted in each jurisdiction.

- Pre-action matters, such as notice letters, the availability of protective briefs, search and disclosure orders, and guidance on preliminary injunctions and other interim relief.

- Process for pursuing a main action, from choice of forum, standing, service, through timelines for an action, estimates of fees/costs and evidentiary/disclosure requirements, to relief, costs orders and enforcement. Also the effect of EPO/foreign proceedings on national courts.

- Grounds, procedure and timelines for appeals.

- Requirements and procedure for post-grant patent amendment.

- Alternative dispute resolution, settlement and withdrawal of proceedings.

- Substantive patent law, including infringement issues (e.g. claim construction, scope, doctrine of equivalents, defences to infringement and liability); and validity (e.g. grounds of revocation, patentability requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability, exclusions from patentability, sufficiency, clarity and entitlement issues).

- Related fields, including utility models, regulatory and associated competition law issues.

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Accessibility

Irides is a web-based application. Simply go to the URL to see the intelligence that matters.
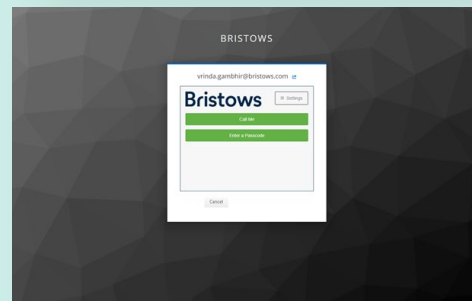
Features and functionality

Beyond the content, we add features and functionality that give you the ability to customise information to specific project needs, search with ease, and smoothly navigate through information between jurisdictions.

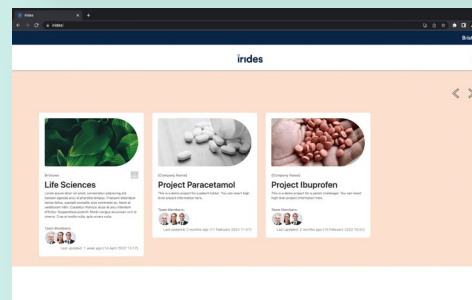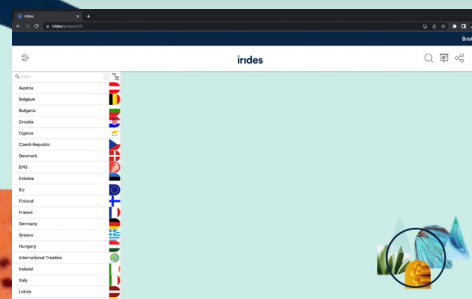## Security

Irides is secure. Logging in requires two-factor authentication. Optionally, it can integrate with an established Active Directory structure to enable secure use of existing login details.

Project exposure

On logging in, Irides presents a user with a homepage showing the projects to which they have access.

Country list

Upon selecting a project, the relevant countries (as selected by the user) are displayed.

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See the bigger picture

Designed to transform the way you manage your patent litigation, Irides gets you the answers you need and practical content you can rely on, simply, clearly and efficiently.

Project management
Record details of corporate intelligence and/or litigation for each jurisdiction.

Customisable menus
Infinitely customisable to your project requirements, whether a country-by-country encyclopaedia or management of a specific litigation project (or both).

Breadcrumbs
Navigate effortlessly through the database.

Reports
Customisable reports can be produced for internal reporting purposes.

Search
An enhanced function puts the intelligence you need at your fingertips.

Legal knowledge where needed
Projects can be populated with data from the underlying encyclopaedia so that it is available where needed.

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Advanced functionality

Irides' user-friendly functionalities help deliver better answers and curated content in a way that suits you.
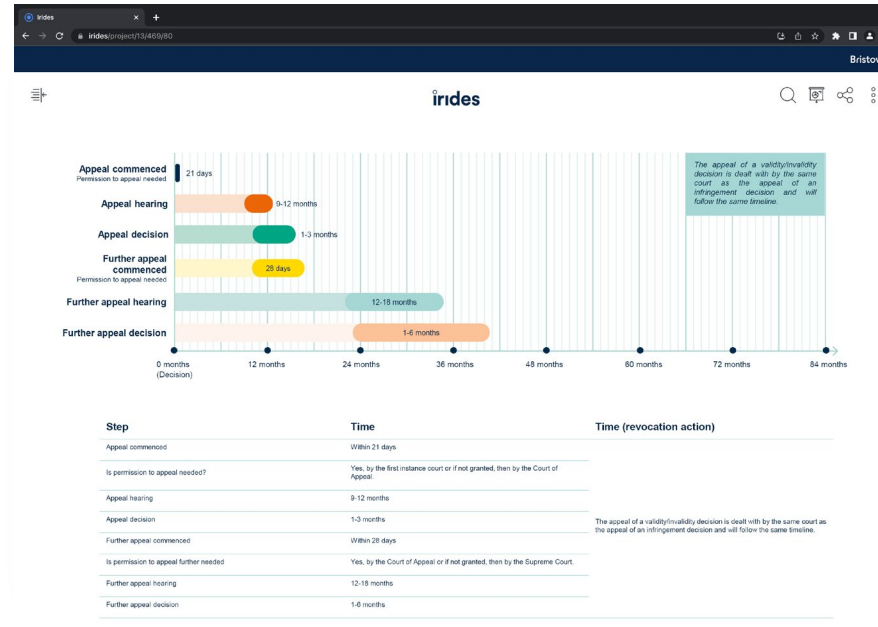
Timelines

Data are shown graphically in timelines and tables. These structures enable users to see and process the information that matters for strategic planning.

Search with ease

Our advanced search functionality allows you to navigate data across different jurisdictions.

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Unified Patent Court (UPC) Headquarters - Luxembourg

European Patent Office (EPO) Headquarters - Munich, Germany
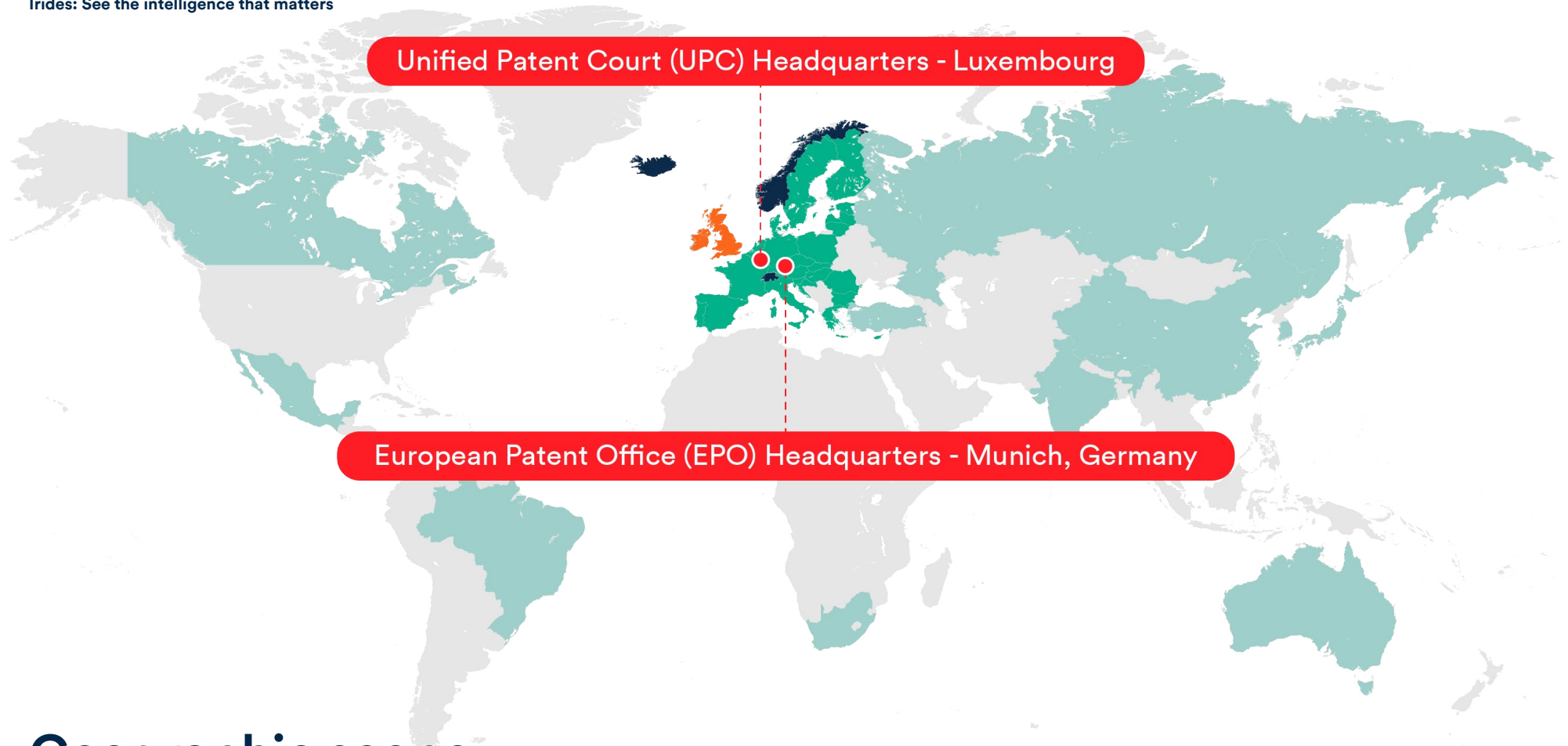
Geographic scope

Compiled and regularly updated by Bristows' lawyers supported by our colleagues in the leading IP firms across the world, Irides includes information for the **UK**, the **EU**, **EFTA**, the **EPO**, the new **UPC**, **multiple countries** around the world and is **still expanding**.

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Why Irides for the UPC?

- Not only does Irides contain information on rules, procedure and substantive law in the national courts and patent offices, it also has information relating to rules and procedure in the UPC.

- It captures UPC case law, both substantive and procedural, as it develops.

- It allows you to develop UPC arguments in light of substantive patent law across Europe on particular issues, especially those on which national law is expected to have a bearing in the UPC.
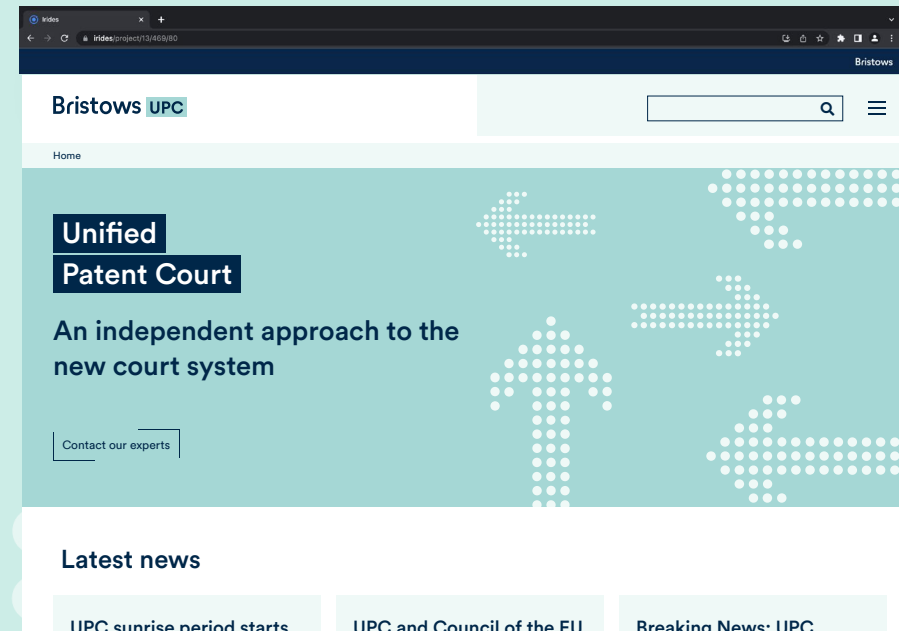
Visit our dedicated UPC microsite

Covering the latest news and commentary from our UPC experts.

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Your contacts

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Irides has been built by Bristows from the ground up. The architecture was designed, planned and built by our in-house team of programmers according to specifications devised by a team of patent litigators who conduct and coordinate litigation every day. This unique approach ensures consistency and quality across all countries, where we have worked with our trusted local partners to ensure accuracy of content from day one and every day, with regular checks and updates.

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Irides is the only place to manage your litigation projects and access key information for the jurisdictions that matter to you.

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