## European Patent Application timeline

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Time (months)	1 1 1 1				
0	File UK "priority founding" patent application				
12	File European application				
18	Application published (usually without search report)				
18-24	Search report issued and published				
24-30	File request for substantive examination (due 6m after publication of search)				
36	First renewal fee due (whilst the application is pending)				
36-48	The application enters substantive examination, First examination report issued, Response filed within (typically) 4 month period				
48	Examiner issues decision to grant		OR	Second examination report issued. Examination continues until refusal or grant.	
	Grant fees and claims translations into FR & DE due				
60+	Grant date starts the 9 month opposition period				
	National validation due within 3 months of grant in any of:				
Austria Belgium Bulgaria Switzerland Cyprus Czech Rep. Germany	Denmark Estonia Spain Finland France UK Greece	Croatia Hungary Ireland Iceland Italy Liechtenstein Lithuania	Luxembourg Latvia Monaco Malta Netherlands Norway Poland	Portugal Romania Sweden Slovenia Slovakia Turkey	<b>"Extension"</b> <b>states:</b> Albania Bosnia and Hz. Macedonia Serbia

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