European patent validation timeline





Within 4 months from the date of the notice:

- 1. File claim translations (FR/ DE/ EN) at EPO and
- 2. Pay grant & print fees

Within 3 months from publication:

- File translations at national offices (if translations required) and
- 2. Payment of fees

Exceptions:

Ireland allows 6 months Iceland allows 4 months

Marks&Clerk (Luxembourg) LLP

Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys B.P. 1775, L-1017 Luxembourg Tel: +352 40 02 70 Fax: +352 40 04 96 luxembourg@marks-clerk.com

© Marks&Clerk (Luxembourg) LLP 2010

EPC member states - translation requirements

Full translation

AT Austria

BE Belgium

BG Bulgaria

CY Cyprus

CZ Czech Republic

ES Spain

EE Estonia

FI Finland

GR Greece

HU Hungary

IT Ita

NO Norway

PL Poland

PT Portugal

RO Romania RS Serbia

SK Slovakia

TR Turkey

Cost savings available

If AT and BE filed together
If GR and CY filed together

Claims only

AL Albania

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

DK Denmark

HR Croatia

IS Iceland

LT Lithuania

LV Latvia

MK Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

NL Netherlands

SE Sweden

SI Slovenia

Cost savings available

For BA if filed with RS or HR

No translation

CH Switzerland

DE Germany

FR France

GB United Kingdom

IE Ireland

LI Liechtenstein

LU Luxembourg

MC Monaco

MT Malta

Please note:

- Validation is only possible in states that were validly designated by the applicant.
- These translation requirements apply only for patents drafted in English.