

# How to obtain a Unitary patent?

# European patent with unitary effect (Unitary patent) (UP)

#### Renewal fees

Only one fee paid to the EPO For more information on the renewal fees for a UP, please <u>click here</u>

### **Effects**

of a Unitary patent in the UPC Contracting Member States (EU Member States having ratified the <u>Agreement on the Unified Patent Court (UPC agreement</u>)) at the date of registration of the unitary effect



# Requirements

- Filing a request for unitary effect of the proprietor of the EP before the EPO
- When the EP patent is granted in English, the translation is required in any other official EU language during a transitional period of at least 6 years (See the specific Regulation on translations)
  - Unitary patent is registered only if the EP has been granted with the same set of claims for all the participating Member States

# European patent (EP)

#### Renewal fees

Fee paid to each national patent office where the EP has been validated

#### **Effects**

of national patents in all designated countries

## Requirements

- Validation of the EP in each designated countries
- Translation in the language of the national country (if required)

1 month



3 months

9 months

Publication of the mention of the grant of the European patent in the European Patent Bulletin



Granting procedure of the European patent before the European Patent Office (EPO)



Filing of a European patent application before the European Patent Office (EPO)

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