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INFORMATION SHEET FOR A PATENT APPLICATION IN EUROPE

Document required	A patent specification; particulars of the inventor and applicant and original certified copy of the priority document (if priority is claimed)
Language	English, German or French
Examination	Formality examination and substantive examination
Application procedure	1) Filing the application; 2) Formality examination, preparing the European search report and a preliminary opinion on patentability, and publication of the application; 3) Paying examination fee, designation fee and extension fees (if applicable) and replying to the opinion on patentability; 4) Substantive examination and paying renewal fees for the third and subsequent years 5) Office action; 6) Granting or rejecting; 7) If granting, validating in selected national states and translating the claims into the official languages of the EPO and paying fees for grant and publication of the patent specification; 8) If granting, await 9 months from date of publication for opposition to be filed by third parties, if rejecting, filing an appeal
Processing time for registration	3-5 years from date of filing the application
Patent renewal and duration	Renewal fees must be paid annually on the filing date of the application starting from the 3 rd year onward in order to maintain the validity of the patent. The term of the granted patent is 20 years from the date of filing of the application
Assignment	A true copy of assignment document
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