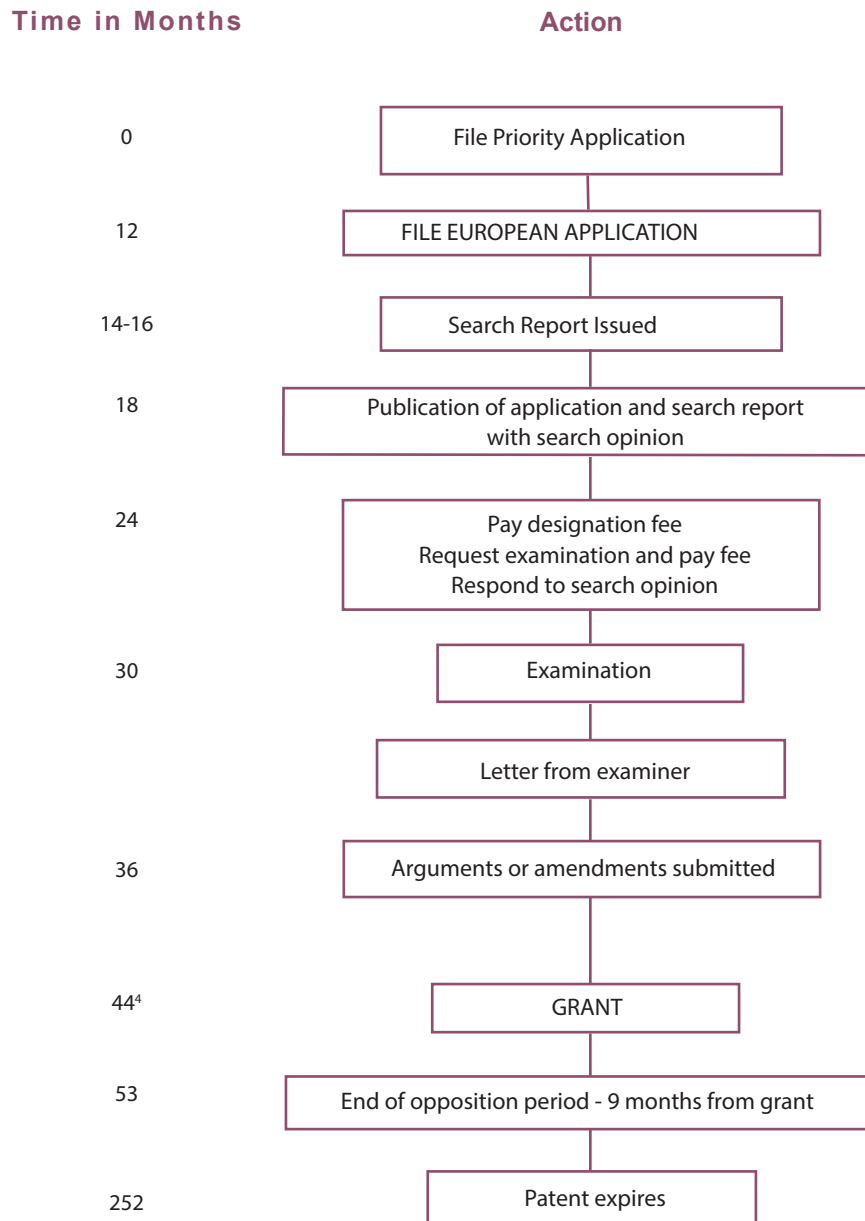


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¹ This is based on filing a European application with no excess claims (i.e. 15 claims or fewer), assuming all documents are filed with the application.

² Assuming no 'extension' states are selected.

³ These costs are typical for cases including relatively simple technology and straightforward legal issues. Costs for cases in more complex fields, such as biotechnology, software or electronic hardware are likely to be higher due to more complicated subject matter and a more difficult legal environment.

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