




European Patent (opposition) appeal process



Time (months)

0	Written decision of the Opposition Division issued
2	Patent proprietor and / or opponent file notice of appeal, appeal fee paid, hearing requested
4	Party / parties file grounds of appeal Board of appeal send copies to other parties
8	Response to grounds may be filed by other party
48	Board of appeal summons parties to hearing
54	Board of appeal issues provisional opinion
56	Final submissions submitted by party / parties (1m pre-hearing)
57	Hearing (decision on day) Hearing decision issued in writing
	 Patent maintained in granted form
	 Patent maintained in amended form
	 Patent revoked
63	Pay re-printing fee and translate claims
66	Publication of decision
69	National re-validation deadline

This timeline is for guidance only, and the actual deadlines will vary from case to case.