

EU Trade Mark Application timeline

EU Trade Marks, which cover the entire EU, are administered by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

The timeline below gives approximate timescale to achieve registration in a straightforward case, in the absence of objections or oppositions.

Time (months)	
0	File EU trade mark application, examination as to formalities
6-8	Examination on absolute grounds only; national search reports issue if these have been requested on application; EUIPO issue search report of EUTM register
9	Acceptance of application where no objections raised and publication for opposition purposes
12-18	Registration certificate issues
	EU Trade Mark Registrations last indefinitely provided use criteria met, with renewal fees payable every 10 years

An EU trade mark registration will cover the following EU Member States, and extends to cover new Member States as and when they join:

Austria	Estonia	Italy	Portugal
Belgium	Finland	Latvia	Romania
Bulgaria	France	Lithuania	Slovakia
Croatia	Germany	Luxembourg	Slovenia
Cyprus	Greece	Malta	Spain
Czech Rep.	Hungary	Netherlands	Sweden
Denmark	Ireland	Poland	

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