

Comparison of costs of obtaining patent protection in Europe under the Commission proposal (during and after the transitional period) and the US

	European “bundle” patent (27 MS)	European patent with unitary effect (25 MS) – during transit period	European patent with unitary effect (25 MS) – after transit period	US patent
Pre-grant				
Procedural fees (filing, search, examination and grant)	4 045 € * (not concerned by COM proposal)	4 045 € * (not concerned by COM proposal)	4 045 € * (not concerned by COM proposal)	1 850 €
Post-grant				
Translation	23 375 €	2 380 €	680 €	0
Local patent agents	5 750 €	0	0	0
Official local patent offices fees	2 987 €	0	0	0
Validation costs total	32 112 €	2 380 €	680 €	0
TOTAL COSTS				
	36 157 €	6 425 €	4 725 €	1 850 €

* On-line filing; European search; excluding renewal fees due for pending applications

Source: Impact Assessment accompanying the Commission proposal