

HOW FAST CAN YOU GET A TRADEMARK IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE?

A. Overview Table

When deciding to register a trademark, it is important to remember that the registration does not occur instantaneously. Since a registered trademark grants the holder an exclusive right to use it for the listed goods and/or services, providing the respective trademark office a certain amount of time to check the trademark is understandable.

Oftentimes, the duration of a trademark registration procedure depends on particularities, which may lead to procedural incidents (e.g. non-fulfilment of the conditions for the attribution of the deposit date, issuance of provisional refusal, filing of opposition, filing of contestation, etc.). In this context, the below Overview Table provides information about the minimum duration of the trademark registration procedure as well as the least amount of Trademark Office's fees payable for the purpose of registration of a trademark in a particular country from the Central and Eastern Europe region.

While analysing the information indicated in the table, please take into consideration that:

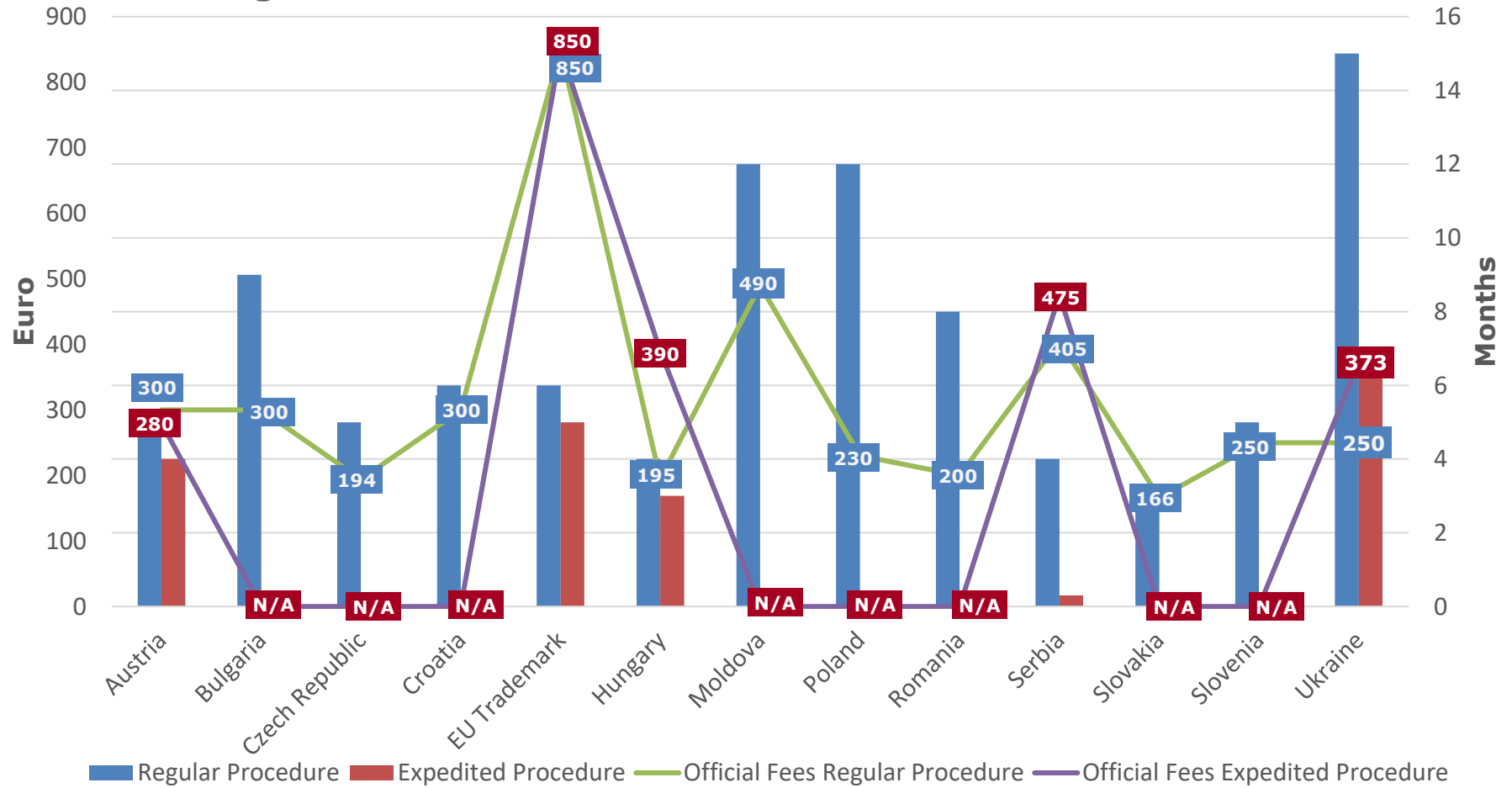
- (a) the figures (durations and amounts of fees) do not account for the existence of procedural incidents;
- (b) the indicated amounts of fees are to be regarded as basic fees for the respective jurisdiction (i.e. in a minimum number of classes and/or in basic colours and/or of a basic type (e.g. verbal)); and
- (c) the indicated procedure durations are based either on the terms (deadlines) expressly provided in the respective applicable legislation and/or on the practical experience of Schoenherr lawyers.

Jurisdiction	Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure	
	Minimum duration of procedure	Least amount of Trademark Office's fees	Minimum duration of procedure	Least amount of Trademark Office's fees
AUSTRIA	5 months	EUR 300	4 months	EUR 280
BULGARIA	9 months	EUR 300	N/A	N/A
CZECH REPUBLIC	5 months	CZK 5,000 (approx. EUR 194)	N/A	N/A
CROATIA	6 months	HRK 2,250 (approx. EUR 300)	N/A	N/A
EU TRADEMARK	6 months	EUR 850	5 months	EUR 850
HUNGARY	4 months	HUF 60,000 (approx. EUR 195)	3 months	HUF 120,000 (approx. EUR 390)
MOLDOVA	up to 12 months	EUR 490	N/A	N/A
POLAND	12 months	PLN 940 (approx. EUR 230)	N/A	N/A
ROMANIA	8 months	EUR 200	N/A	N/A
SERBIA	4 months	EUR 405	10 business days	EUR 475

SLOVAKIA	3 months	EUR 166	N/A	N/A
SLOVENIA	5 months	250 EUR	N/A	N/A
UKRAINE	15 months	UAH 6,600 (approx. EUR 250)	7 months	UAH 9,820 (approx. EUR 373)

More information about the minimum duration of the trademark registration procedure as well as the least amount of Trademark Office's fees payable for the purpose of registering a trademark in the jurisdictions indicated in the above Overview Table are presented in the online version of the article.

Registration of trademarks in CEE: Procedure terms & costs



B. AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA	Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure	
Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Filing: Application online or on paper possible		EUR 300 (up to three classes) + EUR 75 as of the fourth (for each additional class)	Prerequisites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual mark • Online filing • Only pre-approved terms of the Harmonised Database of the EU are used in the list of goods/services • Only for word, device or word-device marks • Payment via credit card or online banking during online filing process 	EUR 280 (up to three classes) + EUR 75 as of the fourth (for each additional class)
Formal examination: Examination of the list of goods/services, payment of the official fees and other formal requirements	One to four months	N/A	N/A – see prerequisites above	N/A
Substantive examination: Examination for absolute grounds			10 days until application is either registered or an office action is issued	N/A
Registration: Issuance of the registration certificate	One to four weeks	N/A	One to three weeks	N/A
(Post-registration) publication	On the 20 th of the month the mark was registered or on the 20 th of the following two months depending on the number of marks waiting to be published	N/A	On the 20 th of the month the mark was registered or on the 20 th of the following two months depending on the number of marks waiting to be published	N/A
Opposition period	Three months from the date of publication	N/A	Three months from the date of publication	N/A
Total	Approx. five to nine months	EUR 300 (up to three classes) + EUR 75 as of the fourth (for each additional class)	Approx. four to five months	EUR 280 (up to three classes) + EUR 75 as of the fourth (for each additional class)

C. BULGARIA

BULGARIA		Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure – NOT APPLICABLE	
Procedure	Timing¹	Trademark Office's fees²	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	
<p>Formal examination Examination of the application to register the trademark upon fulfilment of the conditions for attribution of the deposit date</p>	<p>Two months as of the date of filing the application, to which payment document is enclosed. The term can be extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If deficiencies are found, the applicant will be given two additional months to remedy them³. • If the applicant has not paid the application fees, one additional month to remedy the term will be given. 	<p>EUR 70 (application for up to three classes) + EUR 15 (each additional class after the third) + EUR 10 (surcharge for priority claim) EUR 20 (publication fee)</p>	N/A	N/A	
<p>Substantive examination Examination of oppositions, observations, absolute and relative grounds of refusal</p>	<p>Three months as of the end of the formal examination <u>or</u> from the publication of the international registration in the Official Bulletin of the Patent Office. In case of grounds for refusal of registration for some or all of the goods and services, the applicant is notified and is provided with three months to raise objections. In the event of <i>partial</i> refusal, the applicant will have the opportunity to file a request to divide the application within two additional months of receipt of the decision.</p>		N/A	N/A	
<p>First publication Publication of the application to register the trademark</p>	<p>One month as of the date of the substantive examination or date of decision for refusal.</p>	EUR 20 ⁴	N/A	N/A	

¹ Some of the below terms are one-time extendable by request of the applicant and upon payment of a state fee.

² All fees are paid in BGN (BGN 1 = EUR 1.95583).

³ The term of two months would also apply in case the documents are submitted in a foreign language. In this case, the Patent Office would provide a term of two months for their translation.

⁴ Paid prior to application.

	International registrations, whose territorial application includes the Republic of Bulgaria, are published within one month after notification of the international registration office.			
Oppositions and observations Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the mark	Three months as of the date of publication of the application. Under certain statutory hypothesis, the opposition proceedings may be suspended ⁵ .	EUR 180	N/A	N/A
Appeals	Appeals are possible if the applicant has received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision for refusal to register on absolute grounds • Decision for termination of formal examination • Decision of the opposition departments Appeals can be submitted within three months as of the respective decision ⁶ .	BGN 80 (appeal against refusal for registration on absolute grounds) BGN 50 (appeal against termination of formal examination) BGN 80 (appeal against the decisions of the opposition department)	N/A	N/A
Registration Registration (issuance of the registration certificate) and publication of the trademark	Two months ⁷ as of the end of the substantive examination or opposition	EUR 150 (registration) ⁸ EUR 25 (issuance of certificate of registration) ⁹	N/A	N/A
TOTAL¹⁰:	Usually between nine and 12 months	Approx. EUR 300 for up to three classes	N/A	N/A

D. CZECH REPUBLIC

CZECH REPUBLIC	Regular Procedure	Expedited Procedure
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⁵ The law does not specify the timeframe of suspension.

⁶ The entire timeframe of appeal procedures may vary depending on different factors.

⁷ Within one month the applicant is notified about the decision and is given one additional month to pay the taxes.

⁸ If the fee is not paid within the provided term, the applicant can still pay within one additional term, but at double the applicable rate.

⁹ As above.

¹⁰ The timing and fees do not account for the existence of procedural incidents (e.g. non-fulfilment of the conditions for the attribution of the deposit date, provisional refusal, etc.). The total timing is only approximate, since various scenarios and delays are possible.

Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Examination Examination whether the application meets formal requirements (<i>formal examination</i>) and whether there are absolute grounds for refusal of registration (<i>substantive examination</i>)	At least two or three months	CZK 5,000 (approx. EUR 194) for an individual mark up to three classes CZK 10,000 (approx. EUR 388) for a collective or certification mark up to three classes CZK 500 (approx. EUR 19) for each additional class	N/A	N/A
Publication Publication of the application in the Official Journal	After successful examination	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oppositions and observations Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the mark (observations can reactivate substantive examination)	Three months, as of the date of publication	CZK 1,000 (approx. EUR 38) for filing the notice of opposition	N/A	N/A
Registration If the application meets the statutory requirements, the application proceedings have not been terminated, no notice of the opposition has been filed or refused or the opposition proceedings have been terminated	After the opposition proceedings (if any) have been terminated by a final decision	N/A	N/A	N/A
Publication Publication of the registration in the Official Journal	After successful registration	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL:	At least five or six months	At least CZK 5,000 (approx. EUR 194)	N/A	N/A

E. CROATIA

Croatia Procedure	Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure	
	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Formal examination Examination of the application to register the trademark upon fulfilment of the conditions prescribed in the Trademarks Act	Two to four weeks as of the date of filing the application, to which a payment document is enclosed. The term can be extended: • If deficiencies are found; the applicant will be given up to 60 additional days to remedy them	HRK 750 (approx. EUR 100) + HRK 150 (approx. EUR 20) for each class of products of services exceeding three ¹¹	N/A	N/A
Publication Publication of the application to register the trademark	Two to four weeks as of completing the formal examination	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Oppositions and observations Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the mark	Three months as of the date of publication of the application	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Substantive examination Examination of absolute and relative grounds of refusal	One to three months as of the date of expiry of the term for filing the opposition and observations	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Registration Payment of registration fees; Registration (issuance of the registration certificate) and publication of the trademark	Two to four weeks as of the end of the oppositions.	HRK 1,500 (approx. EUR 200) + HRK 300 (approx. EUR 40) for each class of products of services exceeding three	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	Approx. six to nine months	HRK 2,250 (approx. EUR 300) + HRK 450 (approx. EUR 60) for each class of products of services exceeding three	N/A	N/A

¹¹ If the application is submitted electronically, the costs are reduced by 20 %.

F. EU TRADEMARK

European Union Trademark	Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure	
Procedure ¹²	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Filing: Application online or on paper (only via post or courier) possible		EUR 850 (first class) + EUR 50 (second class) + EUR 150 as of the third class (and for each additional class)	Prerequisites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual mark • Online filing • Only pre-approved terms of the Harmonised Database of the EU are used in the list of goods/services • Only word, figurative, shape and sound marks • Upfront payment (credit card, immediate bank transfer, current account) 	EUR 850 (first class) + EUR 50 (second class) + EUR 150 as of the third class (and for each additional class)
Formal examination: Examination of classification and formalities	No rules – approx. one to five months	N/A	N/A – see prerequisites above	N/A
Substantive examination: Examination for absolute grounds			No rules – approx. one to five months	N/A
Translation	Depending on the length of the specification and the number of not pre-approved terms included	N/A	Not required; official terms in all 23 languages of the Harmonised Database are used	N/A
Publication		N/A		
Opposition period	Three months from the date of publication	N/A	Three months from the date of publication	N/A
Registration + second publication: The applicant/representative is invited to download a digital registration certificate two days after second publication	Approx. two weeks after the end of the opposition term	N/A	Approx. two weeks after the end of the opposition term	N/A
Total	No rules – approx. six to nine months	EUR 850 (first class) + EUR 50 (second class) + EUR 150 as of the third class (and for each additional class)	No rules – approx. five to eight months	EUR 850 (first class) + EUR 50 (second class) + EUR 150 as of the third class (and for each additional class)

¹² The timing and fees do not account for the existence of procedural incidents (e.g. office actions).

G. HUNGARY

Hungary	Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure	
Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
<p>Formal examination Examination of the application to register the trademark upon fulfilment of the conditions for attribution of the deposit date</p>	<p>Approx. one to four weeks¹³ as of the date of filing the application, to which a payment document is enclosed. The term can be extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If deficiencies are found; the applicant will be given two additional months to remedy them • If the applicant has not paid the application fees, one additional month to remedy the term will be given 	<p>One class: HUF 60,000 (approx. EUR 195) Two classes: HUF 80,000 (approx. EUR 260) Three classes: HUF 110,000 (approx. EUR 355) Each additional class after the third: HUF 40,000 (approx. EUR 130)</p>	<p>Approx. one to four weeks¹⁴ as of the date of filing the application, to which a payment document is enclosed. The term can be extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If deficiencies are found; the applicant will be given <u>at least 15 days</u> to remedy them • If the applicant has not paid the application fees; one additional month to remedy the term will be given 	<p>One class: HUF 120,000 (approx. EUR 390) Two classes: HUF 160,000 (approx. EUR 520) Three classes: HUF 220,000 (approx. EUR 710) Each additional class after the third: HUF 80,000 (approx. EUR 260)</p>
<p>Search report Preparation of a list of prior similar trademarks – the HIPO sends this list to the trademark applicant for information purposes. Trademark owners who applied for a payable trademark watch service at the HIPO also receive a notification of the trademark application where their trademark was included in the search report.</p>	<p>Approx. two to four weeks as of the end of the formal examination</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Approx. two to four weeks as of the end of the formal examination</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Substantive examination Examination of oppositions, observations, absolute and relative grounds of refusal</p>	<p>This examination runs parallel with the search report. Approx. two to four weeks as of the end of the formal examination.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>This examination runs parallel with the search report. Approx. two to four weeks as of the end of the formal examination.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Publication Publication of the application to register the trademark</p>	<p>"At least 15 days" as of the service of the search report to the trademark applicant (in practice, approx. one month)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Within 15 days as of the service of the search report to the trademark applicant</p>	<p>N/A</p>

¹³ The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) is not bound by the general administrative procedural deadlines. This deadline is based on the practical experience of Schoenherr's Budapest office.

¹⁴ The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) is not bound by the general administrative procedural deadlines. This deadline is based on the practical experience of Schoenherr's Budapest office.

Oppositions and observations Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the mark	Three months as of the date of publication of the application.	N/A	Three months as of the date of publication of the application	N/A
Registration Registration (issuance of the registration certificate) and publication of the trademark	Two to five weeks as of the end of the oppositions	N/A	Two to five weeks as of the end of the oppositions	N/A
TOTAL¹⁵:	Usually four to seven months	One class: HUF 60,000 (approx. EUR 195) Two classes: HUF 80,000 (approx. EUR 260) Three classes: HUF 110,000 (approx. EUR 355) Each additional class after the third: HUF 40,000 (approx. EUR 130)	Usually three to six months	One class: HUF 120,000 (approx. EUR 390) Two classes: HUF 160,000 (approx. EUR 520) Three classes: HUF 220,000 (approx. EUR 710) Each additional class after the third: HUF 80,000 (approx. EUR 260)

¹⁵ The timing and fees do not account for the existence of procedural incidents (e.g. non-fulfilment of the conditions for the attribution of the deposit date, provisional refusal, etc.).

H. MOLDOVA

MOLDOVA	Regular Services		Expedited Services	
Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Formal examination Examination of the application to register the trademark upon fulfilment of the conditions for attribution of the deposit date	Up to one month as of the date of filing the application	EUR 40	N/A	N/A
Publication Publication of the application to register the trademark	Up to three months as of the date of attribution of the deposit date	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Oppositions and observations Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the mark	Up to three months as of the date of publication of the application	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Substantive examination Examination of oppositions, observations, absolute and relative grounds of refusal	Up to three months as of the date of expiry of the term for filing of the oppositions and observations	EUR 200 + EUR 50 for each class of products or services exceeding one	N/A	N/A
Registration Registration (issuance of the registration certificate) and publication of the trademark	Up to two months as of the date of issuance of the decision on registration	EUR 250	N/A	N/A
TOTAL¹⁶:	Up to 12 months	EUR 490 ¹⁷ + EUR 50 for each class of products or services exceeding one	N/A	N/A

Note: The Moldovan legislation does not provide for the possibility of expedited registration of trademarks. However, pursuant to a draft law on the amendment of the Trademarks Act currently disclosed for public consultations, such a possibility will be implemented. It will be possible to register a trademark within 15 business days, upon payment of the Trademark Office's fee increased by 150 %.

¹⁶ The timing and fees do not account for the existence of procedural incidents (e.g. non-fulfilment of the conditions for the attribution of the deposit date, provisional refusal, etc.).

¹⁷ Certain categories of applicants (citizens of the Republic of Moldova, small and medium-sized enterprises) have a 50 % discount.

I. POLAND

POLAND	General Procedure		Expedited Procedure	
Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Formal examination Examination of the application to register the trademark upon fulfilment of the conditions for attribution of the disclosure date; examination of the absolute grounds of refusal and list of goods and services	One to three months as of the date of filing the application	PLN 450 (approx. EUR 110) for one class PLN 120 (approx. EUR 30) for every additional class	N/A	N/A
Publication Publication of the application in the database of the trademark RegisterPlus	One month as of the date of attribution of the disclosure date	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oppositions and observations Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the mark	Three months as of the date of publication of the application One to two years – expected time of opposition proceedings before the Polish Patent Office	N/A	N/A	N/A
Decision on the registration of the trademark	One to two months as of the date of the end of the opposition period	N/A	N/A	N/A
Registration Registration (issuance of the registration certificate) and publication of the trademark	At least six months as of the date of issuance of the decision on registration	PLN 400 (approx. EUR 100) for each class PLN 90 (approx. EUR 20) for the publication of the trademark in the register	N/A	N/A
TOTAL¹⁸:	At least 12 months	PLN 450 (approx. EUR 110) + PLN 400 (approx. EUR 100) for one class of products or services + PLN 90 (approx. EUR 20) for the publication of the trademark Every additional class is PLN 120 (approx. EUR 30) + PLN 400 (approx. EUR 100)	N/A	N/A

¹⁸ The timing and fees do not account for the existence of procedural incidents (e.g. non-fulfilment of the conditions for the attribution of the deposit date, provisional refusal, etc.).

J. ROMANIA

ROMANIA¹⁹	Regular Services		Expedited Services	
Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
TOTAL²⁰:	Approx. eight months	EUR 200 (for a black & white, verbal trademark in one class)	N/A	N/A

¹⁹ The Romanian Trademark Law is intended to be significantly amended.

²⁰ The timing and fees do not account for the existence of procedural incidents (e.g. non-fulfilment of the conditions for the attribution of the deposit date, provisional refusal, etc.).

K. SERBIA

Serbia	General Procedure		Expedited Procedure²¹	
Procedure	Timing²²	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Registration application Filing in registration application for trademark registration to the IPO	N/A	EUR 135 + EUR 28 for each class of products of services exceeding three + EUR 28 for figurative element	N/A	EUR 135 + EUR 28 for each class of products of services exceeding three + EUR 28 for figurative element + EUR 68 for expedited procedure
Publication Publication of the application to register the trademark	As of the date of filing the application	No costs for the applicant	As of the date of filing the application	No costs for the applicant
Formal examination Examination of the application to register the trademark upon fulfilment of the conditions prescribed in the Trademarks Act	Two months as of the date of filing the application	No costs for the applicant	Two to three days as of the date of filing the application or the date of the applicant's request for expedited services	No costs for the applicant
Remedy period Remedy period on Intellectual Property Office's result of formal examination of the application (if any)	15 days as of the date of result of formal examination	EUR 7 in case of applicant's reply to formal examination result of the IPO	See timing for the remedy period in the general procedure	EUR 7 in case of applicant's reply to formal examination result of the IPO
Substantive examination Examination of absolute and relative grounds of refusal	Three to four months as of the date of filing the application	No costs for the applicant	Four to six days as of the date of filing the application or the date of the applicant's request for expedited services	No costs for the applicant
Remedy period Remedy period on Intellectual Property Office's result of substantive examination of the application (if any)	30 days as of the date of result of substantive examination	EUR 7 in case of reply to substantive examination result of the IPO	See timing for the remedy period in the general procedure	EUR 7 in case of applicant's reply to substantive examination result of the IPO
Fee payment Fee payment for first 10 years of protection, fee for trademark certificate issuance and publication fee	15 days as of the date of decision on fee payment of the IPO	EUR 270 + EUR 41 for each class of products or services exceeding three + EUR 41 for figurative element	15 days as of the date of the decision on fee payment of the IPO	EUR 270 + EUR 41 for each class of products or services exceeding three + EUR 41 for figurative element
Registration	Five days as of the date of payment of official fees for first 10 years of	No costs for the applicant	Seven to 10 business days as of the date of filing the application	No costs for the applicant

²¹ The expedited procedure applies only to pharmaceutical products and pesticides, i.e. to class 5 of the Nice classification of goods and services.

²² The applicant may have the possibility to extend the deadline to reply to the result of the examination three times for **30** days in case the Intellectual Property Office renders one.

Registration (issuance of the registration certificate) and publication of the trademark	protection, fee for trademark certificate issuance and publication fee		or the date of the applicant's request for expedited services	
TOTAL ²³	Approx. four to six months	EUR 405	Approx. 10 business days ²⁴ in case of proper application and no absolute and relative grounds for refusal	EUR 475

²³ The total excludes official fees that refer to a mark exceeding three classes with figurative element.

²⁴ In the case of absolute and relative grounds for refusal, the procedure may take up to three months having in mind the applicant's possibility to extend the deadlines.

L. SLOVAKIA

Slovakia	Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure – NOT APPLICABLE	
Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Examination (formal and substantive) Examination of the application	There is no legal period given for examination. If deficiencies are found, the applicant will be given an additional period to remedy them.	EUR 166 (application for up to three classes) + EUR 20 (each additional class after the third)	N/A	N/A
Publication Publication of the application	No legal period given	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Oppositions and observations Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the mark	Three months as of the date of publication of the application	EUR 50	N/A	N/A
Appeals	Appeals can be submitted within 30 days as of the respective decision	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Registration Registration (issuance of the registration certificate) and publication of the trademark	No legal period given, but at least three months from the publication in case of no oppositions	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
TOTAL²⁵:	Individual, but usually starting at least at three months (no legal period given)	EUR 166 (up to three classes) + EUR 20 (each additional class after the third)	N/A	N/A

²⁵ The total timing is only approximate.

M. SLOVENIA

SLOVENIA	Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure²⁶	
Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
TM application Following the filing of an application, the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (" SIPO ") determines the application date and number / confirms the receipt of the application	Approx. 10 days as of the date of filing the application	EUR 100 (up to three classes) + EUR 20 for each additional class	N/A	N/A
Formal examination The SIPO checks if a TM application meets all formal requirements set in the Industrial Property Act (" ZIL-1 ") and Rules on the contents of the mark application	Approx. two weeks as of the date of receiving confirmation on receipt of the application	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Substantive examination – absolute grounds for refusal The SIPO examines whether the applied TM can be registered, considering the absolute grounds for refusal. If there is no absolute ground for refusal, the SIPO issues a decision on publication of the application.			N/A	N/A
Publication The SIPO publishes the TM application in its Industrial Property Bulletin	Approx. one month as of the date of receiving the decision on publication of the application	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Oppositions (and observations²⁷) Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the trademark	Three months as of the date of publication of the application	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A
Substantive examination – relative grounds for refusal²⁸ The SIPO assesses the opposition on its merits / examines the relative grounds for refusal as provided in the opposition	The opposition proceedings usually take approx. two years	No costs for the applicant	N/A	N/A

²⁶ Not applicable.

²⁷ A person submitting an observation is not a party in the proceeding before the SIPO. Nevertheless, the SIPO forwards the observations to the applicant who may provide a comment/answer.

²⁸ The SIPO examines relative grounds for refusal only in case an opposition is submitted (i.e. there is no *ex officio* examination of relative grounds for refusal).

Payment of the registration fee and registration Following the payment of the registration fee, the SIPO issues a decision on TM registration and publishes TM information in the Industrial Property Bulletin	Approx. two weeks as of the date of payment of the registration fee	EUR 150 (up to three classes) + EUR 50 for each additional class	N/A	N/A
TOTAL²⁹	Approx. five to seven months	EUR 250 (up to three classes) + EUR 70 for each additional class	N/A	N/A

²⁹ The timing and fees do not account for the existence of procedural incidents (e.g. non-fulfilment of the formal requirements, opposition proceedings, etc.).

N. UKRAINE

Ukraine³⁰	Regular Procedure		Expedited Procedure	
Procedure	Timing	Trademark Office's fees	Timing	Trademark Office's fees
Formal examination Examination of the application to register the trademark upon fulfilment of the conditions for attribution of the deposit date	Two months as of the date of filing the application	UAH 4,000 ³¹ (approx. EUR 150)	Two months as of the date of filing the application	UAH 4,000 (approx. EUR 150)
Publication Publication of the application to register the trademark	One month	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Oppositions and observations Filing of the oppositions and/or observations to registration of the mark	Two months	UAH 2,000 ³² (approx. EUR 76)	Not applicable	Not applicable
Substantive examination Examination of oppositions, observations, absolute and relative grounds of refusal	Nine to 12 months	Not applicable	Three months after the expiry of the three-month period after the filing date ³³	UAH 5,220 (approx. EUR 198)
Registration Registration (issuance of the registration certificate)	One month	UAH 600 (approx. EUR 23)	One month	UAH 600 (approx. EUR 23)
TOTAL	15 – 18 months	UAH 6,600 (approx. EUR 250)	Seven to eight months	UAH 9,820 (approx. EUR 373)

³⁰ There are no statutory established terms for registration of trademarks in Ukraine; the terms provided herein are approximate and calculated based on established practice.

³¹ Applies to one applicant, for one class in black and white. The registration fee is 20 % less if the application is submitted electronically.

³² For filing an objection against an application to register the trademark because it does not fall within the terms of legal protection.

³³ The respective application may be filed to and accepted by Ukrapatent three months after the deposit date.