

## Costs comparison: "Classic" European Patent versus new Unitary patent

(protection in 25 Member States participating in the Unitary Patent)

	European "bundle" patent (25 MS)	European patent with unitary effect (25 MS) - during transitional period	European patent with unitary effect (25 MS) - after transitional period
<b>Procedural fees (filing, search, examination and grant)</b>	4 045 € * (not concerned by the reform)	4 045 € * (not concerned by the reform)	4 045 € * (not concerned by the reform)
<b>Validation costs:</b>			
Translation	20 145 €	2 380 €	680 €
Local patent agents	5 250 €	0	0
Official local patent offices fees	2 679 €	0	0
<b>Validation costs total</b>	28 074 €	2 380 €	680 €
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>32 119 €</b>	<b>6 425 €</b>	<b>4 725 €</b>

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

# European patent system – Closing the competitiveness gap

## US

GDP per capita: 37 900 EUR  
Population: 310 Mio

Single patent office

Number of granted patents:  
2010: 219 000  
2011: 224 000

Costs: 2 000 EUR

Single specialised  
jurisdiction

1x litigation costs

## Europe

GDP per capita: 24 700 EUR  
Population: 500 Mio

### Today:

Centrally granted European patent which splits  
into national patents

Number of granted patents:  
2010: 58 000  
2011: 62 000

Costs: 36 000 EUR

European patent to be validated in each state  
27x litigation costs

### Tomorrow:

Single patent office

Costs: 5 000 EUR

Single specialised jurisdiction

1x Litigation costs

## China

GDP per capita: 6 600 EUR  
Population: 1 340 Mio

Single patent office

Number of granted patents:  
2010: 135 000  
2011: 172 000

Costs: 600 EUR

Single specialised  
jurisdiction

1x litigation costs

## Unitary patent protection – How does it work?

