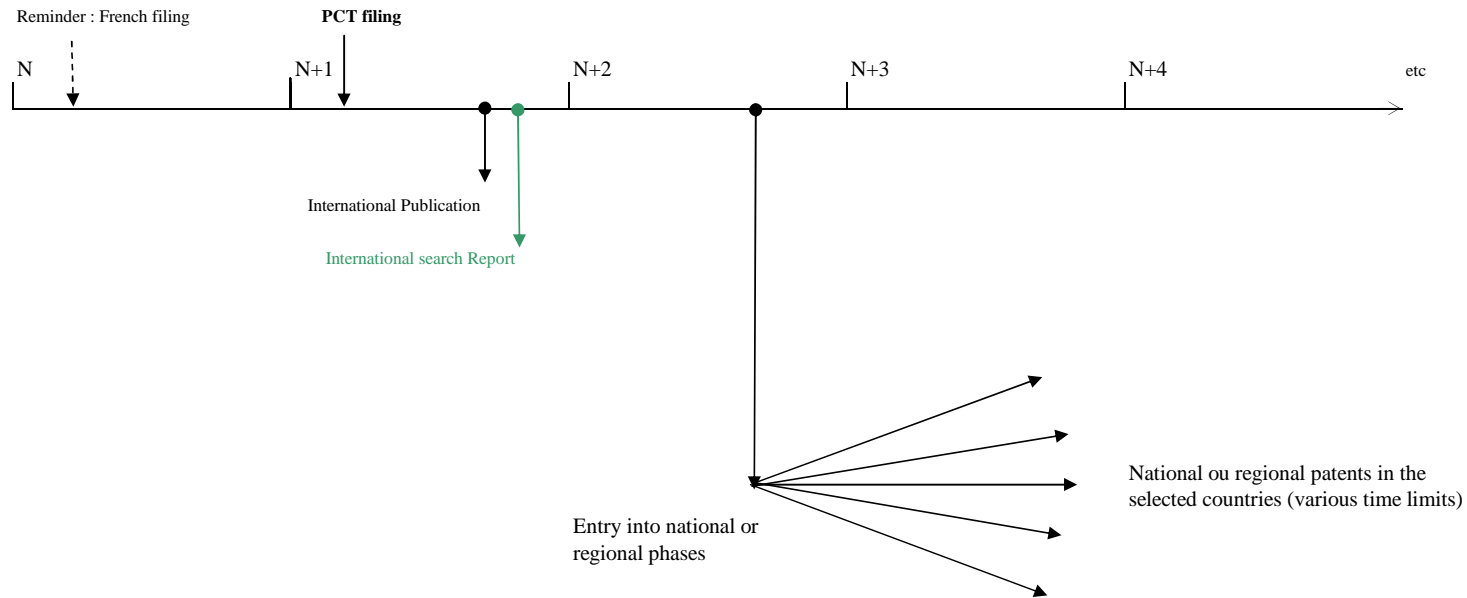


IN CASE OF AN INTERNATIONAL FILING IN THE PRIORITY YEAR



Time limits
from the
priority date

- 12 months maxi **PCT filing** : to be performed within 12 months after the French filing, usually at the end of the priority year.
- 18 months **International Publication** : same as the French publication, except if the text was modified when answering the Search Report.
- about 20 months **International Search Report** : usually identical to the one which was drafted for the French application, except if the text was modified when answering the French Search Report.
It includes a written opinion on patentability which will serve as examination report if an examination on patentability is not requested.
- 30 months **Launching the national or regional phases** : one has to accomplish the necessary procedures in order to obtain national or regional patents in selected countries.
These procedures have to be accomplished in the time limit of 30 months from the priority date.