

Microsoft announces European availability for the "Pro" version of the Surface-- by May 2012 the Windows 8 tablet should be available in most of our territories.

Countries include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

The tablet was previously available only the US, Canada and China.

Microsoft explains the reasoning behind the staggered rollout as "[making] sure we have the volume of devices in place and alignment with our retail partners to do each launch well."

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