

European Patents

A patent that has been granted by the European Patent Office subsequently has to be filed in European countries of your choice. This can now take one of two routes:

- Validation – Direct filing in the separate countries of interest to you (see below list)
- Unitary Patent – A single patent covering 17 countries (see below list)
- There is also the option to ‘fill the gaps’ by validating directly in the countries that your Unitary Patent is missing

Validation

Assuming your European Patent has been granted in English there may be translation requirements. We have outlined a list of the countries that require translations and approximate costs of Validation in each country. Renewals fees will be due annually in each country. If you choose the Validation route there will also be a small fee to ‘opt-out’ of the Unitary Patent system to avoid your patent being the subject of jurisdiction.

Unitary Patent

Again, assuming your European Patent has been granted in English there is the requirement to also translate your full patent specification into French/German. Approximate costs for the filing of Unitary Patent is around £1000 + VAT. One renewal fee will be due annually to keep the patent maintained.

Validation	Unitary Patent	Country	Description Language	Claims Language	Validation Cost (Excl VAT)
✓		Albania	English	Albanian	£1,000
✓	✓	Austria	German	German	£1,200
✓	✓	Belgium	English	English	£350
✓		Bosnia	English	Bosnian	£1,000
✓	✓	Bulgaria	Bulgarian	Bulgarian	£1,500
✓		Cambodia	English	Khmer	£1,000
✓		Croatia	English	Croatian	£1,000
✓		Cyprus	Greek	Greek	£1,500
✓		Czech Republic	Czech	Czech	£1,200
✓	✓	Denmark	English	Danish	£1,000
✓	✓	Estonia	Estonian	Estonian	£1,500
✓	✓	Finland	English	Finnish	£1,000
✓	✓	France	English	English	£350
✓	✓	Germany	English	English	£350
✓		Greece	Greek	Greek	£1,600
✓		Herzegovina	English	Bosnian	£1,000
✓		Hungary	English	Hungarian	£1,000
✓		Iceland	English	Icelandic	£1,000
✓		Ireland	English	English	£350
✓	✓	Italy	Italian	Italian	£1,600
✓	✓	Latvia	English	Latvian	£1,000
✓		Liechtenstein	English	English	£350
✓	✓	Lithuania	English	Lithuanian	£1,000
✓	✓	Luxembourg	English	English	£350
✓	✓	Malta	English	English	£350
✓		Morocco	English	English	£350
✓		Monaco	English	English	£350
✓		Montenegro	English	Serbian	£1,000
✓		Moldova	Romanian	Romanian	£1,500
✓	✓	Netherlands	English	Dutch	£700
✓		North Macedonia	English	Macedonian	£1,000
✓		Norway	English	Norwegian	£1,000

✓		Poland	Polish	Polish	£1,500
✓	✓	Portugal	Portuguese	Portuguese	£1,200
✓	✓	Romania	Romanian	Romanian	£1,500
✓		San Marino	Italian	Italian	£1,600
✓		Serbia	Serbian	Serbian	£1,500
✓		Slovakia	Slovak	Slovak	£1,500
✓	✓	Slovenia	English	Slovene	£1,000
✓		Spain	Spanish	Spanish	£1,600
✓	✓	Sweden	English	Swedish	£1,000
✓		Tunisia	English	English	£350
✓		Switzerland	English	English	£350
✓		Turkey	Turkish	Turkish	£1,500
✓		UK	English	English	£200