

Foreign language filing

Help! I have a patent (or a utility model) application in a foreign language. And it needs to be filed today!

Is the patent application in English?

If the answer is 'yes', [contact us without delay](#) and we will file the application at the European Patent Office (EPO) for you.

Is the patent application in a language other than English?

If the answer is 'yes', [contact us without delay](#) and we file an urgent patent application at the EPO in the original language and follow this up with an English translation within two months.

Alternatively a PCT can be filed in any language but must be followed up with an English translation within one month.

What if it's a utility model application, not a patent application?

A PCT solution will work, as it can be filed in any language, as long as the application is followed up with an English translation within one month.

Right now cost is the last thing on my mind, but is this something to consider?

If protection is required in only one country in Europe, for example, Germany, France or Spain, it will be more economical to file in English or any other language locally at the respective patent office, and then follow up with a translation into the local language.

What next?

If you would like more information, then please get in touch. You can email us info@barkerbrettell.co.uk or call us on **+44 (0)121 456 0000**.

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