

FROM 2025 CSP SUPPORT IS BASED ON 3 PILLARS



QUALITY

<50% EQE-qualified patent attorneys vs. "grandfathers"



GENDER

<50% women vs. men in the patent attorney profession



EPAC

Candidates from all MS preparing for EPAC (starting from 2026)

—  Eligibility of MS updated every two years —



EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC)

- EPAC is a certification scheme developed by the EPO
- Introduced in 2022 as the first pan-European certification, the EPAC has rapidly grown, with more than 1 800 candidates from across the globe
- Targets paralegals, patent administrators, and formalities officers, enabling hundreds of successful candidates to advance in their careers



- EPAC certificate validates the knowledge and skills necessary for autonomous handling of European and international patent grant and post-grant procedures.
- It opens more doors for career development, professional and geographical mobility and entry into new roles across the innovation ecosystem.
- In 2026 new modular format of EPAC will be introduced

NEW EPAC MODULES FROM 2026



EPAC Module 1*

Patent law: EPC and PCT

Diploma in patent administration under European and international patent law

*Recommended starting point - foundational module



EPAC Module 3

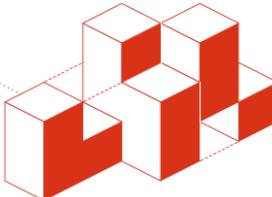
EPO procedures: post-grant, appeal, validation and UPC

Diploma in post-grant and UPC procedures



Modules 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = EPAC!

One exam per module,
an official EPO diploma for each exam passed.
Collect all four diplomas to receive your
European Patent Administration Certificate.



EPAC Module 2

EPO procedures in filing, search and examination

Diploma in patent grant procedure



EPAC Module 4

PCT procedure and entry into national/regional phases

Diploma in PCT procedure



For more information visit the [EPAC](https://epac.epo.org) page on epo.org

KEY BENEFITS OF CSP ON EPAC FOR THE ECOSYSTEM AND NPOS

Pan-European certification for patent administrators



Professional development and enhanced workforce mobility



Increases institutional expertise



Expanded opportunities for NPO staff



Focused preparation



Financial support



More inclusive



Improves cooperation



Flexibility



STRUCTURED SUPPORT FOR EPAC SUCCESS

6-month support aligned with modular EPAC format



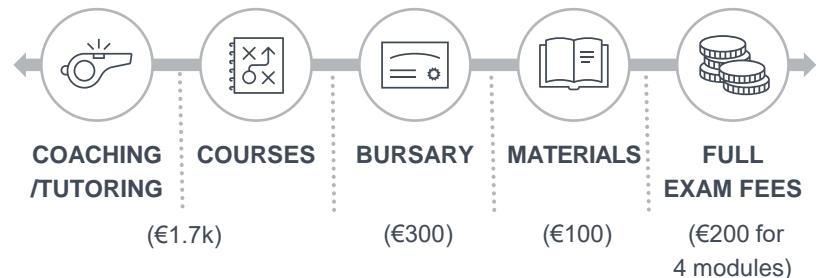
 Candidates receive support to prepare for all four EPAC 2026 modules.
It is highly recommended to sit all four modules/exams in October 2026.

"Giving back" principle – a cornerstone of the new CSP



 Candidates commit to "give back" after receiving CSP support, creating a sustainable self-supporting professional community across Europe.

Comprehensive training, coaching/tutoring and financial support at every stage



Total value of €2.3k over 6 months