

FROM 2025 CSP SUPPORT IS BASED ON 3 PILLARS



QUALITY

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



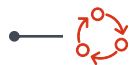
GENDER

<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



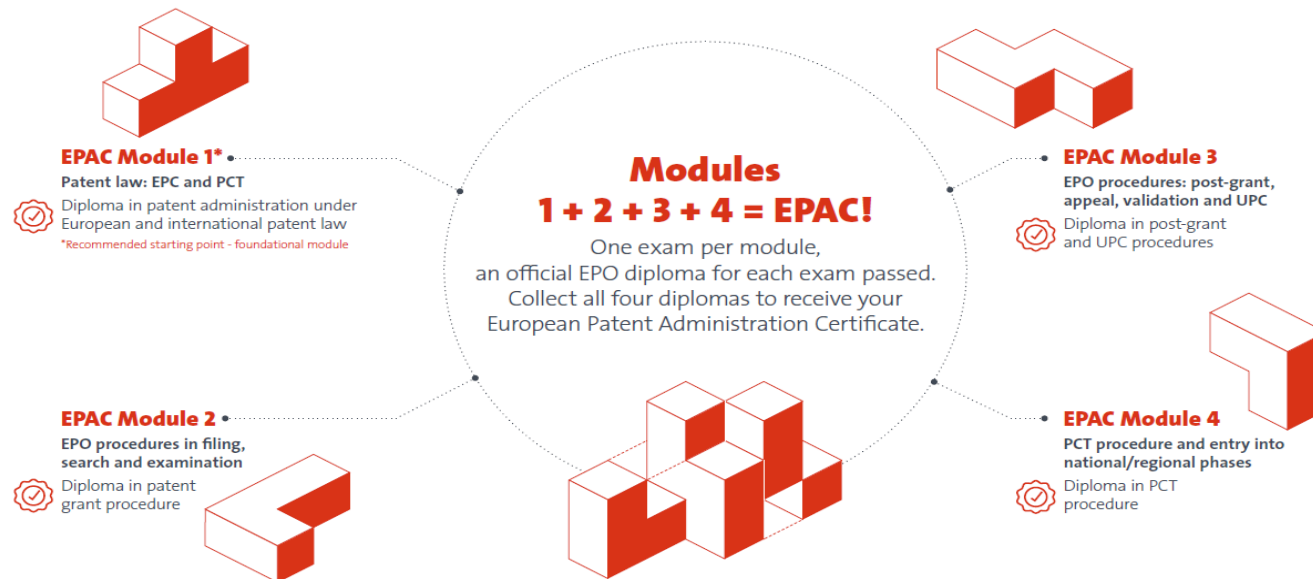
EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC)

- 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



For more information visit the [EPAC](#) 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



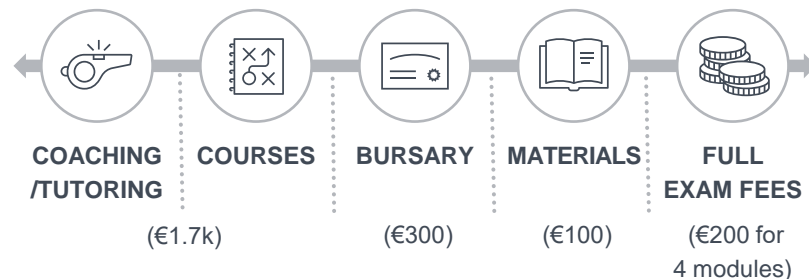
Candidates receive support to prepare for all four EPAC 2026 modules. It is highly recommended to sit all four modules/exams in October 2026.

"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