

## 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 •



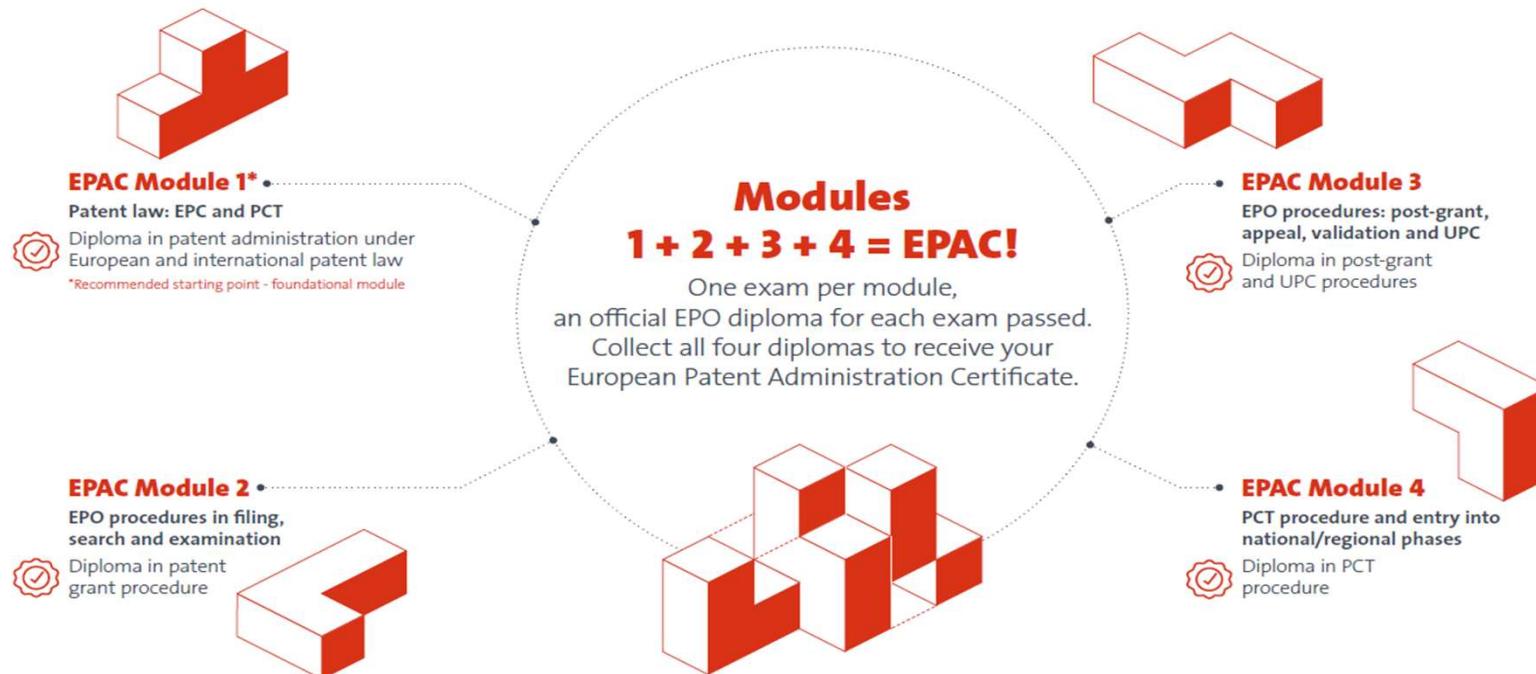
## EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC)

- 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



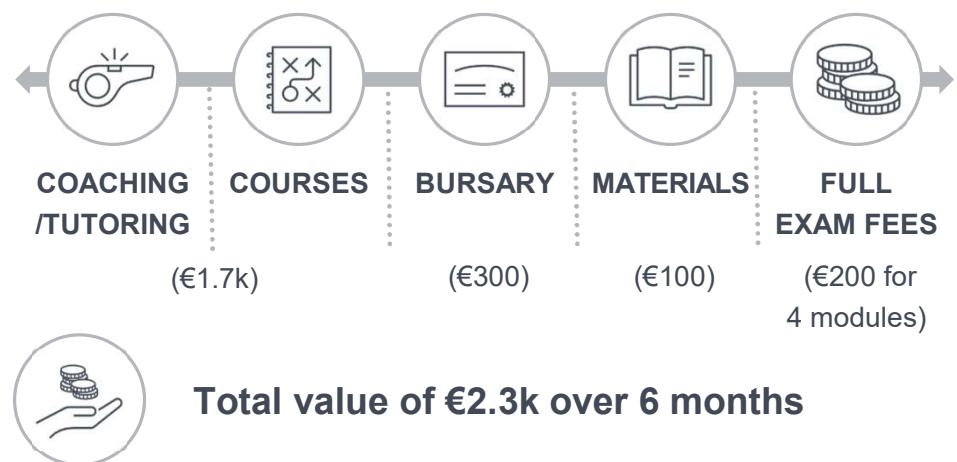
 Candidates receive support to prepare for all four EPAC 2026 modules.  
It is highly recommended to sit all four modules/exams in October 2026.

**"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**