

## FROM 2025 CSP SUPPORT IS BASED ON 3 PILLARS



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



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



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

—  Eligibility of MS updated every two years —



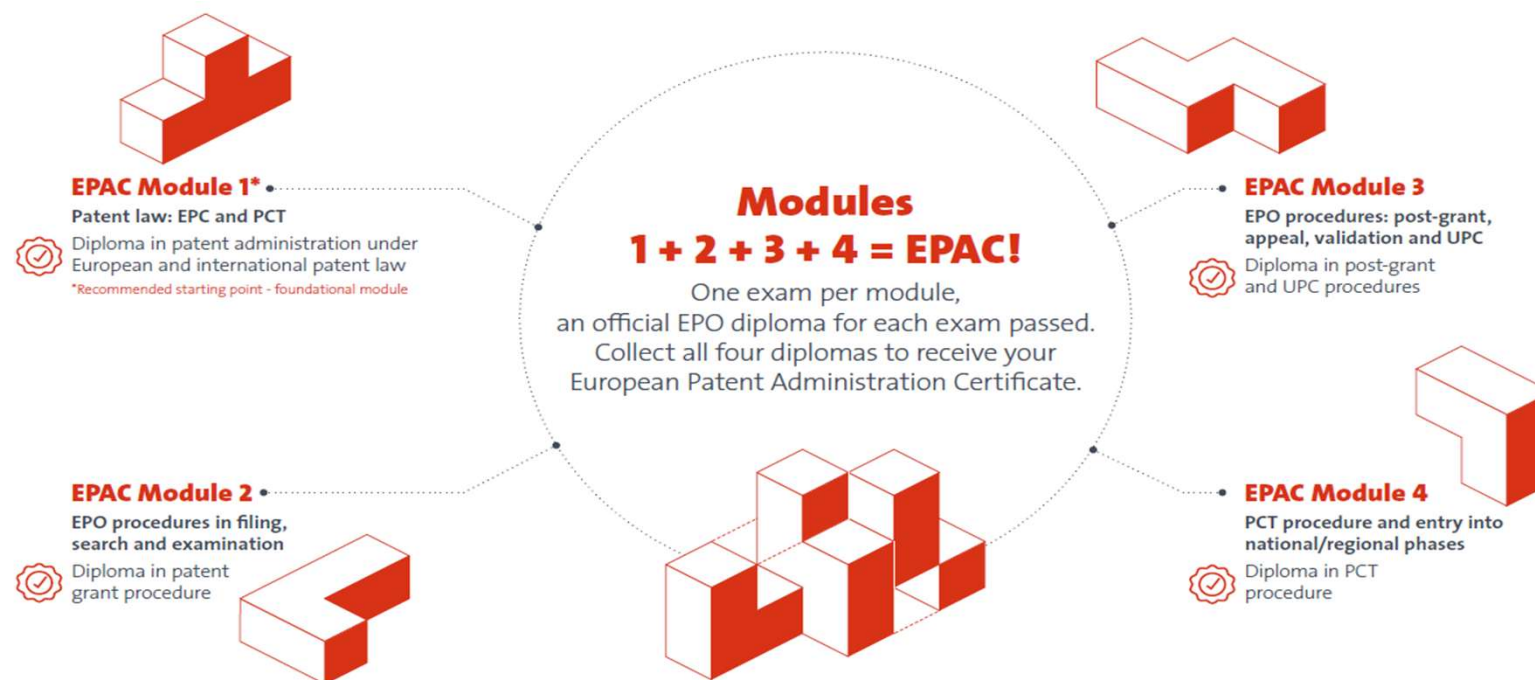
## EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC)

- 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](https://www.epo.org/csp-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



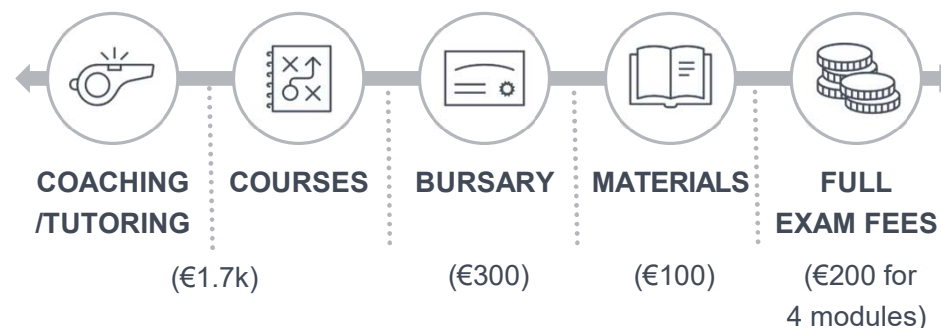
Candidates receive support to prepare for all four EPAC 2026 modules. It is highly recommended to sit all four modules/exams in October 2026.

### "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