

<b>Title of the training</b> Preparatory seminar for paper D of the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) 2026
<b>Public</b> The training is intended for people taking Paper C of the EQE. To register for this paper with the EPO, candidates must meet the EPO's requirements (see the new EEQ regulations, Supplementary publication 3 – OJ EPO 2024).
<b>Prerequisites</b> Participation in this non-degree training course does not require any specific prerequisites with regard to the target audience.
<b>Entrance requirements</b> This is a non-degree training course. Candidates should preferably have attended the CEIPI methodology course for paper D of the EQE or a similar training. Admission upon validation of the application file.
<b>Objectives</b> Help candidates prepare for paper D of the EQE.
<b>Program and schedule (for information purposes)</b> <b>Content:</b> The seminar on paper D (legal questions) covers the following topics (see rule 26 of the IPRE (supplementary publication 2, OJ EPO 2019)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General introduction to paper D</li> <li>- Approaches and techniques to tackle paper D (D-I and D-II part)</li> <li>- Drafting answers to D-I questions</li> <li>- Drafting a strategic advice in reply to a client's request (D-II question)</li> <li>- Difference between the approaches needed to tackle both types of questions</li> <li>- The candidates will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills by writing a full paper D under examination conditions.</li> </ul> <b>Duration:</b> From Monday morning to Friday morning (37h) <b>Date :</b> 12 to 16 January 2026 <b>Provisional schedule:</b> Monday to Thursday from 8:45 am to 6:30 pm and Friday from 8:45 am to 12:30 am  <b>Tutors :</b> The tutors for these courses are either professional representatives (from private practice and industry) or staff of the departments of first instance of the EPO and of the Boards of Appeal. All have extensive knowledge and practical experience in the procedures before the EPO, be it in examination and opposition, or in appeal before the Boards of Appeal.
<b>Teaching methods:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Practical exercises (legal questions and request for strategic advice prepared by CEIPI according to the format of paper D) under the guidance of a tutor ; discussion of the answers in the light of the model solutions suggested by CEIPI</li> <li>- Mock exam D, discussion of solutions for the legal advice part in the light of the model solution suggested by CEIPI</li> <li>- Work is done in small groups in order to ensure proper dialogue between participants and tutors</li> </ul> The seminar is proposed in the three EPO official languages (English, German, French).
<b>Training material</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exercises, mock examination, calendars, possible model solutions</li> </ul>
<b>Validation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The training aims at the adaptation and development of skills. Participants can receive an attendance certificate.            An evaluation questionnaire will be distributed at the end of the course in order to measure client satisfaction.</li> </ul>

## ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT –ON-SITE TRAINING

**Location**

Strasbourg

**Fee**

1 900 € for the preparatory seminar part D

A reduced package price is offered to candidates enrolling simultaneously for the complete range of CEIPI courses preparing for paper D of the EQE.

**Contact for information, enrolment and technical support\***

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