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TRAINING PREPARING FOR THE
EUROPEAN PATENT ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION (EPAC) 2026

ONLINE COURSES

Training format:

6 morning sessions on Mondays 13 April, 20 April, 11 May, 1 June, 15 June, 29 June

AND

one full-day session in autumn 2026
(date tbc according to the date of the EPAC examination 2026)

Training schedule

N.B: Each training session will consist of presentations, exercises and the discussion of possible solutions covering the topics of the EPAC syllabus.

In the course, subjects in the EPC and PCT will be taught in a similar order as in the EPO EPAC course.

Six half-day sessions on Mondays 13 April, 20 April, 11 May, 1 June, 15 June, 29 June 2026, 8:30 - 12:00 CEST

For these sessions, the focus of the training will be on the following topics – not necessarily in the sketched order:

- the background of the patent system, the aim of patents, the criteria for patentability, patenting systems and the hierarchy therein, the priority concept, the PCT system and the International Bureau, the EPC system and the EPO
 - filing a PCT application and filing a (direct) European application including the requirements of obtaining a filing date and the formal requirements,
 - search and publication and filing divisional applications,
 - entry in the national and regional phase after PCT and, especially, entry into the European phase.
 - international preliminary examination and examination in the EPO,
 - post-grant procedures (oppositions, limitations and revocations), national validation, UPC and appeal procedures.
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Closing session

One full-day session in autumn 2026, 8:30 – 12:00 and 13:30 – 17:00 CEST

- Final question & answer session before the EPAC examination and discussion of past examination papers.
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Study material

During the training, participants should at least have access to the following supports:

- the EPC, the PCT, the Guidelines, the Applicant's Guide, the Euro-PCT guide, the National Law Relating to the EPC, an up-to-date version of the RFEES and a calendar