

<p>Title of the training</p> <p>Introductory methodology course for paper M4 of the European qualifying examination (EQE) 2027</p>
<p>Public</p> <p>The training is intended for people taking paper M4 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).</p>
<p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Participation in this non-degree training course does not require any specific prerequisites with regard to the target audience.</p>
<p>Entrance requirements</p> <p>This is a non-degree training course. Admission upon validation of the application file. Participants are however expected to have a sufficient knowledge of European patent law and the PCT as well as basic international patent law (as they should have in light of Paper M2).</p>
<p>Objectives</p> <p>Help candidates prepare as early as possible for the EQE and bring them to the required level for the CEIPI preparatory seminar for paper M4 of the EQE.</p>
<p>Program and schedule (for information purposes)</p> <p>Content :</p> <p>The M4 methodology course is intended for candidates who plan to attend the subsequent M4 seminar. It aims to give the candidate a more in-depth knowledge, enabling them to efficiently and effectively prepare for Paper M4 on their own as early as possible and to raise them to the required level for the preparatory M4 seminar to be held in January 2027.</p> <p>In the M4 methodology course, not only a presentation of the gist of Paper M4 and possible methods to address the paper are given. Instead, the peculiarities of Paper M4 are elucidated in more depth using simplified educational M4 papers.</p> <p>The following two parts are fully included in the course</p> <p>Duration : 1 day</p> <p>Date : Wednesday 20 September 2026 afternoon and Friday 6 November 2026</p> <p>Provisional schedule:</p> <p>30/09: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>06/11: 8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Tutors :</p> <p>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. A detailed list of course tutors and their references will be made available to participants before the start of the course.</p>
<p>Teaching methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations and discussions, Q&A session - Practical exercises and discussion of solutions with tutors - Work sessions in small groups in order to ensure proper dialogue between tutor and participants <p>The online courses are proposed in the three EPO official languages (English, German, French).</p>
<p>Technical and pedagogical frame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to the online session will take place via the connection to a distance-learning platform. The ID and password for the connection will be made available to the participant in advance. - The participant must have appropriate technical equipment to participate in the online session, in particular a laptop or similar device and high speed WIFI.

Training material <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Audio-visual supports and handouts provided online
Validation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The training aims at the adaptation and development of skills. Participants can receive an attendance certificate. An evaluation questionnaire will be sent at the end of the course in order to measure client satisfaction.
Location Online
Fee 650 €
Contact for information, enrolment and technical support* Sylvie Kra Training assistant Phone: 0033 3 68 85 80 19 email: sylvie.kra@ceipi.edu *Ms Kra is the CEIPI referent for the technical support of the participants during the distance training, insofar as she will ensure the follow-up of the online sessions and that she can be contacted in case of questions related to the connection of participants and tutors. However, the CEIPI does not assume any legal responsibility in the event of a malfunction of the platform used during the online sessions or a lack of speed/network quality among participants and tutors.