

<p><b>Title of the training</b></p> <p>Preparatory seminar for paper M1 of the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) 2027</p>
<p><b>Public</b></p> <p>The training is intended for people taking paper M1 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><b>Prerequisites</b></p> <p>Participation in this non-degree training course does not require any specific prerequisites with regard to the target audience. Participants are however expected to have reached an intermediate stage in their own preparation for the examination, i.e. the level reached after having studied the documents according to curriculum set in the IPREE.</p>
<p><b>Entrance requirements</b></p> <p>This is a non-degree training course. Admission upon validation of the application file.</p>
<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>Help candidates prepare for paper M1 of the EQE.</p>
<p><b>Program and schedule (for information purposes)</b></p> <p><b>Content:</b></p> <p>The seminar builds on the knowledge that the candidates have shown by passing Paper F or expects them to be on that level. The focus is on the transition from the declaratory knowledge to active argumentation skills, and on proceeding from basic concepts to advanced concepts of substantive patent law. Essential topics such as novelty, problem-and-solution approach, further EPC requirements, priority, allowability of amendments are trained more in depth.</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 3 days (Monday afternoon – Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday morning)</p> <p><b>Date :</b> 16 to 19 November 2026</p> <p><b>Tutors :</b></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><b>Teaching methods:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Practical exercises (training supports prepared by CEIPI according to the format of paper M1) under the guidance of a tutor; discussion of the answers in the light of the model solutions suggested by CEIPI</li> <li>- Work is done in small groups in order to ensure proper dialogue between participants and tutors</li> <li>- The seminar is proposed in the three EPO official languages (English, German, French).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Training material</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentations, exercises, and CEIPI model solutions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Validation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The training aims at the adaptation and development of skills. Participants can receive an attendance certificate.</li> </ul> <p>An evaluation questionnaire will be sent at the end of the course in order to measure client satisfaction.</p>

ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT – ON-SITE TRAINING

**Location**

Strasbourg

**Fee**

1250 €

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

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