

<p><b>Title of the training</b></p> <p>Preparatory seminar for the Foundation paper F (Paper F) of the European qualifying examination (EQE)</p>
<p><b>Public</b></p> <p>The training is intended for people taking Paper F of the EQE. To register for this paper with the EPO, candidates must meet the EPO's requirements (see the new EEQ regulations, OJ EPO 2024, A4).</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.</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>Prepare candidates for the EQE Paper F</p>
<p><b>Program</b></p> <p><b>Presentations, exercises and group discussion of the answers with a tutor, covering the following topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal questions relating to the candidates' knowledge of the relevant provisions, including the EPC, the Implementing Regulations to the EPC, the Rules relating to Fees, the PCT, the Regulations under the PCT, the PCT Applicant's Guide, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, and the Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority</li> <li>- Questions on the interpretation of claims, on assessing the compliance of claims and of the invention to which they pertain with the provisions of the EPC, and on assessing the compliance of proposed amendments with the provisions of the EPC</li> <li>- During the Paper F seminar, participants will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in a mock examination.</li> </ul> <p>The detailed seminar program will be made available to the participants before the start of the training.</p> <p><b>Duration (for information purposes):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 45,5 hours distributed over 6 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 21 September 2026</li> <li>Monday 16 – Friday 20 November 2026 (morning)</li> <li>Monday 30 November 2026</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <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>- Presentations and discussions</li> </ul>

- Practical exercises, discussion of the answers in the light of the model solutions suggested by CEIPI
- Mock examination, discussion of the answer papers in the light of the model solution suggested by CEIPI
- Work is done in small groups in order to ensure proper dialogue between tutors and participants
- The seminar is proposed in the three EPO official languages (English, German, French)

**Technical and pedagogical frame**

- Access to the online sessions will take place via the connection to a distance-learning platform. The ID and password for the connection will be provided 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**

- Mock exam papers
- CEIPI model solution to these papers
- Course material and handouts provided online

**Validation**

- The training aims at the adaptation and development of skills. Participants can receive an attendance certificate.
- An evaluation questionnaire will be submitted at the end of the course in order to measure client satisfaction

**Location**

Online

**Fee**

2 400 €

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

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