

THE NEW CANDIDATE SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CSP)

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OBJECTIVES OF THE REVAMPED CSP

Uphold
quality



Increase
gender parity



Foster
community
development



Reinforce the
presence of
the profession



Commitment to quality



Comprehensive support



Candidate selection by MS



D&I and alignment with UN goals



Increase accessibility and impact



NEW CSP SUPPORT BASED ON 3 PILLARS



QUALITY

<50% EQE-qualified patent
attorneys vs. "grandfathers"



GENDER

<50% female vs. male attorneys
in the patent profession



EPAC

Candidates from all MS
preparing for EPAC


-  Updating of eligibility of MS every two years •



CSP OVERVIEW PER COUNTRY AND PILLAR


<50% EQE-qualified patent attorneys vs. "grandfathers"

2 candidates per year (22 countries)

 AL, BG, CY, CZ, EE, GR, HU, HR, IS, LT, LV, ME, MK, NO, PT, PL, RO, RS, SI, SM SK, TR

<50% female vs. male attorneys in the patent profession

2 candidates per year (31 countries)

 AT, BE, CY, CZ, CH, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GR, GB, HU, IS, IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, MT, ME, MK, NL, NO, PT, RS, SI, SM, SE, TR



Candidates from all MS preparing for EPAC (from 2026)

1 candidate per year (39 countries)

 All countries eligible

SCOPE OF SUPPORT FOR CSP CANDIDATES

EQE (quality and gender) pillars

ENROLLED CANDIDATES
APPLY TO CSP via NPO



NPO SELECTS
CANDIDATES



Paper F
in Year 1

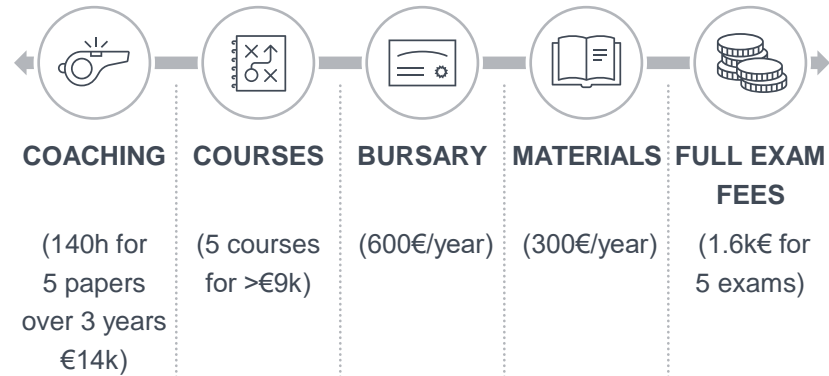
M1, M2
in Year 2

M3, M4
in Year 3



€27.5k over 3 years / average €9k per candidate
annually

CSP community for all CSP candidates



OPERATIONAL DEADLINES FOR EQE PILLARS IN 2025



IMPORTANT STEPS FOR NPOS

Active promotion of the new CSP

- publication of conditions for participation in CSP
- publication of the application form
- promotion



WHEN?
Q2

Carry out the selection procedure

- reviewing the applications
- inform the candidates that were not selected for CSP



WHEN?
after the deadline for applying
to CSP has passed
16 AUGUST – 5 SEPTEMBER

Nomination of the suitable candidates

- final decision on the nominations
- sending to the EPO the list of the nominated candidates for each pillar together with original applications



WHEN?
5 – 8 SEPTEMBER