

Dear **epi** member,

On January 18th **epi** and EPO came together to discuss the EQE.

Starting points for the discussion were:

- the EQE should remain a high-quality exam that tests whether a person is fit to practice
- the passing rate should increase, while maintaining the quality of the EQE
- the efficiency should go up, i.e. the amount of time and effort put in the EQE by both **epi** and EPO should go down

This meeting resulted in 15 points that will be investigated further by **epi** and EPO. These points were discussed in the **epi** Board meeting in Tallinn on March 12th. There we decided that we should also consult our members since a good EQE is in the interest of all of us.

Therefore we have opened 15 threads in our forum at the **epi** web site, where you can express your opinion on the 15 points.

You will have access to these threads within the forum area on the **epi** website after login following this link: <http://patentepi.com/de/epi/forum/36>

I hope you will use this opportunity to give your opinion on the EQE.

In case you will need further information or any help, please contact Sadia Liebig in the **epi** Secretariat under the following email address: sadia.liebig@patentepi.com

Best regards

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