



CONFERENCE

MODERNISING THE EQE TO BETTER TEST “FITNESS-TO-PRACTISE”

Monday, 21 June 2021 | 13:00 – 16:00 CEST

MODERATOR: Julia Gwilt, Chair of the Professional Education Committee (PEC)

AGENDA

13:00 Welcome

Francis Leyder, **epi** President
Julia Gwilt, PEC Chair

13:15 Exploring the motivations for changing the EQE

Xavier Seuba, Director, Patent Academy and EQE, European Patent Office
Petra Pecharová, Chair of the PEC EQE sub-committee and a benchmarker

- Presentation
- Discussion

13:35 Defining the essential skills and knowledge of an EPA

Tiem Reijns, member of the EPO-epi joint WG on Digitalisation of the EQE
Pia Stahr, member of the EPO-epi joint WG on Digitalisation of the EQE

- Presentation
- Discussion

14:20 *Coffee Break*

14:35 Modernising the structure and timeline of the examination

Cees Mulder, Chair of the PEC Digitalisation Support Group
Tiem Reijns, member of the EPO-epi joint WG on Digitalisation of the EQE
Petra Pecharová, Chair of the PEC EQE sub-committee

- Presentation
- Discussion

15:15 Exploring the impact of changing the EQE on national examinations and other national considerations

Julia Gwilt, PEC Chair

- Presentation
- Discussion

15:45 Summary of key points from the discussions and next steps

Tiem Reijns, member of the EPO-epi joint WG on Digitalisation of the EQE

16:00 *End of the conference*