

Foreword

EDAIC Part II keeps growing both in number and reputation. The Examinations Committee (ExC) receives many requests to host EDAIC Part II in Europe and beyond (South America, Middle East, Asia).

With the introduction of online examinations, there are fewer opportunities for onsite centres (hybrid or face-to-face format) which creates competition between long-established centres and new potential ones. Also, the examiners prefer to examine in a hybrid-setting, appealing and off the beaten track destinations, and not necessarily in a big city environment. One approach to deal with these conflicting interests is a system of rotation which has been implemented in Germany for example.

To have a fair and transparent selection process for the EDAIC Part II centres, the ExC has established the following clear selection criteria that will be made available to all existing and prospective centres.

New Part II centres

Criteria required for analysis

Those which can be checked directly by the Examinations Office (input from the potential Host is welcome):

1. Country has Part II mandatory or officially recognised (i.e. with Part II reduced fee)
2. Number of candidates in a Part II language in the country
3. Number of local examiners
4. Country has Part I mandatory or officially recognised (i.e. with Part I reduced fee)
5. Number of other Part II centres in the same country
6. Number of other Part II centres in the same language
7. History of previously hosting the EDAIC Part I and Part II in the applying centre
8. Place (reachability by plane / public transport, distance, potential visa for examiners and/or candidates, current travel recommendations by European governments, visa requirements)
9. Strategic developments and opportunities.

Potential Host to provide additional info for these points:

1. Examination site (technical facilities / room size / suitable for hybrid and F2F)
2. Costs of examination hall and related rooms
3. Declaration that other costs will fit into the allowed budgets (including costs of dining in suggested nearby restaurants and suggested accommodation).

Application deadline

New centres are invited to send their application by e-mail addressed to the ExC to exam@esaic.org by the end of April each year, to be considered for the following year. New potential centres are invited to provide as much information as possible to support their application.

Applications of new centres will be reviewed before and discussed during the Examinations Committee meeting that takes place at Euroanaesthesia. Centres who applied will be informed of the outcome of their application.

Established Part II centres

Many Part II centres have been long established. Although historical, the involvement of EDAIC in the country may have changed over the years or the organisational costs have gradually increased to finally exceed the budget. As a result, it may no longer be pertinent to organise EDAIC Part II in such centres.

Each year the list of established centres may be reviewed against the same criteria for new centres listed above. Any established centre which no longer meets the criteria will be informed by the Examinations Committee.

Nevertheless, established centres are invited to send their willingness to be selected as Part II centre for the following year by e-mail addressed to the ExC to exam@esaic.org by the end of April each year.

Selection of Part II centres for the following year

In preparation for the following year, how many centres will need to be opened and in which countries and languages is defined by the ExC taking into account various factors such as the total number of Part I registrations, the number of registrations by language and country, bilateral agreements for the recognition of the EDAIC...

The process of selecting centres for the following year starts during Euroanaesthesia meeting and continues until the finalisation of the calendar sometime before candidate registrations open. The ExC decides which centre will be active in the following year taking into account a rotation of established centres as well as the introduction of new centres.