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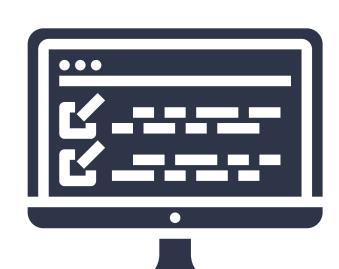




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#### TWO competitions have been released...













Anti-fraud investigations and operations in EU expenditure and anti-corruption

Investigators AD7

**35** 

Experts AD9

9

Anti-fraud investigations and operations in customs & trade, tobacco and counterfeit goods

Investigators AD7

15

Experts AD9

9

<sup>\*</sup>This competition covers 2 grades <u>and</u> 2 fields - you can <u>ONLY APPLY TO ONE GRADE & FIELD</u>





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## GENERAL CONDITIONS

• Must have EU citizenship

• Completed military service requirements

• Meet the character requirements of the job



#### LANGUAGE RULES

# LANGUAGE 1 Any of the 24 official EU languages (minimum C1 level)

LANGUAGE 2
Must be English <u>OR</u> French (minimum B2 level)

LANGUAGE 1 & 2 MUST BE DIFFERENT!





# FIELD 1: Anti-Fraud Investigations and Operations in EU Expenditure & Anti-Corruption

**Anti-Fraud Investigator** 

AD7

Completed university studies of at least 4 years with a diploma.

<u>PLUS</u> a minimum of <mark>6 years</mark> relevant professional experience as an investigator, police officer or other professional carrying out investigations targeting financial crime, public corruption or ensuring the defence of public financial interests,



Completed university studies of at least 3 years with a diploma.

<u>PLUS</u> a minimum of 7 years relevant professional experience as an investigator, police officer or other professional carrying out investigations targeting financial crime, public corruption or ensuring the defence of public financial interests,

# FIELD 1: Anti-Fraud Investigations and Operations in EU Expenditure & Anti-Corruption

**Anti-Fraud Expert** 

AD9

Completed university studies of at least 4 years with a diploma.

<u>PLUS</u> a minimum of 10 years relevant professional experience in this field of activity carrying out investigations concerning fraud or irregularities detrimental to national or EU financial interests.

These 10 years must comprise at least 3 years of professional experience in managing complex investigations

(Such as: trans-border investigations, multi perpetrator investigations including at national level, complex modus operandi, very sensitive investigations, investigations in international environments).

OR

Completed university studies of at least 3 years with a diploma.

<u>PLUS</u> a minimum of 11 years relevant professional experience in this field of activity carrying out investigations concerning fraud or irregularities detrimental to national or EU financial interests.

These 11 years must comprise at least 3 years of professional experience in managing complex investigations

(Such as: trans-border investigations, multi perpetrator investigations including at national level, complex modus operandi, highly sensitive investigations, investigations in international environments).

# FIELD 1: Anti-Fraud Investigations and Operations in EU Expenditure & Anti-Corruption

For grades AD 7 and AD 9, candidates must have acquired their professional experience as investigator, police officer or other professional in a law enforcement agency or body, in the judiciary or the public administration of a Member State, in a European Union institution, agency or body or within the investigative part of an intergovernmental organisation or multinational corporation.

The professional experience as investigator, police officer or other professional needs to be discernible from the candidates' contract, job description or other relevant document.

The investigative tasks should be supported by job-related evidence.

FIELD 2: Anti-Fraud Investigations and Operations in Customs & Trade, Tobacco and Counterfeit Goods

**Anti-Fraud Investigator** 

AD7

Completed university studies of at least 4 years with a diploma.

<u>PLUS</u> a minimum of 6 years relevant professional experience as an investigator, police or customs officer or other professional investigating fraud or irregularities affecting the national or EU financial interests,



Completed university studies of at least 3 years with a diploma.

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FIELD 2: Anti-Fraud Investigations and Operations in Customs & Trade, Tobacco and Counterfeit Goods

For grades AD 7 and AD 9, candidates must have acquired their professional experience in customs services, in a law enforcement agency of a Member State or in an EU institution competent for investigating fraud and irregularities detrimental to the European Union's or the Member States' financial interests or within the investigative part of an intergovernmental organisation or a multinational corporation.

The professional experience as investigator, police officer or other professional needs to be stated as such in the candidates' contract, job description or any other relevant document.

Anti-Fraud Investigators & Experts Competition

For all grades and fields of this competition, professional experience is only relevant if:

- Acquired AFTER the diploma was obtained.
- It is PROPERLY IDENTIFIED as investigative experience in the supporting documents (job description, employment contract, statutory link with the national or international administration).



#### FIELD 1: Administrators in Digital Forensics

Completed university studies of at least 4 years with a diploma relevant to the duties as indicated in Annex I.

PLUS a minimum of 6 years professional experience as a digital forensics examiner in support of investigations targeting corruption and/or financial crime.

OR

Professional training/qualification equivalent to European Qualification Framework level 7, and relevant to the duties as indicated in Annex I, that is recognised by a Member State or public national/international body.

PLUS a minimum of 6 years professional experience as a digital forensics examiner in support of investigations targeting corruption and/or financial crime.

OR

Completed university studies of at least 3 years with a diploma relevant to the duties as indicated in Annex I.

PLUS a minimum of 7 years professional experience as a digital forensics examiner in support of investigations targeting corruption and/or financial crime.

OR

Professional training/qualification equivalent to European Qualification Framework level 6, and relevant to the duties as indicated in Annex I, that is recognised by a Member State or public national/international body.

PLUS a minimum of 7 years professional experience as a digital forensics examiner in support of investigations targeting corruption and/or financial crime.

#### FIELD 1: Administrators in Digital Forensics

Candidates must have proven experience with a wide range of forensic methods, including data carving and live forensics and, in particular, experience with the forensic acquisition and examination of data from mobile devices.

Candidates must also have proven practical experience with forensic tools such as X-ways, FTK, Nuix, XRY, UFED.

In addition, the experience with the following tools would be an advantage: EnCase, Paraben, Greykey, Axiom, or similar tools.

OR

OR

## QUALIFICATIONS

#### FIELD 2: Administrators in Operational & Strategic Analysis

Completed university studies of at least 4 years with a diploma relevant to the duties as indicated in Annex I.

PLUS a minimum of 6 years professional experience as an analyst supporting investigations targeting corruption and/or financial crime or as a strategic analyst supporting anti-fraud policy

Professional training/qualification equivalent to European Qualification Framework level 7, and relevant to the duties as indicated in Annex I, that is recognised by a Member State or public national/international body.

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#### FIELD 2: Administrators in Operational & Strategic Analysis

Candidates must have proven experience of specific data analysis tools (Elasticsearch, i2suite, Intella, Maltego, Codebase, Zylab, MSSQL server or Oracle SQL), data visualisation/mapping tools (BO), strategic analysis software (Tableau) and/or programming languages and/or knowledge on natural language processing (NLP).

Candidates must also have proven practical experience in a wide range of analytical techniques (OSINT, social networks analysis, data and text mining, financial analysis, etc.) and/or experience with gathering, collation and analysis of quantitative/qualitative data for the purpose of strategic analysis.



#### Attractive Salaries



#### Good Benefits









#### STEP ONE

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

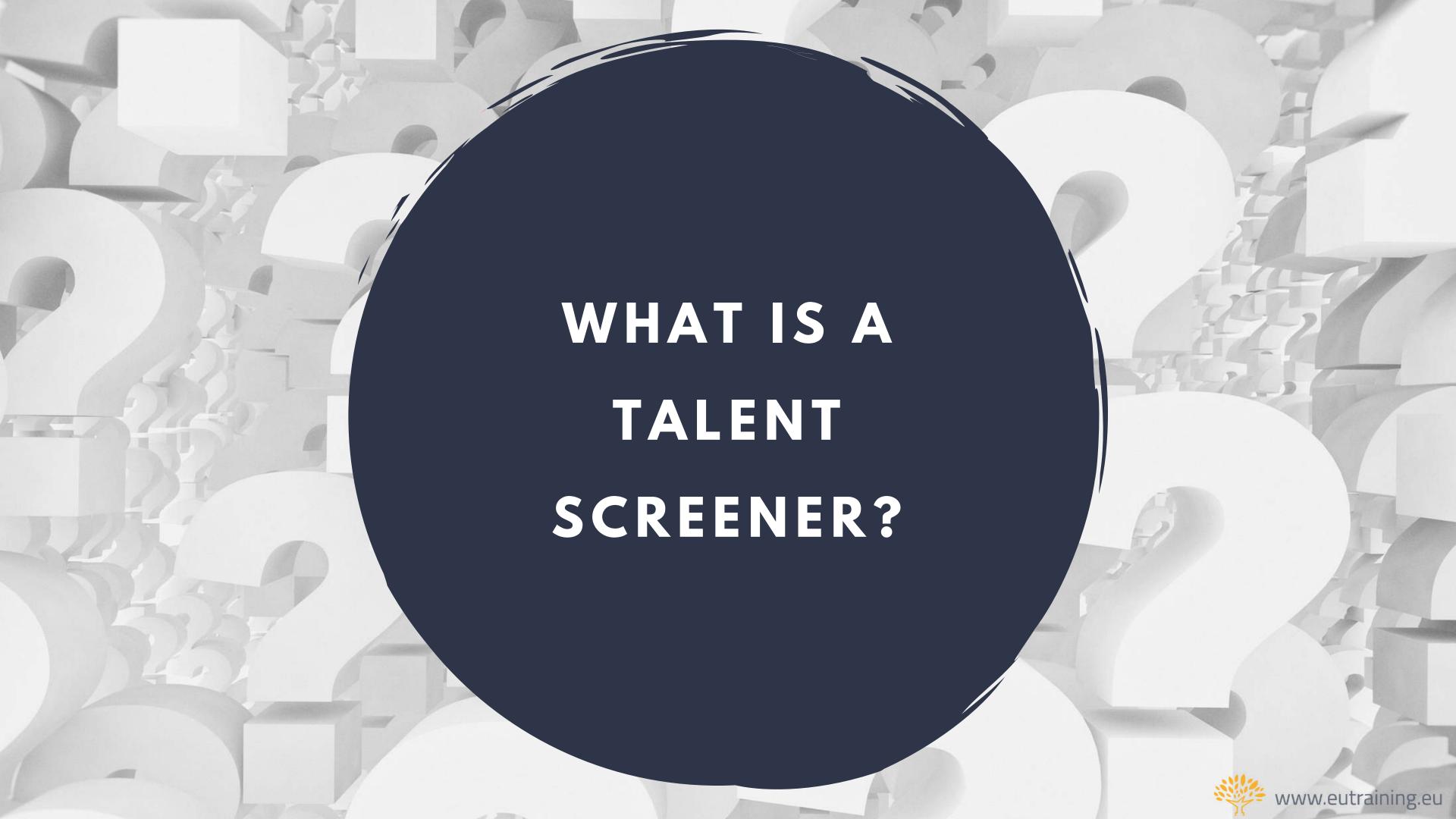
- Eligibility declaration
- Pick your Language 1 & 2
- Application can be submitted in any of the 24 EU languages
- BUT the Talent Screener needs to be in either English OR French.

#### VALIDATE BY APPLICATION DEADLINE

#### 9 NOVEMBER 2021











#### A FEW TIPS...

Try to answer 'YES' as much as possible, but only if you can back it up with truthful and relevant information.

Provide lots of valuable information, but give only relevant and meaningful answers. Leave out space fillers.

Concrete vs. Abstract answers.

Scores are based on hard
evidence - facts, figures,
places and dates.

Do not copy-paste previous answers. You can use the same experience again if you can manage to present it from a different angle than before.



#### A FEW TIPS...

Readability and clear communication will influence your assessors' understanding of your professional background:

- Use a structured layout with bullet points.
- Clear references.
- Short but to-the-point descriptions.

EU institutions and EPSO are formal and terminology-driven.

Learn the lingo and use it.

What's in it for them...make sure to link your personal background and work experience with the needs of the EU or institution you are applying to.

If you want to write a stellar
Talent Screener view this
webinar recording:
"Everything You Need To Know
About EPSO's Talent Screener"





## STEP TWO

## TALENT SCREENER REVIEW

Will only be scored for those candidates that are deemed eligible as described under the section 'Am I eligible to apply?' of the Notice of Competition.



## ASSESSMENT CENTRE

Approximately 3 times the number of candidates sought for each field and grade will be invited.

Tests: Language 1 & 2

Location: online or in-person







## COMPUTER-BASED MULTIPLE-CHOICE REASONING TESTS



Verbal Reasoning



Numerical Reasoning



Abstract Reasoning





## VERBAL REASONING



Language

Questions

20

Minutes

35

Text Passage

Question

Four Statements

One Correct Answer

Outside Information

Generalisations

Possibility vs. Fact

Similar Wording



### NUMERICAL REASONING

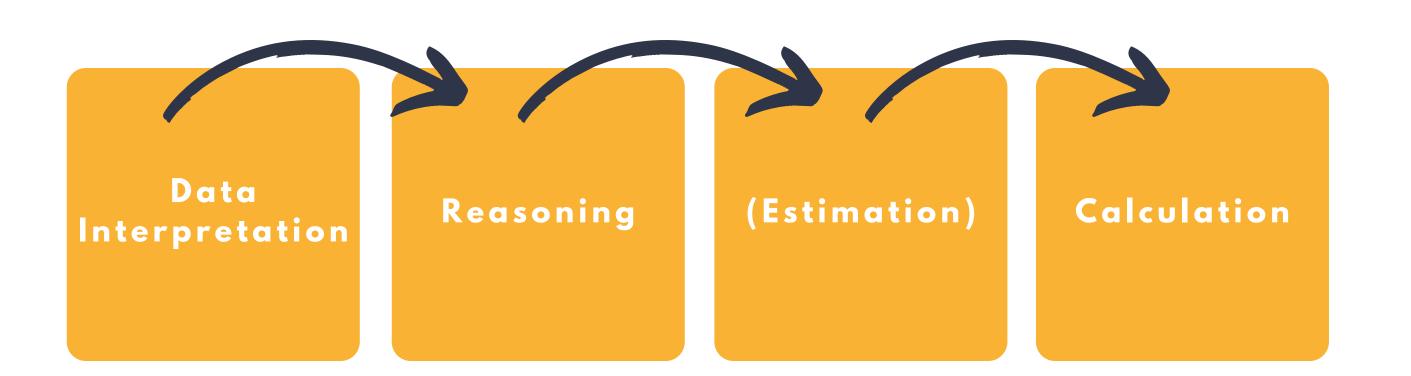
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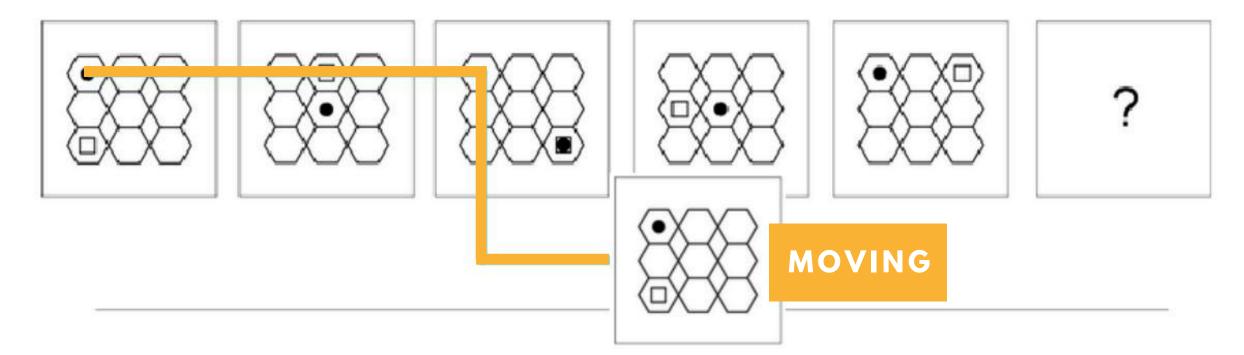
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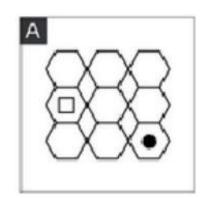
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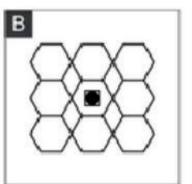
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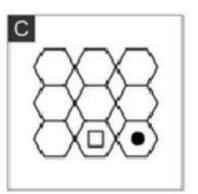
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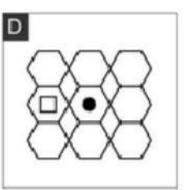
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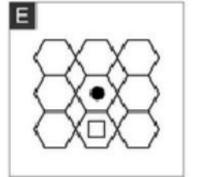
















### CBT SCORING

#### PASS MARK IS ENOUGH!

Pass Mark: 10/20

VERBAL REASONING 0/20 Pass Mark: COMBINED 10/20

NUMERICAL REASONING 0/10 ABSTRACT
REASONING
0/10

Need to attain the pass marks in this exam to be invited to sit the other Assessment Centre tests.

CBT scores will NOT be added to your final Assessment Centre score.



# ASSESSMENT CENTRE TASKS

8 General Competencies will be tested through two exercises:



Case Study Exam



Competency-Based Interview (CBI)

LANGUAGE 2





# ASSESSMENT CENTRE TASKS

Field-Related Competencies will be assessed by one exercises:



Field-Related Interview LANGUAGE 2





# ASSESSMENT CENTRE SCORING

Pass Mark: 40/80

8 GENERAL
COMPETENCIES
(each worth 10 points)

Pass Mark: 50/100

FIELD-RELATED
INTERVIEW
0/100

Those who get the highest overall score will make it onto the RESERVE LIST.



## SUCCESS!

## RESERVE LIST

Number of places on the Reserve List

Validity

Recruitment





#### PRACTICE FOR 10-12 WEEKS

#### PREPARE FOR 1-HOUR PER DAY OR 10-HOURS PER WEEK

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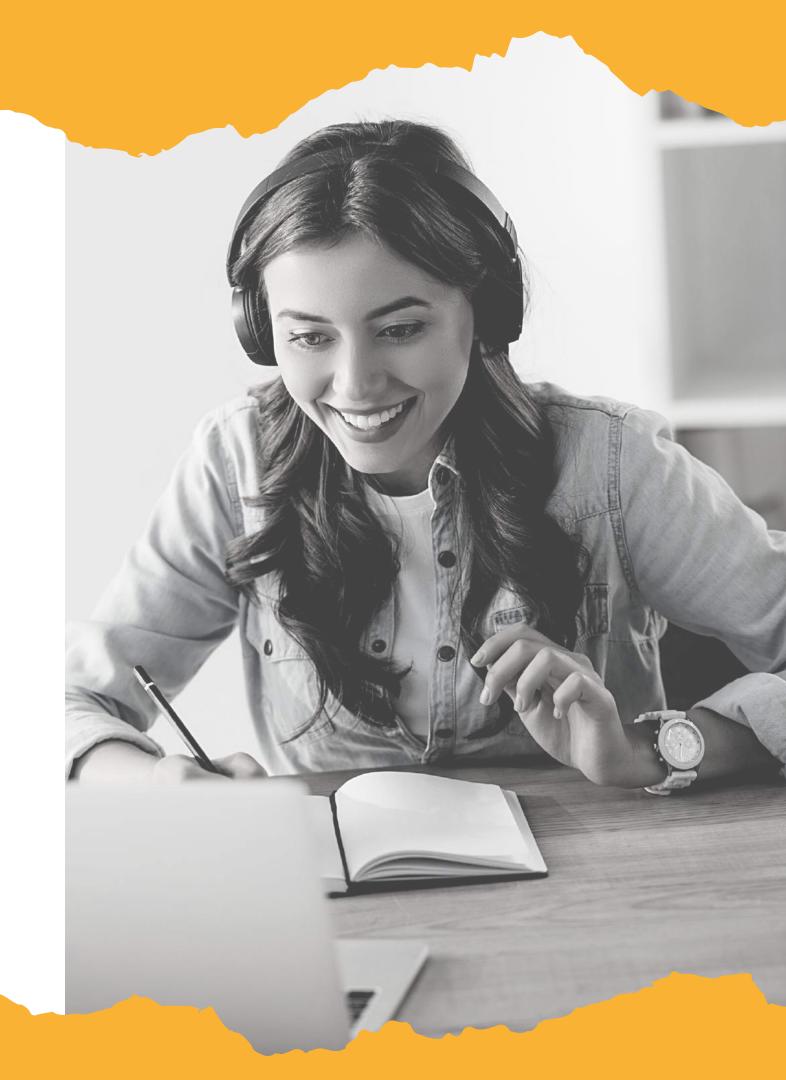
- Beginner's Guide To The EPSO Verbal Reasoning Test
- Beginner's Guide To The EPSO Numerical Reasoning Test
- Beginner's Guide To The EPSO Abstract Reasoning Test

#### **PRO TIPS WEBINARS:**

- Pro Tips For The EPSO Verbal Reasoning Test
- Pro Tips For The EPSO Numerical Reasoning Test
- Pro Tips For The EPSO Abstract Reasoning Test

#### **OTHER:**

- Maths Refresher For Numerical Reasoning
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PERSONAL COACHING

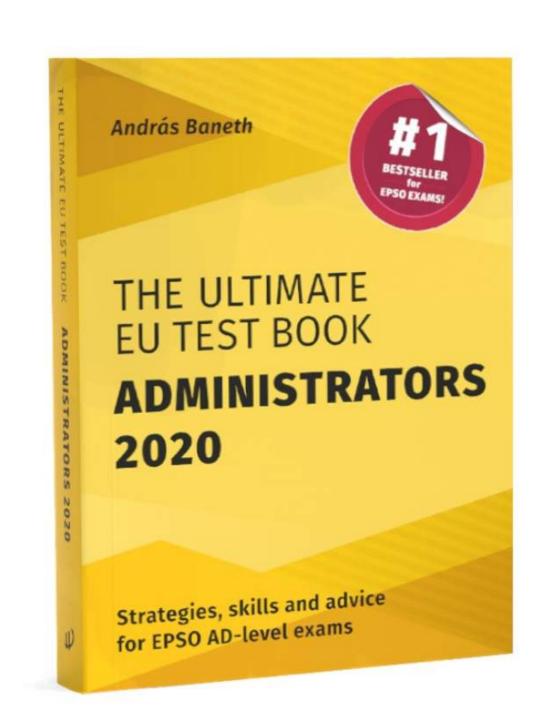
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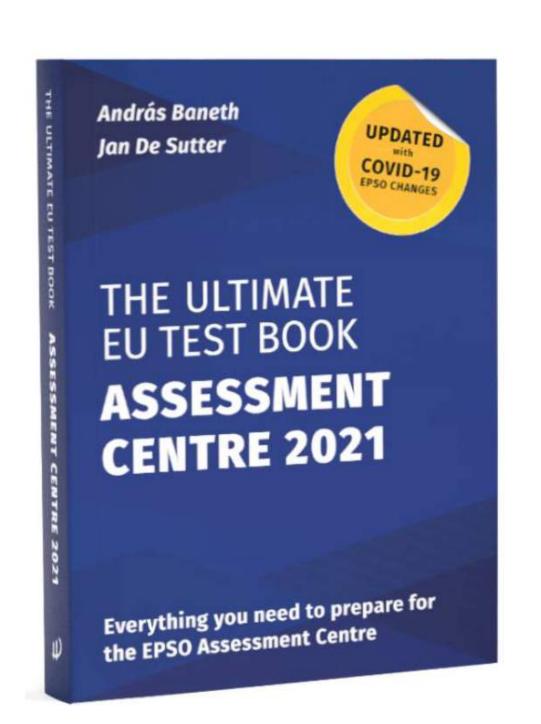
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FACEBOOK PAGE

Engage with other candidates and learn from their experiences.

## BOOKS





## THANK YOU

#### CONTACT FOR FREE ADVICE: SUPPORT@SUPPORT.EUTRAINING.EU

Please note that the official source of information on EU competitions is the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO). We do everything in our power to provide you with the most accurate and up-to-date information possible.

