EPSO new competition model

Sample mock-test
The following 13 questions are used for illustration purposes only. They are not meant to train candidates to pass EPSO selection procedures.

This sample mock-test will help potential candidates have a better understanding of the type of questions that may be asked in a test linked to EPSO selection procedures. Some selection procedures may differ.
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Reasoning skills questions

- 10-20 questions
- Subject Matter Expert (SME): External provider
- Pre-Published Material (PPM): No
EU Knowledge questions

- 30-40 questions
- Subject Matter Expert (SME): Internal (EU)
- Pre-Published Material (PPM): Yes
Digital skills questions

• 30-40 questions

• 5 fields
  ➢ Information & data literacy
  ➢ Communication & collaboration
  ➢ Digital content creation
  ➢ Safety
  ➢ Problem solving

Question: Click on zone that indicates this site is secure
Answer: Lock inside red square
Mock-test: 13 items, 1 minute per item, solutions at the end. Ready?

**Reasoning**

*Verbal, Numerical, Abstract*  
(1 question of each)

**EU knowledge**

(5 questions)

**Digital skills**

(5 questions)
Moldavia is a region in north-eastern Romania. A former independent state until its union with Wallachia in 1859, Moldavia now forms much of the modern state of Romania. Moldavia has, at various times in its history, included the regions of Bessarabia and Bukovina. The larger part of Bessarabia is today the Republic of Moldova while the rest of it and the northern part of Bukovina are territories of Ukraine.

Which of the following statements is correct?

A. Parts of what historically was Moldavia are split over at least three countries
B. Moldova was part of Moldavia until 1859
C. Moldavia covers the same area as the independent state of Moldova
D. Bessarabia and Bukovina are now Moldova and Ukraine respectively
Numerical reasoning (2)

In 2000, what was the ratio of GDP in the Netherlands to that in Finland?

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B. 2:3  
C. 3:2  
D. 3:1  
E. None of the above
Abstract reasoning (3)

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A  B  C  D  E
What is the name of the agreement that established the European Union in its current form?

A. Maastricht Treaty
B. Lisbon Treaty
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EU Knowledge – Question (5)

Which EU institution is responsible for interpreting EU law and ensuring that EU member states follow it?

A. European Parliament
B. European Council
C. European Commission
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What is the name of the EU's policy on climate and energy, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase renewable energy use?

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Digital Skills – Question (11)

Digital content creation: What file extension is NOT an image file?

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C. BMP
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Digital Skills – Question (12)

Safety: What is the purpose of a firewall?

A. To block ads on web pages
B. To verify downloads via a document scan
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Problem solving: If I am using my smartphone on the street, which of the following technologies enable me to connect to the internet?

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