



# **EMOS Board**

**Meeting No 20**

**14 November 2024**

**10:00 – 12:30**

**Destatis, Meeting room A.03.212**

**Gustav-Stresemann-Ring 11, Wiesbaden, Germany**

**Minutes**

### **1. Welcome/Introduction and approval of the draft agenda**

The Chair welcomed the participants to the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EMOS Board, including Mr. Peter Lugtig (Utrecht University), who joined online. He also introduced Ms. Sophie Limpach, Director of Resources at Eurostat, who attended the meeting as an observer.

The Chair introduced the agenda for the day. Upon the agreement of the members of the Board, the agenda was adopted.

### **2. Redesigning the EMOS core module at CBS (Statistics Netherlands)**

Mr. Reinoud Stoel presented the work done in close collaboration with Mr. Mark van der Loo to redesign the EMOS core module at Statistics Netherlands. In the Netherlands, there are two EMOS-labelled universities (Utrecht University and Leiden University) and Statistics Netherlands provides the EMOS core module for students. The courses are conducted at Statistics Netherlands' premises where most students also complete their internships/master's thesis projects.

After almost 10 years of conducting the EMOS core module, there was a clear need to redesign some of the courses to incorporate recent developments and address lessons learnt. Following the redesign, the expected outcomes include the inclusion of more topics on recent statistical methodology, better integration with statistical domains, simplification of the exam system and testing, a more active learning format, and further strengthened connections between students and Statistics Netherlands.

### **3. Future development of EMOS**

The ongoing work of the EMOS Board in collaboration with the EMOS Secretariat on the future development of EMOS has been organised in 3 topics: (1) revision of objectives, mission and value statement; (2) EMOS label requirements and learning outcomes; (3) future development opportunities. Following the EMOS Board working meeting in October, the results of the Board-internal discussion have been integrated into concept papers with concrete proposals for the above cited topics. Before the EMOS workshop, these concept papers were shared with participants, as there would be a dedicated group work session to consult EMOS network members on the proposals. The Chair presented to the Board members some practicalities for the preparation of these group discussions during the workshop.

The Chair explained that after the group discussion, the moderators of the groups (members of EMOS Board and the EMOS Secretariat) are expected to prepare and send a summary of the discussion to the EMOS Secretariat within 10 days. As the next step, the feedback gathered during the group work should be integrated into the concept papers by Monday, 16 December. In January 2025, an EMOS Board working meeting is planned where the finalisation of the concept papers will be discussed, as a basis for a strategy document on the future development of EMOS that is planned to be submitted to the ESSC for endorsement in 2025.

#### **4. Upcoming activities of the Board**

The evaluation of submissions for the EMOS Master's Thesis Competition was launched mid-October 2024. Board members were assigned to different groups. All five first-level assessment groups completed their evaluation on time, and the second-level assessment team has already been informed about their task and got access to the relevant materials. The deadline for the second-level assessment team to propose the winners is Monday, 2 December. After that, a short EMOS working meeting will be called to reach a final agreement on the winners. The EMOS Master's Thesis Competition award ceremony will be held at the next NTTS conference on 13 March 2025.

The EMOS annual reporting exercise was launched at the end of September, with a deadline of Monday, 9 December. The results are planned to be prepared and presented to the Board in their next meeting in March 2025.

For the upcoming year, no universities will need to be relabeled as part of the regular 5-year cycle. The EMOS Secretariat already received one application in the open call for new universities to join the EMOS network. The evaluation by the Board will be organised in a similar way as in previous years.

#### **5. Any other business**

Ms. Marie Bohata, as a member of the ESAC, reminded the Board members that every year ESAC prepares a special message for the European Statistics Day (20 October). To raise awareness within the EMOS community, she encouraged attention to the previous statements by the ESAC ([available on the ESAC website](#)) and to upcoming ones.

The Board members were informed about an upcoming series of webinars for Young Statisticians that are organised under the European Statistical Training Programme and open to EMOS. The Board members were also invited to propose relevant topics for future webinars.

Regarding the EMOS Mobility Programme, the Board members were informed that the Call for Tender for the new edition of the programme is closed and that it is now in the evaluation phase.

The next Board meeting will take place in-person on 14 March in Brussels, Belgium, back-to-back with the NTTS conference 2025.

**Participants - EMOS Board meeting 14 November 2024**

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	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1	Annamaria Bianchi	University of Bergamo
2	Olivier Biau	INSEE
3	Marie Bohata	Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – ESAC representative
4	Marta Kuc Czarnecka	Gdansk University of Technology
5	Adam Czerniak	Warsaw School of Economics
6	Silvia Fabiani	Bank of Italy – European System of Central Banks representative
7	Kathryn Foskin	Central Statistics Office Ireland
8	Anna-Carolina Haensch	LMU Munich
9	Peter Lugtig	Utrecht University ( <i>online</i> )
10	Petr Mazouch	Prague University of Economics and Business
11	Antonio Ottaiano	ISTAT
12	Reinoud Stoel	Statistics Netherlands
13	Markus Zwick	Destatis
14	Albrecht Wirthmann	Eurostat
15	Sophie Limpach	Eurostat
16	Dario Buono	Eurostat
17	Carola Carstens	Eurostat
18	Tina Steenvoorden	Eurostat