



EMOS Board

Meeting No 21

14 March 2025

9:30 – 12:30

**Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi, 170, Brussels,
Belgium**

Room Mansholt

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introduction and approval of the draft agenda

The Chair welcomed the participants to the 21st meeting of the EMOS Board and introduced the agenda for the day. Upon the agreement of the members of the Board, the agenda was adopted.

2. Annual report 2024

Eurostat presented the annual report for the academic year 2023/2024. The report was prepared based on the annual reporting survey which collected information about how EMOS-labelled programmes performed in the academic year 2023/2024. The survey had been launched earlier than in previous years and successfully carried out from 22 October to 9 December 2024. Eurostat presented the main results from the survey. A positive trend was noticed with many universities intensifying their promotion activities, and a few also reporting an increased number of enrolled students in the EMOS-labelled programmes. Based on this report and other relevant information, the EMOS Secretariat will prepare a public EMOS activity report 2024, disseminate it on the EMOS Cros pages, and promote it on social media.

3. Assessment of the new applications and modifications of the existing programmes

A permanently open call for applications for the award of the EMOS label is published on the EMOS website, with a cut-off date of December 31 each calendar year. In 2024, the EMOS Secretariat received two applications for the award of the EMOS label. In addition to the new applications, the Board members also assessed modifications (past and upcoming) to existing EMOS-labelled programmes that had been reported in the annual reporting survey.

The EMOS Secretariat briefly summarised the organisation of the assessment work carried out by the Board members this year, who had been divided into three groups. During the meeting, each of the groups presented the results of their assessment. Following the discussion, the Board members endorsed the decisions on whether the new applications should be proposed for labelling and discussed the proposed feedback to those universities that had reported modifications to their existing EMOS-labelled programmes. Eurostat will submit the Board's recommendations for the award of the EMOS labels to the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC) for endorsement at their meeting in May 2025.

4. EMOS Communication activities and other future development opportunities

As an introduction to this agenda item, the EMOS Secretariat reported on the status of the proposals for the future development of EMOS (i.e. mission, goals, and value statement for EMOS; revised EMOS learning outcomes; revised EMOS label requirements) that had been submitted to the Partnership Group prior to the planned submission to the ESSC for endorsement. After the targeted endorsement of the proposals by the ESSC, the EMOS Secretariat will update application-related documents accordingly, in consultation with the EMOS Board.

In the second part of this agenda item, the Board continued their reflection on the three priority areas that had been identified by the Board subgroup on future development opportunities, namely

(1) cooperation on European training and delivery, (2) internships, graduate programmes and the transition to employment, and (3) focus on communication.

Under consideration of strategic and operational aspects like expected benefits, involved actors and availability of resources, a series of next actions was identified:

- In the discussion related to priority area (1) cooperation on European training and delivery, the EMOS Board reflected on possibilities to make basic learning materials available to universities, as well as on topics for which training materials relevant to EMOS would be useful. As concrete next actions, the EMOS Board was invited to propose to the EMOS Secretariat possible topics for a new series of webinars for young statisticians open to EMOS under the European Statistical Training Programme (ESTP). The EMOS Secretariat will moreover continue strengthening the synergies with the EMOS network, including promoting EMOS network partners' training events if these are open to EMOS in general (such as summer schools and training courses). In addition, the Board was invited to propose topics from the priority area which could be addressed in a new series of EMOS network meetings.
- In relation to priority area (2) internships, graduate programmes and the transition to employment, the Board was informed about the planned launch of the new edition of the EMOS mobility programme with enhancements (such as an expanded scope of internship hosts). Furthermore, the EMOS Secretariat will increase the promotion of employment opportunities for EMOS students, for example by issuing a new call inviting statistics producers in the EMOS network to send job offers for (re-)posting on LinkedIn (on the Jobs in official statistics site). In addition, the Board was invited to propose topics from the priority area which could be addressed in a new series of EMOS network meetings.
- In relation to priority area (3) focus on communication, a short presentation was given by the contractor that recently started to support Eurostat in EMOS communication activities. It gave an overview of already planned communication actions, such as to strengthen the EMOS brand awareness, to set up targeted communication campaigns, and to develop communication materials to support the EMOS network.

The EMOS Board and the EMOS Secretariat will continue their reflections and the realisation of concrete actions in all three priority areas.

5. Planning of the next EMOS workshop

The EMOS Board was informed about the preparations for the next EMOS Workshop which will be hosted by the University of Bergamo in Bergamo, Italy, in November 2025.

6. Any other business

The next Board meeting will take place in-person in November 2025 in Bergamo, Italy, back-to-back with the EMOS Workshop 2025.

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