



EMOS board

Meeting No 18

6 February 2024

14.00 – 17:00

Online meeting

Minutes

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The Chair welcomed the participants to the 18th meeting of the EMOS board. The handover meeting was attended by the board members serving in the period 2021-2023 and by the new board members who will be serving on the board for the period 2024-2026 (for most of them this is the first mandate in the EMOS board).

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

2. Tour de table – introduction

The meeting participants introduced themselves and briefly explained their motivation to work on the EMOS board.

3. Work of the EMOS board (item for discussion)

Eurostat presented the work of the EMOS board to inform the new EMOS board members about the mode of operation and inviting previous board members to share their experiences. The Chair presented the governance structure of EMOS (the rules of procedure, the mandate of the EMOS board, reporting mechanism to the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC).

The presentation continued with a description of the EMOS activities planned for 2024 and the role of the board. The EMOS board members will be involved in the label award and renewal evaluation, which will be kicked off shortly after the meeting. In April 2024, they will be informed about the results of the EMOS Annual report, and in June 2024 they are expected to actively contribute to the preparation of the EMOS workshop programme. The host for the workshop in 2024 has not been defined yet, so members were kindly invited to express their interest in hosting the event. In the second half of 2024 the members will participate as evaluators in the Master thesis competition and eventually to the 2025 edition of the European Big Data Hackathon, in case the number of EMOS teams surpasses the foreseen quota.

Members of the board were reminded of the changes that were introduced in the [Guide for applicants](#) at the end of 2023 regarding internships:

- Cross-border internships are open for EMOS students and, additionally, to recent graduates (individuals who graduated from an EMOS-labelled master's programme in the past 12 months),
- Funding can be available for both in-country and cross-border internships, with priority given to cross-border internships,
- The duration requirement for in-country internships (originally 6 weeks) and cross-border internships has been aligned to at least 8 weeks and amounting to at least 250 working hours,
- The eligibility of host organisations for EMOS internships has been extended to any organisation that produces or deals with statistics and data and can mentor EMOS students for relevant master thesis topics and internships in the sphere of official statistics. Eligible host organisations now include the European Statistical System (ESS) and European System of Central Banks (ESCB), i.e. NSI, NCBs and ONAs, and any other organisation producing or dealing with official statistics (e.g., research organisations, universities, line ministries, IOs, private companies).

Some changes will be introduced also in the organization of the [EMOS cross-border internships programme](#). Eurostat expects to be able to launch the new programme to fund cross-border

internships and event attendance sponsorship in the fall of 2024. The following changes will be already implemented in the new EMOS mobility programme:

- Possibility for potential interns to publish their profiles directly on the platform,
- Possibility for potential hosts to publish their positions directly on the platform,
- Access to intermediation services of the contractor,
- More targeted communication and promotion actions.

Some recent communication activities were highlighted. To increase the visibility, promote activities and raise EMOS brand awareness, Eurostat prepared the [new website for EMOS on the CROS portal](#). Board members were informed about [the EMOS network meetings](#) that have been taking place since November 2023. The purpose of the meetings is to facilitate and encourage the exchange of practices among coordinators of EMOS master's programmes and their partners in NSIs. Another social media channel was set up by the EMOS Secretariat – [EMOS LinkedIn page](#). All board members were invited to actively participate and contribute.

Board members were informed that in-person meetings of the EMOS board will take place twice a year during their term, typically back-to-back with statistical conferences or the EMOS workshop. The next meeting of the board will take place back-to-back with the Q conference on June 3, 2024, in Lisbon. The second in-person meeting will be organized in autumn back-to-back with the EMOS Workshop. In between, possible online meetings of the board will be organized by EMOS Secretariat.

4. Study on the future of EMOS – second interim report (item for discussion)

The Chair welcomed two representatives from PPMI Group, the company contracted to carry out the study on the future of EMOS, Ms Ieva Grumbinaite and Mr Hugo Buitrago Carvajal.

PPMI Group presented an overview of the study methodology. The goal of the study is to review the current objectives and implementation of EMOS and to identify and explore possible options for its future development. Results presented from the recent report were about possible improvements in the EMOS governance structure, results of the analysis of the EMOS network and the connections among the members, evaluation and experiences of the programme from the EMOS students' point of view, analysis of EMOS graduate employability and some preliminary thoughts for the future of EMOS.

In the discussion, the board members congratulated the study team on the very concise and informative presentation and praised the analytical approach that has been taken in the study. They commented on some of the preliminary actions that are foreseen in the study. Since the report is comprehensive, the members of the board were invited to send their written comments by the Monday, February 12, 2024, to the EMOS Secretariat functional mailbox (ESTAT-EMOS@ec.europa.eu).

5. Evaluation of EMOS label award and renewal applications

A permanently open call for applications for the award of the EMOS label is published on the EMOS website, with the cut-off date of December 31 of each calendar year. In 2023, the EMOS Secretariat received two new applications for the award of the EMOS label.

The applications for the renewal of the EMOS label are carried out as part of the annual reporting exercise that is launched in December and concluded in January of the following year. As part of the

questionnaire, the universities whose EMOS label expires in the following year receive an additional set of questions to apply for renewal. In May 2024, the EMOS label will expire for ten master's programmes. Applications for the renewal of the EMOS label was received from nine universities.

Both in the case of applications for the award and for the renewal of the EMOS label, the EMOS board assesses the applications and supporting documents submitted and prepares a recommendation to the ESSC. The EMOS Secretariat presented the work organisation and planning for this year. The board members will work as part of 4 groups, each assigned 2-3 applications. Once the first-level assessment is done, one overall group consisting in 4 board members will review all the assessment reports to ensure compliance and consistency in the assessments. To finalize the assessment and prepare a final report, an online assessment meeting of the board will be organised in mid-March by the EMOS Secretariat. Once the report is finished, the recommendation of the EMOS board on the award and the renewal of the applications will be submitted to the ESSC ahead of their meeting in May to decide on the final award of the label.

6. End of the meeting

The Chair thanked the members of the board for their active participation at the meeting and expressed special thanks to the outgoing EMOS board members for their work and dedication.

Participants - EMOS board meeting 6 February 2024

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	Name	Affiliation
1	Annamaria Bianchi	University of Bergamo
2	Olivier Biau	INSEE
3	Marie Bohata	Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – ESAC representative
4	Andrea Brandolini	Bank of Italy – European System of Central Banks representative
5	François Coquet	ENSAI
6	Adam Czerniak	Warsaw School of Economics
7	Francesca Di Iorio	University of Naples Federico II
8	Silvia Fabiani	Bank of Italy – European System of Central Banks representative
9	Kathryn Foskin	Central Statistics Office Ireland
10	Anna-Carolina Haensch	LMU Munich
11	Marta Kuc Czarnecka	Gdansk University of Technology
12	Mark van der Loo	Statistics Netherlands
13	Inga Masiulaitytė-Šukevič	Statistics Lithuania
14	Petr Mazouch	Prague University of Economics and Business
15	Antonio Ottaiano	Istat
16	Monica Pratesi	University of Pisa
17	Reinoud Stoel	Statistics Netherlands
18	Markus Zwick	Destatis
19	Albrecht Wirthmann	Eurostat
20	Dario Buono	Eurostat
21	Maja Islam	Eurostat
22	Carola Carstens	Eurostat
23	Tina Steenvoorden	Eurostat
24	Ieva Grumbinaitė	PPMI Group
25	Hugo Buitrago Carvajal	PPMI Group
Excused:	Pamela Lafferty	Central Statistics Office Ireland
	Bojana Radojević	Statistical Office of Montenegro
	Claudiu Herteliu	Bucharest University of Economic Studies

