

Background document for the group work on the Future of EMOS

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Nearly ten years after the launch of the European Master in Official Statistics (EMOS) in 2014 by Eurostat and the European Statistical System to connect producers of official statistics and academia at European level, Eurostat had in January 2023 commissioned a study on its future development. The purpose of the [study on the future development of EMOS](#) was to review the current objectives and achievements of EMOS and to explore opportunities for its future development with the aim of increasing its scope and impact.

The study on the future development of EMOS was concluded in February 2024, and a final report was shared with the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC) ahead of their meeting in May 2024. The ESSC, being the highest decision-making body for EMOS, welcomed the results of the expert analysis and stated to be looking forward to the proposal for the future of the EMOS programme.

The study report had identified three different paths for the future development of EMOS: continuing to implement EMOS as a quality label with improvements; develop EMOS as a joint programme; and develop EMOS as a certification programme.

In the discussion of the study, the majority of NSIs supported the recommendation of continuing to implement EMOS as a quality label with improvements. In line with that, Eurostat suggested to the EMOS Board members to propose a roadmap to overcome some of the identified challenges and further develop EMOS in line with recent developments in official statistics.

Changes recommended by the study team for the scenario of implementing EMOS as a quality label with improvements included: reformulation of EMOS label requirements, reformulation of EMOS objectives, broader and clearer communication of EMOS benefits, and better exploitation of the EMOS network. Based on the recommended changes, Eurostat identified key areas for action to be addressed as part of the reflection on the improvements to EMOS which should reflect the new data ecosystem and roles for NSIs therein, new techniques and technologies available, as well as the demand for skills by NSIs and other potential employers of EMOS graduates. Subgroups of the EMOS Board and the EMOS Secretariat worked on concrete **proposals** on the way forward in the following areas:

- **Annex 1: [Proposal for a mission, goals, and value statement for EMOS](#)**
- **Annex 2: [Proposal of the revision of the EMOS label requirements and learning outcomes](#)**
- **Annex 3: [Proposal on Future Development Opportunities for EMOS](#)**

After internal consultations on the proposals within the Board, a wider consultation among EMOS network members is planned via group work on the future of EMOS at the 10th EMOS Workshop that is taking place on 14-15 November in Wiesbaden, Germany. Results of the group discussions are planned to feed into further reflections for the preparation of a strategy document on the future development of EMOS that is planned to be submitted to the ESSC for endorsement in 2025.