

## Criteria for awarding the EMOS label

The admissibility criteria are formal features of the application.

### Submission modalities and deadline

Applications should include the following:

- a) Filled and signed application form ([Word](#) and [Excel](#))
- b) Electronic copy of the complete application with annexes is to be sent to [ESTAT-EMOS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ESTAT-EMOS@ec.europa.eu) by the indicated deadline in the call with the subject 'Reply to EMOS Call for applications + name of the university'

The documents may be submitted in a national language; however, in this case a non-certified translation into English **must** be provided. Personal data will be collected, processed and published in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No (EU) 2018/1725.

The deadline for sending the complete application is indicated in the relevant call for application.

***Any application failing to meet the deadline will not be accepted for the following steps of the assessment.***

### Completeness of the application

A checklist of **all** documents and annexes that need to be attached is available [here](#). Please number and list your documents and annexes on a separate page.

### Eligibility criteria

- The programme is an accredited Master programme in an EU Member State, EU candidate country or EFTA country.
- The Master programme is in line with the Bologna process and the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) or equivalent.

***If the application does not meet the eligibility requirements, it will not be assessed any further and feedback will be provided only on the aspects that led to it being rejected.***

### Selection criteria

The selection criteria consist the typical requirements of application form and are the following:

- 1. The Master programme is organised in line with the [Learning Outcomes of the EMOS programmes](#), includes a Master thesis and an internship in the area of official statistics.**

1.1. **Master theses:** the programme includes a Master thesis or in formally justified cases the Master theses can be substituted by an equivalent scientific report on a relevant topic related to official statistics and is supported by a National Statistical Institute (NSI), National Central Bank (NCB), Other National Authority (ONA) or an International Organisation (IO).

1.2. **Internships:** The programme includes an internship of minimum 6 weeks in an NSI or a statistical department of an NCB, ONA or IO and is steered and managed by a University as well as the respective NSI, NCB, ONA or IO. In formally justified cases the internship could be substituted by a research project (written report) on a topic relevant to official statistics. In such a case the NSI or NCB has to certify the research project as a relevant topic for official statistics.

**2. The University has set up a written agreement of cooperation with the respective NSI, NCB, ONA or IO with regard to internships and other support such as cooperation in teaching and Master theses.**

**3. Minimum requirement 90 ECTS:** the total credits devoted to the EMOS Master are worth at least 90 ECTS or equivalent which must include:

3.1. At least 50 ECTS allocated to the courses aimed at reaching the EMOS learning outcomes

3.2. At least 30 ECTS allocated to a combination of Master thesis of at least 20 ECTS and internship of at least 10 ECTS and/or of a minimum duration of 6 weeks.

3.3. In case of awarding only a minimum number of ECTS to the Master thesis and internship, the remaining ECTS (up to 10 ECTS) should be allocated to the EMOS learning outcomes in order to reach the total of 90 ECTS.

3.4. In case the specific rules in place in a given country do not allow ECTS to be awarded for the:

- Master thesis, the programme has to include an equivalent number of ECTS dedicated to research leading to a scientific report.
- Internship, the programme has to include an internship with an equivalent workload in terms of duration (6 weeks).

**4. Start of the programme:** The Master program should already be operational or start not later than one year after application.

**5. The University holds adequate teaching capacity and qualifications for the Master programme.**

### **Additional assets**

Though not taken into account in the selection decision, an effective quality assurance system and cooperation with higher education institutions at an international level or participation in European networks are considered as additional assets. The information will give an insight into ongoing projects and the quality assessment mechanism that has been put in place. This information will also feed into further development work of the EMOS network.

## Assessment

### 1. Scores

The EMOS Board will assess the eligibility and the selection criteria on the basis of the information given in the sub-categories of the application form and the annexes. Each criterion will be scored on a scale from 0 to 3 (half point scores may be given):

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| <b>0 Insufficient</b> | proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information |
| <b>1 Fair</b>         | proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses                         |
| <b>2 Good</b>         | proposal addresses the criterion well, but some shortcomings are present                               |
| <b>3 Excellent</b>    | proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor      |

An application fulfils the selection criteria if it receives at least “Good” for each criterion.

### 2. Assessment process

The assessment team consists of the EMOS Board and EMOS secretariat in Eurostat. The EMOS Board must assess the applications objectively and independently. All members of the EMOS Board must sign a declaration of absence of conflict of interest and of confidentiality. The deliberations of the EMOS Board shall be confidential.

In case the organisation of an EMOS Board member is involved in an application for the EMOS label, the respective member will not be involved in the assessment and will be requested to leave the room during the deliberations regarding that particular application.

The team reserves the right to ask clarifications from the applicants at any point in time of the process.