

Criteria for awarding the EMOS label

The admissibility criteria are formal features of the application.

Submission modalities and deadline

Universities interested to join the EMOS Network are invited to consult [the EMOS Guide for applicants](#).

Applications should include the following:

- a) Filled and signed [application form](#)
- b) Electronic copy of the complete application with annexes is to be sent to ESTAT-EMOS@ec.europa.eu by **31 December of the current year** at the latest by 23:59 (Central European Time - CET) with the subject 'Reply to EMOS Call for applications + name of the university'

Applications must be completed in English. Supporting 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 call remains permanently open with cut-off date of 31 December of each calendar year.

Universities are invited to submit their applications complete with accompanying documents as described in the EMOS Guide for applicants and with the EMOS application form by 31 December of the current year.

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 eligibility criteria are:

Eligibility criterion 1:

- The programme can be either an accredited Master's programme or a specialisation within an accredited Master's programme/module, i.e. a specific track or a set of courses that are compulsory only for students that are willing to get an EMOS-labelled master's degree.
- The EMOS label can be awarded, under the conditions of the "Single Market Programme", to universities in a EU Member State, in a EU candidate or potential candidate country, in an acceding country, in a country which is a member of both the European Free Trade Association and the European Economic Area, in a European Neighborhood Policy country, or, exceptionally, in other third countries based on specific arrangements with Eurostat.

Eligibility criterion 2:

The Master's programme is in line with the Bologna process and the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

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:

Selection criterion 1: The Master's programme is organised in line with the EMOS learning outcomes, includes a master's thesis or a substitute and an internship in the area of official statistics or a substitute.

Master's theses: the programme includes a master's thesis. In formally justified cases the master's thesis can be substituted by an equivalent scientific report on a topic related to official statistics. The development of the master's thesis/scientific report must be supported by a National Statistical Institute (NSI), a National Central Bank (NCB), an other National Authority (ONA), an International Organisation (IO) or any other partner organisation producing, managing or analysing statistics and data (e.g., research organisations, universities, line ministries, private companies), as long as the thesis topic is relevant to official statistics and based on the EMOS learning outcomes.

Internships: The programme includes an internship of a minimum duration of 250 hours or at least 10 ECTS in an NSI or a statistical department of an NCB, ONA, IO or other partner organization and is steered and managed by a University as well as the respective NSI, NCB, ONA, IO or any other partner organisation producing, managing or analysing statistics and data (e.g., research organisations, universities, line ministries, private companies), as long as the internship focuses on work that is relevant to official statistics. Ideally, interns should be based on-site within the host organisation. However, this policy is flexible if an alternative arrangement is agreed between the host organisation and the university and meets the needs of the project. In formally justified cases the internship can be substituted by practical experience for example within a joint project or as an employee of an NCB, ONA, IO or other partner organization. The substitute has to include practical experience with an equivalent workload in terms of duration.

Selection criterion 2: Written agreement of cooperation with the respective NSI, CB, ONA or IO

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's thesis.

Selection criterion 3: Workload: The credits allocated to the master's programme amount to at least 90 ECTS

The total credits devoted to the EMOS Master's Programme amount to at least 90 ECTS which must include:

At least 50 ECTS allocated to the courses aimed at reaching the EMOS learning outcomes, whereby

- the majority of the 6 subpoints of learning outcome A) Knowledge needs to be covered
- and at least one subpoint of each of the three learning outcomes A) Knowledge, B)

- Skills and C) Competencies needs to be covered
- At least 30 ECTS allocated to a combination of master's thesis of at least 15 ECTS and internship of at least 10 ECTS or of a minimum duration of 250 hours
- In case of awarding only a minimum number of ECTS to the master's thesis and internship or in case the specific rules in place do not allow ECTS to be awarded, at least 50 per cent of the master's programme workload, but not less than one year of classes is allocated to the courses aimed at reaching the EMOS learning outcomes.

Selection criterion 4: Start of the programme

The Master's programme should already be operational or start not later than one year after application is received by the EMOS Secretariat.

Selection criterion 5: Adequate teaching capacity and qualifications

The University holds adequate teaching capacity and qualifications for the Master's programme. The teacher's resume must demonstrate teaching experience and expertise in a field related to the EMOS learning outcomes. Either by working in an NSI/ONA/NCB/IO in a specific area or through research in that area.

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 provided in the application form and the annexes. Each criterion will be scored on a scale from 0 to 3 (half point scores may be given):

0 Insufficient	proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information
1 Fair	proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses
2 Good	proposal addresses the criterion well, but some shortcomings are present
3 Excellent	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**.

EMOS is a label awarded by the ESSC for five years, renewable upon continued fulfilment of EMOS requirements.

2. Assessment process

The assessment team consists of the EMOS Board and EMOS secretariat at 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 with which 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 meeting during the deliberations regarding that particular application.

The EMOS Secretariat and Board reserve the right to request clarifications from the applicants at any point in time of the process.