

Report from the Steering Committee and Working Groups

ENBES Session, EESW₁₅, Poznań, Poland

ENBES in a nutshell

- Goals
 - i. create a network of European researchers and practitioners (academia, official statistics, private sector, other related areas) in establishment statistics
 - ii. support exchanging of ideas and research results, with a stress on cross-fertilisation (inspiring) between different fields, areas and competencies: processes, academic domains, geography, ...
 - iii. grow a “critical mass” of European establishment statistics research and practice able to provide genuine contribution on a world-wide level
- Established 2008/2009
- Workshops: 2009 (Stockholm), 2011 (Neuchâtel), 2013 (Nürnberg), 2015 (Poznań)
 - a session on ENBES at each workshop

Structure after Neuchâtel (2011)

- Steering Committee (existed since the beginning)
 - 6-10 members
 - optimally, all types of stakeholders represented
 - tasked with coordinating Working Group (WG) activities
 - meets approximately 4-5 times a year (per telephone)
 - is replenished at intervals, optimally in conjunction with workshops
- Working Groups
 - on workshops
 - on communication and collaboration
 - on expansion

Steering Committee 2013-15

- Activities

- Organised

- a seminar: “Developments and Challenges in Business Surveys Methodology” (February 2014, Stockholm (\$\$))
 - a topic workshop: “The Unit Problem in Business Statistics Methodology” (November 2014, Geneva)
 - ENBES session “Data collection challenges in establishment surveys” at the RSS International Conference 2014

- Involved in preparations for ICES-V in Europe

- PC: Daniel Assoulin, Vanessa Torres van Grinsven
 - OC: Wim Kloek, Boris Lorenc

- Followed-up WGs’ activities

- Consisted of

- Daniel Assoulin (SFSO), Mojca Bavdaž (Ljubljana), Deirdre Giesen (CBS), Jacek Kowalewski (CSO Poland), Wim Kloek (Eurostat) (treasurer), Boris Lorenc (Stats Sweden) (chair), Ria Sanderson (ONS), Li-Chun Zhang (U Southampton)

Working Groups

- WGW (workshops)
 - Daniel Assoulin, Wim Kloek (chair), Tomasz Klimanek (CSO Poland), Jacek Kowalewski, Haritz Olaeta Goiriena (EUSTAT), Vanessa Torres van Grinsven (U Utrecht), Li-Chun Zhang,
 - Scientific Committee also: Grazyna Dehnel (U Poznan), Maria Dolores Ugarte (U Navarre)
- WGC (collaboration)
 - Deirdre Giesen, Alexia Meyermann (DIPF), Irena Bolko (U Ljubljana), Ria Sanderson (chair)
- WGE (expansion)
 - mainly dormant (save for the Stockholm seminar)

Discussions at “stations” 2013

Topics at “stations” in Nuremberg 2013

- 1) Supporting cooperation/collaboration between workshops by identifying common research agendas
- 2) Strengthening communication in ENBES, e.g. wider use of the wiki
- 3) How improve reach-out of ENBES towards similar fields, and geographically
- 4) Methodological issues in establishment statistics that will be of major importance in the next two years
- 5) Opportunities for ENBES with ICES-V in Europe in 2016

Discussions at “stations” 2015

- Three topics for discussion in the groups

1. Research agenda till 2017 and further on
 - What methodological issues are we all facing?
 - What are the most important research topics?
 - -> a list of relevant research issues/a structured research agenda
2. Strengthening co-operation and collaboration within ENBES
 - How can we collaborate on our coming projects?
 - What are you currently working on? How can you collaborate?
 - What can ENBES achieve at ICES-V in Europe in 2016?
3. Improving the reach of ENBES outwards
 - How can we share knowledge with other areas or learn from them
 - What are the opportunities?
 - What are the challenges? How can these be addressed?

Discussions at “stations” 2015

- Share your thoughts at the stations and note them down (writing block, post-it notes, smart phone, ...)
- Continue planning with fellow participants throughout the workshop
- Make suggestions that are concrete, tied to specific goals and persons (“what will you do by when...”)
- At the closing session, report on the notes made
- After the workshop, use ENBES platform and tools (newsletter, etc) as a support that simplifies the collaboration and process