



EUG Executive Committee
Yearly report 2018



1. The EMREX User Group (EUG)

The EMREX User Group is formed by organizations in the EMREX network and interested parties to manage the network and to advance the use of EMREX. The abbreviation is EUG.

The purpose of the EMREX User Group is to:

- maintain the EMREX network including architecture and specifications,
- support the uptake of EMREX in new countries and with new services,
- plan and support dissemination activities around EMREX,
- maintain the EMREX policy agreement to be signed by all full members,
- contribute to relevant standardization work, especially around ELMO.

2. The EUG Executive Committee's report

The Executive Committee can conclude that the year 2018 has been interesting and with lots of changes. It started out with an interim Executive Committee preparing for the first Annual Assembly. This work included making draft statutes for the organization, a member agreement and the first yearly plan. The Annual Assembly was held in Paris in April with over forty attendees which is a very good number. The following were elected as members of the Executive Committee:

- Jonna Korhonen from CSC, Finland, Chairperson
- Johan Bergström, Ladok, Sweden
- Tor Fridell, Ladok, Sweden
- Jan-Joost Norder, DUO, the Netherlands
- Janina Mincer-Daszkiewicz, UW, Poland
- Geir Vangen, UNIT, Norway

During the summer Jonna Korhonen left CSC and resigned as Chairperson. Jukka Kohtanen came instead of Jonna. An extra assembly was held in August which elected Jan-Joost Norder as new Chairperson. In August Johan Bergström left his employment and therefore also left the committee.



3. Outcomes of planned activities 2018

Since funds are limited, the tasks are performed by the members according to their available resources and more could be done on almost every activity. Nevertheless, most of the activities were carried out, in part or completely. The outcomes of all activities are as follows.

3.1. Extend the ELMO format to include Diplomas and DS information

An open workshop was held in Helsinki in September to discuss an extension to ELMO which includes DS information. Feedback was positive. During the year the version 1.4 of ELMO was approved and it was released 5 March 2019.

3.2. Update the emrex.eu website

The goal for the emrex.eu during 2018 was that it should be operating on an independent and stable server and contain only updated and relevant information. Moreover, one main administrator and at least one more editor should be appointed. The emrex.eu should also reflect the network of services delivered by the EUG members in the production environment. The process of updating information is of course always ongoing but the site now resides on an independent server with a knowledgeable administrator, provided by DUO. The information has been updated but more work is still necessary.

3.3. Strengthen the collaboration with ongoing EU-projects and other parties.

EMREX is involved in the *Taking forward the European Student Card initiative* run by DG CONNECT and DG EAC. 3 workshops were held in 2019.

A dialogue was opened with the EWP-project (Erasmus Without Paper) concerning a common registry. There is not yet an agreement on this with EWP.

EMREX participates in the DigiRec project, which has a goal on delivering a white paper on digitalization of the recognition process.

Contacts were made with:

- AHOVOKS. They are planning to build a SMP for 2019.
- CHESSIC. They are planning to build a NCP for 2019



- Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung. In 2018 they started a very large project for building a (inter)national enrollment application. For the exchange of results they want to use EMREX.
- Digitary. One initial workshop with Digitary on setting up EMREX functionality in their Diploma registry environment.
- A Greek consortium building block chain environment for diplomas, looking into connecting this to the EMREX network.

Individual members made contact:

- DUO had contact with International Baccalaureate about adding them to the network via a NCP. Talks are ongoing.

3.4. Dissemination

EMREX has been presented at a number of conferences.

Internationally, EMREX had sessions or presentations at

- Nordforum, Stockholm, January
- Groningen Declaration Network, Paris, April
- PESCS Spring Conference, Washington, May
- European Student Card Workshop, Paris, June
- EUNIS, Paris, June
- Enic-Naric, Prague, June
- EAIE conference, Geneva, September

In addition, EMREX has been presented at a number of national conferences and meetings.

3.5. Create general information material

Only little general information material has been produced, due to lack of resources. There is basic information that covers the needs for the moment but more is needed so this activity is prolonged to next year.

3.6. Send regular newsletters to the members

During the year two newsletters were sent, including one for the assembly. One more was sent in early 2019.



3.7. Seek to increase membership

Two new full members joined during the year, the Netherlands and Croatia. Efforts were made from man members to seek new partners in EMREX but the process from start to finish for an organization is long so the effects may be seen later.

3.8. Work on statutes for the organization

Statutes were approved at the annual assembly.

3.9. Hold the Annual Assembly meeting in April

The assembly was held on April 17 in Maison de Norvège, Cité internationale universitaire, Paris.

One extra annual assembly was held by means of e-mail in August to elect a new Chairperson. This assembly unanimously elected Jan-Joost Norder as Chairman.