



EUG Executive Committee
Yearly report 2021



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

The Executive Committee can look back at the year 2021 as another strange year, due to the pandemic. The Committee nevertheless carried out the plans set out for the year. The Annual Assembly was held online in June. The following were elected as members of the Executive Committee:

- Tor Fridell, Ladok, Sweden, Chairperson
- Jan-Joost Norder, DUO, the Netherlands
- Jukka Kohtanen, CSC, Finland,
- Janina Mincer-Daszkiewicz, UW, Poland
- Geir Vangen, UNIT, Norway
- Igor Drvodelić, AZVO, Croatia

The Committee had one person from the Policy group, **Guido Bacharach** from Germany to take part in the EC meetings.



3. Major events during the year

3.1. Switch from EMREG to EWP Registry

During the technical workshop of the EMREX User Group in January 2021, a suggestion was made how to make the EMREX registry more robust and easier to maintain. The more modern EWP Registry architecture was selected as the best and during the year we gradually moved content of EMREG to the EWP Registry.

3.2. Name change of NCP's and SMP's

It has become more apparent that the term National Contact Point is not descriptive anymore. The data sources can be national but just as well single universities. Therefore, as it seemed best timed when the change to the EWP registry took place, we also changed the names and abbreviations. So now it is:

NCP → EMP, EMREX Data Access point

SMP → EMC, EMREX Client

3.3. Vietsch-project funds

The EMREX Executive Committee applied for and received a project funding from the [Vietsch Foundation](#) during 2020 with the initial goal to end June 30th 2021 but again due to the pandemic the project was extended until the end of the year.

The first part was scheduled to finish by December 31st 2020 and it contained on-line conferences and developing ELMO format. This was done but with a delay, the new ELMO-version and technical workshop extended into 2021. The industrialization was extended further into 2021.

The second part ended on December 31st 2021 with the outcomes of dissemination, working on the ELMO-format and stakeholder meetings.



3.4.EMREX 1st place winner for Network Technology at PESC

At the PESC 22nd annual best practices competition EMREX has been awarded with the 1st place for Network Technology. *“The level of commitment and attention to detail, undertaken by the EMREX Executive Committee to build a multi-national, interoperable, digital network, is unparalleled,”* states Michael D. Sessa, PESC President & CEO. *“The EMREX Executive Committee is a best practice itself in open, transparent software development and deployment. In being such a major achievement, EMREX serves as a best practice model in network technology for other countries, other networks and other communities.”*

4. Outcomes of planned activities 2020

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.

4.1.ELMO-workshop

The EMREX User Group held a two-day workshop in November 2021. It was held as a hybrid meeting with participation onsite at Georg-August-Universität in Göttingen, Germany and online.

The topics ranged from discussions about strategies for the future to hands-on technical details. Changes in the ELMO-format were discussed which lead to inviting to another workshop for all stakeholders (June 31st). More information including all presentations can be found at the [EMREX portal](#).

4.2.Dissemination

EMREX has been presented at a limited number of conferences, due to the pandemic.

Internationally, EMREX had session at

EUNIS, Online



The PESC data summit

TAICEP

The Groningen Declaration Network annual conference

EMREX also had presentations at these national conferences:

NUAK 26 October: Presentation for Norwegian Diploma Registry, EMREX, Digitalization of Diplomas

Norric meeting 17 November (<https://norric.org/>); Presentation for Norwegian Diploma Registry and EMREX

4.3.New members

The following organisations received membership during the year

- Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany (Associate member)
- Pedagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, (Associate member)
- Pescheck, the Netherlands, (Associate member)
- Supratix, Germany, (Associate member)

4.4.Collaborations during the year

Collaboration has been ongoing with the EBSI-project, the Europass organisation and EWP, mainly regarding the data model ELMO.