



# Capacity building and data innovation in the ESS

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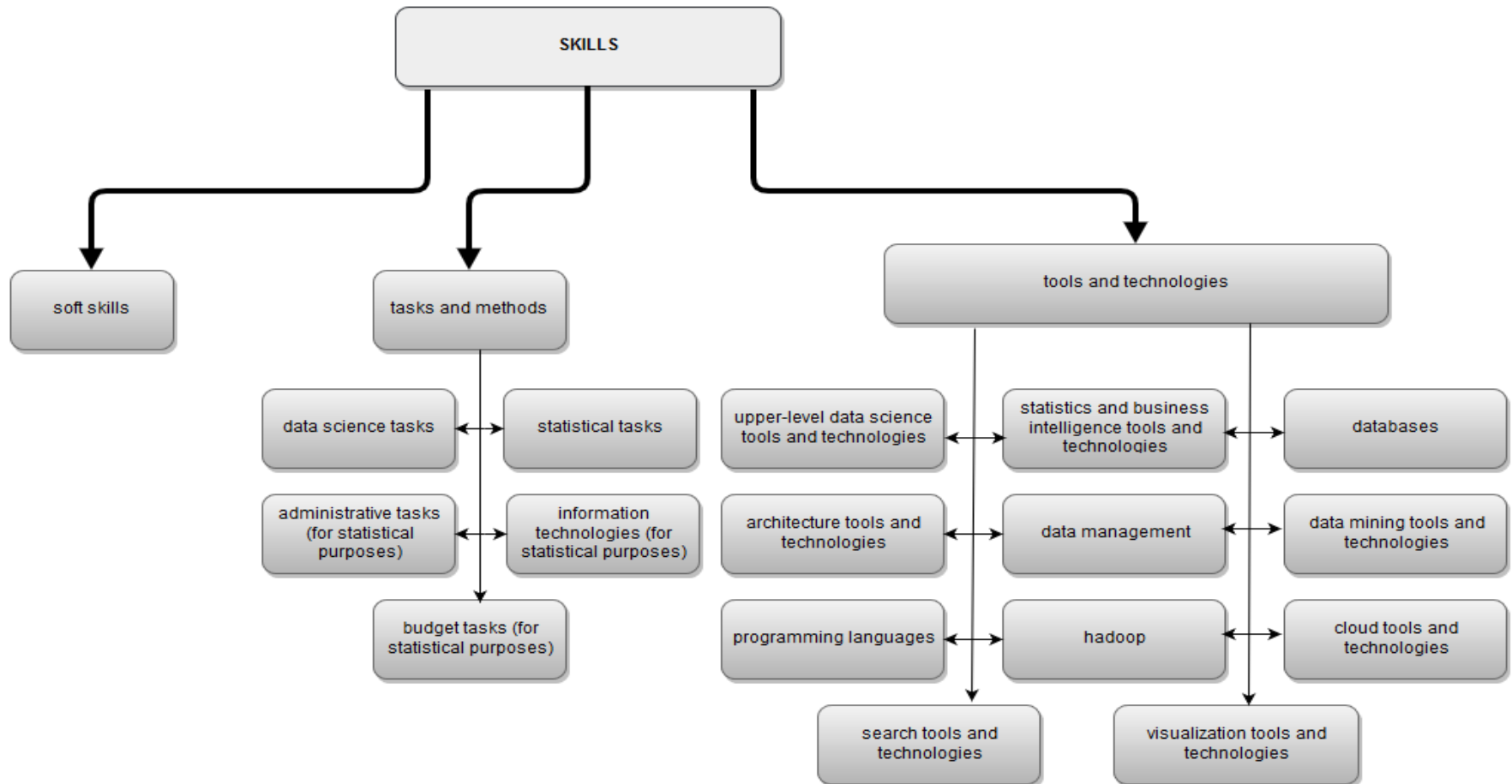
Never stop learning,  
because life never  
stops teaching

# Training Strategy for Big Data

## To bridge the Big Data skills gap in European official statistics

- Identification of skills required for the use of big data sources  
Skills framework
- Inventory of existing skills in Eurostat and in the NSIs in Europe  
Questionnaire to NSIs and Eurostat
- Analysis of the big data training needs
- To define the training objectives and content  
Competency-Based Education approach
- Develop a training provision strategy to bridge the skill gap using different instruments

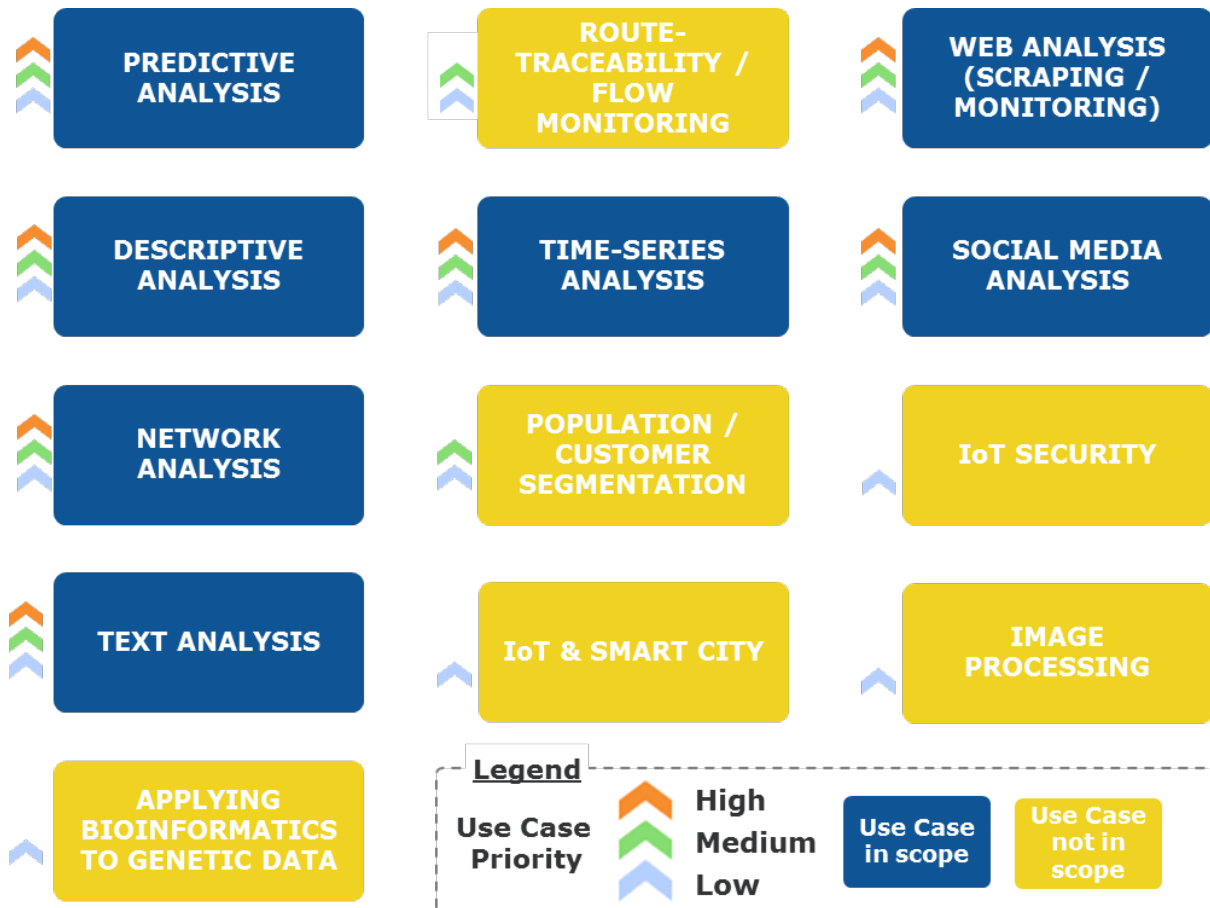
# Skills classification by groups of skills



# Intended outcomes of strategic training plan

Time	Change in	Effects
<b>Short</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge</li> <li>• Skills</li> <li>• Attitude</li> <li>• Motivation</li> <li>• Awareness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness raising</li> <li>• Change of attitude</li> <li>• Skills acquisition</li> </ul>
<b>Medium</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviors</li> <li>• Practices</li> <li>• Policies</li> <li>• Procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constant support of level of expertise</li> <li>• Change of behavior and practices using of big data and other emerging technologies</li> <li>• Adoption of new standards, policies and procedures</li> </ul>
<b>Long</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situation – environment, social and economic conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge and new technologies will drive the statistical production</li> </ul>

# The Big Data Test Infrastructure



**Big Data use cases in scope**

# The Big Data Test Infrastructure



**PaaS for  
implementing Big  
Data Use Cases**



**Community Building  
and Innovation  
Portal**



**Big Data and  
Analytics software  
catalogue**



**Advisory**



**Data Catalogue and  
Data Exchange APIs**



**Support for  
Analytics  
implementation**

**Big Data Test  
Infrastructure  
service  
offering**



**Analytics as a Service**



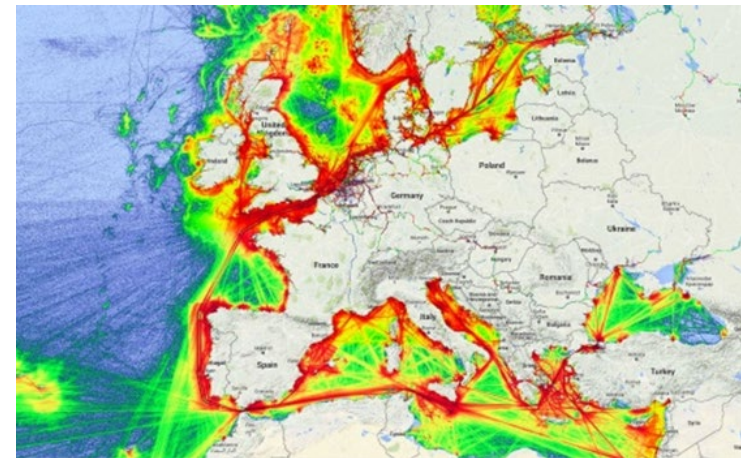
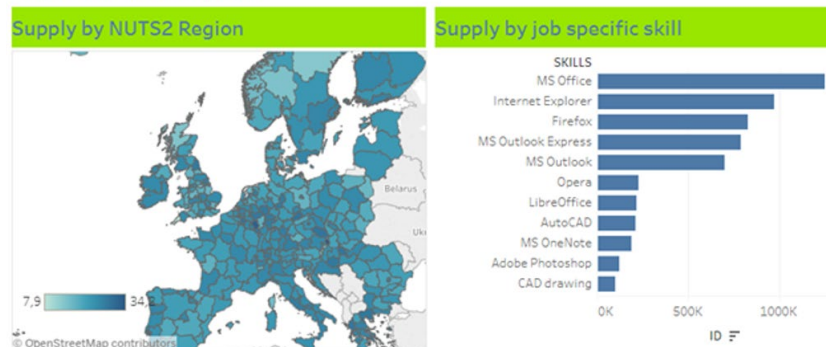
European  
Commission

# BDTI and the ESS

*BDTI sandbox test with Wikipedia page views*  
*First pilot: European Big Data Hackathon 2019*  
*ESSnet big data pilots*

- **Online Job Vacancies**
- **AIS**
- **Mobile phone**

Matching Skills Demand (CEDEFOP JVs) and Supply (EURES CVs):  
*Absolute and relative frequencies*



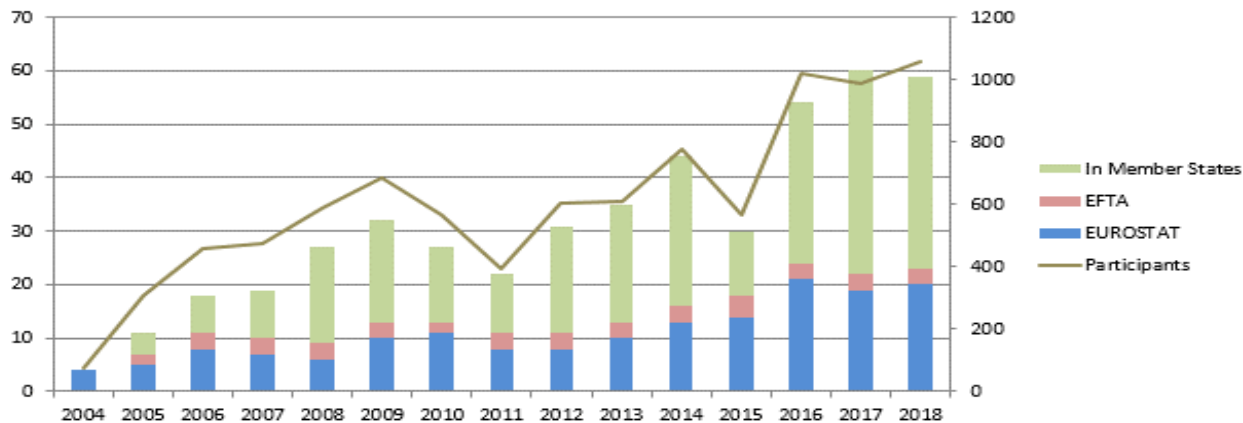


# European Statistics Training Program (ESTP)

- The **purpose** of the ESTP is to provide European statisticians with continuous training in new methods, techniques and best practices and integrate the application of European concepts and definitions
- The programme is tailored to **meet the specific needs** of the European Statistical System (**ESS**)
- The programme is **managed by Eurostat**, the Statistical Office of the European Union
- The ESTP **complements national training schemes** and meets the challenges of comparable statistics at European and international level
- Training **delivered** by external contractors or staff members
- **Cost** for delivering training ca. 500.000 € over four years

# ESTP - Target audience

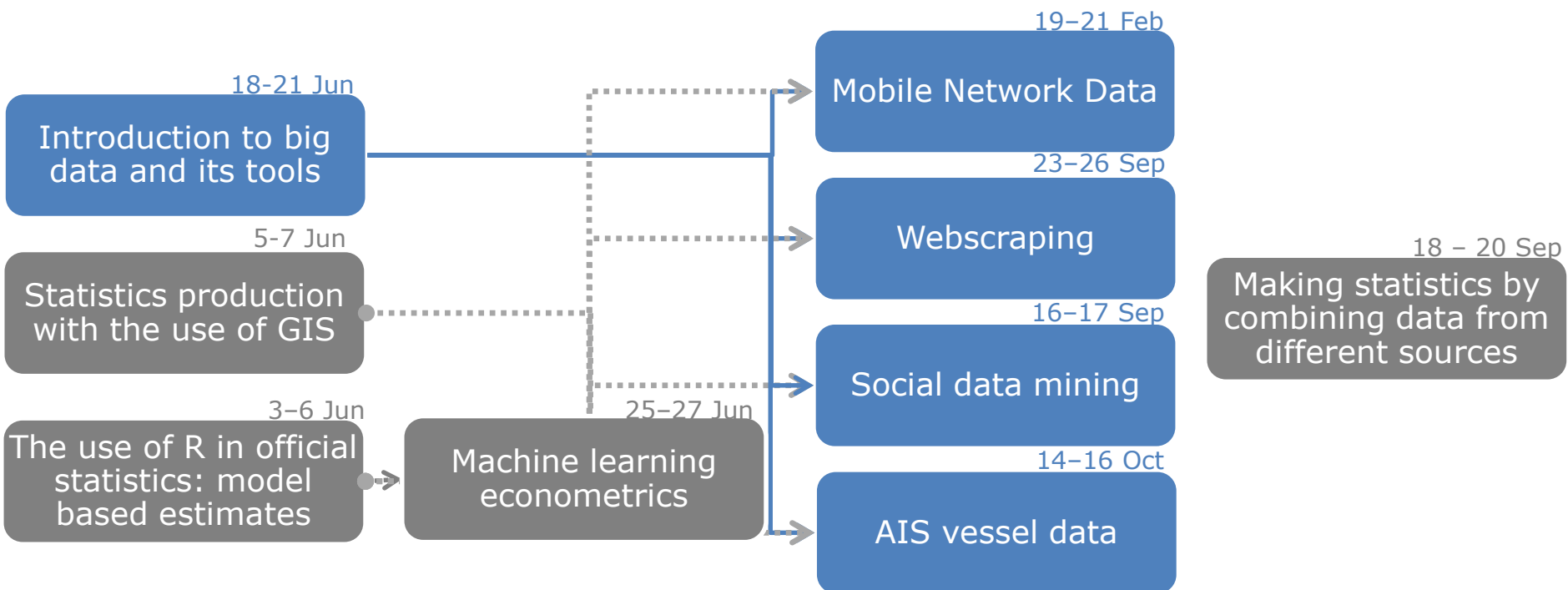
*Staff of NSI/ONAs in EU Member States, EFTA countries, candidate countries and Eurostat Applicants from non-European countries may be admitted on individual basis and subject to availability of places*



# ESTP Programme 2019

- *Statistical Methodology*
- *Economic Statistics*
- *Environmental Statistics*
- *Metadata and Classifications*
- *Quality and Dissemination*
- ***New Data Sources***
- *Business Statistics*
- *Social Statistics*

# ESTP courses supporting big data (2019)



 **Big data courses**     **Methodology courses**

# ESTP more information

## **ESTP National Contact Points**

### **ESS Website**

**<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/ess/about-us/estp>**

### **CIRCABC**

**<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/6ade1ca8-6a06-44bd-bff0-498217d0ec05>**



# European Master in Official Statistics (EMOS)

- *Label awarded by ESS Committee to Master programmes fulfilling EMOS requirements– valid 4 years*
- *Coordinated by Eurostat, universities deliver on learning outcomes and mandatory internships with statistical institutes*
- *Current challenges: recruitment, training & development, long-term retention of employees.*
- *EMOS graduates – both new students and existing NSI staff  
- better prepared for work in statistical offices*



# EMOS - Label based on learning outcomes

## 1. System of official statistics

- Official statistics: relevance and sources
- International and European institutions
- European Statistics Code of Practice

## 2. Production models and methods

- Different kinds of data sources!
- Quality dimensions

## 3. Specific themes

- Economy & finance, population & social conditions, international trade, environment & energy, science & technology ...

## 4. Statistical methods

- Statistical methods: sampling & estimation, index theory, econometrics ...
- Statistical programmes

## 5. Dissemination

- Effective communication with different audiences
- Confidentiality and disclosure control

# EMOS- 33 programmes in 19 countries

## CALL I – 2015

University of Helsinki  
 Ensaï and Université de Rennes 1  
 Universität Trier  
 Università degli Studi di Firenze  
 Università di Pisa  
 Sapienza – Università di Roma  
 Universiteit Utrecht  
 Universidade NOVA de Lisboa  
 Örebro University  
 University of Ljubljana  
 University of Southampton

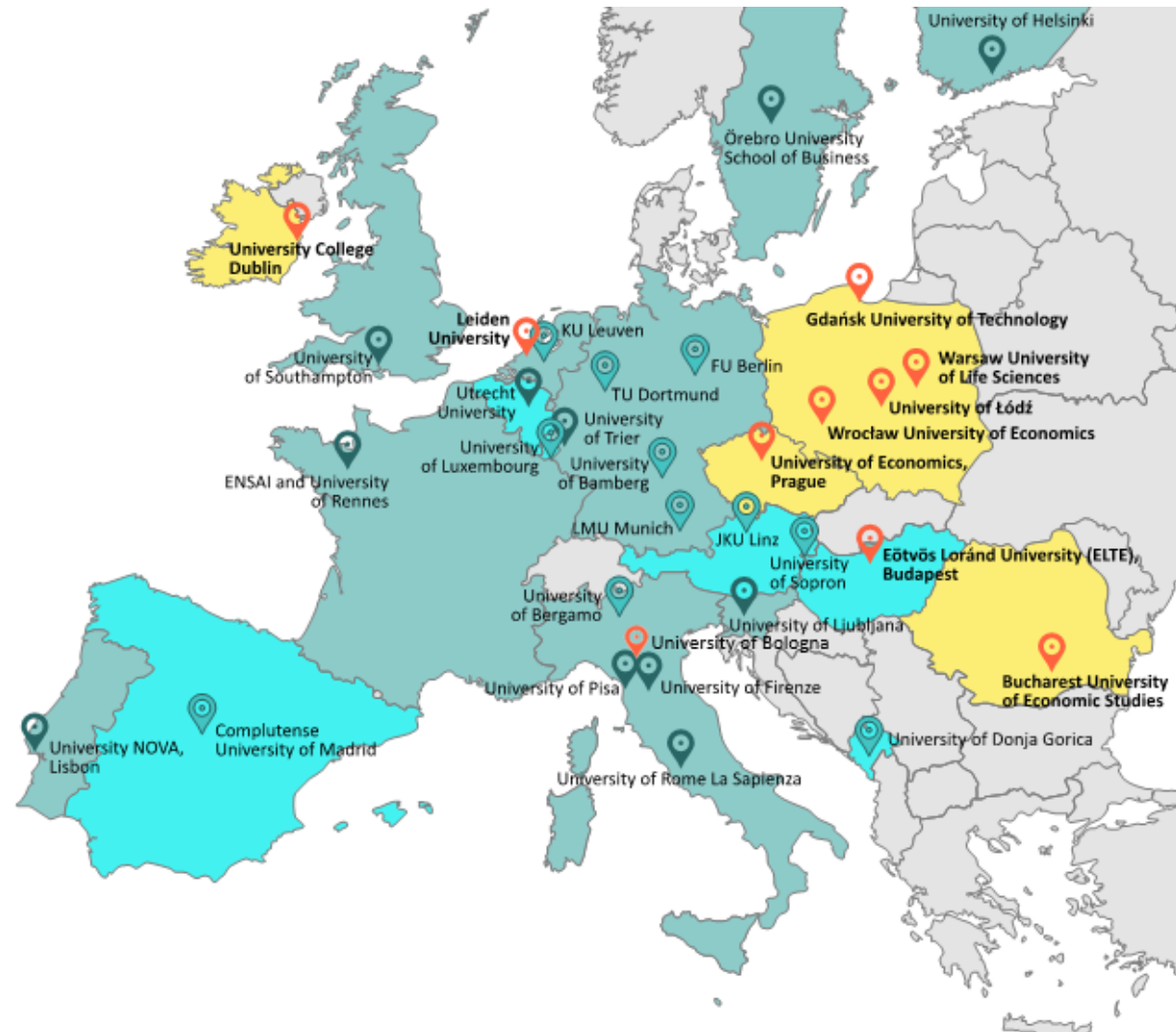
## CALL II – 2016

KU Leuven  
 University of Bamberg  
 FU Berlin  
 TU Dortmund  
 LMU Munich  
 Complutense University of Madrid  
 University of Bergamo  
 University of Luxembourg  
 University of Sopron  
 JKU Linz  
 University of Donja Gorica

## CALL III – 2019

EMOS label award (10)

University of Economics, Prague  
 Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest  
 University College Dublin  
 Leiden University  
 Warsaw University of Life Sciences  
 Wrocław University of Economics  
 Gdańsk University of Technology  
 University of Łódź  
 Bucharest University of Economic Studies  
 University of Bologna







# EMOS

## Focus of 3<sup>rd</sup> call 2018-2019

- *Production of statistics by **integrating data** from different kinds of data sources*
- ***Model-based** and **algorithm-based estimation** techniques*
- *Understanding of **institutional environment***
- *Dissemination – **visualisation techniques***
- ***Communication skills***