

2nd Annual Meeting of the European Network for Open Criminology

Wednesday, September 11, 15:00-17:00

Room 2.09, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, Romania

Attendees: Matt Ashby, Iain Brennan, David Buil-Gil, Katharina Krüsselmann, Charles Lanfear, Ian Marder, Patrice McCormack, Asier Moneva, Thiago Oliveira, Jose Pina-Sanchez, Stijn Ruiter, Martin Simon, Torbjørn Skardhamar, Alex Trinidad, Isabelle van der Vegt.

Apologies: Wim Bernasco, Lucia Brisudová, Jakob Demant, Yuji Hashimoto, Amy Nivette, Martí Rovira.

1. Minutes of the 1st Annual Meeting of the European Network for Open Criminology (attached)

Read and agreed. Minor typos and the list of attendees were revised.



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2. Annual Report of Activities (attached)

Read and agreed.



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3. Discussion of Activities for 2024/2025

Attendees discussed the possibility of organizing the following activities during the 2024/25 academic year:

a) Open Criminology Award

In October 2023, ENOC submitted a request to the ESC Board to launch a new ESC Open Criminology Award, aimed at “celebrating and acknowledging research practices that embody openness, integrity, and reproducibility throughout the research cycle, in alignment with the principles of open science.” The request was rejected in September 2024 based on the following reasons:

- The ESC already manages six general awards, which is the maximum they can effectively handle.
- The Open Criminology Award aligns closely with the specific research interests of ENOC.
- Publishing in open access often requires paying publishers, which could disadvantage researchers from institutions with fewer resources.
- Concerns about awarding recognition within a small group of members.
- The ESC Board encouraged ENOC to create this recognition as a working group award, with the condition that ENOC would share the award's rules with the ESC Board for review.

ENOC co-chairs will respond to the ESC Board regarding their rejection of the open criminology award, clarifying that the award's purpose is not to reward open access publications but to recognise transparency, reproducibility and openness. They will also suggest that the ESC Board revise their existing awards' criteria to include necessary references to transparency, reproducibility and openness.

Attendees agreed to establish an 'Open Criminology Award', to be awarded for the first time in September 2025. Points raised regarding the award included:

- A clear understanding of what the award should recognise (e.g., research on open research, adherence to open research practices, promotion of open research through workshops and dissemination).
- Whether the award should be limited to Early Career Researchers or open to any ESC member.

Jose Pina-Sanchez volunteered to lead a working group to draft the terms of reference for the award. The group will consult all ENOC members to co-develop the terms. A draft should be ready by early February 2025, after which it will be reviewed by the ESC Board. Once approved, a schedule will be set, and a call will be shared with ENOC and ESC members.

b) Publish More 'How-to' Guides on the Website

ENOC has published three 'how-to guides' on its website:

- a) 'Advancing the Standard Model of Publishing – Registered Reports' by Sandy Schumann.
- b) 'Make Sure the World Can Read Your Work with Open Access' by Matt Ashby.
- c) 'Developing an "Open Research Partnership" with an Applied and Relational Focus' by Ian D. Marder and Patrice McCormack.

ENOC members are encouraged to contribute more 'how-to' guides. Future topics might include:

- a) Sharing qualitative data,
- b) Sharing quantitative data,
- c) Generating synthetic data,
- d) Sharing reproducible analytic code,
- e) Engaging in open peer review,
- f) Designing and disseminating open access teaching materials,
- g) Creating open-source software,

- h) Freedom of Information requests,
- i) How to acquire funding for open research projects.

Katharina Krüsselmann volunteered to write a guide on synthetic data.

Asier Moneva volunteered to write a guide on writing reproducible analytic code.

Points raised regarding the guides:

- In addition to 'how-to' guides, there is a need to explain 'why' open research is important.

c) Webinars

On November 29, 2023, ENOC organised its first webinar, titled 'Data Sharing in Criminological Research: Tips and How-Tos'. The recording is available on the ENOC website.

Attendees expressed interest in future webinars covering topics such as:

- a) Pre-registrations and registered reports,
- b) The open research cycle in qualitative research.

ENOC will prioritise these topics for future webinars.

d) COST Action Proposal

COST Action projects facilitate meetings and activities among researchers and practitioners from European countries to develop synergies in specific areas. At the First ENOC Meeting in September 2023, attendees discussed a COST Action project on open criminology, but limited progress has been made.

Points raised regarding the proposal:

- One person should take the lead and form a team to apply for the grant.
- It is important to include countries without existing infrastructures or incentives for open research.

Members interested in leading the proposal should contact the ENOC co-chairs via email.

e) Open Handbook of Criminology

All current introductory handbooks in criminology are expensive for students and others. An 'Open Handbook of Criminology' would offer free access to introductory materials.

Members interested in leading this initiative should contact the ENOC co-chairs via email.

f) Creating a Register of Researchers for Presentations on Open Criminology

Iain Brennan, Charles Lanfear, Torbjørn Skardhamar, and Isabelle van der Vegt volunteered to join a register of researchers willing to deliver presentations on open criminology at departmental and institutional meetings.

g) Workshop on Open Science Before the Next ESC Meeting

ENOC will contact the ESC Board to propose organising a workshop on open research at the next ESC Summer School.

4. Election of ENOC Co-Chairs in September 2025

ENOC will elect its next Chair or co-Chairs in September 2025. A schedule and online voting system will be created for the election process.

In June 2025, ENOC members will be asked whether they wish to present a candidacy for Chair or co-Chairs.

In July 2025, candidates will share contact details with each other to seek amicable arrangements for co-chairing ENOC.

By early September 2025, all ENOC members will vote via an online system.

5. Any Other Business

Attendees discussed the possibility of creating a new diamond open access journal that supports open research practices. Members interested in leading this idea should contact the ENOC co-chairs via email.