

# 3rd Annual Meeting of the European Network for Open Criminology

Wednesday, September 3, 15:00-16:30 Room CN2114, Communications Building, American College of Greece, Athens.

Attended: Anette M. Andresen, Matt Ashby, David Buil-Gil, Elizabeth Gurian, Asier Moneva, Amy Nivette, Stijn Ruiters, Sandy Schumann, Torbjørn Skarøhamar, Daniëlle Stibbe, Ferhat Tura.

Apologies: Wim Bernasco, Iain Brennan, Trevor Calafato, Alex Trinidad, Isabelle Van Der Vegt.

## **1. Minutes of the 2nd Annual Meeting of the European Network for Open Criminology**

The minutes of the 2nd Annual Meeting of the European Network for Open Criminology were briefly reviewed and unanimously approved.

## **2. Annual Report of Activities**

David Buil-Gil and Amy Nivette, representing the team of ENOC co-Chairs, present the 2024-2025 activities report.

A brief discussion follows on the need for wider engagement of ENOC members, as well as on the importance of incorporating open science principles into the ESC Awards guidelines.

The report is unanimously approved.

## **3. Election of ENOC Co-Chairs September 2025-September 2027**

As stated in the ENOC terms of reference, the Chair or co-Chairs must be elected every two years. A call for nominations was announced to all members to elect the next team of co-Chairs. Only one nomination was received, led by Asier Moneva, Isabelle Van Der Vegt, and Alex Trinidad.

The team composed of Alex Trinidad, Isabelle Van Der Vegt, and Asier Moneva is unanimously elected as the new co-Chairs of ENOC for the period September 2025-September 2027.

A brief discussion follows on whether teams of three co-Chairs function effectively. It is concluded that the number of co-Chairs should remain flexible (between one and three), allowing the Network and its co-Chairs to adopt the most suitable arrangement based on the needs of the group.

## **4. ENOC Open Criminology Award 2025**

In March 2025, ENOC launched the ENOC Open Criminology Award via its website. The terms of reference, which were developed collaboratively with ENOC members, were approved by the ESC Board. These terms set out the award's purpose, eligibility, criteria, nomination and selection procedures, presentation process, and administration.

The ENOC Award Committee, composed of the ENOC co-Chairs, received five nominations and selected Sandy Schumann as the inaugural recipient.

Sandy Schumann is awarded the ENOC Open Criminology Award 2025.

## **5. Discussion of Activities for 2025/2026**

An open discussion follows on the priorities for activities during the period September 2025-September 2026.

Attendees agree on the need to continue publishing 'how-to' guides on the ENOC website. Asier Moneva suggests compiling existing and new guides into an open working book that would allow criminologists to learn about good practices in open science. This working book would assign DOIs and licences to contributions, further supporting dissemination, citation, and reuse. Attendees further discuss organising the working book to progress from simpler to more advanced open research practices, enabling a smooth introduction to open research practices. Developing a document addressing common misconceptions or myths around open research is identified as a priority for the group.

A discussion follows on the need to refine the terms of reference of the ENOC Open Criminology Award. The Award Committee has already shared specific suggestions with the incoming co-Chairs. Attendees agree on launching a second award to recognise the open research practices of Early Career Researchers, although the definition of ECR should be clearly specified and limited to those at the very beginning of their careers. The proposed title is Postgraduate Research Open Criminology Award, intended to reward the practices of PhD researchers and those shortly thereafter. Attendees also emphasise the need to integrate open science as a criterion across all ESC Awards.

Attendees agree on the importance of organising more webinars, which attract participants from diverse countries, career stages, and disciplinary backgrounds, while also creating video resources that can be disseminated widely. Suggestions are also made to produce short videos presenting open research practices in an accessible format.

In previous meetings, attendees discussed the possibility of preparing a COST Action proposal to secure funding for ENOC activities, including in-person meetings, training, and workshops. Such proposals require participation from a wide range of European countries, as well as a lead coordinator. While not identified as a current priority, this option could be reconsidered should an ENOC member volunteer to take the lead in the future.

A short discussion follows on ENOC's role in ESC conferences. It is concluded that, moving forward, the group should prioritise workshops and round tables addressing specific aspects of open research.

ENOC submitted a proposal to deliver a presentation on open criminology at the ESC Summer School 2025. The ESC Board indicated that, while no space was available for an in-person session, an online presentation could be included in the programme. Unfortunately, this was later cancelled by the organisers. The new co-Chairs will approach the ESC Summer School 2026 organisers to request the inclusion of a session on open research. Attendees also discuss the possibility of organising a dedicated ENOC Summer School on open research.

Torbjørn Skarðhamar stresses the importance of being more vocal about the need to embrace open research practices. He proposes publishing an entry in the ESC Newsletter highlighting how criminology lags behind other social science disciplines (e.g., political science, sociology, economics) in adopting open science.

A short discussion follows on potential funding opportunities through universities or open calls to support ENOC activities such as replication workshops, training, and webinars. The Co-Chairs confirm that, under the ENOC terms of reference, the Network is permitted to manage its own funds.

To conclude, the group discusses ENOC's social media presence, stressing the need to increase activity on Bluesky and LinkedIn.

## **6. Any Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting is closed.