

€ABCN

Euro Area Business Cycle Network

Vice Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Euro Area Business Cycle Network (EABCN)

About the Network

The *Euro Area Business Cycle Network* (EABCN) was founded in 2002. Its principal objective is to spread information and stimulate empirical research on the Euro Area business cycle by increasing interaction between academic researchers and central bank researchers and other policy institutions involved in the empirical analysis of the Euro Area business cycle.

The network is governed and directed by a steering committee and a scientific committee. The **Steering Committee**, consisting of senior representatives from each of the participating institutions, nominates the members of the **Scientific Committee**. The network continues to be successful in bringing together central bank researchers and academics and continuously develops its website (www.eabcn.org), which is an online hub of business cycle research in Europe.

The **Scientific Committee** comprises the Chair, Vice-Chair and the EABCN Network Co-ordinator and is responsible for developing the network's research agenda and for ensuring that its activities are planned according to its objectives.

The position of EABCN Chair is currently held by Barbara Rossi (ICREA-UPF and CEPR), and that of Vice-Chair by Klaus Adam (University of Mannheim and CEPR).

About the Role

The **Vice Chair of the Scientific Committee** is a member of both the Steering and the Scientific Committees.

It is planned that the incoming Vice-Chair will succeed the Chair after three years in the role. The Committee reports to the Steering Committee, which meets once a year to discuss the extent to which the network is meeting its objectives and discuss the network's agenda for the coming year.

The post-holder will work closely with the Chair of the Scientific Committee on the scientific planning and implementation of EABCN activities and will involve assistance and support to the Chair in all aspects of his/her role. This includes:

1. Intellectual Leadership

- Providing a vision for the network by identifying new and promising directions of European business cycle research.

2. Quality Control

Working with the EABCN Scientific Committee in:

- Controlling the quality of the research and the quality of new appointments to the network.

- Ensuring the appropriate thematic focus and content of the annual workshops, training schools, conferences and panel discussions.
- Assessing the quality of proposed activities, both ex ante and ex post.
- Contributing to the development of ideas and proposals for new initiatives.
- Collaborating with the CEPR Euro Area Business Cycle Dating Committee.

3. Entrepreneurship

- Helping the EABCN steering committee identify and take advantage of potential funding opportunities beyond the members' contributions.
- Working with the Scientific Committee and the Steering Committee in developing new network activities and initiatives.
- Encouraging policy-relevant activities and opportunities within the network's programme.

Specific Tasks

1. Chair Scientific Committee Meetings

- Chairing and setting the agenda of at least one Scientific Committee meeting each year (one in conjunction with the Steering Committee meeting) with the objective of determining and monitoring the research agenda and work programme of the network, conceptualising the conference and workshop programmes, and developing new research proposals.

2. Direct and oversee the EABCN activities, in collaboration with the Chair of the Scientific Committee

- Developing the scientific content of the network's website.
- Developing and overseeing the network's training schools.
- Conceptualising workshop programmes, including the selection of participants, the reviewing/screening of papers, etc.
- Developing new proposals and ideas for future activities.

3. Attend and report to the annual Steering Committee meeting

- Report once annually on network progress, activities and plans, to the EABCN Steering Committee which is held online in December of each year.

Remuneration

An annual stipend will be awarded of €15k.

Term of Office & Time Commitment

The postholder will serve a 3-year term, beginning January 2025, at which point they would take over from Barbara Rossi as Chair of the EABCN Scientific Committee. It is envisaged that the duties of the postholder will require approximately the equivalent of 1.25 days per month.

To Apply

Applications will be assessed by a small selection committee comprising senior representatives of the EABCN network. Candidates are requested to apply, in confidence, addressed to Luc Laeven (ECB and CEPR and Chair of the EABCN Steering Committee) by no later than 30 September 2024. Applications should be sent to Tessa Ogden at CEPR (togden@cepr.org) by submitting a cv and a two-page note regarding the applicant's vision and plans for the network.