

Report of the EEA Executive Vice-President, August 2021

This report covers the period from August 28, 2020

1. Elections

The nominating committee for the 2020 election was comprised of:

Rachel Griffith (Chair), Oriana Bandiera, Nezh Guner, Per Krusell, Gilat Levy, Katrine V. Løken and Silvana Tenreyro.

Maristella Botticini was elected **Vice-President** for the Year **2021**. She will become **President Elect** in 2022 and **President** of the EEA in 2023.

The newly elected members for the Council, for a term of office of five years starting 1 January 2021 are: Ingvild Almås, Aline Bütikofer, Monica Costa Dias, Maria Guadalupe, Benjamin Moll and Galina Zudenkova.

Fabrizio Zilibotti has chaired the Nominating Committee for 2022 and the voting website will go live in late September / early October.

2. Websites & Platforms

The EEA official site address continues to be hosted at www.eeassoc.org. The content of the EEA website is updated frequently. A new website was launched last year. The website has been audited to achieve the highest level of accessibility for partially sighted and non-sighted users.

The EEA-ESEM Congress website continues to be hosted at www.eea-esem-congresses.org and continues to be under the responsibility of the central office of the EEA. This too has been redesigned.

The default email address is admin@eeassoc.org.

The EEA continues to use its Twitter profile - @EEANews – to disseminate all news relating to EEA/standing committee/Congress/Job Market. The EEA also uses Twitter to disseminate information on the activities of its institutional members. @JEEANews is now active for all news concerning JEEA.

The EEA continues to send out news blasts on initiatives to its members and bimonthly JEEA newsletters.

In 2020, for EEA Virtual 2020, we designed a bespoke virtual events platform. Over the course of the pandemic, the EEA has lent out this platform to 4 smaller academic non-profit associations - EWMES, SES, ECINEQ and Economics Network - ensuring that their annual congresses can take place virtually. EEA-ESEM 2021 has also taken place on this platform. Moreover, over the past 10 months, the EEA has also developed a submissions, grading and programming platform – Congress Creator – which is fully compatible with our events platform. Both platforms have been developed with future hybrid events in mind.

For the European Job Market (EJME), we also launched a dedicated website - <https://www.europeanjobmarketofeconomists.org/>

The EEA is GDPR compliant - our Privacy, Terms & Conditions, and Cookie policy are displayed in the footer of our all and websites and platforms.

3. Fellowship

In January 2021, the newly elected Council members and the plenary speakers from the 2021 Congress who were active EEA members became Fellows.

4. Membership

The previous report of the Secretary declared that membership at the time of the virtual congress (August 2020) was over 4250 (with 14 institutional members having paid at the time of the report)

Individual Membership income generated €226,494 in 2020 while Institutional Membership brought in an extra €134,242.77 (figures taken from the end of year accounts).

The latest figures available suggest that individual membership now stands over 3305 (with 12 Institutional members having paid for 2021). There has been a decrease in individual membership during the past 12 months as we did not charge registration fees for the virtual EJME 2021, and moreover, the number of submissions to EEA virtual 2021 were around 15% lower than in previous years.

Table 1 (as of August 23, 2021)

EEA Membership	Aug 21	Aug 20	Aug 19
Members 1 year (print issue and online access to JEEA) STOPPED CATEGORY	0	35	47
Members 1 year (on line access to JEEA only)	1539	1938	1717
Members 3 years (on line access to JEEA only)	760	822	794
Members 5 years (on line access to JEEA only) NEW CATEGORY	62		
Low and middle-income members 1 year (print issue and online access to JEEA)	36	21	14
Student members 1 year (print issue and online access to JEEA) STOPPED CATEGORY	0	12	8
Student members 1 year on line (on line access to JEEA only)	908	1447	1126
Total	3305	4275	3706

Table 2 (as of August, 23, 2021)

Geographical Distribution of Membership %	Aug 21	Aug 20	Aug 19
Europe (including Israel, Russia and Turkey)	76.5	71.84	77.45
Rest of World			
Africa	1	0.6	0.18
America North	13.5	19.44	13.92
America South	1.5	1.01	1.24
Asia	5.7	5.52	5.75
Oceania	1.8	1.59	1.46

5. Financial Position of EEA as of December 2020

Detailed EEA 2020 Accounts are available upon request. I am pleased to report that the positive result to be carried forward has increased from €2,230,000.13 to €2,395,184.74. The surplus of €165,184.61 equals the difference between income of €721,702.03 and expenses of €556,517.42. These include, but are not limited to, the expenses and income involved in Oxford University Press JEEA production, organising the EEA Virtual congress and virtual European Job Market and all the expenses spent on updating the technological platforms of the EEA. We are particularly grateful to our institutional members whose donations continue to provide a vital source of income.

The EEA Audit committee – Claudio Michelacci (Chair), Jordi Gali and Riccardo Reis - viewed the accounts. In their opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the EEA as of December 31, 2020. We thank the Committee for their work.

In accordance with previous recommendations of the Audit Committee, once we can travel, we will diversify the current account holdings over several current accounts managed at different bank entities and considers investing a larger share of these holdings in highly liquid well diversified financial instruments. Moreover, we have been advised by the Audit Committee that given the Association's healthy budget surplus and not-for-profit mission, there is financial room to consider different initiatives to promote the European academic environment. This would be most appropriate during the perduring current crisis and something that we have

been doing actively through donating our bespoke events platform to smaller associations with lower budgets, which has meant that their congresses can take place.

6. Future 12 months

The EEA will spend the coming 12 months on a number of activities. First, we will be consolidating our “Candidate Directory” which we launched for the virtual EJME in 2020. We will be improving its functionalities. It will be launched around October 1st – in time for the virtual 2021 EJME. Secondly, we will be working actively with the Standing Committees of the EEA – Education, Minorities, Research and Women – to broaden their activities and engagement with EEA members.

Further suggestions are welcome.