



Kick-off Meeting of the OPTBANK Project held at Université de Limoges



about the project activities and their implementation, the responsibilities of each partner institution, expected results & quality control, communication & dissemination strategies, and project management procedures. Specific tasks, deadlines and contents of the bilateral/multilateral agreements were also reviewed. This meeting was also a great occasion for all partners to get to know each other better as they organize and prepare for the upcoming activities. ■

The Kick-off Meeting of the OPTBANK project was held at Université de Limoges (the coordinating institution) in Limoges, France from 5th to 6th February 2018. It was attended by representatives of all partner institutions from Europe and from Indonesia.

During this two-day meeting, Pr. Amine Tarazi, the coordinator of the OPTBANK project, led discussions



OPTBANK Summer School held at Università Degli Studi Roma Tre

From 4th to 15th June 2018, six PhD students, selected from the six Indonesian partner universities attended the OPTBANK Summer School held at Università Degli Studi Roma Tre, Rome, Italy.



The OPTBANK Summer School in Rome aims to strengthen research capacities of Indonesian PhD students by presenting the main risk management tools in banking, the new regulation rules for risk management and the research quantitative techniques for assessing the impact of new regulation and supervision rules on bank behavior.

The PhD students also attended banking and financial services sessions at the 2018 International Conference of the Financial Engineering and Banking Society

(FEBS) and the 2018 Spring Workshop of the Financial Intermediation Networks of European Studies (FINEST) during their stay in Rome.



Pr. Kose John (New York University, Stern School of Business), one of our two OPTBANK project experts, attended the Summer School and exchanged with the PhD students.

The six PhD summer school participants were: Aurelius Aaron from *Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB)*, Estu Widarwati from *Universitas Sebelas Maret (UNS)*, Alfi Syahril Fuadi Jaya from *Universitas Syiah Kuala (UNSYIAH)*, Arif Budi Satrio from *Universitas Tanjungpura (UNTAN)*, Supriyono from *Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta (UIN)*, Mukhlis from *Universitas Sriwijaya (UNSRI)*. ■

OPTBANK Exchange of Best Practices Seminar organized at Université de Limoges

The exchange of best practices seminar of the OPTBANK project was held at Université de Limoges, Limoges, France from 25th to 27th June 2018. The aim of the seminar is to strengthen and enhance the governance of research activities and PhD programs in Economics and Business by exchanging best practices in the Indonesian universities involved in the OPTBANK project and the European partners.



During their stay in Limoges, the Indonesian research management staff met their European counterparts. They visited three research centers - IRCER, XLIM and NET. They shared their experience in managing research centers and PhD programs as well as doctoral schools. Several themes were discussed ranging from conducting research programs, establishing scientific boards at research centers and doctoral schools, communicating with the central governance, raising research funds, applying to call for proposals, among others. ■