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OPTBANK Midterm Evaluation Meeting and Workshop to Design New Modules held in Surakarta, Indonesia



The OPTBANK Midterm Evaluation Meeting and the OPTBANK Workshop to Design New Modules was held in Surakarta, Indonesia from September 24 to 27, 2019. Hosted by Universitas Sebelas Maret, the event was attended by European and Indonesian partner universities, and associated partners which include regulators and policymakers such as the OJK (Financial Services Authority), the Bank Indonesia (Central Bank of Indonesia) and the Indonesian Deposit Insurance Corporation.

As the OPTBANK project coordinator, Amine Tarazi, reiterated in his speech during the OPTBANK Information Session, the OPTBANK project should be seen beyond OPTimizing Research & Doctoral Programs in Banking and Finance in Indonesian Universities; it is about preparing and organizing the future in Indonesia. Participated by the faculty staff from Universitas Sebelas Maret, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Universitas Sriwijaya, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Universitas Syiah Kuala and Universitas Tanjungpura, the Workshop to Design New Modules aims to create and update existing modules in PhD programs in banking and finance. During this Workshop, a total of nine modules were presented by Prof. Amine Tarazi (*Islamic Banking* - University of Limoges), Prof. Franco Fiordelisi (*Banking institutions and bank risk management; Banking regulation and financial stability* – University of Rome III), Prof. Jon Williams (*Structure and efficiency of banking markets, competition; Financial literacy, financial inclusion and financial deepening* – Bangor University), Prof. Laetitia Lepetit (*Corporate governance of financial institutions* – University of Limoges) and Prof. Georgios Atsalakis (*Quantitative Finance, Operational research and artificial intelligent-based techniques in banking and finance* – Technical University of Crete). The ninth module, which tackles the specificities of the Indonesian banking industry were presented by Dr. Inka Yusgiantoro (OJK, Financial Services Authority), Dr. Yoga Affandi (Bank Indonesia – Central Bank of Indonesia), and Dr. Herman Saheruddin (Indonesia Deposit Insurance Corporation). After the Workshop, PhD modules, undergraduate and Master courses will be taught and implemented in two pilot universities – Universitas Sebelas Maret and Institut Teknologi Bandung.

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