



Information about the survey and data protection

EUROGRADUATE is a transnational scientific survey project covering 17 European countries. Its main objective is to collect data on the experiences of European graduates during their studies and the impact on their professional lives and their lives as European citizens. The main topics we ask them about are the characteristics of their study programme, skills acquired, learning pathways and modes of learning, international mobility, labour market outcomes, political attitudes and political participation. The personal characteristics of graduates, such as their personal and social background and health status, serve to better understand the different groups of graduates.

In the participating countries, the organisation mandated to carry out the survey is responsible for conducting the survey. In Slovenia, EUROGRADUATE will be implemented by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation (MVZI) together with the Slovenian Rectors' Conference. An overview of all participating countries and their institutions is available on the joint website www.eurograduate.eu.

Your address has been obtained from the Recording and Analytical Information System for Higher Education in the Republic of Slovenia (eVŠ), which is managed by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation in accordance with Article 81c of the Higher Education Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No 32/12 – official consolidated text, 40/12 – ZUJE, 57/12 – ZPCP-2D, 109/12, 85/14, 75/16, 61/17 – ZUPŠ, 65/17, 175/20 – ZIUOPDVE, 57/21 – odl. US, 54/22 – ZUPŠ-1 in 100/22 – ZSZUN).

Your responses will be analysed for scientific and statistical purposes and published in an anonymised form, so that conclusions can no longer be drawn from individual survey participants and their individual answers. Published responses will therefore no longer be linked in any possible way to the individual taking part in the survey. Furthermore, we will provide the survey data in pseudonymised (i.e. without individual identifiers) form to the institutions conducting EUROGRADUATE: the German Centre for Higher Education and Science Research (DZHW, Lange Laube 12, 30159 Hannover, Germany) and the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS, Josefstädter Straße 39, AT-1080 Vienna, Austria). The data processor with which the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation will conclude the relevant contract for the processing of personal data is the HIS Hochschul-Informationssystem eG (Goseriede 9, 30159 Hannover, Germany). The anonymised data will be merged by HIS and DZHW into a cross-national database, ensuring that individuals cannot be identified. Key findings will be published in the same way in all countries, together with findings in partner countries. In addition, all responses will be made available in anonymised form through the DZHW Research Data Centre to the participating institutions of the EUROGRADUATE countries as well as to scientists and other users for educational, scientific and statistical non-profit purposes.

All participating organisations take the necessary technical, organizational and security measures to protect your data against unauthorised access, loss of data or unlawful disclosure to third parties. The survey is conducted in compliance with the requirements of the European General Data Protection Regulation of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data (GDPR), on the protection of personal data and applicable national laws.

Consent

Your participation in the survey is voluntary. There will be no negative consequences for you if you do not participate.

One section of the questionnaire asks about your political views. If you do not skip this part, answering the questions constitutes your explicit consent to the use of anonymised data. One section of the questionnaire asks questions about your health. If you do not skip this part, answering the questions constitutes explicit consent to the use of anonymised data.

The survey complies with all legal provisions of personal data protection. We assure you:

- that we do not store your contact data together with your survey responses,
- that we treat your contact information as strictly confidential and do not disclose them to third parties in any way or under any circumstances,
- that all survey data are used solely for the development of teaching and learning, scientific and statistical purposes and that they are made available to participating EUROGRADUATE institutions and scientists for teaching, scientific and statistical non-profit purposes only in anonymised form,
- that the survey responses and data on the way the questionnaire was processed will be kept for a maximum of 10 years after the project. This does not apply to anonymised data,
- that contact data will be deleted after the end of the last survey wave, expected in March 2023,
- that in the event of withdrawal of consent, any data from the survey that is still attributable to you will be deleted immediately when a request to withdraw is made,
- if the survey data is still attributable to identifiable persons, you also have the right to know what data are stored about you, request the deletion of data, to correct the data stored about you, to restrict the purposes for which the data are being used, to object to the processing of your data, the right to withdraw your consent for the future, and to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority (ip-rs.si).

In case of questions about privacy and the processing of personal data, please contact the Data Protection Officer of the University of Ljubljana, Ms Nina Komočar Urbanija: dpo@uni-lj.si.

The research team will be happy to provide you with general information on the research project. If you have any further questions about the research, please contact eurograduate@uni-lj.si.