

Information about the survey and data protection in Malta

EUROSTUDENT is a transnational scientific survey project. Its main objective is to collect data on the social and economic conditions of students in Europe. In around 30 countries, students are asked about their study and living conditions, such as the type of access to higher education, characteristics of the study programme, time budget and employment, income and expenditure, living conditions, and foreign mobility. Personal characteristics of the students, such as their personal and social background and health status serve to better understand different student groups.

The survey will be carried out by National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE) and its legal representative Dr. Rose Anne Cuschieri, Chief Executive Officer of the NCFHE. You have been sent this invitation from your higher education institution on our behalf, without us receiving your contact details. This ensures that you can take part in the survey without us knowing your name and address.

Your responses will be analysed by us for scientific and statistical purposes and published in such a way that an inference based on individual survey participants and their individual answers is no longer possible. Furthermore, key findings will be published in the same way across countries, together with the findings in the partner countries. In addition, all responses will be made available in anonymised form via the Research Data Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies to the participating institutions of the EUROSTUDENT countries and scientists and other users for scientific and statistical non-profit purposes. All participating organisations take the necessary technical and organizational measures to protect your information from any unauthorised access. The survey is conducted in line with the requirements of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Consent

Your participation in the survey is voluntary. Not participating will not have any negative consequences for you.

It goes without saying that the survey complies with all legal provisions of data protection. We assure you:

- that all survey data are used solely for scientific and statistical purposes and that they are made available to the participating institutions of the EUROSTUDENT countries and scientists and other users for scientific and statistical non-profit purposes only in anonymised form,
- that if you retract your consent, any survey data that can still be assigned to you will be immediately deleted.
- If the survey data can still be assigned to identifiable persons, you also have the right to know what data are stored about you, to correct the data stored about you, to restrict the purposes for which the data are being used, the right of opposition to processing of your data, the right to withdraw your consent for the future, as well as the right to complain to the relevant supervisory authority, the Office of the Information and Data Protection Commissioner in Malta (<https://idpc.org.mt/en/Pages/Home.aspx>).

The observance of all data protection measures is monitored by our data protection officer. In case of questions about privacy, you can contact them at: dpo.ncfhe@gov.mt.

Our research team will be happy to provide you with general information on the research project at: research.ncfhe@gov.mt.