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# EUROGRADUATE Pilot Survey 2018

Overview of the EUROGRADUATE Pilot Survey conducted in  
2018/2019

**Study Overview**

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<b>Study Series</b>	EUROGRADUATE
<b>Cohorts</b>	Graduate cohort 2012/2013 and graduate cohort 2016/2017
<b>Surveying Institutions</b>	Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA); German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW); Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS); Agency for Science and Higher Education of Croatia (ASHE); cApStAn linguistic quality control (cApStAn); Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES); DESAN Research Solutions (DESAN); Faculty of Law of the University of Zagreb (UZ); GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS); Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre (MOSTA); National Commission for Further and Higher Education of Malta (NCFHE); Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU); Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (UPSPS).
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<b>Themes</b>	Educational biography Labour market transition Career development Further qualifications Skills Mobility Non-monetary returns Returns to higher education Political participation
<b>Survey Design</b>	Cross-section
<b>Survey Data Type</b>	Quantitative data

<b>Population</b>	All higher education graduates of the cohorts 2012/2013 and 2016/2017 of programmes at ISCED level 6 and ISCED level 7 in the eight pilot countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Croatia, Lithuania, Malta, and Norway. Graduates of programmes at ISCED 5 level belong to the population if they have been completed at a higher education institution that also offers programmes at least at ISCED level 6 (applies to Malta only). Belonging to the population is independent of the current place of residence, previous education, previous matriculation status (full-time, part-time, distance learning), country of birth, and nationality of the graduate.
<b>Sample</b>	Austria, Czechia, Norway: Probability sample: stratified sample Germany: Probability sample: stratified cluster sample Croatia, Greece, Lithuania, Malta: Total universe/complete enumeration
<b>Survey Method</b>	Computer Assisted Web Interview (CAWI)
<b>Field Period</b>	08.10.2018-17.02.2019
<b>Net Sample Size</b>	Austria: 2012/13: 1,054; 2016/17: 1,120 Croatia: 2012/13: 919; 2016/17: 4,278 Czechia: 2012/13: 745; 2016/17: 1,015 Germany: 2012/13: --; 2016/17: 914 Greece: 2012/13: 446; 2016/17: 866 Lithuania: 2012/13: 640; 2016/17: 1,164 Malta: 2012/13: 457; 2016/17: 506 Norway: 2012/13: 1,124; 2016/17: 1,160
<b>Response Rate</b>	Austria: 2012/13: 14.8 %; 2016/17: 16.8 % Croatia: 2012/13: 8.8 %; 2016/17: 18.7 % Czechia: 2012/13: 12.6 %; 2016/17: 16.0 % Germany: 2012/13: --; 2016/17: 16.7 % Greece: (estimate for both cohorts): 4.5 % Lithuania: 2012/13: 5.4 %; 2016/17: 9.3 % Malta: 2012/13: 11.0 %; 2016/17: 11.3 % Norway: 2012/13: 22.2 %; 2016/17: 21.9 %
<b>Data Products and Access Ways</b>	SUF: Download
<b>Data Set Structure</b>	Individual data in wide-format
<b>DOI</b>	<a href="https://doi.org/10.21249/DZHW:egr2018:1.0.0">10.21249/DZHW:egr2018:1.0.0</a>

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**Data Set Citation**

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**Annotations**

To ensure comparability of the data, the EUROGRADUATE pilot survey strived for as much standardization in data collection methods as possible. At the same time, data collection methods needed to correspond to the different starting conditions in the countries. Countries varied considerably e.g. regarding the availability and quality of population data, the availability and quality of contact information of the graduates, or the readiness of higher education institutions to participate in the survey. Despite all efforts, differences in survey conditions between countries may have led to differences in the quality of the data between countries. Researchers using the data are advised to see if any limitations are imposed on their analyses by carefully taking note of the descriptions of the data collection in the pilot countries provided in this report as well as of additional information provided in the technical assessment of the EUROGRADUATE pilot survey (Mühleck et al. 2020).

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**Further Information**

<https://metadata.fdz.dzhw.eu/#!/en/studies/stu-egr2018>  
[www.eurograduate.eu](http://www.eurograduate.eu)  
<https://fdz.dzhw.eu>

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**Project Publications**

Upon availability, the EUROGRADUATE project reports will be made available free for download on the project website: [www.eurograduate.eu](http://www.eurograduate.eu).

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, the data used must be acknowledged in the text using the following formulation:

*This scientific work uses data of the EUROGRADUATE Pilot Survey 2018. The data were published by the research data center of the DZHW, doi: 10.21249/DZHW:egr2018:1.0.0.*