

Data protection leaflet for data subjects – the Ministry of Education and Culture

Information about the processing of personal data in the EUROSTUDENT VIII Survey

1 General

This leaflet contains information about the processing of personal data in relation to Eurostudent intended for data subjects in accordance to the GDPR (EU) 679/2016 articles 13 and 14. This leaflet is made available to data subjects along the survey request.

The EUROSTUDENT Survey gathers comparable cross-national data on the social background, living conditions, international mobility and subsistence of Higher Education Students. In this leaflet we inform you about the processing of personal data and the rights of data subjects in the 2022 survey.

The Ministry of Education and Culture (henceforth “the Ministry”) is the data controller for the processing of personal data. Statistics Finland acts as the data processor for the purposes of conducting the survey on behalf of the Ministry. The CSC – (IT Center for Science is a Finnish center of expertise in information technology) acts as the data processor of the student contact information and data derived from the student educational database VIRT.A.

2 Data controller and contact information

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4 Purpose of processing personal data

The purpose of processing personal data is to conduct the Finnish Eurostudent VIII Survey. The data is used in deriving the sample and sending out survey requests (contact information from Universities/UASs). The survey response will be supplemented with register data further specified in section 6 of this leaflet. The data is processed in such a way that no individual respondent can be identified in the published results or the final dataset.

5 Legal basis of processing personal data

Processing of personal data is necessary in conducting the survey and is based on the necessity for compliance with a legal obligation (of monitoring and utilizing statistical data on Higher Education in policy making and steering based on the Finnish Universities Act 558/2009 § 51 as well as the Act on Universities of Applied Sciences 932/2014 § 45 & § 65) and for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest in accordance of Articles 6c and 6e of the GDPR and the Finnish Data protection Act.

Participation in the survey is voluntary and the data you have given is processed with personal identifiers only for as long as it is necessary for conducting the survey. At your request, further information about the processing of personal data in the survey will be provided.

6 Categories of personal information

The following categories of personal information about you are processed for conducting the Eurostudent study.

Background information about your age, gender, nationality and native language.

Information about your current degree programme, language of study, institute of higher education, study credits, time of enrollment, information about previous degrees and total study periods.

Response information about study conditions, study background, living conditions, health including information on disability (sensitive personal information) mobility and parental education background.

7 Sources of personal information

1. Information about your current degree programme (name of programme, year of enrollment, name of institute, graduation) are from the VIRTU Educational database
2. Sociodemographic data (gender, age, language), postal address and social security come from Statistics Finland Census database. Previous educational degrees come from Statistics Finland register for completed education (Tutkintorekisteri).
3. Student contact information (E-mail address of the place of study) including phone numbers and secondary E-mail address come from Institutes of Higher Education.

8 Processors of personal information

Statistics Finland acts as data processor on the Ministry's behalf. Statistics Finland receives the contact information of students via the CSC.

The CSC – IT Center for Science is a Finnish center of expertise in information technology acts as the data processor of the student contact information. The CSC gathers the contact information and up-to-date information about student enrollment

from universities and the VIRTAs educational database, and then delivers them to Statistics Finland for conducting the survey.

9 Transfer of data in third countries

No personal data is transferred outside the EU/EEC area.

10 Retention of personal data

Personal identifiers and contact information are deleted once they are no longer necessary for conducting the survey, at any case by the end of 2022 latest.

11 Your rights

You are entitled to know whether your personal data is being processed. Data subjects also have the right to:

- Check their own personal data
- To ask the data controller to correct or remove false or invalid information
- To limit the use of their personal information

In case you suspect the legality of processing your personal information, you have the right to make a complaint to the Data Protection Ombudsman.

12 Automated decision making and profiling

Personal information is not used in any automated decision making or profiling that could have an effect on the rights and position of the data subject.

13 Protecting personal information

The Ministry of Education and Culture as the data controller has implemented all technical and organizational measures to protect personal information, and also requires this from the data processors.