



EUROPEAN UNION

# The European Higher Education Sector Observatory

## Participation and Data Collection

### Information for Higher Education Institutions



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## **What does participation require from the universities?**

All higher education institutions in Europe (ETER countries) will automatically be included in the EHESO Data Centre. In order to avoid redundant data collection, the data for the EHESO tools will be based as much as possible on data from national statistical offices. These data, the previous ETER data set, are part of the EHESO Data Centre. For information on additional indicators, particularly on new and innovative indicators, data have to be collected by surveys among the universities.

*This means that full data coverage on all indicators and hence the full benefit of the EHESO tools will only be possible by active participation in additional surveys, which will be based on the proven U-Multirank surveys.*

### **1. Institutional survey**

The survey, which will start in October/November 2024, will be organised by an online questionnaire. In the first period of data collection of six weeks, institutions can enter their data. As a first step of data verification, the online questionnaire will include a series of automated checks which will produce comments and questions to institutions directly in the questionnaire.

In a second data verification, the EHESO team will check the questionnaires after submission and insert additional comments and questions into the questionnaire. During the second period of data collection (for another three weeks) institutions can respond to the questions/comments and verify, correct, and/or add missing data. After final submission of the questionnaire, the EHESO team will do a final verification, analyse the data and calculate indicators. In case there are questions left, the EHESO team will contact universities by e-mail.

Data from the institutional survey will feed the EHESO Scoreboard (aggregated by countries), and – on the level of institutions – the Benchmarking Tool, the Data Centre as well as the future Student Observatory.

### **2. Student Survey**

Like U-Multirank, EHESO attaches great importance to including the students' perspective. This is done through a student survey that includes (in the first phase) students in 12 of the largest subjects (measured by student numbers). In order to ensure data privacy, the survey will be organised as in U-Multirank: The EHESO team will send to the institutions a template

letter for inviting students to the survey as well as a list of personal passwords. These together will be sent by email to the students involved by the universities. By this, EHESO does not collect any personal data on students. In addition, the EHESO team will provide information on the sampling of students. The questionnaire will be online for students to answer by January 2025.

In a couple of countries, including Germany, the Netherlands and Norway, student survey data can be taken from national surveys. Hence institutions in those countries do not have to organise an additional student survey.

Data from the student survey will feed the EHESO Scoreboard (aggregated by countries), and – on the level of institutions – the Benchmarking Tool and the future Student Observatory.

In return for participation, participating institutions will receive a detailed analysis of the results of their students compared to the full sample of universities.

**Use of Survey data for EHESO tools**

	<b>Data Centre</b>	<b>Scoreboard</b>	<b>Benchmarking Tool</b>	<b>Student Observatory</b>
<b>Institutional Survey</b>	Micro data & Indicators	Aggregated Indicators	Indicators	Indicators
<b>Student Survey</b>	Indicators	Aggregated Indicators	Indicators	Indicators

**How to proceed?**

Institutions interested in participating in the EHESO surveys can register by our online [registration form](#).

We will offer webinars on the process of data collection for registered institutions. After registering for participation, the nominated contact persons will receive more information on the webinars.

