

## EUROSTUDENT Working Paper Series

The EUROSTUDENT Working Paper Series invites submissions that analyse data collected through EUROSTUDENT student surveys. EUROSTUDENT collects comparable data on the social and economic conditions of student life in Europe in 25 + countries.

The series provides a platform for sharing early-stage research that enhances understanding of student life and higher education systems across the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

We welcome contributions from a broad range of disciplines, including but not limited to:

Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Education Studies, Psychology, Public Policy, Labour Market Research, and Comparative or International Education.

More information about the EUROSTUDENT project is available at:

[www.eurostudent.eu](http://www.eurostudent.eu)

The most recent synthesis report can be accessed here:

[EUROSTUDENT 8 – Synopsis of Indicators](#)

### Why submit?

Publishing in the EUROSTUDENT Working Paper Series offers researchers the opportunity to receive feedback from experts familiar with EUROSTUDENT data and the European higher education context.

Published papers are actively disseminated through the EUROSTUDENT network, including national research teams, academic and policy channels, and international platforms.

The series provides a visible, low-threshold venue for high-quality research at all career stages — particularly work on comparative higher education, social and economic conditions of students, and evidence-informed policy. Contributors also become part of a wider EUROSTUDENT research community, with opportunities for future collaboration.

Authors retain copyright of their work and are encouraged to develop their contributions further for publication in academic journals.

### Scope

We particularly encourage submissions that:

- Use the comparative potential of EUROSTUDENT microdata (e.g., cross-country or group comparisons)
- Conduct analyses based on individual-level (micro) data
- Apply new theoretical frameworks or methodologies to EUROSTUDENT data

Submissions may also include:

- Descriptive analyses that generate new insights from the data
- Single-country perspectives, provided they are clearly situated within a broader conceptual, methodological, or policy-relevant context

All topics covered in the EUROSTUDENT data are welcome.

While the Working Paper Series does not aim to replicate the standards of high-impact academic journals, submissions are expected to meet a sound scholarly standard. Contributions should be clearly written, well-structured, and analytically coherent. The expected level of quality is comparable to advanced academic work, such as that produced at Master's level or above. While complex methodologies and theoretical innovation are welcome where appropriate, papers need not be highly technical. What matters is that they present a meaningful analysis that goes beyond purely descriptive reporting, offering relevant insights into student life and higher education using EUROSTUDENT data. The work should draw concrete conclusions from the analyses presented.

## Data access

Researchers can access the EUROSTUDENT Scientific Use Files (SUFs) free of charge through the [Research Data Centre](#) of the German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies.

[EUROSTUDENT VII dataset](#)

[EUROSTUDENT 8 dataset](#)

## Submission Guidelines

Submissions of previously unpublished manuscripts to the EUROSTUDENT Working Paper Series should be written in English and submitted as a Word document (.docx) to [Eurostudent@dzhw.eu](mailto:Eurostudent@dzhw.eu) with “*Submission Working Paper Series*” in the subject line. Manuscripts should include a title, an abstract (max. 300 words) summarising the research question, methodology, key findings, and relevance, as well as 4–6 keywords. All references should follow APA citation style. While no strict formatting template is required at submission, authors are expected to ensure clarity, consistency, and proper structure. Papers should typically be between 5,000 and 8,000 words (excluding references and appendices).

Figures and tables should be embedded in the document for review purposes, but must also be submitted as separate, editable files (e.g. Excel, Word tables, or similar). Detailed formatting and layout will be handled by the editorial team after acceptance.

Later publication in other outlets is encouraged.

## Review Process

All submissions are reviewed by the editorial team to ensure they meet the basic criteria of clarity, relevance, and scholarly quality. This is not a formal peer-review process. Authors may receive editorial feedback aimed at improving the quality and accessibility of their work. Final decisions rest with the editorial team.

## Publication and Dissemination

Each working paper will be assigned a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) and published under a Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license, which permits redistribution and reuse with appropriate credit to the author. Later publication in other outlets is encouraged.

Working Papers are published on a rolling basis on the EUROSTUDENT website and actively disseminated via the project's communication channels, including social media, national research teams, and relevant academic and policy mailing lists.

## Contact

For questions or to discuss a potential submission, please contact: [Eurostudent@dzhw.eu](mailto:Eurostudent@dzhw.eu)

We look forward to receiving your contribution.

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