

Call for Papers

EUROSTUDENT 8 Conference, Vienna, Austria, July 10-11, 2024

Conference Theme: "Reshaping Higher Education: Inclusivity, Innovation, and Resilience in a Complex Post-Pandemic Era"

The EUROSTUDENT 8 conference aims to shed light on the evolving social and economic conditions of students in European higher education. Central to our discussion is the theme of inclusivity, innovation, and resilience, particularly in an era marked not only by the pandemic but also by geopolitical conflicts and economic uncertainties. This theme underlines our discussions, emphasising the need to adapt and evolve in response to recent global challenges. As a key part of this dialogue, we draw upon the comprehensive data collected by the EUROSTUDENT project, which provides cross-country comparisons on various aspects of student life. These insights, including recent focuses on discrimination, digitalisation, ongoing COVID-19 impacts, and mental health and well-being, are critical for understanding and addressing the challenges students face in today's educational landscape.

EUROSTUDENT invites the involved **ministries, researchers, and stakeholders**, as well as other **scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and students** involved in (comparative) higher education research and policy to contribute to a deeper understanding of the student situation in Europe and discuss strategies for fostering more inclusive, innovative, and resilient educational systems.

We especially welcome contributions that explore the student experience, educational policy impacts, and the evolving educational landscape.

This conference serves as a platform for:

- **Researchers engaged in the EUROSTUDENT project** and the analysis of student survey data.
- **Scholars examining the student experience** using public data, including the [EUROSTUDENT VII Scientific Use File](#).
- **Academics focusing on comparative research in higher education** with a strong emphasis on the student perspective and drawing on comparative data
- **Policymakers** involved in higher education policy
- **Students/student representatives** interested in discussing initiatives that directly affect students.
- **Intermediaries (student service organisations, student housing organisations, etc.)** wishing to share and learn more about best practices related to the student experience.

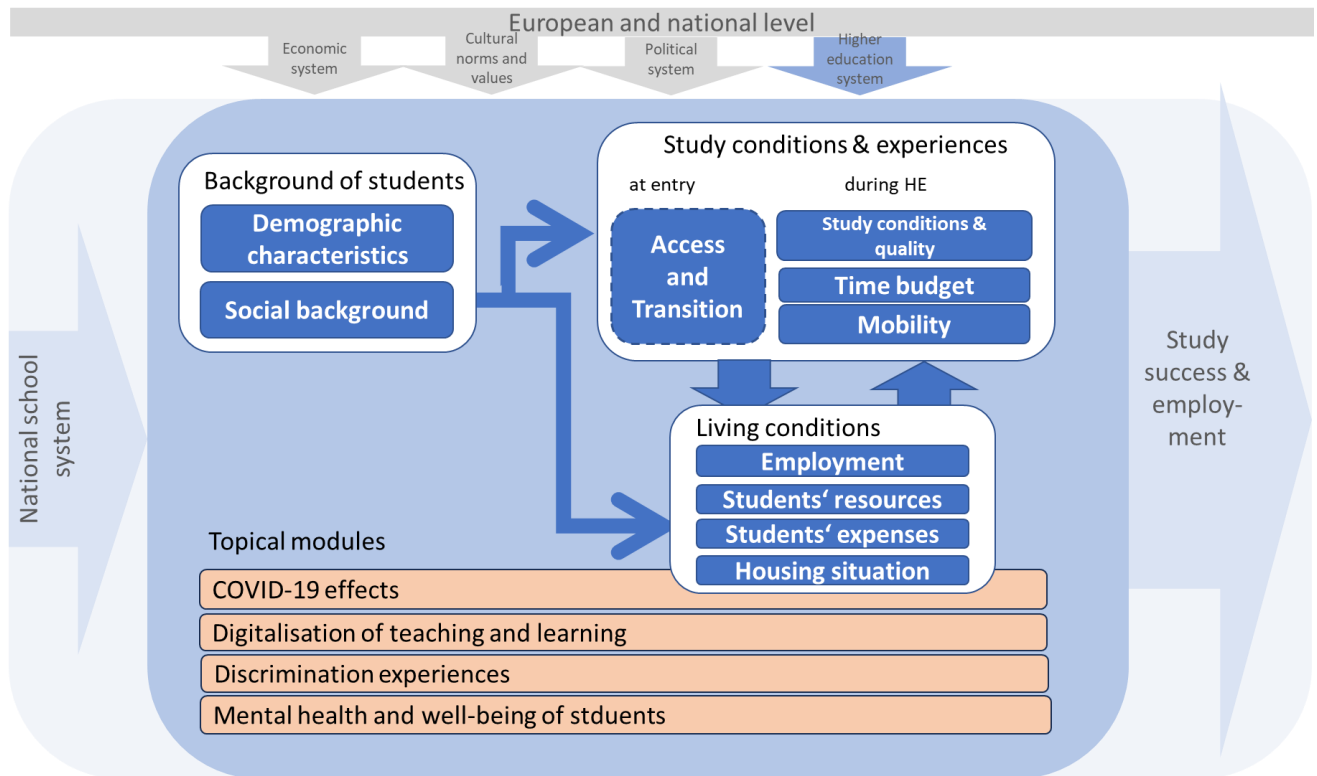


Figure 1: EUROSTUDENT topics

Key Topics: Contributions related to all EUROSTUDENT topics (see Figure 1) **by researchers, policymakers, students, and other stakeholders** are welcome and thus may address, but are not limited to, the following areas:

1. **EUROSTUDENT Project Insights:**
 - Data analyses and interpretations.
 - Comparative studies and trend analysis.
 - Policy implications from EUROSTUDENT data.
2. **Innovations in (European) Higher Education:**
 - Student experiences of digital transformation in teaching and learning.
 - Innovative teaching practices and their outcomes.
3. **Inclusivity and Equity in Higher Education:**
 - Studies on disparities in HE and measures to counteract them.
 - Creating inclusive educational environments.
 - Impact of policies aimed at reducing discrimination.
4. **Resilience and Adaptability Post-COVID-19:**
 - Evaluations of HE responses to the pandemic.
 - Studies on COVID-19's ongoing effects on student well-being.
 - Strategies for building resilient educational systems.
5. **Policy Initiatives and Impact Studies:**
 - Presentations of policy initiatives in HE related to the key topics of inclusivity, innovation, and resilience.
 - Assessments of legislative and regulatory impacts.
 - Comparative analyses of policy approaches.

Submission Guidelines

- **Formats for individual contributions**
 - **Individual presentations** (will be grouped into thematic sessions by the organisers).
 - **Insight-Action-Duos:** This format teams up researchers and policy representatives to create a comprehensive view of the challenges and solutions within higher education for a particular country. Researchers will present their findings on students' social and economic conditions, followed by reflections and discussions from policy representatives on the impact of the findings on the national (regional, local) policies.
 - **Innovative Formats:** We encourage creative and unconventional presentation ideas. If you have a unique format or concept for your contribution, please don't hesitate to propose it!
- **Panels**
 - **Panels** should consist of 3-4 presenters discussing interconnected topics.
- **Submission information**
 - **Abstracts:** Up to 500 words for one of the mentioned formats. Include the paper's title, author(s) information, and a brief description of author(s) (around 100 additional words).
 - **Panels:** In addition to individual abstracts, submit a panel summary (up to 500 words) outlining the overall theme and objectives. Indicate a designated panel chair or moderator

Important Dates:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: March 1, 2024**
- **Notification of Acceptance: April 30, 2024**
- **Conference Dates: July 10-11, 2024, Vienna**

Submissions should be sent to eurostudent@dzhw.eu

Practical information

The conference will start in the morning of July 10 and end mid-afternoon on July 11.

The conference will be held at Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), which is an internationally prestigious university. Over 21,000 students and 2,800 employees from more than 100 countries study, teach, work, and do research at WU. Its campus was designed by leading international architects, provides modern infrastructure, is climate neutral and offers barrier-free accessibility (<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/>).

EUROSTUDENT strives to invite all accepted contributors by covering the costs for conference participation (meals and coffee breaks during the event, not: travel and accommodation costs). We reserve the right to charge between 100-150 € to cover these costs for external participants (i.e., not part of a EUROSTUDENT national research team or participating institution).

We look forward to seeing you in Vienna!