

REGISTRATION

Registration for the conference is possible until 25 February 2008 via the conference website:

<http://www.eurostudent.eu/eurostudent3> (from mid-Jan.)

The number of participants is limited to around 100. Participation in the conference is free. Participants will have to cover for their own travel and accommodation costs.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will take place at the centrally situated City Hotel Ljubljana. 7 minutes from the Hotel, the river Ljubljanica is traversed by the city's most famous bridge, Tromostovje (Three Bridges), designed in 1929 by Jože Plečnik.



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ACCOMODATION

Accommodation has been reserved for a limited number of persons at the conference venue – City Hotel. See separate booking form on the conference website:

<http://www.eurostudent.eu/eurostudent3> (from mid-Jan.)

Please also state whether you would like to register for an afternoon guided tour through the city on Sunday, 27 April, or Tuesday, 29 April (small fee will be charged).

TRAVELLING FROM AIRPORT

By bus/train: There are frequent bus connections to the Slovenian main railway station in Ljubljana (near to hotel and city centre). See:

<http://www.lju-airport.si>

By taxi: The taxi rank is right in front of the terminal. Taxis are available according to the actual arrivals of flights. A fare from the Airport to Ljubljana City costs approximately 35 EUR (depending on the desired destination of the trip). City Hotel can also organise airport transfers.

DOCUMENTATION

Each participant will receive a copy of the project report.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

<http://www.ljubljana.si>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ljubljana>
<http://www.eu2008.si/info/en/>

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Final conference EUROSTUDENT III

Who are the students in the European Higher Education Area and how do they organise their studies? Understanding the social dimension of higher education

28-29 April 2008

Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia



Conference organised by:
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The social dimension of higher education is becoming a focal point of policy debates and a touchstone for the assessment of the effectiveness of different education systems. In this context the 2007 London Communiqué from the Ministers Responsible for Higher Education in Bologna signatory states expressed the following objective for the European Higher Education Area:

"We share the societal aspiration that the student body entering, participating in and completing higher education at all levels should reflect the diversity of our populations."

From this statement it is clear that studies should focus on issues of access to higher education, individual study framework conditions and outcomes. It is appropriate to centre debates, analyses and studies on international comparisons under the assumption that many countries have to deal with the same challenges and policy-makers can learn from the exchange of ideas. A central prerequisite for such debates is the availability of appropriate, comparable data.

At this conference the EUROSTUDENT Synopsis of Indicators will be released and some of the key results discussed with an international audience of experts. The Synopsis of Indicators compares aspects of the social dimension, including social make-up of the student body, accommodation, income and support, time budget and mobility in over 20 European countries. The basis of this report is national surveys of students of higher education carried out in each of the contributing countries using the EUROSTUDENT core set of questions and data conventions.

TARGET GROUP

This conference targets organisations that have an interest in equity and participation in higher education, study conditions and mobility. Both representatives of policy-making and practitioners are welcome.

Therefore, organisations at European/international level, national level (e.g. ministries, rectors' conferences, national student services and student unions) and members of higher education institutions are invited to participate.

MONDAY, 28 APRIL 2008

- 12:00 Registration / Light lunch
- 13:30 Welcome speeches – Republic of Slovenia, Germany, European Commission
- 14:15 Keynote speaker – Prof. Patrick Clancy (international expert HE access – research and policy)
- 15:00 Coffee
- 15:30 Presentation of highlight results from country representatives on the topics: access to HE, study framework, mobility
- 17:30 Close of first day
- 19:00 Reception given by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Slovenia (conference venue)

TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2008 [9:30-13:30]

- 9:30 Keynote speaker – Dr. Watson Scott Swail (expert for North America: access and study conditions – effective measures and policy development)
- 10:15 Coffee
- 10:30 3 parallel workshops: access to HE, study framework, mobility
- 12:00 The way ahead for EUROSTUDENT and data collecting on the social dimension in Europe
- 13:00 Close of conference / Light lunch

Please note that this is only an abridged draft programme. The full (and constantly updated) programme can be found on the following website from mid-January:

<http://www.eurostudent.eu/eurostudent3> (from mid-Jan.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Optional city tour arranged by City Hotel: 27 or 29 April, afternoon. Please register on booking accommodation. A small fee will be charged.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The EUROSTUDENT project collates comparable data on the socio-economic background and living conditions of students throughout Europe. In the current - third - round of the study, over 20 countries have taken part, which means that the data covers most of larger Europe and very diverse higher education systems - from Finland to Bulgaria and Turkey to Portugal. The EUROSTUDENT data set includes nearly 250 key indicators.

The objectives of EUROSTUDENT are:

- To deliver comparable key data and basic information in order to describe and map out the socio-economic living conditions of students in Europe
- To provide a structured and standardised monitoring system with which the effects of structural measures and changes can be identified for specific student groups
- To describe the current situation and with the aid of international comparison to identify obstacles to an inclusive and effective European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

These objectives complement the goals of the Lisbon strategy and the Bologna Process to create an attractive, competitive European Higher Education Area which can maximise the potentials of individuals in terms of their personal development and their contribution to society and the economy.

PROJECT WEBSITE

For more information on the project, see:
<http://www.eurostudent.eu>