



INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

Questionnaire for the EUROSTUDENT IV survey Czech Republic

Q1. At what type of higher education institution do you study?

1. public or state higher education institution
2. private higher education institution

Q2. Which programme are you currently enrolled in?

If you study more than one programme at the same time, please fill-in the survey for your main programme and stick to this programme throughout the whole questionnaire.

1. Bachelor
2. Long master degree program (4 or more years, entry does not require previous completion of bachelor program)
3. Consecutive master (2-3 years, entry after the completion of bachelor program)
4. Doctoral program
5. Other post-graduate program (for example, MBA, but not doctoral programs)

Q3. In what form of learning do you currently study?

1. in classroom instruction (face-to-face)
2. in blended learning (hybrid courses)
3. in distance learning
4. in another form (e.g. lifelong learning)

Q4. What is the programme you follow? If possible, please provide the exact name of the programme.

Q5. Please name the location (city, town, or place) of the higher education institution you attend.

Q6. Do you plan to continue studying after finishing your current programme?

1. Yes, a BA in the Czech Republic
2. Yes, a BA in a foreign country
3. Yes, a MA in the Czech Republic
4. Yes, a MA in a foreign country
5. Yes, a PhD in the Czech Republic
6. Yes, a PhD in a foreign country
7. Yes, but in another programme not mentioned here
8. No, I don't plan to continue my studies
9. I don't know yet

Q7. What is the language of your programme?

1. Czech
2. English
3. If in another language, please enter here: _____

Q8. What expectations do you have for your studies and how well is your programme achieving these?

My study programme as a whole is a good basis for starting work.

Q8.1 How important is this intention for you?

Very important				Quite unimportant
1	2	3	4	5

Q8.2 How well is your programme fulfilling this goal?

Fulfilling it quite well				Not fulfilling it at all
1	2	3	4	5

My study programme as a whole is a good basis for personal development.

Q8.3. How important is this intention for you?

Very important				Quite unimportant
1	2	3	4	5

Q8.4. How well is your programme fulfilling this goal?

Fulfilling it quite well				Not fulfilling it at all
1	2	3	4	5

Q9. Where were you living, when you graduated from secondary education? Please provide the name of the municipality or city.
Q10. What qualification did you use for higher education entry?**Qualification / Certificate / Diploma from:**

1. Apprentice school (with secondary school diploma)
2. Extension studies after apprentice school
3. A vocational secondary school
4. A four-year grammar school
5. A multi-year grammar school
6. A tertiary professional school
7. I attended another higher education institution

Q11. When did you get the qualification used for entering higher education? Please enter the date in the format MM YYYY

Month Year

Q12. When did you enter higher education for the first time? Please enter the date in the format MM YYYY

Month Year

Q13 When did you start your current programme? Please enter the date in the format MM YYYY

Month Year

Q14. Before entering higher education, did you have any experience on the labour market?

1. Yes, I had a regular paid job (for at least one year, working at least 20 hours per week)
2. Yes, casual minor jobs (less than 1 year or less than 20 hours per week)
3. Yes, through vocational training (e.g. apprenticeship)
4. No, no experience

Q15. Did you ever interrupt your educational career after graduating from secondary school for at least one year?

Multiple answers possible.

1. Yes, I interrupted between graduating secondary education and entering higher education
2. Yes, I interrupted between entering higher education and graduating from higher education
3. Yes, I interrupted between graduating from higher education and re-entering higher education (for example, between graduating from a bachelor's programme and beginning a master's programme)
4. No

Q16. Have you requested an extension to complete your studies for your current programme?

1. No, and I do not intend to
2. No, but if it will be necessary, I will do so
3. Yes, I requested an extension, and it was granted
4. Yes, I requested an extension, and it was denied

Q17. Would you be in favour of eliminating the 26 year-old limit for recognizing student benefits (health insurance, pension insurance, student transportation discounts) and replacing it with the rule that these benefits will be valid only for one level of study (bachelor's level, master's level) without regard to age?

1. Definitely yes
2. Rather yes
3. Rather no
4. Definitely no

Q18. If an effective system of student financial aid were to be introduced (student loans, grants, stipends) that would make it easier to harmonise your studies, education and family life, would you consider establishing your own family and having a first child even during your time as a student?

1. Definitely yes
2. Rather yes
3. Rather no
4. Definitely no
5. I already established my own family

Q19. Who do you live with during the study term/semester (Monday until Friday)?

- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| a. With parents | yes | no |
| b. With a partner | yes | no |
| c. With my children | yes | no |
| d. With other persons not mentioned above | yes | no |
| e. I live alone | yes | no |

Q20. Do you live in a student-hall?

1. Yes
2. No

Q21. Do you live in a rented flat or house?

1. Yes
2. No

Q21. How satisfied are you with your accommodation?

Quite satisfied				Quite unsatisfied
1	2	3	4	5

Q22. On a typical day, what is the time and distance you cover from your home to your higher education institution? Here, home is your place of living during term-time (Monday until Friday).

Minutes on average (one way): _____

Q22a. How many times a week do you normally make that trip?

Number of trips per week (one way): _____

Q23. What is the average monthly income at your disposal from the following sources?

Add a '0' if you did not receive any income from a certain source.

From parents	_____
From a partner or friends	_____
A need-based scholarship from school	_____
A merit-based scholarship from school	_____
Another scholarship (from a foundation, etc)	_____
Child allowance	_____
Other need-based benefits	_____
Bank loans	_____
Loans from family or acquaintances	_____
Self-earned income	_____
Savings from a building society with state support	_____
Other savings (previously earned money)	_____
Benefits, scholarships and gifts from businesses	_____
Other sources	_____
Overall income	_____

Now several questions about loans

Q24. Do you have a student loan from a bank?

1. Yes
2. No → go to question Q29

Q25. How much (roughly) do you want to borrow from the bank for the next school year? The amount in CZK:

Amount: _____ in CZK

Q26. How much do you owe?

Amount _____ in CZK

Q27. What annual interest rate does the bank charge you?

Interest rate _____ in %

Q28. Are you making loan payments during your studies or will you make payments once you complete your studies?

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|---|---|----------------------|
| 1 | I am already making payments during my studies | → go to question Q31 |
| 2 | I will make payments once I complete my studies | → go to question Q31 |

Q29. Why don't you have a loan?

Q29a) I have enough funds from other sources

1. A very strong reason
2. A strong reason
3. A weak reason
4. This does not play any role

Q29b) Loans from commercial banks are not advantageous

1. A very strong reason
2. A strong reason
3. A weak reason
4. This does not play any role
5. I do not know, I am not interested in it

Q29c) I do not have a guarantor

1. A very strong reason
2. A strong reason
3. A weak reason
4. This does not play any role

Q29d) I am afraid that I will not be able to repay the loan

1. A very strong reason
2. A strong reason
3. A weak reason
4. This does not play any role

Q30. Would you take a loan to cover student living expenses if the conditions were good, i.e. the interest rate would be lower than the market rate (up to 4%), it would be repaid after you complete your studies, the monthly payment amounts would be dependent on your income, loans would not have to be paid if your income falls below a certain level, etc.?

Tick only one choice

1. Definitely yes
2. Rather yes
3. Rather no
4. Definitely no

Q31. If you were to take such a loan, how much would you borrow per month?

Amount _____ in CZK

Q32. What are your average monthly expenses for the following needs?*Add a '0' or if no money was spent on a certain type of costs.***A) Living costs per month**

	I pay out of my own pocket	Paid by parents/partner/ others for me
Accommodation (including rent, furnishings, water, electricity)		
Living/ daily expenses (food, clothing...)		
Social and leisure activities		
Transportation		
Health costs		
Communication (telephone, internet,...)		
Childcare		
Other costs (cigarettes, alcohol, pets, ...)		
Total		

B) Study-related costs per semester

	I pay out of my own pocket	Paid by parents/partner/ others for me
Tuition fees, registration fees, examination fees		
Contributions to university/student associations		
Learning materials		
Other costs (e.g. training, further education outside of the higher education institution)		
Total		

Q33. To what extent do you agree with the formulation?**I have sufficient funding in order to cover my monthly costs.**

Quite agree				Quite disagree
1	2	3	4	5

Q34. Do you have a paid job during the current semester?

- Yes, I work regularly during term-time
- Yes, I work occasionally during term-time
- No, I don't work during term-time

Q35. Did you have a paid job during the term break in the last 12 months?

- Yes
- No

Q36. Can you say how much you earn a month on average? Please provide the monthly average for the entire calendar year.

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Q37. Can the lack of money threaten your ability to continue your studies? (Tick one choice only.)

- Definitely yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Definitely no

Q38. To what extent does the financial situation of your parents influence your studies at your higher education institution? (Tick one choice only.)

- 1 My parent's budget considerably burdens my studies
- 2 My studies are sustainable for my parents' budget
- 3 My studies do not represent any serious problems for my parents' budget
- 4 My parents do not finance my studies
- 5 I no longer have parents

Q39. Would you decide to study at a higher education institution if you couldn't rely on the financial or other assistance of your parents? (Tick one choice only.)

- 1 Definitely yes
- 2 Rather yes
- 3 Rather no
- 4 Definitely no

Q40. How important are your studies compared to other activities for you?

1. More important
2. Equally important
3. Less important

Q41. How many hours do you spend in a typical week during the semester on the following things?
Add a '0' if no hours were spent on an activity on the respective day.

	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
Taught studies (lessons, seminars, labs,...)							
Personal study time (preparation, learning, homework,...)							
Paid jobs							

Q42. Looking at your total workload based on the time you spend in study-related activities and in paid work, please rate your satisfaction with your workload.

Quite satisfied				Quite unsatisfied
1	2	3	4	5

Q43. When were you born?

Month Year

Q44. What is your sex?

1. Female
2. Male

Q45. Were you born in the Czech Republic?

1. Yes
2. No

Q46. Were both of your parents born in the Czech Republic?

1. Yes
2. No

Q47. What are your language skills?**Please rate your grade of proficiency in the applicable languages.**

	Mother tongue	Very good	Fair	Rather bad	Very bad	No knowledge
Czech						
English						
French						
German						
Spanish						
Other language, which:						
Other language, which:						
Other language, which:						
Other language, which:						

Q48. Do you have any children?

1. Yes
2. No – please go on to question Q51.

Q49. How many children do you have?**Q50. How old is your youngest child (in years)?****Q51. Are you impaired in your studies by any of the following? Multiple answers possible.**

1. Yes, chronic diseases
2. Yes, mental problems
3. Yes, physical disabilities
4. Yes, other health problems
5. No (please go on to question Q53).

Q52. Do you feel that your impairment is sufficiently taken account of in your studies?

Quite agree				Quite disagree
1	2	3	4	5

Q53. What is the highest level of education your father and mother have obtained?

	Father	Mother
Up to lower secondary		
Upper secondary		
Post-secondary non-tertiary		
Higher education		
Post-graduate higher education		
Do not know		

Q55. What is your father/mother currently doing? Please tick only one box.

	Father	Mother
Working for full-time pay		
Working for part-time pay		
Self-employed at least full-time		
Self-employed less than full-time		
Not working, but looking for a job		
Other (e.g. home duties, retired)		
Do not know		
Deceased		

Q56. What are the current or most recent occupations of your father and mother? Please tick only one box for each.

	Father	Mother
Legislators, senior officials and managers		
Professionals		
Technicians and associate professionals		
Clerks		
Service workers / sales workers		
Skilled workers in agriculture and trade		
Craft and related trade workers		
Plant and machine operators and assemblers		
Elementary occupations / domestic and related helpers		
Armed forces / military		
Do not know		

Q57. How many siblings do you have older than you? If you have no siblings, enter 0.

Number: _____

Q58. How many siblings do you have younger than you? If you have no siblings, enter 0.

Number: _____

Q59. Thinking about your family background, where would you place your parents on a scale of 1-10 if 10 indicated high social standing and 1 indicated low social standing?

Low social standing										High social standing
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10

Q60. Thinking about the income and standard of living of your parents, where would you place your parents on a scale of 1-10 if 10 indicated high income and 1 indicated low income?

Low income									High income
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Q61. Please try to estimate the average monthly net income of your parents from all sources (net income from employment, retirement, social benefits, allowances, etc.)

- ☐ 1) Less than 5 000 CZK
- ☐ 2) 5 000 - 9 999 CZK
- ☐ 3) 10 000 - 14 999 CZK
- ☐ 4) 15 000 - 19 999 CZK
- ☐ 5) 20 000 - 24 999 CZK
- ☐ 6) 25 000 - 29 999 CZK
- ☐ 7) 30 000 - 34 999 CZK
- ☐ 8) 35 000 - 39 999 CZK
- ☐ 9) 40 000 - 44 999 CZK
- ☐ 10) 45 000 - 49 999 CZK
- ☐ 11) 50 000 - 54 999 CZK
- ☐ 12) 55 000 - 59 999 CZK
- ☐ 13) 60 000 - 69 999 CZK
- ☐ 14) 70 000 - 79 999 CZK
- ☐ 15) 80 000 - 89 999 CZK
- ☐ 16) 90 000 or more CZK
- ☐ 97) Do not want to answer
- ☐ 98) Do not know

☐ xx) Do not have parents

Q62. Do you expect that you will receive an above-average wage as a result of your studies in your academic field? The average wage in the Czech Republic is 22,000 CZK a month. Please tick only one box.

1. Definitely yes
2. Rather yes
3. Rather no
4. Definitely no

Q63. What monthly income do you expect you will receive two years into your first job after you complete your studies?

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A few questions on cost-sharing (tuition)

The possibility of introducing tuition or another form of student cost-sharing has already been discussed for a number of years. We are interested in what you personally think about this issue. Before you respond to the questions in this section, please carefully read the information in Box B.

BOX B: Types of cost-sharing

There basically exist two forms of student cost-sharing in the costs of educational provision:

- a) **Up-front tuition** is always paid to the school at the beginning of the year or semester (in such a case, students can try to get loans from banks or acquaintances)
- b) **Deferred tuition** is paid after the completion of studies and only if the income of the graduate exceeds a certain level (e.g. the average wage), and is paid only in the loan payment period indicated in the agreement with a higher education institution.

In your opinion, what consequences would the possible introduction of cost-sharing have?

Please respond to the following questions with regard to both of the forms of cost-sharing.

Q64. The introduction of cost-sharing would lead me to be more interested in the success of graduates of my school after they complete their studies. (Tick only one choice in each row.)

	Definitely yes	Rather yes	Rather no	Definitely no
a) In the case of <u>up-front tuition</u>	1	2	3	4
b) In the case of <u>deferred tuition</u>	1	2	3	4

Q65 Introducing cost-sharing would limit educational opportunities for people like me. (Tick only one choice in each row.)

	Definitely yes	Rather yes	Rather no	Definitely no
a) In the case of <u>up-front tuition</u>	1	2	3	4
b) In the case of <u>deferred tuition</u>	1	2	3	4

Q66. Introducing cost-sharing would increase the motivation of students to more quickly and more dutifully fulfil their academic requirements. (Tick only one choice in each row.)

	Definitely yes	Rather yes	Rather no	Definitely no
a) In the case of <u>up-front tuition</u>	1	2	3	4
b) In the case of <u>deferred tuition</u>	1	2	3	4

Q68. Introducing student cost-sharing would lead students to take evaluations of teachers and lectures more seriously. (Tick only one choice in each row.)

	Definitely yes	Rather yes	Rather no	Definitely no
a) In the case of <u>up-front tuition</u>	1	2	3	4
b) In the case of <u>deferred tuition</u>	1	2	3	4

Q69. Introducing cost-sharing would lead to excessive commercialization and the loss of academic independence of the field that I study. (Tick only one choice in each row.)

	Definitely yes	Rather yes	Rather no	Definitely no
a) In the case of <u>up-front tuition</u>	1	2	3	4
b) In the case of <u>deferred tuition</u>	1	2	3	4

Q70. Introducing cost-sharing would lead schools to increase the quality of the education provided. (Tick only one choice in each row.)

	Definitely yes	Rather yes	Rather no	Definitely no
a) In the case of <u>up-front tuition</u>	1	2	3	4
b) In the case of <u>deferred tuition</u>	1	2	3	4

Q71. Would you personally agree to the introduction of one of the mentioned forms of cost-sharing? (Tick only one choice in each row.)

	Definitely yes	Rather yes	Rather no	Definitely no
a) In the case of <u>up-front tuition</u>	1	2	3	4
b) In the case of <u>deferred tuition</u>	1	2	3	4

Q73. Let's say that a law was introduced enabling higher education institutions to charge up-front or deferred tuition. How high of a tuition fee would you be willing to pay annually, or commit to paying back after you graduate, for your current programme?

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Q75. If tuition was already introduced at the time you decided to enter higher education, would you still have decided to study? (Tick only one choice in each row.)

	Definitely yes	Rather yes	Rather no	Definitely no
a) In the case tuition were to be 10 000 CZK per year	1	2	3	4
b) In the case tuition were to be 20 000 CZK per year	1	2	3	4
c) In the case tuition were to be 35 000 CZK per year	1	2	3	4
d) In the case tuition were to be 50 000 CZK per year	1	2	3	4

Questions relating to your school and higher education in the Czech Republic

Q76. To what degree do you agree to the following statements about the school where you study?

Q76a. Are the instructors at your faculty or department largely accessible and communicative?

1. Definitely yes
2. Rather yes
3. Rather no
4. Definitely no

Q76b. Do you encounter arrogant, dismissive or impersonal instructors at your school?

1. Never
2. Occasionally
3. Often
4. Almost always

Q77. What kind of influence (in what areas and in what form) should students have on the operations of colleges and universities?

		Definitely disagree	-	.	middle	+	++	Definitely agree	Do not know, cannot say
a)	The current system is satisfactory.								
b)	Students should participate in the evaluation of both teaching and support activities.								
c)	Students should be able to co-decide personnel issues (the choice of rector, dean).								
d)	Student should be able to co-decide the budget.								
e)	Students should be able to co-decide strategic issues.								
f)	The minimum share of students in academic senates should be determined by legislation.								
g)	College and university students should assert their influence vis-à-vis schools largely as their clients.								

Q78. From the publicity that your college or university receives, do you consider that it has a good or a bad public reputation?

Please tick only one choice

1. Very good reputation
2. Good reputation
3. Bad reputation
4. Very bad reputation

Q79. From the publicity that your faculty receives, do you consider that it has a good or a bad public reputation?

Please tick only one choice

1. Very good reputation
2. Good reputation
3. Bad reputation
4. Very bad reputation
5. My college or university does not have faculties

Q80. Do you think that the education that you will receive in the school you are now studying at is at a quality comparable to the education provided at prestigious European universities?

1. Definitely yes
2. Rather yes
3. rather no
4. Definitely no

Q81. Do you think that the education that you will receive in the school you are now studying at is at a quality comparable to the education provided at prestigious universities in the USA, Australia or Canada?

1. Definitely yes
2. Rather yes
3. Rather no
4. Definitely no

Questions Q80 a Q81 should be on one page, i.e. they should be viewed together.

Q82. Do you know your student representatives in the academic senate of your faculty?

1. Yes, I know them all personally
2. Yes, I know at least one personally
3. Yes, I know at least one of them by name, but I personally don't know any of them
4. No, I do not know any of them by name
5. The school where I study does not have faculties
6. The faculty where I study does not have an academic senate

Q83. Do you know the student representatives in the academic senate of your higher education institution?

1. Yes, I know at least one personally
2. Yes, I know at least one of them by name, but I personally don't know any of them
3. No, I do not know any of them by name

Q84. Do you know the student representative of your higher education institution in the Student Chamber of the Council of Higher Education Institutions?

1. Yes, I know him or her personally
2. Yes, I know him or her by name, but I do not know him or her personally
3. No, but I know (personally or by name) his or her substitute
4. No, I do not know either the student representative or the substitute
5. The school where I study does not have a representative in the Student Council of the Council of Higher Education Institutions

Q85. Do you think that Czech higher education needs deep reform?

1. Definitely yes
2. Rather yes
3. Rather no
4. Definitely no

Finally, some questions on international mobility

Q86. Have you been enrolled abroad in a regular course of study?

1. Yes, I have been
2. No, but I plan to go (-> please go on to question Q92)
3. No (-> please go on to question Q92)

Q87. Was your enrolment abroad part of any of the following programmes?

Multiple answers are possible

1. Part of my study programme (international programme)
2. TEMPUS
3. ERASMUS (MUNDUS)
4. LINGUA
5. Other EU-programme
6. Other (Please, fill in the name of the programme: _____)
7. No programme

Q88. Which of the following sources did you use to fund your enrolment abroad and which one of them was your primary source of funding? *Multiple answers are possible.*

1. Contribution from parents/family
2. Own income from previous job
3. By working during my studies abroad
4. Study grants/loans from host country
5. Support by home state loan (repayable)
6. Support by home state grant (non-repayable)
7. EU study grants
8. Other; please enter: _____

Q89. And which was your primary source of funding for your enrolment abroad?

1. Contribution from parents/family
2. Own income from previous job
3. By working during my studies abroad
4. Study grants/loans from host country
5. Support by home state loan (repayable)
6. Support by home state grant (non-repayable)
7. EU study grants
8. Other; please enter: _____

Q90. How important were the following aspects and were your expectations fulfilled concerning your enrolment abroad?

1. Personal development
2. Language improvement
3. Quality of education
4. Academic level
5. Social integration
6. Services from host institution

Very important				Quite unimportant
1	2	3	4	5

Q91. And to what extent were your expectations fulfilled?

1. Personal development
2. Language improvement
3. Quality of education
4. Academic level
5. Social integration
6. Services from host institution

Quite fulfilled				Not fulfilled at all
1	2	3	4	5

Q92. To what extent are the following aspects an obstacle for an enrolment abroad to you?

1. Insufficient skills in foreign language
2. Difficulties in getting information
3. Problems with accommodation in the host country
4. Separation from partner, child(ren), friends
5. Loss of social benefits (e.g. child allowance, price discounts for students)
6. Loss of opportunities to earn money
7. Expected additional financial burden
8. Lack of personal drive
9. Presumed low benefit for my studies in the Czech Republic
10. Expected delay in progress in my studies
11. Problems with recognition in the Czech Republic of the results achieved in foreign countries
12. Limited access to mobility programmes in the Czech Republic
13. Problems with access regulations to the preferred country (visa, residence permit)
14. Limited admittance to the preferred institution and/or study programme in the foreign country
15. It doesn't fit into the structure of my programme

Big obstacle				No obstacle
1	2	3	4	5

Q93. Have you ever been abroad for other study related activities during your study programme?

Fill in the duration in months and the country you have been to per activity

	Duration in months	Country
Research (e.g. for preparing B.A. or M.A. theses)		
Internship / work placement		
Summer school		
Language course		
Other		

Thank you for your responses.