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**Participation in the EUROSTUDENT VII International Survey**

Dear students of the University of Maribor!

The Ministry of Education, Science and Sport has joined the implementation of an international survey, the EUROSTUDENT VII – Social and Economic Conditions of Student Life in Europe. Students have been able to participate in the survey since April. At the initiative and proposal of the Ministry, the University of Maribor has decided to assist in the implementation of the survey.

The purpose of the survey is to provide an insight into the social and economic background as well as into other characteristics of the student population in Slovenia, thus identifying problems and obstacles students encounter during studies.

The survey is aimed at collecting data that will enable comparison of the social and economic conditions of students’ life in Slovenia with those in other European countries, and serve as the basis in developing national strategies and policies for the improvement of higher education in Slovenia.

As part of the survey, a questionnaire has been prepared for students who study in Slovenia. It is available at <https://www.1ka.si/a/216885> from 25 April 2019 to 15 June 2019. The Educational Research Institute (ERI) in Ljubljana has been authorised by the Ministry to conduct the survey. Students are asked about their studies and living conditions, such as their entrance to higher education, characteristics and timing of their studies, work during studies, resources, expenses and housing conditions, mobility, and welfare. The EUROSTUDENT VII international survey will be completed in 2021.

Dear students of the University of Maribor who are enrolled in the 1st- and 2nd-cycle study programmes in the 2018/19 academic year, I would kindly ask you to participate by completing the questionnaire of the EUROSTUDENT VII international survey, thus helping to collect data on the basis of which strategic documents of the European higher education are to be prepared.

Kind regards.

 **Rector of the University of Maribor**

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