

# National Graduate Tracking Survey

## Informed Consent

### General Information

The National Graduate Tracking Survey (NGTS) is funded by the Cyprus Recovery and Resilience Plan and it is being conducted every year with the **aim of improving the connection between the Educational System and the labor market** at national level. The NGTS is carried out by the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth (MESY) (Kimonos and Thoukydidou Corner, Akropoli, 1434 Nicosia, Cyprus), in collaboration with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Cyprus Limited (PwC Central, 43 Demostheni Severi Avenue, CY-1080 Nicosia, Cyprus).

The National Graduate Tracking Survey aims to collect data from all Cyprus Higher Education Institutions' graduates. Graduates are asked to fill in **an online questionnaire**. The main topics of the questionnaire are the characteristics of their program of study, skills acquired, learning pathways and modes of learning, international mobility, and labour market outcomes. Data on personal and social characteristics are also collected to better understand different groups of graduates.

You have been sent this invitation from the Higher Education Institution from which you graduated, on our behalf, without us receiving your contact details. **This ensures that you can take part in the survey anonymously**, without us knowing your name and address.

**Your participation in the survey is voluntary. Not participating will not have any negative consequences for you.**

### Data Protection

Your responses to the questionnaire will be analysed by both PwC Cyprus and MESY for scientific and statistical purposes and published in such a way that any inference based on individual survey participants and their individual answers is no longer possible. The data will be merged, ensuring that it is impossible to identify individuals. Key findings will be published in aggregate form.

All participating organisations (the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth and PwC Cyprus) take the necessary technical and organisational measures to protect your data from any unauthorised access. The survey is conducted in line with the requirements of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Act of 10 May 2018 on the protection of personal data, and applicable national laws (i.e., Law 125(I)/2018 – “Law providing for the Protection of Natural Persons with regard to the Processing of Personal Data and for the Free Movement of such Data” of 2018).

It goes without saying that the survey complies with all legal provisions of data protection. We assure you:

- that we do not store your contact data together with the data provided in the questionnaire,
- that we treat your contact information as strictly confidential and do not disclose it to third parties,
- that all the data provided in the questionnaire are used solely for teaching, scientific and statistical purposes,
- that the data provided in the questionnaire, as well as the data on the way the questionnaire was processed will be kept for a maximum of 10 years after the survey. This does not apply to anonymised data.

### Further Information

In case of questions about general information on the research project or about data protection, the staff members of both the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth and PwC Cyprus will be happy to support:

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