



Brussels,

Subject: Invitation to EU/EEA Member States for a webinar on 12 March 2021 on the next steps of the European Graduate Tracking Initiative

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to a webinar from 10.30 to 15.15 (CET) on Friday 12 March 2021 to clarify the next steps of the European Graduate Tracking Initiative.

Following the Council Recommendation on graduate tracking, the Commission set up an Expert Group on Graduate Tracking, composed of experts from all Member States and EEA countries, which met between 2018 and 2020 and whose [report](#) was published on 9 February 2021. The recommendations formulated in this report form the basis for the future development of the European Graduate Tracking Initiative.

This webinar, to be held together with the Ecorys capacity-building team, aims to exchange with EU Member States representatives and national experts in graduate tracking directly of these plans. In particular, we wish to present you about the recommended gradual approach, including potential support available to countries joining the next steps of the European graduate survey.

Please find together with this letter the agenda for this webinar. We invite you to register here: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/39c2bf3c-2bfe-57d9-5474-55586a7bc669>.

For any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Paul Dowling (Paul.Dowling@ecorys.com) and Ms Irene Biundo (Irene.Biundo@ecorys.com) from the Ecorys project team, or Mr Marc Goffart (Marc.Goffart@ec.europa.eu) in the Higher Education Unit of the European Commission.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Agenda for European Graduate Tracking Initiative webinar, Friday 12 March 2021

Time (CET)	Content
10.30 – 10.40	Introduction by Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Unit B1 Higher Education, DG EAC, European Commission
10.40 – 11.00	Presentation of the report of the EU Expert Group on Graduate Tracking and the Eurograduate pilot survey
11.00 – 11.30	Next steps of the European Graduate Tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Network of national reference points across Member States;• Preparing for the next steps of the European Graduate Survey in 2022 (up to 16 countries);• Opportunities for Members States to use EU funding to support graduate tracking;• Linkages with other graduate tracking projects in the VET sector.
11.30 – 12.30	Question and answer session
13.30 – 14.00	Presentation of the capacity building for the European Graduate Tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of capacity-building needs and planned activities• Presentation of (draft) national roadmaps
14.00 – 15.00	Question and answer session
15.00 – 15.15	Concluding remarks

Overview of resources and bibliography

- Towards a European graduate tracking mechanism – Final report and Recommendations of the Expert group on graduate tracking (2021). URL: <https://op.europa.eu/s/oNqx>
- Expert group’s 4 thematic annexes (vision & options; mobile graduates; administrative data; VET learners) (2020). URL: <https://bit.ly/3coJq9Y>
- Eurograduate Pilot Study results (comparative report and 8 national reports as well as a technical assessment of the feasibility of a full roll out) (2020). URL: <https://op.europa.eu/s/oJWx>
- Mapping the state of graduate tracking policies and practices in the EU Member States and EEA countries (2020). URL: <https://op.europa.eu/s/oJWz>
- Mapping of VET graduate tracking measures in EU Member States (2018). URL: <https://op.europa.eu/s/oJWA>