

Towards Regular Availability of Comparative European Data on graduates (TRACED) project



The European Union supports activities established by the European Education Area, the Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda through the [Erasmus+](#) programme in

the fields of Education, Training, Youth and Sport, for the period 2021-2027. Central themes of the programme cover social inclusion, environmental sustainability, the digital transition and the promotion of participation in democratic life by younger generations.

[Council Recommendation 2017/C 423/01](#) on monitoring the career paths of graduates and school leavers formulates some guidelines for EU Member States and the Commission, including improving the availability and quality of data on the activities of graduates and school leavers through: (i) the use for statistical purposes, in an anonymous form, of administrative data from databases of education, tax, demographic and social security systems; (ii) the development of longitudinal surveys on graduates and high school graduates for the qualitative study of young people's transition to the labour market or further education and training, as well as career paths; and (iii) the possibility for public authorities to link, in an anonymous way, data from different sources in order to draw a composite picture on graduates and high school graduates.

Within this framework, [TRACED](#) project (nr 101059790-ERASMUS-EDU-2021-GRADUATE TRACKING-IBA), co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme and coordinated by the AlmaLaurea Interuniversity Consortium with the support of the National Institute of Statistics (Istat) and the Ministry of University and Research (Mur), was launched. In fact, the monitoring of graduates' employment paths is a key component for the analysis and evaluation of human capital, the use of skills in the labour market and career paths.

Specific objectives of the project are:

- setting the basis of comparable statistical information at European level through the implementation of a European survey on the employment status of university graduates in Italy, participating in the second phase of the [EUROGRADUATE 2022](#) initiative;
- cooperating with European stakeholders to increase the availability of comparable data and research on the employment status of graduates in the 17 European countries involved;
- studying the integration of administrative and statistical sources for the purposes of graduate tracking through two feasibility studies.

The project is organised into 4 work packages:

- Work package 1: Coordination for monitoring the progress of activities.
- Work package 2: Preparation of the European survey and feasibility studies.
- Work package 3: Implementation of the European survey.
- Work package 4: Dissemination of results of project activities.

Istat Directions involved:

Directorate for Social Statistics and Welfare (DCSW) - Division for integrated system for labour, education and training

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For more information on the European survey: [Brochure](#)