

Dear Student,

Thank you for deciding to cooperate with the CaribErasmus Project and to dedicate some of your time to answering this questionnaire.

CaribErasmus is a project funded by the European Union (Erasmus Mundus Programme) aimed at strengthening cooperation between higher education institutions from Europe and the Caribbean area.

The project wants to explore the perceptions and opinions that Caribbean students have towards European Higher Education system and wants to promote better collaboration between the two areas, especially with regards to mobility programmes.

Your answers to this questionnaire will be very helpful in order to understand expectations and opinions of students like you on the higher education system in Europe and the possibilities of improving your curriculum and educational experience in a European country.

All the information you will provide will be treated confidentially and be used for analysis purposes only.

Thank you again for your collaboration,

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**1. Which of the following attributes best describe your idea of “Europe”?**

(Select all adjectives that apply.)

- |                                       |                                      |   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern      | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorating              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal      | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional | <input type="checkbox"/> Successful                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exciting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Expensive                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boring       | <input type="checkbox"/> Snobbish    | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tolerant    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hi-tech                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old          | <input type="checkbox"/> Prejudiced  | <input type="checkbox"/> Linguistically challenging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organized    | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustworthy | <input type="checkbox"/> Far away                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaotic      | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrupt     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nearby                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strong       | <input type="checkbox"/> Attractive  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weak         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ugly        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean        | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty        | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive  |   |

**2. In terms of higher education (colleges, universities, etc.) which of the following phrases best describes your idea of the European Union?**

- [1] Institutions that follow guidelines established by a unique and coherent political entity, independent of the international context
- [2] Institutions that adhere to a common set of standards for education in each country, regardless of the international context
- [3] Western European institutions
- [4] Distinct institutions with cultures and practices primarily defined by the environment of their home countries
- [5] I don't know

**3. List up to 3 universities in the United Kingdom you consider prestigious.**

(Please use a different box for each university.)


**4. List up to 3 universities in the rest of Europe you consider prestigious.**

(Please use a different box for each university.)


**5. Do you consider undertaking postgraduate studies in a foreign university as necessary for your future career?**

- [1] Absolutely
- [2] Perhaps
- [3] No

[only if Q5 = 1,2]

**6. Why do you consider undertaking postgraduate studies in a foreign university necessary?**

- [1] It is more prestigious
- [2] It would create better job opportunities
- [3] It would provide a degree with international recognition
- [4] It would allow me to expand my knowledge
- [5] It would allow me to enroll in a degree programme that is not offered in my country

[only if Q5 = 1,2]

**7a. In which of the following regions would you prefer to enroll in a postgraduate programme?**

- [1] United States
- [2] United Kingdom
- [3] Rest of Europe
- [4] Caribbean
- [5] Latin America
- [6] Asia
- [7] Australia or New Zealand

[only if Q5 = 1,2]

**7b. And in which *other* region would you prefer to enroll in a postgraduate programme?**

- [1] United States
- [2] United Kingdom
- [3] Rest of Europe
- [4] Caribbean
- [5] Latin America
- [6] Asia
- [7] Australia or New Zealand

[only if Q7a or Q7b = 3]

**7c. In which of the following countries would you consider enrolling in a postgraduate programme?**  
(Select no more than five countries.)

- |   |                                     |                                      |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria        | <input type="checkbox"/> Germany    | <input type="checkbox"/> Netherlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belgium        | <input type="checkbox"/> Greece     | <input type="checkbox"/> Poland      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungary    | <input type="checkbox"/> Portugal    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cyprus         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ireland    | <input type="checkbox"/> Romania     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Italy      | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakia    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denmark        | <input type="checkbox"/> Latvia     | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovenia    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estonia        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lithuania  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spain       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finland        | <input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweden      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> France         | <input type="checkbox"/> Malta      |                                      |

[only if Q5 = 1,2]

**8. Would you require extra funding (besides your personal or family's savings) to study abroad?**

- [1] Absolutely
- [2] Perhaps
- [3] No

[only if Q8 = 1,2]

**9. From which region are you most likely to obtain such extra funding?**

- [1] My country of residence
- [2] The country in which I am currently studying (only if different from that of residence)
- [3] United Kingdom
- [4] Other European country
- [5] Other Caribbean country
- [6] Latin America
- [7] Asia
- [8] Australia or New Zealand

[only if Q8 = 1,2]

**10. What is the most likely source of such extra funding?**

- [1] Government agencies
- [2] International agencies: Europe (including UK)
- [3] International agencies: United States
- [4] International agencies: Caribbean
- [5] International agencies: Other
- [6] Private sector
- [7] University
- [8] Other [specify: \_\_\_\_\_]

[for all interviewees]

In the following two questions, in order to make an analysis of opinion and perception on the different types of cooperation in higher education between the European Union and the Caribbean, we distinguish between the five categories:

**Physical mobility:** the traditional mode, in which the student undertakes studies by personally attending an external university or institution.

**Joint degrees and curricula:** joint university curricula are taught completely in a local university or jointly with a foreign university, and the foreign university awards the degree.

**Virtual mobility:** Students and teachers use international curricula and interact/cooperate across countries through information and communication technology without being disconnected from their original higher education institution.

**Distance education:** Education and training are imparted at a distance through communication media: books, radio, TV, telephone, correspondence, computer, video.

**Foreign university branches:** A foreign university has a campus in your country, with its own curricula and professors, and the foreign university awards the final degree.

**11a. Which of these types of cooperation in higher education with the European Union do you find most desirable?**

(Click on the answers to see its definition.)

- [1] Physical mobility
- [2] Joint degrees and curricula
- [3] Virtual mobility
- [4] Distance education
- [5] Foreign university branches

**11b. Which *other* type of cooperation in higher education with the European Union do you find desirable?**

(Click on the answers to see its definition.)

- [1] Physical mobility
- [2] Joint degrees and curricula
- [3] Virtual mobility
- [4] Distance education
- [5] Foreign university branches

**12a. Which of these types of cooperation in higher education with the European Union are you most likely to choose?**

(Click on the answers to see its definition.)

- [1] Physical mobility
- [2] Joint degrees and curricula
- [3] Virtual mobility
- [4] Distance education
- [5] Foreign university branches
- [6] None

[only if Q12a = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

**12b. Which *other* type of cooperation in higher education with the European Union are you likely to choose?**

(Click on the answers to see its definition.)

- [1] Physical mobility
- [2] Joint degrees and curricula
- [3] Virtual mobility
- [4] Distance education
- [5] Foreign university branches

The following questions conclude the questionnaire and concern your personal situation. We emphasize once again that all information will be treated confidentially and be used for analysis purposes only.

**13. What country are you from (usual country of residence)?**

Anguilla	Curaçao	Panama
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Puerto Rico
Aruba	Dominican Republic	Saint Barthélemy
Bahamas	French Guyana	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Belize	Guadeloupe	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius (former Netherlands Antilles)	Guyana	Sint Maarten
British Virgin Islands	Haiti	Suriname
Cayman Islands	Honduras	Trinidad and Tobago
Colombia	Jamaica	Turks and Caicos Islands
Costa Rica	Martinique	U.S. Virgin Islands
Cuba	Mexico	Venezuela
	Montserrat	Other [specify: _____]
	Nicaragua	

**14. In what country is the university in which you are currently enrolled?**

Anguilla	Curaçao	Panama
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Puerto Rico
Aruba	Dominican Republic	Saint Barthélemy
Bahamas	French Guyana	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Belize	Guadeloupe	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius (former Netherlands Antilles)	Guyana	Sint Maarten
British Virgin Islands	Haiti	Suriname
Cayman Islands	Honduras	Trinidad and Tobago
Colombia	Jamaica	Turks and Caicos Islands
Costa Rica	Martinique	U.S. Virgin Islands
Cuba	Mexico	Venezuela
	Montserrat	Other [specify: _____]
	Nicaragua	

**15. What is the name of your university?**

(Please write the full name.)

\_\_\_\_\_

**16. What type of university is it?**

- [1] Public
- [2] Private
- [3] Other [specify: \_\_\_\_\_]

**17. What is your major field of study?**

- [1] Agriculture, forestry and fishery
- [2] Architecture and constructions
- [3] Arts
- [4] Business and administration
- [5] Computing
- [6] Engineering, technology, transport
- [7] Environmental protection
- [8] Health sciences

- [9] Humanities
- [10] Journalism and information
- [11] Law, security services
- [12] Life sciences
- [13] Manufacturing and processing
- [14] Mathematics and statistics

- [15] Physical sciences
- [16] Social and behavioural science, social services
- [17] Teacher training and education science
- [18] Veterinary medicine
- [19] Medicine / Medical science

**18. In what type of degree programme are you currently enrolled?**

- [1] Undergraduate
- [2] Postgraduate

**19. What is the major reason for which you chose this degree programme?**

- [1] Mostly cultural reasons: personal development, intrinsic interest for subject matter, self-improvement, etc.
- [2] Mostly professional reasons: employment prospects, consistency with current job, prospective income, family tradition, etc.
- [3] For both cultural and professional reasons, in equal measure
- [4] Mostly other reasons

**20. During your university studies have you ever spent a period of study abroad (at least three weeks outside of the Caribbean area)?**

- [1] No, never
- [2] Yes, but with no credit recognition for my degree
- [3] Yes, and with credit recognition for my degree

**21. Do you intend to continue your studies at the next level?**

- [1] Definitely
- [2] Probably
- [3] Probably not
- [4] Definitely not

**22. During your university studies have you held a paid job?**

- [1] No, never
- [2] Yes, seasonal or occasional job(s)
- [3] Yes, part-time job(s)
- [4] Yes, full-time job(s) but for less than half the duration of my university studies
- [5] Yes, full-time job(s) but for more than half the duration of my university studies

[only if Q22 = 2,3,4,5]

**23. Does/did this job involve a field that is consistent with the subject matter of your degree programme?**

- [1] Yes
- [2] No

**24. What is your gender?**

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

**25. In what year were you born?**

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**26. How do you pay for your studies?**

- [1] Personal savings
- [2] I work
- [3] Family
- [4] Scholarship
- [5] Other [specify: \_\_\_\_\_]

**27. Are you responsible for a family?**

(Select one only.)

- [1] Yes, and I have children
- [2] Yes, but I have no children
- [3] No

**28. Do you have regular access to the Internet and, if so, from where mostly?**

- [1] No
- [2] Yes, from home
- [3] Yes, from work
- [4] Yes, from an Internet cafe
- [5] Yes, from the university
- [6] Yes, from other places

**29. Do you have a good working knowledge of the following languages?**

(Select all languages of which you have a good working knowledge.)

- English
- Spanish
- French
- Dutch
- German
- Other [specify: \_\_\_\_\_]

**30a. What is the highest level of formal education your father completed?**

(Select only one.)

- [1] None or primary education
- [2] Secondary education
- [3] University degree
- [4] Don't know or not applicable

[only if Q29a=3]

**30b. Where did he obtain his highest level of education?**

(Select only one.)

- [1] United States
- [2] United Kingdom
- [3] Rest of Europe
- [4] Caribbean
- [5] Latin America
- [6] Asia
- [7] Australia or New Zealand

**31a. What is the highest level of formal education your mother completed?**

(Select only one.)

- [1] None or primary education
- [2] Secondary education
- [3] University degree
- [4] Don't know or not applicable

[only if Q31a=3]

**31b. Where did she obtain her highest level of education?**

(Select only one.)

- [1] United States
- [2] United Kingdom
- [3] Rest of Europe
- [4] Caribbean
- [5] Latin America
- [6] Asia
- [7] Australia or New Zealand

**32. What is your father's occupation (or what was his final occupation if he no longer works)?**

Self-employed

- [1] Liberal profession, entrepreneur (with at least 15 employees)
- [2] Entrepreneur (less than 15 employees), craftsman, shopkeeper
- [3] Other self-employed

Employed

- [4] High-level manager, salaried professional
- [5] Mid-level manager, white-collar
- [6] Clerical worker
- [7] Blue-collar, manual laborer

- [8] Never held a paid job

**33. What is your mother's occupation (or what was her final occupation if she no longer works)?**

Self-employed

- [1] Liberal professional, business owner (with at least 15 employees)
- [2] Craftsman, shopkeeper, other small-business owner
- [3] Other self-employed

Employed

- [4] High-level manager, salaried professional
- [5] Mid-level manager, white-collar
- [6] Clerical worker
- [7] Blue-collar, manual laborer

- [8] Never held a paid job