1. THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

QB5. In your opinion, which of the following are the most important aspects of education?

- The teacher’s ability to engage and motivate the students: 71%
- The teacher’s expertise or subject knowledge: 40%
- Learning environments that stimulate students’ creativity and curiosity: 39%
- Practical work experience with a company or organisation: 41%
- The teacher’s ability to ensure an orderly learning environment: 29%
- Learning methods that use computers, the Internet or digital content: 22%
- Learning environments that encourage social and cultural diversity: 19%
- Periods of study abroad or exchanges with students from other countries: 11%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 1%
- Don’t know: 2%

(Max. 3 answers)

2. AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

QB6. In your opinion, which of these aspects need to be improved the most in (OUR COUNTRY)?

- The teacher’s ability to engage and motivate the students: 52%
- Learning environments that stimulate students’ creativity and curiosity: 38%
- Practical work experience with a company or organisation: 37%
- The teacher’s expertise or subject knowledge: 28%
- The teacher’s ability to ensure an orderly learning environment: 28%
- Learning methods that use computers, the Internet or digital content: 26%
- Learning environments that encourage social and cultural diversity: 25%
- Periods of study abroad or exchanges with students from other countries: 19%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 0%
- None (SPONTANEOUS): 1%
- Don’t know: 5%

(Multiple answers possible)
3. STUDYING OR WORKING ABROAD (1/2)

QB10. Have you ever spent time in another EU Member State or outside of the EU...?

- Working
  - EU28: 11% Yes, in another EU Member State, 5% Yes, outside of the EU, 3% No, 22% Don't know
  - IE: 10% Yes, in another EU Member State, 3% Yes, outside of the EU, 5% No, 22% Don't know

- Studying
  - EU28: 5% Yes, in another EU Member State, 87% Yes, outside of the EU, 8% No, 5% Don't know
  - IE: 3% Yes, in another EU Member State, 88% Yes, outside of the EU, 5% No, 5% Don't know

- On a traineeship or internship
  - EU28: 2% Yes, in another EU Member State, 8% Yes, outside of the EU, 90% No, 2% Don't know
  - IE: 2% Yes, in another EU Member State, 93% Yes, outside of the EU, 1% No, 2% Don't know

QB12. To what extent do you think the following experiences would be recognised within (OUR COUNTRY)?

- Studying in another EU Member State
  - EU28: 26% Completely recognised, 31% Largely recognised, 32% Recognised to some extent, 19% Not recognised, 6% Don't know
  - IE: 26% Completely recognised, 31% Largely recognised, 32% Recognised to some extent, 19% Not recognised, 6% Don't know

- Working in another EU Member State
  - EU28: 26% Completely recognised, 31% Largely recognised, 33% Recognised to some extent, 19% Not recognised, 6% Don't know
  - IE: 26% Completely recognised, 31% Largely recognised, 33% Recognised to some extent, 19% Not recognised, 6% Don't know

- Traineeships or internships in another EU Member State
  - EU28: 21% Completely recognised, 27% Largely recognised, 30% Recognised to some extent, 20% Not recognised, 7% Don't know
  - IE: 21% Completely recognised, 27% Largely recognised, 30% Recognised to some extent, 20% Not recognised, 7% Don't know

- Working remotely for a company located in another EU Member State
  - EU28: 12% Completely recognised, 20% Largely recognised, 35% Recognised to some extent, 19% Not recognised, 6% Don't know
  - IE: 12% Completely recognised, 20% Largely recognised, 35% Recognised to some extent, 19% Not recognised, 6% Don't know

- Studying online with an institution located in another EU Member State
  - EU28: 10% Completely recognised, 19% Largely recognised, 21% Recognised to some extent, 16% Not recognised, 11% Don't know
  - IE: 10% Completely recognised, 19% Largely recognised, 21% Recognised to some extent, 16% Not recognised, 11% Don't know

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3. STUDYING OR WORKING ABROAD (2/2)

QB9. Do you think that qualifications from your education or training would be recognised in other EU Member States?

- Yes: 10%
- No: 11%
- 13%
- Not applicable/no qualifications (SPONTANEOUS): 23%
- Don't know: 66%

QB13. Have you ever tried to work or study in another EU Member State, including remote working and distance learning from (OUR COUNTRY) and not been able to do so?

- Yes, tried to work in another EU Member State: 4%
- Yes, tried to study in another EU Member State: 2%
- No: 94%
- Don't know: 0%

QB14. Which difficulties related to your qualifications did you experience?*

- You did not have enough information on whether your qualifications would be recognised in another EU Member State: 17%
- You did not have enough information on opportunities for grants and scholarships: 16%
- Your qualifications were not accepted by prospective employer: 12%
- Your qualifications were not recognised by educational institution: 7%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 15%
- None (SPONTANEOUS): 38%
- Don't know: 2%

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4. USE OF CAREER GUIDANCE SERVICES AND DOCUMENTATION OF SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

QB18. Have you ever used a career guidance service?

- Yes: 45%
- No, you have never had access to a career guidance service: 29%
- No, for another reason: 22%
- Don't know: 37%

QB16. In [OUR COUNTRY], do you think that a combination of skills or competences acquired in different ways (e.g. through education, vocational education and training and work experiences) can be used to obtain a qualification?

- Yes: 81%
- No: 13%
- Don't know: 7%

5. AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

QB22. How easy or difficult was it to find the information that you needed?*

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Base: Respondents who have looked for information on study or career guidance / education or training courses / internships, traineeships or apprenticeships / and whether their skills or qualifications would be recognised in other EU Member States

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