



## ERASMUS+ cooperation partnership Digital education tools for SECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT

# **SURVEY ON SECURITY**

Turiba University from Latvia along with partner universities from Norway, Finland, the Netherlands, Spain and Lithuania are implementing an ERASMUS+ project called SECUREU. With this project we aim to establish a sustainable security specialists' network and develop various teaching materials regarding security risk management.

Here are finding from survey which we have done on the end of 2022. Our aim was to gather opinion about the security situation in partner countries and also to evaluate awareness of students and teachers about security issues.



How secure students feel in their country and university (in scale from 1 to 10)?



Although Europe and project partner countries can be considered as safe place for living, survey shows that only 12.8% of students evaluated safety with highest mark – 10 points. 23.9% of students in scale from 1 to 10 chose 9 and highest percentage of students 33.2% chose 8. 30.1% of all students evaluated their safety feeling under 8 points.

#### Main reasons for feeling insecure:

Political situation and war in Ukraine Intolerance towards minorities Financial uncertainty Rising crime rate, growing social uncertainty Media and information uncertainty, cyber attacks Increased polarisation, badly handled immigration situation





68%

8

55%

Have studied Have studied risk management crisis management

Most of the respondents confirmed that they have studied security courses in their University. At the same time we have to emphasize that majority of survey respondents are students of security field and related programmes. But even these students emphasized that only 68% of them have taken courses on risk management and – 55% crises management courses.



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## 96% of students and teachers

agree that security studies should be included in study programmes



### 74% of students and teachers

agree that universities should include and teach **more courses** on security in their study programmes

#### Do you agree with the statement that companies and organisations nowadays should pay more attention to security in general, as well as to security risk management?



Most of respondents agree that companies and organisations should pay more attention to security issues. In total 98% of survey participants agree with this statement. Respondents point out main reasons why entrepreneurs are not paying sufficient attention to security and risk management:

Lack of knowledge (49.3%) Lack of resources (23.9%) Lack of motivation (19.6%)

Although Europe and project partner countries - Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Norway, Spain and the Netherlands - can be considered as safe place, students' safety feeling in their countries is not so high. Respondents mention that they feel insecure because of different reasons - political situation, war in Ukraine, financial and social instability, cyber-attacks and polarisation in the society. **56.8% of respondents point out that security situation in the region has grown worse during the past year.** 



Students as well as lecturers strongly agree that Universities should teach more about security! **96% say YES to security studies** in different study programs.

98% of respondents agree that companies should pay more attention to security – now it is time to teach more practical solutions and actions. To teach how! It is important to learn more about security risk management and to motivate employees in companies to asses and monitor security risks.

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