

Euro-Quest: Impact and NEW 'Ambassador Programme'



Developed by the National Centre for Guidance in Education (NCGE) / Euroguidance Ireland and launched in 2020, Euro-Quest is a free-to-use programme for Irish post-primary schools promoting educational mobility. This programme is designed to be integrated into the Transition Year (TY) curriculum through Guidance and to link with other subjects using Europe as the common theme.



It has now been eight months since the official launch of Euro-Quest.

To date over 1,600 students from all over Ireland have registered to take part.

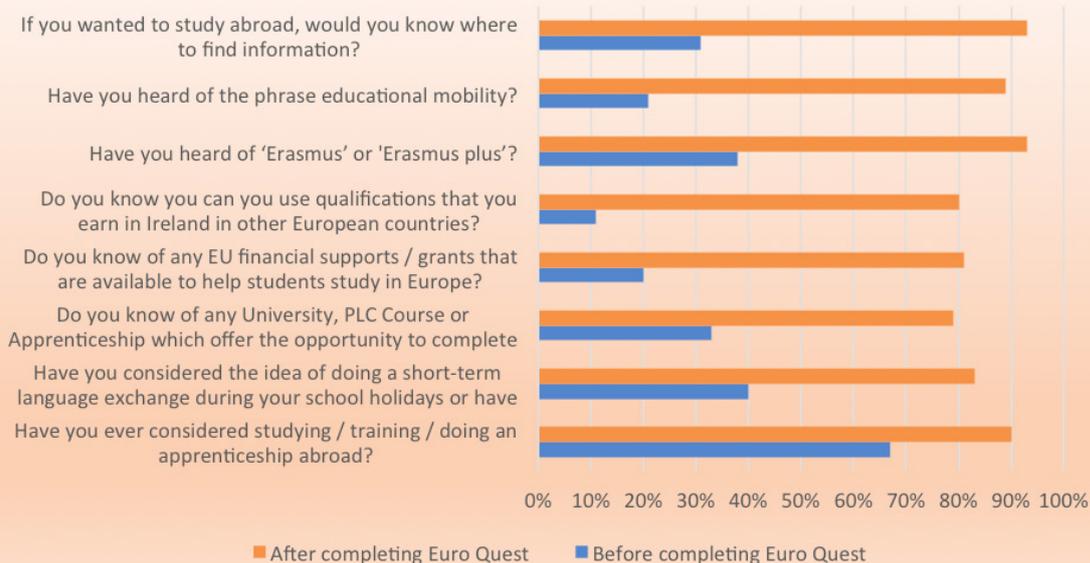
Already, students have provided us with invaluable insights into:

- their current knowledge and interest regarding Europe and mobility opportunities.

- the benefits and challenges they see to engaging in a mobility experience of their own and
- what they learnt because of completing the Euro-Quest modules

To gauge students' current level of knowledge and interest in studying abroad and ascertain the impact that the Euro-Quest programme has on these factors, a series of pre- and post- questions were asked.

Impact of Completing Euro Quest



Summary of responses received thus far:

It is clear from the chart above that there is currently a deficit in the knowledge students have regarding mobility opportunities. It is evident that the completion of the Euro-quest programme has had a positive impact on:

- (i) Students' knowledge of Europe, European citizenship and the mobility opportunities available in both in Ireland and Europe.
- (ii) Student awareness of the supports available to them when it comes to mobility.
- (iii) Students' knowledge regarding the transferability of skills and qualifications across Europe.
- (iv) The development of the key skills of researching, communication and presenting future aspirations.
- (v) Student awareness of the benefits of studying abroad for a period and motivation to do so.

When asked if they would recommend the resource to next year's TY group, over 85% of students who responded that they would or maybe would recommend the resource.

Although there is always room for further development and improvement, it is evident from the above that Euro-quest is achieving its aims and meeting the outlined learning outcomes, which is great to see!

If you have not yet signed up to Euro-Quest, please note that this is a free resource available to all post-primary schools.

For more information go to:

<https://euroguidance.ie/euro-quest>



To sign up visit: www.euro-quest.ie

Read a previous Guidance Matters Article with more 'Student Insights'

We look forward to having your school on board!

If you have any queries or feedback about the resource, please e-mail euroguidance@ncge.ie



NEW Euro-Quest 'Ambassador Programme'

Taking things up a gear, Euroguidance Ireland are now giving schools the opportunity to become recognised 'Euro-Quest Ambassador Schools'! We are asking schools to highlight the study abroad opportunities available to Irish students throughout Europe, learn a little more about European culture and values, while empowering students to develop valuable research and career management skills along the way!

The programme provides a framework and incentive for schools to raise awareness of the value of mobility.

Each school will be rewarded for their effort and participation upon completion of the programme and will:

- receive a School Certificate to demonstrate their commitment to promoting mobility education
- be invited to a formal celebration in Autumn 2021

This programme is a school-led programme which involves the completion of three tasks-

- The completion of the Euro-quest modules with students

See: www.euro-quest.ie



- The completion of a new Europass profile with students
- See: <https://euroguidance.ie/resource/how-create-your-europass-profile>



- One other task of your choice - ideas / options are provided on the information sheet accessible below.

For further details and to register your school go to:

<https://euroguidance.ie/resource/EQ-Ambassador-Programme>

