PRIVACY NOTICE

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Upper secondary barometer 2027 (Amisbarometri, Lukiolaisbarometri)

You are about to take part in a scientific study. This notice describes how your personal data will be processed during the study. You have the right to receive this information by law.

1. Data controller

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2. Personal data to be processed during the study

The study will not collect directly identifiable personal data such as names or personal identity codes. The study will ask you to provide the following indirectly indentifiable personal data:

- gender
- mother tongue
- any learning difficulty, illness or disability that affects studies
- any experience of belonging to a minority
- employment of parents/guardians
- parents'/guardians' level of education
- educational institution and branch
- degree or field of study
- study time
- completion of a double or combined degree
- current main occupation (study, work, other)
- sources of income during studies
- any membership of a student organisation
- whether they have moved to another location due to studies
- the postcodes of the previous and current place of residence and distance to the educational establishment
- whether they student started their studies immediately after secondary school
- whether the student applied to study via a joint application procedure or a rolling application procedure, and whether the place of study was indicated in preparatory studies

The data will not directly reveal your identity, but together they can communicate it to the researchers. You may also give data from which you may be indirectly identifiable in your open responses.

With the consent of the data subject, the study will also collect and process the sensitive personal data listed below (EU General Data Protection Regulation, Article 9, paragraph 2a):

☒ Racial or ethnic origin
☒ Political, religious or philosophical beliefs or trade union membership
☒ Health condition, illness, disability or treatment
☒ Sexual behaviour or sexual orientation
☐ Criminal act, punishment or other sanction of a crime
☒ Need for social welfare or social welfare services received, support measures and other benefits

3. Sources of personal data

In the study, your personal data will be collected through a survey with your own consent. Participation in the study is voluntary. Responding to individual questions is also voluntary.

4. Law basis of processing

Personal data is processed on the basis of the participant's consent and for scientific research that is in the public interest (EU General Data Protection Regulation, Article 6, paragraphs 1a and 1e).

5. Transfer or disclosure of data outside the research group

The educational institution-specific material will be delivered to the educational institution and/or education provider for operational development purposes. Once the results have been published, the material will be archived and released for use in research, teaching, and studying. Before the material is disclosed outside of the study group, it will be processed so that it will not be possible to identify individual respondents.

6. Transfer or disclosure of data to countries outside the EU or the European Economic Area

Your personal data will not be disclosed outside the EU or EEA.

7. Automated decision making and profiling

In the study, your personal data will not be used for automated decision-making. In the study, the purpose of processing your personal data is not to evaluate or profile your personal characteristics; instead, your personal data and characteristics will be evaluated from a wider scientific research perspective.

8. Safeguards to protect your personal data

The data collected during the study will be processed confidentially in the manner set out by data protection legislation. It will not be possible to identify your data from the research findings, other studies, or publications related to this study. The following safeguards will be used to protect the personal data:

- The research data will be converted into a format in which the data subject can no longer be identified once the personal data are no longer necessary in order to carry out the research or to confirm that the results are accurate.
- Data to be processed in information systems will be protected by means of user ID and only named researchers on the project will be able to access the data.
- Any directly identifiable data and indirectly identifiable data will be removed from the material during the analysis phase.
- The results are presented with identification information removed or anonymised.

9. Processing of personal data and research data after the completion of the study

The material is stored in a data-secure manner in Otus' password-protected file copy.

Once the study has ended, the research material will be anonymised and coarsened as necessary, and archived in the Finnish Social Science Data Archive. The anonymised material will thereby remain available for use by other researchers. The anonymised material will also be disclosed by separate agreement to the study client or financier, and to education institutes that participated in data collection for the study.

10. Rights of the data subject

Withdrawing consent (GDPR Article 7)

You have the right to withdraw your consent, provided that the processing of the personal data is based on consent. The withdrawal of consent will not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

Right of access (GDPR Article 15)

You have the right to obtain information on whether or not personal data concerning you are being processed in the project, as well as the data being processed. You can also request a copy of the personal data undergoing processing.

Right to rectification (GDPR Article 16)

If there are inaccuracies or errors in your personal data undergoing processing, you have the right to request their rectification or supplementation..

Right to erasure (GDPR Article 17)

You have the right to request the erasure of your personal data on the following grounds:

a) The personal data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed.
b) You withdraw the consent on which the processing was based, and there are no other legal grounds for the processing.

c) You object to the processing (the right to object is described below), and there are no justified grounds for the processing.
d) The personal data have been unlawfully processed, or
e) The personal data must be erased to comply with a legal obligation in Union or Member State law to which the controller is subject.

The right to erasure does not apply if the erasure of data renders impossible or seriously impairs the achievement of the objectives of the processing in scientific research.

Right to restriction of processing (GDPR Article 18)

You have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data on the following grounds:

a) You contest the accuracy of the personal data, whereupon the processing will be restricted for a period enabling the Research Foundation for Studies and Education Otus to verify their accuracy.
b) The processing is unlawful, and you oppose the erasure of the personal data, requesting the restriction of their use instead.
c) Otus no longer needs the personal data for the purposes of the processing, but you need them for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.
d) You have objected to processing (see details below) pending verification of whether the legitimate grounds of the controller override those of the data subject.

Right to data portability (GDPR Article 20)

You have the right to receive the personal data you have submitted to Otus in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and have the right to transmit these data to another controller without hindrance from Otus, provided that the processing is based on consent or a contract, and the processing is carried out by automated means.

When exercising your right to data portability, you have the right to have your personal data transmitted from one controller to another, where technically feasible.

Right to object (GDPR Article 21)

You have the right to object to processing your personal data, provided that the processing is based on the public interest or legitimate interests. Otus will no longer have the right to process your personal data unless it can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing that override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject, or unless it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. Otus can continue processing your personal data also when necessary for the performance of a task carried out for reasons of the public interest.

Derogating from rights

In certain individual cases, derogations from the rights described here may be made on the basis of the GDPR and the Finnish Data Protection Act, insofar as the rights render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes. The need for derogations will always be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Right to lodge a complaint

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman's Office if you think your personal data has been processed in violation of applicable data protection laws.

Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman: https://tietosuoja.fi/en