

Questionnaire for students

The main objective of this questionnaire is to ask your opinion about how Higher Education Institutions can use Collaborative Platforms to promote the cooperation between companies and academia. To facilitate the process, we are inviting you to assess the Challenge Academy experience, a collaborative platform that was created with support from the European Union (uc-crowd.iscte-iul.pt).

Please open the challengeacademy.eu, and follow the steps below:

First Step. Stay on the homepage and evaluate the following statements.

(1-strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Don't have any opinion; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
The main objective of the platform is clear to me.					
The structure and purpose of the platform is clear to me					
The group profile "Professionals" is well explained					
The group profile "Academics" is well explained					
The group profile "Students" is well explained					
It is not easy to find the "About" button					
It is not clear how could I register myself					
I would like to get more information about the benefits before I would start using the platform					
I understand how to return to the homepage from other pages					
The home page is very attractive and makes me want to be part of the community					

Please write down your suggestions to improve the homepage: _____

Second Step: Please register yourself and evaluate the following statements

(1-strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Don't have any opinion; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
I understand what Sign Up means					
The difference between Professionals and Academics is clear to me					
When I try to login, a message showing that I should register first, is clearly visible					
Having three ways to login confuses me					
The concept of a community is not clear to me					
After signing up, I would like to be reminded to visit the platform					
I experienced problems when I tried to login					

Please write down your suggestions to improve the registration procedure: _____

Third Step: Please evaluate the following statements after spending some time on the platform.

(1-strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Don't have any opinion; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
It is easy to understand why completing my profile will improve my experience with the platform.					
I have not indicated technical or soft skills, because I feel it is not useful					
I would like to receive an email to remind me to update my profile					
When completing my profile and saving it, I was not sure if the changes were really saved.					

I do not understand what “challenges to recruit” means					
The difference between “challenges to recruit”, and “dissertations” is completely clear to me; I know what I will find under each button					
I do not understand why I should complete the questionnaires					
I carefully answered the skills questionnaire					
If I engaged with this platform, earning monetary rewards would be more important to me than receiving recognition from a company					
If I engaged with this platform, learning new skills would be more important to me than earning prize money or receiving recognition from a company					
It seems easy to find a dissertation theme through this platform					
I think that by engaging with this platform my employability prospects will be enhanced					
It seems difficult to find a job through this platform					
I am currently looking for external collaboration to innovate or solve business challenges					
I know there are many platforms like challengeacademy.eu with similar objectives					
I see myself using the platform in the future					
I can see that the platform will provide an opportunity to network for consultancy purposes					

Please write down your suggestions to improve the Students Profile section: _____

Final Step: You have tested/assessed a platform that connects the academia with the business world. We all recognise the importance of such partnerships, and that we need to improve current practices to achieve better results. We would like to know your opinion on some ideas regarding cooperation.

(1-strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Don’t have any opinion; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
Face to face meetings are always better than meetings on online platforms					
I disapprove of new platforms, because I already use many online tools					
I need to learn how to improve cooperation between business and education					
Partnerships develop best from personal relations					
Most students I know will be able to use tools in English					
Most academics I know will be able to use tools in English					
Most professionals I know will be able to use tools in English					
Crowdsourcing is a useful tool to stimulate cooperation					
Crowdsourcing is a useful tool to stimulate innovation					
Crowdsourcing is a useful tool to aid group learning					

Questionnaire for Academics

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Please open the challengeacademy.eu , and follow the steps below:

First Step. Stay on the homepage and evaluate the following statements.

(1-strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Don't have any opinion; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
The main objective of the platform is clear to me.					
The structure and purpose of the platform is clear to me					
The group profile "Professionals" is well explained					
The group profile "Academics" is well explained					
The group profile "Students" is well explained					
It is not easy to find the "About" button					
It is not clear how could I register myself					
I would like to get more information about the benefits before I would start using the platform					
I understand how to return to the homepage from other pages					
The home page is very attractive and makes me want to be part of the community					

Please write down your suggestions to improve the homepage: _____

Second Step: Please register yourself at the platform and evaluate the following statements:

(1-strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Don't have any opinion; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
I understand what Sign Up means					
The difference between Professionals and Academics is clear to me					
When I try to login, a message showing that I should register first, is clearly visible					
Having three ways to login confuses me					
The concept of a community is not clear to me					
After signing up, I would like to be reminded to visit the platform					
I experienced problems when I tried to login					

Please write down your suggestions to improve the registration procedure: _____

Third Step: Please evaluate the following statements after spending some time on the platform.

1-strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Don't have any opinion; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
It is easy to understand why completing my profile will improve my experience with the platform.					
I would like to receive an email to remind me to update my profile					
When completing my profile and saving it, I was not sure if the changes were really saved.					
I understand what I will achieve by going through the platform activities					

The difference between “dissertations” and “research topics” is completely clear to me; I know what I will find under each button					
I do not understand why I should complete the questionnaires					
I noticed there were many interesting themes under the button Dissertations					
The research topics are clear me					
I know there are many platforms like challengeacademy.eu with similar objectives					
I see myself using the platform in the future					
I can envisage that Challenge Academy will enable me to strengthen my curriculum activities					

Please write down your suggestions to improve Academics Profile: _____

Final Step: You have tested/assessed a platform that connects the academia with the business world. We all recognize the importance of such partnerships, and that we need to improve current practices to achieve better results. We would like to know your opinion on some ideas regarding cooperation.

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Face to face meetings are always better than meetings on online platforms					
I disapprove of new platforms, because I already use many online tools					
I need to learn how to improve cooperation between business and education					
Partnerships develop best from personal relations					
Most students I know will be able to use tools in English					
Most academics I know will be able to use tools in English					

Most professionals I know will be able to use tools in English					
Crowdsourcing is a useful tool to stimulate cooperation					
Crowdsourcing is a useful tool to stimulate innovation					
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Questionnaire for professionals

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Please open the challengeacademy.eu, and follow the steps below:

First Step. Stay on the homepage and evaluate the following statements.

(1-strongly disagree; 2 – Disagree; 3 – Don't have any opinion; 4 – Agree; 5 – Strongly Agree)

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The main objective of the platform is clear to me					
The structure and purpose of the platform is clear to me					
The group profile "Professionals" is well explained					
The group profile "Academics" is well explained					
The group profile "Students" is well explained					
It is not easy to find the "About" button					
It is not clear how could I register myself					
I would like to get more information about the benefits before I would start using the platform					
I understand how to return to the homepage from other pages					
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When I try to login, a message showing that I should register first, is clearly visible					
Having three ways to login confuses me					
The concept of a community is not clear to me					
After signing up, I would like to be reminded to visit the platform					
I experienced problems when I tried to login					

Please write down your suggestions to improve the registration procedure: _____

Third Step: Please evaluate the following statements after spending some time on the platform.

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It is easy to understand why completing my profile will improve my experience with the platform					
I would like to receive an email to remind me to update the profile					
When completing my profile and saving it, I was not sure if the changes were really saved					
I understand what I will achieve by going through the platform activities					

The difference between “challenges to recruit”, “dissertations” and “research topics” is completely clear to me; I know what I will find under each button					
I do not understand why I should complete the questionnaires					
I noticed there were many interesting themes under the button Dissertation					
It was easy to add a research topic					
I fully understand what happens after I access a new research topic					
It is unclear how I can find academics that fit my problem or theme					
I think a platform like ChallengeAcademy can help me find talent I need					
I think a platform like ChallengeAcademy can help me stay informed about new research developments					
I can envisage that the Challenge Academy platform will introduce me to new business opportunities					
I am currently looking for external collaboration to innovate or solve business challenges					
I know there are many platforms like challengeacademy.eu with similar objectives					
I see myself using the platform in the future					

Please write down your suggestions to improve Professional Profile: _____

Final Step: You have tested/assessed a platform that connects the academia with the business world. We all recognize the importance of such partnerships, and that we need to improve current practices to achieve better results. We would like to know your opinion on some ideas regarding cooperation.

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