

**Question for written answer E-007333/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Insufficient funds for the Erasmus+ programme

The Commission warned recently of a shortfall in funds and that payments for one of its flagship programmes, Erasmus+, are at risk as a consequence. Erasmus+ is a tool that improves the employment prospects of young EU citizens, as stated in the Commission's 'Erasmus Impact Study: Key findings', published just two days prior to this. The Impact Study reports that the Erasmus programme acts as a positive factor when seeking a first job and that 'former Erasmus students are half as likely to experience long-term unemployment compared to those that do not go abroad'.

1. Does the Commission consider there may be problems with the development and establishment of EU programmes such as Erasmus+ which facilitate youth employment?
2. In the event that the contingency margin is not mobilised in time, what measures will the Commission endorse in order for grants to be paid?
3. Does the Commission believe it has assessed matters correctly in the proposed draft budget?