

**Question for written answer E-006526/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Erasmus+

In the period between 2007 and 2013, the Commission provided funding for various kinds of education projects under the lifelong learning programme. Under Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Erasmus+, a number of changes were made to these old programmes. Under the lifelong learning programme, once a project was approved by at least three of the partners in the transnational partnership, each national agency transferred the funds from the budget to each centre or entity to administrate directly. With the new Erasmus+ arrangements under Key Action 2, only the coordinator selected by the partners in the transnational partnership receives the total amount of the subsidy and/or manages the budget.

1. Does the Commission take the view that the new mechanism for the budgetary allocation and management of projects receiving subsidies under Erasmus+ breaches the subsidiarity principle?
2. Does the Commission take the view that the budgetary management arrangements under Erasmus+ favour entities that are more financially sound, leaving smaller entities at a disadvantage?
3. What steps will the Commission take to foster financial autonomy among Erasmus+ project partners?