

**Question for written answer E-015617/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Deaf people and accessibility of the Erasmus programme

The Erasmus+ programme is open to all. One of its hallmarks is the promotion of equity and inclusion, as mentioned in the programme guide published by the Commission. The programme is not fully accessible and inclusive when it comes to deaf people, whose principal form of communication is sign language. Although the programme guide does mention costs relating to 'special needs support', deaf people often have problems when it comes to whether it should be the host country, the home country or they themselves who cover sign language interpretation costs.

Does the Commission think that specific action needs to be taken to ensure that deaf people using sign language are able to participate with equal opportunities in the Erasmus+ programme, and are given the support they need to ensure that this involves no extra costs for them?

Does the Commission think that specific funding should be set aside to cover the costs of interpreters in order to guarantee that deaf people have full accessibility as regards all activities under the programme?