

**Question for written answer E-002769/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Prevention of radicalisation - Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges

On 14 June 2016, the Commission adopted a communication entitled 'Supporting the prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism' (COM(2016)0379). In the communication, seven specific areas in which European initiatives could have an added value were highlighted. One of these was 'promoting an inclusive, open and resilient society and reaching out to young people'. In this area, the Commission announced a new initiative called 'Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges', aiming at connecting students and other young people from the EU and third countries. Via moderated virtual exchanges, this initiative would help young people to develop mutual understanding and respect and also to improve intercultural skills and cross-cultural awareness, understanding and cooperation. A feasibility project was scheduled to be launched to promote online engagement of young people with the aim of reaching 200 000 young people by 2019. This is a very important initiative.

- Could the Commission indicate whether the feasibility project for this important initiative has already been finalised and what its conclusions were?
- Could the Commission indicate when the new initiative 'Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges' will be operational in order to indeed reach 200 000 young people in 2019?