

**Question for written answer E-002866/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: The appeal of the Erasmus programme for young people

A Eurobarometer survey conducted in July 2016 revealed that 61 % of young Europeans were not interested in studying, training or working in an EU Member State other than their own; only 32 % expressed a wish to do so.

On 2 March 2017, Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner with responsibility for education, culture, youth and sport, stated that in order to eradicate inequalities within the Erasmus programme, Member States would need to 'increase funding by at least 40 %'.

With this in mind, the Commission has opened a public consultation on the mid-term evaluation of the Erasmus programme in order to gather ideas and find new ways of improving the programme. The aim is to rectify the imbalances in the programme and reduce inequalities in order to allow less affluent students to study abroad.

Even though inequalities within the programme do need to be addressed, it must be remembered that young Europeans remain reluctant to travel and study in another EU Member State.

Accordingly, does the Commission intend to do more to encourage young Europeans to study abroad?