

**Question for written answer E-003092/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Equal opportunities through Erasmus+

Since its establishment in 1997, the Erasmus project has been in constant evolution, receiving increasing financial support from the Commission and thus serving as a mobility framework for a larger number of students. New opportunities were created with the introduction of Erasmus+ in 2014 and through the incorporation of the Lifelong Learning Programme and Youth in Action. Today, Erasmus is the best-known of the EU programmes, and the funds allocated to it are expected to reach EUR 30 billion for the period 2021-2027.

However, as the opportunities offered for studying abroad under Erasmus+ are based on bilateral agreements between higher education institutions, students are restricted to applying to those institutions only, and are thus prevented from benefiting from full mobility.

Does the Commission plan to encourage further mobility in order to ensure that equal opportunities exist for all European students?