

**Question for written answer P-001487/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Insurance criteria for calculating compensation for losses in the EU

On 20 March 2016, 13 Erasmus+ students returning from a trip were killed in a road accident in Tarragona, making it the most tragic event in Erasmus+ history.

The criminal proceedings in Spain are still ongoing, thus causing distress to the families. What is more, many of the families will receive a lower amount of compensation for their tragic losses compared to what they would have been entitled to in their Member State of origin, Italy.

Insurance terms can vary significantly between the Member States. Companies assess losses according to different criteria, even in cases of death, such that similar situations have different outcomes. Furthermore, this could obstruct the single market and freedom of movement within the EU.

On 22 January 2018, the European Parliament Committee on Petitions (PETI) examined petition 0015/2017, where it was stated that in 2008 the Commission had ordered a study. The study now needs updating in the light of a massive increase in the movement of European citizens.

What action will the Commission take to guarantee adequate compensation for those victims who are involved in a road accident that does not take place in their Member State of residence? What steps will it take to establish an appropriate standard minimum compensation entitlement in the EU?