

**Question for written answer P-001562/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Staffing of national Erasmus+ programme coordination unit

The Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation (INEDIVIM)/National Erasmus+ Programme Coordination Unit for the Youth Sector and the European Solidarity Corps has issued Call for Expressions of Interest No 660/2/7194/13.03.2019 seeking to fill 17 programme management posts. However, experience in European programme management is not included as a requirement.

Article 27(3) of Regulation (EU) 1288/2013 states that 'Member States shall take all appropriate measures to remove legal and administrative obstacles to the proper functioning of the Programme.' Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1475 laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps contains a similar provision.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say how it is possible to ensure business continuity, which is a prerequisite for smooth programme management and implementation if new staff members with no experience in running the programme are recruited?
2. The National Erasmus+/Youth Programme Coordination Unit receives an average of 300 applications per evaluation period, numbering three per year. The programme is due to terminate on 31 December 2020. How can the sustainability and proper implementation of the programme be ensured by new staff lacking the necessary basic knowledge and experience?