WRITTEN QUESTION E-1220/02 by Daniela Raschhofer (NI) to the Commission

Subject: Management of the Erasmus and Socrates programmes

Complaints about the management of the Erasmus/Socrates mobility programme have increased recently. Particularly the local management of the programmes gives rise to organisational problems, and uncertainties over whether exams will be recognised are also common.

Are there detailed rules stipulating which exams can be taken abroad for each subject, and which exams must be recognised by the home university?

Are decisions made in advance on which exams will be recognised? Who decides what is recognised, and which criteria are used?

Which exams can for example be recognised when an Austrian law student participates in an Erasmus/Socrates programme in Spain?

How does the European Union monitor the use of funding in this area, and is there a report on the subject? If so, which criteria are monitored, and where is the report to be found?

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