

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1503/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Erasmus/Socrates grants

It has come to my attention that the level of financial assistance for students taking part in an Erasmus/Socrates programme varies considerably in respect of students of different origin. For example, a student from Italy receives a grant of EUR 720 for a six-month period of study in Würzburg, whereas a Czech or Finnish student receives EUR 2100 for a period of study of the same duration at the same university.

What factors are taken into account when the amount of an Erasmus/Socrates grant is being calculated?

How can such striking financial disparities be explained, when both the place of study and the students' place of origin (Finland, in this instance) are in EU Member States?