

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0797/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Student grants and free movement of persons

From the age of 18, Netherlands students still attending an institution of pre-university or senior secondary vocational education in the Netherlands are no longer eligible for a child allowance and in its place receive a grant under the Student Grants Act. If such 18 year olds receive their education across the border, they get no funding. Is the Commission prepared, bearing in mind that this question is now being posed for the third time, to give a clear answer concerning the key issue:

Does the Commission agree that this poses obstacles which impede the free movement of students?