

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4440/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Study grants for countries in south-east Europe

Given that the EU wishes to embark upon a further process of enlargement to include countries in south-east Europe over the next few years and to strengthen its political ties with the broader region of the Balkans, will it agree to issue grants to young people from countries in south-east Europe, in particular Albania, Serbia and Croatia, wishing to undertake university and post-graduate studies in EU Member States?

Bearing in mind that a large number of these young students may become EU officials in future, does the EU intend to provide financial aid to help these countries participate in lifelong learning programmes, such as Erasmus, etc.?