

**Question for written answer E-009232/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Selection of EU Tempus projects by the EACEA

There has been a certain amount of inconsistency in the allocation of grants by EACEA Tempus.

For example, due to an unusual administrative situation, one application was rejected at an early stage of the procedure, even though this had not been a problem before.

In terms of finances, research and teaching, medical faculties in Baden-Württemberg operate on a separate legal basis to their universities. However, grant applications by universities have to be signed by the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor. In the past, the special legal status of medical faculties was not a problem. At present there seems to be a lack of transparency in the relevant procedures.

1. What is being done to ensure greater transparency in allocating funding?
2. Are funding decisions being taken by people who know about the subject?
3. Could special arrangements be made for medical faculties, or is there some other way of ensuring that they can continue to participate?