

**Question for written answer E-007252/2013  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: The study of classics in the European Union

The study of classics was the core of higher education for a long period of time in Europe. I have noticed recently that in secondary schools and universities there is a slow decline in the study of Ancient Greek and Latin. Many departments are not funded properly, and many students have lost interest as a result of the financial crisis and weak demand in the labour market.

- Is the Commission aware of the problems that the study of classics faces in the European Union?
- Has the Commission proposed appropriate steps to ensure a future for classics departments?