

**Question for written answer E-008600/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: EU Erasmus Programme

Figures recently released by the Commission have shown that 3 million students have benefitted from EU Erasmus grants since the programme was launched in 1987. The statistics, covering the 2011-2012 academic year, show that more than 250 000 Erasmus students – a new record – spent part of their higher education abroad. What plans does the Commission have to build upon this success and encourage even more students in the academic year starting in September 2013 to apply for the programme?