

**Question for written answer E-000837/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Lack of full translation of the European programme Erasmus+ and discrimination of non-English speaking citizens

January saw the publication of the new European programme Erasmus+ which, despite being one of the Community programmes most valued and celebrated by European citizens, is currently only available in English. The Erasmus+ budget for the period 2014-2020 is set at EUR 14.7 billion and the programme will offer support to a variety of initiatives for the first time, including sports, youth politics and training, alongside student mobility.

This new version of the programme will only be released in the remaining 23 official languages of the EU in April, according to a report from the Italian Esperantist Federation, despite the fact that March 2014 is the first deadline for project proposals: this is quite plainly a discrimination against all EU citizens who are not native English speakers.

1. That being said, can the Commission confirm that April is the publication date for the programme in all official languages of the EU?
2. Does it intend to translate the programme into these languages as soon as possible, in order to avoid the unfair treatment of citizens who do not speak English?
3. Does it intend to adopt any specific measures to avoid this situation repeating itself in the future, thereby guaranteeing equal opportunities for all Europeans?